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Police praise 'invaluable' response in search for girl

POLICE have praised an 'invaluable' public response after a girl who had been reported missing was found safe and well in Oban.

An extensive helicopter and door-to-door search was carried out by police and partner agencies last Tuesday after Oban girl Jeannie McCrae, who is originally from Lochgilphead, failed to return home at 8pm last Monday.

As concern for her welfare grew, police used social media and interviewed acquaintances of the 15-year-old teenager to trace her to a house late on Wednesday morning.

Oban police sergeant Mike Wood said: 'As a result of extensive enquiries, the girl was located at an address in Oban on June 18.'

'We were able to get information out quickly through social media, such as *The Oban Times* facebook page, and the information we received from members of the public proved invaluable in assisting us.'

'We got really good information from the public and we would like to thank the community for the assistance it provided through phone calls and social media.'

● A man and a woman from Oban have been reported to the procurator fiscal for offences under section 171 of the Children's Hearings Scotland Act 2011, accused of harbouring an abscondee and obstruction under the Police and Fire Scotland Act.

Coxswain plea to boat owners

COXSWAIN Andrew McHaffie has urged all boat owners to ensure their equipment is safe after Tobermory lifeboat was launched four times within five days.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution craft was called to rescue a RIB with engine failure one mile south west of Kilchoan last Monday.

Last Wednesday, the crew helped a stricken boat to the west of the Treshnish Isles and less than 12 hours later the volunteers were called up again as they assisted a yacht which had become stranded near Mull.

And last Friday, the crew responded to their fourth incident since Monday evening - when the coxswain and crew were called to a medical emergency in Tobermory's Main Street.

Emma's a cut above the rest



SUSPENDED ANIMATION: Oban girl Emma Brown, 11, soars above the stage as she performs the sword dance at the Lorne Highland Games on Sunday. Turn to page four for picture special 12610r4e9

Legal battle ahead over Etive plans

OBJECTORS to a fish farm development on Loch Etive say their campaign is far from dead in the water as they raised a judicial review into the legality of its planning permission, writes Euan Paterson.

Friends of Loch Etive (FoLE) believes Argyll and Bute council misinterpreted the Loch Etive Coastal Management Plan when it approved Dawnfresh's 10-cage fish farm at Sailean Ruadh.

The group also claims a section 75 obligation, included as a planning condition, has not been met. The section 75 was to be agreed to by the Crown Estates to ensure two smaller farms at Inverawe West and Ardchattan Bay could not be developed once Dawnfresh began operating from the new Sailean Ruadh site.

But Dawnfresh and the council both maintain the decision made following a public hearing in Oban's Corran Halls in January this year was legal.

The Crown Estate said on Tuesday it had not yet signed the agreement, despite Dawnfresh chairman Alastair Salvesen CBE stating after the hearing that he hoped to reach an agreement 'within a few days'.

Guy Linley-Adams, the solicitor representing FoLE, said a preliminary review would be heard next week, with a view to beginning review proceedings in October.

He added: 'There are two strings to this review. First, we think there has been a misinterpretation of the Loch Etive Coastal Management Plan, as we don't think this new farm constitutes a "rationalisation or consolidation of existing aquaculture sites", which is stated in the plan. And second, the Crown Estate hasn't signed the section 75 agreement.'



UNDER REVIEW: objectors have raised a judicial review into Dawnfresh's plan at Sailean Ruadh (pictured above, an artist's impression of the proposal). (Below) Alastair Salvesen

'The council has made an agreement with Dawnfresh but we don't think that's enough.'

FoLE has applied for a Protective Expenses Order to raise the review, which will limit the environmental charity's expenses to £5,000. It has also invited its 250 members to make donations.

'This is not sour grapes,' said Mr Linley-Adams, when asked if the review was in response to the public hearing when councillors voted unanimously to approve the Sailean Ruadh application.

'We are making sure the permission was granted lawfully. 'If our case is thrown out in October it would be a terrible shame but we would still be keeping an eye on how the fish farm operates. It wouldn't be the end.'

Objectors from the Ardchattan area, which looks onto Loch Etive, said they would follow the judicial review with interest but admitted the planning process that ended with the public hearing in January had taken its toll.

Ardchattan community council was an objector to the fish farm but community councillor Sian Griffiths said many people had become 'disillusioned' following the council's decision.

She added: 'The reaction I have had from people is one of "I won't hold my breath". They



don't want to get their hopes up to have them dashed again. 'Objectors at the hearing left the Corran Halls that day thinking it had been a waste of time. They are still feeling a little flat, which is a shame.

'We can't do anything now and will just wait for the outcome of the judicial review process.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The Dawnfresh planning application was approved because the council was satisfied that Dawnfresh could meet the conditions.'

'The council is fully committed to defending the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing committee's decision.'



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Geese threat to Islay farms

ISLAY farming is under threat by an invasion of protected birds laying waste to expensive grasslands used for rearing livestock, writes Euan Paterson

Farmers on the island have witnessed a dramatic increase in the numbers of protected geese visiting the island, feeding on their fields.

As a consequence, farmers say they have had to buy additional feed for their animals.

The problem for the farming community has been further compounded by a reduction in subsidy payments from the Scottish government to compensate them for the damage caused by the birds.

Some farmers have been forced

to reduce their stock in a desperate bid to balance the books and the National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS), argues that the current level of subsidy only covers 50 per cent of the true cost.

NFUS has used an evidence session in the Scottish parliament to urge the government to address the problems being created by wild geese across Scotland.

On Tuesday, Minister for Environment and Climate Change Paul Wheelhouse, told *The Oban Times* a sustainable goose management strategy for the next decade would commence this year.

He added: 'Part of the strategy is being designed to reduce the levels

of serious agricultural damage caused by Greenland Barnacle geese.

'The draft strategy is currently under consideration by the National Goose Management Review Group.'

Help cannot come soon enough for Islay's stricken farmers, who are now pinning their hopes on a successful resolution to the ongoing consultation.

Jill Johnston, NFUS branch secretary for Islay, Jura and Colonsay, said that although there were negotiations on-going with various stakeholders to alter the current management plan, the current set-up was not viable. The geese

currently winter on the island from October to April, consuming grass every day. She said: 'Nowhere else in Scotland would you see white fields, filled with daisies that have taken the place of expensive grass seeds.'

'It is a battle at the moment, survival of the fittest, but Islay farming is critical for the environment, economy and social needs of the island. Some farmers have reduced their stock because it is not worth re-seeding a field. The geese have a significant impact on how we farm - they control how we farm.'

Islay is a haven for 46,000 protected geese species, including 41,000 Barnacle geese, every winter.

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Life's a beach as trust grabs national award

A DEDICATED group of conservationists were celebrating after Ganavan Sands was flagged up as among the elite beaches of Scotland, writes Steven Rae.

Recycling in Argyll and Bute (Grab), the trust which takes care of the glorious stretch of sand in Oban, received the prestigious Scotland's Seaside award from the charity 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' last week.

This makes it a dazzling dozen for Ganavan as the popular beach has won the award and the right to fly the flag for the past 12 years in a row.

Grab was praised for its excellent work in keeping the beach pristine clean, as well as the upkeep of the parking area, litter bins, noticeboard and rescue equipment at the popular beauty spot.

Cat Newsheler of GRAB,

who is a project worker for Lorn and the islands, said: 'We are really proud that this is a clean beach. It really brings in the tourists for a day here. I really love this place. You get a lot of kayakers, walkers, dog walkers.'

The high quality of water at Ganavan sands was also endorsed by watchdog Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA).

Cat said: 'People see the SEPA tick which tells them the water quality is good and they know that it's safe to swim, fish and take kids here.' She also said the group was always looking for charitable organisations to help with litter pick-ups on the beach.

STANDARD BEARER: Cat Newsheler with the flag



MULLlines



SHOWSTOPPERS: the cast of Dazzle

What a dazzling show

TOBERMORY high school pupils brought the house down with their sparkling performance of 'Dazzle' at the Aros hall recently. Alicia Hendrick, from Tobermory, wrote to Mull Lines to tell readers all about it. 'My daughter Katie Qiu and I had a great night out at the opening performance. The production tells the story of Poppy Pringle, played by Rebecca Woolcock, who saves the Dazzle Bay fun palace.

'From the outset you know you are in for a guided night out - there's live music, songs, baddies to boo at, heroes to cheer, romance, comedy and candyfloss.

'It was heart-warming to witness young talent blossoming before your eyes. The best costume had to go to Sakshi Orichison's merry-go-round dress and there were great solo performances from Eire Lavery, Alfie Thomasson, Vaia Kennedy and Rebecca Woolcock.

'Also worth a mention were entertaining set pieces from Natalie McDowell as Mr. Megarich, fabulously supported by Zac Finch and Flora Thomasson - beautifully judged performances. Hannah Thorne, who played Flossie Candour, delivered a wonderfully comic performance. Hannah has stage presence and a lovely melodic voice.

'This was an ensemble piece and depended on all the cast working together, which they did brilliantly. It was lovely to see each member taking their moment to shine. Having live music throughout was a real treat brought to us by the talented members of the Dazzle band.

'There were some memorable numbers performed as rounds and ensemble pieces, which were hugely enjoyable.

'The production couldn't have happened without the support of those unseen on stage: the scenic artists, prop and set makers, costumiers, make-up artists, stage management, prompter, lighting technicians, poster and ticket producers, front of house, usherettes and director Ryan Lowe.

'Well done! It was a great achievement. There is a lot of work goes in to putting on a show, so it is good that the performance ran over two nights allowing the show to settle in. My daughter attended the show on both nights and said it was even better, if that is possible, on the Friday night performance.'

Rare tartan set to go global



SET FOR SUCCESS: Breege Smyth with Brian Curran

A RARE and ancient tartan discovered at Dunollie House is helping to catapult Oban's heritage onto the international stage.

Experts at Dunollie Museum have confirmed their Dalriada tartan was created around 1730, which means it is older than the more established clan tartans.

The discovery of the 'regional' tartan opens up a potential marketing coup for the fledgling museum.

Dunollie brand manager Breege Smyth said: 'This could be for people all over the world. If they don't have a clan and want something that represents Oban they could wear this.

It could become Oban's tartan.' There has also been a discussion with Oban Gaelic Choir for its ladies to wear Dalriada tartan skirts.

The tartan may have represented the Argyll region but the borders of this region are impossible to define. Dunollie's ambitions go much further, however.

Breege explained: 'I would love a big company, on the scale of a Diageo or a Nike, to take it on as their tartan, as an indication of a quality brand.'

The Dalriada tartan is already on sale in Kells in Ireland, where Breege launched the new product as part of the Kells 1200 - A

Celebration of St. Columba. She recently attended a reception in Castle Elegance, the first store to stock the tartan.

Brian Curran, the owner of the store, is a regular visitor to Oban and he hoped that this was the start of a commercial as well as a cultural relationship between Oban and Kells. Dunollie House welcomed a group from Kells when they visited Oban earlier this year.

The original Dalriada tartan has a 'set', or pattern, that is too large to be repeated on today's looms.

While an example of the rare tartan is on display at the museum shop, Dunollie has cre-

ated a scaled down version for commercial production.

Next month's international Tartan Festival in Glasgow will allow Dunollie to showcase the tartan to thousands of visitors.

And next year the festival will come to the Oban area on the back of Dunollie's new-found standing in the industry.

'We want the textile industry brought back into Oban,' said Breege. 'We've got the seafood and the music but it would be great if the town could be known for its craft.'

'There is a strong tradition of weaving in the area, so it would be fabulous to think that could be coming back.'

By-election call

A BY-ELECTION is to be held on July 17 for the Oban north and Lorn ward of Argyll and Bute council.

The candidates contesting the ward are Gerry Fisher, Benderloch, SNP; Kieron Green, Oban, Scottish Labour; John MacGregor, North Connell, Independent; Marri Malloy, Oban, Independent; Andrew Vennard, Oban, Scottish Conservative and Unionist. Both Mr MacGregor and Mr Vennard stood in the May by-election for the Oban south ward.

Morning rescue

OBAN lifeboat crew had an early alarm call when they sped to assist a fishing boat in trouble last Thursday at 1.37am. The boat had engine problems three miles west of Insh island and was towed back to Oban at 4.35am.

As simple as ABCD for new exercise bike

HEART charity volunteers have taken a laid-back approach to raising funds for a vital piece of equipment, writes Steven Rae.

Members of Argyll Beat Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD) donated a new recumbent exercise bike worth £2,500 to the physiotherapy department of Lorn and Islands hospital last Thursday.

The specialist bike is used by patients of all ages, and allows them to exercise without worrying about getting on and off the bike, or having to keep their balance.

Katy Docherty, a physiotherapist at the hospital, said: 'Recumbent bikes provide balance and are good for those who are not used to using this type of equipment, the elderly or infirm, or those who would otherwise have problem getting on and off it.'



HEALTH REVOLUTION: ABCD members with staff and patients admire the new bike. 16_t26abcdbike01

'People with serious mobility problems can wheel up to the bike in a wheelchair and be lifted on to it easily.'

The hospital thanked ABCD for the donation and in return, the physiotherapy department completed the Three Peaks Challenge, which involves climbing the three highest peaks in England, Wales and Scotland, within 24 hours, to raise funds for the charity.

As well as donations of equipment and funding of staff, ABCD also supports an exercise class in Oban's Atlantis Leisure centre to encourage people with cardiac conditions to maintain their physical and psychological wellbeing.



FLAG DAY: High school pupils raise the standard

Flagging up foul play

SECOND-YEAR pupils flagged up the problem of dog fouling as part of a conservation project for the John Muir award scheme.

The Tobermory high school pupils joined Mull and Iona Ranger Service in Aros Park to raise the standard of canine conduct in the popular recreational area.

One of the tasks was to highlight the menace of unremoved dog dirt by placing a flag beside the mess. The children placed a staggering 40 flags around Loch Ghurrabhainn, the park's most popular walk, during their morning's work. The ranger service hopes the red flags will raise awareness of the scale of the foul problem.

Jan Dunlop, a community ranger, said she hoped that everyone in the park behaved responsibly, including removing dog waste and disposing of it properly.

Ryan Lowe, a geography teacher from the high school, said: 'I was surprised and horrified to see how much dog dirt there was and hopefully this will have the same effect on dog walkers who do not remove their dog's waste.'

'It is a very good way of raising awareness and it's great for the school pupils to be involved in such a project.'

The pupils also pulled together to help clear the park of the ever-spreading rhododendron. The Forestry Commission has recently spent a considerable amount of money in the removal of this invasive species from the park.

Anne MacNaughton, the school's PE teacher, who oversees the John Muir Award project, said: 'It's great that the pupils could put something back to the park and the community.'

'By removing the rhododendron, many small saplings of native oak, rowan and birch were found growing underneath the rhododendron canopy and hopefully these will now get a chance to grow upwards as opposed to along the ground.'



FERRY GOOD: Pupils from Iona primary

Pupils make a splash

CHILDREN from Iona primary school were all at sea when they were treated to a morning's adventure aboard a ferry.

Ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) chose the island school to launch its 'Kids club'. Ferry staff asked the children about their experiences aboard the ferry and what they enjoyed eating most from the ship's galley. CalMac said it wanted to 'enhance the experience of the thousands of children who sail with us every year.'

There is a membership fee to join the club. The scheme has two levels: CalMac Otters which is targeted at ages four to seven; and CalMac Eagles which is aimed at ages eight to 11.

Facing up to the threat of rogue traders

PEOPLE in Argyll will soon be able to put a name to a face when dealing with local tradespeople.

Plans for an approved trader scheme, containing a comprehensive list of business names, were backed by Argyll and Bute council's planning, protective services and licensing committee meeting last week.

Alan Morrison, of the council's development and infrastructure

department, said: 'An approved trader initiative will remove the threat of rogue traders, establishing confidence in truly reliable businesses.'

'Buy With Confidence', a bespoke scheme going back 15 years and used by four local authorities in Scotland already, would be a low cost, high value method to promote trades in Argyll.'

Councillor Robin Currie wondered

whether the scheme was needed. He said: 'Is this not a scheme for urban areas where rogue traders are a serious problem?'

'I am unsure whether this is a genuine problem here.'

However, Councillor Rory Colville disagreed, saying: 'I have had constituents with problems with rogue traders. It is a definite problem in Argyll and I support it.'

Visitors learn about Highland hospitality

EAST met West last week when two senior Indian academics visited Oban High School as part of a groundbreaking exchange programme.

The programme has been running for the past two years and currently involves exchange visits between members of the teaching staff at Oban and New Delhi.

However, it is hoped that pupils from both schools will take part in the exchange programme next year.

Madhu Bagarva, Dean of Libraries and International School co-ordinator, and Dr. Neeta Bali, principal of G.D.Goenka World School, New Delhi enjoyed an eventful, action-packed week at the high school.

The visitors were part of the audience for last Monday morning's stirring senior pupils' debate on Scottish independence.

The guests then held a cookery masterclass with staff and senior hospitality pupils on Monday afternoon. This was followed by a tour of Oban on Tuesday, planned and organised by pupils of the travel writing group.

On Wednesday, the visitors took part in an exciting dance exchange, learning Highland dance from the Oban pupils and, in return, teaching them some traditional Indian dances via a video tutorial made by pupils in New Delhi.

Throughout the week, the visitors discussed learning and teaching methods with the school's staff and



LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Head teacher Peter Bain with Madhu Bagarva, Dr Bali and high school teacher Amy Russell 15_t25indian1

observed classes and spending time with pupils.

High teachers Amy Russell and Briana Breuer visited the Indian school in April last year for the first time, while Madhu Bagarva made a reciprocal visit to Oban last June.

Miss Russell and Miss Breuer are

returning to New Delhi in October this year.

In October of next year, Miss Breuer and Miss Russell plan to take a party of senior pupils to India and spend time at the school, giving them a chance to experience Indian education and culture.

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Staff withdrawal over bank glitch

THE BANK of Scotland on Station Road, Oban, was forced to close on Monday after a technical problem disabled the safe.
Staff arrived in the morning to find the safe key pad wouldn't open, although the correct number was used. As a result, staff couldn't access money or the keys to other rooms.
An engineer was called out and the pad was replaced, with the bank reopening at 3pm the same day.
A spokesperson for the bank apologised to customers for the inconvenience caused.

Bikers charged on Lorn roads

TWO MOTORCYCLISTS in as many days found themselves on the wrong side of the law on a visit to the Lorn area.
On Sunday afternoon, a 46-year-old biker from Bathgate was charged with dangerous driving on the A828 near to Connel Bridge.
He is alleged to have carried out dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.
The previous day a 63-year-old motorcyclist from Edinburgh was stopped at 10.45am in Lochawe and charged with allegedly travelling at 50mph in the 30mph zone through the village on the A85.

Cops see red over smashed lights

ROADWORKS on the A85 between Dalnally and Tyndrum have been hampered after the traffic lights in place were vandalised.
Transport Scotland began a £270,000 resurfacing job on the road at Arrivain, which began on June 16 and is scheduled to finish tomorrow (Friday).
But workers discovered that between June 18 - 19 the red and green lights had been smashed and the battery powering the lights had been removed.
Anyone who may know anything about the incident is asked to contact Oban Police on 01631 510 500.

On the scent of wrongdoing

POLICE officers used their noses to track down an alleged drugs offender when they visited the Soroba area of Oban on an unrelated matter.
The officers had been attending a call at an address in Soroba in the town when they smelt cannabis from a communal drying area nearby.
As a result, an 18-year-old man was searched and it was alleged found cannabis in his possession.

TENANTS DESPAIR OVER BROKEN PROMISE AND DELAYS



END OF THE LINE: Shiona Campbell, a BT shareholder, feels she's been led up the garden path by the telecoms giant

A 'disconnect from reality'

A SOCIAL housing landlord said it will 'fight' to get its new Dunbeg tenants connected to a phone landline after telecoms giant BT broke a promise to install the lines last week.
Residents of the newly-built Marine Court, who have been without a phone line since moving in at the end of May, thought their woes were over when BT last week told *The Oban Times* the cabling would be installed by last Friday. One resident described BT's failure as a 'disconnect from reality'.
But the 32 households were left disappointed when the company failed to deliver on time.
And this week BT admitted it cannot

say when the lines will be installed.
Resident Shiona Campbell, a BT shareholder, has since been told there would be a further delay of at least three weeks.
She is concerned that she has no means of emergency contact in the home she shares with her partner and 13-month-old daughter, as the mobile phone signal is poor, and there is no way of connecting to the internet.
She said: 'After BT said the work would be done last week, people were saying to me, "You must be pleased you are connected now" and I had to explain that I wasn't. It's so disappointing.'

'To have to wait three weeks from the date we moved in was bad enough but another three weeks is excessive. "What really annoyed me was at the same time I was told about the further delay, I got my monthly BT bill from my previous address for £105. The reason it was so high was because of the calls I made to BT about this very problem.'
Now landlord West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has pledged to support residents.
Last week WHHA chief executive Lesley McInnes called on tenants to report problems with getting a land line to the association, in order to

make a case against BT. On Tuesday WHHA operations manager Graham Bruce said: 'We are really frustrated with this and we will fight for tenants where we can.'
'When we start planning these things we speak to BT and other partners during the planning stage. This particular plan has been in discussion for around four years.'
'BT have failed to deliver for whatever reason. We have a biomass cabin on site for heating and we can't even get a phone line in there.'
BT said last week the delay had been down to 'unforeseen circumstances' and apologised for the delay, stating

work would be done by last week.
However, the company admitted on Tuesday that only the first stage of the work has been completed.
A spokesman for the company added: 'We're continuing to make slow progress.'
'We have completed one stage of the work and are working as fast as we can to catch up. The next stage to be completed is laying 600 metres of cable. We would like to apologise for the delay.'
He added that householders should raise the issue of compensation with their service providers once the lines are installed.

Dave's cycle for life is real tour de force

A BENDERLOCH man, who suffered from a rare cancer, will realise a childhood dream of cycling down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the city gears up for the grand Tour de France finish.
Dave Ayling was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer of the neck and soft palate, when he was just 18.
Twelve years on, and six years in remission, Dave is in the best condition of his life as he prepares to cycle from London to Paris as a thank you to the cancer charity that aided his recovery, CLIC Sargent.
And the former Oban high school pupil is well on his way to reaching his £5,000 fundraising target.
'I wanted to do something to raise

money for CLIC because they have done so much for me since I was sick,' said the 30 year old.
Since beginning his training eight months ago, Dave has been collecting corporate sponsorship to cover his costs, meaning every penny donated goes to his charity.
His employer, Digital Land Surveys, is his main sponsor and Oban Cycles has donated equipment for his challenge, during which he will be joined by Oban cyclist John Forreth, junior.
The pair leave London on July 23 and is expected to be in the French capital on July 26.
Donations can be made at justgiving.co.uk/davidayling



CHAIN REACTION: Dave Ayling aims to raise £5,000 by completing a bike ride from London to Paris. 16_126dave01

Culture bid unveiled for next year

THE GROUP *Bid4 Oban* has drawn up an adventurous programme of cultural and community events under the banner, Oban 2015 - Year of Culture.
The monthly events will carry on from this year's busy schedule of community activities organised by the business group.
Neil Mackay, event and marketing manager for *Bid4 Oban*, said: 'Oban already has a number of well-established and very well-run events arranged by many enthusiastic organisations.'
'We are working closely with local, regional and national groups to promote a full spectrum of events including some new, some revamped and some significantly prestigious ones, which gives us the ability to market 2015 as the Oban Year of Culture.'

While the plans for 2015 are being drafted, this year's programme is in full swing with a Highland games, a raft race and other activities in July and August.
September sees kayaking, a triathlon and also features a festival of the sea, called Seafest, followed by the new Octoberfest the following month.
November is also very busy with Fasanta, which is a festival celebrating textile and fashion, at the start of the month, and the Oban Fireworks night which moves from Mossfield to the centre of the town. The Rural Parliament will meet in Oban for the first time in November. It will bring together the people of rural Scotland and policy makers in a bid to improve understanding of rural issues.
It is estimated that around 400 people will gather in Oban for the three-day event which will also celebrate the strengths and achievements of rural communities.
Mid November sees the first ever Love Oban Awards night, followed by the Winter Festival and Christmas activities in December.
Neil praised the businesses involved in *Bid4 Oban*, saying: 'It takes time, effort and especially expertise to put together successful events, and we are very fortunate that Oban has an enormous wealth of know-how on our doorstep.'

Bid4 Oban is a company-led initiative, set up in 2012, where firms work together and invest collectively to improve the business environment in Oban.

A rare sight

THOUSANDS of rare butterflies are expected to emerge in the coming weeks on Islay as an unprecedented number of marsh fritillary caterpillars were spotted this spring on The Oa and Loch Gruinart.
They eat the leaves of a particular wildflower, devil's bit scabious, only found in the Inner Hebrides and Argyll.
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland's Jack Fleming said: 'We've been managing both our reserves on Islay and on Oronsay to encourage them.' At least 50 of the butterflies have been spotted in Tiree for the first time since 1950.

'Bad' Vader was cool, says Riley



THE FORCE was certainly strong with three-year-old Riley Anderson when he met his hero Darth Vader at a science roadshow in Oban.
The youngster was one of many who attended the

Element Talking Science event in the town's Corran Halls on Sunday, but while some children seemed a little wary of the dark lord, little Riley simply greeted him as a fellow member of The Empire.

Star Wars fan Riley said of his hero: 'He is bad but I asked him to be nice. I wasn't scared to meet him, he was cool.'
The science show caught the imagination with a planetarium and fun demonstrations.

Baton relay route heading this way

EVENTS are being finalised throughout Argyll for the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay on July 13, with live music, dancers, sports, street performers and more on the day, writes *Marian Miller*.
It will travel more than 170 miles from Appin, via Benderloch, Dunbeg, to Oban then on to Kilmartin at approximately 11.10am, Dunadd (Fort) at 11.25am, Lochgilphead at 11.45am, Furnace at 2pm, Inveraray at 2.20pm, Strachur at 4.05pm, Sandbank at 4.55pm to arrive in Dunoon at around 5.10pm.
In Appin it will travel from the cycle track at Appin depot at 7.10am to Strath of Appin primary school, on to Lonruadh Cottages, Tynneribbie and to the community car park by 7.43am.
At the community pitch between 7am and 10am there will be everything from a ceilidh to football, music and dancers to shinty and even a breakfast of tea or coffee, bacon rolls and scones.
From Appin the baton will then go to Benderloch where it will start just past Kintaline Farm at 7.38am and pass by Tralee Bay Holiday Park down the Keils Croft road to Lochnell Primary School until 8.28am where

there will be stall and activities including a Commonwealth obstacle course, badge making, photo booth, and more as well as a breakfast of champions for everyone.
In Dunbeg, the baton will go from Jane Road to Kirk Road in the village and then from the marine science laboratory to Dunstaffnage Castle by 9am.
The baton will also follow two routes in Oban, starting at McCaig's Tower at 9.08am and winding down through the back of the town along Laurel Road to Longsdale, to Atlantis Leisure by 9.42am.
Then it will be taken to the Corran Halls from where, at 10.13am, it will be carried along the Corran Esplanade to Stafford Street, Oban Distillery, George Street, Queen's Park Place, Combie Street, and Soroba Road as far as the Birchwood Filling Station by 10.30am.
Parking will be suspended on the Corran Esplanade from 5pm on Saturday July 12 until the relay has passed through on the morning of Sunday July 13.
Traffic will be held on George Street for an anticipated 15 minutes to allow baton bearers to carry the baton along the Esplanade.

Music group hits big notes

THE MUSIC festival *Mendelssohn on Mull* launched a crowd-funding campaign last month, in the hope of raising £10,000 in 30 days.
With traditional sources of funds such as grant-giving trusts drying up, the festival was forced to look at new ways of raising money for this year's festival.
It was an enormous 'ask' for the small group, however they managed to raise £10,830 to ensure the festival went ahead.

They offered a range of rewards from a thank you entry on the website, to recording a specially commissioned arrangement of any piece of music.
Bandrum Nursing Home in Fife pledged money to have the Stevie Wonder song *You are the Sunshine of My Life* performed on July 11 at the Classical Ceilidh at Salen Church.
This year's festival will run from July 7 to 14, starting at Tobermory church and finishing at St John's Episcopal Cathedral in Oban.

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Batty takes on Beattie at games

THE SECOND Lorne Highland games, was a case of Batty against Beattie.

Sean Batty, STV weather presenter versus John Beattie, chieftain of the games and BBC presenter, ex-Scotland and British Lions rugby player for the haggis hurl at the Oban games held on Sunday in Mossfield park.

Neither of the men won – a young pretender from a German TV channel took the prize instead.

It was a busy day for Scotland's newest games, being the only games started since 2010.

There were almost 1,875 people through the gate, an improvement on numbers last year, and a good programme of events.

Improving on last year's event, the games included a dog show, haggis hurling, fun games and solo piping, alongside the normal Highland games programme.

Athletic competitions saw a high number of good quality competitors taking part in the day.

There were outstanding performances from both Matthew Turner of Campbeltown and Emma Thomson, 15, of Oban.

Mathew has been in America for a year and his level of fitness is continuing to grow.

The high jump, triple jump and long jump were all contested and it was Argyll man, Angus Sinclair, who gave a superb performance, particularly in the high jump, in which he set a games' record at 1.9 metres.

The heavy events were particularly well contested, with a field of more than 20 competitors taking part in all the events.

The star of the heavies was Lorne Colthart, from Lismore, who smashed the heavy hammer open throw by more than eight inches and the 28lb weight for distance throw by seven inches.

The games record for youth heavies was absolutely blown away by 15-year-old Murdo Master-ton, who almost doubled the previous record by throwing 113ft 7inches in the 16lb hammer, and winning all the competitions open to him.

The dog show was won by Bramble, an Oban dog, whose black coat and even temperament allowed him to take both the friendliest puppy and best in show.

The produce tent was cancelled at the last minute, but the organisers would like to thank Kay MacDonald and Lorna Elliot who, no doubt, would have won if the competition had gone ahead.

Next year the games committee hopes to work in partnership with other organisations to put on the craft and produce tent.

The solo piping competition was won by Gordon McCredie, Oban pipe band, closely followed by Euan Dewar of Oban.

The games had a good turnout for the dancing competitions in all categories.

The overall winners were delighted with their medals.

Chairman Duncan MacIntyre, of Ardfern, thanked everyone for supporting and volunteering at the games, and said he looked forward to seeing everyone at the Argyllshire Gathering in August.



Lorne Highland Games saw more than 20 heavy athletes from near and far competing for the top accolades including Stuart Anderson, Perth. t26lome35



Little Oliva, 6, right, joined sister Ashley, 4, and dad Gordon Wood for a great day out in the sunshine and watching out for STV weatherman Sean Batty. The family are from North Connel and Gordon works in Oban distillery. 15_t26lome5



Young women's rugby teams with coaches Allan Wright, left, Argyll and Bute rugby development officer, and Greg Fairbairn, a PE teacher at Oban high school. 15_t26lome2



Young runners Steven Bates, 10, silver; Sean Bates, 11, gold and Finlay MacLean, 9, bronze, from Oban. 15_t26lome12



STV weather presenter Sean Batty took part in the Highland games during his visit to the town. t26lome50

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Chieftain of Lorne Highland Games John Beattie leads Oban pipe band onto the games field at Mossfield park in Oban. t26lome56



The BBC's John Beattie tries to rugby tackle Oban butcher Alister Jackson for a haggis. 15_t26lome23



Andrew Johnston, Oban, heaves the shot putt stone. t26lome54



Colin Donnelly, 54, from Fort William took part in the hill race, and took second place. 15_t26lome14



Craig Nicholson, from Oban, gave an outstanding performance and is developing into a fine heavyweight competitor. His skills are such that he will soon make it onto the regular circuit of heavies rather than competing in the local events. 15_t26lome18



Sisters were doing it for themselves and earning a fair amount of holiday money into the bargain: Grace, 12 and Emma Thomson, 15, did well in the races. 15_t26lome8



Some of the organising team with chieftain John Beattie, centre. From left Duncan MacIntyre, Roddy McCuish, Dee Bradbury and Murray Hamilton. 15_t26lome26

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POIGNANT SONG AT MOD KEEPS ALIVE MEMORY OF OBAN SOLDIER

Medal singer's tribute to hero

A GAELIC singer evoked the memory of a fallen Royal Marine from Oban to win a competition at this year's Oban Provincial Mòd, writes Euan Paterson.

F Ann MacLean-Fleming, who lives on Lismore, performed Nam anor le mo smaointean (Alone with my thoughts), a song written in memory of Gordon Macpherson, who was killed in action on June 12, 1982 in the Falkland Islands.

Her competition win last Saturday came less than a week after members of 45 Commando joined the Macpherson family at a memorial service in Pennyfuir cemetery.

F Ann said: 'I had heard people were concerned that the song is not performed often enough but I have been singing it for years. It is one of my favourite songs but I want to make sure it is not forgotten about. It is a powerful song; you feel it when you are singing it because of its Oban connection and what it is about. My husband, Colin Fleming, used to live next door to the family and he knew the song.'

Before competing in the main hall at Oban high school, F Ann said the plaque there dedicated to Gordon.

She added: 'It was good to make that connection with the song - that's how it should be. I am glad the plaque is there, so people remember him.'

F Ann's competition required

singers to perform a song by an Argyll bard.

Nam anor le mo smaointean was written in 1983 - the year after Gordon's death - by Oban men Erik Spence and the late Rev John MacLeod, a native of Lewis.

It is also to be performed during this year's Oban mòd F Ann won four oral competitions, as well as the Irene MacCowan Medal, a war commemoration medal for former winners of the Oban mòd's silver pendant solo singing competition.

Gordon's brother, Davie Macpherson, said: 'The song is well played on the radio but the family is delighted to know it is still being sung regularly. That way it is kept in the public consciousness and not forgotten.'



FITTING TRIBUTE: F Ann MacLean says a song written for fallen Royal Marine Gordon Macpherson (pictured left) must be sung more often

Stuart wins young speakers contest

THE ROTARY Club of Oban Oban Young Speakers Competition saw a number of primary pupils from the area take part.

The annual competition, which was held in Oban's Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, June 11, drew a large audience, which was not disappointed with the quality of speaking.

The contestants discussed a range of subjects, including cyber bullying, Scottish independence and dinosaurs.

The winner of the competition was Stuart Black from Lochnell primary school, whose topic

was Homecoming 2014. Second place went to Eliza Cox, Taynait primary school, whose topic was Bananas, Their Past and Extinction, whilst third place went to Katie McCorquodale of Barcaldine primary, who spoke about Flight MH370, the Malaysian flight which recently disappeared over the Indian ocean.

The judges, from Oban Speakers Club, said the young speakers were of a high standard, and added that the speeches were both well-delivered and well-researched.

Golden eagles abandon disturbed nest

A NEST that was home to breeding pairs of golden eagles for seven consecutive years on the Isle of Mull is now empty after it was disturbed.

Police in Oban and on Mull are investigating the incident, which took place sometime between June 1 - 21.

The eagle nest is in the Calgary area and is checked by a representative of Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) based on Mull.

On June 21 he contacted police when he checked the nest to find

only bits of plastic, which are being checked for forensic evidence.

Sergeant Mike Wood of Oban police said: 'The nest was being used by eagles that have successfully raised chicks in the nest for the last seven years.'

'As a result of the nest being disturbed it is no longer being used this year at least.'

'It is an offence to intentionally interfere or damage a nest habitually used by protected bird species.'

Anyone with any information relating to the alleged disturbance can

contact Oban Police on 01631 510500 SNH said it could not comment on an active enquiry but a spokesman added: 'Golden eagles and their nest sites are fully protected in Scotland at all times of the year.'

'We would encourage anyone with information regarding eagle nest disturbance to contact the Police Scotland Wildlife Crime Liaison Officer on 101.'

Eagles are a major draw for visitors to Mull and a poll carried out by SNH in 2013 showed the golden eagle was Scotland's favourite animal.



A golden eagle arrives at its eyrie. Photo: Laurie Campbell/SNH

It's full steam ahead as plan gets approval

NATIONAL coffee chain Costa Coffee has been given the green light to set up shop in Oban town centre.

The company has now begun advertising job vacancies after it was granted planning permission at Argyll and Bute council's planning committee last week to move into the former Julian Graves and Whisky Shop premises at Station Square.

The Costa move has stirred a degree of controversy in the town. Council planners received 25 objections, amid fears that the UK chain would pose a threat to the independent coffee shops already operating in the town.

However, there was also support for the proposal as it would see one of Oban's vacant commercial properties re-open for business.

Council officers had recommended the plan for approval on the grounds that there would be no major changes to the shopfront, although two outdoor tables would be added.

The debate within the community spilled over to the planning committee as councillor for Kintyre and the Islands, Robin Currie, opposed the recommendation.

He said: 'This is a traditional, rural, west coast town, and a giant company like this, more often seen in urban town centres, will threaten local shops.'

But in response, Oban-based councillor Roddy McCuish reflected the mood of many in the town, saying: 'This is indeed a traditional west coast town - with empty shops.'

'It will not really damage local business - walk 200 metres and you will find a fish market selling local produce - so there is room for a good balance between businesses.'

'As long as it does not eventually harm existing businesses, I support the venture.'

Councillor George Freeman added that the opening of Costa Coffee would 'enhance the reputation of Oban'.

The council rejected the comments from the objectors on the grounds that they did not materially affect the plan.

In response to a comment from objectors on the high number of coffee outlets in Oban, Angus Gilmour, Argyll and Bute's head of planning, said: 'The proposal will create a small number of new jobs and supports the nationwide 'town centre first' approach promoted by the Scottish government.'

'The proposal will have a positive impact on the local economy and should be supported.'

Boogie babes stepping out in style



A TOUCH of glamour was added to proceedings at the Lazy Sunday Acoustic Afternoon in Oban's Corran Halls at the weekend when The

Boogies, performing fifties songs, took to the stage along with others.

The afternoon was organised by Oban Dementia

Resource Centre and North Argyll Carers Centre to raise awareness and funds for dementia support in the Oban area.

Wee tea party

THE CREAGAN Inn will welcome the owner of Scotland's only tea plantation next weekend, as it hosts a tea party for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Derek Walker, the joint-owner of The Wee Tea Company, will be at the event on Sunday, June 29. The company owns the tea plantation in Perthshire, and was featured on BBC programme Out of Doors earlier this month.

Marie Curie is a charity close to Creagan Inn owner Liz Crichton as her mother was cared for by Marie Curie nurses before she died from liver cancer in 2011.

The event runs from 3pm till 5pm.

Two yachts adrift

TWO YACHTS required assistance off Seil Island on two consecutive days after engine problems left them drifting in the Firth of Lorne.

Oban lifeboat helped a 38-foot yacht at 6.55pm on Sunday and 24 hours later a Danish 44-foot yacht. Both were towed back to Oban.

Tourism supremo praises Lochaber as shining best

THE HEAD of VisitScotland has praised Lochaber businesses for their 'passion, energy and commitment', after last week meeting the Chamber of Commerce.

Malcolm Roughhead, the national tourist agency's chief executive, said the area was 'at its shiny best'.

Speaking at two Lochaber Chamber of Commerce events in Fort William and Arisaig, Mr Roughhead urged the audience to have a strong presence on social media and capitalise on the Commonwealth Games.

The tourism boss said: 'I'm always struck by the passion, energy and commitment of those living and working in the Lochaber area and on a day when the area was at its shiny best it's not hard to see why.'

'This was reinforced when I also met the Road to the Isles marketing group later on in the evening at Arisaig House. The thrust of both

meetings was about the importance of tourism to the Scottish economy, and the opportunities which exist on the back of Homecoming, the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, and the need to work in partnership. 'Lochaber has a huge number of natural assets such as the great outdoors, both land and sea, and it's great to see those being nurtured and developed.'

'The World Mountain Bike championships are a great example of how to develop a property which plays to the area's strengths.'

'The Sunnyside caravan park which I visited later on is another example of how the natural beauty of the area can be harnessed in a sustainable way.'

'What I took away was a commitment by all to work together to grow together and a sense of real optimism.'

Lesley Benfield, chief executive of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce, said: 'VisitScotland has changed the way it works with local businesses and I am hopeful that these changes, which include free advertising to all tourism businesses on VisitScotland's website and the integration of other accommodation booking websites to their own, signals a more inclusive organisation which in turn encourages new and previously disenfranchised business owners to use their services.'

Pledging access to finance for local marketing groups from VisitScotland's Growth Fund, Scott Armstrong, regional director, encouraged Lochaber's tourism and hospitality groups to join forces and channel projects through Lochaber Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in a single Growth Fund application.

ABERCHALDER WIND FARM

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Glengarry Highland Games

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There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback and ask any questions.

This is the first of a series of events that we will be holding in the local community. We plan to hold more events later in the year.



If you are unable to attend, we'd still love to hear from you - please do ring us on 0800 612 8105

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SEIL

THE RACE plan for Seil's gathering of skiffs was to be a two-leg race around the island.

Joining in were skiffs from Carrick, Pittenweem, Mull, Mid Argyll and Luig, who also brought along their second boat, a renovated Fair Isle skiff, Virda.

Leg one of the race was delayed because of haar at Ellanabeich - the skiffs eventually set off to catch the tidal gate at Cuan, sandwiched between two safety boats.

Essential equipment for coxes were a handheld compass and a GPS and, as the sun eventually broke through at the north end of Torsa, it was a scorcher.

The race was then shortened and adapted to a multi-lane start from the planned processional time trial and a new start line set up.

The race, over 3.8 km instead of 8.8 km from Ellanabeich, was narrowly won by Isle of Mull (52.40) from Seil (53.45), Luig (55.32), Pittenweem (57.46), Mid Argyll (58.36), Luig 2 (59.12) and Carrick (63.50).

A barbecue and ceilidh rounded off the day. Organisers cleared £600, which is to be ring-fenced to help with travel expenses for regattas. Until now, individuals have paid their own way.

Sunday saw a more gentle cruise in company around Easdale Island in choppy conditions than Saturday's mirror calm before folk headed off home and Seil's third crew rowed Selkie back through the Cuan.

The overall results were 1. Isle of Mull 2. Isle of Luig 3. Isle of Seil.



Achaleven pupils put one foot in front of the other for charity

Pupils at Achaleven Primary School raised a fantastic £198.95 from a sponsored walk from Dunbeg to Ganavan and back. Some of the incoming primary one pupils also joined them for the event to help raise funds for the school garden. The sun shone and they had a wonderful picnic with the toddler group at Ganavan beach to rejuvenate them for the journey back.

KINLOCHLEVEN

KINLOCHLEVEN Primary School and nursery commemorated the start of World War One by learning about how it affected different aspects of life.

The nursery children chose animals and looked at how dogs and pigeons helped the war effort and how unusual animals

were used on farms to replace the horses that had gone to war.

The youngest school pupils focused on local people who went to war and were fascinated during a talk by Willie Lawrie, whose grandfather was a piper in the Sutherland Highlanders.

The juniors looked at the royal family and made a model of a German camp once situated in

Kinlochleven whilst the oldest pupils focused on the causes of war and researched weaponry.

At the end of the project children invited family members to visit the school and admire their presentations.

COLL

PUPILS and staff at Arinagour Primary School on the island of Coll are delighted to have been awarded the Sport Scotland Gold Award for achieving excellence in physical education and school sport. The application for the award involved completing a self-assessment and providing detailed evidence to support answers.

NORTH LORN

TO CELEBRATE the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow next month the North Lorn primary schools held their own version of the Isle of Lismore.

Children from Lismore, Strath of Appin, Ardchattan and Barcaldine schools, along with Achaleven and Kilchrenan from further afield were ferried to the island on June 5.

CalMac very kindly ran two special ferries to accommodate the 70 visiting children, together with staff and parents.

The games began with an opening ceremony where each school representing a different Commonwealth country paraded with a flag and a banner before performing a dance or song from their chosen nation.

Whilst parents tucked into tea and cakes provided by Lismore's parent council, the children took part in field and track events to earn points for their team.

The day finished with a closing ceremony where medals were presented to all the children before they all caught the ferry back to Oban.



Taking part in a young engineers programme are, left to right are Scott MacDonald, Laurence Donkers, Seorus Brass and Allan Paul Beaton

FOUR pupils from Sgoil Lionacleit, Liniolate school, were runners up in a national engineering competition held at Murrayfield stadium.

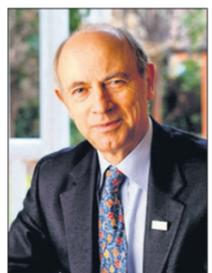
The Benbecula pupils were taking part in an event organised by engineering company the WEIR group and Strathclyde University's department of design, manufacture and engineering management.

BENBECULA

Pupils were given the task of designing, manufacturing and testing a working water pump using a 3D printer.

The school was provided with a 3D printer by organisers, and teachers have been working with pupils every Friday afternoon on the successful project.

ISLAY



George Hosking.

GEORGE Cameron Hosking, originally from Bownmore, Islay, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

for services to reducing violence, particularly child abuse.

The honour comes nearly 70 years after his uncle, John Cameron, who was also from Bownmore, received the OBE.

George is CEO of the charity WAVE Trust, which advises the UK government on a range of issues relating to early childhood and reducing violence and child abuse.

His late uncle was a captain in the Atlantic and leading his crews to safety on each occasion, twice in harrowing journeys of two weeks afloat.

The WAVE Trust is currently leading a campaign to reduce child maltreatment in the UK by 70 per cent by 2030.

ARISAIG

ARISAIG and District community council is considering moving its notice board.

The group, which met last week, are considering re-modelling the area around the re-cycling bins in the village.

The community council minute notes: 'The recycle bins could be altered by turning them around, placing a path to the back of the bins and fencing off the front.'

'This would make them less of an intrusion on the landscape and also provide a place where the notice board could be attached.'

Community councillors agreed to discuss the matter further.

LOCHGILPHEAD

SCHOOL dinners' blogger Martha Payne from Lochgilphead served up hearty porridge to welcome the former Scottish Rugby captain Rob Wainwright and his friends back to Oban from a mammoth 811-mile cycle to raise money for charity Mary's Meals.

The 11-year-old, who made headlines around the world for her NeverSeconds blog, provided the nine-strong cycling team with mugs of likuniphala, the nutritious porridge-like dish which Mary's Meals feeds to children at its largest project in Malawi in order to attract them to classroom.

The team had raised just over half of their £20,000 target for Mary's Meals.

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Morvern Lines

EARTH tremors seem to be on the increase and today their magnitude and epicentres are well recorded by sophisticated equipment from across the world.

A few years ago seismology relied heavily on eye witness reports. One of the best I've come across locally dates from July 1909 and is worth quoting in full for the unusual amount of detail:

'The inhabitants of the quiet hamlets in the district immediately surrounding Salen, Sunart, embracing an area comprising Moidart, Inverness-shire, Acharacle, Glenborrodale, Glencripesdale, and Laudale, in Argyllshire, were disturbed on several occasions during last week by a series of earthquakes which culminated in a rather severe shock on Friday.'

'On Monday July 26 two sharp reports were heard with an interval of three seconds, and each lasting about 10 seconds, resembling distant thunder, and accompanied by a rumbling sound like that of a cart drawn along a hard road. With this shock Salen Hotel front door, which was ajar, closed with a bang, and at Moss, Moidart, one family ran out of their cottage.'

'At Dalnabreck, Moidart, one man informed the writer that he had just retired for the night and was on the point of jumping from his bed owing to the swaying motion of his cottage. At Dalilea a gentleman at that moment seated with his back resting against his bed was thrown forward by the shock. On Wednesday last at Sam a distinct tremor was felt, accompanied by a sharp report, at Dorlin, Moidart, Acharacle, and Camusnines.'

'On Friday, about 4am, a shock, accompanied by a sharp report, was felt at Acharacle, Resipole, and Salen, Sunart. Sometime after, on the same date, the most severe of the series of shocks was felt. It was the most alarming earthquake in the knowledge of the writer ever felt in the district.'

'I was awakened rather abruptly, writes one witness, by an alarmingly loud crash, resembling a monster blast, in close proximity to the house, which swayed and rattled the building, which is one storey high, built of stone and lime on a solid foundation of rock. The motion created a pleasant sensation something like that which is felt in a train moving rapidly over some parts of the railway, and was of about six seconds' duration.'

'After the crash there was a very pleasant deep-toned, musical, murmuring sound, appearing to originate beneath the structure, which passed away, travelling in a south-westerly direction, getting fainter, and died away in about 30 seconds from the commencement. At Glencripesdale, on the southern shore of Loch Sunart, part of the plaster fell from the ceiling in one of the houses, which is the only damage known to have been done.'

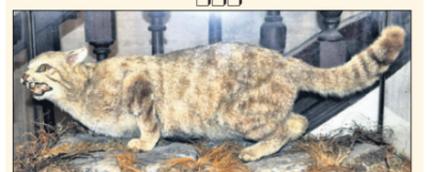
A YEAR or so ago I wrote about an incident which occurred at the mouth of Loch Aline when several men were drowned near a boulder known locally as 'The Lewisman's Rock'.

Further research has established more of the facts. The accident happened in July 1853 when eight workmen employed by Octavius Smith, the owner of Ardtornish Estate, set off up Loch Aline in a 13-foot boat.

The day was wet and windy so the men delayed their trip until the afternoon before making for the head of the loch. Soon after leaving the port behind the present CalMac jetty, the heavy lug-sail was hoisted to its full extent but before the vessel could get under-way it was caught in a sudden squall and capsized. All aboard were thrown into the water.

One of the men managed to swim ashore. Others stayed with the upturned craft until boats came to their rescue but five young men perished. Their names were Angus Morrison, the foreman, aged 32, who was presumably the Lewis man who gave his name to the rock. Alexander MacLeod, aged 24, Hugh MacLaren, aged 22, Archibald McPhee, aged 19, and Allan Livingstone, aged 22.

Of these it would seem that only Allan Livingstone was from Morvern. There is a stone for him in Kiel graveyard. It is said that some of the lost men had been drinking during the forenoon and on this account the management of the boat may have been less careful than it otherwise would have been.



Wildcats used to be shot in large numbers.

MORE than a few conservation groups are getting excited about our local wildcats these days.

In March 1926 Hugh Anderson, keeper on the Shielbridge Estate near Acharacle, shot no fewer than 14 of them as they were killing game and poultry.

He also shot 10 otters in the same period presumably because they were playing havoc with the fish in the River Shiel.

Six years earlier a wildcat, described as being about three feet long was caught at Drimmin.

Another fine specimen was shot at Lochailort on October 2 1930 by the late Francis Cameron-Head of Inverailort. It measured 38 inches long and weighed 14lbs.

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Dunbeg primary school teacher Nicola Richard ran the Crazy Sand stall, which attracted Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore, as well as some of the school's pupils. 16_124dunbeg01

Crazy stuff at Dunbeg parent council fun day

THE SUN shone on the recent Dunbeg Fun Day at the village's primary school, as the community helped to raise funds for the parent council.

The money will be used to support school trips and activities and is the main fundraiser of the year for the parent council.

Aside from the craft and burger stalls, the more active took part in throwing the welly boot, pugil stick fighting, Zorbs and beat the goalie.

School head teacher Sine MacVicar said: 'The community is also so supportive of this event.'



Morar pupils are officially green

Lady Lovat Primary School pupils have been awarded their second eco flag. The Morar children worked on a variety of projects to achieve eco-friendly status including litter picking, waste-free lunches and carrying out a community survey on recycling. Pupils also grow produce in the school grounds.

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David Johnson Alexander, centre, who was selected as a finalist in a national poster competition, was presented his award by Mark Beaumont, right, and a representative of the Commonwealth games committee.

Bebencula poster boy is national design finalist

BENBECULA school student David Johnson Alexander has been chosen as a finalist in a national poster competition.

More than 35,000 pupils from 289 schools in Scotland designed an advert on the theme of 'commonwealth values'.

David, a first year pupil at Sgoil Lionacleit on the island, was among 220 finalists from 149 different schools in Scotland presented with awards at The University of Glasgow by Scottish broadcaster and adventurer Mark Beaumont.

The poster was based on Inspire Aspire: Global Citizens in the Making, which is a programme for young people in each of the 70 Commonwealth nations to help make the most of the teaching and learning opportunities from the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Prison for mother and daughter for sickening fraud

THE 'TOTALLY sickening' theft of money from an elderly Fort William man has led to a mother and daughter being jailed.

Janice Duncan, 64, and Hayley Duncan, 27, have been sentenced to five and seven months respectively.

The pair, both of 2 Iona Court, had pleaded guilty at a previous hearing in Fort William sheriff court to using a debit card to withdraw £400 from a cash machine over a number of occasions throughout 2012 and to ordering products on the internet worth almost £2,100.

During sentencing on Tuesday, Sheriff Richard Davidson said the women had had a friendship with the gentleman, and his late wife, for many years.

He said to Janice Duncan: 'Having no children of their own, they doted on yours. For you to take advantage of him is a totally sickening state of affairs.'

'Your greed, and that of your daughter's, is what led you to be here today.'

The women pleaded guilty on the day their trial was due to take place last month.

Defence agent Stephen Macleod acknowledged the gravity of the crime. He said: 'I won't in any way diminish the seriousness of this case.'

'It's disappointing that previously being of good character they were unable to resist temptation when it was put before them.'

'I appreciate that this man has been fully taken advantage of.'

Flip flops walker rescued from ben

AN ASIAN man, who wanted to feel the mountain snow under his feet for the first time, had to be rescued - because he was only wearing flip flops.

The man had to be taken off Anoch Mor, a sister peak of Ben Nevis after he slipped and hurt his ankle. He was taken to hospital by Lochaber mountain rescue where he thanked the team for helping him.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue were also praised by the police for dealing with the situation.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Remember to wear strong footwear, suitable clothing and make sure you have something appropriate to eat and drink.'

'This is the Nevis mountain range, and people should not wear flip flops to climb it.'

Gala day dancing queens



Mallaig Fisherman's Mission gala day returned after a few years' absence on Saturday with Bunscoil Dannsa Keltica, pictured aboard the MV Minna, kicking off the proceedings. See next week's Oban Times for more photos from the event. 15_f26mallaig7

Councillor's stolen BMW back in hours

A BMW Car stolen from the driveway of a Lochaber councillor has been found thanks to the joint working of the business community, social networks and good old fashioned police detective work.

Last week Highland council's Allan Henderson, who owns a bed and breakfast on Achintore Road in Fort William, turned away a man at the door who was looking for a bed for the night.

Hours later, keys for his BMW vehicle were taken from his premises and the car was stolen from his driveway.

But, businesses - led by the chamber of commerce - flew into action and days later the police tracked down the car, undamaged, in Glasgow.

Councillor Henderson said: 'The key for my car was removed from the kitchen at 10.45pm on Wednesday night while my wife and I were fully occupied on Skype, in the sitting room next door.'

'I did not realise the car was missing until 7am next morning when I was meant to go to a meeting in Inverness.'

'I had investigating police at the door within 10 minutes.'

'I had officers back at the door by 2pm for a photo identity.'

'On picking out the alleged suspect, I was assured that colleagues in the location of the alleged culprit would act, which clearly shows the strengths of the new service.'

'I was then informed by 10pm that night that my car had been found and a suspect was being tracked down.'

'I certainly doubt that this result could have happened so quickly with the old bobby on the beat.'

'This appeared to me to be excellent team work across the whole force and a clever use of resources. I have nothing but praise for the way the officers conducted the investigation and kept us informed through what

was a very harrowing experience for us.'

Lochaber Chamber of Commerce (LCC) put a notice on its Facebook page and the councillor's plight went viral.

Lesley Benfield, LCC chief executive, said: 'The fact that a newspaper is still reporting on a theft is a sign that the area is relatively crime-free.'

'The process of networking with our members is that they know the situation and they can get information out there within minutes. That helps to inform people of the dangers, but it also helps to stop crime.'

Fort William's acting police inspector Jenny Fraser said: 'Police are following a positive



Islands' emergency night flights not acceptable, says MP

A LACK of night-time emergency helicopters is spinning out of control on the west coast, says the MP for the Western Isles.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service says emergencies will always be covered, if necessary, by Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Coastguard helicopters.

Na h-Eileanan an Iar MP Angus Brendan Macneil said the situation at present, where there are no night flights provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service, is not acceptable.

The MP has written to the Scottish Ambulance Service and Bond Air Services, which provides the emergency flights after four emergency situations where the helicopter was not able to fly to Barra during the night.

Mr Macneil said: 'We are putting people's lives at risk by not having the helicopter available.'

'On four occasions in the last six months, the air ambulance helicopter has been unable to come into Barra at night because of pilots not being certified to service the island in the hours of darkness.'

'We need to understand why this certification is not in place and ensure remedial

action is taken as a matter of priority so that the air ambulance cover for Barra, and other Scottish islands, is 24/7 as would be expected.

'Whether this would have affected the four previous cases will be of concern to relatives and friends but the crux of the matter is that an air ambulance service should be able, weather permitting, to access islands at all times of the day and night.'

'Further to enquiring directly with the helicopter providers and the Scottish Ambulance Service, I have notified health minister, Alex Neil of my concerns.'

'By its very nature, it is emergency transportation and avoidable delays are totally unacceptable.'

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesman said: 'We are aware of the situation and have made it very clear to Bond that this situation needs to be rectified as a matter of the highest priority.'

'In the meantime, if for any reason our air ambulance cannot respond to an emergency incident, MOD or Coastguard aircraft are tasked, which is in line with normal contingencies and ensures that emergency cover is maintained.'

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IN this day and age, in the developed world, certain services are not just taken as a given but are deemed to be essential in a modern world - running water, electricity, a telephone line and a broadband connection.

It is ridiculous and shows a lack of foresight that new tenants, many with young children and at least one with a business to run, moving into the new social housing in Dunbeg have two of those essentials missing - a landline telephone and therefore a broadband connection unless you have the funds and planning permission to install a satellite connection.

Surely when services are planned in housing developments, provision should also be made for landline phone cabling, which provides the majority of broadband connections, to be installed alongside the other utilities?

Water and electricity may not be switched on before a house is occupied but the pipes and cables are still installed.

Why is it such a problem for BT Openreach, which is the main supplier of cabling for landline phone and broadband providers, to apply the same logic? Run the cabling to the houses and switch the service on when the house is occupied. Bingo.

GLASGOW LETTER

AJG Parcels Glasgow Celtic Society cup final

WITH so much talk of the legacy of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow it is appropriate that the final of the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup should return to the city where it all began in 1879.

This will be the 110th final and as with the very first played between Glasgow Cowal and Glasgow Inveraray, it will involve players from the same parts of Argyllshire, Tighnabruich and Inveraray. Kyles Athletic and Inveraray have between them appeared in 72 of these finals with the former accumulating 30 wins and the latter 21.

Interestingly they have only played each other seven times with Inveraray coming out on top on five occasions but, as we well know, statistics do not count, especially in cup finals.

It is frightening to think that it is 50 years since the Celtic Society Final, in 1964, was the first ever shinty match to be televised live. Technology will be quite different this coming Saturday when, with a 4.05pm throw-up, BBC Alba commences its transmission of the game.

It is also appropriate that Old Annesland, which has hosted some of the best attended competitive shinty matches at both domestic and international level, is the venue once again this year. The main action of the afternoon will be preceded by a youth tournament commencing at 2pm. Admission costs are £10/£5 with free admission for under 15s.

Commonwealth Games 2014

FOR those of us resident in Glasgow a frequently asked question is to enquire if one has managed to secure tickets for the forthcoming Games in the city.

Quite often the answer is negative but if that is the case there is no need to despair as in association with the Games there is a wide cultural programme taking place at varied venues with Glasgow Green being a hub.

For those resident in the west end the refurbished Kelvingrove Bandstand and Amphitheatre will also be an attraction. Having accommodated its first productions during the West End Festival the bandstand will have a full programme from July 24 to August 3. Full details of all events are available at www.glasgowlife.com

Tron Theatre

DUNDEE Rep will conclude its production of 'In My Father's Words' in the Tron Theatre with its final three nights from tonight (Thursday).

The story is based on the lives of a father, suffering from dementia, and his successful

academic son living on the shores of Lake Ontario in Canada.

The son fails to cope with the problem until a carer from Scotland comes on the scene and recognises that the father's failure to articulate his emotions is in fact fragmented Gaelic. The play contains some short Gaelic passages which will be subtitled.

Reminder

THE PREMIER of the Stirling Council commissioned 'The Bruce 700' will take place in the Albert Halls, Stirling at 7.30pm this evening (Thursday) featuring Allan MacDonald, his brothers Angus and Iain and a host of some of Scotland's top traditional musicians as well as some of the best young traditional musicians from the local area.

Diary dates

Thursday June 26: The Bruce 700, Albert Halls, Stirling-see above.

Friday June 27: Mary Ann Kennedy/ Lorne MacDougall/ Finlay Wells, Kelvinside Parish church, Observatory Road, 7.30pm. Findlay Napier and Rebecca Pronsky, CCA, Sauchiehall Street, 8pm.

Saturday June 28: AJG Parcels Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final-see above.

Sunday June 29: Fiddler's Bid and friends, Albert Halls, Stirling, 7.30pm.

Monday June 30: End of Term Contest, College of Piping, Ottago Street, 7pm.

Tuesday July 1: Live at the Star, Admiral Bar, 72a, Waterloo Street, 8pm-Sandy Brechin and Ewan Wilkinson.

Wednesday July 2: Summer Ceilidh, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm.

Pub scene

MUSIC in the Islay Inn this weekend will be provided by Parting Glass on Friday with Penny Dogs on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be Scott Harvey on Friday, Martainn Skene on Saturday and Martin Pottinger/ Willie Cameron on Sunday.

I am sure readers will be delighted to learn that the Park Bar is one of the four finalists in the competition to be named Sunday Mail Pub of the Year 2014.

The innovation of having live music was introduced in the Park Bar some 50 years ago at a time when the nearby River Clyde was still a busy location with both shipbuilding and shipping providing employment for many of the Gaels in the city and since then it has been a welcoming hub for the succeeding generations who have come to the city to work or study. Well done to Nina and her sister Winnie and all the staff. I wish them all the best when the winner is announced at a ceremony in Glasgow's Grand Central Hotel on July 7.

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

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Rockfield Primary School circa 1960

This week's flashback photograph is from Rockfield Primary School circa 1960. It was sent in by Sheila and David Brown of St Ninians, Stirling. Duncan went to Rockfield Primary School and is pictured sitting on the far right, front row. Unfortunately he cannot remember the names of the other pupils. If you know any of those in the photo, email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails of flashback photos should be accompanied by a caption, name, address, and telephone number. Anyone wishing prints returned must supply a stamped, addressed envelope.

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Fully informed on Rockfield school

In response to your lead article June 12, 'Asking price for 'eye sore', we would like to take this opportunity to assure your readers and our constituents that we have been kept fully informed at each stage of the process.

Like everyone in the town and beyond, we (the area committee) wish to see this area developed in a sympathetic manner which will enhance the community and the town, and will make every effort to achieve this.

Members of Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, Argyll and Bute Council

Adverse wind farm effects ignored

Headlines often portray the stressful effects of wind farm applications on communities.

We may have examples in the UK similar, if not identical to the unfortunate family in Donegal, whose house is now vibrating because of the proximity of wind turbines.

Results are judged likely to be catastrophic for them and others over the long term if the vibration levels are that obvious to the residents, with vibro acoustic disease likely as well as the other sleep disturbance and wind turbine syndrome like range of symptoms.

Health professionals and acousticians unsure or even unaware of the existence of vibro-acoustic disease and its permanent effects, need to understand this.

So too do government authorities imposing a policy where the checks and balances have not been completed.

Our farming communities are being targeted as never before without being made aware of

any drawbacks or reports. Animal studies and reports now exist showing alarming effects.

Schools are welcoming developments to speak about the advantages of the wind technology.

Information about adverse health, environmental and financial effects are rarely, if ever, given to balance what children are led to believe.

This information would restore some of the balance while highlighting the 'inconvenient truths' denied by governments and vested interests.

Far from adopting either that ethic or the precautionary principle, in their quest to impose that which many see as based on ideology rather than provable benefit, governments are often showing a blind adherence to something approaching dogma.

Those governing us must prove their claims that no avoidable risk to the life and health of citizens, or their environment, is involved.

Neither the wind industry nor any government has conducted independent human impact research which shows these turbines are not responsible for the sleep disturbance and health problems being experienced here and all around the world, yet they persist in dismissing peer reviewed professional reports.

Christine Metcalfe Loch Avich Argyll.

Porter Graffiti

'Graffiti', page 13, Oban Times, 5 June 2014.

This report refers to Old Oban and people. People are wrongly named in print hence I must ask you to make corrections.

The Culfail great 'Graffiti' was left by my great uncle Mr James Porter who continued in business in Oban. One of his siblings Allen Muir Porter, (Not Potter), was my grandfather.

Mr A M Porter built up a well known business in Oban. This was located in Breadalbane Street across from the Argyllshire Gathering Halls.

After he retired it located to premises near to the cinema.

Mrs A M Porter, his wife, ran the family owned hotel Glen Campa Hotel, now the Queens Hotel, on the Oban seafront.

James Mitchell, Lismore

A Premier Inn too far?

Our front page story last week that Oban's former bowling alley could be a potential site for a Premier Inn stirred up a reaction on The Oban Times Facebook page.

Jim Montgomery: Do we really want to be another corporate suburb of the type of characterless town that personifies lack of individuality with young people brainwashed into the mindset of Macdonalds, KFC, Burger King etc or retain our own Scottish character, warts and all. It's a no brainer. No, no, no to multi-nationals.

Frank McCulloch: Jim, unfortunately the multinationalals are part of our lives now in everything we do whether that be shopping, communications or banking to name but a few.

What is the definition of being Scottish and how can shopping in Tesco or eating a Big Mac make me less Scottish than I already am?

Oban has to move on as, in my humble opinion, the tartan and shortbread view that you would like for the town is going to be the final nail in the coffin.

Donald MacLeod: Let's hope that backward thinking planning personnel don't see this as unwanted competition to already established businesses. It can only be a positive thing for the town.

Aileen Macinnes: Can only be good. Premier will bring another restaurant, more options for locals and visitors. Competition is a good thing.

Lorna Wylie: With some B&Bs charging £120 per night for two people I personally think it's a great idea. People

won't come to Oban if accommodation is too expensive and as a town that depends largely on tourism we need affordable accommodation.

Ryan Smallman Morrison: Why use this location for a hotel seeing as how we have plenty of them but then it could be used as a skatepark for the kids in Oban because that is all we are really asking for and it would help stop kids also misbehaving in the town and would give something for kids to do.

Fran Kirkham: The bowling alley didn't work, would a skate park? Would it be a novelty at first then be abandoned?

Lorna Wylie: As the owners are looking for at least a million for the building, that's a lot before you start on the inside. As proven in the past it's not financially viable to run as a bowling alley. It would need to be used 24/7 to make it pay.

Arlene Campbell: Brilliant! Local hotels compete and lower rates which means more bums in beds with higher average spends in other departments. New jobs for local people

Iona Campbell: Think this is brilliant. I'm quite enjoying the bit of competition Oban's getting just now. Well needed to get other places into gear.

Kenny Mackenzie: Not to mention most of the major hotels in town are owned by big national companies.

ISLAY LETTER

Music for all

THE FIRST week of July on Islay will enjoy an evening devoted to Vivaldi.

The festival will conclude at Bruichladdich Distillery on Friday 11 with a concert celebrating the life of the cellist and conductor Adrian Shepherd, a co-founder of the Cantilena festival, who died last year. This tribute will also feature music by Sibelius and Haydn and a guest appearance by local violinist Lorna Williamson.

All the Cantilena concerts begin at 8pm.

More traditional music will be on the menu when the Tourie Fiddle Band appears at concerts in Port Ellen and Ballygrant with all the proceeds going to the Islay RNLI branch.

The Port Ellen concert takes place in the Ramsay Hall on Friday, 4th July and the Ballygrant entertainment is being staged in the local village hall on the

following evening. Curtain up at both events is at 7.30pm.

The Tourie Band is led by Clackmannan resident Bill Cook, a noted fiddler who will also perform a number of solo pieces at the concerts.

The fiddle band will make a further appearance at a concert in Bowmore's Round Church on Sunday, 6th July, at 3pm. Admission is £5 and is in aid of church funds.

All the concerts will be compered by TV personality Jim McColl, best known as the amiable presenter of the BBC's 'Beechgrove Garden' series.

Celebrating 40 years' service

STAFF and friends held a celebration at Bruichladdich Distillery to mark Duncan MacGillivray's 40 years service

at the island distillery.

He first joined the staff in 1974 as a trainee storeman before going on to become a skilled engineer. He took over as under manager in 1978 but was made redundant, along with most of the workforce, when then distillery closed its doors in 1995.

Happily, Duncan returned as manager when the distillery reopened under its new owners in 2001.

Duncan's 40 years of service saw him being presented with an appropriate cake and a special Bruichladdich bottling with a personalised label bearing Duncan's photograph.

Bruichladdich's Jim MacEwan spoke of Duncan's 'outstanding contribution to the Laddie', adding that without Duncan's skills, determination and knowledge the distillery would not have been 'brought back to life'. A deserved tribute to a splendid lileach.

Golden wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to Betty and George Murray of Port Ellen who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16.

All wish the golden couple many further happy years together. Slainte!

Hugh Smith, 4 Flora Street, Bowmore, Islay PA43 7JZ Tel: 01496 810 658



The Tourie Fiddle Band will be playing in Port Ellen and Ballygrant.



Beachd Ailein Ailean Caimbeul

THA MI A' SGRÌOBHADH seo is mi air an treas Mòd ionadail a fhrithealadh am-bliadhna.

Bha mi an sàs anna mar bhrìtheamh Gàidhlig agus anns an fharsaingeachd tha mi toilichte a ràdh gun do chòrd na chunnaic 's na chuala mi riom gu mòr, agus thàinig mi bhuaip le ùrachadh misneachd.

Chuala mi deagh Ghàidhlig shìubhlach ghlan aig iomadh farpaiseach, agus bha seinn air leth tainneach a' nochdadh cuideachd.

Mar is àbhaist feumar moladh a dhèanamh air luchd-teagais is pàrantan airson an cuid d'chill ag oideachadh agus a' brosnachadh na cloinne, agus feumar cuideachd taing a thoirt dha na ceudan dhaoine a tha a' caitheamh uimhir de dh'ùine a' cruinneachadh airgead is a' deasachadh nam Mòdan sin.

'S e firinn na cùise nach biodh na tachartasan sin idir ann mura b' e an t-saothair a tha uimhir deònach a dhèanamh, gu saor-thoilich, bliadhna an dèidh bliadhna!

Tha an aon rud fìor a thaobh a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail agus, mar a bhios mi ag ràdh glè thrìc, mura b' e tobraichean tàlant nam Mòdan ionadail cha bhiodh am Mòd Nàiseanta idir cho soirbheachail!

Ach ged is e dealbh car misneachail a th' agam, tha rudan cudromach ann a tha rin deànadh gus iomairt na Gàidhlig a chumail a' gluasad air adhart, agus gus ire a' chànain is an dualchais a chluinnear aig leithid Mòdan a leasachadh.

Bho chionn cola-deug air ais thug mi tarraing air an rannsachadh aig Oilthigh Obair Dheathain a thaobh ire cànain agus bha sin air m' inntinn a-rithis is mi ag eisteachd ri farpaiseach aig Mòd Ionadail Inbhir Nis an t-seachdain seo.

Tha mìltean ann an leithid sgrìre Inbhir Nis, agus ann an iomadh coimhearsnachd eile feadh Alba, le fileantais Gàidhlig a fhuair iad mar dhileab ach chan fhaicear iad a' cur taic ri tachartasan co-cheangailte ris a' chànain.

Aig an aon àm tha daoine eile a' deànadh spàirn a tha cha mhòr do-chreidsinneach gus an cànain seo ionnsachadh!

Am bheil freagairt air chuidheachadh annasach seo, neo am bheil Gàidheil air deastanas dhan cuid cànain is dualchais a thèigsinn agus air an uallach gu léir fhàgail air buidhnean-leasachaidh?

Tha e math gum bheil uimhir deònach iad fhèin a chomharrachadh mar luchd-cleachdaidh Gàidhlig ach feumaidh iad cuideachd an fhèin-aithne sin a chur an gnìomh ann an seadhnan practaigeach agus an cànain a neartachadh agus a leasachadh.

'S e an dòigh as sìmplidhe air an taic sin a libhrigeadh, Gàidhlig a chleachdadh anns gach suidheachadh san gabh sin deànadh. Bheir frithealadh tachartasan Gàidhlig cothrom sònraichte air an amas sin a choileanadh!

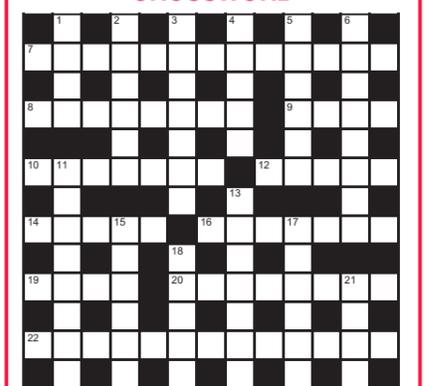
HAVING adjudicated at three provincial mods this year I feel encouraged by the general standard of Gaelic which I've heard, but undoubtedly more needs to be done to maintain momentum and development.

One critical but easily achievable step is for all Gaelic speakers to use the language in every possible situation. Attending and supporting Gaelic events is one way of delivering this objective.

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Lewis fatal crash man named

POLICE have confirmed the identity of a man who died in a one-vehicle road traffic collision on the Isle of Lewis on Saturday June 14.

Iain Gillies, 24, from Skigersta in Ness sustained serious injuries at Lionel, Ness, Isle of Lewis after his green Ford Focus car hit a stone wall.

He died three days later in the Royal Alexandra hospital in Paisley after being airlifted from hospital in Stornoway.

Police Scotland thanked members of the public for their co-operation during the road closure and requested that any witnesses to the collision contact them on 101.

Police hunt for fire culprits

FIRESTARTERS who used the doors of a farm outhouse to start a blaze are being sought by police.

Officers said that it was 'unknown when the damage occurred'.

But the buildings at the bottom end of Glen Etive have been smashed up.

The wood from the doors were removed and used for fire wood.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Offensive sign left on gate

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an offensive sign was put on a gate post on Sunday, June 15.

The incident took place near to Lochside Cottages, Ballachulish between 11am and 1pm when an offensive paper sign was put outside a house.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Diners run off without paying

TWO MEN between 20 and 40 years are being sought after they ran away without paying for their lunch.

The men, described as white, slim built, with strong Irish accents, one with short, fair hair and the other short, dark hair with a goatee beard ran off after dining at The Alexandra Hotel in Fort William shortly before 3pm last Friday afternoon.

Diesel stolen from two cars

TWO VEHICLES parked at Annat, Fort William between 6pm on June 18 and 5.20am the following day have had diesel stolen from them.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Silence is golden among Fort William pupils



SILENT REMINDER: Upper Achintore primary school in Fort William played host last Thursday afternoon to a commemorative football match with Fort William primary school. The children held the game in remembrance of a football match played on Christmas Eve during a lull in the fighting between opposing soldiers in the First World War. Reinis Cameron, Fort William primary school, piped after one minute of silence remembering all those who have died in war. 15_12611encel

Cash needed for families with newborn babies

A NEW-BORN baby in hospital can destroy a family's finances and it has to stop, says MSP Rhoda Grant.

The Highlands and Islands politician knows from personal experience in working with families that people from rural areas are getting a raw deal when it comes to support when their baby is in hospital.

The huge extra cost is a burden placed on a family, and something that is made even worse if mother and child need to be cared for in separate hospitals.

A study by Bliss Scotland, a special care baby charity, said parents admitted to extra costs amounting to thousands of pounds during their babies' stay in hospital.

Some parents even had to travel more than 100 miles a day to see their child.

One parent, who spoke to *The Oban Times*, but did not wish to be named, said: 'I felt like a bad person.'

'I have two other children and my husband had to get back to work to earn money so we could visit our baby.'

'Our baby was born eight weeks early and spent 10 weeks in hospital in Glasgow.'

'It was heart-breaking to think that she was there on her own and we could only see her once or twice a day because we had to look after our other children who were both under four.'

'We couldn't pay our rent - it was one of the most difficult times in my life.'

Rhoda Grant MSP, who was brought up in Stornoway, said: 'It is not a game. There are very real costs to having a baby in hospital.'

'For a relatively small amount of money, in government terms, we could sort out this problem.'

'The rights of the child are at stake here, and I am very sympathetic and I want to make sure those people in the Highlands and islands are listened to.'

'Parents should be focusing on their well-being and not worrying about how they will pay the bills.'

'Support is already available for people, but when you are in the middle of a crisis that may well mean taking more time out to speak to someone.'

'I am backing Bliss Scotland's call for people to help and a fund set up by the Scottish Government to help when families are in real hardship.'

Invisible house is seen in top architectural awards

A HOUSE on Skye has been nominated for one of the most prestigious awards in the world.

Cliff House at Staffin was designed by Dualchas Architects, which is based on the island.

The almost invisible house will go head to head with the Shard and the Olympic Aquatics Centre, both in London, for the Stirling prize.

The back section of the building is designed as low-lying stone walls, which have a turfed roof.

Its colour is grey to match the surrounding rocks.

From the road, the building is almost invisible, with only the chimney noticeable.

Dualchas Architects has won two major architectural awards for the building.

Last Thursday it was announced that the company had won a Royal

Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) award, recognising its design excellence and socio-economic contribution to its native country of Scotland.

The house was one of only four projects to win a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Awards for Scotland accolade.

This award means that the house will automatically be considered for the Stirling prize, known as 'the world's most prestigious architecture award'.

Project architect Daniel Bar said: 'I am delighted that this design has been recognised.'

'It was a difficult site with a tight budget and demanding brief.'

'These challenges have resulted in a building which blends harmoniously into the surroundings of the island landscape.'

Iain Connelly, president of the RIAS,



INVISIBLE HOUSE: Cliff House on Skye, has been nominated for a prestigious architectural award.

said: 'We had 83 submissions from throughout Scotland.'

'They range in scale from £26,000 for a little garden pavilion to £125 million for a nationally important entertainment arena.'

'This number of entries is a tremendous vote of confidence and confirms that this relatively new award, in only its third year, is now the single most important recognition of architectural achievement in Scotland.'

Nevis landscape

THE NEVIS Landscape Partnership has received £1.5million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help protect the Ben Nevis and Glen Nevis areas over the next five years with 18 projects.

Patricia Jordan, partnership chairman, said visitor management and environmental repair work was a necessity for the future welfare of the areas to preserve them for future generations.

Macmillan Nurses' cheque delight



STAGECOACH drivers Sandy Gunn, left and Alex McConachie recently handed over a cheque for £1,400 to Macmillan Nurses

in Fort William. The coach drivers collected the money from passengers' donations for using a shuttle bus for spectators

Recycling not all rubbish

RECYCLING week has allowed Highland council to take stock of its progress - and it's not all rubbish.

Almost half the population in the area recycles goods. But the council wants residents to think more about sorting it before recycling.

Councillor Graham Mackenzie, chairman of Highland council's community services, said: 'Over the last three years, there has been a significant rise in waste disposed of to landfill from the recycling centres across Highland.'

'In 2012/13 the total was 14,543 tonnes which cost the council £1.9m.'

'Tackling the rise in waste sent to landfill from these sites will make a big difference so please takes a few minutes to separate your items before going to the recycling centre.'

'Highland council's current recycling rate is 45.5 per cent which shows that people are trying really hard to recycle and the council would like to take this opportunity to thank householders for their efforts.'

Service comments sought

COMMENTS on customer services in the Highland council area are being canvassed by budget managers as part of a rolling consultation.

The consultation, managed via a blog site, looks for suggestions on how the council can reduce costs by delivering more services by telephone and on-line. Councillor Maxine Smith, budget leader, said: 'I understand that this is an important topic for many people, especially in smaller communities. This is the public's opportunity to engage in the discussion around service delivery in their local area.'

Ex-rugby star serves up Plockton pupils' prizes

PLOCKTON high school served up a treat for pupils and parents as the annual prize giving was also the official opening of a new dining hall.

Guest speaker Jim Calder, former Scotland and British Lions rugby player, said it was a privilege to be amongst such talent, and he was on hand to cut the ribbon to the cafeteria.

The prize-giving ceremony showed off the talent of all pupils with a programme of singing, music, readings and dancing.

Special prizes were awarded as follows: Cundiff prize for English, Ella Munro; platter for craft and design, Isabel McLeish; platter for hospitality,

Isabella Small; most promising language student, Kirsten Glover; library prize, Leah Neef; West Highland college learners of the year - personal computer passport, Alexander Castle; European Computer Driving Licence, Alasdair Nixon; outdoor adventure, Peter Macdonald and Niall Macleod; The Crofting Year, Fraser Stewart; hairdressing, Brittany Watson.

Jim Calder, was joined by Plockton high school's 2014/2015 head pupils Fin MacAulay-Smith, Dylan Bone, incoming head boy, Eilidh Coghill, incoming head girl, and Ciorstaidh Galloway.



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THURSDAY 26TH JUNE Ramblers Association guided walk, Isle of Luing circuit
FRIDAY 27TH JUNE Ramblers Association, Kinlochewe Weekend, Friday-Sunday Gunna Sound Summer Ceilidh, Royal Hotel, Oban, All day Independence Referendum Public Meeting, Benderloch, 7pm John C King, Live at Railway Club, Fort William, 8.15pm
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE Ramblers Association guided walk, Rannoch to Corrou, Starts Bridge of Orchy Chunks Live at the Lorne, Oban, 10pm
SUNDAY 29TH JUNE Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party, Creagan Inn, Appin, 3-5pm
MONDAY 30TH JUNE Independence Referendum Public Meeting, Seil, 7pm
TUESDAY 1ST JULY Oban USA, Monthly meeting, Studio Theatre at Corran Halls, 10.30am Furan Gaelic Pub Quiz, Studio Theatre, Corran Halls, 7.30pm Aiseag, Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern, 7.30pm
THURSDAY 3RD JULY Summer Ceilidh, Every Thursday, Tainuill Village Hall, 8pm

Email details of your event to
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Oban Gaelic Choir sweep the board at Provincial Mòd

OBAN Gaelic Choir proved it can be a force to be reckoned with come the Royal National Mòd in Inverness in October after sweeping the boards at the town's local competition.

The Oban and District Provincial Mòd was taken under the wing of the group tasked with hosting the national event in Oban in 2015, after the local branch of An Comunn Gaidhealach went into abeyance last year.

The successful two-day event on Friday and Saturday was held in venues including the Corran Halls, Oban High School, Scout Hall and Glencruitten Church Centre.

Toast of the town on Saturday was Oban Gaelic Choir, which won both the mixed choir competitions, the four-part harmony and the puirt-a-beul. Under the baton of Sileas Sinclair, the choir also won the trophy for the highest aggregate marks in Gaelic.

Coisir Ceann an Tuirc, the Argyll male voice Gaelic choir, won the choral singing for male or female voices, and Largs Gaelic Choir was welcomed back.

The main prize in the adults solo singing, the silver pendant, was shared this year between Sandy NicDhòmhnaill-Jones, South Uist, and Rena Gertz, Prestonpans.

The youth competitions were well attended by both mainstream and Gaelic Medium Unit pupils from the area, something Rockfield Primary School teacher Catriona Garvin was keen to support.

She said: 'It's great that we have the opportunity to come here and that there are facilities to have a local mòd in Oban every year.

'It provides a very rich example for the kids and they really enjoy it. This session, English medium pupils are involved with the choir, folk group and soloists.

'In session 2014-15 all

children at Rockfield primary will receive Gaelic tuition weekly. The goal is to increase the participation of all Rockfield pupils in the mòd.'

Duncan Macdonald, chairman of the local organising committee for Oban 2015, said there were few lessons that could be taken from a provincial event into next year's national mòd but there were some that could be applied to forthcoming provincial competitions.

The committee admitted that with its attention on the national event next year, a provincial mòd in Oban in 2015 was far from certain.

'One of the big experiments this year was to move the junior instrumentalists to the Saturday morning, allowing them to compete in more competitions,' said Mr Macdonald. 'That has been a great success.

'We would have liked more clarsach entries but I don't think there were any last year.'



Oban Gaelic Choir celebrates a clean sweep of trophies with conductor Sileas Sinclair at the Oban and District Provincial Mòd. 16_t26mod15



Tainuill Gaelic Choir, placed third in both choral competitions. 16_t26mod14



Tainuill Primary School Gaelic Choir enjoyed their day at the mòd. 16_t26mod18



Strath of Appin Primary School pupils took part in a number of competitions. 16_t26mod19



Sandy NicDhòmhnaill-Jones, left, from South Uist, and Rena Gertz, Prestonpans shared the silver pendant. 16_t26mod13



Emma and Zoë Brown, twin sisters from Oban, competed in the learners' solo singing (prescribed) for girls aged 11-12. Emma, left, came first and Zoë came second. 16_t26mod09



Ellen MacKechnie, 12, Oban High School, came first in the girls 13-15 age group of the poem and story competitions. 16_t26mod01



Ealasaid MacLean, eight, from Lismore Primary School was placed first in two competitions and second in another. 16_t26mod02



Grace Thompson, 12, Oban High School, won the recitation of poetry for boys and girls aged 11-12 years. 16_t26mod03



Calum MacDonald, 11, a pupil at Lochgilphead Primary School, came first in the learners' solo singing (prescribed) for boys aged 11-12. 16_t26mod07



Peter MacCallum, 15, won the solo singing (own choice) boys aged 13-15. Peter attends Lochgilphead High School and lives in Lochgilphead. 16_t26mod11



Isla MacCormick, 11, from Oban came third in the learners' solo singing (prescribed) for girls aged 11-12. 16_t26mod10



Oban's Callum Garvin, 12, won first prize in the fluent solo singing (prescribed) for boys aged 11-12. 16_t26mod06



Oban's Maria Clark, 11, won the solo singing (prescribed) for girls aged 11-12. 16_t26mod08

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Kenny, Ardgor, who took part in the accordion competitions. Photo: Rachel Patterson



Acharacle Primary School's winning action song. Photo: Rachel Patterson

Record number of entries at this year's Ardnamurchan Mòd

ARDNAMURCHAN Mòd was held last Friday at Ardnamurchan High School, Arainn Shuaineir, with a record number of entries in all competitions.

Children came from the six peninsula schools at Ardgor, Lochaline, Stron-

tian, Acharacle, Kilchoan and Ardnamurchan high school.

Organiser Val Barker said there was great support for a large number of entrants from Mallaig and Salen primary schools and the Mòd Club from Mull.

'The weather favoured us,' she continued, 'and there was a lot of steam to be run off outside at lunchtime.

'The adjudicators were complimentary about students and participants seem to have had a good day.'

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Bùrach Gaelic Choir. Photo: Rachel Patterson



Rachel, Lochaline, and Josephine, Acharacle won so many awards they couldn't carry them. Photo: Rachel Patterson



Oban Lifeboat deputy coxswain Finlo Cottier gives some budding lifeboat crew a tour of the bridge. 16_126lifeboat01

Oban lifeboat open day raises £700 an hour

OBAN Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) lifeboat's open day raised a staggering £700 an hour on Saturday as the public turned out in force to support it.

The event raised a total of £2,801.19 in four hours flat. Attractions included Seafari Adventures round Oban Bay, where proceeds were donated to the lifeboat; a Scottish Association for Marine Science stall, with fun experiments; and Oban chef Alex Needham, of The Waterfront restaurant, assisted by Judith Vajk, Caledonian Oyster Company, cooking seafood donated by a host of local companies.

Oban man George Berry brought along a vintage fire engine and a collection of RNLI memorabilia while Chris Ireland, of Merlin Trike Tours, showed off his Boom Mustang Family Trike.

Some of the lifeboat's volunteer crew were kept busy giving escorted tours round the Mora Edith MacDonald, the town's Trent class lifeboat, while others gave a hand at the busy burger stall, which was a sell-out.

Behind the scenes there was an army of helpers in the lifeboat kitchen, preparing cream teas and even the tombola stall, which was packed with prizes from local companies and individuals, hardly had an item left on it by the end of the day.

The winner of the raffle for the bottle of Oban Lifeboat rare whisky was Kathy Beattie, from Appin.

Mike Robertson, chairman of the Oban RNLI fundraising group, said: 'We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make our open day such a great success. We really appreciate the help that we received from local businesses and individuals, we couldn't have done it without such amazing support.'

Craic and country dancing at Commonwealth Ceilidh

DANCERS in Oban's Corran Halls joined others from across the globe in celebrating the arrival of the Commonwealth baton in Scotland by holding a ceilidh.

The Commonwealth Ceilidh was organised by the Lorn branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society (RSCDS) and held on Saturday night.

Sue Porter, of the Lorn branch, said on Saturday: 'The RSCDS has more than 20 young dancers in the opening and closing ceremonies, so we were keen to join in the celebrations.'

'A branch in New Zealand started yesterday, our time, and the final one will be in Hawaii.'

The Neil Sinclair Sound played for the dancers, some of whom had come from other parts of the Commonwealth on their holidays.

It was also an extra special occasion for Alison and Nevin Blackwood who had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary during the week and were joined by their family at the ceilidh.



Dancers take to the floor for the Commonwealth Ceilidh. 16_126ceilidh01

Sheep races planned for Cameron Square official opening

THEY are meant to help you sleep, but there will be no rest for the wicked this Saturday in Fort William when sheep races take over the town centre.

A number of events taking place will officially open a newly revamped Cameron Square.

The fun starts with the concert in Cameron Square at 11.30am with Robert Nairn and his band opening proceedings, the Lochaber pipe band will march from Gordon Square at 12noon to Cameron Square followed by all those in fancy dress.

Thomas MacLennan, chairman of the Lochaber councillors, will cut the ribbon to officially open Cameron Square at 12.15pm.

The sheep races will then get underway. The first race, The Ben Nevis Chase will start at 12.30pm.

Charity stalls will be in front of the Highland Council service point and will be open to the public from 11am as will the facility to have a flutter on the races.

There will be six races with about 20 minutes between each race and then the grand final.

The concert will continue between the races with many local artists taking part including Robert Robertson, Royal National Mod gold medallist, who was recently at the top of the world music charts with the band Skipinnish.

The free event will finish about 3.30pm.

Strontian studio celebrates a decade

A FINE art gallery shows that good communication can help even the remotest of businesses thrive.

Celebrating its 10th year Respole Studios in Strontian were established by Andrew Sinclair in 2004, and in spite of its rural location is using technology to get its message out.

Andrew, a graduate of Duncan of Jordanstone art college, Dundee recognised the need not only for a professional gallery space in his home area but also for professional studio facilities.

Wanting to take advantage of his Highland setting and provide resident and visiting artists with a high quality facility, Andrew started the gallery.

As the opportunities for the use of technology has grown over the last 10 years - so has the arts studio.

Andrew said: 'Respole Studios is an example of how modern day methods of communication such as social media and online marketing can aid businesses located rurally.

'It also highlights the possibilities of Scotland's future and reminds us that urbanisation is not always necessary where art and especially business is concerned.' Since, its opening Respole Studios has received recognition for its annual programme, which has gone from strength to strength; as well as its vibrant and eclectic repertoire of both established and emerging contemporary artists.

To commemorate its decade of achievements the studios is hosting an exciting programme of exhibitions, live music evenings, talks and workshops that will take place throughout 2014.

In July the gallery will showcase work by a group of artists who responded to Respole Studio's national 'call for artists'.

The result is an exciting exhibition of contemporary art providing an array of cutting edge styles and mediums which will begin on July 5.



Artist and gallery owner Andrew Sinclair pictured in his gallery.

High Life Highland libraries best in Scotland

HIGH LIFE Highland libraries are the best performing service in the country in terms of the number of visits to libraries per 1000 of the population.

Libraries in the area had 2.15 million visits to make them the most used in Scotland. The figures come from government agency Audit Scotland which collates information nationally on local authority performance.

A major factor in High Life Highland's success has been online visits as people have discovered the joys of the excellent free ebooks, e-audiobooks and its new online magazine service.

High Life Highland Libraries have recently developed a free library app. The new app allows members to search for and request items, download online magazines, e-books, audio books and access a wide range of electronic information services. The full range of online library services can be accessed from the library website www.highlifehighland.com/libraries.

High Life Highland chairman Laurence Young said: 'We are delighted to be recognised as the best performing library service in the country with over two million visits last year.

'It is encouraging that this trend is continuing with numbers up again this year.'

Argyll men prepare for Midsummer Munro Mission

AN OBAN man and his Ulva companion will be swapping the hills of their farms for some of Scotland's highest peaks this weekend, as they scale Munros for charity.

Jamie Mellor and friend Jamie Howard are carrying out the Midsummer Munro Mission to raise money for both The Roses Charitable Trust and Community Action Nepal.

The aim of the challenge is to climb as many Munros as it takes to reach the equivalent height of Mt Everest (29,029ft), over the space of four days.

Jamie Mellor from Knipoch and Jamie Howard from Ulva, will set off on Saturday.

Mountaineer Doug Scott, the first British man to climb Everest, contacted the farmers, adding his support.

'What a challenge you have set yourselves to 'climb' Mt. Everest via the Munros, nearly 40 years to the day I climbed the South West Face,' he said.

'It is wonderful you are doing this for The Roses Charitable Trust and Community Action Nepal.

'I wish you both all the very best in your Midsummer Munro Mission and will be encouraging everyone to support you along the way.'

The walk starts on Saturday at 7am from the Grey Mares Tail Waterfall car park in Kinlochmore.

The duo will climb eight of the Mamores, eventually finishing up at Corruir Railway Station on Tuesday, on a route which also includes Beinn a' Clachair, Ben Alder and Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the British Isles.

Another event in support of the two charities will also be held on Saturday, July 19, when Doug Scott will be giving a talk titled The Three Peaks.

The talk, at Drumnfin, Tobermory, is about the triumphs and tragedies of his expeditions to the world's highest peaks; Everest, K2 and Kangchenjunga.

Tickets are available on 01688 302 211 or via the website www.comar.co.uk

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Oculus	Thurs 26th 18.00		
Devil's Knot	Thurs 26th 19.00 (screen 2)		
The Fault in Our Stars	Fri 27th 20.30	Sat 28th 18.00	
	Sun 29th 20.30	Mon 30th 20.30	
	Tues 1st 20.30	Wed 2nd 20.30	
	Thurs 3rd 20.30		
Belle	Fri 27th 18.00 (screen 2)	Sat 28th 20.30	
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NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE
A Small Family Business
 Jack McCracken: a man of principle in a corrupt world. But not for long. Moments after taking over his father-in-law's business he's approached by a private detective armed with some compromising information. Jack's integrity fades away as he discovers his extended family to be thieves and adulterers, looting the business from their suburban homes. Rampant self-interest takes over and comic hysteria builds to a macabre climax.

Blended (12A)
 After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren (Brynmor) and Jim (Sandler) agree on only one thing: they never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week.

Oculus (15)
 Ten years ago, the lives of teenage siblings Tim and Kaylie changed forever when Tim was convicted of the brutal murder of their parents. Now in his 20s, Tim is released from protective custody and wants to move on with his life, but Kaylie, still haunted by that fateful night, is convinced her parents' deaths were caused by something else altogether.

Devil's Knot (15)
 Devil's Knot is a hauntingly true mystery about the deaths of three children. Set in a tiny southern town gripped in fear over supposed satanic ritual murders, it shows the trial and conviction of teenagers known as the West Memphis Three. The defendants, each of them a social outsider, quickly find themselves up against a community crying out for justice. Colin Firth stars as Ron Lax, a local private investigator, and Reese Witherspoon stars as Pam Hobbs, the mother of one of the murdered boys, who both come to suspect that all is not as it appears and while the police call the crimes satanic... the truth is far scarier.

The Fault in Our Stars (12A)
 Hazel and Gus are two extraordinary teenagers who share an acerbic wit, a disdain for the conventional and a love that sweeps them - and us - on an unforgettable journey. Their relationship is all the more miraculous, given that they met and fell in love at a cancer support group. The Fault in Our Stars, based upon the number-one bestselling novel by John Green, explores the funny, thrilling and tragic business of being alive and in love.

Belle (12A)
 Belle is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle (Gugu Mbatha-Raw), the illegitimate mixed race daughter of Admiral Sir John Lindsay (Matthew Goode). Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson) and his wife (Emily Watson), Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet her status prevents her from the traditions of noble social standing. While her cousin Elizabeth (Sarah Gadon) chases suitors for marriage, Belle is left on the sidelines wondering if she will ever find love. After meeting an idealistic young vicar's son bent on changing society, he and Belle help shape Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England.

How to Train Your Dragon 2
 The thrilling second chapter of the epic How to Train Your Dragon trilogy returns to the fantastical world of the heroic Viking Hiccup and his faithful dragon Toothless. The inseparable duo must protect the peace - and save the future of men and dragons from the power-hungry dragon.

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wining & dining

our guide to some of the best places to eat this summer

The west coast offers the finest, freshest food with the best customer service - so much so that really, why would anyone need to go anywhere else?

THE range of produce and detail in our food is outstanding, and puts the area on the same gastronomic terms as the best food producers and restaurateurs in the world. *Writes Oban Times reporter Louise Lee.*

"hunter gatherers"

The reasons for this are clear - we land our own fish, we gather

our own crops - we make our own bread, jams, chutneys and we value the detail and the care that goes into making them.

Even those who are daunted by the thought of cooking something new or unusual at home will find expertise in the sellers on the west coast.

The Fish Shop in Campbeltown, for example, sells the

best freshly caught produce. And with each purchase there is advice and ideas of how to cook and eat your catch.

"tempting local produce"

So tempting is the thought of such local and fresh produce that top class restaurants are opening up, such as the wonderfully named **Samphire** in Inveraray. And before

long, of course, the very same restaurants will have built up a fabulous reputation, because locals will have taken them to their hearts.

The **Hawthorn**, in Benderloch is a hidden gem - with beautiful food, cooked to perfection and with the care and generosity of spirit that is found on the west coast.

Another gem is The **Crafty Kitchen** in Ardfern. If you are not lucky enough to be staying in Ardfern, this place makes for a destination on a day out.

Food could be considered to be the new destination. The better the offer in any region the more

people will come.

For example in Oban, there is a range of places to eat, and folk are finding that people are coming to the town to stay for longer.

"delicious delights"

At the tartan van on the Railway pier, **Gordon MacGillivray**, serves up his fresh and delicious delights with a smile and a bit of craic.

Just over the square we find a friendly place with great food, freshly baked in **The Coffee Corner** - and great ice cream as well.

Of course the islands also bring home a

fine catch and places such as the **Lochside Hotel** in Bowmore on Islay offers a treat for those of us who live here as well as those who might travel around the globe to sample such wonderful food.

Also on Islay is the **Port Askaig Hotel**, which overlooks the pier and Port Askaig harbour. The Port Bar and Starboard restaurant serve up a splendid selection of fresh seafood and an extensive range of malt whiskies.

Recently, I was in Hong Kong - and we went to the poshest store in the most exclusive area of the island.

This was not the market of the street

- this was the market of the elite, and what did I find? I found Scottish 'west coast' crabs, langoustine and lobster all for sale at a premium price. When I say I found them - I found the place they were meant to be as they were selling like hot cakes - for more than £200 for a lobster. Imagine.

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Cladich stockman Stuart Campbell with three-year-old heifer Frangag Ruadh, which was placed third in its class from 12 entries. Cladich went on to win best group and the reserve bull championship.

Argyll's young handlers on show

YOUNG handlers from Argyll proved the future of exhibiting is bright within the area with some strong class and championship performances at last week's Royal Highland Show.

The county was well represented in the Highland cattle sections on Thursday; Cladich had the reserve bull, Cnoc Dearg 3rd of Cladich, owned by Mrs Queenie Strickland. The fold also had the best group of three Highlanders.

Cnoc Dearg, which only finished second in class to the overall Highland champion Ruairidh 1st of Ubhaidh, owned by HM the Queen, was shown by young stockman Stuart Campbell.

Stuart also fared well with his own Shetland sheep, winning best group.

The 29-year-old told *The Oban Times*: 'There was a good showing from Argyll Highlanders because of the quality of the breed here. They are naturally west coast animals.'

'I was particularly pleased to win The MacRobert Trust Trophy because that was one I set out to get - my boss, Jon Strickland is a trustee.'

Reserve champion overall in the Highland cattle went to Emma Paterson, Killin, with Iona Bhuidhe 1st of Benmore, a three-year-old heifer.

Iona placed Benmore ahead of former Highland champion fold Mottistone, which took reserve female. Tanya 3rd of Mottistone was one of two heifers shown by Barcaldine's Willie MacLean. The other heifer, Molly 10th of Mottistone, was named reserve

junior animal in the Highland section.

Portsonachan's Angus MacGillivray took three second place prizes in different classes for A and M Fitzsimon, Dumfries, but he was particularly proud when the Fitzsimon's champion calf, Lady Alexis 1st of Heatherhills Glenlivet, was shown by 17-year-old Jade Brown from Glenstrae, who led cattle out for the first time at the Royal Highland Show.

Another young Argyll handler, Murn Cameron, Glen Lonan, led out a bull for Tordarroch Estates to get second in class.

Ewen MacGillivray junior, Barcaldine Home Farm, was pleased with his day's work on Thursday when his Limousin heifer, Burnbank Isabella, was placed fifth in the class for females born on or after April 1, 2013.

The MacPhersons at Balliemeanoch, John and sons Alex and Grant, had good results in the Blackface section, placing fourth in both the top lamb and shearing top classes.

Neil MacPhail, Skernish, Glenbarr, had a good showing in the Clydesdale classes, placing second in the mare with foal at foot class with Garcaal-fra Sweet Chloe.

This year's Royal Highland Show attracted 178,659 visitors over the long weekend - an increase of more than 8,000 on the 2013 attendance figure.

Among the visitors was a group from Dalmailly Primary School, who had received funding from United Auctions and Caledonian Martis to attend.



Glengorm's Angus MacColl judged the Highland classes.



The MacPhersons of Balliemeanoch, from left: John and sons Grant and Alex.



Barcaldine's Willie MacLean, showing heifers from the Mottistone fold, had a successful show.



Pupils from Dalmailly Primary School visit the United Auctions tent during their day at the show.

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However, whilst people associate the winter months with driving hazards, there are lots of potential issues you need to consider during the summer months too.

With a little planning and preparation, you should be able to reduce the risk of a breakdown and keep stress levels to a minimum when British summer-time comes.

High temperatures aggravate any existing damage to the rubber on the tyres.

Keep tyre pressure to the right level, checking before each journey, as under-inflation causes friction and more heat which can cause punctures and blow-outs.

Also remember to adjust for extra load if appropriate.

If you drive with damaged or worn tyres you risk being fined, as well as invalidating your car insurance policy and endangering lives too.

Tyres fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer must be fit for purpose and be free from any defects which might damage the road or endanger any person, must be compatible with the types of tyres fitted to the other wheels, and must not have any lump, bulge or tear caused by separation or partial failure of the structure.

You don't have to carry a spare and it does not have to comply with the legal requirements while it is stowed away.

However, as soon as the tyre is fitted to the vehicle, it must then comply with the law.

High temperatures can aggravate cooling system problems too.

Low coolant level and broken fans can cause overheating, resulting in expensive damage under the bonnet.

A broken fan will become apparent when your engine temperature rises in slow-moving traffic. Check the coolant level regularly.

Check the fan by running the car and allow the engine to idle for five to 10 minutes; the cooling fan should cut in automatically.

Many of us now spend summer holidays closer to home, which means taking the car with us to get around when on a break.

If you're going on a long journey, plan in regular breaks for driver and passenger and pack plenty of things to keep any younger passengers entertained.

If you are taking your car abroad, remember that you'll need a GB sticker clearly displayed on your vehicle.



Full-size spare wheels are also no longer a manufacturer standard, it is increasingly common for car manufacturers to provide a non-standard or 'skinny' spare.

Some garages offer a standard spare wheel for a price if the vehicle can accommodate one, if this is important to you then always check with the dealer.

Plan routes carefully and remember junctions, roundabouts and access to side roads will be different when driving on the right side of the road.

Always familiarise yourself with local motoring laws before you make your journey to ensure you don't run afoul of the law when away.

Fuel consumption is always an issue as prices on petrol and diesel continue to rise.

If you have to carry luggage on the roof, use a roof box to reduce drag which lowers consumption.

Alternatively, load luggage on a roof rack as low as possible and wrap tightly in plastic sheeting.

Once you arrive, remove the roof box or rack and any luggage if you are planning to use your car to travel about, reducing consumption on every journey.

Use air vents rather than opening windows where possible, particularly on a motorway, as open windows cause drag and raise consumption.

Using a windscreen shade and opening up the car as soon as you get back to it will help to cool the inside.

Always keep a pair of sunglasses in your car and regularly clean the windscreen to remove smears that can cause dazzle.

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These simple but effective tips can make driving this summer a safer, less stressful and more enjoyable experience for drivers and passengers alike.

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Saloon

A standard saloon will give you space for four or five and a commodious boot, if you are something of a traditionalist, this is the style for you. An estate on the other hand gives you the convenience of a hatchback and the accommodation of a saloon, with stacks of cargo space to fill to your heart's desire. Beware though, some estates can be a bit heavy on the juice.

4x4

Perhaps you fancy an off-road 4x4 vehicle? On the whole these are more expensive to buy and generally consume more fuel than your average family saloon, especially when four-wheel-drive is in operation. They do however, give you considerable flexibility though with some, the luggage space is less than generous if you carry a full complement of passengers.

Coupe/Sports car

For those who like a fast turn of speed a coupé or open-top sports job could be the answer, but beware those insurance premiums if you are under 30 and lack a good no claims bonus. A

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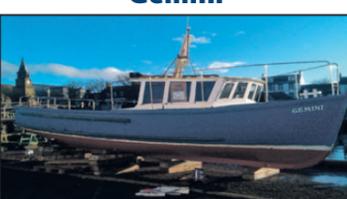
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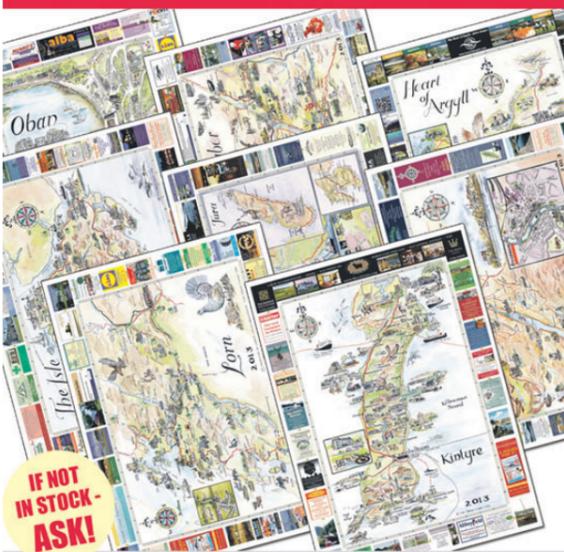
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Oban Lifesaving Club AGM
In Atlantis Leisure
22nd July
6.30pm - 8.30pm

FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT
John Allan MacKintosh has registered their croft 49B Banavie, Kilmallie, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by March 20, 2015.
Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C207

FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT
James Henderson has registered their croft TOBERMORY in the parish of KILNINIAN AND KILMORE on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 5th March 2015
Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C183.

Proposed Division of Grazings Shares
Mr William Alexander MacGillivray is applying to divide the grazings shares that previously pertained to 221 Acharacle in the West Acharacle Common Grazings into two parts.
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.
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A J Sinclair
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4.85.41945
Conditions: 3c and 4
J Henderson
Tobermory, Kinlinian & Kilmore
0.096 ha - Site for a dwelling house
4.86.48198
Conditions: 1, 2, 3b and 4
J A McFadzean
6 & 7 Kinlochell, Kilmallie
0.12 ha - Amenity ground
4.86.48413
Conditions: 3b and 4
Conditions
(1) Purchase area within 5 years of the date of direction.
(2) To provide a site for a dwellinghouse
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(b) the proposed development completion
(c) acquisition
(4) That fence shall be maintained in good order and repair by each successive owner or occupier of the land.
Any person with an interest in the application may appeal against a decision to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days of the date of this advert.

Forestry Commission Scotland
Coimisean na Coilltearachd Alba
EMERGENCY, DANGEROUS & DISEASED TREE CLEARANCE WORK IN WEST ARGYLL FOREST DISTRICT.
Invitation to Tender.
We wish to award a framework agreement for emergency, dangerous & diseased tree clearance work within 6 work areas throughout the West Argyll Forest District. This framework will also include non emergency, dangerous & diseased tree clearance work within the district.
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Our intention is to award this framework agreement for a period of 3 years.
There will be an option to extend the framework agreement by up to a further 1 year giving a potential for 4 years in total.
The total value of this framework agreement over the entire period including any extension options will be in the region of £160,000.
The anticipated commencement date will be mid August 2014 with completion by end August 2017 with possibility of extension of a further 1 year until end of August 2018.
The closing date for submission of tenders is 1.00pm on Monday 14th July 2014.
For further enquiries regarding this contract please contact via e mail as follows:
WAcquisition@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
To request tender pack please contact West Argyll Procurement via e mail by 1pm, Monday 7th July 2014
West Argyll Forest District, Whitegates, Lochgilthead, PA31 8RS, 01546 602518
WAcquisition@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
Completed tenders should be returned in sealed envelopes marked with the following words:
Tender for Emergency, dangerous & diseased tree clearance work in West Argyll Forest District. Not to be opened until after 1.00pm on MONDAY 14th July 2014
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No CD or usb memory stick submissions permitted.
www.forestry.gov.uk

The Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
TRANSPORT SCOTLAND
THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (PULPIT ROCK IMPROVEMENT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND OVERTAKING AND SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2014
THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the Order will be to continue in effect the temporary prohibition on the use of the road, the prohibition on overtaking and the speed restriction of 30mph on the length of road described in Part 1 of the schedule to the Order. It will additionally extend the prohibition on overtaking and the speed restriction to lengths of road in Part 2 of the schedule to the Order. Those lengths of road are as follows:
Part 1
That length of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road from a point 120 metres or thereby northwest of The Pulpit Rock Monument to a point 524 metres or thereby southeast of The Pulpit Rock Monument, a distance of 644 metres or thereby.
Part 2
That length of the southbound A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road from a point 103 metres or thereby northwest of the access to Stuckendroin Farm, to a point 120 metres or thereby northwest of The Pulpit Rock Monument, in a southwards direction of travel, a distance of 1000 metres or thereby.
That length of the northbound A82 Dalnottar-Inverness Trunk Road from a point 120 metres northwest of The Pulpit Rock Monument to a point 245 metres southeast of the access to Stuckendroin Farm, in a northwards direction of travel, a distance of 650 metres.
This Order continues in effect the prohibitions over the length of road in Part 1 of the schedule to the Order which are currently in force in the A82 Trunk Road (Pulpit Rock Improvement) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic and Overtaking and Speed Restriction) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/138). That Order ceases to have effect on 1st July 2014.
This Order, which is required because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the said length of road to allow construction work to take place, and will allow the current works to continue, will be in operation from 2nd July 2014 until 9th November 2014 and will only have effect in relation to such length of the road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in connection with the works.
Alternative routes for the traffic during the prohibition will be signposted.
A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/legal-requirements/road-and-traffic-orders/TROS>
For information about roadworks on motorways and trunk roads visit www.trafficscotland.org.uk
AC MCLAUGHLIN
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF

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FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT
John McFadzean has registered their croft 6 and 7 Kinlochell, Kilmallie Parish on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 12th February 2015. Details of the Registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The Croft Registration number is C182.

Proposed Division of a Croft by Owner-occupier Crofter
Mr William Alexander MacGillivray is applying to divide the croft at 221 Acharacle, Argyll into two new crofts.
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.
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the SERVICE POINT, LOCHABER HOUSE, HIGH STREET, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6EL and online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk>
Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
14/02248/FUL	Land 300m NE of Sunnyside Croft, Bunacalmb, Arisaig	New access and closure of existing access

Time period for comments is 14 days
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PLANNING
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01382/PP	Amended design relative to planning permission 11/02050/PP (Demolition of studio, erection of replacement dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access).	The Bungalow Studio Tiroran Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA69 6ES	Sub Post Office Bunnassan Isle of Mull
14/01432/PP	Renewal of planning permission 09/00467/DET - Proposed external alterations to building to accommodate an ancillary coffee room.	Matheson's of Oban Tweedmill Sornba Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4HQ	Oban Area Office
14/01488/PP	Renewal of planning permission 11/01325/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse - amended design to 06/00758/DET)	Plot 2 Arduaine Caravan Park Arduaine 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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01369/LIB	Alterations and extensions including demolition of existing porch on south elevation and installation of dormer windows and rooflights.	Rock Cottage Port Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4DE	Sub Post Office Ledaig

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

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01039/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Pennycraig Smiddy House Bowmore Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01429/PP	Formation of two dormer windows and installation of patent glazing	Bowmore Hotel 30 Jamieson Street Bowmore Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA43 7HL	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilthead PA31 8RD.
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- **The Co-Homer** – lives under one roof with adult children and elderly parents, needs multiple bathrooms, multi-functional living spaces and lots of storage to accommodate the entire family.



- **The First Timer** – looking to get on the housing ladder with a partner or a house share with friends, prefers low maintenance property as they have used most of their funds scraping together a deposit.

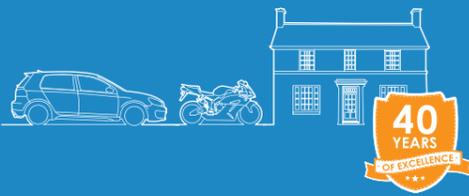
To find out which type of home buyer you are, go to www.nhbc.co.uk/homebuyerquiz. The survey results highlight

that many home buyers would be well-suited to new build homes, which bring many benefits such as low maintenance and high savings on utility bills

Mike Quinton, Chief Executive, NHBC, said: "The UK's housing market is on an upward trend, and now is the time that many people are thinking about purchasing a new home. NHBC's new quiz identifies the six different personality types of UK homebuyers and what attracts them to a property.

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GLANCY - Scott and Linn (nee Breslin) are delighted to announce the birth of their son Struan, born on June 10, 2014. SMITH - Christopher and Valerie (nee McCall) are delighted to announce the arrival of Sophie Isla on June 16, 2014. A sister for Emily, a fifth grand-daughter for Hugh and Netta Smith of Bowmore, Islay and a second grand-daughter for Tom and Sandra McCall of Pulpit Drive, Oban.

ENGAGEMENTS

MURDOCH - RUTHERFORD - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Caroline Murdoch, Oban and Craig Rutherford, Fionnphort, on June 3, 2014.

DEATHS

BEGBIE - Mona (nee Addison) - Peacefully at Louisebrae Care Home, Perth on Wednesday June 18, 2014. Mona beloved wife of Pat. Private family funeral. The family wish to extend special thanks to Louisebrae Care Home staff, also sincere thanks to those who provided such good care and attention to Mona during her recent illness.

BOYD - Peacefully at the Belford Hospital, on Tuesday June 17, 2014, Anthony 'Tony' Boyd, aged 84 years, beloved husband of Lily, much loved father of Caroline, David and the late Alexander, cherished granddad of George, Catrina and Alexander. A dear brother, brother-in-law and friend to many. A private service was held at Inverness Crematorium as requested by Tony. Arrangements by John McLellan Funeral Directors.

CLARK - Suddenly at home, 7 Logie Gardens, Lochee, Dundee, on June 20, 2014, Robert (Tam), aged 50 years. Dearly loved husband and best friend of Lynn, much loved dad of Kelly, Gemma and Laura. Beloved son of Margaret and the late Alexander (Tam), 9 Dalintart Drive, Oban. Dear brother of Alec, Peter, Isobell, Jean and the late Lindsay and a loving brother-in-law, son-in-law, uncle and great uncle. Sadly missed by all.

CRAIG - Isabella (Isa). Suddenly at home on June 11, 2014 loving wife of Peter Craig and much loved sister-in-law and aunt. Sadly missed by all.

DINGWALL - Caol formerly Corpach - Peacefully at the Belford Hospital, on Sunday June 22, 2014, Norma Dingwall, beloved wife of the late David, a loving sister of Sandra. Graveside ceremony to be held at Kilmallie Cemetery on Friday June 27 2014, at 2pm. All friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be given to the Blind Society. Arrangements by John McLellan Funeral Directors.

HAY - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on June 12, 2014, in his 79th year, Hugh Clark Hay, beloved husband of Elizabeth, a dear father and grandfather. Sadly missed.

HUME - Peacefully at home on June 22, 2014, Captain John William Hume, MBE. Beloved husband of Anne, father of Anne, Peter, Ailsa and a much loved Papa. Funeral service at Daldoiwie Crematorium, Broomhouse, Glasgow on Friday June 27 at 12 noon.

MACALLISTER - Peacefully at home on June 23, 2014 in her 85th year, Isabella MacAllister (Bella) beloved sister of Douglas. Sadly missed.

MATHESON - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on the June 15, 2014, in his 72nd year, Duncan Matheson, much loved husband of Elsie and a dear father to Joyce, sorely missed.

MCLARTY - On June 23, 2014, peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, (Archibald) Archie, of Barnlaunich, Barbreck, in his 80th year, beloved husband and dearly loved father of Aileen and Sandy. Funeral service at Kilmartin Parish Church, on Friday, June 27 at 1.30 pm, interment thereafter at Kilmartin Churchyard, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Care.

PENSWICK - Elizabeth Doreen, of Bridge of Awe died on June 20, 2014, widow of Alan Penswick. Funeral service on Thursday June 26 2104, at Muckkairn Church, Taynuilt at 1pm. No flowers. Donations to Marie Curie and North Argyll Patients Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CRAVEN - The family of the late Effie Craven would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Special thanks to all at the Lynn of Lorne care home for their excellent care. Thanks to John, Bob and Elizabeth for the

lovely service at the graveside and to Catriona at Hamish Hoey and Son for her support and organisation of the funeral arrangements. Thanks to the Oban Bay for the catering and also thanks to all who paid their last respects at the graveside.

MACNEIL - Jimmy, Kirsty, Paul and family want to thank all family and friends for their kind words and sympathy and Donald MacKinnon for a wonderful service.

MEMORIAM

BARRIE - Treasured memories of my dear husband Clelland, passed away July 2, 2012. No longer in my life to share But in my heart you're always there. - Your loving wife Ann.

BILLIMORE - In loving memory of Ball, taken from us on July 1, 2005. Time is swiftly passing by But love and memories never die.

- Love Sheena and family x

CAMERON - In loving memory of our dear parents and grandparents Annette, who passed away June 30, 2013 and John (Ian) on April 2, 1997. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts - Mairi, John and families

CAMERON - Precious memories of a loving mum and nana, Annette (Annie), taken from us June 30, 2013. Loved and remembered every day. - Margaret, Alasdair, Kerry, Diane, John and Laura.

CHISHOLM - In memory of my dear son, Scott, who died June 20, 1992. This time comes with sad regret The day, the hour, I will never forget You slipped away without goodbye My love for you will never die. - Dad.

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, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who passed away June 26, 2004. Memories live forever. - Iain, Chrissie and family

HAMILL - In loving memory of Frank, who passed away on June 30, 2010. Forever in my heart. - From his loving wife Margaret

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, Arienne and Jean.

MACALLISTER - In loving memory of our dear mother Morag, taken from us suddenly on July 1, 2013. Sadly missed, always in our thoughts. - The MacAllister family

MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my dear husband Duncan, who died June 27, 1998. Father, father-in-law and grand-dad. Time slips by but memories stay Loved and remembered every day. - Your loving wife Flora and family.

MACINTYRE - In loving memory of my dear mother Mary Ann MacEachen, who passed away June 25, 1998. RIP. The years pass by but memories stay Love and remembered always. - Inserted by her loving daughter Flora

MACLEAN - In loving memory of my dear mother Margaret, who passed away June 25, 2000. Always in our thoughts - Ronnie and Iain.

MACLEAN - In loving memory of Charlie, who passed away June 28, 2008. No words can describe what I feel inside.

- Love and miss you always Isa xx

MACLEAN - In loving memory of a special papa, who passed away June 28, 2008. I talk about you every day and remembering our special times we shared. - Love and miss you always Diane xx

MACLEOD - In loving memory of Lewis, who passed away on June 23, 2007. Mere words cannot say how much you're loved and remembered every day. - Mum xxx

MACPHEE - In loving memory of our mother Marion, who died June 27, 2013. - Sadly missed by all the family home and away.

MACPHEE - Treasured memories of my dear mother Marion Lawrie, passed away June 21, 1992. Twenty two years since you went away Loved and remembered everyday. - Janis, Dugald and family.

McGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my husband Hamish and our dad, who passed away June 27, 2010. We miss you now our hearts are sore

As time goes by we miss you more

Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one will ever fill your place And those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day. Love you always. - Pat, Raymond and Isabel-Ann.

REID - In loving memory of my beloved husband Alasdair, who passed away June 27, 2009. Always in my thoughts Forever in my heart. - Ann.

STEWART - In loving memory of a dear mother and granny Nan, who died June 25, 2002. Gone are the days we used to share But in our hearts you are always there - Catherine, Kenneth, Margaret and families.

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Bishop Toal installed at new parish

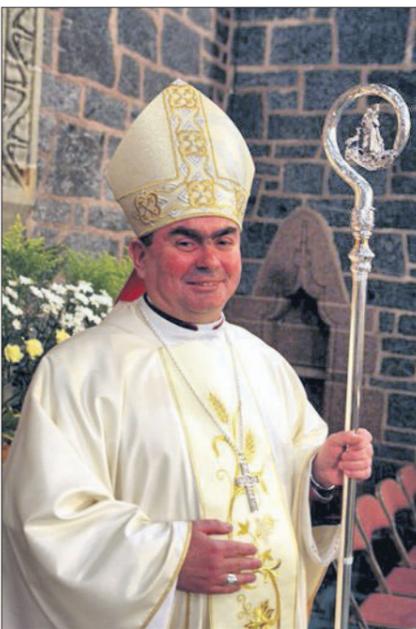
A PILLAR of the Catholic community in Argyll has been installed as Bishop of Motherwell.

The Rt. Rev Joseph Toal has become the fifth Bishop of Motherwell. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral on Monday, the appointment having been announced by Pope Francis in April.

Born in Inverness on October 13, 1956, Bishop Toal was brought up in the village of Roy Bridge in Lochaber. He was a member of St Margaret's parish, and was ordained priest by Bishop Colin MacPherson in St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban on July 10, 1980.

Bishop Toal's first appointment was as assistant priest in St. Peter's, Dalburgh, South Uist, where he spent three years before moving to Blair's College. On the closure of Blair's in 1986 he returned to his diocese and was parish priest in St. Michael's, Ardkenneth, South Uist from 1986 to 1991. He was parish priest at St Kieran's in Campbeltown from 1991 to 1993 and St. Mary's Benbecula from 1993 to 1999. In 1999 he became spiritual director in the Royal Scots College, in Spain. After a year as vice-rector he was appointed rector of the college in 2005.

On October 16, 2008 it was announced that Father Toal



Bishop Joseph Toal.

had been nominated by Pope Benedict XVI as Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, and was ordained at St Columba's Cathedral in Oban later that year. Rev Toal's appointment will see him lead Scotland's second largest diocese.

Thought for the week

Seekers found

Can we find certainty in faith? The ranks of the faithful are being eroded by individuals seeking their own spiritual path and fulfilment. 'Religion' is being replaced by 'spirituality'. Seekers in the spiritual market place visit many fascinating stalls. There are gurus versed in the traditions of the orient, mystics with arcane knowledge of astrology and foresight and healers from many traditions, to name but a few possibilities.

Shopping around is interesting perhaps exciting. But what happens when seekers chance upon that sought after, rare jewel? Does its discovery threaten to end the exciting search? If scepticism and a questioning mind are 'cool', if doubt is the only certainty, then is commitment just plain boring? But one day, in everyone's life, especially in times of trial, a word will come, a word that gives an assurance of faith in things unseen, a light to guide. This is a crucial moment of decision. Do we commit ourselves to that word as a sure foundation for faith, for hope and for the way we live? Or does the search go on?

David James, Glenclutten House, Oban



Kilchrenan village hall was the venue for the Churches Forever Social Supper.

Kilchrenan and Dalavich parish hosts supper

A CHURCHES Forever social supper recently took place at the Kilchrenan village hall to bring together different church-goers and non church-goers.

It was organised by the Churches Forever committee of the Parish of Kilchrenan and Dalavich.

The evening, on June 13, was arranged to find a common de-

sire to see the churches move forward, with security, into the future with ongoing exchanges of information and ideas.

On arrival, members of the community were encouraged to mix and chat and prompted to write down their ideas, comments and questions, regarding the churches, on the various wall charts and posters.

Session clerk, Ann Urwin, welcomed nearly 50 people, before Rev Robert Brookes said grace and guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

Next came an open forum with members of the kirk session, treasurer, fabric convener and everyone in the hall participating. This was so successful that it had to be called to an end at

10pm. Isobel Grant, a very nearly new mum, competently summed up the evening expressing her passion for the church and the church family, what it has meant to her growing up in Kilchrenan and her hope that the long term future of both the churches will be assured for the sake of the next generation.

Lorne Highland games 2014 results

Shinty: 1 Lochside Rovers, 2 Camanachd; Rugby: 1 Oban Lorne RFC Ladies red team, 2 Oban Lorne RFC Ladies striped team.

Piping events: Open solo piping: 1 Gordon McCredie, 2 Ewan Dewar, 3 Rhuairidh Edwards, 4 Neil Jordan, 5 Ian MacIntyre, 6 Calum MacLean.

Track events: 90m: open HC 1 Ben McCullough Young, Oakley, 9.12 (previous record 9.3), 2 Donald Tod, Comrie, 3 Callum Innes, Glasgow; Local men: 1 John McCallum, Campbeltown, 10.64 (previous record 11.27), 2 Jonathan Rockhead, Oban, 3 Matthew Turner, Campbeltown; Local women: 1 Audrey Barr, Oban, 14.62 (current record 12.92), 2 Julie Campbell, Oban, 3 Veronica Speirs, Oban; 200m: open HC: 1 Donald Tod, Comrie, 20.92 (previous record 21.04), 2 Callum Innes, Glasgow, 3 John McCallum, Campbeltown;

400m: open HC: 1 John McCallum, Campbeltown, 55.54 (previous record 58.64), 2 Craig Tomison, Oban, 3 William Bates, Tullibody; 800m: open HC: 1 Craig Tomison, Mull 01:54.2 (previous record 01:55.68), 2 Matthew Turner, Campbeltown 3 William Bates, Tullibody; 1600m: open HC: 1 Matthew Turner, Campbeltown, 04:25.2 (current record 04:22.9), 2 Craig Tomison, Oban, 3 John Bates, Menstrie; Hill race: Men: 1 Tom Smith, Lochaber, 13:06.4 (previous record 13:17), 2 Colin Downie, Mercia, 13:29.3 Craig Tomison, Mull, 14:52, 4 Gordon Binnie, Oban, 17:25, 5 Colin Downie, Mercia, 20:06, 6 Alex Geirmundsson, Norway 21:29; Hill race: Women: 1 Jo Smith, Oban, 18:21; Mixed relay: 1 John MacCallum's team, 2 Craig Tomison's team.

Field events: Long jump: open: 1 Jordan Charters, Peebles 1' 6.5" (previous record 21' 1.5"), 2 Donald Todd, Comrie, 3 Calum Innes, Glasgow, 4 Angus Sinclair, Colntraive, 5 Jonathan Rocheid, Oban, 6 John MacCallum, Campbeltown; Triple jump: open: 1 Donald Todd, Comrie, 42' 7" (current record 45' 5"), 2 Jordan Charters, Peebles, 3 Angus Sinclair, Colntraive, 4 William Bates, Tullibody; High jump: open: 1 Angus Sinclair, Colntraive, 1.9m (previous record 1.8m) 2 Jordan Charters, Peebles, 3 Calum Innes, Glasgow, 4 Donald Todd, Comrie.



Chic Masterton with Elizabeth Elliot, left, and Treena Watson, from Canada, the first three in the welly boot throw. 15.12610me15

Heavy events: light hammer: open: 1 Lorne Colthart 122' 4.5" (current record 129' 5"), 2 Lucas Wenta, 3 Bruce Robb, 4 Craig Nicholson, 5 Heisi Geirmundsson, 6 Stuart Anderson; Local: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 David Calderwood, 3 Andrew Johnston; heavy hammer: open: 1 Lorne Colthart, 101' 10" (current record 109' 5"), 2 Bruce Robb, 3 Lucas Wenta, 4 Heisi Geirmundsson, 5 Stuart Anderson, 6 Craig Nicholson; Shot putt 16lb: open: 1 Lucas Wenta, 53' 10" (previous record 49' 8"), 2 Lorne Colthart, 3 Heisi Geirmundsson, 4 Bruce Robb, 5 Stuart Anderson, 6 Neil Elliot; Local: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 David Calderwood, 3 Andrew Johnston; Shot putt 22lb: open: 1 Lorne Colthart, 44' 1" (previous record 41' 5"), 2 Lucas Wenta, 3 Heisi Geirmundsson, 4 Stuart Anderson, 5 Bruce Robb, 6 Neil Elliot; Caber: open: 1 Lorne Colthart, 2 Lucas Wenta, 3 Bruce Robb, 4 Neil Elliot, 5 Heisi Geirmundsson, 6 Stuart Anderson; 28lb weight for distance: 1 Lorne Colthart 73' 2" (current record 81' 4.5"), 2 Lucas Wenta, 3 Bruce Robb, 4 eq Neil Elliot, 4 eq Stuart Anderson, 6 Heisi Geirmundsson;

Local 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 Lucas Wenta, 3 David Calderwood; 56lb weight over bar: 1 Bruce Robb 40' 4", 2 eq Lucas Wenta, 2 eq Heisi Geirmundsson, 2 eq Lorne Colthart, 5 eq Neil Elliot, 5 eq Stuart Anderson. Tug o' war: open: 1 Oban Lorne RFC, 2 The Americans. Junior events: 90m youth: HC: 1 Scott Black, Oban, 9.72 (previous record 9.77), 2 Ewan Bradley, Inverness; Boys:

distance: youth boys: 1 Murdo Masterson, Oban, 68' 7" (current record 19.4m) 2 Cullen Calderwood, Oban, 3 Craig Calderwood, Oban; Mixed youth relay: 1 Ewan Bradley's team, 2 Scott Black's team; 90m primary: 1 Sean Bates, Tullibody, 11.02, 2 Steven Bates, Tullibody, 3 Finlay McLean, Oban; 200m Primary: 1 Sean Bates, Tullibody, 25.3, 2 Steven Bates, Tullibody, 3 Finlay McLean, Oban; 400m primary: 1 Finlay McLean, Oban 53.42, 2 Sean Bates, Tullibody, 3 Steven Bates Tullibody.

Dog show: man's best friend (over 10 years): 1 Kia, Roy Armstrong, 2 Twix, Phil Henderson, 3 Lilly, Janette Peters; friendliest puppy (under 2 years): 1 Bramble, Helen Jordan, 2 Jack, Jan Robson, 3 Moss, Jo Smith; Best working dog: 1 Sam, Shirley MacLean, 2 Buddy, Nima Carter; Best female: 1 Poppy, Ann Bruce, 2 Megan, Judith Piggott, 3 Frisa, Carol MacNiven; Best male: 1 Alfie, Judith McGregor, 2 Robbie Burns, Molly Gresswell, 3 Blake, Iain Brown; Best in show: 1 Bramble, Helen Jordan, 2 Poppy, Ann Bruce, 3 Kia, Roy Armstrong. Welly throwing: Charles Masterton, 26m.

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HAVING been the dominant forces in south shinty since the turn of the century, Inveraray and Kyles are used to making history in the Celtic Society Cup. But only one set of players will be making their mark on the trophy come the final whistle at Old

Anniesland this Saturday. Kenny MacDonald, the 51-year-old Kyles goalkeeper is appearing in his 14th Celtic Cup final, 31 years after his first appearance in 1983. He has collected six winner's medals and been on the losing side seven times, crucially four of those have been at the

hands of Inveraray. Kenny and son Roddy, already have their place in the Celtic Cup hall of fame as being the only father and son combination to win medals as team mates in a final. This weekend they are looking to win their third medal together; the others were won in 2011 and 2013.

Andrew McMurdo, captain of Inveraray, is aiming to be only the fourth player to have twice captained the winning team in a Celtic Cup final, having lifted the trophy for the Royal Burgh in 2009. The other players who hold this distinction are Scott Robertson of Inveraray, Gordon MacIntyre of Oban Camanachd and John

Kennedy of Glencoe in 1881 and 1882.

Andrew also already has his name in the hall of fame. With brother Euan, they are the only twins to be Celtic Cup winning captains.

Two other participants in Saturday's final have already attained distinction in the competition. Goal judges John MacGregor and Alex MacVicar are no strangers to Celtic Cup success, as both were members of the Oban Camanachd team that won eight in a row from 1987. Alex was winning captain in 1989 and John in 1994.

The Celtic Cup is unique in being the only shinty competition where the name of the winning captain is engraved on

the trophy. On Saturday, Colin MacKellar, grandson of Alexander MacKellar of Glasgow Cowal, the first winning captain back in 1879, will be a guest of the Glasgow Celtic Society. This year's final is also the 50th anniversary of the first shinty match to be broadcast live on BBC Scotland.

The 1964 final between Glasgow Mid Argyll and Kyles Athletic was shown in Scotland in lieu of the FA Cup final. GMA, made up almost entirely of Argyll natives, won 4-3 on the day. Oban man Iain MacIntyre, now aged 82, will be a guest at this year's final, along with eight other surviving members of that GMA team.

TEAM LINES

Kyles Athletic

Trainer James Perlich
Inveraray will be desperate to get this trophy back, so we have to be ready for them from the off.

It is a great trophy - the oldest in our sport - and the boys always set out to win this one at the beginning of the season. I like Old Anniesland as a venue and it helps to make the occasion of a final. When it comes to playing Inveraray it depends on which team turns up on the day - it really is that close to call most of the time.

We know exactly how each other plays, so the tone of the match will be set from the start. Either we have a high scoring encounter or nothing at all but I hope it is a good game.

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- 2 Calum Miller
- 3 Iain MacDonald
- 4 Andrew King
- 5 Donald Irvine
- 6 Duncan Kerr
- 7 David Zavaroni
- 8 Robbie MacLeod
- 9 Grant Irvine
- 10 Thomas Whyte (capt)
- 11 Roberto Zavaroni
- 12 Roddy Macdonald

- 14 Collin Macdonald
- 15 Rupert Williamson
- 16 Cammy Keith
- 17 Zac Coley
- 18 Leighton Reid

Inveraray

Manager Garry MacPherson
I won't be changing anything about our preparations this weekend because every game has been a cup final for us of late.

We got off to a bad start and with the league reducing to eight teams we have gone out to win every game in order to survive. We have played Kyles a lot and in my experience both teams tend to get the same amount of chances - it depends on who takes theirs on the day.

It is too tight a game to pass up an opportunity but if you do, you just have to work harder to get another one. Our scoring touch has come in the past few weeks and we have been pretty consistent. We don't need any more motivation than the feeling of losing this final to Kyles last season.

- 1 Graham MacPherson
- 2 Allan MacDonald
- 3 Andrew McMurdo (capt)
- 4 Nicholas Crawford
- 5 John Kennedy
- 6 Ali MacDonald
- 7 David Robertson
- 8 Christopher Crawford
- 9 Peter MacIntyre
- 10 Grant Griffin
- 11 Neil Campbell
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STV weatherman Sean bowls them over

STV weatherman Sean Batty was making no bold forecasts ahead of Oban Bowling Club clash with Campbeltown at the Oban green on Saturday. Sean, who was in Oban for his Highland Fling fundraiser met up with Oban president Iain Boyd, left, and his Stronvaar, Campbeltown, counterpart Jimmy Anderson before the Gents Top Ten match. Stronvaar went on to whitewash their hosts with victory in the singles, pairs, triples and fours games to book their place in the next round of the Argyll competition. 16.126bowl501

Robert wins top event by six shots

Henry Cooper Junior Masters won with impressive score of 15 under par

OBAN'S Robert MacIntyre recorded another highlight of his fledgling career with a sensational six-shot win at one of the most prestigious junior titles in UK golf.

The 17-year-old, who plays at Glencruitten Golf Club, won the Henry Cooper Junior Masters at Nizels Golf Club in Kent with an impressive score of 15 under - six shots clear of fellow Scot Murray Naysmith.

Robert produced a stunning six-under par final round of 66 to lift the trophy.

Speaking after the win, Robert said on facebook: 'What a week. Thanks a million to everyone for their support this week. Couldn't have done it without the support.'

It's the latest big final round performance from left-hander MacIntyre, a pupil of Scottish Golf Academy coach George Boswell.

Robert fired three consecutive 66s to win the Scottish Boys Stroke Play Championship last year at The Roxburgh, and his latest win adds to his growing collection of major age-group events, having also captured the 2013 Golf Data Lab Scottish Youths Championship.

He was one of four young Scots to represent Great Britain and Ireland's boys in last year's victorious Jacques Leglise team and he follows an impressive list of former winners of the Henry Cooper Junior Masters event, including European Tour stars

Joost Luiten and Tom Lewis. Scottish Golf Performance Development Manager, Kevin Cademy-Taylor, was delighted with the latest win.

'Our congratulations to Bob on another impressive win and it was great to see Murray Naysmith also performing so well this week.'

'The players, coaches and support staff within the Scottish Golf Academy are working hard on all aspects of the game and we're very encouraged by recent results and the progress of so many talented young players who are coming through the programme.'

Donnie MacLean Sixes Tournament at Spean Bridge

YOUTH SHINTY

THE Donnie MacLean Sixes Tournament for Under 14 sides is set for Sunday September 14 in Spean Bridge.

This event is a great day for all young shinty players and host club, Lochaber Camanachd, look forward to another successful tournament. For more information and to enter a team, contact Aileen Campbell at aileenrcampbell@hotmail.co.uk.



Dalmally

DALMALLY Golf Club's annual Gents Open Team Stableford competition will take place on Sunday July 6.

Teams of three golfers take part in the popular competition, which in the past has attracted upwards of 30 teams from around the country.

Entries can be lodged via the club's website or by contacting the organiser on 07867 318583.

Taynuilt

LADIES: Action Research Stableford played June 17: 1 Sally Thompson 40 (30) 2 Moira MacVicar 33 (28) 3 Alice MacCalman 31 (26).

Gents: Club championship 3rd round handicap plus 1st round MacDougall played June 22: 1 Mark Grant 59 (17) 2 Jim Carmichael 59 (09) 3 Paul Walton 59 (14)

Club championship handicap after three rounds: 1 Andrew Diggory 186 (59 62 65); 2 Mark Henriksen 190 (62 62 66) 3 Mark Grant 193 (59 65 69).

Senior's open ladies played June 18: 1 Sandra Elliott (Taynuilt GC) 37 pts (26); 2 Jean Stark (Carnwath GC) 32 pts (28); 3 Liz Mudie (Taynuilt GC) 32 pts (32).

Longest drive: Jill Stewart (Taynuilt GC). Nearest the pin: Sue Asher (Taynuilt GC)

Senior's open gents played 18 June: 1 Andrew Swan (Lochgilphead GC) 38 pts (13); 2 Allan Stewart (Taynuilt GC) 38 pts (11); 3 Jeremy Church (Taynuilt GC) 37 pts (26).

Longest drive: John MacEachen (Glencruitten GC) Nearest the Pin: John Struthers (Hilton Park GC).



The prizewinners at this year's Glencruitten Golf Club Pro-Am. 16.126proam01

Pro-Am proves to be another success

A GOLF professional who played Glencruitten golf course in Oban for the first time last Saturday described his experience as 'epic'.

Greig Hutcheson, from Aberdeenshire's Paul Lawrie Golf Centre, was the top scoring professional at this year's two-day Pro-Am at Glencruitten Golf Club.

Picking up a bottle of Oban malt whisky as part of his prize, Greig said: 'This is the first time

I have been over to play the west coast and your golf course here is epic.

'It has some phenomenal holes; the 15th is one of the best par threes in Scotland.

'I have had a really good time and I am looking forward to coming back.'

The leading amateur player on the Friday was George MacKenzie.

Results: Professional: 1 Greg Hutcheon 120 (-4); 2 Craig Gordon 123 (-1); 3 Jason

McCreadie, Scott Henderson, Chris Kelly 125 (-1).

Saturday: Leading Team - 1 Jonathan MacMillan, Glen Burrett and Roman Johnston; 2 David Hamilton, Stephen Plunkett and Peter Campbell; 3 Allan MacPhee, Niall MacFarlane and Jordan Campbell; 4 Stephen Shaw, Peter McCuish, Robert Martin; 5 Jonathan MacMillan, David McKechnie and Aulay Dunn.

Friday: Leading Amateur - George MacKenzie - 55; 2 Dale Robertson - 56; 3 John Plunkett - 57. Closest to the Hole: 2nd - Matt Rippon, 13th - Peter McCuish, 15th - Allan McKie.

West Highland Tennis Week to encourage local players

LOCAL events will be a major focus for the organisers of this year's West Highland Tennis Week, which takes place from this Sunday.

Running until July 6, the tournament begins with junior days and confined local events before the top seeds arrive from all over the country in the latter part of the week.

The first Sunday sees the Argyll Derby Day, an event designed to increase participation in the sport across Argyll.

Wednesday sees the S1/2 boys' and girls' events, with the S3 - S6 boys' competition and the primary school fun games the following day.

Thursday to Sunday are the championship events with players from all over Scotland

plus an American squad from John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in Texas coming to Oban for a great weekend of tennis and social events.

Tournament referee Mary MacLean said: 'On Sunday to Wednesday the focus is on Argyll and local events, encouraging adults and young people to play tennis. This fits in with LTA and Tennis Scotland aim to increase participation.'

'The aim is to get more people, old and young, playing tennis. We do really want anyone interested to come along and join in.'

For more details, contact Mary at marymcl160@hotmail.com



Robert MacIntyre with the Henry Cooper Junior Masters trophy.



Argyll and Bute Youth Games

Stewart McAllister of Oban High School, in the blue and white top, takes on an opponent at this year's Argyll and Bute Secondary Youth Games. For more on this event see next week's Oban Times. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Athletes out in force at Mid Argyll sports day

THERE was an entry of 120 young athletes at the Mid Argyll Annual Sports Day, held at Lochgilphead Joint Campus School on Sunday, June 15. The competition attracted young athletes from Oban, Mull and Kintyre.

Both girls and boys competed in under-7, under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-17 age groups.

Liz Shields from Dalintober primary was the under-7 girls winner ahead of Kirstie Renton from Castlehill in second place and Catriona Johnstone from Lochgilphead in third.

Anna Gemmill from Carradale won the under-9s, ahead of Claudia Graham from Dalintober in second and Violet Campbell from Glenbarr in third. Anna won the 200m, 400m, high jump and javelin on her way to victory.

The winner of the under-11 girls' age group was Jilly Lefebvre from Kilmichael Glassary, who came first in the 60m, 200m, 400m, high jump and long jump.

Kirsten Blair from Crinan was second, ahead of Amy Gibson from Bunesnan, Mull in third.

Nicola McKerral was the under-13 champion after wins in the 60m and 200m. Runner-up was Rachael Johnstone from Lochgilphead primary, with Jodie Robertson from Lochgilphead, Hannah Teape from Taynuilt and Chloe Gibson from Bunesnan sharing third place.

Jenny Semple from Campbeltown Grammar School was under-15 champion ahead of Molly Reade from Tobermory.

Jenny excelled on the track, winning the 200m, 800m 1500m and the long jump. Erin Downie from Lochgilphead, and Ruth Turner from Campbeltown shared third place.

Freya Corner from Inveraray won the under-17s competition

ahead of Isla MacKinnon from Campbeltown, with Freya winning the high jump, shot putt, 800m and 1500m on her way to victory. Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig was third overall.

Calum Green from Lochgilphead was the under-7 boys champion with wins in the 60m, 200m and javelin, finishing ahead of Sam Gillespie from Lochgilphead and Max Graham from Campbeltown.

Ruaraidh Campbell from Glenbarr won the under-9 age group with wins in the 200m and 400m, ahead of James Campbell from Ardrishaig primary in second place and Murray MacDonald from Lochgilphead in third.

Daniel Teape from Taynuilt won the under-11 age group with first place finishes in the 400m, 800m, high jump and long jump. Gregor Campbell was runner-up in this age group with Ben Maddox from Kilmartin coming

third. Archie Spencer, an S1 pupil at Lochgilphead High School, dominated won the under-13 boys contest, winning the 60m, 200m, javelin and shot putt. Sam Coates from Kilmore was runner-up, with Finbar Dunne from Oban and Cameron Campbell from Glenbarr joint third.

Paddy Dunne from Oban won the under-15 category with victories in the 60m, 200m and 400m.

Ryan Blackstock from Campbeltown was second overall, finishing one point behind Paddy. Iain Cameron from Campbeltown won the under-17 age group ahead of Theo Maddox from Kilmartin in second place.

Mid Argyll Athletic Club wishes to thank all the young athletes and their parents who supported the event and especially the visiting athletes who travelled to take part.



Some of the prizewinners at Taynuilt Senior Open

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Lovat cruise to MacTavish Cup final victory

RBS MacTavish Cup Final

LOVAT showed no nerves or fatigue as they saw off neighbours GLENURQUHART 5-1 on Saturday, to win The RBS MacTavish Cup Final.

Lovat manager Allan MacRae believes his young side are now becoming accustomed to handling the big occasions, having admitted he struggled to sleep before the final last year.

'It was quite noticeable that the players were relaxed,' said MacRae.

'Some of them were even saying they could sleep this year before the final and I think that shows, hopefully, that they are becoming more used to these games.'

'That's when they can play their best shinty and everyone did themselves justice on Saturday.'

Glenurquhart will reflect on how the game got away from them, preventing them from making their mark.

Greg Matheson, carrying a hamstring injury that would eventually force him off the field, struck first for Lovat with a low counter inside the opening five minutes.

Lewis MacLennan shot wide for Glenurquhart in 11 minutes but the Drumadrochit side found themselves chasing the game when Kevin Bartlett picked up a rebound, the Scotland man firing it into the net to make it 2-0.

That goal was followed quickly by an excellent Graeme MacMillan strike which soared beyond Stuart MacKintosh through a ruck of Glenurquhart defenders.

Chasing the game, Glenurquhart regrouped at the interval and looked a more compact side in the second half.

But they couldn't find the gears to test Lovat, who took a four-goal lead when Lorne MacKay dispatched a loose ball which flashed across the goalmouth.

Lewis MacLennan provided some late cheer for the Glenurquhart fans with a nice shot into the net on the turn with six minutes left.

However, MacKay's rifled shot from a clever free-hit was the final's last act and Lovat were once again cradling the Cup.

Both teams return to Orion Group Premiership duty this weekend with Lovat at home to Lochaber and Glenurquhart travelling to league leaders Newtonmore.

Orion Group Premiership

KINLOCHSHIEL sit second bottom of the Orion Group Premiership with four points from eight games.

This Saturday, they face a tough test at home to Kingussie with a 2pm throw-up time.

KINGUSSIE will face Kinlochshiel away from home this Saturday in the Orion Group Premiership, having had a free week last weekend.

The side are sitting fourth place in the league, with 11 points from nine games, the same as Glenurquhart in third.

The match has a 2pm throw-up time.

LOCHABER faced Inveraray on Saturday, drawing 2-2 at home.

Manager Robert Johnstone felt they should have won the match, and admits his side will face a tough game against Lovat this Saturday.

'We should have won the match on Saturday, I'm disappointed.'

'We're looking for a result on Saturday, but they'll be on a high after winning the MacTavish Cup at the weekend.'

'We have players back from injury and should be going into the game with a full squad, so hopefully we can get something from it.'

The match starts at 3pm.

NEWTONMORE manager P J MacKintosh thinks his side are in for a tough game this Saturday against Glenurquhart.

'It'll be a really difficult game, they'll be hurting after losing in the MacTavish Cup Final at the weekend,' he said.

'I'm sure they'll give us a hard, hard game.'

'Our boys are playing well though, and they'll definitely be up for it.'

Injury-wise, his side are missing Norman Campbell, Danny Macrae, Rory Kennedy and Chris Sellar.

The match has a throw-up time of 2pm.

National Division

GLENORCHY took the points in their match with Bute on Saturday, in a 3-1 victory, with goals from Graeme McKechnie and a Finlay Ross double.

The result leaves Glenorchy second-bottom with five points from nine games, while Bute are trailing at the bottom of the table with no wins or draws and having been deducted two points for failing to fulfil a fixture in March.

Glenorchy boss John Smith was pleased, saying: 'I'm happy with the result, the team played very well.'

'We had lots of youngsters playing on Saturday as we had 10 players missing through injuries, suspensions and other commitments.'

Glenorchy's first team have a free week on Saturday, with the second team facing Bute's second team at home.

Commenting on that tie, Smith said: 'We have a lot of youngsters in our second team.'

'Bute have been doing quite well recently, and it'll be a good, entertaining game, I'm sure.'

KILMALLIE took the points in their Marine Harvest North Division tie on Saturday, with a 4-1 victory at home.

Sebi Macmillan, Brian Mackay, Craig MacIsaac and a Michael Rodger penalty sealed their win against Beaulieu.

The win sees them retain their spot in second place, two points behind Oban Camanachd, with a game in hand.

This Saturday the side face Fort William at home, with a 2pm throw up time.

FORT WILLIAM managed to fire seven past Caberfeidh at the weekend, including an Arran MacPhee hat-trick, which leaves the side undefeated in the league.

Manager Victor Smith said: 'I'm delighted, that was one of the games we were worried about at the start of the season.'

'It was 2-1 to them at half time, then we reshuffled things slightly and had a great spell for about 15 minutes where we banged in four goals.'

The side face Kilmallie in a local derby on Saturday in a tie Smith is eagerly awaiting.

'It should be another cracker. It's a derby so there's no way of telling what will happen,' he said.

'It's a big game and great for the town.'

South Division One

BALLACHULISH travelled to the superb surface at the Dell in Kingussie last Saturday to take on Aberdour in the semi-final of the Balliemore Cup.

Aberdour took the lead through a fine strike from Angus Thornburn in the 20th minute but two Lorne Brown goals in the 28th and 33rd minutes edged Ballachulish in front.

David Grant then scored the goal of the game in the 42nd minute to give Ballachulish a 3-1 half time lead.

The second half was fairly level with both sides having chances but not taking them.

The game blew up in the 80th minute when Aberdour's Darren Coyle and David MacPhee were

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involved in a skirmish with MacPhee surprisingly being shown the red card.

Scott Henderson had the ball in the net in the 88th minute for Balla' but the goal was disallowed for offside.

Although reduced to 11 men Ballachulish held out fairly comfortably to win 3-1 which gives them a Balliemore Cup Final against a strong Skye side to look forward to.

Ballachulish face Oban Celtic at home this weekend.

OBAN CELTIC took the points in their match with Strachur on Saturday but despite the win, manager Davy Hamilton was far from pleased, with what he described as 'poor refereeing'.

'The game could've gone either way, but it was ruined by the referee, who was almost trying to make it a non-contact sport,' he said.

'Don't get me wrong, I know referees have a difficult job, but for an ex-player, we expected better.'

'I'm waiting on a reply from the referee trainer in Inverness because when the refereeing gets to that level you need to do something.'

Looking to this Saturday's game against Ballachulish, Hamilton said his side were in for a tough game.

'The game will be difficult enough, especially after losing a player who was sent-off on Saturday.'

'We'll look to consolidate on previous results and try to get something out of this game.'

The club has expressed condolences to the Clark family following the death of Robert (Tam) who was an influential player for the club in the 1980s.

LOCHSIDE ROVERS continued their recent good form on Saturday in the Marine Harvest South Division 1.

They took the points in a 5-2 victory over Taynuilt, with goals from Scott Dempster, Lorne Dickie, Ross MacMillan and a brace from Craig McDougall.

Lochside manager Ian MacIntyre said: 'The game was pretty even in the first half, with Lochside going ahead 3-2 just before half time.'

'In the second half we upped our game and ended up comfortable winners 5-2.'

'There were outstanding performances from our captain Craig McDougall and Scott Dempster.'

The result leaves Lochside Rovers in fourth place, with



Lovat captain Stuart Macdonald lifts the RBS MacTavish Cup after his team had beaten Glenurquhart 5-1 in the final at the Bught Park, Inverness last Saturday. Photo: Neil Paterson

Taynuilt bottom of the table.

STRACHUR failed to turn things around when they met Oban Celtic for the second time this season, again suffering a defeat at the hands of the North Argyll men.

The game was more evenly matched than in the first encounter when Oban Celtic put two goals past the Cowal keeper.

Both teams had managed to maintain a clean sheet last week until Oban's Kenny Witherspoon scored on the 85th minute.

A vital game for both teams, the Oban Celtic win has seen the team overtake both Strachur and Taynuilt in the South Division One League table.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Strachur play Taynuilt at home, throw up is at 2pm.

TAYNUILT faced Lochside Rovers on Saturday, losing 5-2 away from home.

Manager Davie Thomson thought his side were unlucky, having lost a key player due to injury, saying: 'I thought we played not too badly, the first half was pretty even until we lost our full-back David Campbell.'

'That upset us because he was our best player - if he'd stayed we might have won.'

'It feels like we've had a jinx this year, with four full-backs injured at some point.'

The result leaves the side bottom of the Marine Harvest Division 1, with three points from seven games.

The village side travel to play

Strachur on Saturday

so far this year in the league.

MacQuiston Cup Final

This Saturday sees the final of the under-17 MacQuiston Cup, to be held at Taynuilt.

OBAN CAMANACHD will face a combined side of INVERARAY and STRACHUR.

The sides met last year in the under-14 age group and Oban manager Ian Hay expects there to be several players who played in last year's tie playing again this year, with the under-17s being the next age group up from under-14s.

Ian said: 'I think it will be a good game, and a close game, judging on previous ones between the teams.'

'When we played them last year in the under-14s they beat us twice, and I would expect some players who played in that team to be playing for the under-17s this season.'

Canamachd's route to the final has included wins against Ballachulish, a 2-1 victory against rivals Oban Celtic and a comprehensive 12-0 victory against Aberdour.

Inveraray sealed their place defeating Kyles Athletic 1-0 and a 4-0 victory against Ballachulish in the semi-final.

Inveraray manager Ally Watt said of the final: 'I think it'll be a competitive game.'

'We've had some good victories but despite the score lines they were competitive games. I hope the boys play well and compete to a high standard.'

North Division One

SKYE had a free week on Saturday, with their junior team winning 5-2 away to Kilmallie.

This week, the first team will face Strathglass at home in the Marine North Harvest Division 1, with a 3pm throw-up time.

They will look to continue their good form, which has seen them win five out of five games



Fixtures

Saturday 28 June
AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup Final
Kyles Athletic v Inveraray
Lachie Wood - 4.05pm
(at Old Anniesland, Glasgow)

Strathdearn Plate Quarter Final
Lovat v Lewis
Robert Morrison - 12.30pm

Orion Group Premiership
Kinlochshiel v Kingussie
Deek Cameron
Lovat v Lochaber
Daniel MacRae - 3pm
Newtonmore v Glenurquhart
Evan MacRae

Marine Harvest National Division
Caberfeidh v Beaulieu
Innes Wood
Kilmallie v Fort William
John Angus Gillies - 3pm

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Beaulieu v Glenurquhart
Graham Cameron
Kingussie v Newtonmore
David Stafford
Skye v Strathglass
John Matheson - 3pm

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Ballachulish v Oban Celtic
Ron Kennedy
Strachur v Taynuilt
Colin MacDonald
Kilmory v Lochside Rovers
Billy Witherspoon

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Fort William v Aberdeen Uni
Andy MacLean
Lochcarron v Glengarry
Martin MacLean
Lochaber v Boleskine
Calum Girvan
Skye v Kinlochshiel
Ronnie Campbell - 12pm

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Glenorchy v Bute
Neil MacDonald

Marine Harvest North Division 3
Kilmallie v Caberfeidh
John Wood - 12pm
Lochbroom v Strathspey
Archie Ritchie

(All throw ups 2.00 unless stated)

Artemis Macaulay Cup quarter final
Glasgow MA 0 - Kyles Athletic

The Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup quarter final
Lochbroom v Fort William
Forfeited Field unplayable and Lochbroom unable to travel to Fort William

Balliemore Cup semi final
Aberdour 1 - 3 Ballachulish

Strathdearn Cup quarter final
Kilmallie 2 - 5 Skye

Orion Group Premiership
Lochaber 2 - 2 Inveraray

Marine Harvest National Division
Kilmallie 4 - 1 Beaulieu
Caberfeidh 2 - 7 Fort William
Glenorchy 3 - 1 Bute

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Kinlochshiel 2 - 3 Lochcarron
Boleskine 4 - 1 Aberdeen Uni
Glengarry 3 - 2 Lochaber

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Lochside Rovers 5 - 2 Taynuilt
Kyles Athletic 3 - 0 Kilmory
Oban Celtic 1 - 0 Strachur

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Bute v Glenorchy
Postponed - Glenorchy unable to field a team
Inveraray 3 - 2 Tayforth



A bit of keepy uppy from Lovat's Ryan Ferguson as Glenurquhart's Eddie Tembo closes him down. Photo: Donald Cameron



Newtonmore defeated Badenoch rivals Kingussie 3-1 to win the RBS Juvenile Cup last Saturday. Photo: Donald Cameron

The Orion Group Premiership							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	9	8	0	1	25	8	16
Lovat	8	6	1	1	22	9	13
Glenurquhart	9	5	1	3	15	19	11
Kingussie	9	5	1	3	20	16	11
Inveraray	11	3	3	5	17	23	9
Kyles Athletic	8	2	2	4	8	15	6
Kinlochshiel	8	2	0	6	11	18	4
Lochaber	10	0	2	8	11	31	2

Marine Harvest National Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oban Camanachd	7	6	0	1	19	5	11
Kilmallie	6	5	0	1	27	7	10
Beaulieu	9	4	0	4	20	18	9
Fort William	4	3	1	0	16	6	7
Caberfeidh	7	3	1	3	19	20	7
Glasgow MA	7	3	0	4	15	17	6
Glenorchy	9	2	1	6	11	29	5
Bute	7	0	0	7	5	31	-2

Bute docked two points for failing to fulfil a fixture

Marine Harvest North Division 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Skye	5	5	0	0	16	1	10
Newtonmore	8	4	1	3	22	10	9
Strathglass	7	4	1	2	22	13	9
Kingussie	7	3	1	3	18	20	7
Beaulieu	7	3	1	3	13	19	7
Glenurquhart	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Inverness	7	1	2	4	16	23	4
Lovat	7	1	0	6	7	28	2

Marine Harvest South Division 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kyles Athletic	8	5	2	1	29	10	12
Aberdour	7	4	2	1	21	13	10
Ballachulish	5	4	1	0	21	8	9
Lochside Rovers	8	3	2	3	22	25	8
Kilmory	9	2	1	6	11	17	5
Oban Celtic	6	2	1	3	5	19	5
Strachur	6	1	2	3	7	12	4
Taynuilt	7	1	1	5	16	28	3

Marine Harvest North Division 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glengarry	9	6	1	2	18	16	13
Fort William	6	5	0	1	22	12	10
Boleskine	10	5	0	5	25	32	10
Lochcarron	7	4	1	2	19	15	9
Aberdeen Uni	9	2	2	5	20	25	6
Skye	7	2	1	4	16	16	5
Lochaber	8	2	1	5	17	22	5
Kinlochshiel	8	2	2	4	17	16	4

Marine Harvest South Division 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tayforth	11	9	1	1	39	7	19
Inveraray	10	8	2	0	35	7	18
Col Glen	10	5	2	3	36	13	12
Glasgow MA	10	5	1	4	33	21	11
Ballachulish	11	4	0	7	19	36	8
Bute							

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Hamilton Accies retain Saints Youth Tournament trophy

Oban youngsters impress big crowd at Mossfield as they finish in second place



Player of the tournament - United's Ross Graham.

OBAN Saints Youths held their annual tournament at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday where seven teams took part in a round robin competition. Joining the Saints and Fort William boys were pro youth teams from Dundee United, Dundee, Clyde, Dumbarton, and last year's winners Hamilton Accies and it was the Accies who retained the trophy, going through the competition without losing a game although they had to fight all the way to beat a spirited Oban Saints team in the best game of the day. The local boys

led 1-0 at one stage but finally lost a close game 2-1. Hamilton Accies coach George Cairns was delighted at retaining the trophy. He said: 'We love coming to this competition. Everyone is so friendly and the football played is of a high standard.'

Praise
Brian Grant, the former Aberdeen player, now youth academy director at Dundee United was full of praise for the competition.

He said: 'I know the senior players from the club come to Oban but this is the first time the United youngsters have been to the tournament. We will certainly be back again next year - the boys loved it.'

At the end of the day Joe MacIntyre of main sponsor Oban Joinery Services presented the handsome trophy and medals to the winners.

Player of the tournament was

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Dundee United's Ross Graham with Daniel MacCuish winning the local player of the tournament award.

Alan MacLeod, chairman of Oban Saints Youths thanked the three referees, David Dunlop, John Scott and Tim Woodcock, Peter Darling for keeping the scores and announcing the games, all the helpers and the teams for taking part. A special thanks went to the Royal Hotel for providing food for the competing teams.

Results

Oban Saints 2, Fort William 0. Saints goalscorers were Craig Easton and Couper Munt; Fort William 0, Clyde 1; Oban Saints 1, Dumbarton 1. On target for Saints was Martin Rennie.

Dundee 0, Dundee United 1; Hamilton Accies 2, Clyde 1; Hamilton Accies 2, Dundee United 0.

Dundee 1, Dumbarton 0; Oban Saints 3, Clyde 1. Scoring for Saints were Craig MacMillan and Daniel MacCuish (2). Fort William 1, Dumbarton 1.

Hamilton Accies 3, Dumbarton 0; Clyde 0, Dundee United 0; Dundee 0, Oban Saints 1. Scoring for Saints was Daniel MacCuish.

Hamilton Accies 6, Fort William 1; Fort William 0, Dundee United 2; Dundee 0, Clyde 0.

Dumbarton 1, Clyde 0; Oban Saints 0, Dundee United 0; Dundee 4, Fort William 0.

Hamilton Accies 2, Oban Saints 1. Lewis Buchanan was on target for the Oban side. Dundee 1, Hamilton Accies 3; Dundee United 0, Dumbarton 2.



Oban Saints striker Lewis Buchanan wins this header during the game against Hamilton Accies. Photos: Stephen Lawson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hamilton Accies	6	6	0	0	18	2	18
2 Oban Saints	6	3	2	1	8	3	11
3 Dumbarton	6	2	2	2	5	5	8
4 Dundee United	6	2	2	2	3	4	8
5 Dundee	6	2	1	3	6	5	7
6 Clyde	6	1	2	3	2	6	5
7 Fort William	6	0	1	5	2	16	1



The youngsters from Hamilton Accies along with coaches George Cairns and Paul Friar celebrate retaining the Oban Youth Tournament trophy at Mossfield Stadium.

Saints prepare for D&K Cup Tournament

FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints are finalising arrangements for the D & K Lafferty Cup Tournament to be held at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruitten Park, Oban on Saturday July 12 kicking off at 11am.

Teams taking part are Hamilton Accies which won the tournament last year. Accies won promotion to the SPL after a nail-biting play-off with Hibs will be taking their first team squad to Oban.

Manager Alex Neil said: 'This is a well-run tournament and is ideal for pre-season match fitness. We will be taking our first team squad so we can give them all a good amount of game time.'

Alloa Athletic from the Scottish championship will also be taking their first team squad to Oban.

SPL sides Dundee United and St Johnstone will be fielding under 20 squads but may include any first team players who may need the match fitness.

Unfortunately Hearts have had to pull out of the competition so the Saints are still trying to get another professional team to take their place.

The Scottish Amateur League Premier Division champions are looking to strengthen their squad for the coming season as two or three of last season's squad won't be available for the new campaign so manager Iain Jackson is keen to recruit new players.

He said: 'We start pre-season training on Wednesday July 2 at the rugby club starting at 6.30pm so any new players will be made more than welcome.'

'The D&K Cup tournament and our pre-season friendlies will be an ideal chance for any new players to show us what they can do. I know a few boys might be a bit nervous at coming but they needn't be as everybody will get plenty of game time during the tournament and the four pre-season friendly matches we've organised.'

Oban and Fort William squash teams ready for action

SQUASH

THE SQUASH team season is under way again this year between Oban Squash Team and Fort William Squash Team.

Oban took the overall win last year and the team rivalry over the past two years has been intense.

Team coach Colin MacNiven said: 'This year Fort William have a very strong squad and so far have thrown everything at us, leading by five games after the two matches, but there are still four to go.'

'Fort William always have a strong squad with the father and son duo of Bruce and Alan Love heading their line-up, both of whom are top players in the Highland Squash Leagues.'

'We have up-and-coming players Grant Addison and Michael Kelly, who have performed fantastically so far under some strong pressure.'

Oban Sailing Club report all systems go for Round Mull race

SAILORS are getting set for one not to be missed diary date on the west coast - the Ardfern Yacht Centre and Owen Sails Round Mull Race that starts this Friday, June 27 over the weekend till Sunday June 29 2014.

Run by Oban Sailing Club, the round the island race follows the tried and tested format for this popular circumnavigation - Oban to Tobermory, Tobermory to Bunessan and Bunessan to Oban.

A seafood buffet courtesy of Forthit Food Service in Oban Sailing Club on Thursday evening precedes the race.

North West Marine with Tony Ratcliffe at the helm provides the main committee vessel for the event with T Barbour Fuels providing fuel support. Forthit Refrigeration and Heat Pump Solutions and Dimension Poly-

ant also support the event. This year's race officer will be Chris Owen, well-known sail designer and sailtrim coach.

The Friday evening prize-giving will be held in the famous Mishnish Hotel in Tobermory. A buffet/ceilidh dance will be held at Bunessan in the village hall with proceeds to the Ross of Mull Historical Society.

Nearly 40 boats have entered this year making the race one of the largest west coast events.

Said race co-ordinator Billy Forthit: 'We think the attraction of the race is the mix of excellent racing in scenic waters, great après sail entertainment at each venue and the variety of competing options.'

'We expect to have three classes again this year, for fast and slow boats including a restricted sail class which races for the Brian

SAILING

Shellcock Memorial Trophy.'

He added that other prizes included the fastest for the circuit overall, a double-handed award and special prizes for the winners of each leg including the Mishnish Bucket and the prized Bunessan Hall Trophy.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Trophy is awarded to the monohull regardless of class with the best performance on points over all three legs of the race. The Torran Rock will be won by the monohull with the best corrected time overall regardless of class.

More information and entry forms available from www.owensails.com, www.ardfernyacht.co.uk and obansailingclub.org as well as Billy Forthit at 01631 663404 billy.forthit@btclick.com

Suzanne realises life-long ambition



Suzanne Taylor on Salsa Caramel.

HORSE RIDING

AN ENDURANCE rider has achieved a life-long ambition after completing a 160-kilometre ride in one day.

Suzanne Taylor from Ellenabeich, near Oban, on Salsa Caramel, completed the Seaciff 160km Endurance Ride on June 14 in North Berwick. The event started at 5am on Saturday morning, crossing the finish line at 10.30pm.

Salsa Caramel, a part-bred arab, and Suzanne ran the entire day in temperatures as high as 20 degrees Celsius, supported by Jamie Craig, Appin. From six starters, three finished and gained their diamond status.

A delighted Suzanne said: 'I can't thank the team of people who helped, assisted and encouraged us throughout the day.'

'I have owned Caramel for 10 years and it's taken a very long time to prepare him for this distance. He did an amazing job of it and I am so proud. It's been my lifelong ambition to ride 160km in one day.'

'I would like to thank Jamie Craig from Lettershuna Riding Stables for looking after my horse and farrier Ewan Ross.'

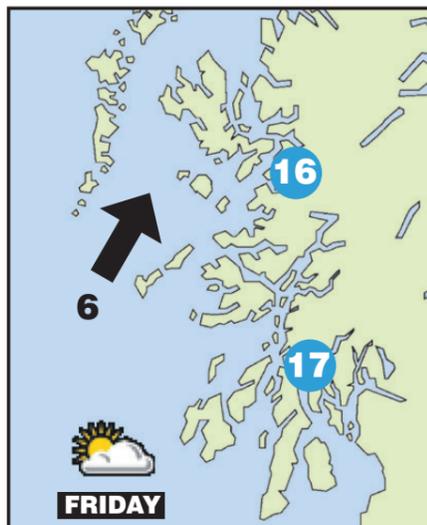
Weather

Thursday Cloudy
Winds light south easterly
Temperatures 11°C to 17°C

Friday Sunny
Winds light south westerly
Temperatures 10°C to 14°C.

Weekend Sunny on Saturday
Sunshine and showers on Sunday
Winds moderate westerly
Temperatures 11°C to 17°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 26, 2014** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur 05.02	3.5 11.08 1.1 17.07 3.6 23.49 1.2	
Fri 05.38	3.6 11.47 1.0 17.44 3.8 *** **	
Sat 00.27	1.2 06.13 3.7 12.25 1.0 18.20 3.8	
Sun 01.04	1.2 06.49 3.7 13.03 1.0 18.56 3.9	
Mon 01.40	1.3 07.24 3.7 13.40 1.0 19.31 3.8	
Tues 02.16	1.4 07.59 3.6 14.15 1.1 20.05 3.7	
Wed 02.52	1.5 08.33 3.5 14.50 1.3 20.39 3.6	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-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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Prison for mother and daughter for sickening fraud

THE 'TOTALLY sickening' theft of money from an elderly Fort William man has led to a mother and daughter being jailed.

Janice Duncan, 64, and Hayley Duncan, 27, have been sentenced to five and seven months respectively.

The pair, both of 2 Iona Court, had pleaded guilty at a previous hearing in Fort William sheriff court to using a debit card to withdraw £400 from a cash machine over a number of occasions throughout 2012 and to ordering products on the internet worth almost £2,100.

During sentencing on Tuesday, Sheriff Richard Davidson said the women had had a friendship with the gentleman, and his late wife, for many years.

He said to Janice Duncan: 'Having no children of their own, they doted on yours. For you to take advantage of him is a totally sickening state of affairs.'

'Your greed, and that of your daughter, is what led you to be here today.'

The women pleaded guilty on the day their trial was due to take place last month.

Defence agent Stephen Macleod acknowledged the gravity of the crime. He said: 'I won't in any way diminish the seriousness of this case.'

'It's disappointing that previously being of good character they were unable to resist temptation when it was put before them.'

'I appreciate that this man has been fully taken advantage of.'

Flip flops walker rescued from ben

AN ASIAN man, who wanted to feel the mountain snow under his feet for the first time, had to be rescued - because he was only wearing flip flops.

The man had to be taken off Anoch Mor, a sister peak of Ben Nevis after he slipped and hurt his ankle. He was taken to hospital by Lochaber mountain rescue where he thanked the team for helping him.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue was also praised by the police for dealing with the situation.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Remember to wear strong footwear, suitable clothing and make sure you have something appropriate to eat and drink.'

'This is the Nevis mountain range, and people should not wear flip flops to climb it.'

Gala day dancing queens



Mallaig Fisherman's Mission gala day returned after a few years' absence on Saturday with Bunscoil Dannsa Keltica, pictured aboard the MV Minna, kicking off the proceedings. See next week's *Oban Times* for more photos from the event.

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Councillor's stolen BMW back in days

A BMW car stolen from the driveway of a Lochaber councillor has been found thanks to the joint working of the business community, social networks and good old fashioned police detective work.

Last week Highland Council's Allan Henderson, who owns a bed and breakfast on Achintore Road in Fort William, turned away a man at the door who was looking for a bed for the night.

Hours later, keys for his BMW vehicle were taken from his premises and the car was stolen from his driveway.

But, businesses - led by the chamber of commerce - flew into action and days later the police tracked down the car, undamaged, in Glasgow.

Councillor Henderson said: 'The key for my car was removed from the kitchen about 10.45pm on Wednesday night while my wife and I were fully occupied on Skype, in the sitting room next door.'

'I did not realise the car was missing until 7am next morning when I was meant to go to a meeting in Inverness.'

'I had investigating police at the door within 10 minutes.'

'I had officers back at the door by 2pm for a photo identity.'

'On picking out the alleged suspect, I was assured that colleagues in the location of the alleged culprit would act, which clearly shows the strengths of the new service.'

'I was then informed by 10pm that night that my car had been found and a suspect was being tracked down.'

'I certainly doubt that this result could have happened so quickly with the old bobby on the beat.'

'This appeared to me to be excellent team work across the whole force and a clever use of resources. I have nothing but praise for the way the officers

conducted the investigation and kept us informed through what was a very harrowing experience for us.'

Lochaber Chamber of Commerce (LCC) put a notice on its Facebook page and the councillor's plight went viral.

Lesley Benfield, LCC chief executive, said: 'The fact that a newspaper is still reporting on a theft is a sign that the area is relatively crime-free.'

'The process of networking with our members is that they know the situation and they can get information out there within minutes. That helps to inform people of the dangers, but it also helps to stop crime.'

Fort William's acting police

inspector Jenny Fraser said: 'Police are following a positive line of enquiry in relation to the incidents on Achintore Road, Fort William and other incidents within the Lochaber, Skye and Lochalsh area. It can be confirmed that the stolen vehicle has been recovered.'

'We would like to thank the public for their assistance in this enquiry and would urge them to report any suspicious activity to us, as their vigilance is vital in helping us to keep our communities safe and limit the opportunity for criminal activity.'

There were a number of incidents in the same area the same evening and police are following a number of lines of enquiry.



STOLEN: Allan Henderson, who had his BMW stolen from his drive. 15_f26henderson01



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Cherryl says 'au revoir'

RETIRING head teacher Cherryl Allan is going to enjoy her retirement by visiting her grandchildren and travelling the globe.

Having given most of her 30-year career as a teacher to Kinlochleven primary school, she said that parents, children and staff have always been supportive and she has thoroughly enjoyed every single day of her career.

Before Cherryl moved to Kinlochleven, she was at Caol primary school and before that on the supply teachers list.

She is looking forward to spending time with her family, including her mum and dad, who live in Greenock, and spending more time in her apartment in Portugal.

The Allan Shelter, an outside hut for children was named in honour of head teacher Cherryl Allan who has spent the last 19 years at Kinlochleven primary school.



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Lewis fatal crash man named

POLICE have confirmed the identity of a man who died in a one-vehicle road traffic collision on the Isle of Lewis on Saturday June 14.

Iain Gillies, 24, from Skigersta in Ness sustained serious injuries at Lionel, Ness, Isle of Lewis after his green Ford Focus car hit a stone wall.

He died three days later in the Royal Alexandra hospital in Paisley after being airlifted from hospital in Stornoway.

Police Scotland thanked members of the public for their co-operation during the road closure and requested that any witnesses to the collision contact them on 101.

Police hunt for fire culprits

FIRESTARTERS who used the doors of a farm outhouse to start a blaze are being sought by police.

Officers said that it was 'unknown when the damage occurred'.

But the buildings at the bottom end of Glen Etive have been smashed up.

The wood from the doors were removed and used for fire wood.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Offensive sign left on gate

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an offensive sign was put on a gate post on Sunday, June 15.

The incident took place near to Lochside Cottages, Ballachulish between 11am and 1pm when an offensive paper sign was put outside a house.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Diners run off without paying

TWO MEN between 20 and 40 years are being sought after they ran away without paying for their lunch.

The men, described as white, slim built, with strong Irish accents, one with short, fair hair and the other short, dark hair with a goatee beard ran off after dining at The Alexandra Hotel in Fort William shortly before 3pm last Friday afternoon.

Diesel stolen from two cars

TWO VEHICLES parked at Annat, Fort William between 6pm on June 18 and 5.20am the following day have had diesel stolen from them.

Anyone with information should call Fort William police on 101.

Silence is golden among Fort William pupils



SILENT REMINDER: Upper Achintore primary school in Fort William played host last Thursday afternoon to a commemorative football match with Fort William primary school. The children held the game in remembrance of a football match played on Christmas Eve during a lull in the fighting between opposing soldiers in the First World War. Reinis Cameron, Fort William primary school, piped after one minute of silence remembering all those who have died in war. 15_12611encel

Invisible house is seen in top architectural awards

A HOUSE on Skye has been nominated for one of the most prestigious awards in the world.

Cliff House at Staffin was designed by Dualchas Architects, which is based on the island.

The almost invisible house will go head to head with the Shard and the Olympic Aquatics Centre, both in London, for the Stirling prize.

The back section of the building is designed as low-lying stone walls, which have a turfed roof.

Its colour is grey to match the surrounding rocks.

From the road, the building is almost invisible, with only the chimney noticeable.

Dualchas Architects has won two major architectural awards for the building.

Last Thursday it was announced that the company had won a Royal

Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) award, recognising its design excellence and socio-economic contribution to its native country of Scotland.

The house was one of only four projects to win a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Awards for Scotland accolade.

This award means that the house will automatically be considered for the Stirling prize, known as 'the world's most prestigious architecture award'.

Project architect Daniel Bar said: 'I am delighted that this design has been recognised.'

'It was a difficult site with a tight budget and demanding brief.'

'These challenges have resulted in a building which blends harmoniously into the surroundings of the island landscape.'

Iain Connelly, president of the RIAS,



INVISIBLE HOUSE: Cliff House on Skye, has been nominated for a prestigious architectural award.

said: 'We had 83 submissions from throughout Scotland.'

'They range in scale from £26,000 for a little garden pavilion to £125 million for a nationally important entertainment arena.'

'This number of entries is a tremendous vote of confidence and confirms that this relatively new award, in only its third year, is now the single most important recognition of architectural achievement in Scotland.'

Cash needed for families with newborn babies

A NEW-BORN baby in hospital can destroy a family's finances and it has to stop, says MSP Rhoda Grant.

The Highlands and Islands politician knows from personal experience in working with families that people from rural areas are getting a raw deal when it comes to support when their baby is in hospital.

The huge extra cost is a burden placed on a family, and something that is made even worse if mother and child need to be cared for in separate hospitals.

A study by Bliss Scotland, a special care baby charity, said parents admitted to extra costs amounting to thousands of pounds during their babies' stay in hospital.

Some parents even had to travel more than 100 miles a day to see their child.

One parent, who spoke to *The Oban Times*, but did not wish to be named, said: 'I felt like a bad person.'

'I have two other children and my husband had to get back to work to earn money so we could visit our baby.'

'Our baby was born eight weeks early and spent 10 weeks in hospital in Glasgow.'

'It was heart-breaking to think that she was there on her own and we could only see her once or twice a day because we had to look after our other children who were both under four.'

'We couldn't pay our rent - it was one of the most difficult times in my life.'

Rhoda Grant MSP, who was brought up in Stornoway, said: 'It is not a game. There are very real costs to having a baby in hospital.'

'For a relatively small amount of money, in government terms, we could sort out this problem.'

'The rights of the child are at stake here, and I am very sympathetic and I want to make sure those people in the Highlands and islands are listened to.'

'Parents should be focusing on their well-being and not worrying about how they will pay the bills.'

'Support is already available for people, but when you are in the middle of a crisis that may well mean taking more time out to speak to someone.'

'I am backing Bliss Scotland's call for people to help and a fund set up by the Scottish Government to help when families are in real hardship.'

Nevis landscape

THE NEVIS Landscape Partnership has received £1.5million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help protect the Ben Nevis and Glen Nevis areas over the next five years with 18 projects.

Patricia Jordan, partnership chairman, said visitor management and environmental repair work was a necessity for the future welfare of the areas to preserve them for future generations.

Macmillan Nurses' cheque delight



STAGECOACH drivers Sandy Gunn, left and Alex McConachie recently handed over a cheque for £1,400 to Macmillan Nurses

in Fort William. The coach drivers collected the money from passengers' donations for using a shuttle bus for spectators

Recycling not all rubbish

RECYCLING week has allowed Highland council to take stock of its progress - and it's not all rubbish.

Almost half the population in the area recycles goods. But the council wants residents to think more about sorting it before recycling.

Councillor Graham Mackenzie, chairman of Highland council's current community services, said: 'Over the last three years, there has been a significant rise in waste disposed of to landfill from the recycling centres across Highland.'

'In 2012/13 the total was 14,543 tonnes which cost the council £1.9m.'

'Tackling the rise in waste sent to landfill from these sites will make a big difference so please takes a few minutes to separate your items before going to the recycling centre.'

'Highland council's current recycling rate is 45.5 per cent which shows that people are trying really hard to recycle and the council would like to take this opportunity to thank householders for their efforts.'

Service comments sought

COMMENTS on customer services in the Highland council area are being canvassed by budget managers as part of a rolling consultation.

The consultation, managed via a blog site, looks for suggestions on how the council can reduce costs by delivering more services by telephone and on-line. Councillor Maxine Smith, budget leader, said: 'I understand that this is an important topic for many people, especially in smaller communities. This is the public's opportunity to engage in the discussion around service delivery in their local area.'

Ex-rugby star serves up Plockton pupils' prizes

PLOCKTON high school served up a treat for pupils and parents as the annual prize giving was also the official opening of a new dining hall.

Guest speaker Jim Calder, former Scotland and British Lions rugby player, said it was a privilege to be amongst such talent, and he was on hand to cut the ribbon to the cafeteria.

The prize-giving ceremony showed off the talent of all pupils with a programme of singing, music, readings and dancing.

Special prizes were awarded as follows: Cundiff prize for English, Ella Munro; platter for craft and design, Isabel McLeish; platter for hospitality,

Isabella Small; most promising language student, Kirsten Glover; library prize, Leah Neef; West Highland college learners of the year - personal computer passport, Alexander Castle; European Computer Driving Licence, Alasdair Nixon; outdoor adventure, Peter Macdonald and Niall Macleod; The Crofting Year, Fraser Stewart; hairdressing, Brittany Watson.

Jim Calder, was joined by Plockton high school's 2014/2015 head pupils Fin MacAulay-Smith, Dylan Bone, incoming head boy, Eilidh Coghill, incoming head girl, and Ciorstaidh Galloway.



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Police praise 'invaluable' response in search for girl

POLICE have praised an 'invaluable' public response after a girl who had been reported missing was found safe and well in Oban.

An extensive helicopter and door-to-door search was carried out by police and partner agencies last Tuesday after Oban girl Jeannie McCrae, who is originally from Lochgilphead, failed to return home at 8pm last Monday.

As concern for her welfare grew, police used social media and interviewed acquaintances of the 15-year-old teenager to trace her to a house late on Wednesday morning.

Oban police sergeant Mike Wood said: 'As a result of extensive enquiries, the girl was located at an address in Oban on June 18.'

'We were able to get information out quickly through social media, such as *The Oban Times* facebook page, and the information we received from members of the public proved invaluable in assisting us.'

'We got really good information from the public and we would like to thank the community for the assistance it provided through phone calls and social media.'

● A man and a woman from Oban have been reported to the procurator fiscal for offences under section 171 of the Children's Hearings Scotland Act 2011, accused of harbouring an abscondee and obstruction under the Police and Fire Scotland Act.

Coxswain plea to boat owners

COXSWAIN Andrew McHaffie has urged all boat owners to ensure their equipment is safe after Tobermory lifeboat was launched four times within five days.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution craft was called to rescue a RIB with engine failure one mile south west of Kilchoan last Monday.

Last Wednesday, the crew helped a stricken boat to the west of the Treshnish Isles and less than 12 hours later the volunteers were called up again as they assisted a yacht which had become stranded near Mull.

And last Friday, the crew responded to their fourth incident since Monday evening - when the coxswain and crew were called to a medical emergency in Tobermory's Main Street.

Emma's a cut above the rest



SUSPENDED ANIMATION: Oban girl Emma Brown, 11, soars above the stage as she performs the sword dance at the Lorne Highland Games on Sunday. Turn to page four for picture special (26/06/14)

Legal battle ahead over Etive plans

OBJECTORS to a fish farm development on Loch Etive say their campaign is far from dead in the water as they raised a judicial review into the legality of its planning permission, writes Euan Paterson.

Friends of Loch Etive (FoLE) believes Argyll and Bute council misinterpreted the Loch Etive Coastal Management Plan when it approved Dawnfresh's 10-cage fish farm at Sailean Ruadh.

The group also claims a section 75 obligation, included as a planning condition, has not been met. The section 75 was to be agreed to by the Crown Estates to ensure two smaller farms at Inverawe West and Ardhattan Bay could not be developed once Dawnfresh began operating from the new Sailean Ruadh site.

But Dawnfresh and the council both maintain the decision made following a public hearing in Oban's Corran Halls in January this year was legal.

The Crown Estate said on Tuesday it had not yet signed the agreement, despite Dawnfresh chairman Alastair Salvesen CBE stating after the hearing that he hoped to reach an agreement 'within a few days'.

Guy Linley-Adams, the solicitor representing FoLE, said a preliminary review would be heard next week, with a view to beginning review proceedings in October.

He added: 'There are two strings to this review. First, we think there has been a misinterpretation of the Loch Etive Coastal Management Plan, as we don't think this new farm constitutes a "rationalisation or consolidation of existing aquaculture sites", which is stated in the plan. And second, the Crown Estate hasn't signed



UNDER REVIEW: objectors have raised a judicial review into Dawnfresh's plan at Sailean Ruadh (pictured above, an artist's impression of the proposal). (Below) Alastair Salvesen

the section 75 agreement. 'The council has made an agreement with Dawnfresh but we don't think that's enough.' FoLE has applied for a Protective Expenses Order to raise the review, which will limit the environmental charity's expenses to £5,000. It has also invited its 250 members to make donations.

'This is not sour grapes,' said Mr Linley-Adams, when asked if the review was in response to the public hearing when councillors voted unanimously to approve the Sailean Ruadh application. 'We are making sure the permission was granted lawfully.'

'If our case is thrown out in October it would be a terrible shame but we would still be keeping an eye on how the fish farm operates. It wouldn't be the end.'

Objectors from the Ardhattan area, which looks onto Loch Etive, said they would follow the judicial review with interest but admitted the planning process that ended with the public hearing in January had taken its toll.



have had from people is one of "I won't hold my breath". They don't want to get their hopes up to have them dashed again.

'Objectors at the hearing left the Corran Halls that day thinking it had been a waste of time. They are still feeling a little flat, which is a shame.'

'We can't do anything now and will just wait for the outcome of the judicial review process.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The Dawnfresh planning application was approved because the council was satisfied that Dawnfresh could meet the conditions.'

'The council is fully committed to defending the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing committee's decision.'

Islands' emergency night flights not acceptable, says MP

A LACK of night-time emergency helicopters is spinning out of control on the west coast, says the MP for the Western Isles.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service says emergencies will always be covered, if necessary, by Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Coastguard helicopters.

Na h-Eileanan an Iar MP Angus Brendan Macneil said the situation at present, where there are no night flights provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service, is not acceptable.

The MP has written to the Scottish Ambulance Service and Bond Air Services, which provides the emergency flights after four emergency situations where the helicopter was not able to fly to Barra during the night.

Mr Macneil said: 'We are putting people's lives at risk by not having the helicopter available.'

'On four occasions in the last six months, the air ambulance helicopter has been unable to come into Barra at night because of pilots not being certified to service the island in the hours of darkness.'

'We need to understand why this certification is not in place and ensure remedial

action is taken as a matter of priority so that the air ambulance cover for Barra, and other Scottish islands, is 24/7 as would be expected.

'Whether this would have affected the four previous cases will be of concern to relatives and friends but the crux of the matter is that an air ambulance service should be able, weather permitting, to access islands at all times of the day and night.'

'Further to enquiring directly with the helicopter providers and the Scottish Ambulance Service, I have notified health minister, Alex Neil of my concerns.'

'By its very nature, it is emergency transportation and avoidable delays are totally unacceptable.'

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesman said: 'We are aware of the situation and have made it very clear to Bond that this situation needs to be rectified as a matter of the highest priority.'

'In the meantime, if for any reason our air ambulance cannot respond to an emergency incident, MOD or Coastguard aircraft are tasked, which is in line with normal contingencies and ensures that emergency cover is maintained.'

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Staff withdrawal over bank glitch

THE BANK of Scotland on Station Road, Oban, was forced to close on Monday after a technical problem disabled the safe.

Staff arrived in the morning to find the safe key pad wouldn't open, although the correct number was used. As a result, staff couldn't access money or the keys to other rooms.

An engineer was called out and the pad was replaced, with the bank reopening at 3pm the same day.

A spokesperson for the bank apologised to customers for the inconvenience caused.

Bikers charged on Lorn roads

TWO MOTORCYCLISTS in as many days found themselves on the wrong side of the law on a visit to the Lorn area.

On Sunday afternoon, a 46-year-old biker from Bathgate was charged with dangerous driving on the A828 near to Connel Bridge.

He is alleged to have carried out dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.

The previous day a 63-year-old motorcyclist from Edinburgh was stopped at 10.45am in Lochawe and charged with allegedly travelling at 50mph in the 30mph zone through the village on the A85.

Cops see red over smashed lights

ROADWORKS on the A85 between Dalnally and Tyndrum have been hampered after the traffic lights in place were vandalised.

Transport Scotland began a £270,000 resurfacing job on the road at Arrivain, which began on June 16 and is scheduled to finish tomorrow (Friday).

But workers discovered that between June 18 - 19 the red and green lights had been smashed and the battery powering the lights had been removed.

Anyone who may know anything about the incident is asked to contact Oban Police on 01631 510 500.

On the scent of wrongdoing

POLICE officers used their noses to track down an alleged drugs offender when they visited the Soroba area of Oban on an unrelated matter.

The officers had been attending a call at an address in Soroba in the town when they smelt cannabis from a communal drying area nearby.

As a result, an 18-year-old man was searched and it was alleged found cannabis in his possession.

TENANTS DESPAIR OVER BROKEN PROMISE AND DELAYS



END OF THE LINE: Shiona Campbell, a BT shareholder, feels she's been led up the garden path by the telecoms giant

A 'disconnect from reality'

A SOCIAL housing landlord said it will 'fight' to get its new Dunbeg tenants connected to a phone landline after telecoms giant BT broke a promise to install the lines last week.

Residents of the newly-built Marine Court, who have been without a phone line since moving in at the end of May, thought their woes were over when BT last week told *The Oban Times* the cabling would be installed by last Friday. One resident described BT's failure as a 'disconnect from reality'.

But the 32 households were left disappointed when the company failed to deliver on time.

And this week BT admitted it cannot

say when the lines will be installed.

Resident Shiona Campbell, a BT shareholder, has since been told there would be a further delay of at least three weeks.

She is concerned that she has no means of emergency contact in the home she shares with her partner and 13-month-old daughter, as the mobile phone signal is poor, and there is no way of connecting to the internet.

She said: 'After BT said the work would be done last week, people were saying to me, "You must be pleased you are connected now" and I had to explain that I wasn't. It's so disappointing.'

'To have to wait three weeks from the date we moved in was bad enough but another three weeks is excessive. "What really annoyed me was at the same time I was told about the further delay, I got my monthly BT bill from my previous address for £105. The reason it was so high was because of the calls I made to BT about this very problem.'

Now landlord West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has pledged to support residents. Last week WHHA chief executive Lesley McInnes called on tenants to report problems with getting a land line to the association, in order to

make a case against BT. On Tuesday WHHA operations manager Graham Bruce said: 'We are really frustrated with this and we will fight for tenants where we can.'

'When we start planning these things we speak to BT and other partners during the planning stage. This particular plan has been in discussion for around four years.'

'BT have failed to deliver for whatever reason. We have a biomass cabin on site for heating and we can't even get a phone line in there.'

BT said last week the delay had been down to 'unforeseen circumstances' and apologised for the delay, stating

work would be done by last week. However, the company admitted on Tuesday that only the first stage of the work has been completed.

A spokesman for the company added: 'We're continuing to make slow progress.'

'We have completed one stage of the work and are working as fast as we can to catch up. The next stage to be completed is laying 600 metres of cable. We would like to apologise for the delay.'

He added that householders should raise the issue of compensation with their service providers once the lines are installed.

Dave's cycle for life is real tour de force

A BENDERLOCH man, who suffered from a rare cancer, will realise a childhood dream of cycling down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the city gears up for the grand Tour de France finish.

Dave Ayling was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer of the neck and soft palate, when he was just 18.

Twelve years on, and six years in remission, Dave is in the best condition of his life as he prepares to cycle from London to Paris as a thank you to the cancer charity that aided his recovery, CLIC Sargent.

And the former Oban high school pupil is well on his way to reaching his £5,000 fundraising target.

'I wanted to do something to raise

money for CLIC because they have done so much for me since I was sick,' said the 30 year old.

Since beginning his training eight months ago, Dave has been collecting corporate sponsorship to cover his costs, meaning every penny donated goes to his charity.

His employer, Digital Land Surveys, is his main sponsor and Oban Cycles has donated equipment for his challenge, during which he will be joined by Oban cyclist John Forreth, junior.

The pair leave London on July 23 and is expected to be in the French capital on July 26.

Donations can be made at justgiving.co.uk/davidayling



CHAIN REACTION: Dave Ayling aims to raise £5,000 by completing a bike ride from London to Paris. 16_126dave01

Culture bid unveiled for next year

THE GROUP *Bid4 Oban* has drawn up an adventurous programme of cultural and community events under the banner, Oban 2015 - Year of Culture.

The monthly events will carry on from this year's busy schedule of community activities organised by the business group.

Neil Mackay, event and marketing manager for *Bid4 Oban*, said: 'Oban already has a number of well-established and very well-run events arranged by many enthusiastic organisations.'

'We are working closely with local, regional and national groups to promote a full spectrum of events including some new, some revamped and some significantly prestigious ones, which gives us the ability to market 2015 as the Oban Year of Culture.'

While the plans for 2015 are being drafted, this year's programme is in full swing with a Highland games, a raft race and other activities in July and August.

September sees kayaking, a triathlon and also features a festival of the sea, called Seafest, followed by the new Octoberfest the following month.

November is also very busy with Fasanta, which is a festival celebrating textile and fashion, at the start of the month, and the Oban Fireworks night which moves from Mossfield to the centre of the town. The Rural Parliament will meet in Oban for the first time in November. It will bring together the people of rural Scotland and policy makers in a bid to improve understanding of rural issues.

It is estimated that around 400 people will gather in Oban for the three-day event which will also celebrate the strengths and achievements of rural communities.

Mid November sees the first ever Love Oban Awards night, followed by the Winter Festival and Christmas activities in December.

Neil praised the businesses involved in *Bid4 Oban*, saying: 'It takes time, effort and especially expertise to put together successful events, and we are very fortunate that Oban has an enormous wealth of know-how on our doorstep.'

Bid4 Oban is a company-led initiative, set up in 2012, where firms work together and invest collectively to improve the business environment in Oban.

A rare sight

THOUSANDS of rare butterflies are expected to emerge in the coming weeks on Islay as an unprecedented number of marsh fritillary caterpillars were spotted this spring on The Oa and Loch Gruinart.

They eat the leaves of a particular wildflower, devil's bit scabious, only found in the Inner Hebrides and Argyll.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RPSB) Scotland's Jack Fleming said: 'We've been managing both our reserves on Islay and on Oronsay to encourage them.' At least 50 of the butterflies have been spotted in Tiree for the first time since 1950.

'Bad' Vader was cool, says Riley



THE FORCE was certainly strong with three-year-old Riley Anderson when he met his hero Darth Vader at a science roadshow in Oban.

The youngster was one of many who attended the Element Talking Science event in the town's Corran Halls on Sunday, but while some children seemed a little wary of the dark lord, little Riley simply greeted him as a fellow member of The Empire.

Star Wars fan Riley said of his hero: 'He is bad but I asked him to be nice. I wasn't scared to meet him, he was cool.' The science show caught the imagination with planetarium and fun demonstrations.

Baton relay route heading this way

EVENTS are being finalised throughout Argyll for the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay on July 13, with live music, dancers, sports, street performers and more on the day, writes *Marian Miller*.

It will travel more than 170 miles from Appin, via Benderloch, Dunbeg, to Oban then on to Kilmartin at approximately 11.10am, Dunadd (Fort) at 11.25am, Lochgilphead at 11.45am, Furnace at 2pm, Inveraray at 2.20pm, Strachur at 4.05pm, Sandbank at 4.55pm to arrive in Dunoon at around 5.10pm.

In Appin it will travel from the cycle track at Appin depot at 7.10am to Strath of Appin primary school, on to Lonruadh Cottages, Tynnerbie and to the community car park by 7.43am.

At the community pitch between 7am and 10am there will be everything from a ceilidh to football, music and dancers to shinty and even a breakfast of tea or coffee, bacon rolls and scones.

From Appin the baton will then go to Benderloch where it will start just past Kintaline Farm at 7.38am and pass by Tralee Bay Holiday Park down the Keils Croft road to Lochnell Primary School until 8.28am where

there will be stall and activities including a Commonwealth obstacle course, badge making, photo booth, and more as well as a breakfast of champions for everyone.

In Dunbeg, the baton will go from Jane Road to Kirk Road in the village and then from the marine science laboratory to Dunstaffnage Castle by 9am.

The baton will also follow two routes in Oban, starting at McCaig's Tower at 9.08am and winding down through the back of the town along Laurel Road to Longsdale, to Atlantis Leisure by 9.42am.

Then it will be taken to the Corran Halls from where, at 10.13am, it will be carried along the Corran Esplanade to Stafford Street, Oban Distillery, George Street, Queen's Park Place, Combie Street, and Soroba Road as far as the Birchwood Filling Station by 10.30am.

Parking will be suspended on the Corran Esplanade from 5pm on Saturday July 12 until the relay has passed through on the morning of Sunday July 13.

Traffic will be held on George Street for an anticipated 15 minutes to allow baton bearers to carry the baton along the Esplanade.

Music group hits big notes

THE MUSIC festival *Mendelssohn on Mull* launched a crowd-funding campaign last month, in the hope of raising £10,000 in 30 days.

With traditional sources of funds such as grant-giving trusts drying up, the festival was forced to look at new ways of raising money for this year's festival.

It was an enormous 'ask' for the small group, however they managed to raise £10,830 to ensure the festival went ahead.

They offered a range of rewards from a thank you entry on the website, to recording a specially commissioned arrangement of any piece of music.

Bandrum Nursing Home in Fife pledged money to have the Stevie Wonder song *You are the Sunshine of My Life* performed on July 11 at the Classical Ceilidh at Salen Church.

This year's festival will run from July 7 to 14, starting at Tobermory church and finishing at St John's Episcopal Cathedral in Oban.

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Personal best times at swimming gala

SWIMMING

LOCHABER Leisure Centre swim team celebrated success at this year's championship gala as more than half of the participants made new personal best times.

Millie Jackson and James Thomson came first in the primary school category while Mia Reid and Connor Cann took first in the high school category. Full results are listed below.

Steven Martin, supervisor at the Leisure Centre, said: 'In more than 200 swims there were remarkably more than 100 new personal bests and 41 club age group records showing that the club is still improving at every competition. We have two weeks of training before the summer break and when we come back it will be full steam ahead to get more qualifying times for the Highland Schools Championships in November.'

Primary school girls: 1 Millie Jackson; 2 Jenna MacLean; 3 Amber McWilliam. Primary school boys: 1 James Thomson; 2 Evan Atkinson; 3 Artus Ludborza. High school girls: Mia Reid; 2 Dora Shepherd; 3 Amber MacInnes. High school boys: 1 Connor Cann; 2 Cameron Morris; 3 William Cann.

Inter-school sports day in North Uist

SCHOOL SPORTS

NORTH Uist Primary School pupils came together for the inter-school sports day.

Children from Paible, Lochmaddy and Carinish primary schools came together and teachers reported a successful and enjoyable day.

Champions: P7 Trinity Johnston and Ben Shepherd, both Paible; P6 Jayde Brannigan, Paible; Jared Murie, Carinish, and John Scanlon, Paible; P5 Orin Shepherd and Alasdair Fraser, both Paible; P4 Lauren Shepherd, Paible, and Calum MacDonald, Lochmaddy; P3 Mairi MacDonald and Keiran MacIsaac, both Paible; P2 Katie MacCorquodale and Seumas MacIain, both Paible; P1 Ailsa MacKinnon, Paible, Emma Saxton, Lochmaddy and Kean Simpson, Paible.

Skye golf results

GOLF

RESULT of the Bogey competition held on June 18: 1 Euan Forrest 4up; 2 Martin Bird 3up; 3 Stuart McLaren 1up.

Club Championship qualifying round one held on 21 and 22 June: 1 Alex Munro 72; 2 Sandy Ross 73 bh; 3 Willie Cowie 73 bh; 4 Murdo Gordon 73.

Fourteen MacPherson Cup wins in a row for Lochaber

Record beaking achievement for high school shinty team

SCHOOL SHINTY

LOCHABER High School's under 14s shinty team picked up the MacPherson Cup for a record 14th year in a row after defeating Charleston Academy 4-0.

In the tournament at An Aird, Fort William, Lochaber opened defence of the title with a tough match against Kingussie.

A strong opening from the Badenoch boys had Lochaber on the defensive and the score was 0-0 at half time.

However, debutant Victor Smith had the local team in front early in the second half before further goals from Dean Williamson and captain, Iain MacIntyre, secured a 3-0 win.

Lochaber faced Charleston Academy in their second match of the game and again the match was evenly balanced with play swinging from end to end until Lochaber suffered an injury blow as captain MacIntyre was forced to leave the field with a rib injury.

His replacement, Lewis Clark, soon showed his potential by firing his side into the lead. A second goal from Williamson secured the points and put Lochaber in a strong position to

qualify for the final.

In their final group game against Glenurquhart, Cameron Ross fired Lochaber into an early lead and despite strong Glenurquhart pressure the defence held firm, with Ruairidh Shaw putting in a dominant display at the back, before a late double from Williamson secured the points and a place in the final.

In the final, Lochaber were in no mood to relinquish their title, MacIntyre returned and centre, Calum MacDougall, was controlling the early play, ably assisted by Callum Dingwall and Billy Rydings on the wings.

Seumas Gall displayed his usual stick skills and provided plenty of ammunition for his forwards, spreading the play to the wide areas to stretch the Charleston defence. These tactics soon paid off and Victor Smith created an opening before firing a powerful shot into the Charleston net.

Charleston hit back strongly and the Lochaber defence was put under pressure but Lewis Cameron demonstrated his pace



Lochaber High School's under 14 shinty team lifted the MacPherson Cup for the 14th consecutive year.

and tackling ability at full back while newcomer, Ryan Boyle, was playing like a veteran at half back.

Duncan Stevenson and Philip Fyfe controlled the wide areas while Jordan Morrison in goal produced several excellent saves

to keep his team in the lead. The fact that Jordan and his defence kept four clean sheets is testimony to their defensive performance.

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This is the 14th year in a row that Lochaber have won the trophy. They can claim to be undefeated in the 21st for the 20th time.

Captain, Iain MacIntyre received the trophy from Charleston coach Iain MacKie.

Darren dumps Stevie in the final

DARTS

RESULTS of week eight of the Tradewinds Darts League, Corpach - Darren Sutherland defeated Stevie Clydesdale three legs to nil in the final, the losing semi finalist's were Graham Irving and Duncan Rogers. Darren Sutherland had two 180s, the quickest leg of the night was a 14-dart leg from Darren Sutherland, with 114 from Duncan Rogers and 102 from Craig Howden.

League Standings	Pts
1 Duncan Rogers	37
2= Martyn Cameron	36
2= Darren Sutherland	30
4 Graham Irving	31
5 James Whyte	30
5= Duncan Carmichael	30
7 John Woods	25
8 John Matheson	19
9 Alex MacInnes	18
10 Bobby Watson	17
11 Curly Cameron	13
12 Craig Howden	12
13 Stevie Clydesdale	11
14 Paul Shearer	9
15 Kenny Fraser	6
16= Jaquie Hill	3
16= Michael Cane	3
16= Bryan Simpson	3
16= Martin Keenan	3
16= Declan Shearer	3
16= Gary Dunlop	3
22 David Fairgreive	1

Returns from Fort William Golf Club

GOLF

ON Saturday 21 June the 1912 Cup competition was played with the following result: 1 Eric Wallace net 66 (73 - 7); 2 David MacPherson net 69 (76 - 7) 3 Brian O'Neill net 71 (86 - 15)

A Singles Stableford competition was played on June 22: 1 Andrew Brown 38 points (BHH); 2 Marc MacDonald 38 points; 3 Nicholas Hough 37 points.

Ladies: A Par competition was played on June 17: 1 Hazel Cameron, all square; 2 Kathleen Leitch, 3 down.

On Saturday June 21 the third round of the E Howie Trophy was played: 1 Hazel Cameron net 71 (88 - 17) (BHH); 2 Iona Cameron net 71 (88 - 17); 3 Rosemary Macintyre net 72 (83 - 11)

Caol United and Lundavra reach John Baird final

WELFARE FOOTBALL

RESULTS from last week: Marine Harvest League - Caol Cosmos 7, Mallaig 6; Lundavra 3, Nevis Range 0; Ballachulish 3, Lochaber 3. John Baird Cup Semi-Finals - Caol Utd 4, Mallaig 1; Lundavra 2, Inverloch 1.

John Baird Cup Final will be played on Friday July 4.

Team	Pts
1 Caol United	12
2 Caol Cosmos	12
3 Lundavra	12
4 Mallaig	9
5 Ballachulish	7
6 Lochaber	7
7 Inverloch	0
7 Nevis Range	0

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Stewart Borland, right, presents the Highland Titles donation to head teacher Gordon Milne as the girls' rugby team and coach Antoine Cordier look on.

KINLOCHLEVEN High School's girls' rugby team have new kit thanks to a donation from a local organisation.

Land management company

Highland Titles provided £700 for the new strips and Stewart Borland presented the cheque to the team.

Acting head teacher Gordon

Milne said: 'I would like to thank Highland Titles for this generous additional funding. It's great to see a local organisation supporting the school and especially

GIRLS RUGBY

this donation for the girls rugby kit, encouraging our pupils to participate in sports.'

Hugh retains Skye half marathon title

HALF MARATHON

A PORTREE athlete was first home at the Isle of Skye half marathon for the fourth consecutive year.

Hugh Campbell also broke the local record by 11 seconds, finishing the 13-mile route in 1hr 11mins and 6seconds.

The 28-year-old has now set his sights on next year's London Marathon as this finishing time qualifies him for championship entry.

Campbell said: 'I am delighted to retain my title again for the fourth time and maintain my 100 per cent win record. I am now focusing my training on the Great North Run in September and the Great Scottish Run in October.'

Personal best
'My intention is to try to break 70 minutes and run a personal best at either of these races. I am also hoping to run the London Marathon next year.'

The graphic designer had strong competition from second place runner Gordon Lennox of Forres Harriers. The pair were stride for stride for the first two miles of the competition.

Campbell said: 'I knew I needed to take on water at the Glenmore junction so I pressed hard on the hill before it and took a slight lead.'

'I was then able to keep this lead until MacDermid school

when Gordon put another surge of pace in and nearly caught me. I had to react quickly and put in another surge of pace and managed to extend my lead to several hundred yards.'

Once he had a strong lead Campbell covered the final two miles in less than two minutes.



Hugh Campbell finishing the Isle of Skye half marathon to break the local record and retaining his title for the fourth year.

Fort William youngsters take part in Oban tournament

FORT WILLIAM Football Club sent an under 14 team to take part in the Oban Saints Youth tournament held at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday where seven teams took part in a round robin competition.

Joining the Oban and Fort William boys were pro youth teams from Dundee United, Dundee, Clyde, Dumbarton, and last year's winners Hamilton

Accies and it was the Accies who retained the trophy, going through the competition without losing a game although they had to fight all the way to beat a spirited Oban Saints team in the best game of the day.

The Saints youngsters led 1-0 at one stage but finally lost a close game 2-1.

Brian Grant, the former Aberdeen player, now youth academy

director at Dundee United was full of praise for the competition.

First time
He said: 'I know the senior players come to Oban but this is the first time the United youngsters have been to the town. We will certainly be back again next year - the boys loved it.'

Results: Oban Saints 2, Fort William 0; Fort William 0, Clyde

1; Oban Saints 1, Dumbarton 1. Dundee 0, Dundee United 1; Hamilton Accies 2, Clyde 0; Hamilton Accies 2, Dundee United 0.

Dundee 1, Dumbarton 0; Oban Saints 3, Clyde 1; Fort William 1, Dumbarton 1.

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liam 1; Fort William 0, Dundee United 2; Dundee 0, Clyde 0. Dumbarton 1, Clyde 0; Oban Saints 0, Dundee United 0; Dundee 4, Fort William 0. Hamilton Accies 2, Oban Saints 1. Dundee 1, Hamilton Accies 3; Dundee United 0, Dumbarton 2.

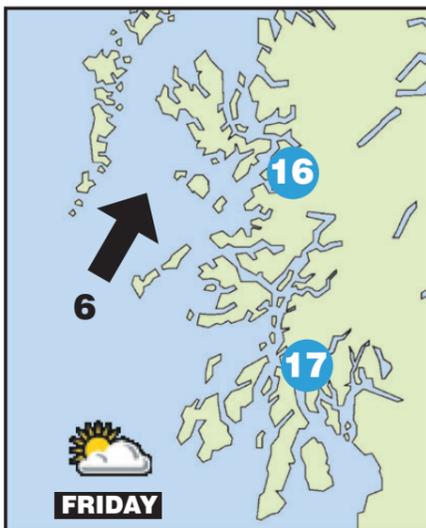
Weather

Thursday Cloudy
Winds light south easterly
Temperatures 11°C to 17°C

Friday Sunny
Winds light south westerly
Temperatures 10°C to 14°C.

Weekend Outlook Sunny on Saturday
Sunshine and showers on Sunday
Winds moderate westerly
Temperatures 11°C to 17°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 26, 2014** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur 05.02	3.5 11.08 1.1	17.07 3.6 23.49 1.2
Fri 05.38	3.6 11.47 1.0	17.44 3.8 *** **
Sat 00.27	1.2 06.13 3.7	12.25 1.0 18.20 3.8
Sun 01.04	1.2 06.49 3.7	13.03 1.0 18.56 3.9
Mon 01.40	1.3 07.24 3.7	13.40 1.0 19.31 3.8
Tues 02.16	1.4 07.59 3.6	14.15 1.1 20.05 3.7
Wed 02.52	1.5 08.33 3.5	14.50 1.3 20.39 3.6

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-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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