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# Ship blast rocks Loch Linnhe



Fire takes a firm hold of the 97,000-tonne cargo ship MV Yeoman Bontrup as she is berthed at Glensanda last Friday afternoon. Picture by Stuart MacInnes aka 'Septic'

## Explosion sends flames 800ft high and shock wave the length of Loch Linnhe

A 97,000-TONNE cargo ship blazed for almost 24 hours after a conveyor belt on the MV Yeoman Bontrup at Glensanda Quarry, Morvern, on Loch Linnhe caught fire.

Exploding oxy-acetylene cylinders were heard and felt 15 miles away as witnesses saw flames shoot 800ft in the air.

Fire crews from across the West Highlands were called into action on Friday afternoon with a helicopter,

barge and the superquarry's own ferry taking fire crews and equipment from as far as Inverness, Fort William, Oban and Strontian to the blazing vessel.

It is understood that the fire may have started on the conveyor used to take stone off the Bahamas-registered ship but rapidly spread to the superstructure.

Stuart MacInnes from North Ballachulish is a quarry operative and part of

the fire team at Glensanda. He said: 'We got called to the fire on the Yeoman Bontrup and responded as part of the on-site fire team.'

'There was a significant quantity of smoke coming from the discharging conveyor system. We started fighting the fire alongside the ship's crew. We tried to hold it at bay for roughly an hour, but the fire got out of control and we were told to abandon the ship.'

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**"When the explosion went off the glass in the patio windows shook."**

**Corran resident, 15 miles away**

'The fire department had already been called and arrived shortly after we stopped to take over.'

'To my knowledge, the

ship was still smouldering at 4pm on Sunday, however, emergency services had taken control of the situation and everything seemed to be in hand.'

Scott Hay, Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service area manager, co-ordinated fire fighting operations from Inverness.

He told The Oban Times a 200-metre exclusion zone was initially imposed because the vessel was carrying oxy-

acetylene cylinders. Those exploded around 5.45pm, sending a shock wave over a wide area.

People living 15 miles up Loch Linnhe at Bunree and Corran Ferry felt and heard the blast. Flames shooting 800-foot in the air were seen from Lismore and the blast was also felt in Appin.

One resident of Corran Gardens, by Corran Ferry, said: 'We were in the living room, which has patio

windows looking across the Loch Corran Ferry.'

'When the explosion went off, we felt it through our feet on the floor and the whole glass in the patio window shook.'

'But at that point nobody knew what it was.'

Mr Hay said fire crews from Strontian, Fort William, Kinlochleven were ferried across to Glensanda to fight the fire from the shore.

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### Helicopter lifts injured yachtsman

A 71-YEAR-OLD man was injured on a yacht in the Firth of Lorne on Monday afternoon and was taken by helicopter to hospital in Oban.

The man was swept against a guard rail on the 49-foot yacht Orca, injuring his back.

Oban lifeboat attended the yacht moored in a small bay on the Morvern shore, south of Inversanda.

A search and rescue helicopter on exercise in the area from Prestwick flew the casualty to Lorn and Islands Hospital.

### Oban sex offender receives 15 months

AN OBAN teenager has been sentenced to 15 months in prison and will remain on the Sex Offenders' Register indefinitely.

Colin Penrose, 18, of 5A Knipoch Place, was told when he appeared in Oban Sheriff Court on Monday that he would spend a further two years on licence.

Penrose pled guilty to lewd and indecent behaviour towards a girl under 16 years in May. Sheriff Peter Hammond said: 'You appear not to have fully accepted responsibility for your actions.'

### Roadworks to close A828 at Barcaldine

ROADWORKS on the A828 trunk road at Sutherland's Grove, near Barcaldine, will result in overnight closures from 9pm this Sunday.

The £165,000 road improvement scheme is planned to be completed on Friday July 23 and will involve resurfacing, drainage work and the application of high friction surfacing.

The works will be carried out between 9pm and 6am, Monday to Friday, and during this time a road closure will be in place. Scotland Transerv said every attempt would be made to ensure that access to business premises and residential properties would, as far as possible, be maintained.

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### Mull drug dealers jailed at Inverness court

TWO MULL women caught with £20,000 worth of drugs in an Inverness suburb have been jailed at Inverness Sheriff Court this week, one for three years, the other for nine months.

Drug squad officers found 'a treasure chest' of drugs when they raided the home shared by Carol MacCrone, 28, and Meryl MacLean, 22, both originally from Mull, last September. Depute fiscal Ron Phillips said there was cocaine with a street value of £11,265, amphetamines worth £2,879, cannabis resin valued at £3,150, and cannabis at £100.

The police also found the house. MacLean admitted knowledge of the drugs, but claimed it was for a restricted period. Her DNA was found on the cocaine packaging.

She admitted one charge of being concerned in the supply of cocaine between August 28 and September 2 last year.

MacCrone admitted five charges of being concerned in the supply of the various drugs - cocaine, amphetamine, cannabis resin, cannabis and BZP, which she believed to be Ecstasy, over a period of a month to September 2.

Defence agent Craig Wood, representing MacCrone, said his client started taking drugs while living in her home island of Mull. He said she moved to Inverness and shared a house with MacLean when a friend of hers asked her to keep drugs at the house. Mr Wood added that MacCrone also accepted selling drugs at the house.

Defence solicitor Ken Ferguson, for MacLean, claimed his client played a lesser role for a shorter period in the supply of drugs.

Sheriff Gordon Fleetwood jailed both women, whose address was given as 11a Damfield Road, Inverness, with MacCrone being sent down for three years and MacLean for nine months.

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Thick smoke pours from the MV Yeoman Bontrup as flames rip through the the ship's conveyor system Picture Stuart MacInnes aka 'Septic'

## Fire crews from throughout the Highlands tackle blaze

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Scott Hay, Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service area manager said fire crews from Strontian, Fort William and Kinlochleven were ferried across to Glensanda to fight the fire from the shore. They were joined by crews from Inverness, Fort Augustus, Drumnadrochit and Acharacle which were shuttled over as relief crews to cover throughout the night.

Both Oban's full-time and retained crews, along with Appin's volunteer unit, were taken over by the quarry's own ferry vessel around 4.30pm, returning around 10.30pm.

An RAF Sea King helicopter from Lossiemouth

flew in a specialist maritime incident response group from Invergordon at 8.15pm, equipped with specialised kit to tackle fires at sea, and was able to fly one crew man with non-life threatening injuries out to hospital in Oban.

Some others were treated for the effects of smoke inhalation and for minor injuries.

*"The seriousness of the fire and the remoteness of the location have made this a difficult incident to resolve."*

**Hugh Shaw**

The ship was still burning during Saturday and a seagoing tug arrived from Stornoway at 1am on

Saturday to tackle the blaze from the seaward side.

Fire crews were stood down at 1.18pm on Saturday and were taken back over Loch Linnhe in relays with the last across being Fort William and Kinlochleven crews, who did not return to base until 6pm.

Dutch experts Smit Salvage have now taken ownership of the stricken vessel.

Specialist teams are assessing the damage and any risks to the environment.

A spokesperson for quarry owners Aggregate Industries confirmed on Monday that cargo ships could not get in to the pier but said access and egress to the site was clear for smaller vessels, including those ferrying the workforce in and out.

He said: 'The fire was pretty severe and there's quite a lot of damage to the vessel. We will be working to remove her as quickly as possible.'

Iain Thorburn, chairman of Morvern Community Council, said: 'The Morvern community was shocked to hear of the serious fire aboard the Yeoman Bontrup while she was along-side the loading berth at Glensanda.

'We were relieved to hear there was no loss of life or serious injury to the captain and crew of the vessel or any of the fire-fighting teams. We appreciate the setback this will inevitably mean to the quarry and hope that business will be able to recommence in the very near future.'

A Maritime and Coastguard Agency spokesperson said on Monday that the ship's heavy fuel oil tanks were 'contained', although the ship was 'still smouldering'.

Secretaries of States representative (SOSREP), Hugh Shaw, who has responsibility for shipping or offshore incidents on behalf of the Department of Transport and Department of Energy, said: 'The seriousness of the fire and remoteness of the location have made this a difficult incident to resolve.'

'The salvage company is now on scene and is working hard to stabilise the vessel and eliminate the pollution threat from the heavy fuel oil on board.'

## Council sends out voluntary redundancy letters as it aims to cut costs

ARGYLL and Bute Council has sent letters to all its employees offering people the opportunity to volunteer for redundancy.

**Cuts in funding**

The move comes as part of the authority's efforts to make significant budget savings as a result of cuts in public sector funding.

A target of 15 per cent

savings over the coming three financial years has been set across the council, and reviews are currently underway in each of its services to identify opportunities for alternative service delivery, performance improvement and cost efficiencies.

Chief executive Sally Loudon said: 'One of the

things we are having to look at is to reduce the number of staff working for the council.

**Volunteers**

'We intend to do this by not replacing employees who leave, and also by offering employees the opportunity to volunteer for redundancy for which compensation will be paid.'

She stressed that there was no guarantee that anyone who expressed an interest in voluntary redundancy would have their request approved, as the council had to ensure that services could continue to function without particular posts.

'Individuals will only be permitted to leave subject to full consideration of the

best interests of the council and the efficiency of their particular service,' she added.

'I appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone, and creates a degree of uncertainty over our future. But I would like to reassure everyone that we will do all we can to avoid any compulsory redundancies,

despite the level of savings we are having to make.

'I will ensure that all staff are kept fully informed of any developments. The situation will become much clearer once we see how many people express an interest in voluntary redundancy, and how many of those requests we may be able to accommodate.'

## Mull pensioner shocked at recent delivery of five-year-old council bill

A MULL pensioner has been sent a bill, by Argyll and Bute Council, five years after she may, or may not, have run up the debt.

Eileen Goll, of Pennyghael, was sent the bill for home help charges from the August 29, 2005 but the plucky octogenarian has said she will refuse to pay it until the council proves that the bill is actually hers.

Mrs Goll said: 'I cannot understand why this bill, if it is indeed my unpaid account, has been left so long.'

'I want people to know what the council is up to. I have been sent a bill for £207.75 from five years

ago. It is simply not fair and it is not right.'

The Mull scientist continued: 'I understand that the council is short of cash but it is a bit of a cheek sending a bill five years late.'

'I am simply not able to check whether this is a proper bill or not. I was receiving cancer treatment at the time and I thought I had paid everything I owed.'

'The council is being a little bit crafty sending a bill so late. What is the council's accounting system like if it does not send bills at the time? It seems a bit peculiar.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll

and Bute Council said: 'It is inappropriate to comment on individual cases.'

'However, in general, the council does not send out any backdated bills.'

'All bills issued represent outstanding money owed to the authority according to our systems, for which an original bill will have been sent.'

'Any individual who has any queries regarding an outstanding payment should contact the council directly, where someone will be able to discuss their particular circumstances with them. The contact details are provided on the letter they have received.'



Oban lifeboat coxswain Ronnie MacKillop receives the cheque from Willie Melville, watched by treasurer of Oban lifeboat Les Stewart, volunteer James Woolnough and press officer Pat MacLean. 15\_1281lifeboat01

## The story of Oban's lifeboat boosts funds

'THE STORY of Oban Lifeboat', as told by long-time supporter and former crew member Willie Melville of Oban, has come up trumps for the charity behind the lifeboat.

Thanks to substantial sales of Willie's book, he was able to hand over a cheque last week for £3,000 to coxswain Ronnie MacKillop of Oban's lifeboat Mora

Edith Macdonald for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The money is everything that has been made on the book since it was published in July last year after expenses.

Publisher Pen Press has also vastly reduced its commission fee on the book so that even more of the royalties can go towards the

RNLI, an amount of some several hundred pounds.

Willie said that he had to thank the crew and people of Oban for their help in writing the book and all those who had purchased it as well as Pen Press.

'I give this cheque over with a great deal of pleasure but on one condition - someone else writes the next one,' said Willie.

## Feis Bharraigh goes live on air

A LUCKY group of teenagers from Barra are getting to broadcast to the world as part of this week's Feis Bharraigh.

The feis, which promotes the importance of the Gaelic language through tuition in song, dance, music and drama, has joined forces with Siar Media Group this year to put out a daily live radio programme.

Siar Media, based on Barra, has a successful local internet radio station Siar FM.

John Joe MacNeil, one of the presenters, is teaching the group of teenagers radio skills including putting together the live programme with live music and guests.

Karen MacKinnon, Feis Bharraigh chairperson, said: 'We are delighted to be working with the local radio station and especially with John Joe. This is a fantastic opportunity for our teenagers to get real depth into the world of radio and at the same time promote the language of Gàidhlig through its strong musical and oral traditions.'

Murdo MacNeil, Siar Media Group's co-ordinator, added: 'This is a brilliant opportunity for the feis teenagers to get involved in radio. We are extremely pleased to be working with the feis and this will lead to our continued development.'

The broadcast this week is from 11am to 12.30pm on www.siar.fm.

## Highland house tenants receive questionnaire

AROUND 13,600 Highland Council housing tenants have received letters and a questionnaire seeking their views on a review of council house rents and service charges. Tenants have until July 31 to complete and return their forms.

## Health and safety seminar sets up west of Scotland group



Logie Collins, health and safety manager for Argyll and Bute Council, front right, with some of the people who attended the first meeting of the Argyll IOSH network in Oban's Corran Halls.

OBAN played host recently to a meeting of professionals involved in health and safety from councils, NHS authorities, independent consultants and the offshore oil and gas industry.

The meeting was set up by the West of Scotland branch of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), of which many health and safety

professionals are members, and consultant Claire Rizos of Clarity Safety Solutions, Oban.

She explained that there were not many health and safety professionals in Argyll and the meeting allowed the 11 attending, from as far Ayrshire and Dumfries, to get together to share experiences and information.

The first meeting heard from Logie Collins, health and safety manager at Argyll and Bute Council, on construction safety management, which was followed by a discussion.

The aim is for the Argyll network to have quarterly meetings, with the next one in September in Lochgilhead, with a view to expanding to

offer educational opportunities for commercial businesses covering the application of health and safety regulation and process in business.

Argyll and Bute Councillor Duncan MacIntyre said: 'Argyll and Bute Council is fully supportive of events which highlight the importance of health and safety in our area.'

# Argyll First group calls for councillors and top officials to take a pay cut

A NEW group of councillors on Argyll and Bute Council, called Argyll First, has called for all members and top officials to take a pay cut.

Argyll First chairman, Councillor Douglas Philand, said it was the least

that councillors, the chief executive, three executive directors and 12 heads of services could do.

'There are severe cuts on the way; we are asking for voluntary redundancies and if we don't get enough then there could be compulsory

redundancies. We are asking for a 10 per cent cut in remuneration - it is only right that members and senior staff share some of the pain as well,' he said.

Councillors Philand, Donald Kelly and John Mcalpine announced on

Friday that they were forming the non-political Argyll First.

It is non-aligned and open to all councillors regardless of their politics; Councillor Kelly remains a Conservative.

It wants to put full powers

back into the hands of all councillors and not just a ruling elite.

To this end its second move is to call for the scrapping of the 16-strong executive committee and put the decision making back with area committees

and the full council meeting of all 36 members along with reversing centralisation and bringing planning decisions back to the area committees.

'The 16 members of the executive are in effect taking all decisions on behalf of all

the people of Argyll and Bute, leaving the remaining 20 councillors on the periphery,' said Councillor Kelly.

The two proposals will go before the next meeting of the full Argyll and Bute Council on August 19.

## Man left Oban hotel without paying £370 bill

A MAN who failed to pay his bill after staying at an Oban hotel has appeared before Oban Sheriff Court.

Roland Veerjitt, 31, whose address was given in court as Hollytree Hotel, Fort William, pled guilty to obtaining board and lodgings without payment when he appeared before Sheriff Douglas Small on Monday.

Veerjitt checked into an Oban hotel on March 19 but failed to pay his £376 bill when he left six days later.

Sheriff Douglas Small deferred sentence until August 3, pending the preparation of a social inquiry report.

## Residents voice fears over Oban's dirty beaches

OBAN'S Esplanade has long been the main focus of the local tourist trade but a lack of litter bins and a reduced refuse service from Argyll and Bute Council has many residents concerned for the future.

One woman, who did not want to be named, said: 'There are large clumps of grass and rubbish, along with the natural seaweed, which, if removed, would make the shore more enticing for people to sit on the sand.'

'There are many food takeaway outlets around that area and people could enjoy their food on a nice clean beach. Several years ago the council paid for tons of sand to be put there and it used to look nice, but it has been left to nature and is now a mess.'

Oban councillor Roddie McCuish said: 'Litter is regularly removed from the beach by the council.'

'Several years ago, the authority paid for sand to be put on the beach. Contrary to some people's reservations, my own included, the majority of this sand has remained in place although weeds and seaweed have now accumulated in some areas.'

'The area committee is aware of the feeling locally on this issue, and is keen to find a solution which allows people to better enjoy Oban town centre's waterfront.'

'In the meantime, I will contact our streetscene colleagues immediately to see what can be done to improve the area in the short term.'

## Police warn buyers of alcohol for U18s

A WARNING has been sent out to people who buy alcohol for under-18s, following an incident on June 29 in which a man is suspected of buying drink for two 15-year-old girls.

Oban police are following a positive line of enquiry.

Oban police Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'The impact of this type of offence should not be underestimated.'

'Their actions can have serious consequences.'

## Heroin find

A 30-YEAR-old man Oban man found in possession of heroin after a search of his home has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Oban police said they would continue to target the possession and dealing of illegal drugs in the area.

## Charity box stolen on Mull

A 41-YEAR-old man is being reported to the procurator fiscal after being seen stealing a Royal National Lifeboat Institution charity box. The man stole the charity box from Craignure, on July 7.

## Church vandalised

POLICE are seeking witnesses after Glencruitten Church in Oban was vandalised. Between 7.30pm last Thursday and 7am last Friday a door window was smashed at the church.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Mark O'Donnell at Oban Police Station.



Ian McKelvie, Kyle Arnot, Richard Arnot and Alan Fraser arrive at Inveraray.

## It's a long way to Inveraray

AN INVERARAY holiday homeowner has found an unusual way of avoiding the busy roads this summer - by kayaking door-to-door the 150 miles from Edinburgh to the Royal Burgh.

Richard Arnot decided it would be 'fun' to kayak from his permanent home in Scotland's capital to his holiday home in Inveraray.

The 59-year-old, along with his son and three friends, launched on Sunday June 20 from Newhaven Harbour. During their eight

day trip, the men paddled their way through the River Forth, the Forth and Clyde Canal, the Kyles of Bute and into Loch Fyne.

**Crossing at traffic lights** Richard, who has previously cycled from Edinburgh to Inveraray, said the most amusing part of his recent trip was lugging the 17ft kayaks through the streets of Falkirk and Clydebank.

'We couldn't get through the lock gates,' he explained. 'So we had to go through the

streets, crossing roads and stopping at traffic lights to wait for the green light - we got some strange looks.'

'After cycling to Inveraray from Edinburgh in May this year, I wanted to find another way of getting there so that's when the idea of kayaking came about,' he said.

Richard, who has owned his holiday home in Argyll for 11 years, added: 'It's just a bit of fun and who knows what way I'll end up travelling next time.'

# Inveraray road - worst in Scotland

THE A819 between Inveraray and Dalmlally has been described as the worst stretch of A-class or motorway road in Scotland.

It was highlighted in the annual road survey by the Road Safety Foundation in a report called Saving Lives for Less.

**Fatal or serious collisions** The 23-km road was worst in Scotland out of 10 regions in the UK and was sixth out of those 10 for the number of fatal and serious collisions between 2006-2008. This was a rise of 71 per cent between the 2003-05 figures and those for 2006-08.

Of the 12 fatal or serious collisions 42 per cent were caused by cars going off the road; 8 per cent were rear-end shunts and 50 per cent were for other reasons.

The Argyll and Bute Council-maintained road was the only one in Argyll considered to be a high risk road but others in Scotland included the A823 and A822 in Perthshire and A833 near Inverness.

The survey found the A82 between Tarbet and

Crianlarich was medium to high risk with the A83 to Campbeltown, A85 to Oban, A82 from Tyndrum to Fort William and A828 Connel to Ballachulish all classed as medium risk roads.

Chairman of the Road Safety Foundation Lord Dubs of Battersea said that the survey had shown that half of all fatal collisions were concentrated on just 10 per cent of the UK's roads network.

'It will astonish most that this report shows that significant loss of life can be stopped by measures as simple as getting road markings right on major A routes,' he said.

'This practical evidence reinforces the foundation's estimation that a third of road deaths could be prevented with high economic payback with systematic attention to detail.'

'Where money spent on road markings and safety fences is also much cheaper than the costs of emergency services, hospitals and the care of the disabled there is no sense in failing to make provision.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Accidents on the A819 have been reducing recently.'

'However, we are never complacent on road safety issues and regularly review accident statistics and target works at accident sites across our roads network.'

'We agree with the Road Safety Foundation that improving signs and lines can reduce accidents and works were carried out last year in this regard on sites along the A819.'

'Similar work is being done this year on the A816 [Oban-Lochgilphead], and is scheduled to be carried out next year on the A815 [Cowl].'

'Despite the constraints on council budgets, we hope to increase this sort of action in future years to cover the full length of our strategic network.'

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGregor said he would be putting pressure on the Scottish government to ensure 'Argyll's transport infrastructure sees the improvements which are so badly required.'

# Inquiry told coastguards had no boat to bring to rescue scene

A FATAL accident inquiry has heard that Oban Coastguard had a transportable boat based in Oban - but that it was replaced for one based on the sea.

The month-long inquiry at Oban Sheriff Court into the deaths of Craig Currie, 30, William Carty, 47, Stephen Carty, 42 and Thomas Douglas, 36 on March 21 last year on Loch Awe heard from Oban coastguard station officer Iain MacKinnon that a rigid inflatable boat (RIB) had been available for inland water rescue up until

1991-92. Mr MacKinnon, a volunteer of 24 years, said: 'I attended a number of incidents where the boat was taken to Loch Awe and launched - about five or six incidents.'

'At that time the boat had a compass, radio system, simple navigation device - the predecessor of GPS, life jackets, flares, throw lines and search lights.'

Asked why the boat was changed he remembered being informed that national policy had changed.

The inquiry into the deaths of the four men while crossing from Lochawe

village to the other shore in a small boat in thick fog had heard previously there had been a Zodiac boat stored at Oban Fire Station but it had been removed around six months before and Oban firefighters had only been trained for water rescue from the shore.

The nearest rescue boat, sent on the night, belonged to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue in Renfrew.

Mr MacKinnon said he was 'astounded' that Oban firefighters were not aware of coastguard capabilities and expected his team to turn up with a boat as the

both services had spent time on joint working groups prior to the incident.

On the night, when the coastguard helicopter was unable to reach the water, Mr MacKinnon had turned his attention to sourcing a boat locally as, although the coastguard could not ask for help, for insurance reasons, it could make people aware of an incident.

'In places like Loch Awe, people are very supportive of the emergency services. We have taken up the offer of assistance, frequently from one person in particular - Mr Donald Wilson,' he said.

Mr Wilson, owner of Loch Awe Boats at Ardbrecknish, Loch Awe, and an experienced boatman with extensive local knowledge, told the inquiry last week the coastguard control room called him at 5.30am and asked him to go to the scene.

But during the same call the operator said another boat had arrived.

Mr Wilson said he would not have launched in the conditions as the fog would have led anyone to 'completely lose orientation as soon as you lose sight of the shore'.

Mr Wilson said he had been asked by police and coastguard on previous occasions to assist with search/recovery on the loch but not at the rescue phase.

The inquiry also heard from Dr Julia Bell, forensic pathologist at Glasgow University and toxicologist Dr Hazel Torrance who said there were traces of cannabis found in Mr Currie and William Carty and very low levels of alcohol, Mr Douglas tested negative for drugs and the drugs test on Stephen Carty was inconclusive.

The inquiry continues.

## Calmac calls for customer calm

HEBRIDEAN ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) has asked for patience from passengers as it continues to operate with a depleted fleet.

Frustration has been rife among islanders and holidaymakers after a serious breakdown on the MV Clansman forced the company to alter its timetable. Initial estimates indicated the MV Clansman would be out of action until the end of the month and a clutch failure on the MV Isle of Mull compounded the problem, although the

latter was fixed the same day.

Peter Brown from Barra said: 'One of the reasons CalMac won the tender for these routes was because they said they had the resources to cover breakdowns but that has not been the case. There are a lot of people on the islands whose livelihoods are being affected by this.'

A CalMac spokesman said the complex repair work to the MV Clansman required engineers to cut a hole in the car deck and lift out the engine - which weighs

more than 50 tonnes. The spokesman added: 'Ferry travellers can be assured that we are doing everything we can to resolve this as speedily as possible and we are grateful for their patience and understanding at this time. We now have a timetable in place which will operate until the MV Clansman returns to service and most people with bookings are getting to where they want to be although in some cases some alteration to their travel plans may be necessary.'

## Oban bar owner hits out at licensing board

AN OBAN bar owner has hit out at a decision by Argyll and Bute Licensing Board to refuse the premises he runs a regular 2am Friday and Saturday night extension.

At last week's licensing board meeting it was agreed unanimously to refuse Papparazzi, which shares an entrance with O'Donnell's bar in Breadalbane Street, the regular 2am extension. Ruari Armstrong, who has managed Papparazzi since August 2008, told The Oban Times that the chairman of the board had been granting discretionary 2am occasional licences for functions since December last year.

'We have had a total of 52 2am licences with absolutely no noise and disturbance as has been verified by the police and the neighbours themselves, who wrote letters objecting to the 2am application but at the same time saying how lovely and peaceful Breadalbane Street was.' He said the refusal of the licence on grounds of 'prevention of crime and disorder' were 'ludicrous' as there had been no disorder.

Oban police Inspector Julie McLeish said it was not correct to say the police had verified

there had been no noise or disturbance: 'I said there were two occasions when the police were involved with persons relating to the premises and premises staff themselves. Taken in combination with the concern of local residents and business holders, this means that we have a continued police presence round the premises during opening hours. We have given our assurances to local residents that a high degree of police activity will continue to monitor the situation and deter any disorder which may occur.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Licensing Board said the application by Albion Oban Ltd and designated premises manager Elizabeth Callander was refused because it was 'not considered to be consistent with the licensing objectives as set out in Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005'.

'As the applicant's agent has requested a written statement of reasons for the decision, it would be inappropriate to comment further,' she said. There were 14 letters of objection with 25 signatories and no letters of support to the licensing office, although these were offered at the board meeting.

## Busy lifeboat out four times over weekend

OBAN'S lifeboat was called out four times over the weekend.

A pregnant woman from Mull had been on board the MV Isle of Mull waiting to leave Craignure on Friday, when it encountered technical problems.

The woman was taken off the ferry and transferred to Oban lifeboat, with two midwives on board, and transferred to Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban.

On Saturday afternoon the lifeboat was launched to go to the aid of a canoeist who had capsized in the Firth of Lorne but was unable to get back into his kayak. He was brought back to Oban where he recovered quickly.

In the early hours of Sunday morning the lifeboat was launched after a flare was reported by the Ocean Youth Trust's Alba Endeavour in the area across Grass Point, Mull, the Dubh Sgeir Rock and the west side of Kerrera. By 2.24am the area had been searched to no avail and the lifeboat headed back to Oban only to be called out again at 6am to take two paramedics to a man who had fallen ill on a yacht at Oban Marina, Kerrera, and take him back to Oban, where he was taken to hospital.

## Driver fined £300 for speeding in Dalmlally

AN ALLOA man has been fined £300 and given five penalty points after he was caught speeding on the A85 trunk road in Dalmlally.

Murray Dunsmore, 29, of 47 Sandpiper Meadow, Alloa, appeared in Oban Sheriff Court on Monday after police saw him driving at 68 miles per hour in a 40 mph per hour zone.

Defence agent Duncan Durbin told the court that Mr Dunsmore was unfamiliar with the road, had not ignored the speed limit and only accelerated because he believed he had passed the built up area.

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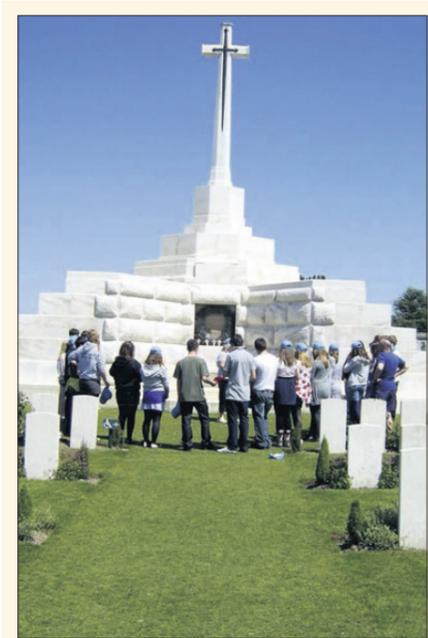
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**Tobermory High School pupils at Tyne Cot Cemetery**

A SCHOOL trip to Paris and Ypres by S4 pupils from Tobermory High School allowed them to pay their respects to the fallen of World War One in a ceremony at Tyne Cot cemetery, the last resting place of almost 12,000 Commonwealth servicemen.

Pupils also visited the Flanders Museum in the Cloth Hall in Ypres, followed by a walk around the Menin Gate with its shocking lists of the thousands of names of the dead from WW1 who have no grave. Hill 62 was the next stop, where pupils were able to examine the trenches of WW1 closely.

At Tyne Cot pupils were given time to wander around the beautifully kept grounds of the cemetery. S4 pupils had prepared a service of remembrance in their Religious Education class, writing their own thoughts and expressions of thanks for the sacrifice of soldiers, often not much older than themselves. Other pupils chose to read out an extract from one of the WW1 war poems they had studied in English. After reading out their thoughts, each pupil read out the names of all those who had lost their lives in two World Wars and this year included Private Robert MacLaren from Mull who died in Afghanistan last year.

After a two-minute silence, a wreath was laid at the foot of the Cross of Sacrifice.

Pupils and staff were visibly moved by the experience, as the sacrifice of so many was brought home to all.

There followed a brief visit to Langemarke, the resting place of some 25,000 German soldiers, 3,000 of whom were student volunteers who died in October and November of 1914.

The final paragraph of All Quiet on the Western Front was read out in German, followed by a minute's silence then a wreath was laid at the memorial.

**Increasing numbers of rogue traders targeting Argyll and Bute**

AN INCREASING number of rogue traders targeting Argyll and Bute in the summer has prompted the local authorities and police to join forces to issue a warning to householders.

Among the tactics used by these criminals are 'distraction burglaries', where rogue traders tell householders that work needs to be done on their house urgently.

Others turn up on the doorstep and offer to tar driveways, do gardening or just attempt to get into the house.

Argyll and Bute's trading standards team has now joined forces with Strathclyde Police in a summer initiative aimed at targeting and monitoring the activities of tradesmen carrying out work on properties in the area.

If any traders are found to be not complying with the law then swift and appropriate action will be taken against them.

The advice from trading standards officers is that if anyone turns up at your door offering to do work, they should provide you with a written notice entitling you to cancel within seven days of agreeing to have the work done.

A trader who does not give you this statutory document is breaking the law and could face a £5,000 fine.

Any individual approached by a stranger offering to do work has the right to refuse to let them into their home or onto their property. Should anyone have any concerns they should call the trading standards team on 01546 604404.



**Abdul Muslim and other Bangladeshi nationals join councillors in Oban for the raising of the flag, which was later stolen. A replacement flag has now been found. 16.t27flag1**

**Oban flies first Bangladesh flag in Scotland as local businessman honoured**

However, flag is stolen within hours of being raised

THE JOY of having the national flag of Bangladesh raised high on Argyll Square was short lived for Oban residents, as it was stolen only a few hours after it was ceremonially installed.

Local businessman Abdul Muslim and Councillor Roddie McCuish were instrumental in getting the flag flying in Oban and were proud that it was the first Bangladeshi flag flying officially in Scotland.

At the same time Mr Muslim was honoured for the funding his restaurant, the Light of India, raises for the Bangladesh Property and Health Development Charity.

But during the night the flagpole was taken down and the flag removed. German and French flags were also stolen.

Mr Muslim said: 'It is great that we were honoured by the flag. It was so wonderful to see the flag flying in my hometown.'

'I was sad to hear it had been stolen but I have another one so the council have said they will put it back up immediately.'

'I am very appreciative of what Roddie and the councillors in Oban have done.'

Chief Inspector Glen Bland of Strathclyde Police said: 'Someone, somewhere knows where this flag is and I am sure they will come forward and give us the information that we need to catch whoever has done this. We obviously have CCTV footage and will in the short term be able to identify the people who have carried out this crime. It would make more sense to come forward first.'

Oban police can be contacted on 01631 510500 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**'Argylls' given freedom of the county**

THE FREEDOM of Argyll and Bute has been reconferred on the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders with the presentation of a new pipe banner at Argyll and Bute Council.

Provost Councillor William Petrie made the presentation after the raising of a flag on Lochgilphead's front green to mark Armed Forces Day.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was first awarded the freedom of Argyll and Bute by the then district council in 1979.

However, it has since become part of The Royal Regiment of Scotland - with the official title of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (5SCOTS).

Provost Petrie said the change of status meant it was appropriate to reconfer the honour on the battalion.

**Broken leg for pensioner in motorbike crash**

A PENSIONER who crashed his motorcycle into a lorry escaped with a broken leg.

The 76-year-old German national was travelling on the A85 last week when he crashed.

After initial investigation by the road policing unit the man was airlifted to hospital in Glasgow where he received treatment for a fracture to his right leg.

**Meeting hears of Oban to Fort William cycle path progress**

THE PARTNERSHIP behind the cycle path project being constructed from Oban to Fort William met in Oban recently.

Representatives of Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity leading the development from Oban to Ballachulish, met with staff and councillors from Argyll and Bute and Highland Council, HITRANS, Forestry Commission and Transport Scotland.

The meeting reviewed progress and discussed plans for the path in 2010.

As an alternative to the busy A828, sections of the path are now open from Oban to Dunbeg via Ganavan, at Barcaldine from the Sea Life Centre to Creagan Bridge, in Appin from Inverfolla bus stop to Dallens layby, and from Kentallan to Ballachulish.

Improvements to the path have also been made at Strath of Appin primary school and at Benderloch leading to Lochnell Primary School.

In addition, Transport Scotland is currently busy completing the construction of a path alongside the A82 from Glencoe to Ballachulish.

**Safer cycling**

It is hoped that before the summer season gets into full swing it will be possible to cycle from Glencoe to Kentallan on a traffic-free path.

The meeting heard that use of the path by visitors and locals alike is growing and that work in 2010 will extend the path North and South of Benderloch village.

The project is backed by the partnership, the Scottish Government and the European Regional Development Fund.

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**Mike Russell confirms his stand for Mather's seat**



**Argyll and Bute's SNP councillors group meet with education secretary Mike Russell.**

EDUCATION secretary Michael Russell has confirmed that he will be standing for nomination as SNP's candidate for Argyll and Bute when Jim Mather stands down at the next election.

He made the announcement before visiting Tarbert to take part in a discussion session with the Argyll and Bute SNP councillors' group. The session covered a range of topics including Curriculum for Excellence, class sizes and the future of education provision in Argyll and Bute.

SNP Councillor Isobel Strong said: 'This was an extremely productive discussion at which the Cabinet Secretary was able to give us a fairly comprehensive overview of the national picture and the challenges facing the government as finances become increasingly tighter.'

'At the same time we were able to demonstrate how education is performing in Argyll and Bute and our direction of travel in facing those same challenges at a local level.'

**Thirty-six fined in Argyll and Bute for failure to clear dog dirt**

THIRTY-six members of the public have been fined in the last year for failing to pick up their dogs' mess in public places in Argyll and Bute.

Each received an immediate £40 fixed penalty notice after council wardens spotted them not stopping to clean up.

Councillor Robert MacIntyre, spokesperson for economy, environment and rural affairs, said that offenders had no excuse.

'Every dog owner knows they have a duty to clean up after their pet, so there really are no excuses for not doing so,' he said.

Anyone receiving a fine has 28 days in which to pay. If they fail to do so, it will increase to £60.

Should anyone continue to ignore the fixed penalty notice, they risk a court summons and a possible £500 fine.

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### Oban Community Council leader resigns

OBAN Community Council is looking for a new chairman following the resignation of Fred Hall after only eight months in the post.

Last week's meeting heard that Mr Hall, who wasn't present, had tendered his resignation from the post but would remain on the community council.

Vice chairman Nicola Welsh said she would act as chairman until the annual general meeting in October.

Moves are also to be made to hold a by-election following the AGM to recruit more members to the community council which has 24 seats available but has around half vacant.

Mr Hall told The Oban Times that he had resigned because he felt the community council would be 'better led by someone else'.

### Hotel chain boosts Argyll charity

CRERAR Hotels, which owns hotels in Mull, Inveraray and Oban, has presented an Argyll charity with a cheque for £5,000.

The Befrienders charity is one of a number across the country that has received funds from a total of £212,000 handed out recently by the hotel chain.

Befrienders is a service which provides one-to-one friendship with children and vulnerable young people aged six to 16 years in Argyll and Bute.

Paddy Crerar, chief executive of Crerar Hotels, said: 'We are delighted to donate substantial funds to very deserving charities across Scotland.'

'The work these organisations carry out is invaluable to the communities in which they operate and we hope the donations will help to further the good work they do.'

### Volunteers to aid stroke victims wanted in Oban

VOLUNTEERS are being sought by charity Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland for a programme of out-reach support in the Oban area.

Local co-ordinator Shirley Bateman says: 'We're developing services for local people who have had a stroke and desperately need the help of volunteers from the local community.'

'Perhaps you have skills that you could share like computing or photography. All this helps to rebuild their confidence after a stroke.'

Call Shirley on 01479 821 219 or email shirley.bateman@chss.org.uk.

A full training programme is offered and all expenses are fully reimbursed.

### Easdale island gains climate challenge funding

EILEAN Eisdale has received an award of just over £12,000 from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

The fund aims to help local communities develop a sustainable low carbon economy and to reduce their carbon emissions. The award will be used to install a whole island electricity meter that will monitor the consumption of power on the island. The results will be displayed on a monitor to be installed in one of the island's public buildings.

Stephen Carr, chairman of Eilean Easdale, said: 'We plan to hold community education days about energy conservation. We hope that this will improve awareness of energy consumption and encourage people to use less and so to reduce Easdale's carbon footprint.'

'We plan to start working on the meter and the display monitor shortly and to have the project completed by the end of the financial year.'

# Child thrown to the floor as passengers claim fear of 'dangerous' bus route

AN ARGYLL bus service is being driven so fast and carelessly by some drivers that passengers say they are scared to travel on it.

The Oban Times has been told of a number of incidents involving the 405 service from Oban to Barcaldine in the past eight weeks, including hitting the back of a car, clipping another vehicle and a child being thrown to the ground after a driver took a corner too fast.

But West Coast Motors bosses say they are surprised to learn of the incidents and concern, given the checks the company has in place.

Regular Dunbeg passenger Ann Ferguson has become so alarmed she took a survey of villagers about the service. She said some drivers drive in a 'dangerous way' and 30 people she has talked to agree with her.

*"There are lots of people who are getting to the stage where they are not wanting to go on the bus."*

**regular bus passenger**

'One 405 bus, going too fast, ran into the back of a car outside the Halfway House Filling Station, throwing a man to the floor,' she said. 'It's just a matter of time before we have a major tragedy on the 405 if this continues.'

'Many people are fearful of travelling on this service, which was also used twice a day for school children.'

Mum Bernie Tinney agrees. She was recently

travelling with her toddler and put him in a safe position at the front of the bus in his pushchair with the brakes on. But within minutes, the driver rounded a corner in Oban at speed, throwing the child and pushchair back and onto the floor of the bus.

She said: 'He was aware of it, but he didn't stop. They have got to stick to time, but the roads are not good anyway. They need to take a bit more care.'

Ann-Marie Sinclair, who also travels regularly with her young children, said: 'There are lots of people who are getting to the stage where they are not wanting to go on the bus. It's just the speed and they don't seem to care.'

The parent of a child who uses the bus regularly to get to primary school said the bus hit a car on a single-

track road at North Connel recently.

She said: 'In the past we have had letters home from the school at least three times saying the bus has been involved in an incident and some of the children have had to be treated for bumps and bruises because the driver braked hard.'

'The 405 travels along a single track road with passing places to pick up children and take them to school in Benderloch and some drivers travel too fast for the road conditions - and there are no seatbelts on these buses.'

Colin Craig, managing director of West Coast Motors said he was surprised to hear passengers' concerns and had received only one complaint about the service.

'Obviously these are very serious incidents and we

take them very seriously,' he said. 'The timetables are designed so that the bus drivers go at a safe working speed. They would be running early and we would know if there was a problem with speed.'

He said most buses are fitted with CCTV and a new live tracking system is being rolled out before the end of the year, allowing speed and braking force to be monitored.

'We will get extra supervision to check it,' he added. 'I would urge people if there are complaints to notify us because we are not being made aware. Every complaint is investigated and we will follow that up with customers whether formal action is taken.'

Argyll and Bute Council has not received any complaints about the service.



Iain MacKinnon and Murray Humphries, who are doing up the boat in preparation for its launch as a LochWatch patrol boat on Loch Awe. 15\_t29patrol01



Jackie Craig, right, hands over his cheque at the RNLI headquarters in Perth.

## DJ Jackie gets walking for charity

COUNTRY and Western DJ and walking enthusiast Jackie Craig from Dalmally has had his walking boots on again for charity.

The 71-year-old walked 130 miles from Inverness to John O'Groats in May and raised £1,614.40 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in the process.

### Seven-day route

He said he averaged 17-18 miles a day and it took him seven days to complete.

This is the third walk Jackie, who has a radio show on Oban FM, has completed in as many years for charity.

His first walk was to raise funds for the new Dalmally community hall, when he walked the West Highland Way and raised £883.

Last year he walked the Great Glen Way

and donated a total of £1,577, including Gift Aid, to helping those with Crohns disease.

'I have always liked walking - and it keeps me fit - and I thought why not make some money for charity at the same time?'

he said.

'The RNLI is a really important charity and needs the money,' he added.

He handed over his cheque last week at the charity's Scottish headquarters in Perth.

In between walking Jackie also hands his head over for the odd charity shave and last year made £500 for Marie Curie Cancer Care by getting his head shaved at a festival in Northern Ireland.

He's hoping to do the same again this year in a few weeks at The Lady of the Lake Festival in Co Fermanagh.

# Patrol boat to keep watch at Loch Awe

A LOCH Awe LochWatch patrol boat will soon be in the water at weekends and some week days, thanks to the generosity of two Oban friends who have loaned out their boat for the summer.

LochWatch volunteers Iain MacKinnon and Murray Humphries, both Oban, have been hard at work preparing the boat for the water, painting it and lettering it so it is a visible presence on the water.

The 16-foot speedboat with a 55hp outboard is owned by Neil MacAulay, who now lives and works in Bulgaria and Tom McCrindle, an Oban-based building control officer with Argyll and Bute Council.

Neil still visits his parents in Dunbeg regularly but as a former member of the Oban coastguard team is well acquainted with incidents on the loch.

The boat will be used to raise safety awareness, encourage the use of lifejackets among boat users on the loch and 'fly the flag' for the LochWatch scheme, which has volunteer 'spotters' along the loch side and other boat users signed up to help in case of incidents on the loch.

At the end of the summer, an evaluation will take place of the usefulness of having a

patrol boat.

'They have loaned the boat for the rest of this year to see how successful it is in raising awareness in safety and wearing lifejackets,' said Murray, who also runs the LochWatch website and the website for the boat www.lapb.org.uk

Murray and Iain will crew the boat with help on the shore from LochWatch co-ordinator Donald Wilson's Loch Awe Boats' staff and it will carry navigation equipment, including a fitted compass and GPS, a first aid kit, survival bags, VHF radio to be in contact with Donald, a boarding ladder and throwing lines.

'Support from businesses for patrol boat equipment has been great with equipment donated free of charge or heavily discounted,' said Murray

'The generosity of business and individuals in supporting LochWatch continues to be overwhelming.'

One visitor who saw what they were doing even offered to make a replacement Perspex windshield for the patrol boat.

Murray and Iain have emphasised that it is not a rescue boat, that it would not be 'on call' and would not be in the water without qualified crew to man it.

## Lorn Lines



The stranded yacht Moonstone last week with Oban lifeboat standing by.

OBAN'S lifeboat was called out last Tuesday morning to assist a yacht which had grounded on rock off the north east corner of the island of Torsa, south of Oban.

The Bavaria 36 yacht Moonstone had two people on board, one of whom was taken on to the lifeboat to await the rising tide.

At around 5pm the lifeboat was able to refloat the boat, which was not taking on any water and had no damage to her hull and she continued on her way southwards.



Oban Lions Clubs' 'guess the bears birthday' was won by Megan Williamson aged 8, from Oban who guessed the correct date, November 4, which is her own birthday. The club would like to thank the Caledonian Hotel, Oban who ran the competition on behalf of the Lions and all who entered.

ATLANTIS Dance Ballet medal tests were held recently with a number of pupils gaining highly commended awards.

Pre-Primary: Lili Webster - Commended +; Annie Douglas - Commended.

Primary: Laura Bialecka - Commended; Lilijana Alexander - Commended; Lily Childs - Pass++; Katie Keeney - Pass++; Evie Lane - Highly Commended.

Level 1: Erin Macaulay - Highly Commended.

Level 3: Anna Hayward - Commended+; Joshua Marlow - Commended+; Charlotte Lawson - Commended+; Kate Little - Commended+.

Level 5: Beth Little - Highly Commended; Lauren Lawson - Highly Commended; Christina Wilkie - Highly Commended.

Level 7: Jakki Watt - Highly Commended.



Some of the amateur artists who exhibited at Lynn Court, with tutor Liz Goudie, third right. 07\_225art01

THREE groups of amateur artists got together for an exhibition recently hosted by Lynn Court supported housing complex in Oban.

Friends and family were invited to view the exhibits which were the result of art classes run by Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning in Dunmar Court and Lynn Court in Oban and MacCallum Court in Dunbeg. The courses are run in 10-week blocks through Clydebank College with local tutor Liz Goudie. The exhibition coincided with the latest course and around 70 paintings were on show. Donations were asked for instead of an entry fee which was given to charity, along with proceeds from the sale of paintings.



A group of walkers gathered recently at the Railway Station in Oban to walk from there to the war memorial on the Esplanade to raise funds for the Diabetes UK local group. Twenty five walkers took part and a total of £1,400 was raised through sponsorship and donations. John Twort, Connel, chairman of the local support group, thanked all those who took part and those individuals and local businesses who sponsored the walkers.

GEORGE Berry went shopping for a new belt this week as he continues to lose inches from his waistline.

Gym workouts and walking are paying off for George as his fitness improves and his body shape changes. Robin Morton of Energie Fitness said: 'Although George's weight has remained the same his stamina has improved greatly. In time that will translate to weight loss.'

## Iain Crichton Smith remembered in tribute

FRIENDS and former colleagues of the late Iain Crichton Smith joined staff and pupils of Oban High School before the end of term to pay tribute to the poet, novelist and inspirational teacher.

At the gathering a plaque was unveiled by the celebrated Oban High School teacher's widow, Donald Henderson, in his honour and it will be permanently on display in the high school.

The ceremony featured a mix of poetry recital, music, song, memories, anecdotes and displays of creative writing and artwork.

Fear an Taighe and award-winning poet, novelist, journalist, broadcaster and actor Angus Peter Campbell enthralled the audience with



Iain Crichton Smith's widow, Donald Henderson, unveils the plaque in his memory.

remiscences and reflections from classical literature to the ball skills of Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi.

He paid eloquent tribute to Iain's memory, as well as encouraging current students to 'look in your own heart and write'.

Perhaps the most moving of the tributes were paid by Calum and Murdo MacLeod. Along with Iain, they formed a triumvirate whose friendship lasted a lifetime.

Their recital of Iain's poetry was given huge resonance and poignancy by their recollections of the circumstances giving rise to the poetry.

Formalities over, guests relaxed over coffee and shared with one another memories of the man whom all remembered for his warmth, humanity, intellect, and perhaps above all, humour.

## Oban plans to celebrate bicentenary

PLANS for a 'homecoming style' celebration are getting underway for Oban's bicentenary celebrations next year.

Among ideas suggested is a world record attempt on the biggest Strip the Willow which may be held on Oban's George Street on a Saturday in mid July.

While plans are still in the production stage there are already a number of confirmed events which will be announced later in the year.

It is likely that the celebrations will last for two months culminating in a bonanza day at the Argyllshire Gathering on Thursday, August 26.

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Men - 100m - 1 Richard Simm; 2 Andrew Paterson; 3 G. Donald. 200m - 1 Richard Simm; 2 Andrew Paterson; 3 Sinclair Patience. 400m - 1 Richard Simm; 2 Callum Fraser; 3 Grant Swanson. 1500m - 1 Richard Simm. Hill Race - 1 Callum Fraser; 2 Brian Bartell; 3 Alistair Fraser.

Best Overall Track Athlete - Richard Simm. Ladies - Sack Race - 1 Linda Henderson; 2 Fiona Gordon; 3 Verena Macleod. Three Legged/Egg and Spoon - 1 Alison Donald/Linda Henderson; 2 Kate Tuer/ Fiona Gordon. 100m - 1 Verena Macleod; 2 Marianne Hood; 3 Jane Bassett. Hill Race - 1 Kate Tuer.

Children's races - Under Five Flat Race 1 Lily Bloom; 2 Lily MacDonald; 3 Tommy Rand. Sack Race 5-7 Girls - 1 Molly Lilly; 2 Callie Rodgers; 3 Abi MacDonald. Boys - 1 Ross Gordon; 2 Gillespie MacVicar; 3 Callum Huggle. Sack Race 8-9 Girls - 1 Emma Gordon; 2 Taylor Rodgers; 3 Thea Levitt. Sack Race 8-11 Boys - 1 Grant Swanson; 2 Ben Johnstone; 3 Fergus Fraser. Sack Race 12-15 Mixed - 1 Angus Bleakley; 2 Jesse Rodgers; 3 Sally Swanson. Three Legged Race 5-7 Girls - 1 Emma Rowe/Abi MacDonald; 2 Jessica Chalmers/Molly Lewis; 3 Callie Rodgers/ Josie Bloom. Three Legged Race Boys - 1 Ross Gordon/Gillespie MacVicar; 2 Finlay/ Cameron Fraser; 3 Callum Huggle/Ronan Bleakley. Three Legged Race 8-11 Girls - 1 Cara/ Isla Coe; 2 Tess/Thea Leavitt; 3 Megan Stewart/Taylor Rodgers. Three Legged Race 8-11 Boys - 1 Lois Viduca/Jack Allan; 2 Ben Johnstone/Mungo Bleakley; 3 Malcolm Macleod/Antony Mouse. Three Legged Race 12-15 Mixed - 1 Thea/Erin Leavitt 2 Emma Gordon/ Claire Macleod. Egg and Spoon 5-7 Girls 1 Emma Rowe; 2 Callie Rodgers. Egg and Spoon 5-7 Boys 1 Ross Gordon; 2 Hugh Calum Finlay; 3 Rowan Bleakley.

Egg and Spoon 8-11 Girls - 1 Claire Macleod; 2 Megan Stewart; 3 Rebecca Johnstone/Peigi Macvicar. Egg and Spoon 8-11 Boys - 1 Ben Johnstone; 2 David Rodgers; 3 Mungo Bleakley.

Flat Race 5-7 Girls - 1 Callie Rodgers; 2 Molly Lilly; 3 Rhianna Macleod. Flat Race 5-7 Boys - 1 Ross Gordon; 2 Gillespie Macvicar; 3 Andrew Gordon. Flat Race 8-11 Girls - 1 Rachel Mackay; 2 Chloe MacDonald; 3 Katie Stark. Flat Race 8-11 Boys - 1 Grant Swanson; 2 Jack Allan; 3 Ben Johnstone. Flat Race 12-15 Girls - 1 Sophie MacLennan; 2 Thea Leannit 3 Sally Swanson. Flat Race 12-15 Boys - 1 Callum Fraser; 2 Angus Bleakley; 3 Alasdair Stark. Mixed Junior Hill Race - 1 Angus Bleakley; 2 Chloe MacDonald; 3 Grant Swanson.

Glengarry Mini Highland Games - Hammer 5-8 Gillesbuig Macvicar; 9-10 Theresa Luque; 10+ Patrick Browne. Caber 5-8 Ross Gordon; 9-10 Theresa Luque; 10+ Cara Coe. Shott Putt - 5-8 Ross Gordon; 9-10 Miguel Luque; 10+ Patrick Browne. Weight for Distance 5-8 Ross Gordon; 9-10 Miguel Luque; 10+ Aerin Learitt.



GLENGARRY Highland Games at Invergarry were a success on Saturday despite the changeable weather.

In between rain showers, the sun came out and visitors were able to enjoy all the usual attractions that were on show - the heavy events, races, music, dance and food. There was also a mini-games for children to compete in.

President of the organising committee Neil Stewart said he was happy with how the day went. 'Numbers were maybe slightly down on last year,' he said 'but it has still been a really good day. There's been really strong competition, especially in the heavies. And hopefully we've raised lots of money.'

The funds raised by the games will go to local charities.

Despite being moved to the nearby community hall to escape the rain, the Highland dancing competitions proved a success, with more than 70 dancers taking part. Dance organiser Marie Stewart told *The Oban Times*: 'We started this morning outside but we had to move inside because of the rain.'

'We've had good crowds all day, and we had a lot of tourists in to watch in the morning. 'This is the most dancers we've ever had competing, and they've come from as far as Skye, Inverness and Dumbarton.'

Left: The caber tossing competition was a big attraction at Glengarry Games. 10\_f28glen02



Concentration on the face of one of the heavy athletes as he prepares to compete in the Weight over the Bar competition at Glengarry Games. 10\_f28glen03



Carlie MacKinnon, 10, from Spean Bridge, performing at Glengarry Highland Games. 10\_f28glen01



Eilidh Petrie steps out in style at Glengarry Games. 10\_f28glen04

"This is the most dancers we've ever had competing."



Former presidents and members of Tiree SWRI.

## Women celebrate 50th anniversary of Tiree SWRI

MORE than 30 members of the local branch of the SWRI held a celebration lunch to mark the 50th birthday of the institute on Tiree.

Two members from the original meeting, Annie MacKinnon and Nan MacLean, cut a cake which had been especially baked for the occasion by the branch's current president Caroline Maclean who welcomed the group

at the island's Lodge Hotel. After the meal Caroline gave a talk based on the minutes of the first meeting on Tiree and read out cards from past presidents who were unable to attend.

One past president nearly didn't make it on time. Gill Sharp's flight from Glasgow was nearly two hours late and a car was sent to the airport to speed her to the hotel. Gill said later: 'I

was worried that after travelling from my home in England I would miss the gathering of my old friends on Tiree, but I made it eventually.'

Gill was in time to pose for a photograph with six other former presidents, Peggy Cameron, Elspeth Gillies, Margaret Gorman, Margaret MacIntyre, Annie MacKinnon and Caroline Maclean.

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

**Rain at last**  
IT'S NOT often Islay is eager for more rain, but the lack of rainfall in recent months had the island reaching near-drought state before a night and morning of steady rain fell recently.

The island had had almost no rainfall during the whole warm month of June.

Some water supplies used by private homes have run very low and water has been brought by tanker to a few households. Islay's distilleries have

also had concerns about diminishing water supplies, but as their 'silent season' is nearly here, there's every chance rainfall will make up the water levels before they re-start production.

**Open day**  
A BUSY and successful Gaelic Open Day was held at Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile on June 25, offering taster sessions of the Ulpán Gaelic course for Gaelic Singers.

In the evening, presentations of completion certificates for the year's Gaelic courses to an impressive number of students were made by tutor Sine MacKellar and previous Bòrd na Gàidhlig chairman Arthur Cormack.

After the presentations, a concert was held featuring

Islay's Gaelic singers, several of whom are learning Gaelic at Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile, and several much-enjoyed songs from Arthur Cormack.

**Ballygrant Post Office**

BALLYGRANT Post Office closed on Tuesday June 15.

A new service, operated from Ballygrant Village Hall by the sub postmistress from Bowmore, opened on Monday June 21. The postal service will now be available for four hours per week, on Mondays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Royal Mail services which previously operated from Ballygrant post office have been moved to the

delivery office in Port Ellen. Customers should contact the delivery office in Port Ellen on 01496 302131 to make arrangements.

**Pipe band**

ISLAY Pipe Band competed in the British Championships held at Annan on June 26.

A total of 130 bands were competing in the various grades, with 13 bands competing in Grade 3A. Islay Pipe Band finished just out of the prize list in Grade 3A, taking seventh place.

The Islay band's strength was in its piping, gaining second place in the March, Strathspey and Reel, and a seventh in the medley. They scored ninth in drumming and tenth for ensemble work.

## Oban High School senior prizewinners 2009-2010

S4 Oban High School Prize For Administration, Standard Grade - Katherine Sutherland; Oban High School Prize For Business Management, Standard Grade - Sasha Porter; Oban High School Prize For Art & Design, Standard Grade - Angus Sinclair; Jenny Morrison Prize For Biology, Standard Grade, Joint - Angus Sinclair and Richard Thomson; Jenny Morrison Prize For Chemistry, Standard Grade - Richard Thomson; Oban High School Prize For Computing Studies, Standard Grade - William Clark; Oban High School Prize For Craft & Design, Standard Grade - William Sander; Oban High School Prize For Enterprise Through Craft - Anthony Monaghan, Access 3; Oban High School Prize For Graphic Communication, Standard Grade - Robin Scott; Oban High School Prize For Practical Craft Skills, Int 2 - Anthony Monaghan; Oban High School Prize For Drama, Standard Grade, Joint - Jane Carson and Amy King; Hugh Sheddon Prize For English, Standard Grade - Richard Thomson; Iain Forteith Memorial Prize For Excellence in English - Leigh Eisler; Former Pupils' Association Prize For French, Standard Grade, Joint - Amy King and Angus Sinclair; Reverend John MacLeod Prize For Gaelic Learners, Standard Grade - Kirsty Thomson; Oban High School Prize For Geography, Standard Grade - Richard Thomson; Oban High School Prize For History, Standard Grade - Angus Sinclair; Oban High School Prize For Home Economics, Standard Grade - Connie McNeill; Oban High School Prize For Hospitality - Chelsea MacDonald; Former Pupils' Association Prize For Mathematics, Standard Grade - Angus Sinclair; Oban High School Prize For Modern Studies, Standard Grade - Feargal Letford; Oban High School

Prize For Music, Standard Grade - Elizabeth Campbell; Oban High School Prize For Philosophy & Belief, Int 2 - Katherine Sutherland; Mrs David Scott Prize For Physical Education, Int 2 - Leigh Eisler; Jenny Morrison Prize For Physics, Standard Grade - Angus Sinclair; Oban High School Prize For Physics, Int 1, joint - Megan MacLeod and Fraser McGlone; Oban High School Prize For Spanish, Standard Grade - Richard Thomson; XL Prize - Louise Kynoch.

S5/6: Oban High School Prize For Int 2 Administration, joint - Emma MacAulay and Lisa MacKenzie; Oban High School Prize For Higher Administration, joint - Lorna MacPherson and Catriona Kerr; Wiltshire Trophy Prize For Outstanding Achievement in Higher Administration - Helen Tinney; Oban High School Prize For Higher Art & Design - Eilidh Cook; Art Cup - Advanced Higher Art & Design - Bridgette Woolnough; Orsay Applied Art Prize - Rhoda Beaton; Jenny Morrison Prize For Biology, Higher - Kirsty Pallas; Jenny Morrison Prize For Chemistry, Advanced Higher - Vernon Davies; Jenny Morrison Prize For Chemistry, Higher - Calum Peden; Oban High School Prize For Computing Studies, Higher, joint - Rebecca Campbell; Oban High School Prize For Computing Studies, Higher, joint - Colin Oman; Laing Prize For Design & Technology Education - Julie Campbell; Oban High School Prize For Graphic Communication, Higher, joint - Calum Peden and Allan Laycock; Oban High School Prize For Graphic Communication, Int 2 - Martin Lang; Oban High School Prize For Practical Craft Skills, Int 2, joint - Bruce Aitken and Steven McMonagle; Oban High School Prize For Product Design, Higher, joint -

Julie Campbell and Colin Currie; Oban High School Prize For Product Design, Int 2 - Simone Carter; D C Buchanan Prize For English, Advanced Higher - Angus Scott; Hugh Sheddon Prize For English, Higher - Louisa Stage; Iain Crichton Smith Prize For English - Angus Scott; Oban High School Prize For French, Int 2 - Kellen Carey; Oban High School Prize For French, Higher - Steven Delebecque; Oban High School Prize For French, Advanced Higher - Angus Scott; Flora MacLeod Bequest For Gaelic, Higher - Bruce Duthie; D C Buchanan Prize For Gaelic, Higher - Rian McAllister; Oban High School Prize For Gaelic Learners, Advanced Higher - Jennifer McLuckie; Annie M McInnes Prize For Modern Languages, Spanish - David Murphy; Craven Memorial Prize For Geography, Advanced Higher - Angus Scott; Oban High School Prize For Geography, Higher joint - Hannah Poulton and Iona Underwood; Oban High School Prize For Travel and Tourism - Rebekah MacLeod; Oban High School Prize For History, Int 2 - Lauren Williams Bale; Oban High School Prize For History, Higher, Joint - Jessica Black and Lynsey MacAllister; Oban High School Prize For Home Economics - Health & Food - Maria Storr; Oban High School Prize For History, Advanced Higher - Tess McMeddes; Oban High School Prize For Hospitality - Sean Howie; Oban High School Prize For Hospitality, Int 2 - Helena Robertson; Former Pupils' Association Prize For Mathematics, Advanced Higher - Vernon Davies; Former Pupils' Association Prize For Mathematics, Higher - Kellen Carey; F J Mackenzie Prize For Excellence in Mathematics - Vernon Davies; Oban High School Prize For Mathematics, Int 1 - Lauren Williams-Bale; Oban High School Prize For Mathematics, Int 2 - Maria

Storr; Oban High School Prize For Modern Studies, Higher - David Murphy; Oban High School Prize For Music, Higher - David Murphy; Oban High School Prize For Music, Advanced Higher - Angus Scott; Melbourne Lloyne Prize For Music Composition - Jennifer McLuckie; Haydock Prize For Most Improved Senior Instrumental - Amy Campbell; Oban High School Prize For Philosophy, Higher, joint - Rhoda Beaton and Rian MacAllister; Moncrieff Cup For Physical Education, Higher, joint - Cara Potts and Peter Currie; Jenny Morrison Prize For Physics - Higher - Louisa Stage; Oban High School Prize For Physics, Advanced Higher - Vernon Davies; Oban High School Prize For Physics, Int 2 - Murray Willis; Oban High School Prize For Special Effort In Science - Kellen Carey. H2O Awards: Daena Campbell, Samantha MacIver, Linzi MacIver, Laura Meek, Katie Melville, Caroline Smith, Louise Kynoch. Asdan Gold Awards: Craig Handley, Louise Kynoch, Stephanie Waiton. Millie Media Award For Young Enterpris: Finn Currie & Angus Scott. Oban High School Prize For Outstanding Peer Support - Veronica Speirs. Scottish Association For Marine Science Award For Outstanding Achievement In Science - Louisa Stage. Glencruitten Hostel Prize For Endeavour - Josie and Tess McMeddes. Calum John Laing Trophy - Sophie MacLennan. Rotary Award For Endeavour - Gian Bove. Oban High School Sports Coaching Award, Joint - Callum Weir and Keith MacRae. Oban High School Achievement Award, Joint - Amanda Noddings and Fergus Matheson. Head Girl Award - Lisa MacKenzie; Head Boy Award - Angus Scott. Dux, Joint - Louisa Stage and David Murphy.

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FOR thrills and spills, with an added skirl of the pipes, there's nothing quite like a Highland Games.

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The Highland and Islands' finest athletes, pipers and dancers will be on display this summer for a packed Highland Games programme.

**TAYNUILT**  
 Taking place at the Sports Field in Taynuilt on July 17 this traditional Highland games includes piping and dancing competitions, heavy and track events and various stalls and is always a big community event under the shadow of Ben Cruachan.

**LEWIS**  
 On the same day the Lewis Highland Games at Tong, near Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis take place. A traditional games with added special events, such as a Strongman event. There is of course the traditional heavy events too, as well as Highland dancing, piping competitions, athletics, a fairground, stalls, parachutists and street entertainers.

**LOCHCARRON**  
 Another traditional event on July 17 is the Lochcarron Highland Games at Attadale Estate, Strathcarron.

**MORVERN**  
 The Morvern Games, part of Morvern Gala Week, also take place on July 17 at Knock Park, Lochaline. The Morvern games are a very friendly, authentic games in a stunning rural setting. They have been described as the 'most scenic games in Scotland'.

**INVERARAY**  
 On Tuesday, July 20 it is the turn of Inveraray as the picturesque Highland Royal Burgh hosts its world famous games at Winterton Park in the grounds of Inveraray Castle. At Inveraray spectators can enjoy solo piping, Highland dancing, heavy, track and field events, including the world tossing the caber championships, cycling, wrestling and performances by pipe bands. The games also include a funfair and trade stands.

**SOUTH UIST**  
 On Wednesday, July 21 the island of South Uist hosts its games at Asker-nish Machair near Loch-

boisdale. These games consist of heavy events, junior events, senior and junior piping, Highland dancing, running and jumping events, various stalls and shows for children.

**MULL**  
 The Mull Highland Games take centre stage on July 22 at Erray Park in Tobermory. Again a traditional event the games include a spectacular venue above colourful Tobermory with piping, dancing and track and field events. The games are a great day out for all the family.

**NORTH UIST**  
 Scheduled for July 23, the North Uist Highland Gathering takes place at Balelone on the island featuring piping, Highland dancing, heavy events, tug o' war and athletics.

**SOUTHEND**  
 Boasting the stunning scenery of Kintyre is Southend Highland Games at Hotel Park on July 24. Traditional Highland Games with piping, Highland dancing and a host of other events and activities are on offer.

**LOCHEARNHEAD**  
 Also on July 24 at the Games Park in Lochearnhead there are the Balquhiddier, Lochearnhead and Strathrye Highland Games. These games also provide the spectacle of a traditional Highland clan gathering of the clans McLaren, Stewart, McGregor and McNabb.

**ARISAIG**  
 The traditional games of Arisaig take place on July 28. A good standard of piping, athletics and dancing is expected.

**KILMORE**  
 Saturday, July 31 is another busy day for Highland Games across Argyll and the west Highlands. At Glenfeochan House Grounds, Kilmore, by Oban can be found the Kilmore and Kilbride Highland Games. These are a traditional Highland games with a full programme of events such as athletics, heavy events, high jump, hammer, shot putt, weight over the bar, caber tossing, tug o' war, tossing

the sheaf, long jump, pillow fight, Highland dancing, piping, children's races and novelty events for all ages; haggis hurling, wellie boot throwing, side shows, refreshments, a dog show and displays.

**FORT WILLIAM**  
 Also on July 31 are the Lochaber Highland Games at An Aird Shinty Park, Fort William. This spectacular event features clan battle performances throughout the day, the honorary chieftain leading the pipe band to the games which include heavy events, track and field, dancing, piping, craft stalls, amusements and a beer tent.

**MALLAIG**  
 On August 1, at Lovat Memorial Field, Morar are the Mallaig and Morar Highland Games. This event is a small traditional Highland games which includes heavy events, athletics, piping, Highland dancing, child and adult events and a cross country race.

**SKYE**  
 The wonderfully named The Lump, Portree is the venue for the Isle of Skye Highland Games on August 4.

**KILLIN**  
 The Killin Highland Games are held on August 4 at Breadalbane Park, Killin and feature traditional Highland games events including Highland dancing, piping competitions, strength events, side stalls and a funfair.

**NEWTONMORE**  
 Another traditional event is the Newtonmore Highland Games held at The Eilan, Newtonmore on August 7. These games feature Highland dancing, piping, heavy events, track and hill race competitions, pipe bands, shows, stalls, food stalls and a licensed tent. The games also boast the Clan MacPherson gathering and a spectacular march to the Games.



**ARRAN**  
 Again a traditional Highland games with a two day piping competition. The Brodick Highland Games will be held on Saturday, August 7 at Ormidale Sports Ground, Brodick on the Isle of Arran. The games are a traditional Highland games with athletics, Highland dancing, heavy events, tug o' war, pillow fights, stalls and children's entertainment.

HRH Prince Charles, wrestling championships and a junior shinty tournament.

**OBAN**  
 At Mossfield Park on Thursday August 26, the Argyllshire Gathering is a very traditional Highland games with piping, Highland dancing competitions, athletics, heavy events, junior shinty and a heritage tent. The previous day's piping competition attracts some of the best in the world and the winner leads the march to the games field.

**COWAL**  
 The Cowal Highland Gathering takes place from August 26 to 28 at Dunoon Stadium, Dunoon. This event includes the World Highland dancing championships, Cowal pipe band championships, solo piping competition, heavy athletics and wrestling competitions as well as a ceilidh tent.

**DRUMNADROCHIT**  
 On August 28 is the Glenurquhart Highland Gathering and Games at Blairbeg Park, Drumadrochit with heavies, track and field events, piping competitions, dancing displays, a hill race, tug o' war, a fun fair and stalls.



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**ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th** 090 6612 4520  
You can find yourself on a practicality drive and especially on the home front. This may see you purging the place of anything which no longer plays a role and heading for your municipal recycling centre, with any surplus items. Professionally, Venus's potent angle with powerful Pluto suggests a new job or improvement in your situation beckon. Call now for more astral advice...

**TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st** 090 6612 4521  
Your life can benefit from a completely fresh approach. However, if you're happy in contented familiarity, it could feel scary to throw over comfy elements but this needn't be revolution as much as evolution. You know the things you treasure, so you needn't focus on these. Instead look to the stale, repetitive routines or attitudes that are ripe for a change. Call me for your in-depth forecast...

**GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st** 090 6612 4522  
A car boot sale can reap some nice spare loot and there can also be good news on the cost of a home premium renewal. If you're interested in making moves in the property market, the shift of Venus and its angle to Pluto, can give you the momentum to go for what you want. A dream abode can follow or a tasteful makeover to your existing residency. Call now for your financial forecast...

**CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd** 090 6612 4523  
A very significant Solar Eclipse in your sign, and a super link to Mars, can do your prospects wonders in the second half of the year. You will gain momentum almost straight away, and although this can be important for personal aspirations, your love life can revive splendidly too. If you meet someone this week, it could change you forever. Call me for your love scope in full...

**LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd** 090 6612 4524  
If you're involved with someone it can thrill if your partner spoils you with a gift. Whilst this in itself can be nice, the thought is likely to mean more to you. If you need to check out mortgage products or write a business plan, things ebb in your direction. However, it's essential that you don't skimp on your research. Cash luck can be linked to a workmate. Call for more astral advice...

**VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd** 090 6612 4525  
Collective projects can be fortunate for you. This doesn't mean that you have to stop being individualistic, far from it. The people who accept you for who you are yet share a common interest or cause won't mind you having your own voice at all. With Venus joining your sign and angling with Pluto, a deeper, more caring love can emerge. Savor it. Call your prediction line for more...

**LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd** 090 6612 4526  
You may have been asserting yourself more recently, perhaps in chasing worldly opportunities. Now there can be invitations linked to this too. It can be nice to feel that you're someone that others feel, counts. Yet if you are in a close love relationship, are you spending enough time with your partner? Solo? A secret tryst can emerge through work. Call me now for your love scope in full...

**SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd** 090 6612 4527  
There is a veritable feast of astral activity this week, starting with a stunning Solar Eclipse in the most outgoing and trailblazing part of your situation. Moreover, with Mars offering fantastic drive in support, this can be a brilliant time to be more daring and make significant changes in your life. At work, build your network; an associate may help ease your path. Call for more news and advice...

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st** 090 6612 4528  
Venus begins to soften some of the harshness that Mars has inflicted on your ambitions. Although you shouldn't stop flagging up what you can do, you still need to be able to get along with others. No person is, after all, an island. Get the balance right and decision makers will become more receptive. Long term finances can also be given a boost. Call for your financial forecast in full...

**CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th** 090 6612 4529  
A marvelous Solar Eclipse injects a fantastic shot of energy into your relationship sector, and this can give an ailing tie, new life or propel someone sparkling into your world in the next six months. With Mars' support this is a go-getting and energizing influence which can see you up for challenges and sportier activities, in the second half of the year. Call for more news and advice...

**AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th** 090 6612 4530  
It may not sound terribly enticing Aquarius, but lots of practical areas are pepped up now, which can include a pick-up in your health and vitality. If you work for yourself, the second half of the year can see all your hard work start to pay off. Keep doing the creative things you do, but add a bit more discipline, and you will soon race to the finishing line. Call your prediction line for more...

**PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th** 090 6612 4531  
You're getting the chance to engage with people, more than you've done for some time. This week? Well...yes, but for the rest of the year too. This could also be a significant time for your love or social lives. If you are already settled, provided you both show the same commitment, things can truly flourish. But all this requires a little bit of panache. Call now for your love scope in full...

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A SPECIAL event is taking place in Oban next week showing people how to look after their bones. 'Agile NOT Fragile: Managing Your Osteoporosis' is an initiative run by The National Osteoporosis Society. Osteoporosis is a disease of the bones that leads to an increased risk of fracture. Anne Simpson, the National Osteoporosis Society's development manager for Scotland said: 'This meeting is one of a series being organised throughout rural Scotland to provide information and support to people who have been diagnosed with osteoporosis or who might like to find out more about the condition and how to keep bones healthy. In the UK, one in two women and one in five men over 50 will break a bone, mainly due to osteoporosis. The event takes place at the Caledonian Hotel on July 20 at 2pm.

**Birthday celebration**

ENERGIE Fitness centre in Oban celebrated their fifth anniversary in style with free entry, class demonstrations, great membership offers, a bouncy castle and a barbecue attracting people into the club. The weekend was held in aid of Oban Hospice and a 90 minute sponsored spin bike class raised vital funds. Robin Morton, co-owner of the fitness club, said: 'It has been the fastest five years of my life and being a local business, it feels good to be able give something back to the community.'

**Golden Ticket re-drawn**

THE GOLDEN Ticket competition run by Norie's Fish and Chips has had to be re-drawn after the winning ticket was not claimed. The competition to mark the 50th anniversary of the Oban shop is offering £500 in travel vouchers and a golden ticket was handed out to everyone who bought a fish supper. The new winning number is 1876 and the winner has one week from today to contact Norie's and claim their prize.



Amazing gig: Skerryvore and friends launch their new self-titled album at Glasgow's O2 ABC. 07\_t28sker07

**Skerryvore album launch a milestone for band**

THE ATMOSPHERE, lights and cheers in Glasgow's O2 ABC were more akin to a rock concert but the impromptu Gay Gordon's in the middle of the crowd was a reminder of where Skerryvore has come from. Last Thursday's launch of the self-titled new album was a milestone for the young Tیره band, whose traditional west Highland sound has evolved into a more heavily produced piece of work, which stays true to their roots. Fellow Tiridsdeachs Gunna Sound got the party started and their warm-up set was well received by the crowd. Backstage, however, the Skerryvore lads were uncharacteristically nervous - but it was the biggest and most important show of their career to date and after swilling some Dutch courage were ready for action. All things considered, it was a fearless Martin Gillespie who stepped out on his own to open the concert with Gairm-A'-Chuain, an atmospheric bagpipe-led tune that would not be out of place on a Hollywood film score. The tune leads into another track, Wits End, and the other five band members joined Martin on stage. Wits End is fast paced and high energy and a more familiar Skerryvore sound to the Argylls in attendance, of which there were many. During the concert the band was joined by Strathclyde Police Pipe Band members and the brass section Horn Supremacy. A rendition of signature tune Home Rocket to the Moon were guaranteed crowd pleasers but the band will be buoyed by the audience's excited reaction to the new songs. Having spent the afternoon signing albums in Buchanan Street's HMV and unleashing their new songs to a wider Glasgow audience at night,

it would have been just as satisfying for the band to hear that those who see them on a more regular basis said it was the best Skerryvore concert they had seen. Speaking to *The Oban Times* after the concert, accordion player Daniel Gillespie said: 'It was an amazing gig and I was lost for words on stage, which is not like me! 'We knew this was our biggest show; we spent hours and hours on it and wanted to make a big impact.' The inevitable comparisons with Runrig were readily made last week - an opinion the boys are flattered by. 'We are aware of the comparisons with Runrig and, although we're going for our own sound, it's great to be compared to a band like that,' said Daniel. 'I would say we are different, though, because we have other influences too. We're just trying to write good songs and put on good shows and when people hear our music we want them to say, 'That's Skerryvore'. AFTER the high of their album launch, their most important gig to date, Skerryvore have undertaken their most stressful journey en route to China. After playing at the 15th anniversary of Arran Distillery the boys' initial plan to get a RIB and then, secondly, the ferry from the island on Sunday backfired because of the weather. After rescheduling their flights from Glasgow to London, they missed their connection onto China. The boys got their flight to Shanghai at the third attempt - but without their luggage, which was misplaced by airport staff. As *The Oban Times* went to press the band was confident of making a performance at the First Minister Alex Salmond's reception in China but had to move their scheduled gigs back to yesterday (Wednesday).

**What they said**

'That was the most exciting gig I have seen since the Red Hot Chili Pipers and I think Skerryvore has what it takes to be even more commercially successful than them. I think Skerryvore have that mix of Chilli Pipers and Runrig that people are looking for.' Aif MacLean, Scotsound sales director.

'There is a demand for Skerryvore because they are different. They played six tracks and did a signing at HMV and the manager said they were great with the crowd. They could go a long way as a band and I can see them in the charts.' Jack Scott, Gordon Duncan Distribution, suppliers to HMV, Fopp and WH Smith.

'There have been comments about Skerryvore's similarity to other well known Scottish bands and I think, with this new album, these comparisons have been justified. We in Argyll and its islands can be very proud of our musical heritage and tonight we are privileged to have witnessed what could be the future of Scottish music.' Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for arts, culture, leisure and sport.

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**Canine society to host agility classes at Benderloch Equestrian Centre**  
DOG OWNERS hoping for more graceful pets now have a local outlet to help hone their canine skills. Lochaber and District Canine Society is holding agility classes at Benderloch Equestrian Centre. Dogs of all breeds, aged nine months and older, are welcome to take part. Classes begin on July 10 and run until October 16.  
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James Gray at home in his music studio in Oban. 16\_t27grey1

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July > Fruit Picking  
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Kintaline Farm, Benderloch

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**Oban music man illustrates countries of the world**

MUSIC to illustrate Vietnam, India and Brazil, composed and performed in a box room in Oban, was shown on television screens around the country. James Gray, a former Oban High School pupil, created a background of sound for Theo's Adventure Capitalists, a programme which was aired recently on the BBC. David Jeffcock, the series producer for Tiger Aspect who made the programme said: 'James wrote some excellent music. The series was set in Vietnam, India and Brazil. James's music included cues in a wide variety of different styles, both indigenous-sounding and mainstream/contemporary. 'Some were written to a very definite brief, often at very short notice; others were to a less specific brief, and were designed to capture the overall mood of the particular film, and country. Both types of commission worked extremely well.'



**Lorn School of Dance takes to the stage**

Lorn girls showed off their latest moves on the dance floor at a special show in Oban last week. Pupils of Lorn School of Dance presented their first show Dancers' Tales in St Columba's cathedral hall. The event showcased the girls' talents in classical ballet, jazz and funky dance. The programme also included musical interludes of live piano, performances from supporting local artists and songs performed by the girls themselves. The dance school was opened in January of this year by Sophie Hamilton, who currently teaches weekly classes to the girls, aged 10 to 16. 16\_t27ballet1

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## Dunbeg ends term with service and prizegiving

DUNBEG Primary School's annual closing service and presentation of prizes was held last Wednesday in Dunbeg Church, conducted by the Rev George Cringles. Prizes were presented by Alan Hill, Dunbeg's BT School Friend, who has made a huge contribution in so many ways over the years. Prizewinners: MacInnes Shield for Cycling Proficiency - Bryanna MacKenzie; James Johnstone Quaich for Art - Daniel Wright; Gordon MacPherson Memorial Shield for Best Beginner Swimmer - Dani

Denheijer; Swimming Cup - Keira MacIntyre; Gordon MacPherson Memorial Cup for Clan Football - Lom, captained by Daniel Wright; SportShield-Lorn, captained by Daniel Wright; Agnes Connelly Shield - Dunbeg Recorder Group; Highlands and Islands Music Shield - Dunbeg Folk Group; Mary Graham Cup for Citizenship - Aaron Hossain; Helen Paton Cup for Endeavour - Aaron Hossain; MacLean Family Shield for musical achievement-AaronHossain; Jordan Family Caring Cup - Alanah MacCuish.



Pictured at Dunbeg Primary School's end of term service, back from left, Rachel Johnstone, Alanah MacCuish and Daniel Wright. Front: Aaron Hossain.



Strath of Appin primary seven school leavers.

## Concert sends school leavers on their way

AN END-OF-YEAR concert at Strath of Appin School on Monday sent five leavers on their way to Oban High School with dancing and music.

In addition to music performed by the whole school, children who had performed at the Oban Mod, Highlands and Islands Music Festival and the Festival of the Sea reprised their performances.

Lorne Carmichael, Ciara Colthart, Stewart Gourlay, Euan MacNeill and Anna Whitelaw were each presented with scrapbooks detailing their time at the school.

Stewart was presented with the Madge Dunlop Memorial Cup at the end-of-term concert on Monday. The new trophy was awarded to a senior pupil who had given outstanding

service to the school and was voted for by pupils and staff members.

The five primary seven pupils turned the tables on their teachers and amusingly reported on their impressions at the school and their opinions of the teachers. The scrapbooks, compiled by members of staff Linda MacLeod and Linzi Allward, have become a tradition at the school in recent years. MG.



Primary one Pupil Ennis Munro, aged 5, thinks the pirate ship is a great addition to the playground. 08\_t27ship01

## Pirate ship playground opens at Achaleven

PARENTS, visitors and sport and community councillors were invited to Achaleven Primary School recently as it officially launched its new playground.

Councillor Donald MacDonald officially cut the ribbon on the playground after primary 1-3 pupils performed action songs on their new pirate ship.

The new playground features the pirate ship - complete with compass, a wet port, which provides a safe surface for play, and a number caterpillar and target circle for maths puzzles.

The playground was renovated after Achaleven Parent Council received an Awards for All Grant for £10,000 at the end of last year.

The Awards for All programme gives out grants for projects that encourage people to take part in art, sport and community activities and projects that promote education, the environment and health.

Head teacher Sharon Burt said: 'We have to say a huge thank you to the parent council for all their hard work. Janice McGhee and Angela Walker have been tremendous and after numerous letters and countless phone calls were able to secure the funding for the playground.'

A spokesman for Awards for All said: 'This project is a welcome addition to Awards for All as it puts something back into the community and opens up new opportunities for local people. Although the amount of money being invested is relatively small the benefits will be felt for years to come, allowing children to enjoy a safer and healthier space in which to play.'



St Columba's Primary School's primary seven class with class teacher Pauline Carson and parent council chairwoman Frances Parkinson outside Rascals Diner and Grill. 15\_t27stcolumba01

## School parent council treats primary sevens to special send-off meal

PRIMARY seven pupils at St Columba's Primary School in Oban were treated to a special send-off to high school by the school's parent council.

Thirteen pupils joined their head teacher Sarah Jane MacSween, class teacher Pauline

Carson, Father Donald MacKay and Sister Mary Jo and other teachers at Rascals Diner and Grill at the end of term for a celebratory meal. Parent council chairwoman Frances Parkinson, who came up with the idea, also went along to wish the youngsters well.



St Columba's primary seven pupils with their awards. 07\_t27stcol01

## Pupils' fantastic year at St Columba's

ST COLUMBA'S Primary School rounded off a fantastic school year with a prizegiving on Monday.

The school paid tribute to members of staff who are leaving this summer and to the school's shinty team, which won the Macaulay Sixes tournament.

Pupil of the year was primary six Daniel MacVicar and Melissa Croarkin won the Quaich Trophy for citizenship.

The sports championships went to Carla Moore and Michael MacKinnon.

There were also awards for the Euroquiz team and work done during the Festival of the Sea, in between various musical and dance performances by the pupils.

Bishop Joseph Toal, Father Donald MacKay, Sister Mary Jo Malcolm and councillors Duncan MacIntyre and Roddy McCuish were also in attendance.



Park Primary School pupils show off their permanent Green Flag. 16\_t27green1

## Eco effort earns Park school permanent green flag

OBAN'S Park Primary School has become the second school in Argyll and Bute to gain its fourth and permanent Eco Flag.

The flag was awarded after the school met a stringent and detailed set of eco objectives and plans for the school.

Councillor Isobel Strong, Argyll and Bute's spokesperson for education and lifelong learning, said: 'This is a wonderful achievement by everyone associated with Park Primary School and I congratulate them on being only the second school in Argyll

and Bute to reach this standard. To secure one Green Flag, as so many schools in our area have done, shows a serious commitment to environmental issues. To be handed a fourth and final one is a reflection of the extent to which sustainability, biodiversity and the principles of Eco Schools have become embedded in the curriculum, and I am delighted the efforts of Park primary's pupils, staff, parents, volunteers and the wider community have been recognised in this way.'

## Events boost fund-raising

THE PARENT Council of Strath of Appin Primary School held a fun day and barbecue last Wednesday with various attractions to raise funds for playground equipment.

The council's aim to buy equipment that is equally accessible, regardless of physical disability, was given a huge boost when more than £1,000 was raised.

Councillor Elaine Robertson also officially opened the new balance trail and viking ship at the school, and Doctor Iain MacNicol presented a special off-road wheelchair to Cameron, a pupil at the school. Some fund-raising for this was also done at the very well-attended fun day.



Road Safety Officer Kay McGhee presents Kilchrenan primary six pupil Leigha Sales Mossop with her Scottish Cycle Proficiency award.

## Kangaroo on menu at Kilchrenan barbecue

PARENTS, friends, pupils and staff at an Argyll primary school have celebrated the start of the summer holidays with a special barbecue.

To mark a term of learning about Australia, Kilchrenan Primary School cooked up Australia treats including kangaroo sausages. The children lead everyone in rousing versions of *Waltzing Matilda* and *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport*, complete with didgeridoos they had made in class.

A special thanks was given to Aussie Janice MacEachan, now resident in Kilchrenan.

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Kilchrenan pupils sang and played the didgeridoo at their end-of-term Australia barbecue.



## Craignish donates bat boxes to Arduaine

Bats and squirrels at Arduaine Garden are better off thanks to the children of Craignish Primary School. The generous school has donated bat boxes and pupils were on hand as they were installed in their new homes among the trees at Arduaine.

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**Revamped Jubilee Park in pipeline**

**BALLACHULISH** Community Council hopes work to renovate Jubilee Park will start soon.

Highland Council has a budget of around £60,000 for the revamp. Work will include setting up a new drainage system for the park, and the community council says it will also try to get the council to fix the surrounding wall.

**Up-and-coming trad band launches debut album**

UP-AND-COMING trad music band The Angus Nicolson Trio is launching its debut album 'Lasses That Baffle' at the Fèis in Sleat on August 17 and at The Aros Centre in Portree on August 18.

The band, set up in 2009, is made up of Skye and Glenelg boys Angus Nicolson, Andrew MacPherson and Murdo Cameron.

The trio plays mostly Highland and Gaelic music, led by pipes and whistle.

Piper Angus has performed at a large number of festivals and venues internationally, while Andrew, a graduate of the RSAMD, plays in ceilidh band Deoch 'n' Dorus. Murdo, a former member of the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music in Plockton, also plays with the Cast Ewe Ceilidh Band.



Margaret Simpson and Sarah Walker, with helpers Charis Sneddon and Jamie McEachen, presenting a cheque for £7,487.87 to Isobel Corrigan from Highland Hospice. 10\_f28hospice01

**Heather's Walk steps in with hospice cash**

HIGHLAND Hospice in Fort William was presented with a cheque on Friday for nearly £8,000 from the proceeds of one of Lochaber's biggest charity events.

Over 200 people took part

in the third annual 'Heather's Walk' along the Caledonian Canal on May 23. As well as the walk, the day featured a raffle, a barbecue and an auction.

Corpach women Margaret

Simpson and Sarah Walker organise the event in memory of their close friend Heather Robertson, who died in August 2007. Sarah told *The Oban Times*: 'We would love to thank all local

businesses and everyone who came along on the day for their wonderful support.' Over the last three years, 'Heather's Walk' has raised around £28,000 for Highland Hospice.

**Delight as community garden bears fruit**

THE WEST Ardnamuchan community garden opposite the Sonachan Hotel in Kilchoan is bearing fruit.

Thanks to a lot of hard work from local people, the large vegetable patch has been ploughed, rotivated, limed, mucked and planted with a huge variety of root vegetables, salad crops, courgettes,

squashes and beans - all of which are thriving.

Pupils from Kilchoan Primary School have already visited the garden and spent an afternoon planting up their own designated area.

They can now look forward to the next few months being able to take fresh produce back to their families knowing that they

were responsible for its production.

It is hoped a second polytunnel will be put up in Kilchoan once the initial work on the garden has been completed - but a patch of land is needed. Anyone prepared to lease land to the project for a minimum period of 10 years can e-mail westerlygarden@aol.com.

**Conference marks St Kilda anniversary**

AN INTERNATIONAL conference next month will mark the 80th anniversary of the evacuation of St Kilda by posting letters featuring St Kilda scenes.

Delegates to the Historiography of St Kilda conference will send letters to St Kilda for return to Balavannah post office, where they will be stamped with the famous St Kilda mark on the nearest working day to the anniversary of the evacuation on August 29, 1930. As Nunton PO, the office once stamped all St Kilda mail en route to the mainland.

The special envelopes and notepaper, designed by artist Maureen Kerr, will be on display at Lionacleit School, Benbecula, on August 11-14.

The event, organised by the Islands Book Trust, will examine how St Kilda has been portrayed in literature over the centuries.

The school is hosting an exhibition throughout August of mail bearing the St Kilda hand-stamp.

**Three jobs go as village brewery shuts**

Workforce only told of closure two days before doors shut

KINLOCHLEVEN has been hit with another blow after Sinclair Breweries Ltd shut down its Atlas Brewery in the village and transferred production to Orkney.

**EXCLUSIVE**  
REPORT by  
STEPHEN NORRIS  
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Three men have been made redundant, while one worker accepted managing director Norman Sinclair's offer of a job at SBL's expanded brewery in Stromness.

The Kinlochleven operation employed three brewers and a driver, who delivered Atlas's popular Latitude, Three Sisters, Nimbus and seasonal beers and ales to outlets across the Highlands.

Mark Wilson became Scotland's youngest brewer when he started work at the plant aged 16 and later trained two other men up as production expanded.

Mr Wilson, 23, of Rob Roy Road, said the workforce only knew the brewery was closing two days before all plant was removed on June 16.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It all came as a bit of a shock. We were busier this year than in other years, so it seemed a bit strange closing it down. We only got told on the Monday and everything was out by the Wednesday.'

'Mr Sinclair took all the equipment out by road in

KCT vice chairman Stuart Symmers said: 'The Trust is naturally disappointed that we have lost a high profile tenant following their relocation of the brewery to Orkney.'

'We are actively seeking new tenants for the building but in the current economic climate that is going to be a difficult task. The building would be suitable for a wide variety of businesses - Kinlochleven is a great location for a business with a readily available workforce in the village. We would work closely, along with HIE, with anyone thinking of relocating here.'

Mr Sinclair, who owned the Moorings Hotel in Banavie for a number of years, told *The Oban Times* he was leaving Kinlochleven 'with a heavy heart'.

He said: 'My family has been in business in Lochaber for over 40 years, so the decision to end production at the Atlas Brewery has been an exceptionally difficult one to take.'

'There's really no viable future for the building at Kinlochleven, so moving production to our modernised and expanded Orkney site enables us to carry on the Atlas name.'

**Mallaig Gala Day fun**



Superintendent Paul Shone with the queen and princess and the Jacobites. 10\_f28mallaig03



Gala Queen Chloe MacLean, right, shares a laugh with her Princess Fiona Gilmore. 10\_f28mallaig01



Isle of Skye Pipe Band piping the queen to the gala. 10\_f28mallaig02

**Queen and Princess lead day of events**

MALLAIG Fishermen's Mission Gala Day really pulled in the crowds on Saturday to make the event one of the most successful for years.

On a day of mixed weather, mission superintendent Paul Shone welcomed everyone to Mallaig on the pier to formally open a fun-packed day, which began with the crowning of gala queen Chloe MacLean and her princess Fiona Gilmore.

First formal duty for the girls was to welcome the Isle of Skye Pipe Band off the midday ferry from Armadale.

The queen and princess then headed to the station to welcome the Jacobite Clan and 350 passengers off the steam train from Fort

William. The clan members, all in traditional clansman garb, formed a guard of honour for Chloe and Fiona and drew their carriage down to the pier with the train passengers following on behind.

Local traditional music band Fuaim kept the crowd entertained throughout the day with some fine music. The crowds enjoyed the range of food on offer - there seemed to be a constant queue at the burger stand, with the grilled langoustines also proving very popular.

Paul Shone told *The Oban Times* the day had been a success. He said: 'It's been a great day. There's been a good turnout of people and the rain has mostly stayed off.'



Local band Fuaim playing some traditional music for the crowds. 10\_f28mallaig04

**Viking anchor found on Skye to be returned to island**

A VIKING anchor found by a crofter on Skye is to be returned to the island and put on display in the local museum.

*The Oban Times* revealed in December how Graeme Mackenzie, of 2 Cruard, Sleat, found the half-buried anchor after getting an excavator in to dig the drain on rough pastureland 50 yards from his seashore home.

The artefact, four feet high and a similar distance from tip to tip, was sent to the Treasure Trove Unit at the National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh for

analysis and was found to date from the Viking period. In a letter to Mr MacKenzie last week, the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer informed him the Scottish Archaeological Finds Allocation Panel had decided the item should be housed by the Museum of the Isles at Armadale.

Welcoming the decision, Mr MacKenzie said: 'I'll be receiving a relatively modest, but much appreciated, ex-gratia award payment.'

The Crown has claimed the anchor as treasure trove.

**Doctors to review use of low-dose aspirin**

DOCTORS across NHS Highland are reviewing their prescribing of low-dose aspirin in light of new guidelines.

Previously, aspirin was prescribed for those considered to be at risk of developing heart disease as well as heart attack and stroke victims.

But clinical trials found that for people taking aspirin to lower their chances of developing heart disease, the risk of stomach bleeding outweighed any beneficial effects.

In future, aspirin will only be prescribed for people who have previously had a heart attack or stroke.

Patients who currently take aspirin may either receive a letter from their doctor telling them to stop taking aspirin or be asked to make an appointment with their doctor to discuss whether to stop their aspirin treatment.

Lead pharmacist for Mid Highland Community Health Partnership, Findlay Hickey said: 'Patients should not stop taking medicines without talking to their doctor first.'

'Aspirin remains an important preventative treatment and, if you have had a heart attack or stroke, you should continue to take your small daily dose of aspirin.'

'Those patients who do not have existing heart disease and who currently take aspirin should discuss stopping the aspirin with their doctor.'

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Community Energy Scotland provides support, advice and assistance for groups to develop sustainable energy projects to improve their community facilities. Some recent projects include: Bute Produce's 6kW wind turbine, Strachur Memorial Hall's new containerised woodchip boiler and new insulation measures for Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Hall.

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# My Village

## Elgol

FORTONY and Margaret-Anne Moore, it was a long, long time before they could realise their dream of staying permanently in Elgol.

The remote Skye village had never been far from their thoughts ever since Maggie, who was born in Perth, first brought Aberfeldy-born Tony to Elgol to meet her relations in the late 1960s, when the couple were working in London.

Soon the call of their homeland became too strong and they returned to Scotland to work in the Central Belt, moving permanently to Elgol in 2000.

Maggie's mother Agnes was born in the village and Maggie, first on her own and then with Tony, never

missed the chance to stay at Elgol with her grannie Mary Hannah MacKinnon and visit relations.

Here Tony, a retired graphic designer and lecturer and chairman of Broadford and Strath Community Council, and Maggie, an artist who paints under her maiden name of M A M Cuthbert, tell *Oban Times* reporter Stephen Norris why Elgol holds a very special place in their hearts.



Tony and Maggie have found the place of their dreams. 10\_f24elgol05

### How did you come to be in Elgol?

Maggie: My mother was Agnes Meikle MacKinnon, who was born in the ruin you see just across from our house. I went to bed in that house until I was nine during all my holidays.

'I came here in my mother's womb on her visits home and I came to Elgol all my life after that, until we finally moved here.'

When I left the Central Belt people would say, 'Och Maggie, why are you going there?' and I would just say I wanted to go home. We have been living here permanently for 10 years and have done up the house. It was one of the agriculture and fisheries ones they put up after the war.

Tony: It had been a croft house and we bought it from the rest of the family. There were times I thought we should put a bulldozer through it, but we got there in the end.

It was Maggie who brought me here in the late 1960s, when we were working in London. We hired a car and

got to Skye via Fife, but by that time it was getting dark. Travelling along the rough single-track road from Broadford I thought where the hell am I going? But I woke up the next morning and thought I was in paradise.

### Elgol must have had its fair share of characters over the years?

Maggie: Well, we had Lachie 'Mash' MacIntosh. He was a cattleman to trade and passed away about five years ago. He was a great storyteller among a village of fantastic storytellers and he was a man who was always about in the dark. Lachie was one of a great number of people in Elgol who still went guising at Hallowe'en - and that was adults - not children.

Tony: Aye, he used to go driving in the dark with these vehicles that had no headlights and no brakes. You would hear this noise in the middle of the night and you would look out and see nothing, but you knew it was Lachie Mash. One night I saw this wee light at the side of the road at 11pm and here

*"People coming to Elgol are invariably amazed by the place and always tell me how lucky I am to be living here."*

it was him mending a fence with baler twine in the pitch black with a torch!

Maggie: Mash had the second sight and one time this girl came who was very interested in him and made a video about him. Copies of the tape were made and after Lachie died Seonaid MacKinnon, who ran the Sunday school, put the tape on when she was on her own in the house. As soon as she put it in the present Lachie had given she and her husband shot off the mantlepiece and travelled across the room. Nothing would induce Seonaid to put that tape on ever again.

Tony: Lillian Beckwith the writer lived here - her novels were based on Elgol which was called Bruach in the books. She stayed up on top of the hill above Elgol port.

Maggie: My uncle Lachie MacKinnon used to tell me how just after the war she would put on plays for the kids, who she would get to make the costumes and scenery. Grannie would say to him 'Why don't you go with the young people and see what's happening up there?' But he would not go and said 'That bloody woman will make a fool of us one day'. He was right. Lillian Beckwith would always ask what the kids' parents were up to and would write down everything they told her and then embellished everything for her books. People were effectively being spied on. The books weren't great either - a cross between the People's Friend and James Herriot.

### Tell us a little of Elgol's history.

Tony: Not so very far away, maybe three miles, there's this ruined village called Keppoch. They planted trees through it, but in the next two or three years they are planning to take them down. The village lies on the most glorious south facing ground. It dates to the time when people were cleared off all the good grazing land to make way for sheep. Maggie: Some of those people, the MacKinnons of 'The Strath', were called 'buckie eaters', it seemed because they shifted to the shore to try and eke out some kind of a living and they depended upon eating the whelks to survive.

The village they left is really spooky now. The trees are so cathedral like and silent. You can be walking through the woodland and suddenly you came across a



Scenic Elgol: looking northeast towards Broadford. 10\_f24elgol01

whole house only minus its roof and the front door. It's like rediscovering something from a myth.

Tony: Strathaird Community Association made a plea to the landowners the John Muir Trust to sensitively extract the woodland standing round about the ruins. The plans are for a circular walk, with one stage taking you right past the village.

Maggie: People have been here for much longer, though. I once found an iron age round house just over the hill. Mash always said there was an ancient graveyard over there with kists - graves lined with stone. One time I stepped into one when I was walking across the hill, but I have never managed to find it again since then. Also, my uncle Lachlan MacKinnon worked with the author Gavin Maxwell - and he hated it. He was a gutter in Maxwell's shark factory on the island of Soay, which he established in the late 1940s.

They were killing all these basking sharks for the oil in their livers for cosmetic and industrial purposes. The harbour would just be a

mess of clotted blood, which would lie there until the tide changed. Lachie used to say there was a conger eel in Soay harbour that had a girth on it like a sow. He said the bottom feeding congers would collect at the surface and have a feast. He always maintained it was against nature that bottom feeders should come to the top and feed on the remains of those beautiful animals.

My grandmother, Mary Hannah MacKinnon, was the only English speaker in Elgol when she arrived here. She came from Glasgow and met my grandfather Alastair while he was working there. Around 1908 she was having her first child and this woman turns up smoking a pipe - it was the midwife. She would not let grannie out of the bed when the wean was born.

Grannie was always considered to have 'town ways'. She never learned Gaelic and had no intention of ever doing so. But all of her children used to fight about who had the best Gaelic!

### What are the main challenges facing Elgol?

Maggie: 'The biggest challenge is accepting that they are not going to be all MacKinnons here!'

'There were one or two years that there were no MacKinnons in Elgol Primary School and that was seen as a sign of things to come. But now there are MacKinnons back again, so that's a good thing.'

Tony: In the winter there are quite a number of holiday houses that are just lying dark - most of our neighbours are holiday homes.

When you travel into the village you see a lot of

new houses, some of which have been built by younger indigenous people, which is a good thing for the village. Also, people are now travelling from as far away as Kilbride, near Broadford, because they like a small school.

But there was a generation that has just gone in the last 10 years, all indigenous people, who were all great characters. They were all people you saw and talked to. Go back 45 years and you would meet people working on their crofts or going to the shop - now you could walk all day and not see a soul.

As for the future, it has to be all about sustainability. There is not a huge amount of employment here apart from the fishing and it's important that resource is looked after. All the prawns and lobsters go away from Elgol. There is no local market here and there's a shuttle of vans that come in and take the fish to Broadford. Currently I think there are seven prawn boats and three lobster boats landing at Elgol.

### What's your favourite time of year in Elgol?

Tony: I would say around the end of April, when there's still snow on the hills, when the grass starts to turn from ochrey colour to green and before the tourists start to come.

The best bit is going into Coruisk in the boat and you are seeing all these winter colours change into spring ones - it's simply stunning. Having said that, I also quite like the summer when it's busy. People coming to Elgol are invariably amazed by the place and always tell me how lucky I am to be living here.

### Have you a favourite place in Elgol?

Maggie: My best place is on the hill down a big hollow fairly close to Prince Charlie's cave at the big bay where you always find otters. You never see anyone and you can hear a pin drop - it's just fabulous. The vistas are incredible - you can see Beinn Mhor on Mull from over there. If you hear somebody coming you can hide - if you are feeling anti-social!

Tony: My favourite would be somewhere in the Cuillin - it does not matter where. I was up on Marsco about six weeks ago and it was just stunning.

It's a great hill, at the head of Loch Einort.



Blath Beinn, outlier to the Cuillin from the Elgol road above Loch Slapin. 10\_f24elgol06



Tony and Maggie's home next to the road down to Elgol port. 10\_f24elgol03

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### Far-sighted Mallaig gets new factory

MALLAIG could be back on the road to being the biggest port in Europe with the opening of a new factory this weekend.

This was claimed by William Lyon-Dean, chairman of the Herring Industry Board, who officially opened the Mallaig Purse Net Company Limited's new net repair factory in the port.

The factory, first of its kind in Britain, is the first step towards restoring Mallaig to its former glory, claimed Dr Lyon-Dean.

### £4.3m boost for sawmill

ONE OF the largest processors of British timber, Riddoch's of Rothiemay Limited, is to modernise and expand its sawmill at Kilmallie, Fort William, at a cost of £4.3m.

The scheme will secure employment for the existing labour force of 100 and create 30 new jobs. It will sustain at least 60 related jobs in the Forestry Commission, benefit private forestry interests, bring additional spending and

employment to service industries in Lochaber and save an estimated £3m a year in timber imports.

Kilmallie Sawmill opened in 1974 to process increasing supplies of timber for maturing Highland forests, providing an acceptable and competitive alternative for the UK construction industry to imports from Canada, Scandinavia and Russia. But the threatened closure - now confirmed - of the Fort William Pulp Mill, which provides an important outlet for the disposal of sawmill residues, and the need to keep pace with technical progress by overseas competitors, demanded a considerable modernisation programme.

### Calls for new terminal to make RET work

IN A development strategy for ferry services, Highlands and Islands Development Board (HIDB) called for 'a radical restructuring of all Scottish ferry services by a long term programme of reinvestment in vessels, terminals and related facilities.'

The board's transport research paper on 'The Future of Ferry Services in the

Highlands and Islands' follows hard on the heels of its exchange of papers with the implications of introducing a new system of ferry subsidies based on Road Equivalent Tariff (RET).

In an effort to maximise on the road component of any journey, the paper calls for services between Coll/Tiree and Tobermory, instead of Oban, Lochmaddy to Leverburgh, instead of Tarbert, and Lochmaddy to Glendale, instead of Uig.

'It is hoped,' said the HIDB, 'that the ideas put forward in this latest report will, in the medium and long term, lower the cost of implementing RET by encouraging greater cost-effectiveness in the provision of services and improve the accessibility of those services to the travelling public.'

The board points to a number of wasteful characteristics of the existing ferry structure.

It says that the wide variety in types of ships and terminals restricts the interchangeability of vessels and that many routes and vessels are not designed to provide the cheapest and most effective service.

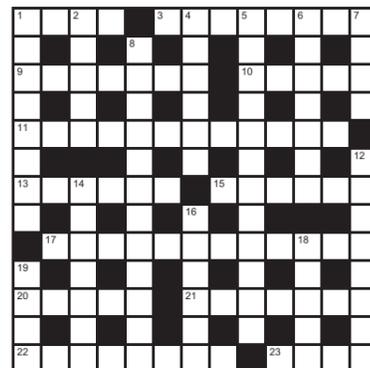
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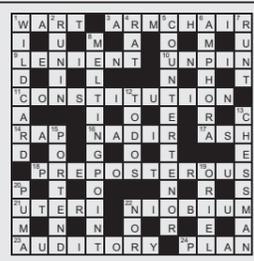
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David Duffy of Scottish Sea Farms, Richard Luney, Wild Fish and Aquaculture Manager Marks & Spencer, and David Brown, Scottish Sea Farms, after the awards presentation at the Royal Highland Show.

## Scottish Sea Farms' double recognition

SCOTTISH Sea Farms Ltd (SSF), sole supplier of Lochmuir Salmon to Marks & Spencer, was given double recognition in the annual M&S Plan A awards ceremony at the Royal Highland Show last week.

The Plan A Awards, now in their second year, were created to recognise the important role suppliers play in working towards M&S commitments to become carbon neutral and helping customers and employees live a healthier lifestyle.

David Duffy, aged 31, newly appointed site manager at Dunstaffnage Farm near Oban, picked up first prize in the Plan A 'Future of Farming' category.

David joined Scottish Sea Farms 16 years ago on leaving Oban High School.

As acting manager, David introduced a wide range of initiatives that support the ethos and development of Lochmuir Salmon.

His focus on quality, innovation, leadership and the responsibility of managing a Lochmuir farm in an environmentally sustainable manner resulted in him being selected from M&S' Scottish farming supply base as 'best of the best'.

David said: 'I am delighted to have received this award.'

'The team at Dunstaffnage work very hard and are proud to produce Lochmuir Salmon for M&S.'

'It's been great to meet the fish team at the Highland Show and know more about what happens to our salmon when they leave SSF.'

**Accolade**  
Scottish Sea Farms was given a further accolade at the awards as David Brown, Scottish Sea Farms biologist based in Scalloway in Shetland was awarded a special recognition prize in the M&S 'Plan A in Action' category.

David was presented with the prize because of his lead in an innovative project encompassing many Plan A initiatives. Working with a local Shetland community project, David has spear-headed an initiative where feed pipes from SSF farms in Shetland are recycled and used to build community poly tunnels allowing local communities to grow fruit and vegetables for their own consumption.

This initiative not only reduces landfill but gives communities the ability to grow their own produce delivering a wide range of health, environmental and social benefits to the local communities.

Jim Gallagher, managing director of SSF, said: 'Marks & Spencer expect the highest standards from its suppliers and it is very gratifying that an aquaculture company can be recognised alongside more mainstream agriculture businesses. David and David represent a group of young and progressive people who are the future of this industry.'

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Left to right, environmental health officer Coila Hunter, John Kelly from the Bosville Hotel, Joy Royce of Am Fasgadh, Rhoda Robertson of NHS Highland and Councillor John Laing at Am Fasgadh.

## Eat Safe awards presented on Skye

TWO HOSPITALS, a local charity and a hotel are the first premises on the Isle of Skye to be awarded Eat Safe awards after demonstrating high standards of food preparation and kitchen hygiene.

The MacKinnon Memorial Hospital in Broadford, Portree Community Hospital, mental health drop-in centre Am Fasgadh and the Bosville Hotel in Portree all received Eat Safe certificates from Highland Council.

Head chef at The Bosville Hotel John Kelly said: 'We believe this high standard of hygiene and

cleanliness in our kitchen forms the cornerstone to providing excellence, quality and reassurance to our customers.'

Environmental health officer Coila Hunter said the establishments had well-trained staff operating 'over and above' national hygiene standards within the kitchen.

Councillor John Laing said: 'It is a pleasure to present the awards to those who take the safety and comfort of their customers seriously and carry out their work with such enthusiasm and dedication.'

## Diesel prices hit all time high

DIESEL prices are higher in the UK than the rest of Europe and those in the Highlands and Islands are suffering most, according to Jim Mather MSP.

As the national average reached £1.22.8p a litre, the Argyll and Bute representative said: 'These prices impact most directly on motorists, hauliers and customers in the Highlands and Islands where costs are always relatively higher and the cost of fuel directly affects the prices of all goods and services.'

Mr Mather called for a derogation to reduce the impact of high prices in these areas.



Angus Clarke from Dunbeg has been named apprentice of the year for body repairs and refinishing. 15\_t28app01

## Dunbeg man is apprentice of the year

MOVE over Alan Sugar – a young Dunbeg man has been picked as apprentice of the year by his college for his work with cars.

Angus Clarke has been working in body repair and refinishing for CJ Autos since 2006, while completing his apprenticeship through Stevenson College, Edinburgh. The 20-year-old said he was delighted to be picked as apprentice of the year by the college: 'I was quite chuffed, I didn't expect it. It's always a good feeling when you work hard every day and you get something that says someone's taken notice of you.'

Managing director of CJ Autos Jimmy France said it had been great to watch Angus grow in skill and confidence over the years. He added: 'We are very proud of him.'

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The *MV Finlaggan* was officially launched last Wednesday when a bottle of Finlaggan Islay single malt whisky was smashed against the hull. The 90-metre long ferry will be the first new vessel to serve the Islay to Kennacraig run for nearly 40 years.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd, which commissioned the £24m project said he launch marked an ongoing commitment to providing modern, sustainable ferries which are reliable, fuel efficient and have lower maintenance costs.

CalMac managing director Phil Preston, who witnessed the launch in Gdansk, said: 'The launch of any ship is an exciting milestone in its journey from drawing board to entering

service. Everyone at CalMac is looking forward to taking delivery of the *MV Finlaggan* for the Islay route next spring. We have been working on its design for several years and it is the most advanced ferry in terms of technology, environmental efficiencies and comfort in our network, setting a new benchmark for ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides routes.'

**Budget**  
The project began in 2007 after the contract was awarded to leading European shipyard Remontowa in Gdansk, Poland, and is due to be completed on time and within budget.

The new vessel is a modern Ro-Ro Euro Class B passenger ferry with capacity for 550 passengers and 85 cars, as well as coaches and commercial vehicles.

This marks a 22 per cent increase in passenger capacity

and an 11 per cent increase in cars compared to the current provision.

The ferry will sail from Kennacraig to Port Askaig initially, while infrastructure work is completed at Port Ellen.

The vessel was named *Finlaggan* following a competition launched by CMAL last year. A historic island settlement and the centre of the Lordship of the Isles, Finlaggan was voted the outright winner with 70 per cent of the public vote, despite opposition from some islanders, who wanted the ship to be named *MV Isle of Islay*.

Two lucky winners who took part in the competition, Alison Bell from Inverness and Mary McRae from Islay, travelled to Gdansk for the launch.

A video of the launch is available on the CMAL website [www.cmassets.co.uk](http://www.cmassets.co.uk).



The *MV Finlaggan*, which will be ready for service in spring 2011, is launched in Gdansk.



## Bright spark Robert is college's best electrical trainee

Oban's Robert Alexander, aged 19, a first stage apprentice electrician with Kenneth Ferguson Electrical Contractors, was awarded best trainee at Reid Kerr College from Roy Dow, Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust and Development Manager. Apprentice Electrician of the Year regional competitions are held in three areas around Scotland and each apprentice has been selected for their excellence over the last year of training both at the college and on site at work. This year's competition was held in June at Motherwell College.

## Federation backs council challenge

THE SCOTTISH Fishermen's Federation has thrown its full support behind the Scottish Government's decision to challenge the Faroese application for Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) accreditation of its mackerel fishery because of its failure to reach a stock management agreement with other participants in the north-east Atlantic mackerel fishery.

The Faroese Government's refusal to sign up to a Coastal States agreement for 2010 because their demands for a larger share of the mackerel TAC have not been met, and subsequent moves to unilaterally increase their quota, would breach the regulations for its mackerel fishery to become MSC

certified. Iceland is also threatening to unilaterally increase its catch allocation for mackerel, which the SFF fears will put the overall health of the stock in serious jeopardy. Both Iceland and the Faroese are also demanding access to EU waters for mackerel.

Bertie Armstrong, SFF chief executive, said: 'We wholeheartedly support the Scottish Government in their challenge to the MSC accreditation process for the Faroese mackerel fishery.'

The Scottish Western mackerel fishery is currently certified by the MSC as a well-managed and responsible fishery.

Ian Gatt, SFF president and chief executive of the Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's

Association, said: 'This potential unilateral action by Iceland and the Faroese for increasing their mackerel TACs will put enormous strain on the stock and we strongly endorse this challenge from the Scottish Government, which we hope will make them see sense. If there is failure to reach a coastal states agreement because of Faroese intransigence, then because such an agreement is an integral part of MSC accreditation, there is a real danger we could end up with the ludicrous situation of Scotland losing its prestigious MSC environmental certification despite being at the forefront of implementing measures to ensure the stock is sustainably harvested.'

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# Crofting Reform Bill meets with mixed reaction

FARMING and crofting interests have given a mixed reaction to the new Crofting Reform Bill after it was passed by the Scottish parliament last week.

The new legislation, designed to tackle land speculation, neglect and absenteeism in the crofting counties, became law on Thursday following four years of heated debate on what it should, and should not, contain.

The SNP government carried last Thursday's vote 66-0, with Labour and the Liberal Democrats abstaining over the Bill's provision to establish a map-based register of the country's 18,000 crofts.

The new register is in addition to records already held by the Crofters Commission and could take decades to complete.

Many crofters had condemned the move as bureaucratic, costly and time consuming, arguing it would divert resources away



**Marina Dennis, convener of the Scottish Crofting Federation crofting reform working group**

*"Bill is designed to free up crofts - it could actually do the opposite."*

**convener SCF group on crofting reform**

from revitalising crofting just at the time when small scale, locally produced food was coming into its own.

Marina Dennis, convener of the Scottish Crofting Federation crofting reform working group, said: 'We are pleased that the Bill has been voted through as parts of the existing legislation are not fit for purpose. Getting the Bill through means it can always be re-visited, but it is a double-edged sword.'

'We have always pressed for a map-based crofting register which has been voted through but the methods proposed by the government to implement this - the controversial compulsory 'trigger' system and the associated costs to crofters - could have the effect of stagnating any movement of crofts.'

'The government claim that this Bill is designed to free up crofts but this poorly thought out

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procedure could actually cause exactly the opposite.

'However, the SCF are working on a crofting community planning programme to help crofting communities to map their assets in a practical and empowering way. This will proceed despite the government's intentions.'

SCF chief executive, Patrick Krause said: 'It is widely recognised that this new Act will not be the panacea for crofting - it attempts to make the legislation more effective but can not make crofting viable. The entire way we look at food production and land management has to fundamentally change.'

NFU Scotland's Crofting, Highlands and Islands Committee



**Scottish Crofting Federation chief executive Patrick Krause**

*"The entire way we look at food production and land management has to fundamentally change."*

**chief executive SCF**

Chairwoman, Jo Durno said: 'The Bill has taken years of discussion and consultation to reach a conclusion

which may not satisfy all crofters. 'However the areas of greatest contention were quite rightly removed from the original draft and hopefully what is now in place can secure the long term future of crofting in Scotland's most remote rural areas.'

Highlands and Islands Labour MSP Peter Peacock warned the 'costly and unnecessary' double registration could cost crofters close to £1,000 to have their croft registered and a fine of up to £1,000 if they failed to comply.

He said: 'At root, the challenges crofting faces, are economic, not regulatory. With every successive Bill on crofting that is passed, the regulation becomes more complex and this Bill is no exception.'

'If we really want to support

crofting, we should spend less time legislating, and more time solving the economic development questions.'

Western Isles SNP MSP Alasdair Allan conceded the bill would not please everyone, but added: 'Now it is time to focus on the other issues affecting the future of crofting, besides legislation.'



**Labour MSP Peter Peacock**

## The 17th Scottish Blackface Shearing Championships

**Results**  
**International relay**  
1 New Zealand - Darin Forde, Johnny Kirkpatrick & Kevin Hessel  
2 Wales - Nicky Beynon, Delwyn Jones & Rhys Jones 3 Scotland - Jordan Smeaton, Allan Wright & Simon Bedwell 4 Northern Ireland - Kieran McCullough, Ian Montgomery & John Buchanan  
**Scotland v New Zealand**  
1 Scotland - Hamish Mitchell & Gavin Mutch  
2 New Zealand - David Fagan & Cam Ferguson  
**Scotland v N Ireland**  
1 Scotland 2 Northern Ireland  
**Scotland v Rep Ireland**  
1 Scotland 2 Rep Ireland  
**R McLarty and Sons Hand Shears**  
1 David Ferguson 2 Willie Shaw 3 Willie Taylor 4 Donald MacColl  
**Scottish Wool Growers Wool Handling**  
1 Sheree Alabaster 2 Audrey Lamb 3 Linda McWhirter 4 Gwennan Paewai  
**AB Gairns Junior champion**  
1 Sandy McKellar, Tyndrum 19.79  
2 Brendan Graham, Rep of Ireland 23.72 3 Ifan Prys, Wales 25.18 4 Euan MacKinnon, Bathgate 30.50 5 William Hurcomb 6 Alastair Shaw 7 David Ferguson 8 Iwan Williams  
**Highway Shearing (UK) Ltd Intermediate**  
1 Clwyd Jones, Wales 33.08 2 Iwan Morris, Wales 37.12 3 Ifan Jones, Wales 40.93 4 David Gibson, Gartocharn 41.38 5 Iwan P Jones 6 Dafydd Jones 7 Sion Evans 8 Jimmy Wright  
**Reid and Robertson/Dectomax Senior**  
1 Matthew Evans, Wales 38.10  
2 Stewart Kennedy, Aberfeldy 28.60  
3 Calum Shaw, Saline, Fife 38.70 4 Brian Simpson, Blairgowrie 39.30  
5 Finn Butler 6 Chris Ruby 7 Willie Taylor 8 John Gibson  
**Heiniger Scottish Blackface Open Championship**  
1 Gavin Mutch, Huntly 47.65  
2 Hamish Mitchell, Lochearnhead 49.95 4 Kieran McCullough, Northern Ireland 51.35 5 Jordan Smeaton 6 David Fagan 7 Grant Lundie 8 Cam Ferguson  
**The Colin MacGregor Salver** for the best pen in any final - Stewart Kennedy



**Gavin Mutch from Huntly won the Open Championship by shearing 20 Blackface hogs in a new Lochearnhead record time of 12 minutes and 11 seconds** Picture - Kevin McGlynn

# Mutch breaks Lochearnhead shearing record

WET weather and consistent rain didn't seem to dampen the spirits at the 17th Scottish Blackface Shearing Championships held at Lochearnhead at the weekend.

An international line up of competitors congregated to fight for the Scottish Blackface Shearing Champion title, with Gavin Mutch from Huntly shearing 20 hogs in a new record of 12 minutes 11 seconds to snatch the title by only two seconds from Hamish Mitchell.

Many new faces appeared, trying to get experience on the Scottish sheep before the World Championships to be held at the Royal Welsh event later this month.

The junior, intermediate and senior heats took place on Saturday afternoon with the wool-handling competition taking place in conjunction with the senior heats, under shearing shed style conditions and rules - the girls then qualifying through to the final on the Sunday afternoon. Sheree Alabaster, member of the New Zealand team for the forthcoming World Champs, took top honours. Audrey Lamb from Lanark secured runner up spot, with Argyll girl Linda McWhirter taking third and Gwennan Paewai from Wales settling for fourth.

Sunday evening's finals commenced with the traditional blade shearing, Scottish team members David Ferguson from



**Sandy McKellar from Auch, Tyndrum took the junior title at Lochearnhead**

Picture - Kevin McGlynn

up place was Brendan Graham from Gorey, Co Wexford with Ifan Prys, Conwy, Wales and Euan MacKinnon, Bathgate taking third and fourth places respectively.

The line up in the senior final, saw three Scots and a Welshman up the pace to shear 10 sheep in around nine minutes, Matthew Evans from South Wales took top honours with Stewart Kennedy from Aberfeldy taking runner up position, Calum Shaw from Saline taking third and Brian Simpson from Blairgowrie taking fourth.

The Open finalists, originally reduced from 44 competitors down to the four finalists showed why the Lochearnhead Open Final is amongst the toughest to make throughout the UK with quality of workmanship and speed the order of the day.

In the final four previous Blackface Shearing Champions took the stage and break-neck speed saw Gavin Mutch from Huntly shear 20 hogs in a new record of 12 minutes 11 seconds, with Hamish Mitchell just two seconds slower.

Gavin's slightly cleaner pen and board scores saw him take the title by the narrowest of margins with Hamish settling for the blue ribbon. Kiwi Johnny Kirkpatrick took third spot with Kieran McCullough from Northern Ireland was fourth.

## Royal Highland Show success for Argyll Blackface breeder

TAKING the Blackface top lamb award at the prestigious Royal Highland Show was this year's president of the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association, John MacPherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, by Dalmailly.

The top lamb, out of a Lurg ewe and by a home-bred Lurg bought at Dalmailly for £9,000 took Balliemeanoch one place better than last year when they took second place at their debut Royal Highland.

The firm of J and J MacPherson also took third in the this year's ewe lamb class with a lamb by the 2009 top lamb runner-up and out of a ewe by a £1,000 Trolross.

This year's National Sheep Association exhibit at the Royal Highland Show included a stand from the Blackface Breeders Association which was manned by Blackface sheep producers Argyll-wide.

Mr MacPherson said that he was delighted with the breed stand this year, describing it as 'one of the best Blackface stands he had seen at a show.'

## Dingwall store sale meets strong demand despite mixed show

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 60 store cattle and 54 Over 30 Month cattle at Dingwall when a very mixed show on offer met a strong demand.

**Bullocks**  
Bullocks averaged 174.3p and sold to 206p per kg for a pair of 335kg Simmental crosses from 132 West Langwell, Rogart, and £890 for a 510kg Limousin cross from Badden, Kiltarlity. Heifers averaged 176.8p and sold to 220.6p per kg

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**Bullocks**  
201-250kg - 209 East Doll, Brora, £440, 191.3p;  
251-300kg - 209 East Doll, £490, 175p;  
301-350kg - 132 West Langwell, £690, 209 East Doll, 193.6p;  
351-400kg - 132 West Langwell, £770, 192.5p;  
401-450kg - Badden, £770, 177p;  
451-500kg - Rootfield West, Muir of Ord, £780, 164.2p.

**Heifers**  
201-250kg - Redpoint, Gairloch, £480, 208.7p;  
251-300kg - Shewglie, £600, Seaside of Muirtown, Clachnaharry, 202.3p;

for a pair of 272kg Limousin crosses from Shewglie Farmers, Glenurquhart, and £765 for a 420kg British Blue cross also from Shewglie Farmers, Glenurquhart.

**Young bulls** averaged 130.2p and sold to 166.7p per kg for a pair of 195kg Aberdeen Angus crosses from 160 Upper Morness, Rogart, and £1,000 for a Charolais from Shantullich, Munloch. Over 30 Month prime and feeding cows averaged

301-350kg - Seaside of Muirtown, and Brae, Strathoykel, £590, 193.4p;  
351-400kg - Shewglie, £680, 183.3p;  
401-450kg - Shewglie, £700, 182.1p.  
**Young bulls**  
251-300kg - 160 Upper Morness, £400, 148.2p;  
301-351kg - 110 Knock-arthur, Rogart, £460, 143.8p;  
451-500kg - Badden, £620, 130.5p.  
**OTM prime and feeding cows:**  
Flowerburn Mains, (AA), £895; Inchindown, Invergordon, (CharX), £875; Flowerburn Mains, (LimX), £855; Shantullich, (SimX), £845.  
**OTM heifers and bullocks**  
Welbeck, Ousdale, (Lui hfr), £775; Upper Muck-

108.3p and sold to 129.5p per kg for a 660kg Limousin cross from Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, and £925 for a 810kg Simmental cross from Shantullich.

Over 30 Month heifers and bullocks averaged 120.7p and sold to 138.9p per kg and £965 for a 695kg Limousin cross from Badden. Over 30 Month bulls averaged 93.7p and sold to 96.8p per kg and £1,195 for a 1235kg Charolais from Shantullich.

vie, Inverness, (ShoX hfr), £735; Ardheslaig, Shieldaig, (AA, blk), £725; Kindeace, Alness, (CharX hfr), £685.  
**OTM bulls:**  
Feabait Farm, Muir of Ord, (Lim), £1100.  
**Prices per kilo**  
OTM prime and feeding cows: Inchindown, (CharX), 123.2p; 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge, (LimX), 121.8p; Flowerburn Mains, (AA), 120.2p; Balmacaan, Drumadrochit, (SimX), 116.8p; OTM heifers and bullocks: Ardheslaig, (AA, blk), 138.1p; Kindeace, (CharX hfr), 135.6p; Upper Muckvie, (ShoX hfr), 129p; Corrachie, Avoch, (BFR hfr), 111.2p.  
OTM bulls: Feabait Farm, (Lim), 90.5p.

## Store trade continues to rise at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 365 store cattle at Stirling when trade again rose for bullocks and heifers.

Bullocks averaged 165.1p (+2p) and sold to 196.5p per kg for a 318kg Charolais cross from Boughtknowes and £1035 for a 674kg Simmental cross from Craigend.

Heifers averaged 161.5p (+3.2p) and sold to 186.9p per kg for a 198kg Limousin cross from Oslay Mains and £860 for a 570kg Limousin cross from Craigend.

Light heifers from Ardchatten sold to £510 and £405.

Cast cows averaged 99.57p and sold to 133.3p Limousin cross from Craigkelly and £895 from Traprain.

## Prime sale at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 62 prime cattle and 221 prime sheep on Tuesday.

Prime bullocks averaged 169.8p (-1.7p) and sold to 184p per kg for a 555kg British Blue cross from Pithgarty, Tain and £1,226.15 for a 685kg Charolais cross from Oldtown of Aigas, Beauy. Prime heifers averaged 171.2p (-3.9p) and sold to 181p per kg for a 550kg Limousin cross from Udale, Poyntzfield, and £1,145.40 for a 690kg Charolais cross from Easter Sheep Park, Balblair.

New season lambs averaged 154.7p (-8.3p) and sold to 164.5p per kg for 40kg Texel crosses from Lower Seafield, Portmahomack, and £78 for 50kg Texels from Woodside Croft, Ardersier to Fraser Brothers Butchers, Dingwall.

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
**A828 SUTHERLANDS GROVE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**  
**DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20A AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they have determined that their proposal to carry out improvement works, located along a 1.296 km section of the A828 Trunk Road north of Barcaldine in Argyll and Bute is:

(a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 97/11/EC and Council Directive No. 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council;

(b) is a relevant project within the meaning of Sections 20A(9) and 55A(7) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the said Directive but that having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive it should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require the publication of an Environmental Statement.

**G EDMOND**  
 A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers  
 Transport Scotland, Trunk Roads Network Management,  
 Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF.  
 29 June 2010

**UK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION**  
 ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY  
 6 MAY 2010  
 RETURNS AND DECLARATIONS AS TO CANDIDATES' EXPENSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Returns and Declarations as to Candidates' Election Expenses, including the accompanying documents, in respect of the above Election held on 6 May 2010 may be inspected at Argyll and Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT, between the hours of 10am and 4pm (Monday to Friday). The fee payable for a copy of any such Return, Declaration or document shall be at the rate of 20p for each side of each page.

This notice is given subject to the explanation that no Return and Declaration has been delivered by the undernoted candidate and who stood nominated at the UK Parliamentary Election.

CANDIDATE (DESCRIPTION)
John Black, Scottish Jacobite Party [THE]

SALLY LOUDON, Returning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY; or online at www.highland.gov.uk and, where given, the alternative location(s).

Written comments should be made to the Area Planning and Building Standards Manager at this office within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

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**Argyll & Bute COUNCIL**

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS, 1985

Notice is hereby given that an Abstract of Accounts of Argyll & Bute Council for the period of 12 months to 31st March 2010 duly made up, balanced and signed, will be deposited in the offices of the Council at the following locations:

Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Dalriada House, Lochgilphead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Burnet Building, Campbelltown; Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Mount Pleasant Road, Rothesay; Jamieson Street, Bowness; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crosspool, Tiree (restricted hours); Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh.

The Accounts will be open to Public Inspection during business hours from Friday 23rd July 2010 until Thursday 12th August 2010 inclusive.

In terms of Section 101 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 as amended by Section 10 of the Rating & Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Act, 1984, any persons interested may inspect the Accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto, and make copies of all or any part of the Accounts and these other documents. All enquiries relating to the access of these documents should be made to the Head of Strategic Finance, Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any interested persons may also object to the Accounts of the local authority or to any part of these Accounts by

a) sending an objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, by 12th August 2010 to the Controller of Audit, 110 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4LH and to Sarah Howard, Grant Thornton, 1-4 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8LQ

b) sending a copy of that objection and statement to the undersigned and to any relevant officer.

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Sally Loudon, Chief Executive  
 8 July 2010

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
10/02162/FUL	Site 70m North East of Clannaid Achardale	Temporary siting of two caravans for forestry workers	Achardale Service Point (14 days)
10/02221/LBC	Flat 3 The Courtyard Achnacarry Spean Bridge	Chimney head to be demolished and taken down below roof level and slated over	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office Regulation 5 - affecting the character of a listed building (21 days)
10/02224/FUL	Land in Garden Ground to South of New House Onich	Erection of new dwelling house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02453/FUL	Lochaline Primary School Lochaline Morvern	Re-development of school	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02511/FUL	Land 25m North East of Craigrad Bonavie	Demolition of derelict outbuilding and erection of new house with garage	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02579/FUL	57 Lochell Road Inverloch Fort William	Installation of domestic air source heat pump	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02603/PIP	130m South East of Tarbert House Salen Achardale	Erection of house	Achardale Service Point (14 days)
10/02607/FUL	Ferry Cottage Old Ferry Road North Ballachulish Onich Fort William	Extension to rear of existing cottage to form a new living area, bedroom and bathroom	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02680/FUL	70m West of The Caledonian Hotel Achintore Road Fort William	Change of use of outhouse into Manager's accommodation	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02685/FUL	Land 70m South East of Oransay Back of Keppoch Ansaig	Erection of house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02686/PIP	Land 55m SE of Tigh Nam Beithe Braeray Road Roy Bridge	Proposed Dwelling House	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02698/FUL	Orchy Villa Alma Road Fort William	Change of use to house of multiple occupation	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/02720/FUL	Barn 30m North of Farmhouse Annet View Carpath Fort William	Extension and conversion of barn to house and siting of caravan during construction	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

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**PLANNING**  
 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008  
 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR by the 29/07/2010

● Ref No: 10/00964/PP  
 Applicant: Director of Community Services Argyll and Bute Council  
 Proposal: Demolition of 2 modular classrooms and 2 small classrooms and replace with 2 modular buildings comprising of 3 classrooms  
 Site Address: Oban High School Soroba Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4JB  
 Location of Plans: Oban Area Office

● Ref No: 10/00998/PP  
 Applicant: Robert Templeton McKay  
 Proposal: Change of use from Class 1 and Class 3 to sui generis hot food takeaway (retrospective)  
 Site Address: 9 Stafford Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 5NU  
 Location of Plans: Oban Area Office

● Ref No: 10/01000/PP  
 Applicant: Mr David Gunn  
 Proposal: Alteration and change of use from farm steading to dwelling house  
 Site Address: Hynish Farm Steadings Hynish Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6UD  
 Location of Plans: Tiree Area Office

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008**  
 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardriahag PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/ 69 Chalmers Street Ardriahag PA30 8DX by the 30/07/2010

● Ref No: 10/00740/PP  
 Applicant: Mr Neil Maclean  
 Proposal: Erection of 3 x 15 kilowatt wind turbines  
 Site Address: Land North East Of Ballymeanach Portnahaven Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA47 75J  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Portnahaven

● Ref No: 10/01062/PPP  
 Applicant: Mr Willy Inglis  
 Proposal: Site for the erection of 2no dwelling houses (plots 3 and 4) and upgrading existing private access road.  
 Site Address: Meadowbank Keills Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA46 7RF  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Port Askaig

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**DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**  
**PRE-AUDIT INSPECTION**

Notice is hereby given, under Regulation 5(1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, that the accounts to be audited, all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto and copies of the financial statements of DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD for the year ended 31 March 2010, duly made up, balanced and signed, will be deposited in the offices of the TREASURER, DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD, COUNCIL OFFICES, GARSHAKE ROAD, DUMBARTON. The accounts will be open to INSPECTION on Mondays to Fridays, 26 July 2010 to 16 August 2010 from 9.15 a.m. to 1.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. and any person may take copies or extracts from the same without fee.

Any interested person may make objections to such Accounts or part thereof and shall transmit these objections and the grounds thereof in writing to the Auditors: Grant Macrae, Director, KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EG

And a copy thereof to:

(i) The Controller of Audit, Accounts Commission, 18 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2QU  
 (ii) Any officer concerned, and  
 (iii) To me, the undersigned, not later than 16 August 2010.

Where a person objects to the Accounts the Auditor shall, if so requested by that person, afford to that person an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Auditor with respect to objection.

J. White, FCMA Chartered FCIPD, Treasurer  
 Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board  
 Garshake Road DUMBARTON G82 3PU

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**  
 (VARIOUS STREETS, OBAN)  
 (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

On Monday 5th July 2010, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, with the exception of vehicles engaged in the roadworks or emergency service vehicles on any of the roads as described in the Schedule hereto in order to permit resurfacing works to be carried out on Miller Road, Glencruitten Drive, Quarry Road and Sinclair Drive, Oban.

This Order, which will be effective when indicated by signs, will come into operation on the dates and times indicated in the Schedule hereto or until the works are completed, whichever may be the earlier.

**SCHEDULE**

**PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC**

a. 19th July to 24th July 2010 between 0800 hours and 1800 hours  
 Name of Road in Oban Extent of Restriction  
 Miller Road Entire Length  
 Glencruitten Drive From its junction with Miller Road to its junction with Knipoch Place.  
 Diversion route: Via Soroba Road, Glencruitten Road, and Mossfield Avenue, or vice versa.  
 b. 26th July to 29th July between 0800 hours and 1800 hours  
 Quarry Road The entire length  
 Diversion route: Via Miller Road, Soroba Road and Glencruitten Road or vice versa.  
 c. 28th July to 3rd August between 0800 hours and 1800 hours  
 Sinclair Drive The entire length  
 Diversion route: Via Soroba Road, Glencruitten Road and Quarry Road or vice versa.  
 Lochgilphead: 5th July 2010  
 This is the Schedule referred to in the foregoing Order "The Argyll and Bute Council (Various Streets, Oban) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2010"  
 Sandy MacLaggart, Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure Services,  
 Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD.

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**Assistant Environmental Manager - (Ref: AEM/CW/10/1)**  
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**Caledonian Canal Ceilidh Trail launched**

THE NINTH Caledonian Canal Ceilidh Trail was officially launched at Tomnahurich Bridge, Inverness, on Tuesday. The July 12 to August 6 event features top performers from the Highland Council traditional music project playing aboard the *Jacobite Queen* and onshore at venues along the length of the canal. The trail is organised by Highland Council and partly funded by British Waterways (Scotland).

**Skye extension and flats plan gets green light**

A SKYE businessman has been given permission to build an extension behind his shop and two flats on top. Broadford and Strath Community Council objected to Adam MacDonald's scheme for The Waterfront in Broadford, saying it would cause congestion and the design was inappropriate for the area. But Ross, Skye and Lochaber planning councillors ruled the changes would not increase use of the commercial premises and gave Mr MacDonald the go-ahead.

**Blàs Festival headliners**

ALY BAIN and Phil Cunningham, Shooenliffy and Skerryvore will headline this year's Blàs Festival from September 3-12. Donnie Munro, Anna Massie and Lochaber musicians Iain MacFarlane and Ingrid Henderson will also perform at the 80-event celebration of Gaelic and Scots traditional music and song, staged at venues across the Highlands.



**Banavie Primary School prizewinners honoured**

Banavie Primary School held its end of year prize-giving ceremony last Wednesday. Special guests Isobel and Linda Campbell presented P7 pupil Zoe Smith with the Endeavour Trophy, which was donated to the school by the Campbell family. The ceremony also saw the school say goodbye to the P7s, who will start at Lochaber High School after the summer. 10\_f28banavie01

**Exciting new additions to Skye agricultural show**

A RE-INVIGORATED committee with many new members has resulted in a change of date and some new exciting additions to the Isle of Skye Agricultural Show in Portree this year. The event at King George V playing field will be held on Saturday August 14 - a week later than the traditional first Saturday in the month. The date change has been prompted by a clash with other high profile events reducing the pool of judges and trade stands able to attend.

**Daring** One of the exciting new additions to the programme is 'Chariots of Fire' - a daring display of horsemanship, featuring horses driven amongst fire displays. The Isle of Skye Pipe Band is also confirmed and more attractions will be announced in coming weeks. The full list of classes will be advertised shortly and new competitors are always encouraged in both the sheep and cattle sections. Novice sections for many sheep sections will be a feature this year, while the horse classes are also being refreshed and updated by new committee members. Show secretary Neil MacLean said: 'We are excited to have so many new members with fresh ideas supporting long serving committee members. 'We anticipate the 2010 show will be the best yet.'

**Mountain Bike World Cup back for tenth year**

ORGANISERS of the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup have confirmed the award-winning event will return to Fort William for a tenth year in 2011. The news consolidates the annual downhill biking spectacular's reputation as one of the biggest and best celebrations of cycle sport in the world. Around 18,000 fans and families attended this year's world cup at Nevis Range on June 5-6 to enjoy an action-packed weekend of mountain bike racing, entertainment and live music in the sunshine. The 2010 cyclefest provided an estimated £2.4 million boost for the Highlands, taking the total generated by the World Cup to around £16.5 million since its inception in 2002. Planning is now already underway for the 2011 event on June 4-5, when hundreds of world-class riders are set to return to the slopes of Aonach Mor. Mike Jardine of organisers Rare Management said: 'Once again the fans, an upgraded course that is a global benchmark and the Highland weather inspired an amazing show from the world's best riders. 'The excitement and enjoyment of the whole weekend was capped by a thrilling win from Britain's Gee Atherton in the men's downhill, with sister Rachel Atherton taking second

in the women's race, the perfect result for one of the best events since the World Cup circus first rolled into Fort William in 2002. 'After nine years of hosting the World Cup, Fort William has firmly established itself on the UCI Mountain Bike calendar and we look forward to celebrating a decade of the event with some special plans already in the pipeline for next year's tenth anniversary.' Highlands riders Joe Barnes, from Fort William, and Benderloch's Ben Cathro are likely to be among the challengers. Cathro was heading for a top six in last month's race until his chain gave way yards from the finish.



Ben Cathro, left, and Joe Barnes: likely starters in next year's UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.

**Islanders to get say on future**

AN ISLE of Skye community is looking to hire an 'amateur' to help it produce a development plan capable of attracting cash from potential funders. The three-month post, starting later this year, will see the successful candidate canvass residents of Camuscross and Duisdale on what the plan should include. Camuscross and Duisdale Initiative director Graeme MacKenzie said: 'We have been advised we should have a townships development plan in place, which would allow us to get funding for projects to benefit the local community. 'The title of the job is an amateur - someone who can go around the community to collate people's views on what they want for the place. Their priorities would then be included in the development plan.' He added: 'We have had one or two applications for the job.'

**Rotary school competition winners**

WINNERS of two Rotary Club of Lochaber schools competitions, themed on the environment, have been announced. Joey Baker from Mallaig High School submitted the best secondary schools essay with his first hand account of a tsunami experience. In the primary schools poetry competition P4/5 winner was Rosie Clark, Banavie, with Alexandra W McKeown, Banavie, runner up.

Spean Bridge pupils Grace MacIntosh and Emma MacMillan were first and second in the P6/7 section. Rotarian Sheana Fraser said it was hoped to publish the winning entries in the near future.

**Cold caller warning**

POLICE are warning the public to be on their guard after cold callers offered Lochaber householders a computer report and virus removal service via 'remote access'. Anyone receiving similar calls is urged not to make payment for work undertaken until the call can be confirmed as genuine and they are sure of the 'service' offered. Constable Colin Marshall of Fort William police said personal computer details could also be at risk.



Winners from Fort William Primary's end of term awards ceremony. 10\_f28awards02

**Trophies, medals and certificates for Fort pupils**

Fort William RC Primary held its end of term awards last week. The pupils received trophies, medals and certificates for their achievements throughout the school year. Awards included certificates for eco-committee members, sporting winners and happiness certificates. Aoife Tangney won the Citizenship award. 10\_f28awards02

**Nevis Range enjoys busiest June since opening in 1989**

NEVIS Range ski resort had its busiest June since it opened in 1989, according to figures released this week. Visitor numbers for the month to the Nevis Range mountain gondola totalled 38,000, with the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup on June 5-6 and the UK leg of the motorcycle SPEA FIM Trial World Championship on June 25-27 helping to shatter last year's record of 35,500.

The June figures did not include any skiers or snowboarders, but the resort had its busiest snowsports season since 2001 with almost 35,000 taking to the slopes. Nevis Range managing director Marian Austin said: 'We had an extremely busy winter and now we've had a terrific start to the summer. Two international events taking place have contributed to our figures, but even without these our visitor numbers are looking

healthy. We've been working hard to make our business sustainable on an all-year-round basis and to offer a wider variety of activities to our customers. 'Last year we opened a new cross-country bike trail accessed by gondola, which is the only one of its kind in the UK. And this year we're building a high ropes course, High Wire Adventure, which will be officially opened later this month.'

**Famous horn to sound again to welcome visitors back to Glendale**

THE GREAT-GRANDSON of a hero of the land reform movement is sounding a horn his forefather used in the rebellion to rally clans to a homecoming on Skye. John MacPherson of Glendale used the horn to summon crofters to meetings and warn them of approaching government troops during the ultimately successful 'Crofters' War' in the 1880s. He was one of the Glendale Martyrs jailed during the uprisings, but helped pave the way for new laws giving crofters security of tenure. Now Iain MacPherson will symbolically blow the horn to welcome hundreds of locals and visitors with connections to the area to the Glendale Trust's 'Come

Home to Glendale' on July 23-24. The trust has flagged up the event on international genealogy websites to reach descendants of the Glendale rebels. Trust chairman Ian Blackford, a former City fund manager who now runs a management consultancy from his Glendale home, said: 'Glendale has a unique story to tell. Our homecoming weekend will allow all of us to celebrate the achievements of the Glendale Martyrs but also to reflect how their actions shape our lives today. 'Of course the gathering in Glendale will also be a fantastic occasion where people will meet to tell stories, renew friendships and enjoy the character of the

people of Glendale.' The event will feature an audio walk around the community's most historically important features, narrated by BBC historian and presenter Neil Oliver, a cultural evening with historic talks, an exhibition of Highland artefacts including early film reels from the early 1900s, sporting events and a ceilidh. Mr Oliver said the celebration had his 'unqualified support'. 'For communities to remember and celebrate and teach the wider community about their own history is terrific,' he said. The Glendale Trust hopes to establish a permanent exhibition in a heritage centre in the mothballed school.



Iain MacPherson: will sound the horn of his famous ancestor.

**Drama school stages Portree show**

SGOIL Shamraidh Dhràma, the Gaelic Drama Summer School, is staging a performance at the Aros Centre, Portree, next Thursday. The show will feature productions by young actors currently learning professional-level theatre skills at

the 2010 summer school at Portree High School. The youngsters, aged between 14 and 18, are being tutored by actors Catriona Lexy Campbell, Daibhidh Walker and Roddy Nicolson under the artistic direction of stage and screen actor

Artair Donald. Sgoil co-ordinator Dougie Beck said: 'This is an exciting time for Gaelic drama. There is a lot going on in schools and community drama is starting to get back on its feet again.' The show starts at 7.30pm.

# Challenge to deliver new energy scheme

INTERVIEWS take place on Muck tomorrow for a project officer to deliver a replacement renewable energy scheme for the island.

The Oban Times understands three applicants, two from Scotland and one from England, will be interviewed for the 12-month job.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise is contributing £13,500 towards the post, which was advertised on a part-time self-employed basis at a salary of £22,000. Community Energy Scotland is funding the remainder.

The successful candidate will be charged with ensuring Muck's future

REPORT by STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

electricity supply through the replacement of two ageing 20kw wind turbines and new solar panels. Muck's existing turbines are no longer manufactured and no spare parts are available.

Undertaking research and community consultation and co-ordinating the design, tendering and installation of the system through to final commissioning are all part of the brief.

The new turbines will have the same generation capacity. The island uses diesel generators to supplement its

renewables system, which unlike Eigg does not include a hydro electric scheme.

Isle of Muck Community Enterprise Ltd director Ewen MacEwen said: 'The project officer will be able to focus on the fund raising and delivery of the system. He or she will have 12 months to do it. There will be no extension of the contract.'

The island has a permanent population of around 35. In summer that figure can more than double as holidaymakers arrive to stay in holiday lets, hotels and guesthouses.

Other holiday accommodation on Muck includes a bunkhouse and a canvas Mongolian yurt.



Helen MacDonald, who is retiring this summer, pictured with Lochyside RC Primary School pupils.

## Lochyside bids farewell to teacher

A LOCHYSIDE RC Primary School teacher has retired after 44 years of service in primaries across Lochaber.

Helen MacDonald received a range of gifts from pupils and staff on Friday to mark her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs MacDonald began her teaching career in Violet Smith School, Kilmonivaig

followed by some years teaching in Roy Bridge Primary School.

She worked in several local primary schools as a supply teacher, and started as an infant teacher in Lochyside RC Primary School in August 1998.

Lochyside head teacher Violet Smith said: 'Mrs MacDonald has been an

excellent teacher, displaying very many personal qualities, which are much admired by pupils and staff.'

'She has a genuine empathy with children and she has always strived to inspire and encourage each individual child in his or her learning.'

'Her vast experience, commitment, dedication and enthusiasm have always

been evident in her teaching. She is much respected by everyone at the school and has been a valuable member of our staff over the past 12 years. Our good wishes for the future go with her as she leaves the school this week.

'She will be very much missed by everyone at Lochyside RC Primary School.'

## Pensioner caught drink-driving

A LOCHABER pensioner has been fined and banned from driving after being caught drink-driving.

Fort William Sheriff Court heard how Elizabeth Jane MacDonald, 64, of 6 Roshven View, Arisaig, had a fight with her husband around 12.30am on Sunday June 27 and left the house in the car.

After driving a few hundred yards along a street known locally as 'the old road' MacDonald changed her mind and headed back, but police pulled her over after noticing her erratic driving and a broken tail light on the car. MacDonald was found to be two-and-a-half times over the legal blood-alcohol limit when breathalysed and admitted the offence.

Sheriff Gordon Fleetwood fined MacDonald £600 and disqualified her from driving for 16 months.

## Reservoir deal almost sealed

Celebration ceilidh planned on Skye

AN ISLE of Skye community company is planning a celebration ceilidh to mark its acquisition of a local reservoir.

Camuscross and Duisdale Initiative (CDI) directors are still waiting for lawyers to complete the paperwork transferring ownership of Allt Duisdale reservoir to them from Scottish Water - but once that process is complete the Sleat community will pop the champagne corks.

Once CDI becomes the owner, work will start on its ambitious scheme to harness the reservoir for hydro electricity to power local homes.

First task will be to apply for funding from Community Energy Scotland to produce a detailed business plan

incorporating water flow measurements, detailed plans and financial projections.

It is hoped the professionally produced dossier will convince funders, trusts and banks to finance the project.

CDI will also set up a biodiversity management group to ensure the reservoir and its hydro scheme is beneficial to wildlife under community ownership.

Director Graeme MacKenzie said the lawyers were taking their time, but the end was in sight.

'Our plans are to hold a wee dance once things finally go through,' he said.

CDI secured the £6,457 needed to buy Allt Duisdale in April, thanks to a major grant from Awards for All.



Glengarry Centre manager Pete Harrop and centre users Piers Trusse, left, and John Northover present Felicity Nightingale with flowers in front of the new mural. 10\_f28mural01

## All hands on deck to create centre artwork

THE GLENGARRY Centre in Fort William has a bright new artwork thanks to the joint efforts of a local artist and the centre's users.

The 8ft by 5ft mural, unveiled last Thursday, was produced after centre manager Pete Harrop approached Corpach-based artist Felicity Nightingale last year to ask her to draw up a plan for the artwork.

Felicity drew up a rough outline incorporating ideas from the centre's users, who then got down to work to create the mural, which includes an aeroplane, a wind farm and the Loch Ness Monster. Around eight people in all contributed to the mural, which will hang in the front area of the centre to welcome visitors.

The centre, at 125 High Street, is a drop-in facility for individuals and families affected by mental health issues.

## Caledonian Canal in holiday spotlight

THE CALEDONIAN Canal is at the centre of a major TV and radio marketing campaign this week to encourage more Scots to holiday at home.

The £250,000 VisitScotland and British Waterways Scotland (BWS) campaign is expected to generate £7.5 million. Steve Dunlop from BWS said: 'Many people who use the canal are Scottish residents and the 'staycation' trend is becoming more apparent. The Caledonian Canal is a great place to start.'

## New Caol flats approved

HIGHLAND Council plans for 12 new flats in Caol have been approved.

The new affordable accommodation, earmarked for the site of the former health centre on Kilmallie Road, is the first part of a council house building programme funded by the Scottish Government.

Ross, Skye and Lochaber planning councillors ruled developing the vacant site would benefit the surrounding area.

The former health centre and adjacent garages will be demolished to make way for the new development, which includes parking spaces and a communal garden.

## New Fort William guesthouse gets go-ahead

A FORT William guesthouse owner has won approval for a new seven-bedroom guesthouse in the grounds of his existing establishment.

Mark MacLean proposes to build the two and a half storey house next to Berkeley House on Belford Road.

Ross, Skye and Lochaber planning committee received five letters from local residents objecting they would lose their view, but decided the proposal would be a boost to local tourist accommodation.

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## Ballachulish cookbook dishes up £120 to Water Aid

THE P3/4 enterprise committee at Ballachulish Primary School has made a contribution to providing some of the world's poorest communities with safe clean drinking water - by selling copies of their 'Yummy Scrummy Cookbook'.

The children's project was part of their class enterprise and raised £120 for Water Aid, thanks to

strong sales in school and at the recent Ballachulish Gala Day.

Class teacher Morag Milne told *The Oban Times*: 'It was the children's own choice of charity.'

'Some of them had got involved outside the school in doing things for Water Aid and felt it would be a worthy cause. They have worked really hard and they all did a great job.'

## Two charged with serious assault whilst on bail

THE TRIAL of two men accused of a serious assault whilst on bail will take place at Fort William Sheriff Court on July 19.

Gary Dickson, aged 34, of 8 Glendale Road, and Jason McWilliams, 33, of 5 Nevis Road, both Kinlochleven, are accused

of assaulting David MacMillan to severe injury and endangering his life on March 24 at 3 Glendale Road.

Both of the accused deny the charges. A total of 23 witnesses have been cited to appear at the trial.

## Ardnamurchan High School open day raises £2,500

ARDNAMURCHAN High School's recent open day raised more than £2,500.

Highlights included archery demonstrations, a pets' parade and a falconry display.

The school's head teacher Chris Miller-Craig thanked parents and the community for their 'generous support'.

Cash raised will go towards school trips and events.



Ballachulish pupils Jodie Daynes, Rhiona MacLauchlan, Dawn Beaton and Connor MacKenzie: proud of their fund-raising effort for Water Aid.

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**BIRTHS**



**FOX**

Calum Fox and Shona MacLeod are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Liam Cameron, on June 25, 2010. Thanks to the midwives at R.A.H. Paisley and Oban Maternity.

**MACDONALD-AHMED** - Claire and Kenny are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their second son, Cully on June 30, 2010. A wee brother for Kyde. Special thanks to Oban Maternity Unit and R.A.H. Paisley.



**RODGERS**

Chris and Verona (née Watson) are delighted to announce the arrival of their gorgeous baby boy Lucas Duncan, born on June 10, 2010 at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Lucas is now home and well. Mum and dad ecstatic!

**TELFER** - Ronald and Emma are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Anna, born on June 13, 2010. A special thank you to everyone for their kind gifts.

**WEDDINGS**

**DONALD-BROSSETTE** - On Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Paris, France, Peter James, son of Norman and Morann Donald, Oban, to Nelly, daughter of Justine Plassard and the late Celestin Brossette, Paris.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**MACCOLL-MACLEAN** - At Salen Parish Church on July 5, 1960 by Rev Dr William MacIntyre, Craill, assisted by Rev Donald MacKenzie, Iain, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Duncan MacColl, Craignure, to Janet MacLean, daughter of Mrs Mary MacLean and the late Donald MacLean, Salen, Isle of Mull.

**DEATH**

**ANDERSON** - Very peacefully in the care of the Staff at the Grove Nursing Home, Kennay, on Saturday, June 19, 2010 Mary (née Gillespie), aged 90 years, beloved wife of the late John Anderson, formerly of Ballachulish Ferry and Torrinn, Isle of Skye. Much loved and loving mother of Joyce Bowie, a loving mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Will be sorely missed.

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on July 4, 2010, Mike Campbell, Glencruitten, Oban. Loving father and grandfather. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service to be held at Cardross Crematorium on Friday, July 9, 2010 at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

**HAMILL** - Suddenly on June 30, 2010 at Newtonmore, on his 79th birthday, Francis Hamill, beloved husband of Margaret, dear father of Isobel and Kevin and much loved grandfather of Ryan. Funeral took place yesterday Wednesday, July 7.

**MACNEILL** - Peacefully, at North Argyll House, Oban, on Saturday, July 3, 2010, in her 97th year, Grace Liddell, wife of the late Alastair, formerly of 14 Achlonan, Taynuilt, a dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend to many. Funeral service will take place at Muckkairn Parish Church, Taynuilt on Monday, July 12 at 1.00pm. thereafter to Muckkairn Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu in aid of North Argyll House.

**MACPHEE** - Peacefully, at The Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on July 2, 2010, aged 94 years, Mary Cameron, of 'Ardoran', Connel, formerly of Saulmore Farm, beloved sister of Jean and the late Alasdair and Archie, much loved sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt. Sorely missed.

**WILSON** - Robert James, formerly of Meadow Road, Dunbeg, Oban, passed away peacefully in Guy's Hospital, London, on June 28, 2010, beloved husband of Heather, adored father of Wendy and much loved granddad to Daniel, Naomi and Eleanor. He will be missed greatly by all of his family and friends. Funeral will take place on Thursday (today), July 8 at St Columba's Cathedral, Oban at 1.30 p.m. thereafter to Pennyfirth Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**ANDERSON** - Joyce, Alistair and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy by way of cards, flowers and telephone calls following the recent passing of Mary. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at the Grove Nursing Home, Kennay for their devoted care and attention. We also wish to thank Rev Dr Ben Johnston of Broadford Isle of Skye, Funeral Directors Eric Massie of Inverurie and M & D MacLeod of Portree Isle of Skye.

**CAMPBELL** - The family of the late Helen Campbell (née Cameron), would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent bereavement. Thanks to Rev Donald MacQuarrie for his most appropriate service and Teresa from MacLellan & Co for their excellent funeral arrangements. A total of £299.87 was raised for the Belford Hospital.

**LOGAN** - The family of the late Callum Logan wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy at this sad time. Special thanks to Rev Scrimgeour for a memorable service, grateful thanks to Dr Tervit and district nurses for unfailing kindness and attention, also Co-operative Funeral Care for professionalism and Robert Sloan for catering.

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**MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - Remembering with love a very dear mum, gran and great gran Annie, who passed away on July 4, 2002. Also my dear father Lachlan, passed away on July 2, 1972. Our thoughts today are of a lonely grave. Of parents I loved but could not save. Where hearts of gold are laid to rest. God Bless you both you were the best. Inserted by their loving son Lachie, daughter-in-law Sandra and family.

**BUCHANAN** - In loving memory of Peter, dear husband, dad and papa, who died July 12, 2005. The years pass, but memories stay. Loved and remembered everyday. - Julie, Anne, Drew and family and Andrew and family.

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of my dear mum, May, who passed away on July 6, 1998. I think of you in silence I often speak your name But all I have are memories And a picture in a frame My heart still aches with sadness My secret tears still flow For what it meant to lose you mum No-one will ever know - Your loving daughter Kay, Lochgoilhead.

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always remembered. - Catriona, Bruce, Jean, Julie and Iain

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**MACLEAN** - In loving memory of my dearly beloved son and our brother Ronnie, who died July 6, 1984. Today, tomorrow, our whole life through We will always love and remember you - Grace family, Tobermory and Orkney.

**McEWAN** - In loving memory of Eddie, a dearly loved husband, father, father-in-law and a loving 'Pop' taken from us so suddenly on July 6, 2001. No matter how our lives have changed No matter what we do We'll never forget those precious years The ones we shared with you. Loved and remembered always. - Jean and family

**McKICHAN** - In loving memory of my twin brother Charles, who passed away July 5, 2009. Always in my heart. - Val

**STEWART** - Iain, July 12, 2002. Happy thoughts of times together Hold memories that last forever. - Love Dunriona and family.

# Mid Argyll family to travel to Cornwall for war memorial service



Gunner James Litster was killed in the bombing of Penhale Army Camp.

## Palestine group to host awareness meeting in Oban

OBAN Concern for Palestine Group, which now has more than 40 members, is holding another public event to raise awareness of issues in the Middle East and provide a platform for informal discussion.

The main speaker at St John's Cathedral Hall on Tuesday July 20 will be Jan Stutch Pickard, a peace observer, poet and storyteller, talking about 'Stories from the Olive Trees'.

The evening will be focusing on various items which are made and produced in Palestine with at least three stalls containing different Palestinian crafts, fairly-traded olive oil and other items for sale.

The meeting is open to anyone and those wish who to register an interest or find out more information about the group can contact Graeme Pagan at neaveton@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01631 563737.

FOUR generations of a Mid Argyll family will travel to a Cornwall memorial service to mark the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Penhale Army Camp.

The camp, occupied by Allied Forces rescued from Dunkirk, was destroyed by a lone German bomber on July 7 1940.

Gunner James Litster of Kilmichael, Argyll, was one of 22 killed in this raid.

**70 years on**

Now 70 years on, members of his family from Mid Argyll will make the pilgrimage to Cornwall to take part in the final commemoration service for the soldiers on July 17 and 18.

James Litster's granddaughter Marina Campbell, who lives in Kilmartin, said: 'It's a really sad story because these men had been at the battlefield and were resting when the bomb hit.

'We all want to find out more about what happened and we're all excited at the prospect of finding out more about James Litster, who we all have pictures of but don't know much about.

'My uncle Jim and uncle Neil remember the telegram coming and everyone crying, so it will be especially emotional for them.

'We have a big family but there are six of us going to Cornwall to represent all of us.'

Among the Litster party are: James Litster's son, Jim; his brother-in-law, Neil MacMillan; daughter-in-law Christina Litster; granddaughter Marina Campbell; and great-granddaughter Claire Litster.

The family will be joined on the trip by Stuart Gray from Clydebank, whose father, Gunner Andrew Gray, was

James Litster's best friend but survived the bombing.

Mr Gray said: 'My father, Gunner Andrew Gray, survived the raid, but 22 men, newly returned from the horrors of Calais and Dunkirk were killed, 19 being subsequently interred in a local Cornish graveyard.

'Every year since, the local Perranporth community has commemorated this event, but this year, being the 70th anniversary, will be the last, and a very special Remembrance Service will be staged on July 17 and 18.'

Mr Gray has tried to contact relatives of all of the victims of the bombing, with some success, however he has been unable to find all of them. He is keen to hear from anyone who may have had a relative in Penhale Army Camp at the time of the bombing. He can be contacted on 07810 450 419.



On the Wagon performs for Oban Hospice.

## On the Wagon entertain for Oban Day Hospice

PATIENTS at Oban's Day Hospice have been treated to a live concert.

Music in Hospitals group On the Wagon regularly performs concerts on behalf of the charity at care units across the whole of Scotland.

And the band, with a multitude of instruments such as the indoor pipes, guitar, harmonica and concertina, treats the audience to well known songs, traditional music and old favourites which never fail to get feet tapping.

The concert took place due to the generosity of The Oban Trust, a trustee of

which attended a previous Music in Hospitals concert at the Day Hospice and felt moved to support another. Music in Hospitals draws upon the talents of some of Scotland's leading musicians to perform for people in more than 500 hospitals, hospices, homes and day care centres across the country.

Experienced professional musicians are selected not only for their musical expertise but also for their ability to communicate with sensitivity and understanding while encouraging participation.

More than 1,690 concerts were given in Scotland last

year and the aim is to make a wide range of high quality live music more widely available to people whose access to entertainment is curtailed by illness, age or disability. Therapists, medical and nursing staff constantly acknowledge the valuable part music can play in the treatment and care of patients.

Alison Frazer, chief executive of Music in Hospitals, Scotland, said: 'We are most grateful to The Oban Trust for generously supporting this concert. We hope that patients, their families, friends and care staff had a lovely time.'

## Thought for the week

THIS summer seems dominated by the idea of winning or losing!

But will it matter many years later?

I recently attended a conference in Edinburgh aptly named 'How a Scottish Minister changed the financial landscape'.

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Henry Duncan, a parish minister from near Dumfries, who is credited with starting the Savings Bank movement in May 1810 - he invited parishioners to open an account with the sum of only sixpence. The enterprise being located in the church hall built for the local people by the Squire

At that time the normal amount to enable you to have a bank account would have been £10 - equivalent to a whole year's wages in some cases. The monies were kept in a safety deposit box secured by three padlocks, the keys to which were retained by three different people. Thus the people felt their meagre savings were secure.

These and many other interesting articles can be seen in the Savings Bank Museum in the village of Ruthwell, east of Dumfries on the B724. It is housed within the original building and there is no entry fee.

Henry Duncan won for other people the chance to save against a time of hardship and have a belief in some control over their future however small.

The renowned Airdrie Savings Bank celebrates its 175th anniversary this year having retained its independence throughout.

A lesson for all of us perhaps!

Pam Gibson, Treasurer Argyll Presbytery

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**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANGLICAN COMMUNION**  
Sunday 11 July 2010  
Trinity 6  
St John's Cathedral, Oban  
Sea Sunday  
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Sung Eucharist.....10.15  
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Holy Eucharist..... 11.00  
St Columba, Bishop's House, Iona  
Holy Eucharist.....08.00  
Evensong.....20.00

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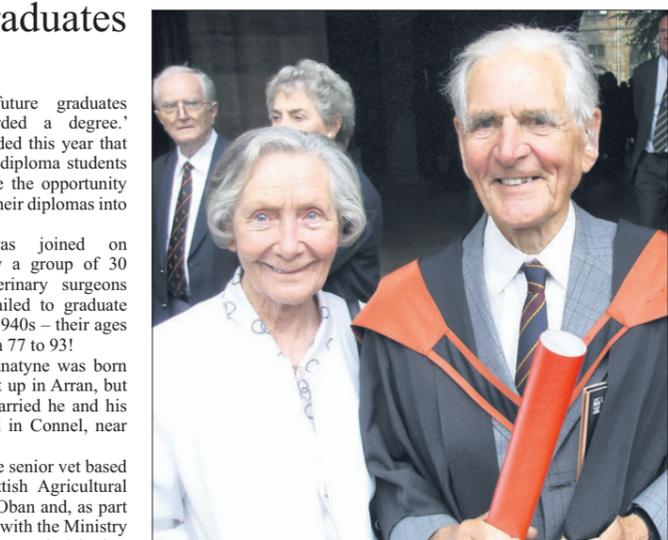
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Colin Bannatyne from Blackwaterfoot on the Isle of Arran celebrated his graduation from the University of Glasgow on Monday with his wife Margaret.

## Well-known vet graduates - 60 years late

VETERINARIAN, eighty-eight year old Colin Bannatyne, who now lives at Blackwaterfoot on the Isle of Arran, graduated on Monday from the University of Glasgow - more than 60 years after he first qualified.

Colin received his Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery this week, 66 years after he left the university.

A spokesman for the University of Glasgow said: 'The reason this group of vets didn't graduate with a degree in 1944 is that in those days the student vets studied at what was the Glasgow Veterinary College, where the final qualification was a diploma. When the Vet College became part of Glasgow University in the 1950s, a degree in veterinary science was introduced

and all future graduates were awarded a degree.' It was decided this year that these early diploma students should have the opportunity to convert their diplomas into degrees.

Colin was joined on Monday by a group of 30 fellow veterinary surgeons that also failed to graduate in the late 1940s - their ages ranged from 77 to 93!

Colin Bannatyne was born and brought up in Arran, but when he married he and his wife settled in Connel, near Oban.

He was the senior vet based at the Scottish Agricultural College in Oban and, as part of his work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, he worked all over Argyll, where he is still fondly remembered.

## Extra end win for Moogie in Lochaber singles

A GOOD turn out for the Lochaber singles competition, kindly sponsored by John Rogan for last 20 years, saw two of the best bowlers in the area, Alan Lawrie and Martin (Moogie) Keenan, battle all the way to an extra end to decide the outcome at the B.A. Club green.

Moogie provided the perfect shot in the last end to just touch the front of the jack, which Alan could not beat, and the memorable game ended with Moogie collecting his prize and the Lochaber Singles Trophy.



Neil Cameron and his grandfather John Rogan present Martin (Moogie) Keenan with the trophy as runner-up Alan Lawrie looks on

## Glencoe Regatta a big success

LIGHT and fluky winds tested sailors at Glencoe Boat Club's annual Regatta with the club also hosting a Traveller's event for the new Scottish Flying Fifteen Championship.

And it was to be a Flying Fifteen that secured the top honours at the Regatta with Vedra sailed by Graham and Dougie Campbell lifting the coveted Ballachulish Slate Trophy for the best overall performance of the weekend.

Light conditions had featured the previous day for the fourteen-yacht fleet starting from Oban on the feeder race to Ballachulish. The gentle beat up Loch Linnhe was shortened at Port Appin as the tide turned and all but six yachts retired to motor to Glencoe.

Billy Forteith's Shadowfax took line honours with Peter Watt's BB10 Vailla winning on corrected time. Peter had young Chris Cooper aboard, back from the world racing circuit where Chris is fast establishing a top name for

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himself. Bill Paterson's Canto took the prize in the restricted sail class for the passage race.

The MacPhee's Sonata Whisky Chasertook two firsts in the fast handicap class and the Soling Romance helmed by Hamish Loudon second. Bob and Jean Aitken's Hawk 20 Didima and David Cooper's Trapper Redwing battled it out in the slow handicap class with Didima winning overall.

Hilary Watson's classic Elrhuna showed that her 106 years was no barrier to speed coming through to win the white sail class from Alan Gent-Whyte's An Sulair.

Locals were to the fore in the dinghy section with young Ruairidh Mills taking podium position in his Optimist and in Dinghy Class II Fraser Blair was first overall.

The Ray Darker Trophy for the best performance by a Glencoe Boat was awarded to Elrhuna.

## Shaun takes first place

CONNEL driver Shaun Sinclair battle to first position in the Hankook Scottish Rally Championship group N class despite a host of troubles in his Fusion backed Evo 9.

Shaun and co-driver Chris Hamill were seeded 5<sup>th</sup> in the championship's fifth round in the forests of Dumfries but intercom and fuel pump problems led to a loss of power throughout the rally.

However, Shaun has maintained first position in class and is in sixth place overall.

Mull's Andy Knight, co-driven by Kim Baker, had his first outing in a four wheel drive car in his newly acquired Subaru Impreza

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and showed his class behind the wheel to move steadily up the field to end the day in 14<sup>th</sup> overall position.

The crew also picked up the Susan Cameron award for the first-placed mixed crew.

Oban's Steven and Kevin Lockhart had a good run in their class 10 Mitsubishi Evo7, finishing in 19<sup>th</sup> overall. This result could have been much better but the brothers lost a minute after being held up by a car in front with a puncture.

Argyll crews are looking forward to the Mull Car Club, Rally of Argyll, based in Oban this weekend.

## Scottish Cup tie switched as Ganavan is too narrow

OBAN Camanachd's home draw in the quarter final of the Camanachd Cup this weekend has been switched to An Aird Fort William because the pitch at Ganavan is too narrow.

Mossfield has already been booked for the annual Keyline

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Cup football tournament and the alternative pitch at Ganavan is too narrow by four metres to comply with Camanachd Association rules.



They're off! The Cow Hill race gets underway on High Street on Monday evening.

## Exciting finish in Cow Hill Race

SPECTATORS were treated to an exciting finish to Lochaber Athletic Club's 'Triple Hurtle' on Monday evening as local man Bruce Poll battled it out with Deeside's Alan Smith for the men's title.

Lochaber AC man Bruce had to beat Alan by seven seconds in the Cow Hill race - the third and final leg of the competition which challenges athletes to complete three races up and down the hills around Fort William in three days.

### Second

On Saturday in the Meall an t-Suidhe Alan won and Bruce came second with Lochaber AC's John Binnie in third.

Sunday saw a field of 72 for the Half Ben Race,

with Lochaber AC's Craig Mitchell taking top spot, David Eiser second, Bruce third and Alan fifth, leaving Bruce and Alan neck and neck going into the Cow Hill on Monday.

From the start on The Parade, Bruce tried to open up a lead going up the hill, but the pair were still together starting the descent and Alan finished five seconds clear to win overall by 12 seconds.

Lochaber AC's Lyndsey Shaw took the women's title courtesy of her victories at Meall an t-Suidhe and Cow Hill, while Nicola Meekin won the Half Ben.

Bruce told The Oban Times: 'I knew I had to beat Alan by seven seconds and I knew I had to

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be ahead of him coming off the hill, but he was still on my shoulder. I had my chances, but I just could not take advantage of them.'

### Brilliant

He added: 'The whole event was absolutely brilliant. The whole atmosphere was great for spectators - you could have thrown a blanket over me and Alan over the three races.'

All athletes completing the challenge received a 'Triple Hurtle' mug. Lochaber JogScot runners Donald MacDonald, both relative novices, both excelled with Donald running the Half Ben in 1 hour 30 minutes.



Lochaber Athletic Club juniors broke several records in the Trig Point Race

## Records broken in Trig point race

THE TRIG Point Junior Hill Race took place on Tuesday as of Lochaber Athletic Club juniors' final training session for the summer.

For yet another year the young runners were blessed with excellent weather for racing - and the fast going saw previous bests tumble.

Under-14 athlete Calum Fraser had an outstanding

race to break the course record - set by and under-18 in 2003 - by half a minute in a time of 9min 53sec.

The second and third boys under 14 were inside the previous age group record - Joseph Tangney ran 12.07 while Craig MacLean finished in 12.28.

Isla MacKay set an under-16 girls record of 13min

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32sec. Innes Blackhall also shaved a few more seconds off the under-12 record and Robyn Blackhall set a new under-10 girls' course record.

Thanks go to all volunteers and to Colin and Wendy for running the barbecue.

## BSW Timber sponsor new strips

LOCHABER High School's Senior Boys' football team has a set of new strips - thanks to the sponsorship of a local firm.

BSW Timber decided the boys' efforts this season merited support and donated £500, which was matched by funding from SportsScotland's Sportmatch grant scheme.

The cash bought much needed new footballs and goal nets as well as the

new kit. Active schools co-ordinator, Bridget Thomas, who helped with the application process, said: 'It's great that BSW Timber are willing to support the school football team. The Sportsmatch funding has allowed their money to go so much further.'

'Any sports team/club who is offered a donation of £500 or more by a business may be eligible for this grant.'

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'I would be happy to help with the application process, so please do get in touch on 01397 700927 if you have a potential business sponsor and feel your team or club could benefit.'

The senior boys finished the Highland league undefeated and reached the quarter finals of the North of Scotland Cup.



New strips: Lochaber HS boys team with David Haynes of BSW Timber

## Penalty shoot-out drama in MacDonald Cup tie

LUNDAVRA are in the semi finals of the MacDonald Cup after beating Ardnamurchan 1-0 on Thursday night at the BA Club.

Robbie McFadyen scored the only goal of the game. Mark MacDonald slid a pass through for McFadyen who applied a cool finish to send the keeper the wrong way. Lundavra only had 10 available players for the match, but still managed to control most of it. Ardnamurchan were unable to break down a resolute defence and were restricted to long-range efforts.

Rangers beat Fort William U17s 4-3 at Canal Parks on Wednesday night to join Lundavra in the semi-finals.

An impressive performance from the Gers saw them go into halftime with a 1-0 lead after Robert MacGillivray had opened the scoring. Two quick goals at the start of the second half from Kevin Mathers and Michael Gillespie made the score 3-0 and Rangers looked to be easing to victory. Fort William pulled a goal back through Ian McLennan but Ewan Cameron restored the three-goal lead when he scored Rangers' fourth of the match.

Fort fought back and two late Lewis Corbett goals set up a tense finish. The youngsters nearly forced extra time but a brilliant save from Rangers' keeper Robert Lawrie at the final moments meant Rangers go through.

Celtic will play Lundavra in the semi-finals, after they beat Caol United 10-9 on penalties at the BA on Tuesday. Bottom-of-the-league Caol were close to inflicting the first defeat of the season on a Celtic team who were missing some key players. The marathon match was decided on penalties after it finished 5-5 after extra time.

At the end of 90 minutes during which Caol had been the better side, the score was 4-4. Peter Laing scored the first for Caol and Ewan Campbell scored a hat trick. Celtic's goals came from Paul McInnes, Leon Lopez and two from Norman McInnes.

Brian MacKay looked like he had given Celtic the win with an extra time goal but a David Forbes shot from 30 yards flew into the top corner to make the score 5-5 and set up a penalty shootout.

All 11 players on each side took a spot kick, including successful penalties from both goalkeepers. Each team missed two penalties. Norman McInnes scored his second penalty of the shootout to make it 10-9 to Celtic, which meant Michael Rodgers had to score to keep Caol in the cup. He hit the crossbar, sending Celtic to the next round.

Mallaig complete the semi-final line-up after they thrashed Ballachulish 7-1 on Monday night. Cameron Muir opened the scoring for the home side before Ross Douglas helped himself to a hat trick. Darren Stewart, Reece McLeod and Jordan Coull completed the scoring. Ballachulish's solitary goal came from the penalty spot.

BALLACHULISH put five goals past a weakened Rangers side at Jubilee Park on Monday night.

The visitors, who could only get 10 players for the match, took an early lead through a Billy MacKay penalty. But Ballachulish hit back through goals from David Grant and Mark Wilson to go into halftime 2-1 up. Wilson got his second of the game minutes into the second half and Eric Tott assured the points would go to the home side when he

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scored to make the score 4-1. Iain Fyfe then got the fifth goal of the night before Rangers' Michael Gillespie scored from 30 yards with the last kick of the game to make the final score 5-2.

Mallaig closed the gap on leaders Celtic to nine points when they beat Fort William 6-3 at Canal Parks on Friday evening.

With four matches still to play, Mallaig can still theoretically win the league, although it would require a major collapse from leaders Celtic.

An end-to-end first half ended 2-2, with Cameron Muir scoring twice for Mallaig and Iain McLennan grabbing a brace for Fort William. Mallaig retook the lead early in the second half through Ross Douglas before a Simon MacDonald penalty made the score 4-2. Douglas then got his second but Fort hit back through Andrew MacLean. Darren Stewart scored the final goal of the game to secure victory for Mallaig.

Lochaber Welfare League as of Monday July 5						
	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Celtic	10	10	0	0	52	16 30
Mallaig	10	7	0	3	41	33 21
Ballachulish	11	5	2	4	30	32 17
Lundavra	10	4	4	2	27	27 16
Fort William Under 17s	11	4	2	5	33	34 14
Rangers	12	3	2	7	33	44 11
Ardnamurchan	8	2	0	6	13	18 6
Caol United	12	1	2	9	27	50 5



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This weekend's fixtures

Saturday, July 10 2010  
All throw ups 2.30pm unless stated

**Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 3rd Round**  
Fort William v Oban Caman  
Duncan Kelly  
Kyles v Newtonmore  
Ted McDonald  
Inveraray v Skye  
Colin MacDonald

**Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup Semi Final**  
Glenurquhart v Kyles  
John MacLeod

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**  
Lovat v Bute  
Graham Irving

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Inverness v Kilmallie  
Ron Kennedy  
Kinlochshiel v Caberfeidh  
Graham Cameron  
Lochcarron v Strathglass  
John MacPhee  
Lochaber v Beaulieu  
Ronnie Campbell

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Kilmory v Ballachulish  
Billy Wotherspoon  
Lochside v Glenorchy  
David Mitchell  
Taynuilt v Inveraray  
Charles Young

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Kinlochshiel v Kilmallie  
Robert Morrison 12 noon  
Beaulieu v Glengarry  
Innes Wood  
Newtonmore v Lovat  
John Sloggie  
Skye v Fort William  
Donald MacRae

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
Boleskine v Inverness  
Laurie Skuodas  
Caberfeidh v Strathglass  
Russell Ross  
Lochaber v Lochcarron  
Robert Baxter Jnr  
Lochbroom v Ardnamurchan  
Daniel MacRae

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Strachur v Bute  
George O'Rourke  
Tayforth v Col Glen  
Duncan Kerr

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Lochaber's Angus Morrison and Kilmallie defender Ewan Stoddart challenge for the ball at Spean Bridge on Saturday as Lochaber came back from two goals down to snatch a 3-2 Balliemore Cup semi-final win with a penalty 20 minutes from the final whistle.

# Lochaber comeback from two goals down to take place in Balliemore final

## Kilmallie score two first-half goals but fail to hold onto lead in cup semi-final

LOCHABER produced a memorable comeback on Saturday to beat Kilmallie 3-2 and reach the final of Balliemore Cup.

Pre-match favourites Kilmallie went 2-0 up early in the first half through goals from Liam MacDonald and Michael Rodgers but a goal from Ben Delaney just before half-time gave Lochaber the self-belief that they could mount a comeback.

A Scott Paterson equaliser early in the second half made the score 2-2 and the momentum was clearly now with Lochaber.

In the 70th minute, Lochaber were awarded a penalty when the Kilmallie

keeper was adjudged to have kicked the ball and Ben Delaney stepped up to score his second goal of the game and complete the turnaround.

After the match Lochaber manager Michael Delaney told The Oban Times his side always believed they could come back and win the cup tie.

'We spoke about it before the game,' he said. 'You can either throw in

the towel, or you can fight. And we chose to fight.'

'Kilmallie beat us 5-0 earlier in the season, and we didn't want that to happen again.'

'Scoring before half time made a big difference for us.'

Delaney also said he couldn't pick a star performer from his side: 'You can't pick out one or two individuals, everyone to a man did what he was asked

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**Balliemore Cup Semi Final**  
Lochaber 3 Kilmallie 2

Results

**Marine Harvest Premier 6's League A**  
Kingussie 0 Oban Caman 0  
Newtonmore 1 Lovat 0  
Glenurquhart 0 Kingussie 1  
Oban Cam 0 Newtonmore 1  
Lovat 0 Glenurquhart 2  
Kingussie 2 Newtonmore 1  
Oban Caman 1 Lovat 0  
Newt/more 1 Glen/uhart 0  
Lovat 2 Kingussie 1  
Glenurquhart 1 Oban Cam 1

**League B**  
Fort William 1 Kyles 0  
Inveraray 1 GMA 1  
Bute 0 Fort William 0  
Kyles 0 Inveraray 2  
GMA 0 Bute 2  
Fort William 1 Inveraray 2  
Kyles 0 GMA 3  
Inveraray 1 Bute 0  
GMA 0 Fort William 0  
Bute 0 Kyles Athletic 0

**Semi Final**  
Newtonmore 3 GMA 0  
Inveraray 0 Newtonmore 1

**Final**  
Newtonmore 1 Kingussie 2

**Womens Match**  
North 3 South 0

**Primary Shinty World Cup Final**  
Beaulieu 0 Newtonmore 2

**Balliemore Cup Semi Final**  
Lochaber 3 Kilmallie 2



Newtonmore defender Rory Kennedy skips passed Kingussie's Fraser Munro as Kingussie win the Marine Harvest Premier Sixes Trophy at Fort William on Saturday when they defeated their Badenoch rivals 2-1 in the final. Picture - John MacTavish

# Crown Estate support for West Highland Yachting Week

THE CROWN Estate is the latest organisation to pledge support for West Highland Yachting Week, Scotland's second largest regatta that runs from July 30 to August 6.

As well as funding a wide variety of projects through its Marine Communities Fund, The Crown Estate has invested in pontoon and onshore facilities at Tarbert and Tobermory, one of the venues of West Highland Yachting Week.

Paul Bancks, Coastal Manager (Scotland) said: 'West Highland Yachting Week is an excellent opportunity to promote the

huge tourism benefits that sailing offers to coastal communities. The Crown Estate is contributing by investing in pontoon and onshore facilities, which not only attract tourism but also provide facilities for local boat owners.'

Meanwhile entries are building for this famous event with interest from all over the UK.

With a wider range of classes on offer to both CYCA and IRC handicaps, the event has even greater appeal for 2010.

The Joint Regatta Committee that runs West Highland Yachting Week has

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been planning the courses for both the Tunnock's and Argyll Fleets with the Argyll fleet taking in some new marks racing off Tobermory.

Tobermory Single Scotch Whisky has recently added its support to West Highland Yachting Week and there will be several associated events run on Thursday when the fleet is in Tobermory.

Tunnock's and The Oban Common Good Fund also sponsor West Highland Yachting Week with help also from BP Marine and West Coast Motors.

# Young Oban sailors make their mark

TWO OBAN Sailing Club youngsters recently made their mark competing in the regional finals of the RYA Honda Youth RIB Championships 2010 at Port Edgar Sailing School in Edinburgh.

In the first year Oban has been represented in the competition, Jamie Chapman took third place overall in the Senior 13-16 age group with Craig MacIntyre finishing well in the 8-12 year old age group.

A total of 19 children competed in the Junior and Senior sections of the regional final which involved handling a RIB on a very tight course over a timed circuit. Boat handling is assessed with time penalties incurred for things like contact with

a buoy and failing to stop completely.

Jamie and Craig had already won the time trials at Oban after training sessions from Mark Carter with help from Eric Chapman and Caroline

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Carter. The other time trialists were Jamie Peden, Chelsea McNab, Emma Thompson, Jamie Sinclair and Ben and Tierney Carter.



Craig MacIntyre, left, and Jamie Chapman with their certificates.

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## Scottish Cup holders to play in Keyline Cup Tournament

THE ANNUAL Keyline Cup football tournament will take place this Saturday at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruitten Park, Oban, starting at 11am.

Teams taking part are: Scottish Cup winners Dundee United, who will be sending their first team squad, plus other SPL teams Hearts, Hamilton Accies and St Johnstone. Alloa Athletic, last year's winners, and hosts Oban Saints make up the six-team tournament.

Match officials are: David Mitchell, Kevin Summers, Thomas Sharp, all Oban; Donnie Brooks, Jim Pearson, John Mackie and Robert Marshall, all Glasgow; Peter Laing, Lochgilphead and Stuart McLearie, Clydebank.

Tournament organiser David Buchanan said he was delighted that the Scottish Cup holders would again be taking their first team squad to take part in the competition.

The teams stay in Oban for the weekend along with

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many of their supporters which is good for businesses in the town.

Dundee United manager Peter Houston said: 'We are looking forward to the tournament, it is an excellent competition and ideal for our pre-season schedule. The players have just finished a tough week's physical training, so this will be the first opportunity to give them match practice in a competitive environment.'

The draw - Oban Saints v St Johnstone 11am; Hearts v Hamilton Accies 11am. Alloa Athletic v Dundee United 11.40am; Oban Saints v Alloa Athletic 12.20; Dundee United v St Johnstone 12.20. Hamilton Accies v Oban Saints 1pm; St Johnstone v Alloa Athletic 1pm. Dundee United v Hearts 1.40pm; Hamilton Accies v St Johnstone 1.40pm. Alloa Athletic v Hearts 2.20pm; Oban Saints v Dundee United 2.20pm. Hearts v St Johnstone 3pm; Alloa Athletic v Oban Saints 3pm. Dundee United v Hamilton Accies 3.40pm.



The winners and some of the other participants at the West Highland Tennis Week in Oban. 15\_t28tennis02

## Keith wins without dropping a set

SHINTY legend Ronald Ross has won plenty of honours when playing in Oban but it was a former tennis protégé of his that took home the silverware from this year's West Highland Tennis Championships.

Scottish No.12 Keith Meisner, from Elgin, impressively won the gents singles without dropping a set, beating St Andrews' Tim Weir 6-3 6-4 in the final.

The 23-year-old was formerly coached by shinty star and former Scottish junior tennis champion Ross when he competed on the LTA junior circuit along with a young Andy Murray.

The latter stages of the tournament held at Atlantis Lesuire last week was plagued by wet and windy conditions but that didn't stop the championships

from managing to conclude the majority of events on Sunday.

Despite heavy rain showers and gusts of around 40mph on finals day, players admirably took to the court to ensure that tournament referee Mary McLean only had to move the latter stages of the Ladies Under-21 singles to an extra day on Monday, when Stirling University's Aimee Black defeated Jenny Morgan in the final.

In the Ladies singles, No.1 seed Jan Oliphant, from Newlands, also failed to drop a set, beating Aimee Black in the final 6-2 6-3 to regain the title she lost last year.

Several local players also competed in the open events to test themselves against high quality opposition. Best local achievement of the weekend goes to Willie

Gemmell, Oban, who reached the third round of the Men's singles.

The 23-year-old saved a match point in his second round match against Mark Gaffney, of St Serfs, before clinching victory in a tight deciding championship tie-break 12-10.

The local events held in the run-up to the main championship events provided an enjoyable mix of competitive and social tennis for local players of all ages and abilities.

Fourteen-year-old Gregor Brydon won the Maureen McCulloch Quaiach for the best young player after showing great promise and tremendous attitude on court during the week.

The tournament committee would like to thank Atlantis Lesuire, the many local

businesses and Argyll and Bute Council for their continued support of the championships.

Results  
MacArthur Stewart Gents Championship Singles Winner: Keith Meisner, Runner Up: Tim Weir. R.A. Clement Associates Ladies Championship Singles Winner: Jan Oliphant, Runner Up: Aimee Black. Argyll Kitchen Design Gents Championship U21 Singles Winner: Jack Paterson, Runner Up: Robert Price. Mathesons Furnishings Gents Championship Doubles Winners: Keith Meisner & Tim Weir, Runners Up: Mike Cohen & Robert Dalgetty. The Jean Shop Ladies Championship Doubles Winner: Christine Lockhart & Jan Oliphant, Runners Up: Jenny Morgan & Casey Rogovin. DM McKinnon Solicitors Oban Gents Singles Winner: Stuart Fraser, Runner Up: Willie Gemmell. DM McKinnon Solicitors Oban Gents Doubles

Winners: Stuart Fraser & Willie Gemmell, Runners Up: Andrew Barrington & Kevin Keen.

Scottish Sea Farms Gents Handicap Singles Winner: Kenny Drummond, Runner Up: Willie Gemmell. Gents Handicap Singles Plate Competition Winner: Gregor Brydon, Runner Up: Iain Croarkin. Anderson Banks Mix & Match Competition Winner: Gregor Brydon & Danielle Cooper.

Anderson Banks Team Competition Winners: Azra Arshad, Andrew Barrington, Susie Hutchison & Kevin Keen. Eric Smith World Travel S4-S6 Singles Winner: Roheel Arshad, Runner Up: Gregor Brydon. Eric Smith World Travel S1-S3 Singles Winner: Stewart Mobey, Runner Up: Iain MacFarlane. Eric Smith World Travel Indoor Primary Mini Tennis Competition Winner: Harry Mobey, Runner Up: Alistair Murphy. Maureen McCulloch Quaiach For Best Young Player: Gregor Brydon.

## Rangers winners

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FOUR lucky youngsters have won the opportunity to attend the Rangers Soccer School being held in Oban on Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13.

The winners are: Alexander Galbraith, Oban; Angus Mactaggart, North Connel; James MacDonald, Oban; Lewis Cameron, Inveraray. All winners have been contacted by Rangers Soccer School.

A limited number of places at the Oban event are still available. Contact 0871 7201972 or email soccer.schools@rangers.co.uk

## Oban Bowling Club

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ON SATURDAY one Oban team competed in the Lochgilphead Triples but unfortunately had no success.

On Sunday, even although the weather was changeable, eight teams competed in the Millennium Trophy, sponsored by Hugh MacCorquodale.

All money raised goes to Macmillan nurses in Oban. Angus MacGillivray, Moira Spreadbury and Marion Carr won a hard fought final and £150 was raised.

## Saints pre-season

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OBAN Saints senior team have announced their pre-season schedule of games.

Fort William, Glencruitten, July 17; Two games in Uist, 24 and 25 July; East Kilbride, Glencruitten, July 31; Milton, Glencruitten, August 7; Lochgilphead Red Star, Glencruitten, August 14.

The club will be training every Wednesday evening at Oban Lorne Rugby Club starting at 6.45pm

## Glencruitten golf

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LEADING scores from the second round of the George Smith were: J. MacKinnon Jnr 61 - 64 = 125; K. Mackie 63 - 64 = 127; D. Fraser 62 - 66 = 128.

This weekend sees the Championship and Handicap Championship 3<sup>rd</sup> round on Saturday with the fourth round on Sunday. The Senior Championship second round is also on Saturday.

## Summer coaching

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ARGYLL and Bute council have announced their Children's Summer Football Coaching Programme. New courses for the Summer include Mini Kickers (3-4yr olds), Development Centre (9-14yrs) and Specialised Goalkeeping Courses. These courses are going to be running all over Argyll and Bute during the Summer Holidays.

For further information regarding any of the courses or to request a form please contact football@argyll-bute.gov.uk or contact football development officer Martin Rae on 01631 572194.

## Islay golf

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BOWMORE Plate: 1 Alistair MacMillan 88 less 18 net 70; 2 Jim Rozga 78 less 6 net 71; 3 Angus MacAulay 87 less 14 net 73. Cst 72.

John Edgar Memorial Trophy: 1 Ruairidh McIntyre; 2 Vaughan P Ralph; 3 Paul Graham. Congratulations to Ruairidh McIntyre, who is club champion 2010.

## Tides

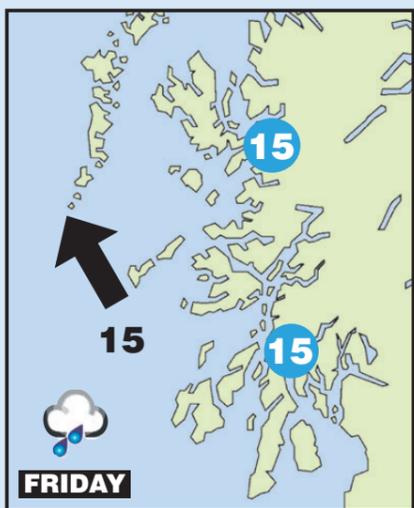
Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, July 8, 2010 are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

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Fri	03.46 3.3 09.35 1.3 15.58 3.3 22.09 1.4	
Sat	04.36 3.5 10.26 1.1 16.45 3.6 23.06 1.1	
Sun	05.21 3.7 11.14 0.8 17.29 3.8 23.56 0.9	
Mon	06.03 3.8 11.59 0.5 18.12 4.0 *** **	
Tues	00.43 0.7 06.42 3.8 12.45 0.4 18.53 4.1	
Wed	01.29 0.6 07.22 3.8 13.30 0.3 19.35 4.1	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrihaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

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**Thursday**  
Heavy rain showers. Winds moderate south-westerly. Temperatures 12°C to 17°C

**Friday**  
Heavy rain. Winds moderate south-easterly. Temperatures 14°C to 17°C.

**Weekend Outlook**  
Light rain but expect it to become heavier as the weekend progresses. Winds moderate north-westerly. Temperatures 12°C to 14°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**  
Oban to Barra/South Uist - Moderate to rough  
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above  
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

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## Football development coaching weekend

ARGYLL and Bute Council have come together with the SFA to offer the opportunity for any coaches out there to attend one day or both days of this exciting weekend of personal development.

The course will be running over the weekend of 17th and 18th July in Inveraray starting at 11am and finishing at 4pm each day and is free of charge.

Special guest coach for the weekend SFA Head of Youth Development Neil Mackintosh will deliver

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some exciting topics on both days, including Level 4 Youth award sample session, goalkeeping training, 4's to 7's transition and pre season for youth players.

If you are interested or wanting more information on this weekend please contact SFA/Argyll and Bute Football Development officer Martin Rae on 01631 572194 or 07767 391843 or by email on martin.rae@argyll-bute.gov.uk

## Successful year for young Connel rider

IT HAS been an eventful but successful season so far for young Connel rider John McPhee who is quickly making a name for himself in the British GP125 Championship.

The 15-year-old, who races with KRP/Bradley Smith Racing was fourth in the 2010 opening round at Brands Hatch, his debut with the KRP team.

He is currently joint seventh in the championship standings and third in the cup series. And the season looked to be getting even better when he made pole at Knockhill at the weekend. However, because of the weather conditions, the race was postponed

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until later in the season. John said: 'It has been a big surprise, to be honest it was a big shock but since riding with the team KRP, everything has been brilliant.'

The Oban High School pupil has also provided some of the best spectating moments of the season so far. At Cadwell Park he provided the stunt show of the weekend as he was thrown off the side of the bike but continued to hold on and keep the bike upright as he skated alongside it, only to remount and finish an astonishing sixth.



## Aulay's win Whisky Fives

There were familiar names on the silverware at this year's Whisky Fives, held at Mossfield, Oban, on Saturday. Aulay's A, pictured with publican Aulay Dunn, retained the trophy after a 2-1 victory over Tartan Tavern and Aulay's player Donald Campbell also kept the player of the tournament Golden Boot he won last year. Beaten semi-finalists were Markie Dan's B and The Steakhouse. This year the tournament, which is organised by Oban Licensed Trade Association, was sponsored by Wallace Express. 07. 028whisky01

## Oban and district club holds annual show

OBAN and District Riding Club held its first annual show recently at Dunstaffnage field and attracted around 40 competitors.

Organisers were pleased to have all classes sponsored by different business and thanked all sponsors, helpers

and committee for all their help. Results - Mountain and Moorland champion: Rebecca Scott - Stoak Grace; Reserve Champion: Ashleigh Kilgour - Daffydd; Showing Champion: Yvonne Sloss - Anique Paleasi; Reserve: Rebecca Scott

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- Stoak Grace; Working Hunter champion: Karen Miller - Tilly Bud; Reserve: Ashley Kilgour - Daffydd. Overall show supreme champion - Yvonne Sloss - Anique Paleasi

## End of season barbecue for Etive Vikings



Etive Vikings trophy winners.

ETIVE Vikings held their end-of-season barbecue, celebrating a good season, in which the P6/7 team was unbeaten. The new club has been well supported by Bruce and Neill architects, Dawson Energy and through a Taynuilt Windfarm grant.

Taynuilt butchers and R & S Distribution supplied burgers and rolls that helped to make the barbecue night a great success - despite the rain.

Trophies were presented for two categories for three age classes. Clubman Trophy: P1-2 Neil McCracken; P3-5 Blair McFarlane; P6-7 Daniel Speirs. Player of the Year: P1-2 Ellis Hunter; P3-5 Ewan Shearer; P6-7 Harvey Ferguson.

## Susie limps home

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OBAN racing driver Susie Stoddart limped home in 15<sup>th</sup> place in the Norisring, Nuremberg in the DTM Championship at the weekend after damaging her Mercedes.

Following a first-corner collision her right door was damaged causing vibrations in the car that affected its handling.