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Town in shock over death of 'larger-than-life' figure



TRAGIC: Arran Cooper

Arran dies after falling into river

A 10-YEAR-old boy who died after falling into the River Orchy has been named.

Arran Cooper of Rutherglen was on holiday in the area with his mother, father and three siblings when he was discovered in the water by his mother last Tuesday afternoon.

The boy's father pulled him from the water near to Allt Broighleachan and a passing driver, a doctor, provided emergency medical assistance.

Police, coastguard, mountain rescue and an air ambulance rushed to the scene and the boy was airlifted to Glasgow's Yorkhill children's hospital but died in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

A report into the incident will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Double trouble in Crianlarich

TWO incidents involving lorries in Crianlarich at the same time caused confusion for the emergency services.

In one, a lorry tipped over while unloading material at the site for the Crianlarich bypass.

The 47-year-old driver suffered broken bones in the incident, which happened at around 8.38am on Monday. Police, fire and an air ambulance were called to the scene and the driver was cut from the cabin and airlifted to Glasgow's Southern General hospital.

At 8.47am, a lorry got stuck under the railway bridge on the A82 in Crianlarich, near to the train station. It was guided out by police officers from Oban who were on their way to Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games.

During his time at the helm, L Division has seen a reduction in anti-social behaviour and violence.

His successor has been named as chief superintendent Helen Swann.



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TRIBUTES have been pouring in following the sudden death on Monday of newly elected Oban councillor and businessman John MacGregor.

Many people in the town were visibly shocked and stunned when the tragic news about the man affectionately known as 'Beef' first broke late on Monday afternoon.

In a cruel twist of fate, he died just one week after he was sworn in as an elected member at Argyll and Bute council.

The 62-year-old Oban businessman died at home in North Connel.

John's friends and family were united in grief, summed up by his close friend and fellow businessman Alan MacLeod, owner of the Ee-Usk restaurant in Oban, who said: 'John was so pleased to be elected, he was very emotional about it. John said he felt as though he had finally been accepted by his own people.'

'It was that passion for the town that led him into politics.'

'He was the most intelligent man I've ever met. He was also a great practical joker - almost every day he would be up to something or other.'

Speaking for the MacGregor family step-daughter Amanda MacPhail said: 'He was a wonderful husband to Cathie for 21 years, a great father



and a fantastic grandfather. We are all shocked by his death.'

Graham MacQueen, a fellow school pupil at Oban high, paid a heartfelt tribute: 'John was a Dunollie boy - there was a group of us who knew each other from school and have grown up together. We are all shocked.'

'People were excited about John being elected. They were waiting to see what he would do. Everyone was expecting something to happen that would make things better for everyone.'

'He will be sorely missed.'

Speaking for many people in Oban, councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'This is dreadful news. It is hard to take it in. He will be missed in the town. He did many things to help people in the community.'

John MacGregor played an active part in the community, funding and supporting events such as the Lorne Highland Games and the Ryan MacPhail memorial fund.

Councillor Elaine Robertson described John, as a 'larger-than-life character'. She said: 'It is devastating. I know how much being elected meant to him, and he was already working hard.'

MAN OF THE PEOPLE: John MacGregor was proud of his Oban roots and of being elected to represent the town

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre added his condolences, saying: 'He always wanted the best for Oban. He loved the town.'

John owned a number of businesses including Highland Fasteners where he had his ever-busy office, Ganavan Sands Limited and he was involved in a number of hotel ventures past and present including the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Lochnell Arms Hotel and the Taynult Hotel.

He also had an interest in three race horses.

He was a leading light with Oban Bay Marine (OBM), which sought to regenerate Oban by installing short-stay pontoons in the bay.

Fellow OBM board member Mike Robertson said: 'John drove OBM for seven years. Without him it would never have got as far as it did.'

'John understood the necessity of the pontoons for the good of the town - even putting his own money where his mouth was.'

John was elected as a councillor for Oban North and Lorn on Thursday July 17, and signed the official paperwork last Monday, July 21.

John is survived by his wife Cathie, four step-daughters and seven grandchildren, many of whom still live in the town.

His funeral will take place on Monday, August 4 in Oban and Kilmore Parish Church at 1.30pm and thereafter at Pennyfuir cemetery.

Police chief defends his roads crackdown

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THE OUT-GOING head of policing in Argyll and Bute says he is proud to have enforced road policing initiatives during his tenure, in spite of criticism from some quarters.

Chief superintendent Barry McEwan, head of Police Scotland's L Division (Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire), will soon take up a new national role within Police

Scotland in violence reduction. But the legacy from his 20 months in charge of Argyll and Bute will be the formation of a new road policing team, which has signalled a more focussed approach to reducing the number of deaths and serious accidents on the county's roads.

Chief superintendent McEwan (pictured) has previously felt compelled to defend his approach over the increase in penalty tickets and arrests.

Former Oban chief inspector Fred Hall and a few serving officers had

taken issue with his tactics, which they claimed were 'target led', and had seen an increase in the number of penalty tickets issued, including those for driving offences.

But chief superintendent McEwan points to the statistics from 2013 - 2014, which show 68 people were seriously injured or killed in road accidents, compared with no murders, two attempted murders, seven robberies and 24 serious assaults as justification for his hard-line approach on road policing. He said: 'I



made it clear that road policing was my absolute priority.

'There were voices of dissent within the area but more people died on our roads last year than were victims of serious violence. It is clear communities are getting behind us now.'

'The main priority for policing in this area is to continue to enforce better driver behaviour to prevent serious injuries and deaths on our roads.'

'Why should we accept that people are going to die or be seriously injured on our roads? We can't accept that.'

The chief superintendent hopes the new road policing team, which consists of 12 constables and two sergeants across the county, will be followed up by the formation of a road safety group including the trunk roads authority, Transport Scotland, Argyll and Bute council and other emergency services.

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Sweet Georgia ends island's 80-year wait

A BABY has been born on the island of Easdale for the first time in 80 years. Georgia Grace Monro made a quick appearance after her parents, Linzi Ferguson and Dave Monro, were leaving the house for Lorn and Islands hospital in Oban. Linzi went into labour at 9am on July 22 as the couple reached their front door. Dave sent for their neighbour, Dr Doerte Pfuetzner and soon after a midwife, paramedics from Oban and two air ambulance paramedics joined them in the tiny living room. A few islanders also came to help, bringing the total number of visitors to around 15 people - but Linzi didn't even notice. 'I was just concentrating on my breathing,' she said. 'I wanted a natural birth, as close to home as possible - I certainly got that. I had an amazing experience; you could really feel the community coming together to help me and I thank them for that.'

After Georgia was born, three hours later, Linzi was flown to Paisley for post-natal checks but came home this week. A proud Dave said: 'I am absolutely loving having her at home.'

Georgia, a sister for Siobhan and Joseph, is the first baby to be delivered on the island since before World War II when all babies were delivered by Jean MacQueen, grandmother of Oban businessman Graham MacQueen.

HOME: Linzi and baby Georgia. 16_131baby01

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IT'S GONE SWIMMINGLY: Jillian Gibson met Scottish Commonwealth Games stars, from left, Michael Jamieson, Ross Murdoch and Hannah Miley

'It has been the best 10 days of my life', says Oban baton girl Jillian

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A SPORTS leader who was one of thousands of volunteer Clydesiders at Glasgow's Commonwealth Games has described the experience as 'the best 10 days of my life'.

Jillian Gibson, who is Argyll and Bute's community sport hubs officer, was tasked with helping at the swimming competitions in the Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

During her time in Glasgow, the Oban Otters swimming club coach and chairwoman met a 'who's who' of athletics and swimming stars, posing for pictures with Scottish gold medallists Ross Murdoch and Hannah Miley, Team Scotland poster boy Michael Jamieson and Olympic medallists Rebecca Adlington, Daley Thompson and Kelly Holmes.

On Tuesday, her final day at the aquatics venue, Jillian met one of her heroes, South African swimmer Chad le Clos. Posting a picture of herself with the Commonwealth Games 100-metre butterfly champion, she said: 'I can officially die happy!'

Jillian, who took part in the Queen's Baton Relay when it came to Oban, told *The Oban Times*: 'It's just been amazing and I have had a lot of contact with the athletes.'

'Daley Thompson was really nice and Ross Murdoch was an absolute gem and deserves all his success.'

'Walking around Glasgow, I have



SMILES BETTER: Jillian Gibson meets her swimming hero Chad le Clos; Oban's Ben Pollock, left, and Lochgilhead's Innes Paterson meet gold medallist 'Discus' Dan Greaves; and Taynuilt boy James Kane gets his picture taken with games mascot Clyde



never seen anything like it. There's a lot going on at Glasgow Green and the Merchant City, so it is busy everywhere.

'There's a great atmosphere and a lot of people came up to say hello after seeing me in my Clydesider's uniform.'

'The uniform actually got me six tickets for one of the swimming sessions, when I got chatting to the parents of the New Zealand swimmer Glen Synders.'

'My job, which was in the transport department, turned out to be great. It has been the best 10 days of my life.'

Argyll-based volunteers were dotted across the city, with Oban high school Active Schools co-ordinator Karen MacCorquodale at the Emirates Arena for badminton, former Oban high PE teacher Tara Pollock at hockey and Oban rugby player Audrey Barr at the athletes' village.

Oban bowler Donald MacLean was honoured to be officiating at the bowls at Kelvingrove lawn.

Karen, who helped to organise the Argyll leg of the Queen's Baton Relay, said: 'Glasgow has been buzzing. There's an incredible atmosphere everywhere you go and everyone is

really happy. After the baton relay, a year in the planning was over in one day, so I am glad I had the experience of the games in Glasgow to come to.'

'You feel part of the event, rather than seeing it as something far away that you only see on the television coverage.'

Marathon runner Susan Partridge, from Benderloch, described the city centre as 'shoulder-to-shoulder with people'.

She said she was delighted by the turnout at the marathon, in which she finished sixth. She said: 'The cheers from the

crowd really made a difference.'

'I am used to hearing a crowd but when they are shouting your name it gives you a real burst of adrenalin.'

'Not many athletes get to compete at a championship in their own country. It's something quite special.'

The west Highlands were also represented by musicians at Glasgow Green.

In a post on facebook, Connel singer Joy Dunlop praised the police presence at the games saying: 'The police have been lovely - I had an impromptu duet with one yesterday at our sound check.'

Protection for designated west coast areas

THE WEST coast's marine species and habitats will be better protected following the designation of 30 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), lobby groups and government officers claim.

And Holyrood ministers are expected to consider another 18 sites before the end of the year.

The sites will protect a range of habi-

tats and species including flameshell beds, feather stars, the common skate and ocean quahog, a large mollusc which can live for centuries.

They will also protect sandeels - a small fish that many seabirds and marine mammals depend on for food - and black guillemots, a species of sea bird found on Scotland's seas.

Ministers have also said they are

considering 14 further areas to protect sea birds and a further four locations to safeguard basking shark and some species of whale and dolphin.

Bertie Armstrong, Scottish Fishermen's Federation chief executive, said: 'The fishing industry recognises the importance of protecting vulnerable marine ecosystems.'

'We have demonstrated our sup-

port already by introducing, with immediate effect our own voluntary protection measures in 11 specific sites covered by the new designated MPA network.'

Alistair Sinclair, chairman of the Scottish Creel Fisherman's Federation, said: 'The vast majority of fishermen operating around the Scottish inshore waters are creel fishermen.'

'We support a well-managed network of MPAs. The creel sector has a very low environmental impact and we acknowledge the need to enhance and protect areas from destructive fishing methods.'

'If the industry embraces MPAs, we will enhance our marine environment, creating more opportunities for communities around our coastline.'

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Young Gaelic students talk up the language



A SPECIAL award recognising excellence in Gaelic was presented at the Taynuilt Highland Games to pupils in the Gaelic classes at Oban's Rockfield Primary School.

The MacIntyre Trust Shield is presented annually to pupils in recognition of achievement in the Gaelic language and this year's winner was Calum Garvin of Oban.

Second place was awarded to Kelly MacGillivray, Oban, and third prize was won by Calum McLuckie of Benderloch.

In addition to their trophies, which were presented by Lorn MacIntyre at the games on July 19, the pupils also received a cash prize. They are looking forward to continuing to develop their Gaelic language skills at Oban high school.

Calum Garvin is the fifth recipient of the prize, which was awarded for the first time to his sister Anna in 2010. Brigadier John Macfarlane, who administers the award on behalf of the Clan MacIntyre Society, said he was delighted the awards had gone to three very deserving recipients.

PRIZE PUPILS: MacIntyre Trust Shield winner Calum Garvin, right, and third-placed Calum McLuckie receive their prizes from author and poet Lorn MacIntyre

Adventurous scheme's cash boost

OUTDOORS social enterprise Stramash has been given £43,000 to support its new nursery in Fort William and adventure days in Oban.

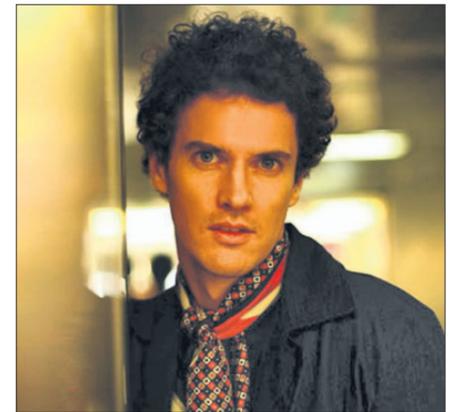
The grant is from the Scottish government's Enterprise Ready fund.

The bulk of the money will be used to build 'Hobbit houses' as outdoor classrooms in Fort William.

Niall Urquhart, chief executive of the Argyll-based social enterprise, said: 'This is a welcome addition to our work in the early years sector, and will help greatly in developing our new site in Fort William, which opens in August.'

Stramash director Mike Story said they hoped to offer the same range of services in Oban and Fort William by next year.

MULLlines



HISTORY MAN: Colin MacIntyre's book is to be published next year

Debut will pack a Punch

A MULL man will join generations of his family as a published author.

Colin MacIntyre, singer and songwriter of band Mull Historical Society, will have *The Letters of Ivor Punch* published next year.

Sophie Buchan, commissioning editor at publishers Weidenfeld and Nicolson, bought UK and Commonwealth rights from James Gill at United Agents for a 'solid five-figure sum'.

It is understood that there were four publishing houses bidding for the book.

Set on an island, perhaps like Mull, the book is described as a 'story about home and the leaving of it, about fathers and sons, and about an eccentric community steeped in generations of folklore and secrets'.

Sophie said: 'I fell head over heels with *The Letters of Ivor Punch*. It's a wonderfully heartfelt, gloriously anarchic novel from a natural born storyteller.'

'Colin MacIntyre inhabits his characters with such wit and wisdom that you can't help but be drawn into his deliciously strange island world.'

Colin's uncle Lorne MacIntyre, his father and grandfather were all published writers.



PIPE DREAM: Laura Dillion, Katie Edmunson and Byron Lawson

Piping's new generation

THE latest recruits to Mull and Iona Pipe Band are three 12-year-olds Laura Dillion, Katie Edmunson and Byron Lawson.

The trio had their first outing at Mull Highland Games last Thursday and were praised for their enthusiastic playing. The pipe band later performed in Tobermory to the delight of the crowds.



Family's ferry good idea

GREAT weather was the icing on the cake for the MacLean family from Tobermory who took the 11am ferry to Kilchoan to enjoy the games day and bask in the glorious sunshine.

Making the right signals

VOLUNTEERS in Tobermory had a long night when they helped to monitor radio signals transmitted from the Isle of Lewis, which had proved problematic for most of the day.

The area affected stretched from Malin Head to Stornoway. But thanks to the intervention of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and the Coastguard, signal strength was eventually restored.

Watching brief for eagles

RANGER-led trips at Mull Eagle Watch will start at 10am and 1pm each weekday from the car park in Glen Seiliseir until September.

Visitors will be led through the forest to the seashore, watching for white-tailed eagles, golden eagles and other wildlife in Tiroran Forest. To book ring 01680 812556 or call in to the visitor information centre at Craignure.

THE WINNER for issue 18 of Mull and Iona Life's whisky competition was Greg Heath from Hungerford RG17 8NT. Greg has won a bottle of Tobermory whisky.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EXPERT BACKS CASE TO SAVE ROCKFIELD 'Sound' proposal, says architect

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A LEADING Scottish architect has described the former 'B' listed Rockfield primary school building in Oban as 'sound and sturdy', despite a feasibility study saying it is only fit to be demolished.

Speaking after a packed public meeting on Saturday in Oban Phoenix cinema, Malcolm Fraser, architect and chairman of the Scottish government's town centre review, said his assessment could throw into question any move to have the building de-listed by Historic Scotland and then demolished.

However, *The Oban Times* can reveal that Historic Scotland says it has never been asked to de-list the landmark Victorian building for demolition - a process that could take years.

Malcolm Fraser, who attended the Oban Community Trust meeting about saving Rockfield, said: 'This is a lovely building, built with a solidity and integrity we get nowhere near, today.'

'It's in good condition and the community, heritage and business uses the group are proposing would suit its large, bright classrooms perfectly, as well as its location at the heart of Oban.'

'This is exactly the sort of local initiative the Scottish government seeks to encourage and I feel sure that the community and council will welcome it.'

A spokesman for Historic Scotland said: 'There has been no application for consent to demolish Rockfield Primary School.'

'If such an application were to be submitted to the planning authority then we would have to assess the situation at that point, taking all factors into consideration.'

'National policy states that no listed building should be demolished unless it can be clearly demonstrated that every effort has been made to retain it.'

While Argyll and Bute council confirmed the fate of Rockfield will be decided at an area committee on Tuesday, campaigners say councillors and officials must give the people of Oban a realistic opportunity to save the building from demolition.

Oban solicitor Gordon MacNab, who put in a last minute bid for the building, said: 'It would only be right that we got the building on the same terms as Argyll Community Housing Association under the council's Third Sector Asset Transfer Scheme. That means the building could be secured for £1.'

Oban businessman Graham MacQueen added: 'This is a huge mission, but with the drive and determination we can do anything that we want. We need to believe in this and we need to tell people that we want it.'

Musician Colin Campbell added: 'There are lots of structural problems in taking that building down. If I was living in a house behind, I would be very afraid.'

Lucy Gray of Airds added: 'We



BUILDING A CASE: campaigners Alison MacNab, Gordon MacNab, Lucy Gray and Graham MacQueen gather at Rockfield after hearing a leading architect say the building is worth saving

need to get the word out that we want this building for ourselves.' After the meeting a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'The process for the sale of the former Rockfield primary school in Oban is exactly the same as that for other council properties which are available to purchase.'

'In this particular case, councillors agreed at their meeting on June 26 to re-advertise the property for sale on the open market. They also decided on a closing date of Friday August 8.'

'Every offer received will be evaluated by officers and a report will be prepared for councillors, who will then make their decision.'

'We expect this report to be available for the August meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee.'

'The meeting will be held on August 14. However, Oban Community Trust said it was deeply disappointed the council did not appear to take the views of the people it will affect mostly into account.'

Recycling scheme grabs top award

AN OBAN recycling project is celebrating after it was recognised as one of the best in Scotland.

The Lorn and Oban Reuse Initiative (LORI), is one of the first organisations in Scotland to achieve accreditation for the new Revolve re-use quality standard, offered by Zero Waste Scotland.

LORI, which is a project of the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust, takes donations of unwanted furniture and general household items, which are quality checked and then sold on to other members of the community.

The year-long process for accreditation has been successful for the group, receiving their accreditation



GRABBING THE CREDIT: Julie Fairbrass and LORI staff member Iain Bark with their accreditation from Zero Waste Scotland

earlier in the month from Zero Waste Scotland, which is funded by the Scottish government.

Julie Fairbrass, manager of the GRAB Trust, said: 'We are delighted that LORI has been awarded Revolve accreditation.'

'We believe there is a strong market in providing people with a sustainable alternative.'

'We look forward to building customer confidence in the sector and passing on good practice to other organisations in the re-use sector.'

'The accreditation is a credit to the team of five people we have working at our sites.'

'I'm proud of them, they're such a great team. I'm proud of our business.'

Outreach surgery under discussion

STRATHFILLAN community groups are in talks about the possibility of a new outreach surgery to serve the area.

Still in the early stages of discussion, the Killin medical practice is jointly investigating the idea with Strathfillan community council.

The talks have the backing of Stirling councillor Alycia Hayes. The first meeting on the issue was held on July 24 in Crianlarich, but was not open to members of the public.

Kerrera link road moves forward

A NEW road linking the communities on the Isle of Kerrera took a step forward with an application for funding reaching its second stage.

The application by Argyll and Bute council and Isle of Kerrera Development Trust to the Coastal Community Fund will help build a road between the north and south ends of the island.

The total project is estimated to cost between £600,000 and £1m. The council said all four landowners had given permission for the road to be built.

Play safe before making a splash

A COMMUNITY company has reminded visitors to take care in the water.

LochWatch Loch Awe has issued a warning about the freezing temperatures in the waters.

Iain MacKinnon, chairman of LochWatch, said: 'The water looks really inviting - especially when it is so warm outside - but it isn't warm at all.'

'It will be freezing and is likely to send a body into shock if you drive in.'

Police appeal over marina fuel theft

FUEL and a VHF radio were taken from a boat at Dunstaffnage Marina last weekend.

Police are seeking any information in relation to the alleged theft, which took place overnight between Saturday and Sunday.

The item removed was a Yamaha outboard tank, which contained fuel and the VHF radio. Contact Oban Police on 01631 510500 with information.

Gorgeous George heading for Oban

CONTROVERSIAL Respect MP George Galloway will bring his partner and baby daughter to the west coast of Scotland for the first time.

'Gorgeous George' is speaking at an independence debate in the Corran Halls on August 22.

The MP for Bradford West said he was looking forward to visiting Oban and the west coast.

Meter clouds the sunniest day

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FRUSTRATED motorists were 'parking mad' last week in Oban, after a faulty machine left them with invalid tickets.

The machine in the car park at Ganavan Sands beach was issuing tickets dated for the previous day, meaning drivers could not pay and display correctly last Thursday, one of the hottest and busiest days of the year at the beach.

A driver, who contacted *The Oban Times* about the fault and asked not to be named, said he was left with no option but to put the invalid ticket on his car.

Yet another driver said the same ticket machine was issuing completely blank tickets on



HOT AND BOTHERED: Ganavan Sands was at its busiest last Thursday as temperatures soared

Saturday. She said: 'The machine was literally spewing them out, one after another.'

'I ended up putting one of the blank tickets on my car but whether a traffic warden would accept that, I don't know.'

'I was in a rush so didn't have time to phone the council to make sure a blank ticket would do. What's the point of having the ticket machines if they don't work?'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said it had become aware of the problem on Sunday.

He said: 'When the council became aware of this issue, it was rectified. When it became apparent that this machine was not working properly, no penalty charge notices were issued for vehicles with expired tickets.'

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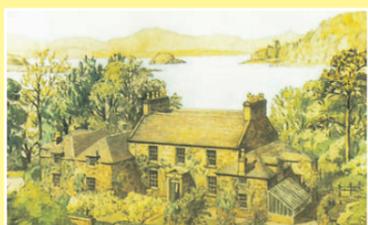
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Major subsea islands cabling

THE BIGGEST fibre cable laying project undertaken in the UK in recent years has begun on the west coast of Scotland to deliver superfast broadband to some of the country's most remote island communities.

The subsea cabling forms part of the £146m Highlands and Islands project being led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

Funding partners include the Scottish government, HIE, Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and BT, which is investing £19 million in the area.

The subsea project aims to deliver around 400kms of cables to link island communities.

Early routes where subsea cable are being deployed include Mull, Oban, Ardgour and Corran.

Charity status for kirk group

THE NEWLY formed Friends of St Conan's Kirk has now achieved charitable status, paving the way for an ambitious fundraising initiative.

The group, set up to help preserve the Lochawe church, was only formed following a meeting in March, but this week received recognition from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The group's chairman, Ian Craig, said:

'We are astounded by the commitment of the committee and delighted to have been able to set up this dedicated group of individuals who will no doubt go to great lengths to help build the profile of St Conan's Kirk.'

The group is now planning its first open day at the kirk on August 16 and 17. The new Gatehouse Tearoom, with home baking, will also be open all weekend.

Burst water main leaves Oban street 'like a river'

Faulty pipe unusually close to properties

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A BURST water main in an Oban street caused flooding and disruption to hundreds of homes last week and left the street 'looking like a river'.
The main burst on Lonan Drive around 12pm on Wednesday July 23, flooding gardens on the street and taking soil, stones and other debris with it, as water gushed down onto McCaig Road.
Alice Macalman, who lives in Lonan Drive, said: 'I was out, and when I came back I tried to drive up the street but had to stop and park my car at the bottom of the road.'
'I've never seen anything like it, the water was bubbling and rushing down the road; it looked like a river.'
'When I opened my back door and saw the depth of the water I thought, 'oh my god'.
'I can't praise Scottish Water enough though, they have been wonderful and done everything they can to make things easier for residents.'
The majority of the flooding remained in garden areas, with most houses on the street elevated from ground level. It is understood the main was installed underground

before the houses on Lonan Drive were built, putting it unusually close to properties.
A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'A burst water main was located at Lonan Drive, Oban at around midday on Wednesday.'
'This was a complicated repair as the pipe was located deep underground, making it difficult to access and repair.'
'Around 300 properties, generally in the higher parts of town, may have experienced some disruption to their normal supply on Wednesday, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.'
'We worked to complete the complicated repair to the burst water main as quickly as possible, completing it by 8.15am on Thursday.'
'Some properties may have experienced discoloured water or low pressure, which can sometimes occur following a burst water main, while the system recharged.'
'We are assisting a small number of customers who experienced flooding in their gardens, and are overseeing repairs in the gardens of two properties where excavations were necessary to repair the burst.'
'We are grateful to our customers for their patience and co-operation.'



FLOODED: the back garden of a house in Lonan Drive, following the burst water main on the street. 131flood02



RIVER: water rushing down Lonan Drive, which one resident described as 'like a river'. 131flood03



DAMAGE: a Scottish Water engineer at the pavement where the main burst on Lonan Drive. Photograph courtesy of Cameron Harris, Highland Photography

“
I've never seen anything like it. The water was bubbling and rushing down the road. It looked like a river
”

Alice Macalman
Lonan Drive resident

Curtain up on Oban wartime concert

A FORMER military hospital supervisor is organising a concert in Oban's Corran Halls as part of World War I commemorations.
Kate Winton, who suffers from primary progressive multiple sclerosis and is in a wheelchair, said it was important to bring the community together to thank those who fought in the conflict.
The concert, on Tuesday November 11, will feature singers, musicians and community groups, including the Royal British Legion, which will benefit from proceeds raised at the event.
Tunes from between 1914 and 1918 will welcome guests before community singers perform songs from the era.
Sequence ladies choir and Spotlight Musical Theatre will also perform and there will be displays from Oban High School's Royal Air Force, Royal Navy cadets and the Royal British Legion.
School children will read stories of the critical battles of the war and veterans will read some of the most iconic poems of the time.
Kate previously worked at the Princess Louise Margaret Rose Military Hospital in Aldershot and is married to Stewart, a former army corporal.
She said: 'I thought that if we didn't do something like this now, the older ones in our community won't get to see it and it is a good way of raising funds.'

Overnight A83 road closures at Furnace

OVERNIGHT closures of the A83 near Furnace will be enforced from Sunday for two weeks while road resurfacing is done.
The resurfacing of a 1.15km section of the trunk road at Sandhole, immediately southwest of Furnace, will cost £286,000.
The works have been programmed to end on Friday August 15.
Resurfacing will be carried out between 8.30pm and 6am each evening from Sunday night to Friday morning to minimise the impact on daytime and weekend traffic.
Transport Scotland said the workforce will monitor traffic queues and allow vehicles to pass through the works at least every hour and at other opportunities when safe to do so. Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west unit representative, said: 'These essential resurfacing works will improve the condition of this section of road, which is displaying significant structural deterioration.'

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Concern as old village hotel becomes overrun with cats

SEMI-FERAL cats are taking over a Highland village.
The situation, in Cannich, is so out of control it is believed to be 'unmanageable', and volunteers are pleading for anyone with space to take on two or more of the felines.
The less than 'purr'fect situation has come to a head as residents in the small Invernesshire village say they will be taking matters into their own hands to get rid of the animals.
The problem centres around the Glen Affric Hotel where at least 40 cats have taken up residence. The hotel has no electricity and no running water - windows are broken, doors are missing and cats are free to come and go as they please.
It is understood that the owner of the building is unable to cope with the sheer volume of cats and the colony has grown out of control.
Villagers say that the owner is no longer able to look after them in a way that stops them being a nuisance to the rest of the village.
One villager said: 'It is disgraceful that this has been allowed to happen. We are overrun with cats.'
'Everywhere you look there are cats, and woe betide anyone who feeds them, they will never be away from your door.'
The man, who did not want to be named, continued: 'I am ready to take some direct action as we are turning into a cat colony.'
'It feels like there are more cats

here than people.' Villager Kate Morgan is more sympathetic and wants to sort the problem out with the help of the Inverness branch of Cats Protection, a cat re-homing charity.
Kate, who retired to the village four years ago, said: 'We need help to find places for these unfortunate animals.'
'The size of the colony has grown to be unmanageable.'
'There have been a lot of complaints from locals about the cats being a nuisance and some are worried about their welfare. Basically there are simply far too many for one small village to cope with.'
Kate, who feeds at least 15 cats a day, said: 'The cats are all beautiful and deserve to find places where they can live undisturbed for the rest of their days.'
'They are semi-feral so it is unlikely that they will ever tame to make good family pets.'
'These cats need to live outside in groups of two or more.'
'They need somewhere they can share space, land and an outbuilding.'
'Between Cats Protection and myself we will deliver the cats and if it is an ideal position distance will be no object.'
To re-home a cat contact cats.inverness@gmail.com or telephone on 07815 910861 or 07831 422197.
The Oban Times tried to contact the owner of the hotel but was unable to do so.



WORRYING: the former Glen Affric Hotel is overrun with a colony of cats

'Feline' generous with your time?

A SOCIAL media volunteer is being sought by a cat charity.
Cats Protection Fort William is looking to recruit someone who can update its website and social media pages.
Lona Johnson, regional development Manager for Highlands and islands, said: 'The branch does a huge amount of work to help local cats but we really need someone to help them reach a wider audience so more people know about them.'

'They don't have to be a PR professional or a media expert, as the charity can provide assistance and training, but we do need someone who cares about cats and has bags of enthusiasm.'
'By sparing just a couple of hours a week it can make a huge difference to needy cats. We are sure whoever takes on the role will find it incredibly rewarding.'
Cats Protection is the UK's leading feline welfare charity and the Fort William branch is part of a nationwide network of 260 volunteer-run

branches and 30 adoption centres that together help more than 235,000 cats each year.
As well as finding new homes for unwanted and abandoned cats, the charity also offers cat care advice to the public and can help towards the cost of neutering. The branch, which is run entirely by volunteers, also needs people who can offer a temporary home to one or more cats whilst they get back on their paws.
Applicants should talk to staff in the town's High Street shop for more details.

Grand gestures for the children

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THE TOTAL raised by the community for a new playpark in Oban has reached £50,000 as donations continue to flood in.

In the same week Friends of Oban Community Playpark secured international racing driver and Oban native, Susie Wolff, as its patron, the group's coffers have been boosted by thousands of pounds.

The *Oban Times* can reveal that coffee chain Costa Coffee, which plans to open in the town on August 28, has also pledged to support the playpark fund.

The group leading the fundraising appeal needs approximately £400,000 for a new playpark to replace the old park next to Atlantis Leisure, which was closed in February after being condemned as unsafe.

The Brian Blue Trust Fund, set up by Brian's family after he died in 2008, handed over a cheque for £1,000 last Thursday.

The money was raised by the Blue family, who undertook a skydive and sponsored slim and ran a stall at Oban Charities Day to make the grand total.

Family friend Tracy Goldie also donated the retiring collection from the funeral of her son, Scott, to the Brian Blue Trust Fund.

Brian's mother, Fiona, said: 'We decided to give the money to the playpark because my grandchildren, including Brian's son, used the playpark before it closed. There is nothing else for the kids in the town.'

The playpark committee recently received a donation for the same amount from billionaire Jim Ratcliffe,

the man who owns the Ineos oil refinery in Grangemouth - all thanks to an enterprising six-year-old boy.

Ruari Cotter had gone out into Oban Bay on a dinghy to deliver a letter to the oil tycoon, whose super yacht was anchored there, to ask him for a donation to the playpark appeal.

After weeks of waiting, a reply came from Jim Ratcliffe with his generous donation, explaining he had not immediately seen the letter.

There was also a donation of £400 from 5th Oban Brownies, raised from table top sales, bring-a-friend disco and other events over the last few months.

Lyndsay Elliot, chairwoman of the playpark committee, said: 'I am absolutely delighted with the donation from the Brian Blue Trust Fund. It is lovely how the money comes together, because it typifies how people in the town come together to help each other.'

'We are the group doing the project but the whole community is supporting it and putting their hands in their pockets.'

The playpark committee is currently organising a 'mega raffle', which will be launched at the beginning of August with the aim of raising £10,000.

Throughout the month committee members and volunteers will sell tickets for a chance to win a £500 Tesco voucher among other prizes, and 36 donation boxes will be placed throughout the town.

CHILD'S PLAY: Children with the cheque donated by Brian Blue Trust Fund for the community playpark



Lifeboat pulls its weight and more

OBAN lifeboat rushed to assist two yachts on Sunday, one of which was aground and another which was already under tow.

The first yacht, the 33-foot Braw Lass, went aground on rocks at Cuan Sound between Luig and Seil islands in the early afternoon.

With the help of yacht Tango and Oban lifeboat, she was refloated by 3.30pm.

During the lifeboat's return, the Mora Edith Macdonald was asked by Stornoway Coastguard to take over towing the 28-foot yacht Speedwell from Duart Point in the Sound of Mull to Oban.

Police alert over business damage

POLICE in Oban are investigating a series of vandalism at business premises in the Torran Gorm area of the town.

Two addresses in the industrial estate were targeted overnight between Friday and Saturday last week.

Windows were smashed at John Allan Motors and a Portakabin at MacLachlan's yard was also damaged.

Speeding driver clocked at 91mph

A SPEED trap set up by Oban's new road policing team at Arrivain straights, near Tyntrum, has caught out another driver.

In the early evening last Friday a 23-year-old man from Biggar was clocked driving at 91mph on the A85 between Dalmally and Tyntrum.

Community service for assault after sixteenth birthday party

A TEENAGER who turned up at a house, despite being told he was not welcome, punched a father in the head and kicked him in the side.

Darren Clark, 17, had been told not to go round to the property where a 16th birthday party had been held earlier in the evening.

Oban sheriff court heard last Tuesday that Clark, of Mill Brae, Bunessan, Mull, had arrived at the house in the early hours of February 22 after the party was finished.

When he was refused entry, he became verbally abusive. He then assaulted the 16-year-old's father, who suffered a perforated eardrum as a result.

Following his arrest, Clark was also found to have 0.1g of cocaine in his possession.

His defence lawyer said Clark claimed he had been trying to come to the aid of a friend who he believed was being restrained by the man he assaulted, but admitted he 'went too far'.

Clark, who admitted the offences, was ordered to carry out 90 hours' unpaid work in the community within three months.

Paisley man had dragon sword on fishing trip to Loch Feochan

CARRYING a foot-long ornamental 'flying dragon sword' on a fishing trip to Loch Feochan at Kilmore near Oban landed a Paisley man in trouble.

Oban sheriff court heard last Tuesday that Darren Fleming, of Montgomery Avenue, said he was advised by friends going on the trip that he would need a knife for cutting fishing lines.

Laura McManus, defence lawyer for 25-year-old Fleming, told the court that the knife had been 'gathering dust' in a cupboard and on reflection had been 'completely inappropriate' to take on the trip and wasn't even used.

Fleming had previously pleaded guilty on May 3 to possessing the knife.

He was sentenced to 240 hours of unpaid work in the community and the knife was forfeited.

Over limit driver didn't know he was committing a crime

A MAN who sat in the driver's seat of a car while over the legal drink-drive limit 'did not know what he was doing, at the time, was a crime'.

John Blair, of Camus Road, Dunbeg, was fined £400 and banned from driving for a year after he appeared to be sentenced last Tuesday at Oban sheriff court, having previously admitted the offence.

The court heard Blair, 53, had been in a takeaway in George Street, Oban, after drinking in a local pub on March 9 this year.

His partner had driven into town to pick him up but he had got into the driver's seat of the car and although the vehicle was stationary, the engine was running and the lights were on.

Thief threatened to stab boy before making off with bike

THREATENING to stab a 15-year-old boy for his bicycle, ended in a conviction for an Oban man.

Donald Morrison, 22, stole the victim's bike in a car park in Oban and rode off towards a nearby supermarket.

Oban sheriff court heard last week that Morrison, of Colonsay Terrace, Soroba, then told the teenager that he was going to commit suicide that night and would leave the bicycle outside one of the town's supermarkets.

Morrison, who admitted robbing the bike on November 9 last year, was 'not well' at the time, the court heard.

He was ordered to carry out 120 hours of unpaid work in the community within six months.

Angry man told to behave or face the full wrath of the law

FIRST offender George Hendry, 66, of Scalpay Terrace, Oban, was admonished last week at Oban sheriff court.

His sentence had been deferred for good behaviour after he admitted abusive behaviour and uttering threats of violence on December 4 last year in the town's police station.

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ISLE OF SEIL

TWO ISLE of Seil girls, Ashley Adam, 12, and Charlie Nathan, 11, put their Facebook talk into practice when they decided to do a 'skip-a-thon' in memory of their loved ones who have passed away.

Both girls got in touch with the Cancer Research shop in Oban and with its help got banners, t-shirts and collection tins from the helpful staff.

On the longest day of the year, they set off on their six-hour skipping journey from outside the Oyster Bar in Ellenabeich.

The girls were supported by Cancer Research volunteers Gian Bove and Zoe Leach who collected cash from generous passengers on tourist buses and customer of the Oyster Bar which provided drinks and lunch for its two wee superstars.

Almost £400 was raised on the day from their efforts.

INVERGARRY

COMMUNITIES in Invergarry and Glengarry have an exciting opportunity to purchase woodland from Forestry Commission Scotland to make the area a focus for workers, visitors and the whole community.

Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, said: 'This is something I wholeheartedly support.'

'The purchase of this woodland would be a definite boost to the whole community as it will provide employment, activity and enjoyment in the area.'

Dave continued: 'I have written to Glengarry Community Woodland offering my support and would encourage any like minded financial backers or funding bodies to support this community bid.'

WESTERN ISLES

FUNDING for Active Schools will continue for four years thanks to £50 million worth of investment from the Scottish government.

Western Isles Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, welcomed the announcement from sportsScotland.

Councillor Alasdair Macleod said: 'We are delighted to have confirmation from the Scottish Government of the offer of support for our Active Schools service for the next four years.'

'The programme has been very popular and highly effective during 10 years of Active Schools and we look forward to it continuing to benefit communities for the next four years.'

'The comhairle continues to work in partnership with volunteers and other organisations to successfully increase participation in a whole range of activities.'

A total of 1,419 pupils benefited from at least one of the 1,287 extra-curricular activity sessions during the school year 2013-14 delivered by 189 partners across the Western Isles.



Nurses all smiles at dental success

SUCCESS: three dental nurses at M and S Dental Care, Fort William, recently achieved SQA Level III in the west region dental nurse training programme. The qualification comes after long-term study and regular visits from assessors to update and examine development before making the award. Receiving the certificates were, left to right, Robert MacNeil, Lisa MacInnes and Jill McLoyle with Gregor Muir and Jillian Bruce, centre, of M and S Dental Care with SQA assessor Margaret Sanderson. Photograph: Iain Ferguson



Family link with island leads pair to Jura run

ON THE RUN: Ivonne Cunningham, left, and Fiona McDonald, both with strong family connections to Jura, were just two of the runners in this year's Jura 10k. Fiona ran for Breast Cancer Care and finished third in the ladies race Photograph by Konrad Borkowski

TOBERMORY

VOLUNTEERS from Tobermory had a long night when they helped to monitor the VHS airwaves as problems with a transmission at Stornoway continued for a number of hours.

The problem stretched from Malin Head to Stornoway, but thanks to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the coastguard the area was monitored for any problems.

BRUICHLADDICH

A SPECIAL bottle of Bruichladdich Islay Malt Whisky was auctioned at the last night of the Cantilena Festival and made £2,040.

The unique bottling, a blend from two 24-year-old casks, was specially blended for Cantilena by Bruichladdich Master Distiller James McEwan and sold at Bruichladdich Distillery on July 11.

The auction was conducted by rookie auctioneer Scott Mitchell.

LOCH LOMOND

AFTER a number of incidents on Loch Lomond including hospitalisations from hypothermia and near misses involving jet skis, the police and the national park authority are calling on people to be careful.

With more people expected to visit the national park during the Commonwealth Games and as a result of summer temperatures, National Park ranger David Cameron said: 'Over the past few weeks, we have reported 16 byelaw violations relating to speeding and lifejackets. We have also witnessed a number of incidents, including one at Luss where a jet skier had a near miss with a swimmer. We attended a capsized canoe where one passenger had to be rescued from the water and all three on board were taken to hospital suffering from hypothermia.'

'We have also helped tow numerous boats to safety.'

INVERARAY

A FLEET of flashy motorbikes will be available to ride around Inveraray next weekend as part of a charity fundraiser.

The AJP off-road taster weekend will see MotoScotland offer instructor-led, off-road taster sessions on a range of impressive AJP bikes while raising money for Kirsty's Kids.

The charity helps to improve the lives of children who are suffering from serious life limiting illnesses, children with special needs and their siblings.

As the west of Scotland dealer for AJC Bikes, MotoScotland, based within the grounds of Inveraray Castle, will have a fleet of motorbikes available for licensed riders to trial.

On each day of the event, August 2 and 3, an auction will be held where people can win a helicopter flight over Loch Fyne. The helicopter will be in Inveraray throughout the weekend so the auction winner can immediately head up with two guests.

There will also be other auction items on offer, from motorbike goods to vouchers for MotoScotland's own off-road training sessions.

STRACHUR

FREE guided walks around Lachlan Bay will continue throughout the summer.

Families and small groups are welcome to take part in walks throughout July, August and September. Starting at Inver Cottage, the walk leads to Kilmorie Chapel and Old Castle Lachlan.

TARBERT

ORGANISERS of a race which was last year named the second best in the UK are looking for marshals to help run the 2014 event.

Many of the 2013 reviews about the TT10k acknowledged the fantastic support of the volunteer marshals and organisers are again looking for enthusiastic people to get involved this year. Jessica Little and Lorraine MacDonald are keen to see people who have not signed up to walk, jog or run, sign up as a marshal instead as they expect up to 400 people to take part in the event. To sign up as a marshal or for more information contact Jessica or Lorraine via Facebook.

MORVERN lines

'Sure by Tummel, and Loch Rannoch, and Lochaber I will go, 'By heather tracks w' heaven in their wiles; 'If it's thinkin' in your inner heart, braggart's in my steps, 'You've never smelt the tangle o' the Isles'.

The Road to the Isles is a song and a tune that is as popular today as it was when it was written almost 100 years ago.

It has marched round the world that cheerful melody but how many know that it was composed by a Morvern man? His name was Kenneth Macleod and he was related to that great line of Church of Scotland ministers - the Macleods of Fiunary.

The Road to the Isles was the old drove road that led to Skye and the Outer Isles. It ran from Falkirk to Morar and Glenelg and was the route along which large numbers of livestock were driven on the hoof.

The Falkirk markets, or 'trysts', were huge. In 1850, 155,000 head of cattle, 200,000 sheep and 4,000 horses were bought and sold. The islanders, who had sold their beasts at the Falkirk tryst, made their way back by Aberfeldy through the Braes of Foss to Tummel and Kinloch Rannoch. Then north by Corroun and Loch Treig, over the Lairig to Spean Bridge, Invergarry, Tomdoun and so on to Kinloch Hourn, Arnisdale and Glenelg.

Kenneth Macleod was asked once why he brought Loch Shiel, Loch Ailort and Morar to the second verse: 'It's by Shiel water the track is to the west, 'By Ailort and by Morar to the sea' - for all three places are not on the main drove route. 'That was the road the cattle reivers took', he said. 'They turned down from Spean Bridge to Fort William and then west by Glenfiman to Morar where they embarked for the islands'.

Kenneth Macleod wrote his famous song in 1915. He had been asked to compose a fighting song, but it was against his gentle nature. Instead he made his song for men from the Hebrides who would be coming back from the war. And how he succeeded. Through his poetic eyes you can see soldiers, sick of the smell of battle and foreign places, marching homewards with heads held high along that magic 'Road to the Isles'.

I WAS sorry to learn that 17 bags of cement, from a consignment of 20, which had been delivered for the new Moidart War Memorial, have been stolen from the roadside between Kinlochmoidart and Glenluig.

Work on the construction of the cairn, which will commemorate those from the parish of Moidart who were killed in the First and Second World Wars, was due to start last week.

The cairn, which is being funded by donations, is the brainchild of two local men, Donald Munro, Kinlochmoidart, former captain in the Queen's Own Highlanders and Angus Peter Maclean, Glenluig.

The public unveiling will take place on Sunday August 17 by Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Chief of Clan Cameron and Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, followed by tea in Glenluig Village Hall.

IT WAS an emotional 'homecoming' for Australian traveller Sallyanne Watson when she and her husband Shane visited Kiel on Saturday July 19.

Sallyanne came to find the grave of her ancestor Angus MacEachern. She is a sixth generation descendant of Angus who eked out a living at Knock overlooking Loch Aline. His son Hugh and family sailed to Australia in October 1838 at the height of the Morvern clearances when life for the indigenous people had descended into chaos and uncertainty.

Hugh, his wife and 11 children applied to emigrate to New South Wales under a government scheme. They embarked on the passenger ship *British King* from Tobermory on October 28 1838 bidding farewell to a homeland to which none of them would ever return.

Five months later they arrived in Sydney. Using their agricultural skills honed in Morvern, they quickly established themselves and soon acquired an 80,000 acre estate carrying 100,000 sheep as well as cattle and horses. Not bad for a penniless crofter from the wilds of Argyll.

Within 10 years the entrepreneurial MacEacherns had extended into retail ventures and owned at least three commercial businesses in Victoria including a butchery through which their livestock was processed. When he died on March 22 1863, aged 82 years, Hugh was a wealthy man.

Little did he realise that he would create a family dynasty which would spread throughout Australia and New Zealand with thousands of their descendants tracing their ancestry back to Morvern.

Sallyanne was deeply touched when she stood by her ancestor's grave. In addition to paying her respects, she felt she had literally crossed the oceans and the centuries to re-connect with her family heritage.

The MacEacherns were typical of a race of Highlanders blessed with great natural intelligence and drive. Had they and many of their contemporaries been given some form of security of tenure and the opportunity to improve their lot at home, instead of being forced into 'coffin-ships' and despatched to the New World, Morvern would be a very different place today.

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PROGRESS: the site of an old engine shed will soon be an Atlantic Island Centre thanks to the hard work of the island's community trust. A steel frame has been built for the new centre on the edge of the village at Cullipool. It is hoped the building will be open by the end of 2014.



Fort Augustus gets into games spirit

GAMES FUN: Fort Augustus brownies, guides and seniors took part in a fun day in the village hall in honour of the Commonwealth Games. The children helped with nail painting, glitter tattoos, beat the goalie, tennis and a treasure trail.

LOCHGILPHEAD

A TEENAGER from Lochgilphead has been rubbing shoulders with engineers from NASA and enjoying interviews with astronauts during a visit to the Scottish Space School.

Ryan McCuaig, a pupil of Lochgilphead High School, was one of 100 young people selected to take part in the week-long space school at Glasgow's Strathclyde University last month.

Fifth-year pupil Ryan, 17, said: 'I got the opportunity to meet Heather Paul, a NASA engineer, Sue Lederer, planetary scientist with NASA, both of whom are based at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas.'

'We also had a Skype interview with Chris Hatfield, NASA Chief Commander, the first Canadian to walk in space, which was absolutely fantastic.'

Ryan said the summer school had given him confidence to follow his ambitions to study science at university.



In the swim for charity

SWIMMERS and runners from MacLeod Construction have raised £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The brave 12 - including Gordon Ram who initiated the swim - jumped into the sea at Airdrishaig and swam over to the Kilmory 'bus stop'.

Gordon made a longer six-kilometre swim a week earlier and dedicated his swim to friends that he has lost from cancer.

After the swim Murdo and Jane MacLeod took the hardy souls for fish and chips in his fast boat to celebrate their success.

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Fort retail park plans submitted

DEVELOPER Morbaine has submitted a planning application to Highland council to build a retail park along the North Road (A82), to the north of Fort William town centre.

The five-acre brownfield site, adjacent to the A82 between the Rio Tinto Alcan junction and the Ben Nevis Motors Ford car showroom, currently has outline planning consent for 55,000 square feet of non-food retail use.

Morbaine's application for a four-unit development seeks to expand the type of retail permitted at the site to include food and non-food retail.

Plans for the site went on display at the beginning of March 2014 and were overwhelmingly backed by the local community.

In total, 162 people visited the public exhibitions and 79 people completed a detailed feedback form. Of these feedback forms, 100 per cent indicated they supported Morbaine's plan to develop the site.

It is anticipated the development would create 150 permanent jobs, in addition to those required during the construction phase, and deliver around £10million of investment into Fort William.

Morbaine is actively marketing the two available retail units to major UK retailers and has already confirmed supermarket chain Aldi and discount store Home Bargains as tenants, should the plans be given the go-ahead by councillors.

Commenting on the application Morbaine director Alex Brodie said: 'We have now finalised our plans for the North Road site and submitted a formal planning application to Highland council. I am delighted our proposals have been so strongly backed by local residents.'

Chairman of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce Don Hind said: 'It is good to hear Morbaine is working closely with the local community to progress their ambition to attract further retail outlets into the area.'

'The prospect of new jobs is welcome.'

'Members of the chamber attended Morbaine's public exhibition and were impressed at what was being proposed.'

'However, we hope the proposal will consider investment in the town centre to balance further out of town development.'

'This would address proposals for the relocation of existing businesses on the proposed site.'

PENSIONER REBUILDS LIFE AFTER BEING DUPED OUT OF THOUSANDS



THANKS: Pat Cain, who has been overwhelmed by the kindness of people in Lochaber 18_131kindness1

Overwhelmed by kindness

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AN EIGHTY-five-year-old man has been overwhelmed by the generosity of Lochaber people after he was the victim of criminals who he had called his 'family' and friends.

Pat Cain was cruelly duped by a mother and daughter who were subsequently jailed for their offences last month.

In all Mr Cain, a former butcher, calculated his losses to be in the thousands. He believes the family, who he had known since 1952, had been deceiving him for years. But he had trusted them and thought were good people.

Mr Cain lost his wife Eleanor, nee Oliver, nine years ago. As a young man he was called up for national service before working for 30 years at Wynne's the Butchers and then going to Mallaig to work.

He says his house was open for his neighbours - because they were his friends. It was shocking for him to find out these same people were 'evil' and not friends at all. They had been embezzling Mr Cain's hard-earned cash, going on spending sprees for clothes and shoes before lifting cash from his bank account.

Wiping tears from his eyes, Mr Cain said: 'I have found out who really matters, that is the people of Lochaber, who have supported me and got me through this terrible time.'

At points Mr Cain had his pension withdrawn by his bank, his credit score slashed and he thought he was going 'mad'. Many things happened over the last years that made him think: 'I'm losing the plot.'

Over the last few months Mr Cain has begun to rebuild his life and wanted people who were so kind to him to know.

Thanking everyone who has supported him, but making special mention of St Andrew's Church and Margaret Minnie at the Citizens Advice Bureau, he said: 'For 17 months I did not know what was happening to me. I lost my usual patter, put on a false smile.'

He praised the police for all their

“ I have found out who really matters, that is the people of Lochaber ”

Pat Cain

hard work and support during their investigations.

'I would not care to guess how much was paid out. Bank of Scotland had me sorted out in a week after another

bank kept my pension, as I was in debt.

'I had no pension from January to June. I had to go to the Bank of Scotland for help and it did.

'A big 'thank you' to my family and good friends for supporting me during my troubled months.

'A 'thank you' also, for all the money to pay off my debts, to banks and other businesses. No names as they would not like that.

'My friends with their own firms settled the bank debts, others took me out for meals to hotels and many times the phone would ring, with people asking, what are you doing?'

'God bless you all.'

The pensioner, who is 86 next month, also wanted to thank the anonymous donor who put money through his letterbox.



HRH THE PRINCESS Royal was the first person in the newly-opened distillery in Ardnamurchan to remove a spirit.

Royal visitor at new distillery

While the whisky still has to mature for many years, Princess Anne had a preview of Scotland's newest distillery at Glenbeg. For the full story see page 9.

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Anniversary meal brings back fond memories

AN INDIAN restaurant celebrating its 30th anniversary in Oban invited regular customers on Sunday for a free meal to celebrate the occasion.

The Light of India Restaurant was opened on July 26, 1984 on Stevenson Street by Abdul Suleman, who moved to Oban from Glasgow, having grown up in Bangladesh.

Abdul explained: 'I was very happy to move to Oban because it's such a lovely place, and since we moved here the customers have been supporting us.'

'I visited Oban before I moved here and loved it, especially the people who are very friendly.'

'I'd like to thank all of the customers over the 30 years for making it so special.'

Argyll and bute councillor Duncan MacIntyre, along with his wife Rosemary and son Alexander were three of the guests invited on Sunday, because they had eaten there the



FAMILY: From left, Abdul's son Abdul junior who is a waiter at the restaurant, Abdul, and his nephew Alam Khan, who is also a waiter 15_131indian01

night the restaurant opened 30 years ago.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'I remember the three of us were in here on the opening night, Alexander was just eight years old then. It's certainly been one of our favourite places over the years, and the three of us always get excellent food and very friendly service.'

All aboard for Fort William to Fort Augustus canal cruise



CANAL CRUISING: Hamish Munro aboard The MV Chieftain which will open up the canal from Fort William to Fort Augustus. 20_131cruise1

A CRUISE company is sailing full steam ahead from Banavie, after an inaugural sailing to Fort Augustus, yesterday (Wednesday).

Family-run Clyde Cruises has brought its business to Fort William to open up the whole of the canal to visitors.

The cruises will sail between Banavie, Gairloch, Laggan, Aberchelder and Fort Augustus linking up with public transport to bring people back

to the town if they do not want to stay aboard for the whole of the journey.

Hamish Munro, director of Clyde Cruises, said: 'With short stretches of manmade canal linking the beautiful lochs of the Great Glen, cruising on the Caledonian Canal provides a breath-taking journey through some of Scotland's finest scenery.'

'We will sail the canal daily from now until the end of August. Our schedule for sailings during the

autumn and winter will be released at the end of the summer.'

There are options to join the cruise for an hour, between Banavie and Gairloch, for 2.5 hours, between Banavie and Laggan or Laggan and Fort Augustus.

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Mull Highland Games march on in the sun

ON THE HOTTEST day of the year, so far, the people of Tobermory gave the warmest welcome to a very special visitor from the Hebrides.

The government minister for Sport from Vanuatu, Don Stephen Ken came to the Inner Hebrides to present his nation's flag in a symbol of friendship between the islands.

The minister was in Scotland for the Commonwealth Games with a table tennis team and a judo team.

As the evening before the Mull games was the Commonwealth Games' opening ceremony it was an early rise for the minister on the first train from Glasgow. But Mr Ken was determined to bring his nation's flag to Tobermory - unbeknownst to the organisers.

Mr Ken said: 'Our islands have much in common with each other, especially this heat,' he

laughed. 'My whole life I have wanted to come to the Hebrides and I could not believe my good fortune when Mull Highland Games were on the day after the opening ceremony. This flag represents the bond between us.'

The government minister said he was perhaps as excited about being in Tobermory as he was about the Commonwealth Games.

There was much to celebrate at this year's Mull Highland Games with superb local competitors pitted alongside some of the best in the UK.

They included Molly Reade from Mull - who will most likely go on to participate in future Commonwealth Games, as she is at present the highest jumping under 15-year-old in Scotland; Andrew Sinclair, from Colintravaie, who was beaten by two centimetres to almost take the 46-year-old record on the high jump.

Argyll athletics coach Bill McCallum has had a number of island youngsters under his tutelage, some of whom were competing on the day.

Cullum McClymont was on form, despite admit-

ting a lack of practise in recent months.

An Oban contingent, headed by athletics veteran trainer Duncan MacInyre, Ardfern, was on show - performing well were Finbar Dunn, Grace Thomson, Emma Thomson and others.

Runner Matthew Turner from Campbeltown had a few nail biting finishes, that had the large sun-beaten crowd gasp-

ing. In heavyweight events Brian Robin oversaw a strong field, with Lorne Colthart shining and breaking at least one course record.

James Cadzow of Kilninver has returned to the field after three years off the course 'having children'. Angus MacPhail of Skipinnish in Oban was competing and acquitted himself well. Craig Nicholson, of Oban, was missed because of injury.

Organisers run a well-oiled machine for the games - and can rightly call them 'the friendly games'.

As Hereditary Chieftain The Hon Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern said: 'As the Commonwealth Games take place in Glasgow, maybe a future athlete will be winning prizes that will lead them to representing Scotland at a Commonwealth Games in the future.'



RACING: The kilted race 20_131mull31



HEAVIES: Heavyweight Neil Elliot, Helensburgh, one of four athletes who provided a guard of honour for HM The Queen at the opening of the Commonwealth Games 20_131mull13



YOUNGSTERS: Junior 100-metre race 20_131mull10



WINNER: Men's 220-yard was won by Matthew Turner of Campbeltown. 20_131mull11



SMILING: Policemen are always smiling on Mull - Craignure cop David Turner and island sergeant Mark Stephen 20_131mull2



TROPHY: Receiving her dancing trophy from Sir Lachlan Maclean is Linzi Cameron of Campbeltown 20_131mull30



MUSIC: Mull and Iona Pipe Band 20_131mull36



HOT: The crowd basked in the hottest day of the year 20_131mull17



PARADE: Leading the crowd was The Hon Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, chief of the Clan Maclean, third right 20_131mull4

ARDNAMURCHAN AND SKYE WELCOME HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Doors open on new distillery

THE OPENING of a new distillery on the Ardnamurchan peninsula brought the great and the good from all over the world - and even a Royal visitor - to celebrate.

The distillery at Glenbeg is owned by Adelphi Distilleries and it will make a 'startling' new addition to the distilleries of Scotland on the west coast, as well as bringing employment and visitors to its centre.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne spent a number of hours being shown round the west coast distillery. She was joined by experts from all over the world - including one of the biggest wine makers in the Nappa Valley in California.

Charlie MacLean, the Keeper of the

Quaich, was in attendance and told *The Oban Times* the new whisky would be welcomed into the market.

The Ardnamurchan Distillery is pioneering new, greener production methods, with the entire distillation process 100 per cent powered by renewables, using a specially commissioned state-of-the-art boiler which is fuelled using woodchip from local forests.

All barley is grown and malted in Scotland and by-products from the process are used to feed the peninsula's livestock and to fertilise the surrounding agricultural land.

Donald Houston, director, Adelphi Distillery Ltd said: 'The distillery represents a significant milestone in

the long-term plan for the development and improvement of the socio economics of Ardnamurchan and will provide enormous opportunities for the development of tourism and the direct and indirect provision of jobs in this very remote and isolated part of Scotland.'

Adelphi Distillery Ltd has more than 20 years' experience of bottling specially-selected single casks of rare Scotch whisky for limited release in the UK and export around the globe.

Alex Bruce, sales and marketing director for Adelphi Distillery Ltd, said: 'For the first time in more than 105 years, we now have the ability to produce our own world-class single malt.'



WELCOME: Staff members at the Ardnamurchan distillery

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Club's delight as royal visitor unveils terrier statue at castle

SKYE terriers were out in big numbers to witness HRH Princess Anne unveil a statue of their breed at Armadale Castle.

The largest gathering of Skye terriers for many years met at Armadale Castle on the Isle of Skye last week to witness the unveiling of a statue to this very rare breed by HRH The Princess Royal.

Aptly named The Homecoming, the unveiling of the statue of two life size Skye terriers was witnessed by more than 40 of the 'wee dug's' and their owners, who had travelled from as far away as the USA to join in the celebration of the breed in its native

homeland. They were also able to see a new display on the Skye terrier at the Museum of the Isles in the grounds of Armadale Castle.

The Skye terrier is Britain's most endangered native breed of dog with only 17 puppies registered with the Kennel Club last year.

To raise awareness and promote greater understanding of the breed the Skye Terrier Club has spent the last two years raising money for a permanent statue to be created.

The life-size bronze statue of a 'prick-ear' and a 'drop-ear' Skye terrier has been sculpted by the renowned Wiltshire-based artist

Georgie Welch and cast by Pangolin Editions, Europe's leading sculpture foundry.

Jenny Kendrick of the Skye Terrier Club said: 'We are delighted the princess was able to unveil the statue and took so much interest in the breed.'

Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, said: 'I had the opportunity to oversee the handover of the model that was used to make the famous Greyfriars Bobby statue, which was gifted to the Skye Terrier Club last year, so it brings me great pleasure to get the chance to be part of the Skye terrier story again.'



PRIDE OF PLACE: the statue of Skye terriers was unveiled at Armadale Castle by Princess Anne. The statue was made by Georgie Welch, a Wiltshire-based artist

Call for action on ultra sound scans

URGENT action by the Scottish Government is needed to help NHS Highland provide the same level of obstetric ultra sound service that is available in other parts of Scotland, says Rhoda Grant MSP.

Only Raigmore Hospital in Inverness and Caithness General Hospital in Wick deliver this service for women in the north Highland area. No ultrasound scanning service is available in Fort William or on the Isle of Skye.

'Once again,' said Ms Grant, 'the Scottish Government is allowing the crumbling of the health service to continue in the Highlands and islands. It consistently fails to take into account the special circumstances of the area caused by its size and scattered population.'

Argyll and Bute also has no ultrasound scanning available, with women having to travel to hospitals in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area.

Nationwide search for top farm dog

THE BBC'S Lambing Live has launched a nationwide search for Scotland's top farm dog.

The winning farm dog, which must be working or retired from working, will be the animal deemed to best deserve the title for his or her 'exceptional' qualities.

For example, the dog may have exhibited some exceptional skill or exceptional act of bravery, intelligence, loyalty or companionship or may have survived injury or defied the odds in some way.

The overall winner will be announced at the 2014 World Sheepdog Trials, taking place at Fearn farm near Tain from September 3 to 6.

To enter, email info@qmscotland.co.uk with no more than 150 words saying why the dog should win.

Where possible a photograph of the dog should also be sent.

Surviving in the wild Highlands

HIGHLAND council countryside rangers are offering courses on how to survive in the wild in the Highlands.

A den building course is being run today (Thursday) at Feshiebridge in the Cairngorms.

The course starts at 2pm at the Feshiebruech car park on the Auchlean road south of Feshiebridge.

Friday August 1 sees the Rangers at Reelig Glen, from 2pm to 4pm, teaching survival skills: how to find food and water, staying warm and dry and other important outdoor skills.

Jenny Grant, Highland Council's Inverness West Ranger, said: 'We have fantastic chances for outdoor lovers to learn the skills of survival this week. Come along, you never know when you might need them.'

For further information call 01463 255291 or email: rangers.inverness@highland.gov.uk

Fatal road crash witness appeal

WITNESSES to a fatal road accident are being sought.

Police want to speak to anyone who saw the accident involving one vehicle on the A87 Kyle of Lochalsh to Invergarry road approximately five miles south of the Bun Loyne junction of the A887 last Saturday, July 26.

When police, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service arrived on the scene, they found that a motor car had left the road.

As a result of the accident one occupant sustained fatal injuries. Another had serious injuries and was taken by helicopter to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

The other two occupants received minor injuries and were sent by ambulance to Belford Hospital, Fort William.

The road was closed with local diversions for more than six hours whilst investigations were carried out by officers from the divisional road policing unit.

Police Scotland ask that anyone who witnessed the incident and who has not yet been spoken to by police should contact them on 101.

Superfast broadband boost on the cards

BROADBAND and telephone exchange infrastructure is to be installed at Corpach which will improve digital connectivity in the area.

It is part of the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband initiative, which aims to provide fibre broadband infrastructure to areas not covered by commercial deployment and combined with commercial roll-out plans, expects that 95 per cent of premises in Scotland will have access to fibre broadband by the end of 2017/18.

Dave Thompson MSP said: 'It is tremendous news that rural Scotland is set to benefit from this high speed technology and that certain areas in the Highlands will be experiencing this for the first time.'

'This will mean locals, tourists and businesses will soon reap the benefits of high quality digital technology.'

Mums wanted to share breastfeeding experience

MUMS from Lochaber, who have an interest in breastfeeding, and breastfed their own child, are being asked to train as breastfeeding peer supporters, so they can offer new mums the benefit of their experience.

NHS Highland has a number of peer supporters throughout the area who help new mums coming out of hospital with advice and tips on breastfeeding.

Anyone interested in becoming a peer supporter should email karen.mackay3@nhs.net.

Don't leave dogs in hot cars

THE SCOTTISH Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a fresh warning urging people not to leave their dogs in hot cars.

Scotland's animal welfare charity has so far received 220 reports of dogs being left inside warm vehicles this summer.

Chief superintendent Mike Flynn said: 'It's completely unacceptable to leave a dog inside a vehicle in these searing temperatures, even for a short period of time with the windows down.'

'Dogs should be left with adequate provisions at home. Anyone who comes across a distressed dog left in a vehicle should contact our animal helpline on 03000 999 999 or Police Scotland.'



Play scheme fun for youngsters

CHILDREN and young people from across Lochaber enjoyed a week packed with activities at the annual HighLife Highland play scheme.

The week-long event took place at Lochaber high school with more than 80 children between five and 12-years-old taking part in a wide variety of activities.

Youngsters could choose between mountain biking, swimming, arts and crafts, athletics, dance, drama, happiness, judo, boxercise, netball and basketball.

All children who attended had a chance to learn new skills and make friends and most importantly have lots of fun.

FUN AND GAMES: smiles all round from the youngsters who enjoyed the Fort William playscheme

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NEW IMPROVED PARKING

Some of Argyll's best stock will be showcased at this year's at Keil Common Grazings, Tralee, in Benderloch this week

THE recent move to the new site has been widely welcomed, as it gives stunning views and brings the show back to its roots in North Lorn. There is also the welcome re-introduction this year of the horse show at nearby Dalintober. But you would be mistaken to think this was purely a day out for the farming and crofting community. There is so much more for people to enjoy, whether just taking in the sights of the busy

showground, or taking part in some unusual activities. As well as some competitive sheep, cattle and poultry classes, people visiting the show can take part in a tug o' war, a wellie boot throw, tossing the sheaf and younger show-goers will want a shot on the fun quad pods. For those seeking a more leisurely pace to their day, there is always an interesting handicrafts section and entertainment throughout the day

from Oban High School Pipe Band, Highland dancers and the usual mix of trade stands and side shows. Crieff's Gordon Motors will also be showcasing Suzuki vehicles on the day. The show, which can be accessed from the Tralee road, off Benderloch, opens at 9am with judging commencing an hour later. Argyll is known for its high quality Blackface sheep and it will be worth keeping an eye out for

last year's overall champion J and J MacPherson, Balliemeanoch, Dalmally. In a strong Blackface competition, Balliemeanoch's gimmer beat a tup lamb from Donald MacVicar, Lephinchapel, to the championship. The champion was by a £6,000 Connachan sire called The Skull and out of a Lurg-bred ewe by an £800 Crockston. She was reserve champion at Cowal too. But there is always the potential for a surprise result

in the stock-judging competitions, as last year proved when a New Zealand Huntaway working dog from Achnacreebeag, North Connel, beat a pedigree Highland cow from Mottistone to win overall reserve champion. Three-year-old Buddy, shown by Julie Campbell, was a popular choice as dog show winner. The dog show is open to anyone who has their



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Lorn Agricultural Show and

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Last year the show's organisers paid tribute to committee stalwart Robert Love as a trophy in his memory was presented for the first time. Mr Love had an association with the show for more than 60 years and his memorial trophy, for best home-bred Blackface ewe with lamb at foot, will again be keenly contested. Last time out

went to Tom Nelson, Glengorm, Mull.

Duncan Buchanan, Shenavallie, stood down as president of the show in 2013 and was succeeded by Mary Morrison, Kilmore, who will be keeping an eye on proceedings this Saturday for what is expected to be a well run show.

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12.30pm

BABY SHOW

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Various attractions ongoing throughout the day, including Oban High School Pipe Band, Highland Dancing, Terrier Racing, Tossing the Sheaf, Quad Pods, Tractor Pulling

Stock may be removed from 4.00pm or earlier if weather is extremely hot.

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While Oban is in a rural setting, it has few places where children can go to play safely within the parameters of the town. There are indoor venues, organised sports, sports pitches and organisations offering numerous activities for youngsters but with the necessary closure of the outdoor playground at Atlantis Leisure, a great loss has been felt.

Ironically this loss is probably felt more by parents than children as there is no longer a dedicated, safe area where they can send their offspring to let off steam at any time of the day - out with activities - while grabbing a welcome breather themselves.

The need for a new playground had been on the horizon for some time but it is only with the finality of unsafe equipment being removed that the whole community has been galvanised into action. And what action.

This is where community spirit and a belief that even the smallest contribution - from children selling lemonade to counting their coppers to sending a letter to a billionaire - can make a difference.

This is what being part of a community is all about. This is what strength in numbers can do. When truly motivated it is what Oban is good at doing - once people believe that something needs to be done for the good of the majority. If it is not perceived to be for the good of the majority? Forget it.

The town as a whole may be slow to take on a cause, can be apathetic in coming forward but once it gets the bit between its teeth, there is no stopping the wheels of community motion.

This has been proved in the past with the extension to Atlantis Leisure and more recently with Oban Phoenix Cinema. It will be proved again with a new play park for the town's children.

GLASGOW LETTER

International Glasgow

WHAT A couple of weeks to be a Glaswegian and to be in the home city.

The successful Commonwealth Games opening ceremony set the scene for what became an incredible experience with exceptional sporting performances taking place at the many venues being matched by the cultural programme running simultaneously.

Glasgow was transformed and the sunshine during the first week played a major part. Many streets were closed to allow a carnival atmosphere. There was entertainment to suit all tastes and for all ages at venues ranging from Glasgow Green to the Merchant City and Kelvingrove Bandstand.

There is still time to take part in the fun as the games move towards the closing ceremony on Sunday August 3.

Gaelic activities continue in Glasgow Green and at 127 Saltmarket and the Calgael Cafe will have morning workshops and afternoon performances from some of our best Gaelic singers.

Willie Campbell will appear at the Kelvingrove Bandstand from 4.15pm on Saturday August 2 and the Old Fruitmarket is, of course, the Festival Club.

Piping Live 2014

JUST a week after the Games sees Piping Live 2014, starting on Monday August 11.

This week-long event includes the World Pipe Band Championships taking place again, as in 2013, over two days but this year it will be on Friday and Saturday and not Saturday and Sunday.

There will be another major change with the outdoor site moving to the new city event space, Candlegriggs, in the centre of the Merchant City on the east side of the city centre. Located on the corner of Wilson Street the site is surrounded by bars, cafes, restaurants and shops and it will host events including Music of the Nations and Music of the Clans in the Homecoming Tent, a food festival showcasing the best of Glaswegian street food, a trader's tent, Glenfiddich demonstrations and pipe band performances.

Programme details next week.

Afternoon tea for charity

IF ITEMS come back into fashion there can be none

more popular in recent years than the cake stand, with afternoon tea becoming the latest trend.

So why not go along to the Gaelic Bookshop, 32 Mansfield Street, Partick, tomorrow, Friday, between 1 and 3pm to enjoy cakes and tea and see how many cakestands they have rescued.

Proceeds will go to Erskine Hospital in commemoration of the centenary of the start of World War 1.

Cameron MacKichan

IT IS with great sadness I intimate that Cameron MacKichan died last week.

From his youth Cameron was a stalwart of the Gaelic choral scene, having spent time as a member of Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir, the Hebridean Gaelic Choir and Govan Gaelic Choir.

He was also a sought after soloist who won the Silver Pendant at the National Mod and delighted audiences for many years with his pal, the late Archie MacTaggart.

Much is said nowadays about the necessity of local associations supporting each other and if such a movement required an ambassador Cameron would have been the ideal candidate.

A life long member of the Glasgow Sutherland Association, he and his wife Ann supported the functions of all the kindred associations with the Clydebank and District Highlander's Association being a special favourite.

Away from the musical scene, Cameron was an active member and tireless worker supporting St Columba's Gaelic Church of Scotland.

Our sympathy is extended to Ann and the extended family at this sad time.

Diary dates
Thursday July 31: 02 ABC Traditional Music for the 21st Century, sketch, Mairead and Anna, 7pm. Jazz Day at Glasgow Green. Royal Conservatoire traditional musicians, Glasgow Green. Kelvingrove Bandstand, Mischa Macpherson Trio with friends from Lahore, 4.15pm to 5.15pm.
Saturday August 2: Willie Campbell - see above

Pub scene

MUSIC in the Islay Inn this weekend will be played by the Keelies on Friday and *Twist of Fate* on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be Nicky McMichan on Friday, Scott Harvey on Saturday and *Trail West* on Sunday.
Neil Murray. Tel: 0141 954 8105. Email: neilmurray@yahoo.co.uk.

YOUR LETTERS

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Argylls head off to war from Dalmally

A group of Argylls gathering at Dalmally Station, probably heading off to fight in the First World War, feature in this week's flashback photo. It was submitted by Dalmally Historical Association which would like to know if anyone has any information on who the men in the photo are. Anyone with any information should email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails of flashback photos should be accompanied by a caption, name, address, and telephone number. Anyone wishing prints returned must supply a stamped, addressed envelope.

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Question over CHORD cash

Sir,
It is difficult to equate a consultancy fee of £750k with a few spotlights around McCaig's Tower in Oban and three planning proposals currently up for comment, 'CHORD bill hits £750 000', *The Oban Times* July 24.

The plans for the North Pier, Stafford Street and the pavements along George Street to Station Square are far from revolutionary and, although there might have been a number of versions discarded before arriving at that which we are now considering, and there have been a number of public consultations, these cannot represent more than a few months' work.

Even if the job had occupied every day for a year, the rate of remuneration would still be a handsome £2k per day. Townspeople already doubt the Oban Bay development will ever happen. Their disbelief will only deepen knowing that three-quarters of a million pounds have been spent on what seems so little.

Councillor Ellen Morton's assurance that this is money well spent sounds defensive, is cold comfort and requires further explanation.

Ian Reid, Oban.

Backing for Fort William planners

Sir,
In her letter 'Caol residents let down', Susan Mackenzie makes some pertinent points as well as some misguided ones.

Her view that it was inappropriate to site the Gaelic school gym hall beside residential property is factual. It is worth noting that residents were not objecting to the Gaelic school on Ardour Road, but to the height

of the gym hall. I also was taken aback at the height and said so at Caol Community Council on July 8. This meeting was well attended.

To quote Mrs MacKenzie: 'As a lay person, it is extremely difficult to look at a drawing on paper or a 3D model and fully appreciate the impact of the development in reality.'

That is why Highland Council appoints architects. They attended stakeholder group meetings along with councillors, head teachers and members of Comann nam Parant (parent organisation), the area education manager, Gaelic development officer, education officer, children services, project team members and others. Questions were raised regarding the design of the school but no-one questioned the height of the gym hall in relation to the adjacent housing at any meeting I attended.

Thirty-five people attended the public consultations and all gave positive feedback. At this stage no one grasped how high the building was. Mrs MacKenzie commented it was disingenuous of me to say no-one complained. This referred to the fact that no objections to this application were received by me or the planning service.

The application was granted under delegated powers and not by the planning committee. Five or more objections from different households are required before a planning application is submitted to the planning committee.

Councillor Bill Clark, Highland Council.

Alternative to relief road

Sir,
There are two places that cause, or at least contribute to, traffic congestion in Oban - the roundabout at the bottom of the Bealach an Rìgh and the traffic

lights at Oban High School.

The road between the two roundabouts at the Corran Halls going north should be made two lanes to make it easier for traffic travelling north out of the town to do so, without holding up traffic going into town on Dunollie Road.

At the high school, the road going south between Sinclair Drive and Miller Road should be made two lanes, with one lane for traffic continuing south and the other for traffic turning right into Lynn Road.

All three lanes - the two going south and the other going north - should be wide enough to take three heavy goods vehicles side by side and go to the traffic lights.

The crossing at Lynn Court should be made into a zebra crossing. The road markings for the right-turning traffic into Lynn Road should be made clearer with right-turning arrows as traffic moves up.

Traffic going south in Combie Street should be allowed to turn right to go past Kwik Fit and on to the access road for Lochavullin. The road could be slightly re-aligned by using part or all of the small car park and having a mini roundabout. Traffic coming out of this road would still, as now, have to turn left into Combie Street.

John Burton, Oban.

Will of community over old Rockfield

Sir,
The recent public meeting on the future of the old Rockfield school building produced a wealth of ideas which would benefit all sections of the community and visitors.

One speaker said there was nothing to be gained from raking over old coals and, if it will allow progress, I agree. But surely it is time for Argyll and Bute Council to do likewise and accept that the will of the community is that the building be retained as a social/cultural/business/leisure centre.

Ours is not a unique situation. Other towns, with the blessing of their councils, have pioneered community enterprises. This is an opportunity for Oban councillors to show the vision and leadership of which I am sure they are capable.

In return, I will save the town money and cut back the branches and brambles which have for many months been overhanging much of the pavement on School Brae - a generous gesture from a senior citizen which I trust the council to match.

Rosemary A S Firth.

Don't waste opportunity

Sir,
There is a need for social housing and community services in the Oban area, but important as they are, they do not need to be met in the former Rockfield school.

Oban must plan for a facility that will be of value not only locally but to the wider tourist market - something which will start to make Oban a destination in itself.

The demolition of the old railway station was a regrettable loss opportunity. Nothing in the redevelopment offers any attractions for visitors. We should not repeat this mistake.

The town centre has also lost a considerable number of local businesses which lent character to the town. National chain

stores, cafes and hotels have their place, but in themselves will not draw visitors to Oban.

We need to offer high quality, year-round, all-weather attractions which distinguish Oban from other towns.

The renovation of Rockfield school would doubtless provide equally as many jobs as the building of flats. A scheme such as that envisaged by the Rockfield campaign would also provide jobs and opportunities beyond the construction phase.

A town centre site like this is unlikely ever to be available again. We should not let this opportunity be wasted.

Christine Hodge, Lerags.

Rockfield support must continue

Sir,
Thank you to everyone who attended the public meeting last Saturday at the Phoenix cinema in Oban to show support for the saving of Rockfield school.

Thank you too for all the emails and letters of support from those unable to attend. As was made clear at the meeting it is not enough to want to save the building. It needs to have a valuable use for the community and be of financial benefit, and of course, be financially viable.

Please continue with your suggestions as to possible future uses; continue with your support and write to your local councillors expressing your views and requesting they permit the development of the school as a community project.

Write to your MP and MSP. Write to Historic Scotland at Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH; the officers there are Dara Parsons and Ranald MacInnes.

Malcolm Fraser, architect and chairman of the Scottish Government's Town Centre Review, who has seen the building, describes it as 'a lovely building, built with solidity and integrity we get nowhere near today. It is in good condition and the community, heritage and business use which Oban Communities Trust is proposing would suit its large, bright classrooms perfectly, as well as its location at the heart of Oban.'

Our Facebook page is up and running under Oban Communities Trust. We need a massive public show of support to secure ownership of the building.

Listen to the public

Sir,
Argyll and Bute Council appears to have turned away good offers from people to buy and give the former Rockfield school building a new lease of life.

It is convenient for it if everyone believes no-one wants the building or the state of it is so bad the council would be forgiven for destroying it and gifting the site to Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

A recent inspection of the building was carried out by someone interested in revamping the building. It was estimated that the old gym hall, which has dry rot, would need at least £45,000 to put right. The council has already spent £50,000 on a feasibility study for ACHA.

The council should listen to the general public, who want more of a say in how the building is to be used whether as a community centre or housing. There should be more consultation and less hiding behind closed doors. Sarah Swain-Nisbet, Dalintart Drive, Oban.

Beachd Ailein
Ailean Caimbeul

THA MI a' sgrìobhadh seo an dèidh turas eile air ais gu dùthaich m'òige ann an Gleann Dail san Eilean Sgitheanach far an robh mòran Dhalaich air cruinneachadh a-rithist airson deireadh seachdaine 'tilleadh dhachaigh' eadar Diardaoin agus Latha na Sàbaid. Seo an còigeamh bliadhna aig Urras Ghleann Dail agus a' Chomhairle Coimhearsnachd air an tachartas seo a chur air adhart agus tha e air a bhith gu math inntinneach a bhith a' faicinn na h-ìre gum bheil na cruinneachaidhean sin agus an t-ùrachadh eòlais air greimeachadh air daoine a tha fad' air falbh bhon Ghleann, agus cuideachd air an fheadhainn a tha nas fhaisge.

'S dòcha gur e fear de na gluasadan as mothachail na bheil de dh'ùidh às ur air nochdadh ann an slòintearachd, agus daoine ag iarraidh an cuid cheanglaichean leis a' choimhearsnachd seo a dhearbhadh. Saoilidh mi gur e rud fìor math a tha an sin agus gun cuir e ri neart nan iomairtean a tha air tòiseachadh agus ionad eachdraidh coimhearsnachd a stèidheachadh anns a' Ghleann. Mar a tha mi air a ràdh iomadaich uair roimhe, tha farmad mòr agam fhìn ris na h-Eileanan Siar agus na comuinn eachdraidh shoirbheachail agus luachmhor a chuir iad air bhonn an sin. Chan eil agad ach tadhal air fear ris an ùidh a bhith sin agus faicinn mar a tha iad a' gleidheadh fèin-àithne agus fèin-mheas nan coimhearsnachdan dam buin iad, agus tha eagal orm gun do chail an t-Eilean Sgitheanach dileab luachmhor de dh'eachdraidh agus dualchas leis nach robh leithid nan comuinn eachdraidh sin againn. Ach tha mòran fiosrachaidh prìseil fhathast ri lorg agus ri ghleidheadh, agus tha mise an dòchas gun soirbheach an iomairt agus ionad-fiosrachaidh ùr a thogail ann an Gleann Dail agus gu dearbh gun tachair a leithid ann an àiteichean eile cuideachd.

Gu h-inntinneach, tha Comhairle Coimhearsnachd agus Urras Ghleann Dail an-dràsta cuideachd an sàs ann am pròiseact agus gairradh cloiche ùr a thogail mun fhàirich as ùire den chladh anns a' Ghleann. Chan eil fios againn a chaidh Cladh Chille Chòmhaigh a stèidheachadh, ach a rèir a' bheagan fiosrachaidh a ghabhas trusadh ma dheidhinn, dh'fhaodadh gum bheil còrr air mìle bliadhna bho chaidh a' chiad chhill manaich a stèidheachadh air an làrach. Fhuairas taic bhon Chranncur Nàiseanta airson na h-obrach agus tha a' phròiseact seo air cur ris an ùidh a th' aig daoine a thaobh an ceanglaichean teaghlach ris an sgìre. Saoilidh mi gum bheil an leasachadh seo air seann chladh a' dearbhadh beothalachd anns a' choimhearsnachd!

MANY people made the journey to Glendale in Skye last weekend for the area's fifth homecoming event.

These short festivals continue to attract considerable interest and have generated a remarkable growth in genealogical enquiries. A Heritage Lottery-funded project to extend the dry stone perimeter wall at the ancient Kilchoan Cemetery has added to the interest in family histories. This care for its cemetery would seem to demonstrate an enterprising, living community.

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Inveraray Highland Games

Scott Rider competing in the World Caber Championships. Photo: Kevin McGlynn. a30inv9no

Inveraray's own Stephen King took part in the heavyweight competitions. 06_a30inv30

MORE THAN 3,000 people turned out for Inveraray Highland Games, which this year saw the royal burgh reignite its relationship with the armed forces.

On Tuesday, July 22 dozens of soldiers from 5 Scots, home of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, took part in the procession to Winterton Park, which marked the start of the games.

Several more went on to compete in track and field events, as well as wrestling.

Alasdair Chrystal, Inveraray Highland Games convenor, said: 'The Argylls came down and it really was great, because Inveraray and Argylls have grown apart and I feel today has re-established our relationship.'

The Argylls' attendance at the event recognised Inveraray's key role as a naval base and training camp during the Second World War.

The soldiers were amongst the thousands of people who endured the soaring heat, with

temperatures on the day reaching 25°C.

Spectators watched Highland dancing competitions and athletics and enjoyed live music from bands and pipers, while also visiting the numerous stalls run by local businesses.

Mr Chrystal dubbed the event a great success and said a buffet meal had been laid on for all those who had worked hard to put on the games.

'I think the meal together gives us a sense of community,' he said.

Inveraray Highland Games July 22 2014 Track and field, Highland dancing - trophy winners:

Local: Seton Challenge Cup: 16lb Hammer: Stephen King. Inveraray; Duke Of Argyll Challenge Cup: Athletics: Angus Sinclair, Colintrave; Jose McMillan Quaich: Best Athlete (20 yrs and under) in Local Field and Track Events: Angus Sinclair, Colintrave. Open: J T S Pert Rosebowl: 1,600 metres: Kenny Short, Hawick; John Gardiner Memorial Trophy: Best Open Cyclist: Craig Hardie, Dalgety Bay, New Record: Angus Sinclair; High Jump: 6ft 3ins. Open: Throwing 16lb Hammer: Stephen King, Inveraray; Throwing 22lb Hammer: Clan Campbell Society (Usa) Rosebowl: Sebastian Wenta, Poland; Tossing The Caber: Clan Campbell Whisky Rosebowl Sga Medal: Scott Rider, London; 56lb Weight Over Bar: Clan Campbell Whisky Rosebowl: Scott Rider and Lucas Wenta, Poland; Clan Campbell

Scotch Whisky Heavyweight Championship Trophy: Sebastian Wenta, Poland; Best Local Heavy: Lorne Colthart, Lismore; Best local athlete: Angus Sinclair, Colintrave; Best open athlete: Angus Sinclair, Colintrave; Best Open Cyclist: Craig Hardie, Dalgety Bay, Dalgety Bay. Highland Dancing: Trophy Winners: Pre-Premier: Beginners: 7 yrs and under: Helen K Buntain Memorial Shield: Hollee Carmichael, Dumbaron; Beginners: 8 and 9 years: Providence Capitol Shield: Lily Winther, Stirling; Beginners: 10 years: Glen Aray Shield: Lucy Henderson, Dumbaron; Beginners: 11 yrs and over: Inveraray Highland Games Trophy: Abbie Ferguson, Helensburgh; Novice: 9 yrs and under: Robert MacArthur Shield: Leah McLivath, Co Down; Novice: 12 yrs and under: Myra Miller Shield: Danielle Barker, Port Ellen; Intermediate: 10 yrs and under: Inveraray Games

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Runners from all over the world competed in the 800m race. 06_a30inv43



Chris Mackay from Glasgow impressed in the athletics events. 06_a30inv23



Competitors in the 90m sprint. 06_a30inv34



The Duke of Argyll, the head of Clan Campbell, and his children followed Inveraray Pipe Band in the march to the games field. 06_a30inv12



Islay dancers Danielle Barker, Katie McNiven, Sophie Baker and Eilidh Macdonald from the Ella Edgar School of Dance. 06_a30inv61



Katie McPherson, 14, from Oban won the Ella Edgar Shield. 06_a30inv59



Inveraray Pipe Band led a parade of hundreds to Winterton Park. 06_a30inv05



Jack Grimshaw and Reece Eardley from Glasgow secured a front row seat at the athletic track. 06_a30inv35

Kilchoan gathering

IT WAS the hottest day of the year - and with the sun came hundreds of people gathering to celebrate the Kilchoan community.

And what a show it was with something for everyone, including livestock, plants, woodturning, a herbalist, games and heavy athletics and much more.

The event is organised by a small team of people led by Gus MacLean. All the events were open to residents and visitors.

The sheep ring saw good quality animals take part.

One ewe was very frisky and man-

aged to jump over the fencing, much to the amusement of the many children gathered.

The overall sheep champion was named after another guest to the area, Princess Anne. The ewe was owned by Angus John Cameron of Hillside.

Angie, as he is known, was unable to show his own stock as he had been called away to meet The Princess Royal. But his ewe was chosen by judge Kevin Hunter of Fitchity Mains Farm in Inverness.

The games field was well maintained and allowed for a great number of activities to take place.



The overall champion sheep, Princess Anne of Port Tuart, owned by AJ Cameron, of Hillside. She is a two crop Blackface ewe, homebred. She was shown last year and won as a gimmer. 20_131kl7



The homebred Texel gimmer from Glebe Hill in Kilchoan was awarded the runner up as well as champion in its class. 20_131kl6



Workers (left to right) Jemma Lewis of Australia, and brother Alistair and Niven Peterson at the community garden. 20_131kl2



The organising committee without Angie John Cameron, who was at the opening of the Adelphi Distillery at Glenbeg. 20_131kl3



Skerryvore super fans all the way from Mijdrecht in Holland were a real asset to the community at the games day. Ron and Magda Visser hope one day to settle in Ardnurchan. The two were in Scotland to see Skerryvore at Tiree Music Festival. They drive a former ambulance with the words Drambulance written down the side. 20_131kl5

what's on

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FREE EVENT LISTING

THURSDAY 31ST JULY
Ramblers Association Guided Walk, Sron na Glaoidh, Ardnamurchan
Summer Ceilidh, Every Thursday, Taynult Village Hall, 8pm
Hollow Mountain Trio, Every Thursday, Barn Bar, Lerags, 8-11pm
FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST
Gaelic Furan Friday Fun for children, Corran Halls, 9.30-10.30am
Bunessan Show, Bunessan School, Isle of Mull
Kintyre Show, Anderston Park, Campbeltown, 10.30am
SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
Lorn Show, Tralee Beach, Benderloch, 10am
Garden Open, Melfort House, Kilmelford, 2-5pm
Craft Fair, Regent Hotel, Oban, 12-5pm
McQueen Bros Annual Duck Race, Oban, All day
Scottish Show at the Royal Hotel, Oban, 8.30-10.30pm
SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST
Craft Fayre, Every Sunday, Creagan Inn Appin, 12-5pm
Garden Open, Melfort House, Kilmelford, 2-5pm
Family Concert for Adults and Children, Crear, Kilberry, 2.30pm
Afternoon Tea and Plant Sale, Seil Island Hall, 2-4.30pm
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-8pm
TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-8pm
Oban USA Monthly Meeting, Corran Halls, Oban, 10.30am
Furan Gaelic Quiz, Corran Halls, Oban, 7.30-8.30pm
Scottish Show at the Royal Hotel, Oban, 8.30-10.30pm
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-8pm
Cream Teas, Oban Congregational Church, Tweeddale Street, 2-4pm
Killin Highland Games, Breadalbane Park, Killin, Parade at 1pm
Skye Highland Games, The Lump, Portree, All day
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-8pm
Salen Show, Salen Showground, Aros, Isle of Mull, 10am
Lorn Community Producers Market, Kintaline Farm, Benderloch, 10am-3pm
The Cheviot, The Stag and The Black, Black Oil, Corran Halls, Oban, 7.30pm
Hollow Mountain Trio, Every Thursday, Barn Bar, Lerags, 8-11pm
Summer Ceilidh, Every Thursday, Taynult Village Hall, 8pm
FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
Gaelic Furan Friday Fun for children, Corran Halls, 9.30-10.30am
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-8pm
SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST
Mid Argyll Art Society Exhibition, Lochgilphead Drill Hall, 10am-2pm
Mid Argyll Show, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, All day
Sunart and District Show, Strontian Showfield, 9.30am
Tabletop Sale, Crianlarich Hall, 11am-3pm
Oban Bay Raft Race, George Street Beach, 1-4pm
Scottish Show at the Royal Hotel, Oban, 8.30-10.30pm
Email details of your event to whatson@obantimes.co.uk.



ISLAND BOUND: The Mekons punk band will be playing on Jura.

Punk rocking in the Sound of Jura

PUNK Band The Mekons are all set to rock the tiny island of Jura on a national tour. One of the original UK punk acts, beginning life in Leeds Art School in 1977, the band have released 24 albums along with books and a film *Revenge of the Mekons*. This gig is taking place while the band stops off

to record at Sound of Jura Studio. It is part of a Scottish tour with American alternative country singer-songwriter Robbie Fulks. The band will also take in Belladrum Festival. With a career that started in Leeds, The Mekons have stuck to their artistic guns and remain fired and inspired by their original

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punk ethic while managing to morph from an anarchic collection of 19 year olds into a band that continues to stand proud traversing genres and styles that draw on rock, country reggae and folk. Robbie Fulks, from Chicago, became known in the 90's as a sharper-than-

a-tack, wry genius staple of the alternative country scene, and now espouses the folk and bluegrass sounds that once captured the imagination of a little boy who first picked up a banjo at age seven. This will be a night to say you were at, wherever you come from, on Jura on August 13. Promoter the Sound of

Jura (SoJ) is a creative enterprise comprising a music studio, record label and live music promotion. It is run by Giles Perring, a musician, sound designer and music producer who set up a studio on Jura in 2005. SoJ has been promoting live music and arts events on Jura since 2011, in what it calls an occasional concert series.

Skye girl chosen for Aiseag composition

A YOUNG GIRL from Staffin is putting Gaelic at the heart of the Commonwealth cultural celebrations. The Skye youngster, Christina MacDonald, has had the opportunity to be involved in Aiseag (The Ferryboat), a dynamic new transatlantic composition for Glasgow 2014.

The piece is one of 20 new commissions selected to form the prestigious Performing Rights Society (PRS) Foundation New Music Biennial. The project has been masterminded by Mary Ann Kennedy of Lochaber's Watercolour Music studios, bringing together the cream of traditional and classical musicians from Nova Scotia and Scotland.

Mary Ann was looking for a young, north Skye voice to read some of Aonghas MacNeacail's poetry and with support from Fèisean nan Gàidheal, Christina MacDonald from Staffin, a Gaelic-speaking participant in her local Fèis, was chosen. Christina has already participated in the Aiseag premiere in July at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, the Gaelic College on Skye, and at a major PRS Foundation New Music Biennial showcase at the Southbank Centre in London, where Aiseag formed the finale of the performances.

Aiseag has two remaining performances this summer - as part of a grand transatlantic cèilidh at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness on Friday, August 1 and at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow on Saturday, August 2 as part of the Commonwealth Games Cultural Programme. Christina will be taking part alongside Mary Ann, who has been inspired by

the communities, culture and connections on her own doorstep, celebrating an international dynamic by hooking up with one of Canada's most respected composers - Scott Macmillan. Watercolour Music's resident producer Nick Turner and Gaelic poet Aonghas MacNeacail to create a unique new work which will place the Highlands and the Gaelic language and culture right at the heart of the Commonwealth Games celebrations.

Aiseag is a 15-minute work inspired by the network of small ferries that ply the west coast of Scotland and Nova Scotia, and in particular the MV Corran that crosses Loch Linnhe at Ardgour, where Mary Ann is based. The ferry provides a lifeline link between the Ardnamurchan and Morvern peninsulas and the mainland, and also connects on to the islands of Mull and Iona.

The creative team is joined by the talented young Cape Breton fiddler, Colin Grant, piper Angus MacKenzie from Daimh, percussionist Allan Og MacDonald and bassist Brodie Jarvie.

Arthur Cormack, chief executive of Fèisean nan Gàidheal, said: 'We are delighted to be supporting Aiseag, in particular for the opportunity it affords a young Gaelic speaker to take part in a work of international significance.'

'At a time when the world is looking in on Scotland and its culture is being celebrated, Aiseag is a great opportunity for Christina MacDonald to participate in a performance at the highest level.'

Plenty of dough for bees

A FUND has been set up to support creative entrepreneurs in the Highlands and Islands. And Fort folk have the opportunity to get the details first hand at the official launch tonight in the Alexandra Hotel, on July 31 from 7pm. The investment programme, called Honeycomb - Creative Works, will be delivered by ScreenHI (Screen Highlands and Islands), which specialises in creating opportunities in the creative sectors of screen, broadcast and music across the Highlands and

Islands. Applications can be made to the fund until Wednesday August 27. Director Amanda Millen said: 'We are very excited to be involved in this innovative new partnership which will build on our extensive network within the creative industries in the Highlands and Islands. Honeycomb network will offer access to a ground-breaking programme that will build new skills and knowledge, and spark new connections and business opportunities both

within and between digital content makers in Ireland and the western seaboard of Scotland. 'If you have the idea, the drive and the enthusiasm, come and talk to us and we will see where we can take your business. 'We are keen to talk to everyone who has an interest in developing a career in film and broadcast, animation, game design and development, interactive media, online content for wireless, mobile and internet and music technologies, with the emphasis on making music.'

New chieftain appointed for Cowal Highland Gathering

THE CEREMONIAL head of Argyll and Bute council has been unveiled as the honorary chieftain of this year's Cowal Highland Gathering (CHG). Councillor Len Scoullar, Provost of Argyll and Bute, will accept the salute from the massed bands as well as present the trophies in the Highland dancing and pipe band competitions.

High point of career Councillor Scoullar, who represents the Isle of Bute, said he considers his nomination as CHG chieftain to be one of the highest points of his political career. 'This area is very fortunate to host the world's most spectacular Highland games event, and I'm extremely honoured to be asked to be chieftain this year,' he said. 'A glance at the list of pre-

vious chieftains shows what illustrious company I'll be joining, and the weekend will certainly be one of the most exciting and enjoyable roles I've had in the 15 years I've been a councillor.

Showcase Cowal 'Having lived on the Isle of Bute for many years, Cowal is an area close to my heart, and the gathering is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what Cowal has to offer to visitors not just from the rest of Argyll and Bute and Scotland more widely, but from all corners of the world.' This year's Cowal Highland Gathering takes place in association with charity partner Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS), and is a three day event between Thursday, August 28 and Saturday, August 30.



OPEN DAY: Join West Highland College for a chat and tune session.

A chat and a tune at West Highland College UHI

BUDDING Buddy Hollies or Tinie Tempahs are being invited to rock out at West Highland College tomorrow, Friday. The music department at West Highland College UHI will hold an open day on Friday August 8 from 10am until 3.00pm for anyone who is interested in studying music in Fort William. Organisers are asking budding musicians to bring along an instrument or use one of the college's for a jam and a chat with music lecturer Rachel Walker. Rachel said: 'This is a great opportunity

to see what the music department has to offer. 'After playing or singing for us, you will be able to apply on the day if you like and even better, we can let you know on the day whether you will be accepted onto the course.' The college offers a year long National Certificate (NC) Music course, which covers many aspects of the music industry, including solo performance, performing as part of a band and learning how to use a recording studio.

Mr Thompson said: 'I am very happy the town is finally getting the attention it deserves. 'Fort William has much to offer the tourist and this historic site should be made safe and accessible to add to this tourist experience. I look forward to the plans being made public and I hope they are sensibly comprehensive.'

Fort William Old Fort repair plan welcomed

THE OLD Fort that has been 'ignored and abandoned for years' is to have new plans drawn up for its future, thanks to Historic Scotland. MSP Dave Thompson has said he is 'very happy' with the news and hopes that residents will be able to see the plans by the middle of August. The MSP for Skye,

Lochaber and Badenoch announced that Transport Scotland was working on detailed repair plans with Historic Scotland for the iconic Old Fort in Fort William. Bob Mitchell of Transport Scotland confirmed that repair planning is well under way and should reach a point where the drawings can be made public.

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First songwriter festival

THE FIRST Oban singer songwriter festival kicks off this Saturday (August 2) at the rugby club. The inaugural event hopes to inspire musicians to write and perform to an appreciative audience. The singer songwriter festival is a concert that will allow musicians to play their own music and for people to come and just hear original music. The singer songwriter festival was the idea of performer Ralf Roeder who approached musician

Guy Fortheth to put on an event where people listen more closely to the musicians. The pair agreed it was a shame that when artists played original material people in the town's pubs didn't really pay attention. So they started getting to work on how to make such an event and to date they have more than eight acts in the mix. Tickets are available throughout the town for £6 or £8 on the door.

Are you Locationalized?

A new work by Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan

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ARE YOU LOCATION-ALIZED is a new work by artists Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan sited across two Hebridean islands, Skye and North Uist.

The artists were invited by Atlas Arts to make new work for an exhibition exploring 25 years of Scottish contemporary art. The artists were chosen for their contextual and geographical understanding of art. In doing so they engaged with both the location and with the context of its commission.

Mixed media

The work combines photography, sculpture, text and audio to make a composite piece that challenges a viewer to make

sense of the piece as a whole. Together these elements combine to create a work that engages with ideas of place, localness and cultural identity and then considers how art is expected to negotiate or represent such ideas. Are you LOCATION-ALIZED runs until 30 September 2014. The Uist Preview takes place on Friday, August 1 from 6pm - 8pm, at Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Art Centre, Lochmaddy, North Uist. The Skye Preview will be held on Tuesday, August 5 from 5.30pm - 7.30pm at the ATLAS Arts office, Skye Gathering Hall, Portree, Isle of Skye.

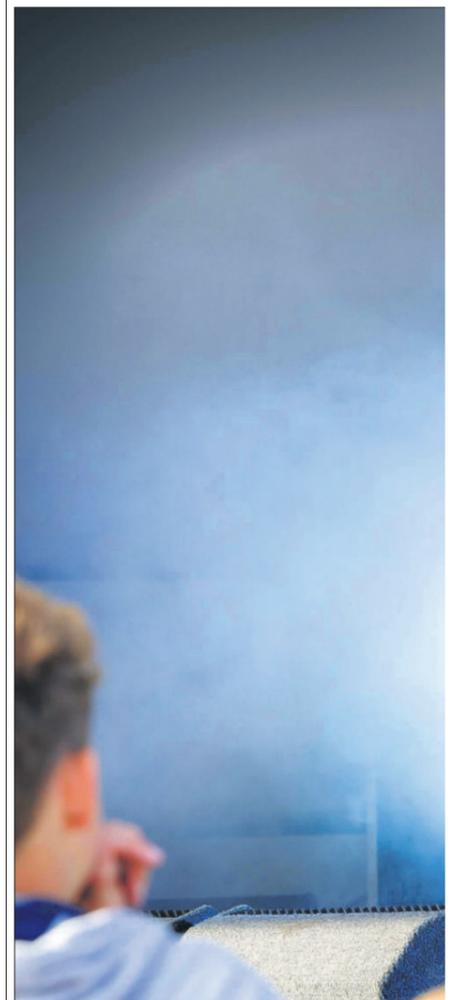
Into the west

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SCOTTISH artist, Cara McKinnon Crawford brings her exhibition to the Highland gallery at Resipole Studios, Acharacle this August.

The Glasgow based painter, who was born and raised in the Highlands will be exhibiting some of her finest and largest paintings of the Ardnamurchan peninsula, the most westerly part of Britain, in conjunction with the gallery's 10 year celebrations from the

August 8 to September 7. Cara said: 'I've been painting on Ardnamurchan for a long time and never fail to be inspired by this beautiful and ancient land. 'The colour here is very special and unique to this part of Scotland. 'My last exhibition was held thousands of miles away in Russia and it is wonderful to have the opportunity to come back to my roots here in the Highlands and exhibit.'



SHINING: Shanine Gallagher, a 17-year-old from Lochaline, Ar

Shanine

THE WORLD is a stage and a teenager from the tiny village of Lochaline, Ardnamurchan, has found her first step onto it. Seventeen-year-old Shanine Gallagher, triumphed in this year's Three Music Festival unsigned act contest and the event has proved to really put the youngster on the circuit. Shanine won 40 per cent of the public vote to open the main stage on Friday, the same stage as singer Eddi Reader and song-writing legend Dougie Maclean. Shanine said: 'Words cannot describe how it felt to open a



FUN FEIS: Participants and tutors of this year's Fèis Gleann Albainn



SUNNY BODHRAN: The bodhran class taking a break. Lisa Findlay banging the bodhran with Darris Riddle, Iain Hector Ross, Alexander and Maire Brown



SHINTY: The feis shinty team

Sun shines for summer Fèis Gleann Albainn

MUSIC, shinty, Celtic art and Gaelic were all taught under the sun at the twelfth annual Fèis Gleann Albainn Summer Fèis.

Held for youngsters from the communities of Fort Augustus and Glengarry at Kilcuimen Academy, Fort Augustus, the event also attracted pupils from Stratherrick, Gorthleck and Whitebridge areas, with some returning from as far as Strathpeffer and England.

Organiser Tracey MacCallum praised the people who funded and helped at the

event, saying without their support the event would struggle to happen. She said: 'Fèis Gleann Albainn would like to thank all their participants and helpers without which the week would not be possible.'

'The Glengarry Trust and The Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust provide grants for transport for participants from their local area. Forty-two participants aged between 5 - 15 took part in classes.'

'This year we had a few new tutors including Jamie MacDonald, from Tiree,

who tutored fiddle with the help of our very own local musician Ann Stewart.'

'Jack McRobbie from Killin tutored accordion and local musician Rebecca Skeoch taught the keyboard. Kenny Rankin from Badicaul taught the guitar, Andrew MacPherson from Skye taught whistle and chanter and Iain Hector Ross from Inverness taught both Gaelic and bodhran.'

'The week went really well, helped greatly by the fantastic weather, with some classes even being taught outside.'

Oban Phoenix Cinema	How to Train Your Dragon 2	Thurs 31st 12:00
	Down Of The Planet Of The Apes	Thurs 31st 12:00, 15:30 3D, 18:30, 22:00
	Transformers 4	Thurs 31st 15:00, 18:30 3D, 21:30
	Planes: Fire & Rescue	Fri 1st 13:00 3D, 15:30, 18:30
		Sat 2nd 13:00, 15:30 3D, 18:30
		Sun 3rd 13:00 3D, 15:30, 18:30
		Mon 4th 13:00, 15:30 3D, 18:30
		Tues 5th 13:00 3D, 15:30, 18:30
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How to Train Your Dragon 2
The thrilling second chapter of the epic How to Train Your Dragon trilogy returns to the fantastical world of the heroic Viking Hiccup and his faithful dragon Toothless. The inseparable duo must protect the peace – and save the future of men and dragons from the power-hungry dragon.

Down Of The Planet Of The Apes (12A)
A growing nation of genetically evolved apes led by Caesar is threatened by a band of human survivors of the devastating virus unleashed a decade earlier. They reach a fragile peace, but it proves short-lived, as both sides are brought to the brink of a war that will determine who will emerge as Earth's dominant species.

Transformers 4 (12A)
An automobile mechanic and his daughter make a discovery that brings down the Autobots and Decepticons – and a paranoid government official – on them.

Planes: Fire & Rescue (U)
From above the world of Cars comes Disney's Planes, an action-packed 3D animated comedy adventure featuring Dusty, a plane with dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer. But Dusty's not exactly built for racing – and he happens to be afraid of heights. So he turns to a seasoned naval aviator who helps Dusty qualify to take on the defending champ of the race circuit. Dusty's courage is put to the ultimate test as he aims to reach heights he never dreamed possible, giving a spellbound world the inspiration to soar.

Guardians Of The Galaxy (12A)
An action-packed, epic space adventure, where brash adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the object of an unrelenting bounty hunt after stealing a mysterious orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain with ambitions that threaten the entire universe. To evade the ever-persistent Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with a quartet of disparate misfits – Rocket, a gun-toting raccoon; Groot, a tree-like humanoid; the deadly and enigmatic Gamora; and the revenge-driven Drax the Destroyer. But when Quill discovers the true power of the orb and the menace it poses to the cosmos, he must do his best to rally his ragtag rivals for a last, desperate stand with the galaxy's fate in the balance.

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dnamurchan, during her performance at Tiree Music Festival.

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triumphs at Tiree

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'I got to share the same stage as Eddi Reader who spoke to me after my set. She told me that she enjoyed the songs I had written and hugged me and said, 'keep going girl'.

'I was mesmerised by her set.

'The audience was very responsive singing back to me one of my songs, Sunday. It was the strangest yet most beautiful experience I had encountered when playing.

'I'd like to thank the crowd for their support, kind com-

ments as well as all who voted for me.

'I'd like to thank the people who have always encouraged me to keep going and especially those from my village for their huge support.

'I have met an unreal number of friendly people and acts who have made this an unforgettable and most fond memory of mine.'

Shanine will next be playing on STV Glasgow on August 5.

Musician from Tiree named as student of the year

A YOUNG musician from Tiree has been named student of the year at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO), the Gaelic further education college on Skye.

Eilidh MacFadyen, who is studying for a BA (Hons) in Gaelic and traditional music, was born and raised on the island.

Eilidh has been a student at SMO for three years, where she is known as an exemplary ambassador for both the college and her course.

Eilidh has won silver and gold medals at the Royal National Mod in the under-19 accordion competitions.

For a number of years now, Eilidh has also been a tutor at Fèis Thiriodh, passing on her musical knowledge and experience to a younger generation.

John N MacLeod, director of studies, said: 'Eilidh is particularly deserving of this award, given in recognition of her outstanding personal and academic achievements but also her sterling and unselfish work on behalf of the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig student community.'

'She is a great ambassador for the college and her local community.'

Eilidh said: 'I am delighted to be named Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's student of the year.'

'I wasn't expecting it at all and it makes me very proud indeed to think that SMO staff thought me worthy of it.'

At the start of her fourth and final year at SMO, Eilidh has elected, and has been accepted, to undertake an overseas exchange placement at the World Music Centre, University of Limerick.



Eilidh MacFadyen from Tiree was named as student of the year at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

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your doorstep. The west coast of Scotland has a huge array of different shops, restaurants and attractions on offer in places you might not expect. You can make a day of it and head off to visit one of the many breathtaking castles or gardens that abound in this area. If you are green fingered and inspired by these beautiful places there are plenty of garden centres on offer, both in and out of town, to recreate the scenery at home. If adventure is more your style, why not grab the kids

and head off to an activity centre or hill walking. Just remember to stop off at one of the more remote cafes, pubs or restaurants. It's bound to taste better if you've earned it after a long walk. You could even head off on the ferry for a day out. There are lots of islands within easy reach of Oban, why not try Lismore or Mull? Once there you'll find plenty of hidden treasures to explore. But don't forget there are probably lots of places in your very own town that you don't even know are there.



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Semple and Son's six in a row at Dalmally

THERE will be a familiar name on the Great Annual Fair Day Cup after D Semple and Son, Dippen, won it for the 18th time since 1990 with a cross steer that has been purely home bred. The win at the show and sale last Friday at Dalmally Auction Mart was the sixth successive championship title for the Carradale farm. And it was all the more pleasing for Duncan Semple, as his 11-month-old Charolais cross steer was out of a home bred cow and sired by Carradale Felix, a home bred bull. Dippen also had the reserve champion, a Charolais cross heifer, also 11 months old, out of a Limousin cow and sired by Westcarse Ernie. When told his champion pick was purely home bred, judge Bill Cameron, from Edingight, Keith, said: 'That is not something you come by very often. It was of great quality and a credit to the breeder.'

The show and sale, held by United Auctions, saw 398 head of cattle go through. Averages failed to meet last year's high values but nevertheless all classes sold above sellers' expectations. Bulls averaged £981.52 per head or 232.02 pence per kilo (£988.90 or 250.5 pence per kilo last year). Heifers averaged £902.42 per head or 222.49 pence per kilo (£888.99 or 229.46 pence per kilo last year). Results: Charolais Bulls: 1 and Overall Champion - Dippen Farm - 456 kilo £1,230 to Bill Cameron; 2 Dippen Farm - 482 kilo £1180 to Bill Cameron; 3 East Laggan - 402 kilo £960 to Mr Paul. Limousin Bulls: 1 Killochra - 446 kilo £1130 to M/s Connon & Sons, Aberdeen; 2 Achnaba - 412 kilo £1020 to M/s Connon; 3 Strathnafanaig - 363 kilo £1,000 to Bill Cameron. Any other Breed of Bull: 1 and 2 Dippen 471 kilo £1,220 to Mr Paul. Charolais Heifers: 1 and Reserve Champion - Dippen - 386 kilo £1,090 to M/s Clark, Wellhead; 2 Dippen - 402 kilo £980 to M/s Connon. Limousin Heifers: 1 and 2 Dippen - 382 kilo £1,090 to John McAllister,

Stirling and 402 Kilo £980 to M/s Connon respectively. Top prices per head: Bulls: AAx: £1,360 & £990 - Cleongart: £990 & £960 - Low Peninver: £950 & £920 - Cleongart: £850 - New Peninver. BRBs: £1,220(2) - Dippen: £1,140 - Low Peninver: £1,130 - Killochra: £1,000 - Low Peninver: £960(3) - Low Peninver: £950(5) - Ardachy: £930(4) - Low Peninver. CHARx: £1,300 - Baleggregan: £1,290 - Dippen: £1,250(3) - Baleggregan: £1,230, £1,190(4), £1,180 - Dippen: £1,160(4), £1,130(2) & £1,130 - Baleggregan: £1,130(2) - Dippen: £1,110(2) & £1,060(2) - Baleggregan: £1,060(4) - Dippen: £1,010(2) - Ardachy: £1,000(4), £990(4), £960(3) - East Laggan: £950 - Saddle Home Farm: £940(6) - Ardachy: £910 - High Tirlergus. HEX: £750 - New Peninver. LIMx: £1,250, £1,240, £1,210 & £1,200 - Tangy: £1,170(2) - Dippen: £1,160(4) & £1,140(4) - Tangy: £1,130 - Killochra(2) & Dippen: £1,080 - Low Dunasherry: £1,070 - Achnaba & Baleggregan: £1,050 - 9 Killeonan & Marchfield(2): £1,030 - Low Dunasherry & Cleongart(5): £1,020(2) - Achnaba: £1,020 - Uigle: £1,000 - Cleongart, Achnaba & Strathnafanaig: £990 - Strathnafanaig(2), Cleongart(3), Ardachy(2) & 9 Killeonan: £980 - Killochra: £970 - Low Dunasherry & Uigle. SALx: £750 (4) - Curacoa. SIMx: £1,100 - Marchfield: £1,070(2) - Baleggregan. Heifers: AAx: £930(3) - Low Peninver. BLONDx: £840 - Low Peninver. CHARx: £1,130 & £1,110(3) - Baleggregan: £1,100(3) & £1,090 - Dippen: £1,090 - Cleongart, Achnaba & Strathnafanaig: £1,020 - Dippen: £980(4) - Dippen: £970(2) - Baleggregan: £900(5) - Dippen. LIMx: £1,230 - Uigle: £1,200 & £1,190 - Achnaba: £1,160 - Uigle: £1,120(6) - Tangy: £1,100 - Achnaba: £1,090 - Dippen: £1,050(2) - Tangy: £1,040(2) - 9 Killeonan: £1,030 - Marchfield: £1,020 - Achnaba: £980 - Dippen & Low Dunasherry.

SIMx: £1,140(3) & £1,090 - Baleggregan. SOUTH DEVONx: £930(2) - Cleongart. Top prices per kilo: Bulls: AAx: 233p - New Peninver: 231p, 220p & 219p - Cleongart: 214p - Low Peninver: 206p - Cleongart & Low Peninver. BRBs: 259p(2) - Dippen: 256p - Killochra: 252p(5) - Ardachy: 224p(4), 218p & 206p(3) - Low Peninver: 203p - East Laggan. CHARx: 270p - Dippen: 260p(2) - Saddle Home Farm: 259p(6) - Dippen: 255p(2) - High Tirlergus: 255p(4) - Dippen: 249p(6) - Ardachy: 245p - Dippen & Keil: 244p(4) - East Laggan: 239p - East Laggan: 238p(2) - Ardachy: 237p(4) - East Laggan: 235p - Saddle Home Farm: 234p(2) - East Laggan: 233p - Dippen & New Peninver: 227p(2) - Baleggregan: 223p - High Tirlergus & Baleggregan: 222p(4) - Baleggregan. Hex: 232p - Saddle Home Farm. LIMx: 275p - Strathnafanaig: 272p - Killochra: 259p - Strathnafanaig, Killochra(2) & Dippen: 257p & 255p - Killochra: 254p(2) - Ardachy: 253p - Dippen(2) & Killochra: 252p(2) -

Ardachy: 251p - Low Dunasherry: 249p - Achnaba, Ardachy(2) & Low Dunasherry(2): 248p - Achnaba: 246p - New Peninver: 244p - Low Dunasherry(3), Killochra(2) & Achnaba: 242p - Achnaba & Uigle(5): 241p - Low Dunasherry: 240p - 9 Killeonan: 239p - Achnaba(2), 9 Killeonan, Tangy(4) & Saddle Home Farm(2): 238p - Uigle. SALx: 222p(4) - Curacoa. SIMx: 221p - Marchfield. Heifers: AAx: 209p - Low Peninver. BLONDx: 222p - Low Peninver. CHARx: 282p & 254p - Dippen: 240p - Ardachy(2) & Dippen(4): 226p - Dippen(5): 224p - New Peninver: 221p(3) & 220p(2) - Baleggregan. LIMx: 301p & 296p - Achnaba: 285p - Dippen: 276p - Achnaba: 255p(3) & 252p - Uigle: 251p(4) - 9 Killeonan: 250p - Achnaba: 246p - Marchfield: 244p - Dippen: 243p - Uigle & Killochra(3): 242p - Low Dunasherry: 239p(2) - 9 Killeonan: 238p - Strathnafanaig(3), Ardachy(3) & New Peninver: 237p - Killochra & Low Dunasherry: 236p - Uigle, Tangy(2) & East Laggan: 235p - Killochra: 254p(2) - Ardachy: 253p - Tangy(4), 9 Killeonan & Uigle. SIMx: 239p(3) - Baleggregan.



WINNER: Duncan Semple, right, receives the overall championship from United Auctions' Peter Wood as judge Bill Cameron looks on 16_131fair02



RINGSIDE: there was a good quality of stock on show at the Great Annual Fair Day 16_131fair03

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A GLISTENING sea and a glorious day welcomed the Argyll mainland judges and many visitors on Friday to Tiree Agricultural Show. Standing out as champion of champions was the supreme sheep champion, Tiree WestNorthWest from Alasdair MacLean, Heylipol. This March-born Beltex ram lamb is sired by the Balmoral 2013 Beltex Champion Matts Talisman and out of a Horseclose Powerhouse daughter, Tiree Sheena. This ram lamb won the sheep interbreed championship and purebred sheep judge Alan MacKellar, Keils Croft, Benderloch commented that he was a great example of the breed. Reserve overall came from the cross-bred sheep from Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside with a smart homebred mule ewe lamb. Alasdair also lifted the Blackface sheep championship. Judge Angus Dickie, Musdale Farm, Kilmore had the task of judging the cross sheep. Blackfaces and prime lambs. A pen of Suffolk-cross lambs from Donnie Campbell, Ben View led this section with reserve from Sandra Brown, Balevullin with Texel-cross lambs. Sandra went on to win most points in the sheep section and the Crofters Shield, while her grandson Jack won the Young Handlers Cup. Cattle judge Ewen McGillivray junior, from Home Farm, Barcaldine, selected Tiree vet Patrick Boyd's winner of the cross-bred cattle as his overall champion. This spring-born Charolais cross heifer, The London Derriere, is by the French sire Lanzac and out of a Shatton Pedro daughter. Reserve cross-bred went to Colin MacKinnon, Kilkenneth with a Limousin-cross cow, which stood champion in the breeding section. Making his debut entry in the purebred cattle classes, it was success for Alasdair MacLean from Heylipol who led with his in-calf Limousin heifer, Aside Halle, by Derrigahy Enfield. Reserve went to Alastair and Iain MacInnes, Ruaig with a British Blue heifer, Bedgebury Futie, a Bringlee Waldo daughter. They went on to win the Tiree Association Prize for most points while the Crofters Shield was shared between Gillesbuig Campbell, Garraphail and Ann Paterson, Crossapol. Once again, Mary Flora MacDonald, Roadside, won the Clydesdale Championship by her gelding Major. Her grandson, Dougie MacDonald, across from Benderloch, won the Young Stockperson Cup. Jan Paterson, Balinoe, was champion horse with her impressive Friesian mare Flo and Tearlach MacDonald won the popular poultry section with his Aylesbury Duck. Iain MacKinnon, Kilmoulaig, once again lifted the tractor champion rosette with his MF35. In the home industries marquee Josie Brown won the produce section, Annine MacLean handicrafts and Monica Smith the most points, with John Fletcher winning the horticulture section. This year Elite Falconry was the main attraction, with Tiree Pipe Band and Clydesdale Turnouts also entertaining the crowd. Prizes were presented by show stalwart Alex MacArthur, Heylipol. See page 19 for results.

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OUTBREAK OF FIRST WORLD WAR TO BE COMMEMORATED

Argyll and Bute comes together to remember

ACROSS Argyll and Bute, communities and individuals of all ages will come together next week to commemorate those who lived, fought and died in the First World War.

August 4 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the day Britain entered First World War, one of the bloodiest conflicts in history, with fighting continuing until November 11 1918, Armistice Day.

While the last surviving veteran of the war died in 2012, it will never be forgotten - the first global conflict in history which saw almost 40,000,000

casualties and more than a million people from the United Kingdom dead.

Argyll and Bute council is taking part in a poignant nationwide reflection to mark the outbreak of the war.

For an hour on the night of Monday August 4, a number of council offices across Argyll and Bute will remain in darkness, with just a single light left on, as part of the national Lights Out experience. Lights Out invites everyone in the UK to turn off their lights between 10pm and 11pm,

leaving on a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection.

The project's central theme comes from the words of Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary in August 1914, who said: 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.'

Six Argyll and Bute council offices will be darkened, save for a single lamp lit and placed in a window.

Argyll and Bute council leader councillor Dick Walsh said: 'Leaving a single lamp burning in a darkened building is a simple but effective

visual reminder to stop and reflect on the events of 100 years ago. The bravery of those who gave their lives still resonates to this day.

'Our lives today in the 21st century could have turned out very differently had they not been prepared to pay the ultimate price.'

Reverend Nicki McNelly, who was in the army herself for four years, is to lead a service to mark the centenary on August 4 between 10.15 and 11pm at Oban Cathedral.

Rev McNelly said: 'There will be a vigil to mark the centenary of

when war was declared, which was 11pm. I've been invited to lead the ceremony and it is something which holds particular significance for me personally, being ex-military myself.

'It is very important to mark this day and to remember the sacrifices made by those involved.'

There will be a commemorative event at the war memorial in Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, also on August 4. A parade formed of service people from the 7 Scots Regiment, RAF Lossiemouth and HM Naval Base Clyde together with local cadets, veterans of the Royal British Legion Scotland and HM Coastguards will be headed by pipers and drummers of Isle of Skye pipe band.

The parade will start at 2.30pm from Kirktion Cottage, the former home of 2nd Lieutenant, John Matheson of the 7th Cameron Highlanders who died on his birthday, August 13 1918, in Rouen.



DEDICATED: Brigadier John MacFarlane at Taynuilt war memorial 15_131john01

Brigadier ensures village war memories live on

BRIGADIER John MacFarlane is one man who has been personally involved in commemorating those who have died in conflict.

John, who served in the army for 30 years, worked with members of the Taynuilt community to have the names of those killed in the World War Two listed on the war memorial in the village, and continues to help to maintain the war memorial.

He has also printed a publication known as the Taynuilt War Memorial Book, which gives an insight into some of those commemorated at the memorial.

He told *The Oban Times* about some of those involved in World War One.

'The 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were the local county battalion. They were part of the 51st Highland Division, its soldiers recruited locally, with four companies which contained soldiers from Lochgilhead and Islay, Campbeltown, Oban and Mull and Dunoon.

'The companies, which consisted of 100 men, were based in territorial locations, and they were technically 'weekend soldiers' who went away to annual camps, similar to the

territorial army these days. Many of the soldiers in these battalions served with great distinction in World War One.

'I am related to one from the 8th Battalion myself, Sandy MacIntyre, who was killed in the last few weeks of the war. He is the most distinguished soldier listed on the Taynuilt war memorial.

'There was also a very distinguished family of soldiers from Taynuilt, three brothers called the McBeans. Sadly, all three of them were killed in action.

'James was the last of the brothers to be killed. Minutes before his battalion was attacked, he told a fellow soldier he was worried the effect his death could have on his parents, as they had already lost two sons. His brother, John, was killed in 1917 and other brother William in 1918.

'Following a sustained attack by Germans, including use of tear gas, James took up his position with a rifle.

'Unfortunately, at the end of the battle, he was killed by a sniper. Their mother went on to unveil the Taynuilt war memorial, as she was the person in the village who had lost the most sons.'

From The Oban Times, Saturday August 1, 1914

IN COMMON with other parts of the Empire, the keenest interest has been manifested throughout the West Highlands in the daily happenings in the great war just entered upon. So far, the outbreak of hostilities between Britain and Germany has not materially affected tourist traffic to Oban and the West Highlands. Prices of provisions have risen steadily during the week.

In connection with the mobilization orders of the Government, a large number of officials on holiday connected with the various branches of the Navy and Army had to return to duty, and trains from Oban to the south on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were unusually full.

If anything was calculated to bring home to the people of this country the fact that we have now entered upon tremendous military and naval struggle, it was

the issue on Tuesday evening of an Order by the King calling for the mobilization of the Territorial Forces. In response to this order, the members of the Left Section of the Argyll Mountain Battery and of H Coy, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were embodied in Oban on Wednesday, the men belonging to these two units of the Territorial Force reporting themselves to the Drill Hall.

The men of the A & S Highlanders left Oban today (Thursday) by the 12.35 train, and an immense crowd who witnessed their departure gave them an enthusiastic send-off. The members of the Mountain Battery take their departure tomorrow (Friday) evening.

The bulletins posted up at 'The Oban Times' Office and at the premises of John Munro Ltd, and Mr T Stevenson are eagerly scanned by the public.



From The Oban Times, Saturday May 15, 1915

Before leaving Bedford for France, the above contingent of Oban soldiers serving with 1/8th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders had themselves photographed. Mr A S Black, the esteemed town clerk, who was on a visit to Bedford was induced to join the group before the camera.

Tiree Agricultural Show results

CATTLE SECTION: PURE BRED CATTLE: Best Suckled Cow or in-calf Heifer: 1 Alasdair MacLean, 2 A&I MacInnes, 3 P Boyd; Best Heifer suitable for breeding: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 P Boyd, 3 M Armstrong; Best Calf: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 A & I MacInnes, 3 P Boyd; Gunnis Cup: Champion Pure Bred Animal: CHAMPION: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol with Anside Halle a Limousin In-Calf heifer by Derriagh Enfield; RESERVE: A & I MacInnes, Ruaigwith British Blue heifer Bedgebury Futie, a Bringlee Waldo daughter; CROSSBRED BREEDING CATTLE: Cameron Calves Cup: Best Suckler Cow: 1 Colin MacKinnon, 2 Colin MacKinnon, 3 P Boyd; Best Heifer suitable for Breeding Born after 1/1/15: Tearlach MacDonald; CROSSBRED CATTLE: Drumfrahoch Cup: Champion Breeding Animal: CHAMPION: Colin MacKinnon, Kilkenneth with a Limousin x; John MacKinnon (Builders) Cup: Best Beef Heifer: Tearlach MacDonald, Main Road; Best Heifer Calf: Any Breed Autumn Born: 1 Tearlach MacDonald, 2 A & I MacInnes; Spring Born Best Simmental Female Calf: Ann Paterson; Spring Born Best Limousin Male Calf: 1 A & I MacInnes; 2 Gillesbaug Campbell, 3 Gillesbaug Campbell; Spring Born Best Limousin Female Calf: Colin MacKinnon; Best Overall Limousin Calf Autumn or Spring Born: A & I MacInnes; Spring Born Best Charolais Male Calf: 1 Alasdair MacLean, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell; Spring Born Best Charolais Female Calf: 1 P Boyd, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell, 3 Gillesbaug Campbell; Best Overall Charolais Calf Autumn or Spring Born: P Boyd; Spring Born Best Male Calf: Any Other Continental Breed: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 Ann Paterson, 3 Ann Paterson; Spring Born Best Female Calf: Any Other Continental Breed: Ann Paterson/Belgian Blue Society Cup: Best Overall British Blue sired Autumn or Spring Born Calf: A&I MacInnes;

Blackface Ewe Lamb: Alasdair MacDonald; The ROBERT NISBET MEMORIAL SALVER: Champion Blackface Sheep: CHAMPION: Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside with a ewe; RESERVE: Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside with a ewe lamb; CROSSBRED SHEEP: Best Scotch Mule Ewe: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown; Best Scotch Mule Ewe Lamb: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown, 3 Alasdair MacDonald; Best Scotch Mule Ewe Lamb: 1 Alasdair MacDonald, 2 Alasdair MacDonald, 3 Donnie Campbell; The "Lachie Drumfrahoch" Quaich: Best Scotch Mule Sheep: Alasdair MacDonald - Road side with a Mule ewe lamb; Best Suffolk Cross Ewe: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell, 3 Alasdair MacDonald; Best Suffolk Cross Gimmer: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown, 3 Alasdair MacDonald; Best Suffolk Cross Ewe Lamb: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown, 3 Donnie Campbell; Best Texel type Cross Ewe: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Alasdair MacDonald, 3 Sandra Brown; Best Texel type Cross Gimmer: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown; Overall Crossbred Ewe: Sandra Brown; Overall Best Crossbred Gimmer: Sandra Brown, 2 Sandra Brown; Overall Best Crossbred Ewe Lamb: 1 Alasdair MacDonald, 2 Sandra Brown; UNITED AUCTIONS LTD CUP: Champion Crossbred Female Sheep: CHAMPION: Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside with a homebred Mule ewe lamb; Reserve Champion Crossbred Female Sheep: RESERVE: Sandra Brown, Balevullin with a Texel X gimmer; Best Suffolk Ewe: 1 Fraser MacLean, 2 Fraser MacLean, 3 Lachie Brown; Best Suffolk Gimmer: Fraser MacLean; Best Suffolk Ewe Lamb: 1 Fraser MacLean, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell; Best Suffolk Ram Lamb: Alasdair MacDonald; Best Suffolk Ram: excluding Ram Lambs: 1 Fraser MacLean, 2 Sandra Brown, 3 Sandra Brown; Champion Suffolk: Fraser MacLean, Heilipol; Reserve Champion Suffolk: Fraser MacLean, Heilipol; Best Opposite Sex to Champion: Fraser MacLean, Heilipol; Best Texel Ewe: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 Sandra Brown, 3 Sandra Brown; Best Texel Gimmer: A & I MacInnes; Best Texel Ewe Lamb: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 A & I MacInnes, 3 Sandra Brown; Best Texel Ram Lamb: A & I MacInnes; Best Texel Ram - excluding Ram Lambs: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 A & I MacInnes, 3 Sandra Brown; Champion Texel: A & I MacInnes, Ruaig; Reserve Champion Texel: A & I MacInnes, Ruaig; Best Opposite Sex to Champion: Sandra Brown, Balevullin; Best Best Texel Ewe: 1 A & I MacInnes, 2 Alasdair MacLean; Best Best Texel Gimmer: Alasdair MacLean; Best Best Texel Ewe Lamb: Alasdair MacLean; Best Best Texel Ram Lamb: 1 Alasdair MacLean, 2 A & I MacInnes; Champion Beltex: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol; Reserve Champion Beltex: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol; Best Gimmer - Any other breed: 1 Gillesbaug Campbell, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell; Best Ewe Lamb - Any other breed: 1 Alasdair MacDonald, 2 Gillesbaug Campbell; Best Ram - excluding Ram Lambs Any other breed: 1 Sandra Brown, 2 Alasdair MacDonald, 3 Gillesbaug Campbell; Champion - Any other breed: Sandra Brown, Balevullin; Reserve Champion - Any other breed: Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside; MACLEOD CONSTRUCTION CUP: Champion Pure Bred Ram: CHAMPION: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol with a Beltex ram lamb; RESERVE: Sandra Brown, Balevullin with a Texel ram; TARRIFF VALLEY CUP: Champion Pure Bred Female: CHAMPION: A & I MacInnes, Ruaig with a Texel ewe lamb; RESERVE: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol with a Beltex gimmer; Overall Purebred Sheep Champion: CHAMPION: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol with Treet WestNorthWesta Beltex ram lamb sired by the Balmoral 2013 Beltex Champion, Matts Talisman and out of a Horseclose Powerhouse daughter, Treet Sheena; RESERVE: A & I MacInnes, Ruaig with a Duncyne Texel ram and out of a homebred ewe; The DRUMFRAHOCH CUP - Supreme Champion Sheep and Cornaig Veterinary Practice Prize: SUPREME CHAMPION: Alasdair MacLean, Heilipol with Treet WestNorthWesta Beltex ram lamb sired by the Balmoral 2013 Beltex Champion, Matts Talisman and out of a Horseclose Powerhouse daughter, Treet Sheena; RESERVE: Alasdair MacDonald, Roadside with Champion from Crossbred Sheep Section, a homebred Mule ewe lamb; THE SOCIETY CUP: Most Points in Sheep Section: Sandra Brown, Balevullin; The STAFFORD AND FLORA ELGIN SHIELD: Most Points in Sheep Section for Crofters: Sandra Brown, Balevullin; HEAVY HORSE SECTION: Best Clydesdale Gelding - over 3 years: 1 Mary Flora MacDonald - Major, 2 Sandra Brown - Floyd; Champion Clydesdale Horse: The Donald MacIntyre Cup: Champion: Mary Flora MacDonald, Roadside with Major; Reserve Champion: Sandra Brown, Balevullin with Kypside Floyd; Best

Single Horse Turnout: 1 Mary Flora MacDonald with Major, 2 Sandra Brown with Floyd; HORSE AND PONY SECTION: Best Turned out Pony - Shown In-Hand: 1 Emily Armstrong - Twitch, 2 Abby McDowall - Dougal, 3 Nicole MacKinnon - Shona; Best Turned out Horse - Shown In-Hand: 1 Jan Paterson - Fokje P, 2 Nicole MacKinnon - Tallina; Best Ridden Mountain and Moorland Large Breeds: 1 Lynne MacKinnon - Missy, 2 Nicole MacKinnon - Shona; Best Ridden Mountain and Moorland Small Breeds: 1 Abby McDowall - Dougal, 2 Emily Armstrong - Twitch; Best Ridden Horse: 1 Jan Paterson - Flo, 2 Nicole MacKinnon - Tallina; The Christian Quaich: Champion Horse or Pony at Show: 1 Jan Paterson - Fokje P, Friestan Mare, 2 Abby McDowall - Dougal; Tires on Horseback Shield: Best Young Handler - 16 years and under: 1 Nicole MacKinnon - Shona, 2 Emily Armstrong - Twitch, 3 Kirsteen MacKinnon - Missy; Fancy Dress - Open to all ages: 1 Emily & Eva Armstrong - Twitch, 2 Abby McDowall - Dougal.

PET SECTION: Dog with Waggiest Tail: 1 Frake Chainey - Mickey, 2 Louise Webster - Machair, 3 Hannah Samwells - Ruaig; Best Six Legs: 1 Freddie & Eliza Jack - Ency, 2 Kayla MacDonald - Lilly, 3 Erin Byfield - Tess; MacDonald Langley Quaich: Best Golden Oldie: 1 Lynda MacIntyre - Megan, 2 Jacqui Bennett - Pippa, 3 Lisa Ferguson - Finn; Best Pet under 12 months: 1 Kirsteen MacKinnon - Charlie, 2 Sophie Bitgairt - Joy, Louise Webster - Machair; Best Collie - Dog or Bitch: 1 Joyce MacInnes - Gem Wilson, 2 Catherine Ina MacKinnon - Bobby, 3 Stephanie Bradley - Mac; Best Dog or Bitch - Any Gun Dog Variety: 1 Leif Brag - Zenta, 2 Iain MacInnes - Pip, 3 Catherine Ina MacKinnon - Dileas; Best Dog or Bitch-Any other Breed: 1 Kerr Reddie - Luana, 2 Frazer McGugan - Chewbacca, 3 Andy MacGregor - Cash; Best Pet-Other than from above classes: 1 George Urquhart - Eddie Lizard, 2 Charlie Urquhart - Minoar Turtle, 3 Olivia Urquhart - Custard Duckling; Champion Pet: The Hadley Shield: CHAMPION: Leif Brag with Zenta, a wire haired German Pointer; RESERVE CHAMPION: Joyce MacInnes with Gem Wilson, a Collie. TRACTOR SECTION: Tractors from Pre 1960: 1 Donald Archie Brown - 1953 Ferguson; Tractors from 1960 - 1990: 1 Iain MacKinnon - MF 35, 2 Donald MacKinnon - Dexter; Vintage Machinery: 1 Iain MacKinnon - Potato Harvester, 2 Donald Archie Brown - Potato Planter; Champion Tractor at Show: The MacPhail Shield: Iain MacKinnon, Kilmoulaig with a MF 35.

POULTRY SECTION: Any variety Purebred Hen: 1 E & F Malcolm, 2 Tearlach MacDonald, 3 Claire Urquhart; Any variety Purebred Pullet: 1 E & F Malcolm, 2 Tearlach MacDonald; Any variety Purebred Cockerel: 1 Charlie Urquhart, 2 Tearlach MacDonald, 3 Olivia Urquhart; Best Laying Hen: 1 Tearlach MacDonald, 2 George Urquhart, 3 E & F Malcolm; Drake - Any variety: Tearlach MacDonald; Duck - Any variety: 1 Tearlach MacDonald, 2 Rhoda Meeck, 3 Iain MacKinnon; Poultry Champion: The Main Road Farm Cup: Champion: Tearlach MacDonald with an Aylesbury Duck; Reserve: Champion: E & F Malcolm with a Bluebell Hen.

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Many modern homes today in the UK already come with security locks, burglar alarms and security lighting included as part of the standard specification ensuring that homeowners live in a safe and secure environment. NHBC, the UK's leading warranty provider and standard setting body for new build homes, offers some simple tips to help you keep your home and possessions safe and secure while you're away on holiday.

Keep eyes on your property

Let your surrounding trustworthy neighbours know about your holiday plans so they can keep an eye on your house and notify the authorities if they see any suspicious activity. It's always a good idea to give them your contact information to reach you if they need to.

Check your window locking systems

Ground floor windows and any others that are easily reached by climbing are recommended to have an automatic lock at the press of a button that needs a key to open them. If you own a home built in the last ten years, this may already have modern security locks. Installing modern locks may also lower your house and contents insurance premiums.

Improve the security potential of your doors

It is important to have robust locks on both the front and back doors, as well as a 180° door viewer to check on callers, a door opening limiter and hinge bolts on outward opening doors. Newer properties may already have these installed.

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Scottish Sea Farms is the UK's leading producer of premium quality Scottish salmon. Our business is extensive; based in Argyll, across the West coast and throughout the Northern Isles. We are trusted to supply Britain's most demanding retailers and need exceptional staff to build our business.

We are pleased to offer an exciting and rare opportunity to begin a career in Supply Chain Logistics. The modern apprentice will be an integral part of the supply chain / logistics team and will learn skills such as managing orders, managing transport requirements and export procedures.

There is no need for any previous experience as full 'on-the-job' training will be given and the candidate will be assigned a mentor offering full support. Formal Training will also be provided and the successful candidate is expected to attain the SVQ in Supply Chain Management at level 3.

Due to the nature of this vacancy, preferred qualifications include, two Highers/ A Levels (or equivalent) in Maths and English, as well as a good grasp of IT. Personal qualities should include gifted communication skills, a good eye for detail and a willingness to undertake further training and personal development. A full, clean driving licence is desirable.

The initial contract will be for a fixed term of 18 months with the possibility of a permanent position.

Interested applicants should contact claire.scott@scottishseafarms.com or call 01786 445521 for a job description and application form. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th August 2014.



Scottish Sea Farms makes it happen

APE Solutions Ltd

Electrician Required



Based in Mid Argyll, this customer focussed company is looking to recruit an Electrician to work as part of a team or on own initiative.

Qualified to 17th Edition. Commercial installation and maintenance experience preferred.

Instrumentation or controls experience would be an advantage but not essential as training will be given.

A full UK Driving Licence is required.

Please apply by email enclosing CV or details of experience to:- office@apesolutions.co.uk or in writing to:- Liam Harvey, APE Solutions Ltd, Old Sawmill Yard, Achtnabreac, Lochgilphead PA31 8RE

Sundolitt

Maintenance Engineer

Fort William

Sundolitt Ltd, part of the Sunde Group (est. 1917) is one of the UK leaders in the manufacture of expanded polystyrene for storage and packaging products, with 3 UK plants at Fort William, Montrose and Gateshead.

We seek a Maintenance Engineer, reporting to the Factory Manager, for our Fort William plant, which operates 3 shifts, 6 days a week at present.

This is a hands-on role and, ideally, you will have experience in the maintenance of Steam boilers, Hydraulic Systems, Compressed Air Systems and a basic knowledge of electrical systems. Although not essential, an HNC or similar in either mechanical or electrical engineering would be beneficial.

Your duties would include:

To service and repair all mechanical plant.

To undertake tasks in line with maintenance requisition requests.

To conduct preventative maintenance tasks where necessary.

To advise line management of potential plant problems.

To prioritise workload, in liaison with factory manager, to provide the most effective maintenance service possible.

The successful candidate will be self motivated with a keen willingness to achieve efficiency gains in the factory by maintaining all equipment to a high standard.

A very competitive salary of £25k- £30k is offered. If you are interested in joining a vibrant, growing company, then please submit your CV with covering letter to john.docherty@sundolitt.com or by mail to

John Docherty
Sundolitt Ltd, Suite A2, Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN

NORTH ARGYLL HOUSE

Bealach an Rìgh, Oban, Argyll PA34 5TG
Tel. 01631 562168 Fax. 01631 570623

VACANCY FOR PART TIME CARE ASSISTANT

Permanent post. Night/Day rota
7.19 to 10.32 per hour, depending on qualifications.
Company pension scheme.

For application form and job description contact manager Morag A Telfer

Lynn of Lorne Care Home

We are looking for

Staff Nurses

to join our motivated and enthusiastic team.

Full time, part time or bank work available.

To apply please phone Megan on 01631 720278 or email lynnoflorne@hotmail.co.uk

Full time and part time PSV drivers in Oban to start in October.

Excellent rates of pay with overtime available.

Contact Roddy Anderson on 07810128171.

Total discretion assured.

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Part Time maternity cover 3 days a week & holiday cover.

We are looking for an experienced administrator to provide a wide range of office and administrative services within a busy garage. With good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Sage accounts package.

It would be good if the successful candidate held a full UK drivers licence.

Working hours 8.30am - 5.30pm. Please send CV's to kmf@kfmcars.com

Unit 1 & 2a Caol Ind Est, Fort William, PH33 7HR.

Tel 01397 704624



Fish Farm Technicians - Loch Etive

£16,000 - £21,000 + O/T

Dawnfresh Farming Ltd, part of the Dawnfresh Seafoods Group, is the largest Trout Farming Company operating in the UK. Our Marine and Freshwater farms are located throughout Scotland and Ireland.

Due to business development and expansion we are seeking to recruit a number of individuals to fulfil roles as Seawater Fish Farm Technicians. These positions will be based at our seawater cage farms on Loch Etive, near Taynuilt.

The role of Fish Farm Technician is interesting and varied. Working outdoors as part of a small team, it is focused upon all aspects of successful trout production including feeding, grading, harvesting, net changing and other general farm maintenance tasks, including boat handling.

Applications are invited from individuals who have a positive approach to this type of work, who feel comfortable working over water and be willing to work flexibly to meet the demands of the job.

Previous aquaculture experience is desirable but not essential as full training and support will be provided. A full driving licence is essential.

These posts are full time positions, working a 40 hour week on any five out of seven days. Beyond the nature of the roles, the post holder(s) would be expected to undertake additional hours as required in order to accommodate the needs of the business, this will include weekend cover on a rota basis.

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your CV, to:-

HR Department, Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd, Bothwellpark Industrial Estate, Uddingston, G71 6LS. Office - 01698 810008, E-mail: hr@dawnfresh.co.uk

Informal enquires can be made to Brian Floyd, Seawater Operations Manager, Mobile 07788 145125, E-mail brian.floyd@dawnfresh.co.uk



Campbeltown Motor Company

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Campbeltown
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Lochgilphead, Argyll
PA31 8RR

Email: donald@damacdonald.co.uk

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Apply before 8th August with CV to Deli@inverawe.co.uk
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Lochgair Hotel

Lochgair

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To part-time posts available with immediate start if possible.

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VACANCY
PORT MANAGER/HARBOUR MASTER

TARBERT HARBOUR AUTHORITY, TARBERT, LOCH FYNE, SCOTLAND

Tarbert Harbour Authority, a thriving Trust Port on the West Coast of Scotland is seeking to recruit a dynamic Port Manager/Harbour Master.

This exciting role presents an opportunity for someone who is seeking to enter the Ports industry and to move into a Senior Management role. The successful candidate will have day to day management responsibility for the Harbour and sit on the Board of Trustees.

To be considered for this opportunity you will be a self starter, personable, have experience of managing staff and a broad customer focused background, demonstrating a history of working in a safety focused environment.

Tarbert Harbour is a small but complex port where fishing, leisure and passenger ferry traffic interact.

In order to be considered for this rewarding and challenging position you will have knowledge of or experience in the following disciplines:

Statutory Duties, Managing Port Marine Safety, Policies, Plans and Procedures, Managing Resources and Marine Operations.

Please send applications in writing marked 'Vacancy' to: Harbour Office, Garval Road, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6TR

For informal enquiries regarding this position, please contact: Pauline Laycock, Office Manager: 01880 820344

Salary commensurate with experience

Closing date for Applications is 25th August 2014.

Live in companion WANTED
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For more info please email - companion4dad@gmail.com or tel. 07774 511385

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Oban Times RECRUITMENT

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING APPLICATION
Mrs E McArthur
Conisby, Bruichladdich
0.19 ha - Existing house site
4.86.50631
Comments can be made to the Crofting Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 28 days of the date of this newspaper.
Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk

DECROFTING DIRECTION ISSUED

D A H Greenhaigh
2 Achadaphail, Kilfinichen and Kilvickoon
0.11 ha - Croft house site and garden ground
4.85.49372
Conditions: 3a, 4

Conditions
(3) Complete enclosure of the land with a stock proof fence within 4 months of:
(a) the date of the direction
(4) That fence shall be maintained in good order and repair by each successive owner or occupier of the land.

Any person with an interest in the application may appeal against a decision to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days of the date of this advert.

The Island Parrot Sanctuary
SCO41254
AGM
Sunday 31st August
At UPM Tillhill,
Glencruitten Road,
Oban
At 1pm

Mr John Neilson has registered his croft known as Lochdonhead, Pennygown and Torosay, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 17th April, 2015.
Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The Croft Registration Number is C317.

Engineering Support/Warehouse Operator - Jura Distillery

We currently have a vacancy at Jura Distillery for an Engineering Support/Warehouse Operator.

This is a flexible position with a variety of demands and duties. You will work with our Distillery Manager and wider Company Distilling team to develop your skills to provide engineering support at the distillery. This will involve attending training at various locations and being required to come on site out of hours. In the Warehouse, your main duties will be to work in the team within the Warehouses. This is a small team where you may also be required to cover general duties within other areas of the distillery.

The ideal candidate will have a flexible attitude, be able to demonstrate technical ability, ideally from an engineering background, and will hold a fork lift licence.

If you are interested in applying for the above position please send a CV and covering letter Wendy Ellen at HR@whyateandmackay.com



MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 MOORINGS, CULLIPOOL, ISLE OF LUING

Notice is hereby given that Isle of Luing Community Trust has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of Moorings, Cullipool, Isle of Luing, Argyll & Bute :

Location	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Cullipool, Isle of Luing	56° 14.954'	05° 39.382'
	56° 14.951'	05° 39.337'
	56° 14.918'	05° 39.278'
	56° 14.850'	05° 39.341'
	56° 14.850'	05° 39.398'

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at The Post Office, Cullipool, Isle of Luing. Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: 05294

Andrew Pinkerton
Project Development Manager
ISLE OF LUING COMMUNITY TRUST

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 Pier Extension, Kentallen, Argyll

Notice is hereby given that Hollytree Hotel has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of Extension to existing Pier : Kentallen, Loch Linnhe, Argyll

Location	Cost £20,000	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Kentallen, Argyll		56° 40.53'	05° 14.64'

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Hollytree Hotel, Kentallen, Argyll PA38 4BY.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: 05295

Hollytree Hotel

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of the business community read the regional press



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PROCESSING OPERATIONS TEMPORARY POSITIONS

Starting rate £7.00 per hour

We require additional staff to join our Production Team to work in a variety of different areas; assisting with the preparation, slicing and packing of smoked salmon for the retail trade. The ideal candidates will be committed, reliable and able to work well as part of a team. Previous experience in food handling is not essential, as training will be provided.

We have a range of positions available in our Filleting/Smokehouse, Slicing Room and Despatch Areas.

Full time hours, based on a 40 hour week.

Benefits include; 30 days holiday per annum (pro-rata), plus staff discounts.

Please contact us for an Application Form or send your current CV to:
HR Department, Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd,
Clachan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BL
Tel: 01499 600462, Fax: 01499 600396 or
E-mail: recruitment@lochfyne.com

For further details, please visit our website at:
www.lochfyne.com/careers

The Scottish Salmon Company

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

On-Site Harvest Covering (The North & South of Scotland) Ref No: AG/07//14
Hourly Rate £11.557 based on a guaranteed 30 hours per week

This position will work a permanent nightshift, operating to the harvest schedule. The normal working week will be Sunday to Thursday (inclusive of these days) additional weekend working may be required.

Candidates will be enthusiastic, self-motivated and be able to demonstrate prior experience of working within small, focused teams. Have previous Marine Site experience. Aquaculture experience is essential for this post. Preference will also be given to those candidates who can offer transferable, related skills and qualifications.

As this position involves travelling a current clean driving license is essential.

In return, the Company offers a comprehensive pay and benefits package including entry into the Company pension scheme.

For an application form and job description for the above post, contact:
Angela Gibson, HR Officer, The Scottish Salmon Company,
Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, PA26 8BH
Tel. No. 01499 600 430
Email: angela.gibson@scottishsalmon.com
Closing date for applications: Friday, the 1st August 2014
Visit our website: www.scottishsalmon.com

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us @ www.argyll-bute.gov.uk



PLANNING

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01324/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of new access, installation of septic tank and LPG tank	Land North East Of Kyle Rhea Port Ramsay Isle Of Lismore Argyll And Bute PA34 5UN	Sub Post Office Lismore
14/01540/PP	Erection ofcroft house, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land South Of Calvine Connel Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1RN	Sub Post Office Connel
14/01709/PP	Construction of run of river hydro electric scheme (revised pipeline route and intake positions relative to planning permission 13/01955/PP)	Eas A Ghail Inverloch By Dalmally Argyll	Sub Post Office Dalmally
14/01715/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North Of 17 Balevullin (Plot 2) Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6XD	Tiree Area Office
14/01716/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land South Of 17 Balevullin (Plot 1) Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6XD	Tiree Area Office
14/01767/PP	Erection of 8.3 metre by 3.8 metre ground mounted solar panel array	Creach Killmore Killechranan Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72 6JZ	Sub Post Office Dervaig
14/01770/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle ref:10/00788/PPP - Erection of a dwellinghouse	Land East Of Achraibaidh North Connel Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1OZ	Sub Post Office Connel
14/01771/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle ref: 11/00974/PPP - Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse	Land South Of The Cottage Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1JE	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
14/01775/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Achnacreebagh North Connel Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ledaja
14/01730/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new vehicular access	Land South East Of Braevallich Farmhouse East Lochawside Dalmally Argyll And Bute PA33 1BU	Sub Post Office Dalmally
14/01058/PP	Erection of fence (retrospective)	The Old Engineering Works Ellenaibich Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4RF	Sub Post Office Balvicar

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

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01809/PP	Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension	14 High Street Portnahaven Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA47 7SN	Sub Post Office Portnahaven

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01526/PP	Formation of new visitors car park, staff car park, access steps and delivery arrangements. Demolition of existing boiler house and erection of replacement boiler house, new draff tank, new oil tank and new bike shed	Ardbeg Distillery Ardbeg Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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

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

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

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

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillor Roddy McCuish (EWA Oban South and the Isles)
Councillor Roddy McCuish will be holding a surgery on Friday 8th August from 3.00pm - 5.00pm in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban.
He can be contacted by e-mail - roderick.mcuish@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by telephone 01631 567854.

Mechanical/Electrical Engineers

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd currently has two vacancies for multi skilled and self-motivated Mechanical/Electrical Engineers to cover our Freshwater sites.

The successful applicants will be required to supervise all planned preventative and reactive maintenance and ensure that all plant and equipment is maintained to the highest possible efficiencies. In addition they will investigate all possible areas for improved plant utilisation and output and be required to undertake specific industry training on feed systems, and other key equipment. They will also be required to be on call one in every three weeks.

The ideal candidates should fit the following skills profile:

- Have served an electrical or mechanical apprenticeship and hold recognised trade qualifications
- EE 17th Edition Wiring Regulations
- CITY & GUILDS 2394/2395 & Electrical Test and Inspection
- Hold a current SJB Grade Card
- Experience of working PLC's, Diesel generator sets
- Practical knowledge of computerised feeding systems
- Clean Driving Licence

Marine Harvest Scotland offer a salary package in the range £25k - £30k plus bonus dependent on experience, together with on call payments.

If you feel you have the necessary skills to respond to this challenging role, please submit an application in writing with details of relevant experience, by the closing date of Friday 8th August 2014 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resources Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.



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

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

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

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
14/02400/FUL	Land 100M NW of Ferry Pier, Isle of Muck, Mallaig	Installation of Pontoon
14/02484/FUL	Land 40M South East of Meran's House Carnoch, Glencoe	Dwelling house
14/02562/FUL	Land East of 18 Maccoll Terrace, Ballachulish	Proposed dwelling house
14/02638/FUL	Land 70M NE of Lidl Food Store, Camnach Crescent, Fort William	Proposed Erection of Outdoor Activity Centre - Equipment Storage Facility for UHI's Adventure Tourism Management course
14/02672/LBC	Cameron's Monument Corpach, Fort William	Restoration Works to Monument
14/02684/FUL	Land North West of Tigh Na Creagan, 2 Blaich Fort William	Proposed dwelling house
14/02685/FUL	Ambulance Depot, Nevis Road, Inverlochry, Fort William	Change of Use and Alterations to Former Ambulance Depot to form Car Fire Centre
14/02707/PPP	Land 200M West of Daylesford, Banavie Fort William	Erection of 15 houses (4 affordable) - renewal of planning permission in principle reference 08/00113/OUTLO
14/02756/FUL	Nevis Range Development Co PLC, Torlundy Fort William	Construction of a single track ascent route to access the blue and green down trails most recently constructed. Alteration to access to dirt jumps approved in 2012 planning permission.
14/02789/FUL	Land 100M South of Bayview, Cleadale Isle of Eigg	Erection of new build house with septic tank
14/02816/MSC	Land to South East of Tolsta 71 Camaghal, Fort William	Proposed Dwelling House

Time period for comments is 14 days, 14/02672/LBC is 21 days
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX
Email: epanning@highland.gov.uk

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011

NEW MARINE FINFISH FARM - ATLANTIC SALMON - COMPRISING 10 X 120M PLASTIC CIRCULAR CAGES, MOORING GRID AND 220 TONNE CAPACITY CONCRETE FEED BARGE AT MACLEAN'S NOSE, LOCH SUNART, ARDNAMURCHAN

The Council has received an application from Marine Harvest Scotland Ltd. for Marine Fish Farm - Atlantic Salmon - New site comprising 12 x 120m circumference circular cages in a 75m mooring matrix and a 200 Tonne capacity C-Cap feed barge at MacLean's Nose, Loch Sunart, Ardnarmurchan (14/02568/FUL). The application is supported by an Environmental Statement.

The application and the accompanying Environmental Statement are available for public inspection between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday at the following locations -

1. Planning and Development Service, Council Offices, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness
2. Fort William Service Point

They can also be accessed online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> (search using the application number 14/02568/FUL)

Printed copies of the complete Environmental Statement can be purchased from Marine Harvest Scotland Ltd. Per Peter MacDougall, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PA33 7PT TEL: 01397 715074, at a cost of £40.00 for hard copy or £5 for CD-ROM. The Non Technical Summary can be obtained free of charge.

Any person who wishes to make a representation on the application, Environmental Statement and addendum can make them online by visiting <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> or by writing to the Head of Planning and Building Standards, ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. The deadline for receipt of comments is 28 days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Council will acknowledge receipt of comments but is unable to respond individually to points or questions raised. Please note that your comments will be published online. Please quote the application reference number in your correspondence.

J. Stuart Black, Director of Planning and Development

First Registration of a Croft

Donald McAllister has registered his croft Port A Reidhleinn, C312, Kilchoman, Islay on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 14 April 2015. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is A0521

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

James D Bilsland trading as James D Bilsland Ltd of Parkview, Croftamie, Glasgow G63 0EU is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 3 goods vehicles and 1 trailer at Oban Livestock Centre Ltd, Upper Soroba, Oban, Argyll PA34 4SD. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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BIRTHS

MACKINNON - Michael and Katie (Beggs) are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Megan Elizabeth on July 3, a second grandchild for Margaret Ann and the late Brian and fourth for Mary Liz and Ken, Barra and Oby.

DEATHS

HAMILL - Peacefully at home on July 23, 2014, aged 87, Margaret loving wife of the late Frank, mother of Isobel and Kevin, mother-in-law to Nicholas and dotting nana to Ryan. Funeral mass will take place at St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban on Friday August 1, at 10.00 am followed by a service at Cardross Crematorium at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection/donations if desired for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

MACEACHEN - Suddenly at Mains Care Home, Newtonmore on July 24, 2014, Ian MacEachen, a dear brother and uncle. R.I.P.

MACGREGOR - Suddenly at home on July 28, 2014, Aged 62, John Duncan MacGregor, beloved husband to Cathie, dear son of the late Peter and Catriona MacGregor, adored step father & papa. Funeral will take place at Oban Parish Church, Oban on Monday 4, August at 1.30pm, thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. Retiring collection/donations if desired for British Heart Foundation.

MACINTYRE - Suddenly at home on Tuesday July 22, 2014, Iain (Slippers) much loved and missed son of Wilma and the late Joe, brother of Joe and Tracy and uncle of James and Jordan. Funeral took place on Tuesday July 29 at Oban Parish Church. Donations if desired to Ryan MacPhail Fund.

MACKICHAN - Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on July 24 2014, Cameron, much beloved husband of Ann, Much loved father and grandfather. Very sadly missed. Funeral service will take place at St. Columba Gaelic Church, 300 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow on August 1, 2014 at 12 noon. Followed by committal at Clydebank Crematorium at 1.30pm. All family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK.

PRINGLE - Peacefully, at home in Ayr, on July 29, 2014, Gladys, nee Sear, formerly of Oban and Dunstaffnage, aged 93 years. Beloved wife of the late Harry, dearest mother of Alan, Eileen and the late Lillian and much loved gran, great-gran and aunt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DOHERTY - Mary and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for the sympathy and support on their sad loss of Gerry. Thank you for all cards and beautiful flowers, all such a comfort. Thanks to all hospitals and nursing staff who helped Gerry, especially Ward B in Lorn and Islands Hospital. Special thanks to Dr Astill and Dr Julie Henshelwood who looked after Gerry day and night. Thanks to Joyce Watson for her comforting service and all who helped in the church and graveyard. Thanks to Billy for efficient funeral arrangements, Neil for piping at the church and the Argyll Arms Hotel for catering. Finally to all who paid their last respects at the church and grave side. The generous sum of £405.30 was gratefully received for cancer research.

MACEACHEN - Ann, Joan

and family of the late Ian MacEachen would like to thank everyone most sincerely for cards, flowers and phone calls received on their sad loss. Thanks to Fr Roddy MacAulay for the lovely mass and visits, Mike McFall and Jamie for funeral arrangements and Corpach Hotel and to all who paid their last respects at church and grave.

MACLEAN - The family of the late Nan would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their support and thoughtful expressions of sympathy extended to them at this sad time. A special thank you to Dr Holliday, Dr Slater and the island's dedicated nursing and ambulance teams. Our sincere gratitude to Rev. Bruce Neill and Lachlan MacKinnon for their comforting service and to the organist, Joyce MacInnes. With grateful thanks to the Cop for all funeral arrangements. Finally, thank you to all island and mainland friends who came and paid their last respects at Heilipol Church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £1250 in aid of Tیره Parish Church.

MACLEAN - The family of the late Ray MacLean would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy during their sad loss. Grateful thanks to Belford Hospital for their excellent care and kindness, thanks also to everyone at Ballachulish Medical Centre for their care over the years and also the local carers. Many thanks to Rev Anne Winning for conducting such a beautiful service, to John McLellan & Company, Funeral Directors, also Ballachulish Hotel for such an excellent buffet. Finally, thanks to all who attended the service and graveside. It was very much appreciated.

STODDART - Neil and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and support shown to them following the recent sad loss of Fiona, a dear wife, mother and granny. Special thanks to Mike McFall, Fr Donald MacKinnon, Caol Community Centre and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations received have gone to Inververie Resident's Fund.

MEMORIAMS

BARRY - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dad and grand-dad John, who passed away August 1, 2002. There is a bridge of memories From here to heaven above That keeps you close to us It's called the bridge of love. Sadly missed.

GILLIES - In loving memory of our dear mother, grand-mother and great-grand-mother May, who was so suddenly taken from us on August 1, 2013. While you dear mother rest and sleep Your loving memory we'll always keep

- Love Theresa, Iain, Catherine, Laura, Richard, Seamus and Sorcha.

GILLIES - May, Beloved mum, granny and great-granny, who died August 1, 2013. No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye You were gone before we knew and only God can tell us why. - Much love Donald, Anne, Martin, Paul, Kayleigh and Theo.

GILLIES - May Gillies. In loving memory of a dear mum who died August 1, 2013. We never said goodbye mum But that was just as well We never could have said

goodbye To one we loved so well. - Love Angela and David.

KENNEDY - Precious memories of Vincent. Gone are the days we used to share

But in our hearts you are always there Never more than a thought away Loved and remembered every day

- From all the boys and girls, loved always.

LIVINGSTONE - Treasured memories of Duncan, dearly loved husband, dad, grand-dad and father-in-law who passed away July 30, 2009. Time passes memories stay loved and remembered every day

- Mary, Gregor, Stuart, Claire, Kaya, Abbie and Rowan.

MACCOLL - In loving memory of Ronald Graham who passed away in his home at Feochan Cottages, Kilmore on July 30, 2009.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny Alda, who passed away July 28, 2013. If roses grow in Heaven Lord please pick a bunch for us Place them in our mothers arms And tell her they're from us Tell her that we love and miss her

And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while Because remembering her is easy

We do it every day But there's an ache within our hearts That will never go away - Your loving family

MACPHERSON - Raymond. Tragically died August 4, 2001. Loved and remembered always. R.I.P.

- Love Mum, dad, sisters, nieces and nephews.

McCOMBIE - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, mother-in-law and granny Cathie who died on July 27, 1990. No need for words except to say Still loved and remembered every day

- Bert and family.

McLACHLAN - In loving memory of my darling Maria, passed away August 2, 2008. Loved and remembered every day

Sorely missed. - Mum, Colin and Angela.xx

MORRISON - In loving memory of dad and grandpa Hughie, died July 31, 2013. Always remembered.

- Calum, Sandra, Joanna, Dom, and grandchildren.

Thought for the week

May God answer your prayers

DEAR Friends, I am sure that many of us have been remembering in prayer the families and nations which were touched with the shooting down of the aircraft over the Ukraine.

Prayer is going on for the wars, famines and other disasters all the time. Prayer is going on for the distribution of the Penny Gospel - A special edition of Luke's Gospel with inspiring stories of sporting men and women who believe their faith is worth more than gold.

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We are promised that prayer brought in Jesus' name will be answered.

Today as you read this someone may be praying for you. May God answer your prayers and bless you and your family. Psalm 118: 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Bill Harvey

Oban's Furan prepares for Blas Festival

OBAN'S Gaelic centre, Furan, will play host to an evening of Scottish and Irish poetry, music and song, as part of the forthcoming Blas Festival.

The event, Cuairt nam Bàrd, on September 9 in the Corran Hall will feature Simon O Faolain, Dairena Ni Chinneide, Tony MacRuairi, Megan

NicRuairi, Morag MacNeil and Oban and Lorn's finest young traditional musicians from the Fèis Latharna Cèilidh Trail.

The Blas Festival, which promotes Gaelic culture and takes place between September 5 - 13 across Argyll and the west Highlands, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.



Superintendent Matthew Ramsay, right, the Fishermen's Mission port officer for Kintyre and Oban played host to the Mission's Pastor last week. The Rev George Ayoma, based in Fleetwood, visited Oban, Tarbert and Campbeltown and met representatives from the Argyll fishing community.

Wyxex Media Reader Supermarket Survey winners announced

THE OBAN Times and its sister titles have thanked readers who helped complete a recent Reader's Supermarket Survey by gifting five vouchers £25 worth of M&S winners.

The survey was run earlier this summer in conjunction with Media Force.

The winners are as follows:

The Arran Banner - Mrs Ahl-lanna Taylor, Bridge of Weir. The Oban Times - Mr Ian Keen-Smith, Dunbeg, Oban; Miss Fiona Mackinnon, Kirkcaldy; Tیره; Elizabeth Smith, Spean Bridge. Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser - Miss Joanna Wallace, Glasgow.

Parish picnic until the rain came



The Parish of St John's in Caol, pictured in Glen Nevis, where they held their first parish picnic which they managed to complete before the weather changed and the rain came.

GRADUATIONS



Cameron Alasdair MacKenzie Graduated, BSc (Joint Hons) Physics with Teaching, from University of Strathclyde. Eldest son of Bill and Isobel MacKenzie, Lochyde. Grandson of late Alasdair and Dolly MacKenzie, Kinlochleven, and late Wattie and Margaret Adam, Inverlochly. Former pupil of Caol Primary and Lochaber High School. Cameron takes up teaching post in Aberdeenshire.



Elizabeth Jane Turner, Graduated, BSc (Joint Hons) Mathematics with Teaching, from University of Strathclyde. Eldest Daughter of Nicola Turner and Kenneth Clark, Grand-daughter of the late Ian and Mig McLuskey. Former pupil of Inverlochly Primary and Lochaber High School. Elizabeth takes up teaching post in Inverness.



Leith Livingstone BSc International Relations (Hons) graduated from The Open University with LLB English Law (Hons). A former pupil of Appin Primary and Oban High School currently studying towards a Masters of Science in Conflict & Development.



Robyn MacFarlane, daughter of Colin & Catriona MacFarlane, grand-daughter of Calum & Mary MacFarlane and Hamish & Teresa Hoy graduated from Strathclyde University with a BED (Hons) in Primary Education. Robyn is a former pupil of Park Primary School and Oban High School. She will soon begin her probationary year at Pitlochry Primary School.



Craig Stoddart son of Carolyn and John Stoddart formerly of Kilmelford, graduated recently from Edinburgh University with LLB Honours in Law. Craig is a former pupil of Kilniver Primary and Oban High School.



Christopher Bryce graduated from Strathclyde University with a masters degree in Physics with specialisation in Solid State Physics. Christopher is hoping to go on and do a PhD in Nanoscience. Eldest son of Deborah and Gregor Bryce, former pupil of Dalmlally primary and Oban High School.

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Young Saints' team snatch last gasp winner against old rivals Greenock

Campbell will be in plaster for six weeks

Pre-season friendly
Oban Saints 3
Greenock HSFP 2

OBAN Saints and Greenock High School Former Pupils produced a thoroughly enjoyable and highly entertaining 90 minutes of football at Glencruitten last Saturday with the home team winning a close game 3-2. However, the win came at a cost as it was discovered that Donnie Campbell, who had to leave the



OUT OF ACTION: Donnie Campbell will have his foot in plaster for six weeks.

FOOTBALL

field after only 20 minutes, has a broken metatarsal in his left foot and will be in plaster and on crutches for six weeks. This is a major blow to the Oban club with the start of the season only three weeks away.

The home side were without several senior players who are still away on holiday but the young squad that took the field gave as good as they got against an experienced Greenock outfit who had former Kilmarnock, Queen of the South and Stranraer central defender Shaun Dillon in their ranks along with present Scottish Amateur international midfielder Jamie Bradley.

The visitors opened strongly and forced Saints keeper Graham Douglas into making two good early saves.

The Oban side lost the services of Paul Kerr with a nasty mouth injury in the first five minutes of the match. Paul has had to go for emergency dental treatment.

After a slow start Saints came roaring back into the game and came close through Donnie Campbell and had an Allan



UNDER PRESSURE: The Greenock defence clear their lines during last Saturday's game against Saints at Glencruitten

MacKay 'goal' correctly ruled out for offside.

Saints took the lead in the 23rd minute when young Stuart Alexander got on the end of a Craig MacEwan cross to fire the ball home.

Minutes after coming on for Donnie Campbell, Martin Bonar had a great chance to put his team further in front but he headed over the bar from close range.

However, Martin made up for his earlier miss in the 37th minute when he forced his way past the Greenock defence to

tuck away a cross from Lewis Cameron.

The visitors pulled a goal back just before half time when Gary Loughran fired home a well-taken goal with a low shot from the corner of the box.

The high tempo of the first half continued after the interval with both sides playing some good football.

After several half chances for both sides the visitors drew level in the 75th minute taking advantage of a goalkeeping error which allowed Alan McCabe to slot the ball home from close

range. Craig MacEwan thought he had scored with a perfectly timed near post header from a Lewis Cameron corner in the 82nd minute but the ball was cleared off the line.

However, with the clock ticking down Allan MacKay ensured that Saints kept their 100 per cent record in this annual fixture when he got on the end of a David Beaton cross in the 85th minute to send a looping header over the goalkeeper and into the net to make the final score 3-2. This was an excellent workout

for both sets of players as they gear up for their respective league and cup campaigns.

Saints' secretary David Buchanan, in charge of the team in the absence of manager Iain Jackson who is on holiday, was happy with the result and the way the team played.

He said: 'It was a competitive game, just what we expected. I thought we played well at times and all the boys worked really hard. The new players are settling in well and will get better the more games they play. 'We lost our shape a wee bit

after the injuries to Paul and Donnie but the boys battled away and we got the win.'

Saints continue their build up this Saturday when they take on Central Scottish League outfit Ashfield Victoria. The match will be played on Glen 2 with a 2pm kick-off. Referee in charge is John Scott. The following Saturday Saints play their final pre-season game when they face Tyncastle at Glen 2. The Glasgow side have former Rangers player Charlie Miller and ex-Aberdeen front man Robbie Winters in their set-up.



Dalmally

THE annual Lady Captains Day was held on July 23 on a glorious afternoon with 26 ladies taking part.

The format was a Greensome competition which had very close results, five groups having the same score.

After golf the ladies' committee served a formal dinner which they had prepared. Ann Colthart, lady captain, thanked all the ladies for their continued support and everyone thanked the greenkeeping staff for presenting the course in such excellent condition.

Results: 1 Maud Marshall and Barbara Robertson; 2 Colleen Brown and Anne Munro; 3 Wilma Frew and Marjory Gifford; 4 Janet Buchanan and Ann Foyle; 5 Eileen Hill and Lily MacKay. Nearest the pin Caroline Manson.

Taynuilt

Ladies: Club Championship 3rd round (HC) + Medal played July 22: 1 Anne S MacCalman 66 (18); 2 Mairead Sim 66 (15); 3 Jane M MacIntyre 67 (28).

Club Championship (HC): 1 Anne S MacCalman 208 (66 70 72); 2 Mairead Sim 209 (66 70 73); 3 Carol MacLarty 212 (66 71 73).

Gents: Club Championship 4th round (SC) + Collaig Cup 2nd round played July 27: 1 Jim Carmichael 61 (09); 2 Andrew Diggory 63 (05) 3 Mark Grant 63 (16).

Club Championship 4th round (SC) played July 27: 1 Andrew Diggory 68; 2 Jim Carmichael 70; 3 David Howie 71. Collaig Cup: 1 Kenny MacGregor 121 (56 65); 2 Alan Wilson 122 (59 63); 3 Andrew Diggory 126 (63 63).

Club Champion: 1 Andrew Diggory 262 (63 64 67 68); 2 David Howie 283 (70 71 71 71); 3 Mark Henriksen 288 (69 72 72 75).

Tobermory

MEN'S Section Centenary Trophy 3rd round - 1 Ross Kirsop 75-12-63; 2 Tom Nunn 76-13-63; 3 Ross Laurie 82-19-63.

Ladies: MacBrayne Cup - 1 Margaret Ingram 98-24-74; 2 Kath McAdam 94-20-74; 3 Catherine Ann MacCrone 101-25-76.

Isle of Seil

MIXED Texas Scramble: July 9 - 1 Mary Phillips, Brien Dickey, John Taylor.

Stableford: July 19 - 1 Geo Adam (best inward 9 holes); 2 Colin Campbell.

Highland Arts Burns Trophy. July 27. Abandoned after nine holes due to very heavy rain. The nine hole results were - 1 Geo Adam; 2 and Ladies winner Donna Campbell.

Longest drive: Ladies - Donna Campbell. Gents - Mark McDougall. Nearest the pin 4th David Nathan, nearest the pin 8th David Nathan. Least putts Donna Campbell.

Fort William

GENTS: On Saturday July 26 a Versus Par competition was played with the following result: Winner Alistair Matheson, one up; Runner-up Calum MacQueen, all square.

Ladies: On Tuesday July 22 a medal and eclectic competition was played with the following result:

1 Kathleen Leitch net 68 (83 - 15); 2 Iona Cameron net 69 (86 - 17); 3 Kay Jerram net 76 (100 - 24).

Inverness Shinty Club hold six-a-side tournament

SHINTY

INVERNESS Shinty Club held their six-a-side tournament last Sunday at Bught Park, Inverness.

Twenty-eight teams and 224 players contested the three competitions, the men competing for the Jubilee Shield and the Rosedeane Shield. The Alastair Gow Shield was the prize for the winning women's team and the Ken Ross Trophy for the Under 14s.

A number of new teams competed including Oban Celtic at Under 14 level and Skye in the women's competition.

As part of their Scotland tour, both CSM (Camborne School of Mines) and the English Shinty Association put forward teams in women's and men's.

The new men's teams were Aberdeen, Caithness, Inverness-Shire, Loch Ness and The Broncos.

Results are as follows: Ken Ross Trophy for Under 14s (five teams) - Kingussie 3, Oban Celtic 0, Scott Mossman, Oban Celtic - Murdo MacLean Player of the Tournament.

Alistair Gow Shield for Women (10 teams) - Glasgow Mid Argyll 3, Strathspey and Badenoch 2, Rachel McCafferty, GMA - Murdo MacLean Player of the Tournament (women).

Jubilee Shield (13 teams) - The Broncos 1, Caberfeidh 0, Kyle Macdonald, Broncos - Murdo MacLean Player of the Tournament (men).

Rosedeane Shield for Early Exit Teams - Edinburgh University 1 Inverness-shire 0.

Inverness Shinty Club would like to thank all the teams taking part and the following referees - Neil Ferguson, Calum Girvan, Evan MacRae, Jock Mathison and Archie Ritchie.

Summer soccer camp proves to be another big success

YOUTH FOOTBALL

BUDDING soccer stars had the chance to live the life of a professional footballer last week, at a summer soccer camp in Oban.

The players, aged from nine to 15, had the chance to take their skills to the next level as they lived in a team environment for five days, learning key football, fitness and life skills.

Staying at Oban High School Youth Hostel from Monday to Friday, the children were responsible for the day-to-day chores

that are expected of a full-time youth player, as well as learning about sports science, fitness testing, nutritional and hydration advice, sports psychology and lifestyle management.

Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute council's football development officer, said: 'It gives children the opportunity to experience a full week in a more intense environment, like the training you would receive at a full-time club. As well as the football

training, in the hostel they have to stick to a regime, so it's giving them some discipline and helping them learn valuable life skills.'

'It gives the kids from the islands a chance to experience playing with a larger group of boys as well.'

'This year, as well as lads from the Oban area, we've had guys from Coll, Mull, Islay, Arran, and there's a lad from Newcastle too - last year we even had two



STARS OF THE FUTURE: Pictured are the fledgling football stars on the final day of the soccer camp at Oban community sports field

Ardrishaig angler picks up silverware in the Western Isles

ANGLING

ARDRISHAIG angler Nikki Thomson brought home the silverware from the Outer Hebrides to Argyll as the top lady angler in two separate competitions held recently on the Isle of Lewis.

Temperatures soared for the one-day Highland and Islands Open event held out of Carloway on the west side of the island.

This took the form of a flatfish and ray only competition, which attracted sea anglers from as far afield as Inverness, Orkney and Liverpool.

Nikki's prize-winning catch included dabs, spotted, cuckoo and thornback rays of various sizes.

This was followed by the two-day Western Isles Open also fished out of Carloway. While most in-size fish scored in this competition, it was the range of species that attracted valuable points. The Atlantic waters proved to be the perfect hunting ground, offering anglers a diverse range including cod, ling, haddock, whiting, lsd, dab, turbot, gurnard, conger, spurs, megrim, scad, cuckoo wrasse and many more.

Day one was fished in cloudy but warm conditions and was in



CATCH OF THE DAY: Ardrishaig angler Nikki Thomson

stark contrast to the torrential rain of day two. The weather did not detract from the fishing, however, and at the end of the match a combination of species and quantity over the two days secured Nikki, a member of Loch Fyne SAC, her second top lady angler award.

Jock Paul Mackintosh Sixes

SHINTY

THE annual Jock Paul Mackintosh Veterans 6's are back again and will be taking place at The Eilan, Newtonmore on Sunday August 17.

For those still wishing to enter a team, there are spaces left so get in touch with Paul MacArthur ASAP to secure a spot on 07851 808643 or at pmacarthur@hotmail.com. The cost per team is £40 (this is

half the price of previous years) and can be paid on the day.

All participants must be 40 years old or over and no longer playing competitive shinty.

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Newtonmore and Kyles will contest Macaulay Cup final

Orion Group Premiership

KINLOCHSHIEL will play hosts to Glenurquhart this Saturday, and will be hoping for full points as they aim to escape the relegation zone.

The team sit second bottom of the Orion Group Premiership, having lost 4-1 at the weekend to bottom side Lochaber.

The win for Lochaber means there is only a point between the two sides, with Kinlochshiel having a game in hand.

Keith MacRae managed to pull a goal back for Kinlochshiel on Saturday after going two down, but losing three goals in 10 minutes proved too costly for them in the end.

Saturday's game with Glenurquhart will throw-up at 2.30pm at Kirkton.

GLENURQUHART face Kinlochshiel this Saturday, and will be looking for full points to continue their title hopes.

The side currently sit third in the Orion Group Premiership, equal with second place Lovat on 17 points and two behind top side Newtonmore.

David Smart and Lewis MacLennan found the scoresheet for Glenurquhart on Saturday in a 2-0 away win against Inveraray.

The game with Kinlochshiel will throw-up at 2.30pm, in Balmacara.

KYLES maintained their defence of the Artemis Macaulay Cup with a 3-0 semi-final win over Oban Camanachd at Mossfield.

Grant Irvine scored after 13 minutes to shock the home side before Duncan Kerr and Roddy MacDonald struck killer blows early in the second half.

It's back to league duty for Kyles, who host championship-chasing Lovat in Tighnabruich.

With games in hand and a points tally that will see them well clear of the relegation zone, it will likely be another mid-table finish for the Argyll side.

LOVAT will travel to Tighnabruich on Saturday, to face Kyles Athletic in the Orion Group Premiership.

The side are currently joint second in the league, two points behind top team Newtonmore, who beat them 3-1 on Saturday in the MacAulay Cup semi-final.

A goal from Greg Matheson five minutes from time was

too little, too late for Lovat, as a first half goal then two in four minutes in the second half from Newtonmore put the game beyond them.

Saturday's game against Kyles will throw-up at 2.30pm.

KINGUSSIE will meet top team Newtonmore in the Orion Group Premiership this Friday in an evening fixture.

Manager Russel Jones was approached by Newtonmore to have the Friday fixture to accommodate the Newtonmore Highland Games, and was happy with the arrangement.

Jones said: 'The game should be a good spectacle and I would imagine there'll be a big crowd there, given that it's a Friday night game.'

'Apart from Fraser Munro, who is suspended for one more game, we should have a full squad.'

'The boys are looking forward to it. They had last Saturday off and a couple of training sessions during the week, so they're ready.'

The match will throw up at 6.30pm in Kingussie.

NEWTONMORE are in the final of the Macaulay Cup, after a 3-1 victory over Lovat at the weekend.

Goals from Danny MacRae and an Evan Menzies double secured the win, meaning they will now take on Kyles in the final on August 23 at Mossfield Park.

Manager P J Mackintosh said: 'I thought the boys played very well.'

'Lovat only managed one shot on target the whole game, which is an outstanding display from our defence, and the midfield was excellent too.'

'We managed three good goals but had a lot of shots saved too, so it really could have been more.'

'The final will be another big game for us and it's never an easy game against Kyles.'

'Usually our games with them are decided by a goal either way, so it should be a good match.'

This Friday, Mackintosh's side will face Kingussie, and will be hoping to extend their lead at the top of the Orion Group Premiership, where they are currently two points ahead of second place Lovat.

Friday's game will throw up at 6.30pm.

INVERARAY have only two games left in their 2014 season after losing 2-0 to Glenurquhart last Saturday.

The Royal Burgh have no senior match this weekend but their junior team face The Scots in the semi-final of the Bullough Cup.

LOCHABER beat Kinlochshiel on Saturday in the league, for their first win of the season.

While they remain bottom of the table, the win puts them only one point behind second bottom Kinlochshiel.

Goals from Stuart Callison and a Shaun Nicolson hat-trick secured the win.

Manager Robert Johnson said: 'I'm very proud of the lads for rising to the occasion.'

'We've created tons of chances all season but just haven't been taking them, but thankfully on Saturday we managed to change that.'

'I'm delighted for Shaun getting his goals as he's had a bit of a dry spell, but Saturday was really about the whole team's performance.'

The side have no fixture this weekend.



DELIGHT: Ewan Menzies scored two goals for Newtonmore in their 3-1 win over Lovat in the Artemis Macaulay Cup semi-final. Team mates Mike Russell (left) and Callum Stewart show their delight. Photo: Neil Paterson

National Division

FORT WILLIAM have the chance to go to the top of the Marine Harvest National Division this weekend, if they take full points against Beaulieu.

The team are one point behind Oban Camanachd with a game in hand, and with Oban having a free week it is a chance for Adi Robertson's side to overtake them into the top spot.

Fort William beat Glasgow Mid Argyll 8-0 on Saturday at home, with four goals scored by 16-year-old Alex MacMillan.

Robertson said: 'I'm very pleased, it's a great result and it was a good performance, particularly in the second half.'

'Alex MacMillan is a really good player and still just 16. The goals he scored were excellent.'

'His first goal was a really good strike and the other three were clever and he showed great positioning.'

Looking forward to Saturday's tie with Beaulieu at home, Robertson said: 'We beat them in our first game of the season, but they've had some good and some indifferent results.'

'Although we will be very wary of them, we are concentrating mainly on what it is we can do.'

The game has a throw-up time of 2.30pm.

GLENORCHY will take on Kilmallie this weekend, and are looking for their third win of the season.

The side were defeated 6-0 by Caberfeidh on Saturday away from home, losing three goals in the first half and three

SHINTY

in the second.

John Smith's men currently sit second-bottom of the Marine Harvest National Division, six points clear of Bute.

Saturday's game will throw-up at 2.30pm in Dalmally.

KILMALLIE travelled to Bute on Saturday in the Marine Harvest National Division, and had to settle for a point against the league's bottom side.

A 68th-minute goal from Bute's Hector Whitelaw cancelled out John Stewart's 10th-minute opener for Kilmallie, giving Bute their first point of the season.

The draw leaves Kilmallie joint second in the league, equal with Fort William and Beaulieu on 15 points, but having played one game more than Fort and two less than Beaulieu.

This Saturday, Kilmallie will travel to face Glenorchy, who currently sit second-bottom of the table.



ACTION: Oban Camanachd's David Lafferty and Kyles Athletic's Duncan Kerr in action during the Artemis Macaulay Cup semi-final at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday. The Tighnabruich side ran out 3-0 winners. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

LOCHSIDE ROVERS boss Iain MacIntyre insists his team's next derby match with Oban Celtic will be 'a different game', following their 3-0 defeat last Saturday.

MacIntyre said he was disappointed with his side's lack of concentration and focus but conceded Celtic were by far the better team on the day.

He said: 'We have to take a good look at ourselves after that result.'

'Celtic played really well - I thought Alan McInnes and Lee Askew were key men for them - but our key men didn't turn up.'

'For the first 15 minutes we looked as good as I've seen them play but then we lost concentration and it looked as if they were more up for it than we were.'

One Lochside player who came away with credit was stand-in goalkeeper Brian MacCallum, who made a number of crucial saves, including one from a penalty.

The rivalry between the two sides was evident as MacIntyre went to congratulate the Celtic side at full time.

As MacIntyre went to congratulate Oban Celtic president and manager David Hamilton, he commented Celtic had seemed 'fired up' for the game.

Hamilton replied that MacIntyre had done that for him and handed over an *Oban Times* cutting showing an earlier comment from MacIntyre saying he believed Lochside would win the derby.

OBAN CELTIC manager David Hamilton is looking for the same 'fight and desire' from his players in their next match as was shown on Saturday, where they took full points against local rivals Lochside Rovers.

Goals from Alan MacInnes, Damian MacIntyre and Lee Askew sealed a 3-0 win, with full-back Ian McFarlane suffering a fractured arm in the fifth minute, but playing on through the pain barrier to finish the game.

Hamilton said: 'I really didn't have to motivate the boys with it being a local derby.'

'We didn't have it all our own way, it was pretty equal until half-time, but in the second half we came into our own.'

'Lochside's sending off certainly didn't help them and we managed to run out comfortable winners in the end.'

'It's just a pity you don't get more points for a local derby win.'

This Saturday, Hamilton's side play host to Aberdour in another league tie.

He said: 'They have become a stuffy team, had some good results this year and they're not the pushover they used to be.'

'I'm looking for the same fight and desire as the lads

showed on Saturday. They all played their part.'

The game starts at 2.30pm.

KILMORY secured a draw against Taynuilt at the weekend in front of a home crowd.

Alister MacArthur and Gordon Watt each scored for the Lochgilphead side who are currently sitting third from the bottom of the South Division One League table.

With only two games remaining this season, Kilmory will be desperate to secure two points in Saturday's fixture against Ballachulish in a bid to avoid relegation.

The away game kicks off at 5pm.

Boys as young as 13 showed what they were made of on the shinty pitch on Saturday as STRACHUR'S youngsters put five past the on-form Ballachulish.

John Montgomery was forced to turn to the club's under 14 team in a bid to fulfil the fixture but the youngsters surpassed all expectations and helped the Cowal men to their most convincing win of the season so far.

'We were eight short and so had a mixture of young, old and very old,' Montgomery said.

John's son, Ross Montgomery, secured what he described as two 'well taken' goals in the game, despite being just 13 years old.

Strachur's other goals came from Brian Dickie and Duncan Smart (2) ensuring the game ended 5-2 in favour of the away side.



MAIN MAN: Kyles Athletic's Robert Zavaroni was voted man of the match in the Macaulay Cup semi-final against Oban Camanachd. Photo: Kevin McGlynn



Fixtures

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(18.30 Throw Up)

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at Bught Park, Inverness
Lovat v Kyles Athletic
David Stafford
at The Jubilee, Ballachulish

Bullough Cup semi final
The Scots v Inveraray
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Graham Cameron
Strathglass v Kingussie
Evan MacRae

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Ballachulish v Kilmory
Innes Wood 5pm
Oban Celtic v Aberdour
Lachie Wood
Strachur v Taynuilt
Billy Wotherspoon

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Lochcarron v Skye
Calum Girvan

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Bute v Tayforth
Ronnie Campbell
Col Glen v Glasgow MA
Colin MacDonald

Marine Harvest North Division 3
Strathspey v Lewis
Archie Ritchie
Lochbroom v Kilmallie
John Matheson

(All throw ups 2.30 unless)

Results

Friday 25 July
Marine Harvest North Division 1
Newtonmore 5 - 1 Beaulieu
Inverness 1 - 9 Kingussie

Saturday 26 July
Artemis Macaulay Cup semi finals
Oban Cam 0 - 3 Kyles Athletic
Newtonmore 3 - 1 Lovat

Bullough Plate, semi final
Aberdour 2 - 0 English SA

Orion Group Premiership
Lochaber 4 - 1 Kinlochshiel
Inveraray 0 - 2 Glenurquhart

Marine Harvest National Division
Bute 1 - 1 Kilmallie
Caberfeidh 6 - 0 Glenorchy
Fort William 8 - 0 Glasgow MA

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Lovat 2 - 5 Skye
Glenurquhart 2 - 0 Strathglass

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Aberdour 2 - 5 Strachur
Kilmory 2 - 2 Taynuilt
Kyles Ath 1 - 1 Ballachulish
Lochside 0 - 3 Oban Celtic

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Aberdeen Un 3 - 4 Fort William
Lochcarron 5 - 3 Lochaber
Kinlochshiel 3 - 1 Skye

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Glenorchy P - P Col Glen
Col Glen unable to field a team
Ballachulish P - P Tayforth
Ballachulish unable to field a team
Inveraray P - P Bute
Bute unable to field a team

Marine Harvest North Division 3
Lewis 3 - 0 Caberfeidh
Kilmallie 3 - 5 Inverness



HOLDS OFF: Glenorchy's Findley Ross holds off Caberfeidh's Craig Morrison during last Saturday's National Division game at Strathpeffer. Cabers won 6-0. Photo: Donald Cameron

The Orion Group Premiership							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	11	9	1	1	30	12	19
Lovat	11	7	3	1	27	13	17
Glenurquhart	13	7	3	3	22	13	17
Kingussie	12	6	1	5	26	25	13
Kyles Athletic	10	4	2	4	16	17	10
Inveraray	12	3	3	6	17	25	9
Kinlochshiel	12	2	1	9	18	31	5
Lochaber	13	1	2	10	17	37	4

Marine Harvest National Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oban Camanachd	9	8	0	1	26	6	16
Fort William	9	8	7	1	41	8	15
Kilmallie	10	7	1	2	39	15	15
Beaulieu	12	7	1	4	33	18	15
Caberfeidh	12	4	1	7	28	36	9
Glasgow MA	10	4	0	6	20	28	8
Glenorchy	12	2	1	9	12	45	5
Bute	11	0	1	10	6	49	-1

Bute docked two points for failing to fulfil a fixture

Marine Harvest North Division 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Skye	8	8	0	0	28	3	16
Newtonmore	11	7	1	3	34	12	15
Strathglass	12	6	1	5	31	27	13
Beaulieu	11	5	1	5	27	30	11
Glenurquhart	9	4	2	3	18	19	10
Kingussie	10	4	1	5	30	30	7
Lovat	10	2	0	8	16	35	4
Inverness	11	1	2	8	19	47	4

Kingussie docked two points for failing to fulfil a fixture

Marine Harvest South Division 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kyles Athletic	11	6	3	2	35	14	15
Ballachulish	9	5	4	0	27	11	14
Lochside Rovers	12	5	3	4	30	32	13
Aberdour	9	5	2	2	25	19	12
Oban Celtic	10	3	3	4	13	25	9
Strachur	10	3	2	5	15	22	8
Kilmory	12	2	2	8	16	26	6
Taynuilt	9	1	3	5	21	33	5

Marine Harvest North Division 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fort William	11	9	0	2	41	19	18
Glenary	12	8	1	3	24	21	17
Lochcarron	10	6	1	3	27	25	13
Lochaber	12	5	1	6	35	30	11
Kinlochshiel	13	5	3	5	27	27	11
Boleskine	13	5	0	8	29	41	10
Aberdeen Uni	13	2	3	8	25	37	7
Skye	10	2	1	7	18	26	5

Kinlochshiel docked two points for failing to fulfil a fixture

Marine Harvest South Division 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tayforth	12	10	1	1	44	9	21
Inveraray	11	9	2	0	40	7	20
Col Glen	11	5	2	4	36	18	11
Glasgow MA	10	5	1	4	33	21	11
Bute	9	4	1	4	17	21	9
Ballachulish	11	4	0	7	19	36	8
Glenorchy	10	2	0	8	12	29	4
Aberdour	12	0	1	11	9	69	1

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Susan disappointed as she fails to pick up a marathon medal

'Other girls were just a bit stronger than me on the day and I couldn't hang on.'

ARGYLL runner Susan Partridge admitted she was disappointed not to be in amongst the medals at the end of the Commonwealth Games women's marathon.

But having recorded her second best ever time for a marathon at the Glasgow event on Sunday there is little more the 34-year-old Team Scotland member could have done.

She finished with a time of 2:32.18, just short of her personal best of 2:30.46.

Having kept up with the early pace the Benderloch woman, who now lives in Leeds, ran out of steam and finished a creditable sixth position.

She told *The Oban Times*: "There was a chance of a medal and in hindsight it would take many factors to change to put myself in a medal position."

"On a different day the marathon can go completely differently."

"I have beaten the girl that came in third [Jess Trengove of Australia] before so the bronze medalist is not a completely different class of athlete, which you could say about the winner [Flomena Cheyech Daniel of Kenya]."

"The medal was the right aim for me and I am a bit disappointed but there is nothing I could have done differently on Sunday."

"Other girls were just a bit stronger than me on the day and I couldn't hang on."

Susan admits the roar of the home crowd helped get her through the race and described running in front of a home crowd as 'special'.

"I haven't experienced anything like it," said the former Oban high school pupil.

"I have been to a few major championships but not one in the UK, because I just missed

MARATHON

out on Team GB at the London Olympics.

"The Glasgow crowd was giving everyone a cheer but it definitely got louder when I was passing."

"I think people appreciated that I didn't sit back and cruise through the race. I tried to get up there and get in a medal position."

"The cheers make a difference but when they are shouting your name, it is a cheer directed at you and it gets the adrenalin going."

With an athlete's pass, Susan has been able to take in some of the highlights at Hampden Park.

"It seems like Hampden is full every night and you get the feeling that Glasgow has really embraced the games."

Triathlon successes

South Uist girl Kerry MacPhee, better known for her triathlon successes, finished 14th in the women's mountain bike cross country.

And Scotland's men's trap shooting team was entirely made up of west Highland men, John MacDonald of Acharacle and Jonathan Reid, who is originally from Tarbert, Loch Fyne.

Adopted Highlander Shaun Rider, who was representing England, made the final of the men's shot putt at the beginning of the week and finished in 10th place.

The 37-year-old PE teacher and Highland games regular had travelled to Inveraray the previous week to win the World Caber Tossing Championship when many of his team-mates were settling into the athletes' village.

The total tally for Team Scotland medals has surpassed the previous record of 33.



MARATHON WOMAN: Susan Partridge finished sixth in the marathon after keeping up with the leaders for much of the race

Photo: Stephen Lawson

Campbeltown wrestler loses out on a bronze medal

WRESTLING

A CAMPBELTOWN wrestler narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in this year's Commonwealth Games.

Fiona Robertson, who was competing for Scotland in the 48kg freestyle category, lost her bronze medal match against Rebecca Muambo of Cameroon.

Fiona's twin sister, Donna, was also competing for Scotland in the same category but lost to Muambo in the quarter finals.

The 45-year-old twins are now based in Hamilton.

Week-long camp for pony club members

HORSE RIDING

SEVEN members of North Argyll Pony Club joined Perth Hunt Pony Club at its annual week-long camp at Perth Racecourse.

This would not have been possible without a generous donation from the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund.

The girls gained invaluable tuition and training preparing them for the forthcoming Pony Club Area Interbranch competition at Kerriemuir, where their members will be competing in show jumping, dressage and eventing over the three-day competition.

Connel rink wins Innesfree Trophy

BOWLS

THE annual Innesfree Trophy took place on Sunday July 27 at Oban Bowling Club.

The weather was wet at the start of play, however, as the afternoon progressed the sun found its way onto the green.

The Innesfree Trophy was presented by the late Donnie MacFarlane and is a triples competition. Oban is divided into areas and the teams are selected by residence.

Seven teams took part in an enjoyable afternoon with the winners, Norrie Etherson, Gordon Cruickshank and John Fairlie, from the Connel area.

Pre-season friendly for Oban Athletic

FOOTBALL

OBAN Athletic start their pre-season programme on Saturday with a match against Thorn Athletic from the premier division of the Paisley and District League.

The game will be played at the rugby pitch with a 2pm kick-off. Athletic have a new-look team from last year including several players coming in from the Oban Saints youth set up so this will be good experience for the young side.

Referee for the game will be Jimmy Litster from Lochgilphead.

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Lochgilphead 3G pitch controversy

PARTICIPATION in hockey accounts for nine per cent of the overall take up of after-school sport at Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed as it lays another hockey surface at the school.

The local authority decided to lay 40mm Tiger Turf - which does not allow for contact rugby - on the old 2G pitch despite figures showing it is the most frequently played sport at the campus.

Statistics obtained via a Freedom of Information request, also show rugby is the second most popular after school sport.

Figures for the 2013/14 academic year show rugby accounted for 25 per cent of after-school sport, tennis nine per cent and shinty 57 per cent.

For the same period, the number of coaching sessions for hockey was 21, tennis 16 (the club was only set up in January), 48 for shinty and 54 for rugby.

The figures do not take into account use of the campus outwith school hours when it is used by Inveraray Shinty Club, Red Star Football Club, Lochfyneside Football Club and Lochgilphead Soccer Centre.

ALL-WEATHER PITCH

There are no hockey clubs in Mid Argyll.

The council's decision to replace the 2G surface at Lochgilphead Joint Campus with Tiger Turf was met with outrage as the majority of sports clubs in Mid Argyll would prefer a 60mm 3G surface. On this rugby, shinty and football can be played.

Duncan Aitken, who is the volunteer rugby coach at the after school sessions, said: "Why go for the option that suits the minority when the majority have to compromise, that's what I don't understand."

"I think this is because it doesn't cost the council any money; it's ABC Schools that will pay for it, perhaps they are doing it for as cheap as possible."

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: "The new third generation pitch supports the use by pupils at Lochgilphead Joint Campus with additional community use out of school hours."

"The council is providing a brand new 3G surface which will satisfy as many competing demands as possible."

Bob lying eighth

DEFENDING champion Robert MacIntyre was lying in joint eighth in the Scottish Boys Open Stroke Play Championship as *The Oban Times* went to press.

The event is currently being played at Cruden Bay, Aberdeen.

Glencruitten Golf Club member Robert could only manage joint sixth in the recent Golf Data Lab Scottish Youths Open Championship, in which he was also defending champion. He currently sits fourth on the Scottish Hydro Scottish Golf Union Boys Order of Merit.



Robert MacIntyre

Eight in a row for Glencruitten golfer

GOLF

AFTER winning the Glencruitten Golf Club championship for a 16th time, David MacCuish has urged more club members to commit to the event.

The record-breaking local golfer has now won the title eight times on the bounce and won this year's title by a margin of 27 shots. The championship requires players to card four rounds for the competition and David won this year with a score of 65, 61, 61, 62.

He said: "I was 14 shots ahead going into the final round but I think you should do the best you can whenever you go out, regardless of your lead."

"I am as excited about winning this year as I was the first time but I wish all the club members were as enthusiastic as me about playing in it."

"It is a competition that means the world to me because there are few scratch championships available. When your handicap gets to a certain level it can be difficult to win things but this is a scratch championship and my main aim every season."

Philip Murphy won the club's handicap championship with



JUST CHAMPION: David MacCuish has won the club championship a record 16 times

scores of 71, 70, 68, 74.

This Saturday the George Smith third round and the monthly medal are to be played. The Glencruitten Open takes place on August 9 and spaces are filling up with a full entry expected.



CHAMPION: World caber tossing champion Shaun Rider finished in 10th place in the men's shot putt at the Commonwealth Games

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Thursday Heavy rain showers
Winds light south westerly
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Friday Heavy rain showers
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Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

Weekend Outlook Light rain showers on Saturday
Heavy rain showers on Sunday
Winds moderate north westerly
Temperatures 13°C to 17°C.

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, July 31, 2014** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Thur	02.24	1.3	08.06	3.6	14.19	1.1	20.11	3.7
Fri	02.51	1.4	08.35	3.5	14.49	1.3	20.40	3.6
Sat	03.15	1.6	09.08	3.4	15.24	1.4	21.14	3.5
Sun	03.51	1.7	09.49	3.2	16.10	1.6	21.57	3.3
Mon	04.48	1.8	10.42	3.0	17.09	1.7	22.54	3.1
Tues	06.07	1.8	12.02	3.0	18.23	1.7	** **	**
Wed	00.25	3.0	07.28	1.7	14.10	3.1	19.41	1.6

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

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Fort retail park plans submitted

DEVELOPER Morbaine has submitted a planning application to Highland council to build a retail park along the North Road (A82), to the north of Fort William town centre.

The five-acre brownfield site, adjacent to the A82 between the Rio Tinto Alcan junction and the Ben Nevis Motors Ford car showroom, currently has outline planning consent for 55,000 square feet of non-food retail use.

Morbaine's application for a four-unit development seeks to expand the type of retail permitted at the site to include food and non-food retail.

Plans for the site went on display at the beginning of March 2014 and were overwhelmingly backed by the local community.

In total, 162 people visited the public exhibitions and 79 people completed a detailed feedback form. Of these feedback forms, 100 per cent indicated they supported Morbaine's plan to develop the site.

It is anticipated the development would create 150 permanent jobs, in addition to those required during the construction phase, and deliver around £10million of investment into Fort William.

Morbaine is actively marketing the two available retail units to major UK retailers and has already confirmed supermarket chain Aldi and discount store Home Bargains as tenants, should the plans be given the go-ahead by councillors.

Commenting on the application Morbaine director Alex Brodie said: 'We have now finalised our plans for the North Road site and submitted a formal planning application to Highland council. I am delighted our proposals have been so strongly backed by local residents.'

Chairman of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce Don Hind said: 'It is good to hear Morbaine is working closely with the local community to progress their ambition to attract further retail outlets into the area.'

'The prospect of new jobs is welcome. Members of the chamber attended Morbaine's public exhibition and were impressed at what was being proposed.'

'However, we hope the proposal will consider investment in the town centre to balance further out of town development.'

'This would address proposals for the relocation of existing businesses on the proposed site.'

PENSIONER REBUILDS LIFE AFTER BEING DUPED OUT OF THOUSANDS



THANKS: Pat Cain, who has been overwhelmed by the kindness of people in Lochaber 18_31kindness1

Overwhelmed by kindness

LOUISE LEE
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AN EIGHTY-five-year-old man has been overwhelmed by the generosity of Lochaber people after he was the victim of criminals who he had called his 'family' and friends.

Pat Cain was cruelly duped by a mother and daughter who were subsequently jailed for their offences last month.

In all Mr Cain, a former butcher, calculated his losses to be in the thousands. He believes the family, who he had known since 1952, had been deceiving him for years. But he had trusted them and thought were good people.

Mr Cain lost his wife Eleanor, nee Oliver, nine years ago. As a young man he was called up for national service before working for 30 years at Wynne's the Butchers and then going to Mallaig to work.

He says his house was open for his neighbours - because they were his friends. It was shocking for him to find out these same people were 'evil' and not friends at all. They had been embezzling Mr Cain's hard-earned cash, going on spending sprees for clothes and shoes before lifting cash from his bank account.

Wiping tears from his eyes, Mr Cain said: 'I have found out who really matters, that is the people of Lochaber, who have supported me and got me through this terrible time.'

At points Mr Cain had his pension withdrawn by his bank, his credit score slashed and he thought he was going 'mad'. Many things happened over the last years that made him think: 'I'm losing the plot.'

Over the last few months Mr Cain has begun to rebuild his life and wanted people who were so kind to him to know.

Thanking everyone who has supported him, but making special mention of St Andrew's Church and Margaret Minnie at the Citizens Advice Bureau, he said: 'For 17 months I did not know what was happening to me. I lost my usual patter, put on a false smile.'

He praised the police for all their

I have found out who really matters, that is the people of Lochaber

Pat Cain

hard work and support during their investigations.

'I would not care to guess how much was paid out. Bank of Scotland had me sorted out in a week after another

bank kept my pension, as I was in debt.

'I had no pension from January to June. I had to go to the Bank of Scotland for help and it did.

'A big 'thank you' to my family and good friends for supporting me during my troubled months.

'A 'thank you' also, for all the money to pay off my debts, to banks and other businesses. No names as they would not like that.

'My friends with their own firms settled the bank debts, others took me out for meals to hotels and many times the phone would ring, with people asking, what are you doing?'

'God bless you all.'

The pensioner, who is 86 next month, also wanted to thank the anonymous donor who put money through his letterbox.



HRH THE PRINCESS Royal was the first person in the newly-opened distillery in Ardnamurchan to remove a spirit.

While the whisky still has to mature for many years, Princess Anne had a preview of Scotland's newest distillery at Glenbeg. For the full story see page 3.

Royal visitor at new distillery

Police appeal to check homes and cars

POLICE are asking residents in Fort William and Coal to check cars and homes for missing items after two thefts in the area.

A man behaving suspiciously on Blar Mhor Road, Coal was arrested by police for allegedly stealing property from vehicles in the early hours of Tuesday morning. At the same time police were called to a house in Fort William. Officers found a man at the back of the property with alleged stolen goods in his possession.

Sergeant David Campbell, Fort William police office, said: 'We would urge all owners of cars in Coal to check vehicles and residents of the Glenloch Road, Fort William are asked to check houses.'

'If any property is found to be missing contact police on 101.'

A 41-year-old man and a 27-year-old man appeared at Fort William sheriff court yesterday (Wednesday) in connection with these incidents.

Caol school input 'above and beyond'

A PUBLIC consultation process surrounding a new Gaelic school in Caol has been defended by Highland council.

Since work began on the structure of the new school's gym hall, a row has broken out over the seven-metre high building overshadowing nearby homes.

The council was accused at a meeting of Caol community council last week of a lack of transparency.

This week, councillor Bill Clark defended the planning department, saying the steering group for Caol Gaelic school had wide representation on it.

Sandy Watson, chairman of the community council, also confirmed a number of people had received neighbour notification letters about

a public consultation.

But others have maintained they did not receive the letters, and therefore the construction of the gym hall should not be allowed to continue.

In a letter to residents following last week's meeting, the council said it was content that the proper planning process had been followed.

A spokeswoman for Highland council said: 'Officials have confirmed that the work undertaken relating to the submission and assessment of the planning application for the new Gaelic school in Fort William followed the proper procedures.'

'The council is satisfied that it has complied with the regulations

relating to neighbour notification as set down by the Scottish Government and wishes to stress that it went above and beyond the minimum requirements for consultation to ensure that the community was engaged with the process.'

The council spokeswoman said a local stakeholders' group met six times between 2012 and 2013 to discuss the development of the campus, the council advertised the application in the local press and ran two community consultation sessions last May, in the Caol Community Centre and Fort William's Alexandra Hotel, ahead of the submission of the planning application.

'Responses received from the

public following these events were all positive.'

'The formal planning application was submitted on June 21 2013 and all residents within 20 metres of the school campus boundary were issued with details of the application.'

Councillor Clark said: 'We will need to find some conclusion to this situation.'

'The angle of the pitched roof should be reconsidered and perhaps lowered to mitigate the concerns of the closest residents.'

He paid tribute to the team leader and the local planning office for engaging the local community.

To date Highland council has refused to back down on the height of the gym hall.

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ARDNAMURCHAN AND SKYE WELCOME HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Doors open on new distillery

THE OPENING of a new distillery on the Ardnamurchan peninsula brought the great and the good from all over the world - and even a Royal visitor - to celebrate.

The distillery at Glenbeg is owned by Adelphi Distilleries and it will make a 'startling' new addition to the distilleries of Scotland on the west coast, as well as bringing employment and visitors to its centre.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne spent a number of hours being shown round the west coast distillery. She was joined by experts from all over the world - including one of the biggest wine makers in the Nappa Valley in California.

Charlie MacLean, the Keeper of the

Quaich, was in attendance and told *The Oban Times* the new whisky would be welcomed into the market.

The Ardnamurchan Distillery is pioneering new, greener production methods, with the entire distillation process 100 per cent powered by renewables, using a specially commissioned state-of-the-art boiler which is fuelled using woodchip from local forests.

All barley is grown and malted in Scotland and by-products from the process are used to feed the peninsula's livestock and to fertilise the surrounding agricultural land.

Donald Houston, director, Adelphi Distillery Ltd said: 'The distillery represents a significant milestone in

the long-term plan for the development and improvement of the socio economics of Ardnamurchan and will provide enormous opportunities for the development of tourism and the direct and indirect provision of jobs in this very remote and isolated part of Scotland.'

Adelphi Distillery Ltd has more than 20 years' experience of bottling specially-selected single casks of rare Scotch whisky for limited release in the UK and export around the globe.

Alex Bruce, sales and marketing director for Adelphi Distillery Ltd, said: 'For the first time in more than 105 years, we now have the ability to produce our own world-class single malt.'



WELCOME: Staff members at the Ardnamurchan distillery

Fatal road crash witness appeal

WITNESSES to a fatal road accident are being sought.

Police want to speak to anyone who saw the accident involving one vehicle on the A87 Kyle of Lochalsh to Invergarry road approximately five miles south of the Bun Loyne junction of the A887 last Saturday, July 26.

When police, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service arrived on the scene, they found that a motor car had left the road.

As a result of the accident one occupant sustained fatal injuries. Another had serious injuries and was taken by helicopter to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

The other two occupants received minor injuries and were sent by ambulance to Belford Hospital, Fort William.

The road was closed with local diversions for more than six hours whilst investigations were carried out by officers from the divisional road policing unit.

Police Scotland ask that anyone who witnessed the incident and who has not yet been spoken to by police should contact them on 101.

Club's delight as royal visitor unveils terrier statue at castle

SKYE terriers were out in big numbers to witness HRH Princess Anne unveil a statue of their breed at Armadale Castle.

The largest gathering of Skye terriers for many years met at Armadale Castle on the Isle of Skye last week to witness the unveiling of a statue to this very rare breed by HRH The Princess Royal.

Aptly named The Homecoming, the unveiling of the statue of two life size Skye terriers was witnessed by more than 40 of the 'wee dug's' and their owners, who had travelled from as far away as the USA to join in the celebration of the breed in its native

homeland. They were also able to see a new display on the Skye terrier at the Museum of the Isles in the grounds of Armadale Castle.

The Skye terrier is Britain's most endangered native breed of dog with only 17 puppies registered with the Kennel Club last year.

To raise awareness and promote greater understanding of the breed the Skye Terrier Club has spent the last two years raising money for a permanent statue to be created.

The life-size bronze statue of a 'prick-ear' and a 'drop-ear' Skye terrier has been sculpted by the renowned Wiltshire-based artist

Georgie Welch and cast by Pangolin Editions, Europe's leading sculpture foundry.

Jenny Kendrick of the Skye Terrier Club said: 'We are delighted the princess was able to unveil the statue and took so much interest in the breed.'

Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, said: 'I had the opportunity to oversee the handover of the model that was used to make the famous Greyfriars Bobby statue, which was gifted to the Skye Terrier Club last year, so it brings me great pleasure to get the chance to be part of the Skye terrier story again.'



PRIDE OF PLACE: the statue of Skye terriers was unveiled at Armadale Castle by Princess Anne. The statue was made by Georgie Welch, a Wiltshire-based artist

Call for action on ultra sound scans

URGENT action by the Scottish Government is needed to help NHS Highland provide the same level of obstetric ultra sound service that is available in other parts of Scotland, says Rhoda Grant MSP.

Only Raigmore Hospital in Inverness and Caithness General Hospital in Wick deliver this service for women in the north Highland area. No ultrasound scanning service is available in Fort William or on the Isle of Skye.

'Once again,' said Ms Grant, 'the Scottish Government is allowing the crumbling of the health service to continue in the Highlands and islands. It consistently fails to take into account the special circumstances of the area caused by its size and scattered population.'

Argyll and Bute also has no ultrasound scanning available, with women having to travel to hospitals in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area.

Nationwide search for top farm dog

THE BBC'S Lambing Live has launched a nationwide search for Scotland's top farm dog.

The winning farm dog, which must be working or retired from working, will be the animal deemed to best deserve the title for his or her 'exceptional' qualities.

For example, the dog may have exhibited some exceptional skill or exceptional act of bravery, intelligence, loyalty or companionship or may have survived injury or defied the odds in some way.

The overall winner will be announced at the 2014 World Sheepdog Trials, taking place at Fearn farm near Tain from September 3 to 6.

To enter, email info@qmscotland.co.uk with no more than 150 words saying why the dog should win.

Where possible a photograph of the dog should also be sent.

Surviving in the wild Highlands

HIGHLAND council countryside rangers are offering courses on how to survive in the wild in the Highlands.

A den building course is being run today (Thursday) at Feshiebridge in the Cairngorms.

The course starts at 2pm at the Feshiebruech car park on the Auchlean road south of Feshiebridge.

Friday August 1 sees the Rangers at Reelig Glen, from 2pm to 4pm, teaching survival skills: how to find food and water, staying warm and dry and other important outdoor skills.

Jenny Grant, Highland Council's Inverness West Ranger, said: 'We have fantastic chances for outdoor lovers to learn the skills of survival this week. Come along, you never know when you might need them.'

For further information call 01463 255291 or email: rangers.inverness@highland.gov.uk

Superfast broadband boost on the cards

BROADBAND and telephone exchange infrastructure is to be installed at Corpach which will improve digital connectivity in the area.

It is part of the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband initiative, which aims to provide fibre broadband infrastructure to areas not covered by commercial deployment and combined with commercial roll-out plans, expects that 95 per cent of premises in Scotland will have access to fibre broadband by the end of 2017/18.

Dave Thompson MSP said: 'It is tremendous news that rural Scotland is set to benefit from this high speed technology and that certain areas in the Highlands will be experiencing this for the first time.'

'This will mean locals, tourists and businesses will soon reap the benefits of high quality digital technology.'

Mums wanted to share breastfeeding experience

MUMS from Lochaber, who have an interest in breastfeeding, and breastfed their own child, are being asked to train as breastfeeding peer supporters, so they can offer new mums the benefit of their experience.

NHS Highland has a number of peer supporters throughout the area who help new mums coming out of hospital with advice and tips on breastfeeding.

Anyone interested in becoming a peer supporter should email karen.mackay3@nhs.net.

Don't leave dogs in hot cars

THE SCOTTISH Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a fresh warning urging people not to leave their dogs in hot cars.

Scotland's animal welfare charity has so far received 220 reports of dogs being left inside warm vehicles this summer.

Chief superintendent Mike Flynn said: 'It's completely unacceptable to leave a dog inside a vehicle in these searing temperatures, even for a short period of time with the windows down.'

'Dogs should be left with adequate provisions at home. Anyone who comes across a distressed dog left in a vehicle should contact our animal helpline on 03000 999 999 or Police Scotland.'



Play scheme fun for youngsters

CHILDREN and young people from across Lochaber enjoyed a week packed with activities at the annual HighLife Highland play scheme.

The week-long event took place at Lochaber high school with more than 80 children between five and 12-years-old taking part in a wide variety of activities.

Youngsters could choose between mountain biking, swimming, arts and crafts, athletics, dance, drama, happiness, judo, boxercise, netball and basketball.

All children who attended had a chance to learn new skills and make friends and most importantly have lots of fun.

FUN AND GAMES: smiles all round from the youngsters who enjoyed the Fort William playscheme



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Town in shock over death of 'larger-than-life' figure



TRAGIC: Arran Cooper

Arran dies after falling into river

A 10-YEAR-old boy who died after falling into the River Orchy has been named.

Arran Cooper of Rutherglen was on holiday in the area with his mother, father and three siblings when he was discovered in the water by his mother last Tuesday afternoon.

The boy's father pulled him from the water near to Allt Broighleachan and a passing driver, a doctor, provided emergency medical assistance.

Police, coastguard, mountain rescue and an air ambulance rushed to the scene and the boy was airlifted to Glasgow's Yorkhill children's hospital but died in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

A report into the incident will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Double trouble in Crianlarich

TWO incidents involving lorries in Crianlarich at the same time caused confusion for the emergency services.

In one, a lorry tipped over while unloading material at the site for the Crianlarich bypass.

The 47-year-old driver suffered broken bones in the incident, which happened at around 8.38am on Monday. Police, fire and an air ambulance were called to the scene and the driver was cut from the cabin and airlifted to Glasgow's Southern General hospital.

At 8.47am, a lorry got stuck under the railway bridge on the A82 in Crianlarich, near to the train station. It was guided out by police officers from Oban who were on their way to Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games.

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TRIBUTES have been pouring in following the sudden death on Monday of newly elected Oban councillor and businessman John MacGregor.

Many people in the town were visibly shocked and stunned when the tragic news about the man affectionately known as 'Beef' first broke late on Monday afternoon.

In a cruel twist of fate, he died just one week after he was sworn in as an elected member at Argyll and Bute council.

The 62-year-old Oban businessman died at home in North Connell.

John's friends and family were united in grief, summed up by his close friend and fellow businessman Alan MacLeod, owner of the Ee-Usk restaurant in Oban, who said: 'John was so pleased to be elected, he was very emotional about it. John said he felt as though he had finally been accepted by his own people.'

'It was that passion for the town that led him into politics.'

'He was the most intelligent man I've ever met. He was also a great practical joker - almost every day he would be up to something or other.'

Speaking for the MacGregor family step-daughter Amanda MacPhail said: 'He was a wonderful husband to Cathie for 21 years, a great father



and a fantastic grandfather. We are all shocked by his death.'

Graham MacQueen, a fellow school pupil at Oban high, paid a heartfelt tribute: 'John was a Dunollie boy - there was a group of us who knew each other from school and have grown up together. We are all shocked.'

'People were excited about John being elected. They were waiting to see what he would do. Everyone was expecting something to happen that would make things better for everyone.'

'He will be sorely missed.'

Speaking for many people in Oban, councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'This is dreadful news. It is hard to take it in. He will be missed in the town. He did many things to help people in the community.'

John MacGregor played an active part in the community, funding and supporting events such as the Lorne Highland Games and the Ryan MacPhail memorial fund.

Councillor Elaine Robertson described John, as a 'larger-than-life character'. She said: 'It is devastating. I know how much being elected meant to him, and he was already working hard.'

MAN OF THE PEOPLE: John MacGregor was proud of his Oban roots and of being elected to represent the town

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre added his condolences, saying: 'He always wanted the best for Oban. He loved the town.'

John owned a number of businesses including Highland Fasteners where he had his ever-busy office, Ganavan Sands Limited and he was involved in a number of hotel ventures past and present including the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Lochnell Arms Hotel and the Tainuill Hotel.

He also had an interest in three race horses.

He was a leading light with Oban Bay Marine (OBM), which sought to regenerate Oban by installing short-stay pontoons in the bay.

Fellow OBM board member Mike Robertson said: 'John drove OBM for seven years. Without him it would never have got as far as it did.'

'John understood the necessity of the pontoons for the good of the town - even putting his own money where his mouth was.'

John was elected as a councillor for Oban North and Lorn on Thursday July 17, and signed the official paperwork last Monday, July 21.

John is survived by his wife Cathie, four step-daughters and seven grandchildren, many of whom still live in the town.

His funeral will take place on Monday, August 4 in Oban and Kilmore Parish Church at 1.30pm and thereafter at Pennyfuir cemetery.

Police chief defends his roads crackdown

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THE OUT-GOING head of policing in Argyll and Bute says he is proud to have enforced road policing initiatives during his tenure, in spite of criticism from some quarters.

Chief superintendent Barry McEwan, head of Police Scotland's L Division (Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire), will soon take up a new national role within Police

Scotland in violence reduction. But the legacy from his 20 months in charge of Argyll and Bute will be the formation of a new road policing team, which has signalled a more focussed approach to reducing the number of deaths and serious accidents on the county's roads.

Chief superintendent McEwan (pictured) has previously felt compelled to defend his approach over the increase in penalty tickets and arrests.

Former Oban chief inspector Fred Hall and a few serving officers had

taken issue with his tactics, which they claimed were 'target led', and had seen an increase in the number of penalty tickets issued, including those for driving offences.

But chief superintendent McEwan points to the statistics from 2013 - 2014, which show 68 people were seriously injured or killed in road accidents, compared with no murders, two attempted murders, seven robberies and 24 serious assaults as justification for his hard-line approach on road policing. He said: 'I



made it clear that road policing was my absolute priority.

'There were voices of dissent within the area but more people died on our roads last year than were victims of serious violence. It is clear communities are getting behind us now.'

'The main priority for policing in this area is to continue to enforce better driver behaviour to prevent serious injuries and deaths on our roads.'

'Why should we accept that people are going to die or be seriously injured on our roads? We can't accept that.'

The chief superintendent hopes the new road policing team, which consists of 12 constables and two sergeants across the county, will be followed up by the formation of a road safety group including the trunk roads authority, Transport Scotland, Argyll and Bute council and other emergency services.

During his time at the helm, L Division has seen a reduction in anti-social behaviour and violence.

His successor has been named as chief superintendent Helen Swann.

Anniversary meal brings back fond memories

AN INDIAN restaurant celebrating its 30th anniversary in Oban invited regular customers on Sunday for a free meal to celebrate the occasion.

The Light of India Restaurant was opened on July 26, 1984 on Stevenson Street by Abdul Suleman, who moved to Oban from Glasgow, having grown up in Bangladesh.

Abdul explained: 'I was very happy to move to Oban because it's such a lovely place, and since we moved here the customers have been supporting us.'

'I visited Oban before I moved here and loved it, especially the people who are very friendly.'

'I'd like to thank all of the customers over the 30 years for making it so special.'

Argyll and Bute councillor Duncan MacIntyre, along with his wife Rosemary and son Alexander were three of the guests invited on Sunday, because they had eaten there the



FAMILY: From left, Abdul's son Abdul junior who is a waiter at the restaurant, Abdul, and his nephew Alam Khan, who is also a waiter

night the restaurant opened 30 years ago.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'I remember the three of us were in here on the opening night, Alexander was just

eight years old then.

'It's certainly been one of our favourite places over the years, and you always get excellent food and very friendly service.'

All aboard for Fort William to Fort Augustus canal cruise



CANAL CRUISING: Hamish Munro aboard The MV Chieftain which will open up the canal from Fort William to Fort Augustus.

A CRUISE company is sailing full steam ahead from Banavie, after an inaugural sailing to Fort Augustus, yesterday (Wednesday).

Family-run Clyde Cruises has brought its business to Fort William to open up the whole of the canal to visitors.

The cruises will sail between Banavie, Gairloch, Laggan, Aberchalder and Fort Augustus linking up with public transport to bring people back

to the town if they do not want to stay aboard for the whole of the journey.

Hamish Munro, director of Clyde Cruises, said: 'With short stretches of manmade canal linking the beautiful lochs of the Great Glen, cruising on the Caledonian Canal provides a breath-taking journey through some of Scotland's finest scenery.'

'We will sail the canal daily from now until the end of August. Our schedule for sailings during the

autumn and winter will be released at the end of the summer.'

There are options to join the cruise for an hour, between Banavie and Gairloch, for 2.5 hours, between Banavie and Laggan or Laggan and Fort Augustus.

Visitors can also choose the longer six-hour option and take in the whole of the route from Banavie to Fort Augustus. Different options are available on different days.

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GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EXPERT BACKS CASE TO SAVE ROCKFIELD 'Sound' proposal, says architect

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A LEADING Scottish architect has described the former 'B' listed Rockfield primary school building in Oban as 'sound and sturdy', despite a feasibility study saying it is only fit to be demolished.

Speaking after a packed public meeting on Saturday in Oban Phoenix cinema, Malcolm Fraser, architect and chairman of the Scottish government's town centre review, said his assessment could throw into question any move to have the building de-listed by Historic Scotland and then demolished.

However, *The Oban Times* can reveal that Historic Scotland says it has never been asked to de-list the landmark Victorian building for demolition - a process that could take years.

Malcolm Fraser, who attended the Oban Community Trust meeting about saving Rockfield, said: 'This is a lovely building, built with a solidity and integrity we get nowhere near, today.'

'It's in good condition and the community, heritage and business uses the group are proposing would suit its large, bright classrooms perfectly, as well as its location at the heart of Oban.'

'This is exactly the sort of local initiative the Scottish government seeks to encourage and I feel sure that the community and council will welcome it.'

A spokesman for Historic Scotland said: 'There has been no application for consent to demolish Rockfield Primary School.'

'If such an application were to be submitted to the planning authority then we would have to assess the situation at that point, taking all factors into consideration.'

'National policy states that no listed building should be demolished unless it can be clearly demonstrated that every effort has been made to retain it.'

While Argyll and Bute council confirmed the fate of Rockfield will be decided at an area committee on Tuesday, campaigners say councillors and officials must give the people of Oban a realistic opportunity to save the building from demolition.

Oban solicitor Gordon MacNab, who put in a last minute bid for the building, said: 'It would only be right that we got the building on the same terms as Argyll Community Housing Association under the council's Third Sector Asset Transfer Scheme. That means the building could be secured for £1.'

Oban businessman Graham MacQueen added: 'This is a huge mission, but with the drive and determination we can do anything that we want. We need to believe in this and we need to tell people that we want it.'

Musician Colin Campbell added: 'There are lots of structural problems in taking that building down. If I was living in a house behind, I would be very afraid.'

Lucy Gray of Airds added: 'We



BUILDING A CASE: campaigners Alison MacNab, Gordon MacNab, Lucy Gray and Graham MacQueen gather at Rockfield after hearing a leading architect say the building is worth saving

need to get the word out that we want this building for ourselves.' After the meeting a spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'The process for the sale of the former Rockfield primary school in Oban is exactly the same as that for other council properties which are available to purchase.'

'In this particular case, councillors agreed at their meeting on June 26 to re-advertise the property for sale on the open market. They also decided on a closing date of Friday August 8.'

'Every offer received will be evaluated by officers and a report will be prepared for councillors, who will then make their decision.'

'We expect this report to be available for the August meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee.'

'The meeting will be held on August 14. However, Oban Community Trust said it was deeply disappointed the council did not appear to take the views of the people it will affect mostly into account.'

Recycling scheme grabs top award

AN OBAN recycling project is celebrating after it was recognised as one of the best in Scotland.

The Lorn and Oban Reuse Initiative (LORI), is one of the first organisations in Scotland to achieve accreditation for the new Revolve re-use quality standard, offered by Zero Waste Scotland.

LORI, which is a project of the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust, takes donations of unwanted furniture and general household items, which are quality checked and then sold on to other members of the community.

The year-long process for accreditation has been successful for the group, receiving their accreditation



GRABBING THE CREDIT: Julie Fairbrass and LORI staff member Iain Bark with their accreditation from Zero Waste Scotland

earlier in the month from Zero Waste Scotland, which is funded by the Scottish government.

Julie Fairbrass, manager of the GRAB Trust, said: 'We are delighted that LORI has been awarded Revolve accreditation.'

'We believe there is a strong market in providing people with a sustainable alternative.'

'We look forward to building customer confidence in the sector and passing on good practice to other organisations in the re-use sector.'

'The accreditation is a credit to the team of five people we have working at our sites.'

'I'm proud of them, they're such a great team. I'm proud of our business.'

Outreach surgery under discussion

STRATHFILLAN community groups are in talks about the possibility of a new outreach surgery to serve the area.

Still in the early stages of discussion, the Killin medical practice is jointly investigating the idea with Strathfillan community council.

The talks have the backing of Stirling councillor Alycia Hayes.

The first meeting on the issue was held on July 24 in Crianlarich, but was not open to members of the public.

Kerrera link road moves forward

A NEW road linking the communities on the Isle of Kerrera took a step forward with an application for funding reaching its second stage.

The application by Argyll and Bute council and Isle of Kerrera Development Trust to the Coastal Community Fund will help build a road between the north and south ends of the island.

The total project is estimated to cost between £600,000 and £1m.

The council said all four landowners had given permission for the road to be built.

Play safe before making a splash

A COMMUNITY company has reminded visitors to take care in the water.

LochWatch Loch Awe has issued a warning about the freezing temperatures in the waters.

Iain MacKinnon, chairman of LochWatch, said: 'The water looks really inviting - especially when it is so warm outside - but it isn't warm at all.'

'It will be freezing and is likely to send a body into shock if you drive in.'

Police appeal over marina fuel theft

FUEL and a VHF radio were taken from a boat at Dunstaffnage Marina last weekend.

Police are seeking any information in relation to the alleged theft, which took place overnight between Saturday and Sunday.

The item removed was a Yamaha outboard tank, which contained fuel and the VHF radio. Contact Oban Police on 01631 510500 with information.

Gorgeous George heading for Oban

CONTROVERSIAL Respect MP George Galloway will bring his partner and baby daughter to the west coast of Scotland for the first time.

'Gorgeous George' is speaking at an independence debate in the Corran Halls on August 22.

The MP for Bradford West said he was looking forward to visiting Oban and the west coast.

Meter clouds the sunniest day

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FRUSTRATED motorists were 'parking mad' last week in Oban, after a faulty machine left them with invalid tickets.

The machine in the car park at Ganavan Sands beach was issuing tickets dated for the previous day, meaning drivers could not pay and display correctly last Thursday, one of the hottest and busiest days of the year at the beach.

A driver, who contacted *The Oban Times* about the fault and asked not to be named, said he was left with no option but to put the invalid ticket on his car.

Yet another driver said the same ticket machine was issuing completely blank tickets on



HOT AND BOTHERED: Ganavan Sands was at its busiest last Thursday as temperatures soared

Saturday. She said: 'The machine was literally spewing them out, one after another.'

'I ended up putting one of the blank tickets on my car but whether a traffic warden would accept that, I don't know.'

'I was in a rush so didn't have time to phone the council to make sure a blank ticket would do. What's the point of having the ticket machines if they don't work?'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said it had become aware of the problem on Sunday.

He said: 'When the council became aware of this issue, it was rectified. When it became apparent that this machine was not working properly, no penalty charge notices were issued for vehicles with expired tickets.'

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Major subsea islands cabling

THE BIGGEST fibre cable laying project undertaken in the UK in recent years has begun on the west coast of Scotland to deliver superfast broadband to some of the country's most remote island communities.

The subsea cabling forms part of the £146m Highlands and Islands project being led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

Funding partners include the Scottish government, HIE, Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and BT, which is investing £19 million in the area.

The subsea project aims to deliver around 400kms of cables to link island communities.

Early routes where subsea cable are being deployed include Mull, Oban, Ardgorr and Corran.

Charity status for kirk group

THE NEWLY formed Friends of St Conan's Kirk has now achieved charitable status, paving the way for an ambitious fundraising initiative.

The group, set up to help preserve the Lochawe church, was only formed following a meeting in March, but this week received recognition from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The group's chairman, Ian Craig, said:

'We are astounded by the commitment of the committee and delighted to have been able to set up this dedicated group of individuals who will no doubt go to great lengths to help build the profile of St Conan's Kirk.'

The group is now planning its first open day at the kirk on August 16 and 17. The new Gatehouse Tearoom, with home baking, will also be open all weekend.

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Hartson climbs Ben Nevis for the last time

Former Celtic star John Hartson marks cancer battle fifth anniversary with final Nevis trek

FORMER footballer John Hartson brought 120 supporters – dubbed Hartson's heroes – to Fort William to tackle Ben Nevis at the weekend.

The 39-year-old and his wife Sarah, from Spean Bridge, led the Brave Hart Ben Nevis Challenge to mark the fifth anniversary of John's cancer battle and raise funds for his cancer charity, The John Hartson Foundation.

The couple – who recently celebrated the birth of their third daughter Paige Faith – are regular visitors to the area, home of Sarah's parents Katherine and James McManus.

The ex-Celtic star spent a lot of time in Spean Bridge as he recovered from his gruelling treatment for testicular cancer,

which had spread to his lungs and brain, in 2009.

Inspired by the beautiful Highland landscape, he pledged to scale Ben Nevis when he was well. On July 14, 2010 – exactly a year after he was fighting for life and on his daughter Lina's second birthday – John made his dream come true and completed the first Brave Hart Challenge, with 70 supporters, raising thousands of pounds for his Foundation.

This year's walk took place on Saturday, (July 26) and was followed by a party in the Nevis Centre to thank everyone in the area for their support while raising more vital funds for the Foundation.

John, who also starred for

CHARITY TREK

Arsenal, West Ham and Wales, said: 'I'd like to thank our wonderful supporters who travelled from all over the UK to join us and complete this amazing achievement which has raised thousands of pounds to help people who have cancer and their families.'

'I've been up Ben Nevis four times now and it doesn't get any easier so I'm full of admiration for all these inspirational people who have done it with me.'

'While I've enjoyed each time and loved meeting everyone, next year we're looking for a new challenge which we hope will appeal to even more people.'



CHALLENGE: John Hartson and his wife Sarah who is originally from Spean Bridge pictured before setting out on the fifth Brave Hart Ben Nevis Challenge for the last time as they are to take up a new challenge next year.

Increase in young handlers and riders at Dunvegan Horse Show

THE Dunvegan Horse Show saw a welcome increase in numbers of young riders and handlers in a field of 20 horses and ponies.

The heavy rain and clouds of midges failed to dampen the enthusiasm of entrants who braved the challenging conditions on Saturday July 26.

Judge Suzanna Emery from Inverness, was particularly impressed with the entrants in the new class of young handler aged 14 and under.

This was suggested and sponsored by staff from local veterinary centre O' Connor - Pierce.

The winner was eleven year old Eva Fletcher with Princess Lucky Spots. The pairing showed great partnership with quiet confidence and their placing was well justified when they later in the day participated in a demonstration of the new and up and coming equine sport of horse agility.

The Isle of Skye Horse Club who organised this year's show invited Vanessa Bee – founder of the

HORSE RIDING

International Horse Agility Club back to Skye to lead the demonstration.

Horse Agility is an internationally competitive sport in which horse and handler, both on foot, navigate a course of obstacles such as a tarpaulin, cones and scary corner of objects such as flags and umbrellas. During the demonstration Vanessa explained how at higher levels the horse works freely without a lead rope.

Sam Nicolson with her eye catching Appaloosa Angelo, 19, completed a course of obstacles at trot with no lead rope much to the delight of the crowd.

Shetland gelding Clibberswick Anakim shown by Frances Maclean was awarded Supreme Champion.

Worthy winners at Fort golf week

FORT William's golf week prize giving last Thursday, July 24, saw worthy winners take to the fore.

The week-long event was sponsored by Ben Nevis Distillery and saw a good number of competitors take part.

The winners were Monday: Alan Oberend and Robert McCover, Tuesday: Alan Oberend, Wednesday: Tommy Disher, Davy MacDonald and Mark Rydings Thursday: David MacDonald Friday: Alistair MacIntyre.

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A spokesman for the club said: 'It was an excellent week and a good turn out of competitors. Our sponsors have to be thanked for making it a successful event.'



PRIZEWINNERS: Pictures are the winners of Fort William Golf Clubs golf week which was sponsored by Ben Nevis Distillery

All fire and no ice at the first festival of boxing

A WEEKEND of boxing is all set for the Ice Factor, and with sparring partners coming from all over the nation and beyond to take part there will be no icy starts.

The first ever festival of boxing has been organised by former boxer, Martin Glenesk, head coach at the Claymores Amateur Boxing Club.

His idea is that this Saturday (August 20) will see the Ice Factor at Kinlochleven, the world's largest indoor ice-climbing facility, set to host a weekend of boxing.

Martin said: 'I hope the Festival of Boxing will inspire more males and females of all ages to recognise the appeal of boxing as a sport they can enjoy for fun, fitness and even competitively in the west highlands.'

'Thanks to the generous support of Ice Factor Kinlochleven and others in the local community, Kinlochleven can look forward to hosting over 60 boxers of all ages and ability.'

'It will give everyone the chance to spar, practice technique and to have fun with like-minded individuals.'

'There will even be the chance to get to grips with Ice Factor's aerial assault course.'

Over the weekend, organisers will set-up two boxing rings within the award winning Ice Factor adventure centre, showcasing the sport to non-boxers in the area and giving aspiring competitive boxers the chance to spar with like-minded individuals.

Plans are already in place to utilise a local field as a temporary

campsite while the local Macdonald Hotel in Kinlochleven will provide breakfast for the boxing clubs that will travel from Durham (North Road Gym); Elgin, Peterhead (Peterhead ABC), Insh (Aberdeenshire), Hamilton (Lanarkshire), Greater Glasgow and Broxburn (Broxburn ABC, West Lothian).

Talented

Eilidh Smith of Claymores Amateur Boxing Club will be one of the talented young boxers in attendance. The daughter of Tracey and Jamie Smith, owners of Ice Factor Kinlochleven, the 14 year-old Kinlochleven High School pupil made boxing history earlier this year when she became the first female boxer from Lochaber to fight in a competitive bout.

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WELFARE FOOTBALL

A MEETING due to be held tonight, Thursday, could be a heated affair if the controversial agenda is anything to go by.

Up for discussion in the Marine Harvest League are teams not fielding players, reallocation of points and an appeal against the deduction of points.

Starting at 8.45pm the Special General Meeting of Lochaber Welfare League's association will bring together some of the most pressing matters for the league teams.

It may also tip the balance on the positions of teams in the league.

The meeting only needs three teams to be represented at the meeting for a quorum. It is understood that all teams have been notified.

Ronald Wegner told The Oban Times: 'Surprisingly, Caol Cosmos have withdrawn from the league after being unable to raise a team for their last two fixtures.'

'There will be a Special General Meeting on Thursday July 31, after the game at the British Alcan park, 8.45pm, to decide what will happen to its points.'

'Also at that meeting the clubs will hear Inverloch's appeal against the association deducting them three points for playing ineligible players.'

Earlier in the month, Caol Cosmos were sitting very comfortably near to the top of the league with a game in hand. The principle of reallocating points will be addressed at the meeting. This would mean some teams would gain points, while others might lose them and it is likely to have an impact on the overall positions within the league.

Results: Mallaig 3 v 0 Caol Cosmos (walk-over); Nevis Range 2 v 4 Caol Utd; Inverloch 0 v 3 Ballachulish (game subject to appeal); Lundavra 5 v 1 Lochaber; Caol Utd 3 v 0 Ballachulish

Results from Skye

GOLF

STABLEFORD Competition: Wednesday July, 23 - 1 Euan Forrest 46pts; 2 John Allan Macleod 39pts bth; 3 Alex Munro 39pts bth; 4 Andy Shaw 39pts; 5 Danny Steele 38pts.

July 26/27 Skye Cup Round Four - 1 Euan Forrest 69 (12) nett 57 bth; 2 Kyle Pirie 74 (17) 57; 3 Alex Munro 73 (9) 64 bth; 4 John Allan Macleod 76 (12) 64.

Skye Cup - overall-best three from four scores to count - 1 Kyle Pirie 175; 2 Martin Bird 195; 3 Alex Munro 199 bth; 4 Alasdair Grant 199.

Fort exit North of Scotland Cup

FOOTBALL

FORT WILLIAM lost out by the odd goal in five away to Lossiemouth in the North of Scotland Cup. Both Ryan Macleod and Matty Rippon scored on their competitive debuts for the club.

This Saturday the Lochaber side take on Buckie in the league. Kick-off at Claggan Park is 3pm.

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TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, July 31, 2014** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Thur	02.24	1.3	08.06	3.6	14.19	1.1	20.11	3.7
Fri	02.51	1.4	08.35	3.5	14.49	1.3	20.40	3.6
Sat	03.15	1.6	09.08	3.4	15.24	1.4	21.14	3.5
Sun	03.51	1.7	09.49	3.2	16.10	1.6	21.57	3.3
Mon	04.48	1.8	10.42	3.0	17.09	1.7	22.54	3.1
Tues	06.07	1.8	12.02	3.0	18.23	1.7	** **	**
Wed	00.25	3.0	07.28	1.7	14.10	3.1	19.41	1.6

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrihaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate