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Islay farmer killed in quad bike accident

A WELL-known Islay farm manager has tragically died after he rolled his quad bike while working on Ardtalla Estate.

Robert 'Rab' Park of Kintour Farm was out on his quad bike spraying bracken last Saturday evening, when it is believed the bike rolled on top of the 60 year old.

Close friend Charlie MacMillan (snr) at Ardbeg Farm, Port Ellen said Rab was an extremely popular and well-liked islander who would be sorely missed, particularly among the farming community.

Charlie said: 'He was a happy-go-lucky chap and always chatting away with folk. He would always have a joke or two.'

Rab came to Islay with his parents as a young boy from Ayrshire but set his roots in the south end of the island and went on to work at Ardtalla for nearly 30 years.

A post mortem will be carried out on Monday.

Kerrera parrot centre wins award

KERRERA Parrot Sanctuary has been awarded an international award for its innovative work in the care of birds.

Full details have not, as yet, been revealed but it is understood that sanctuary owner Yvonne Macmillan is to go to the House of Lords in October to receive the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Sanctuary Award.

Yvonne said: 'I was stunned when I found out we were being presented with the award. I thought they joking.'



Oban High School Pipe Band celebrates victory at the World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green.

Oban High School pipe band are on top of the world

THE SHRILL of world championship-winning pipes blared out across Oban Bay at midnight on Saturday to mark the triumphant return of Oban High School pipe band.

Triumphant return

On their return from winning the novice juvenile grade at the World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow Green, the band, led by Pipe Major Angus MacColl, stepped off the bus at Station Square to play their title-winning tunes. The music attracted Saturday night revellers

and nearby residents, who joined friends and family in celebration.

Formed only four years ago with six pipers, the band is only the second to bring a world title back to Oban - Oban Pipe Band won the same category in 1974.

Angus MacColl, a former world champion solo piper, told The Oban Times: 'If you win a solo competition it is a personal triumph but on Saturday, seeing all those people involved, was a great feeling.'

'The kids have worked so hard and the drumming

instructors, Bobby Davie and Stevie Kilbride, and I have seen the potential in them for a long time.'

'The performance on Saturday was the best they had produced all season. When we finished playing our supporters said they knew it was a good performance because I was smiling. I must not smile very much.'

Ailsa Leadbetter, secretary of Oban and Lorn Youth Pipe Band Association, thanked everyone who had helped make the band a success. She said: 'It was a

very long day but was worth every moment. It is a day that I will remember for the rest of my life.'

'To have one of the greatest pipers of all time, Angus MacColl, as our pipe major is something that most bands can only dream about.'

Inveraray

Inveraray and District Pipe Band finished only one point behind Oban in the novice juvenile class and the Royal Burgh's senior band finished ninth in grade one.

Councillor Neil Mackay,

Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for the arts, leisure, culture and sport, joined the celebrations in Oban on Saturday night.

He said: 'This is a great time for Argyll and Bute with our young pipe bands doing so well. This reinforces my belief that traditional music in all forms is so important to the west coast.'

Both Argyll bands are in contention for the champion of champions accolade at novice juvenile, which will be decided at the Cowal Games at the end of the month.

30lb metal mooring ring smashed through family car on Luig ferry

Inches from death

A FARMER and his five-year-old son believe they 'escaped death', by a matter of inches, after a 30lb metal mooring ring was catapulted through their car window.

Witnesses, on the council-run *Bellmahua* which sails between Seil and Luig, said they saw the metal ring, which was part of the pier, flying through the air.

Island farm worker Bob Carter, was still in shock when he spoke to The Oban Times. He said: 'It is very frightening to think that we were inches from death.'

Bob explained: 'We pulled onto the 11.30am ferry on Saturday morning. My son Zack, who is five, was in the front of the car. It was a calm day and the ferry set off. I got out of my car to talk to my friends on the ferry.'

'After we had moved away from the jetty there was a loud bang. At first I thought there must be a mechanical failure on the ferry.'

'The next thing I knew, the glass in the rear nearside window of my car was smashed by an object flying through the air, it then hit the headrest inches above Zack's head before exiting through the driver's window.'

'My first thought was for my son but he was safe. I felt sick, because if it had been a different day, with different weather I would have been sitting in the car and I would definitely have been hit - maybe even killed, by

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the weight and speed of the metal rings.

'It was then I noticed the first bang had been the force of the ring hitting the side of the boat, severely denting the thick metal hand pole - so I can only imagine what it would have done to my head.'

'Shaken' 'Zack was shaken up, but all he could say was 'Mum's not going to be very happy'.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'The incident involved a mooring ring which broke free from its seating and damaged a vehicle on the ferry, fortunately there were no injuries.'

'We have been in contact with the owner of the vehicle and advised our insurance section and are currently completing forms for the council's internal health and safety personnel in addition to those for the Marine Accident Investigation Board. We have instructed testing of other rings, which were installed earlier this year and are considering changes to the documentation for the vessel and berthing arrangements to further limit the chances of a recurrence.'

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Oban traffic reduced to crawl as Scottish Water digs up main street

IRATE drivers in Oban's main street were on the verge of road rage after Scottish Water carried out plans to dig up the town's George Street during the height of the summer holidays.

With many more parents having to drive their kids to school for the first time this morning (Thursday), the chaos is set to continue.

John Butterfield, from Oban, telephoned The Oban Times to say: 'It is an absolute nonsense that these road works are being carried out this week of all

weeks. It is the height of the summer after all.'

Bumper to bumper

Calum MacLeod, also from Oban, said: 'I sat in traffic for 45 minutes trying to get from one end of the town to another - a matter of a few hundred metres. There was traffic piled up on the outskirts of the town, then it was bumper to bumper all the way down George Street.'

Parents are fearful that children starting back to school may not make it in time because of the road works.

One mother said: 'My children lost out on free school transport after the council cuts, but I can not imagine we will get to school by 9am because of these road works.'

'I will need to leave at dawn to make it in time.'

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: 'Contractors working for Scottish Water will seek to complete this remedial work as quickly and efficiently as possible.'

'We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.'

Russell to stand in Argyll

MSP Mike Russell has confirmed that he will be standing as the Scottish National Party candidate for Argyll and Bute at the Scottish Parliament elections in 2012.

And despite SNP headquarters delaying in making the announcement, Mike Russell told The Oban Times: 'You can have it from the horses mouth - I will be the candidate for Argyll and Bute.'

Mr Russell, the Scottish government minister for education, said: 'I am looking forward to a good campaign in Argyll. Already I have had good grass-roots support from people in Oban and Lorn and I hope that I can continue to build on that.'

'I am delighted to have been chosen.'

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Isle of Colonsay on the search for nurse

THE island of Colonsay is struggling to find a new community nurse.

Resident GPs Dave Binnie and Jan Brooks have been searching for the perfect nurse for months - but to no avail.

The husband and wife team are now hoping that NHS Highland's offer of paid accommodation will

entice a few more people to the position.

Dr Binnie said: 'I know the perfect nurse is out there.

'Finding a suitable home on Colonsay can be difficult especially with the number of holiday homes here. By providing accommodation NHS Highland is alleviating some of the strain in relocating.'

The community nurse will work a 20 hour week, the majority of which will be spent looking after patients at home and an element of social work is involved.

Dr Binnie added: 'I think there is often a misconception that community nurses need to have a number of years experience before being eligible for the role. But that

really is not the case.

'The Colonsay nurse will receive a great deal of support both from GPs and the nursing team so the post really is open any practitioner with varying degrees of experience.'

At present community nurse Fiona Cruickshanks from Easdale is flying to Colonsay on a weekly basis

to fulfil community-nursing duties.

She said: 'The nursing post on Colonsay is a good opportunity for a nurse to take a holistic approach to patient care.

'The role involves liaising with other agencies such as social work and so it is great in terms of personal development.'



John Allan MacLellan of Hougharry with his cattle champion and supreme show champion - a two year old Simmental cross heifer

Young crofting blood takes centre stage at North Uist show

THE IMAGE of crofting as a way of life in decline and the preserve of older men was knocked on the head at the North Uist cattle show last week.

Fourteen teenagers pitted their stock judging skills against that of show judge Willie Neilson of Taynuilt, Argyll.

The youngsters marked up a class of both sheep and cattle, and their judgement was compared to that of Mr Neilson.

Winner was 14 year old Ruairidh MacDonald of Glebe, Hougharry who found his marks to be in complete accordance with that of the experienced judge.

Ruairidh helps out on his family crofts and is doing a crofting course in Lionacleit secondary school, Benbecula. He is a self-taught shearer with 850 shearings under his belt so far this year.

He said: 'I was looking for goodness in the animals, and shape.'

Mr Neilson said: 'This young man has a good eye for stock. It was really heartening to see such a number of young people judging today, from such a small island.'

Ruairidh won the Donald Ferguson Memorial Trophy, a new trophy to commemorate



Show judge Willie Neilson of Taynuilt, Argyll run an eye over the cross sheep section at North Uist Show.

the late renown Hebridean sheep breeder and artist of Hougharry, North Uist who passed away in 2008.

Mr Neilson went on to praise the general standard of stock at the show.

He said: 'These are quality cattle, every bit as good as those on the mainland and some of them superceding the mainland cattle without a doubt.'

Cattle champion and supreme show champion was a two year old Simmental

cross heifer belonging to John Allan MacLellan of Hougharry.

Mr Neilson said: 'She's got lovely clean lines, plenty of length behind her. She's carrying plenty of meat, that's a real beef animal. She's got a sweet head and lovely locomotion.'

The modest Mr MacLellan, who also won reserve show champion with another heifer, could only say: 'I didn't expect her to win.'

Sheep champion was Hugh

MacDonald of Hosta with a Blackface ewe.

The show took place in overcast, blustery conditions which gave way to sunshine as the afternoon wore on. More than 500 people attended the show on Hosta machair. There was plenty for children to do from treasure hunts to lucky dips, and the hall was packed to bursting point with people admiring the kitchen and garden produce, and the arts and crafts.

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Young stock judge winner 14 year old Ruairidh MacDonald of Ahmore.

Cup Junior Stock Judging - Under 25's cattle and sheep classes - Ruairidh MacDonald, Ahmore

Champion of Champions Cattle, sheep and horse sections, Sponsored by Harbro Ltd, (£75) - John Allan MacLellan, Hougharry Kenny Barker Shield

Best turned out tractor - Malcolm Tyson, Newton Clachan Stores Trophy Best overall competitor - Dog Show - Lisa Gill with Milly May **Kitchen Garden & Produce Section** MacGillivray Cup Crofters Kitchen garden (class 1) - Jane Taylor,

Beachd Ailein
Ailean Caimbeul

RINN AN RIAGHALTAS beagan cùis bhùirt leis mar a nochd amas aig Ministear Slàinte stad a chur air bainne an asgaidh dha cloinn sgoiltean-àraich, agus am Prìomhaire a' cur stad air an innleachd mus do thàr dha nochdadh! "Damage limitation" 's dòcha, ach tha fhios gur e an dòigh as fheàrr air sin, dèanamh cinnteach nach tachair an damaist as a' chiad àite! Cha chualas guth roimhe air nach robh am bainne a' dèanamh feum dhan chloinn, ach gu h-iongantach nuair a tha cothrom air caomhnadh nochdaidh an taice theicnigeach! Theagamh nach robh an seo ach beachd bhon Mhinistear airson coluadar, ach ghabh an Camshronach fìor sgàthaig gum bidhte ga fhaicinn tuilleadh is coltach ri Thatcher! Cò chuireadh coire air airson sin!

Aig an aon àm 's a thathas ag innse dhuinn nach eil am bainne a' dèanamh feum sam bith dhan chloinn tha sinn cuideachd a' cluinntinn nach eil camara measaidh-astair a' cur casg air astar charbadan, is gur còir cur às daibh agus na milleanan eile a chaomhnadh! Mar fhear a tha ciontach a bhith dol nas luaithe na bu choir bho àm gu àm, feumaidh mise aiceachadh gum bheil am maoidheadh bho chamara air mo sporan is air mo chead-draibhaidh a' cumail smachd ormsa! Agus tha mi den bheachd gum bheil sin fìor a thaobh nam milleanan eile! Cò às bho shealbha a thàinig a' bheachd cur às daibh?

Tha Nick Clegg a' faighneachd mu na laghan as nach eil feum, agus bhual e orm fhìn gur ann à sin a-nochd leithid seo de bheachd. Cha chuireadh e annas gum biodh daoine a' moladh cur às do riaghailtean a bha a' bacadh saorsa air dhòigh air choreigin. Tha riaghailtean a thaobh astair gun teagamh air cuid dhùibh sin, ach ma tha ceist aig Clegg no duine sam bith eile cha leig e leas ach paipear naidheachd a thogail gus leughadh mun sgrios a tha an luib astair!

Tha fios againn uile gum feumar caomhnaidhean a lorg gus an eaconamaidh a chothromachadh as ùr, ach tha cunnart ann an ceartuar gum bheil a leithid de dh' fhiabhras-gearraidh air Ministearan is nach eil cus smaointinn ga thoirt air bun-adhbhar na seirbheis air am bheil iad a' bagairt. 'S e craosachd bhancairean a dh' fhàg sinn far am bheil sinn, ach tha cunnart ann an craosachd gearraidh cuideachd!

BANKING greed and arrogance may have contributed to our economic crisis and the reality of the stringencies which face us over the next decade or more, but there is an equally sinister danger in our government's current cutting frenzy.

In a matter of days we are told that milk is not really doing anything for pre-school children and could be cut to save sixty million a year; and that speed-cameras are not an effective deterrent in road safety either, and should also go.

Cynics will wonder at how evidence is so conveniently available to disprove policies which have been sustained by successive administrations for decades!

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Scotland's Islands project unveils new logo

THE Scotland's Islands 2011 project has unveiled a colourful new symbol to represent some of the country's remotest communities.

The initiative aims to promote island culture, including art and music, to those who live on the mainland of Scotland.

Following the launch of the new logo, creative director of Redpath, who designed the symbol said: 'With such a range of cultural influences and communities to represent it was obvious that we needed

to use abstract colour and shape to convey the breadth and diversity of cultures and geography. What connects them all is the fact that while they are all unique island communities, they are all also Scotland's islands in the broadest sense.'

Scotland's Islands is a collaborative initiative supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

Leading the project is Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, who which will receive over £1.8 million in funding from the public sector.

Berneray **Flowers & Plants Section** Catherine MacVicar Memorial Trophy Flower garden (class 1) - Murdo MacLeod, Grimsay **Home Industries Section** North Uist and Berneray Association Cup Highest aggregate in home industries section (classes 1 - 27) - Chrissie MacAskill, Berneray Mrs G MacInnes Cup (Primary) Best handicraft (class 2) - Anna MacLain, Middle-quarter Mrs G MacInnes Cup (Secondary) Best woodwork (class 5) - Kenneth MacLean, Carinish Hebridean Jewellery Trophy Best Metalwork - secondary (class 3) - Kenneth MacLean, Carinish **Dairy, Home Baking etc**

Bank of Scotland Cup Highest aggregate in dairy, home baking, preserves and confectionery (classes 1 - 35) First Equal : Flora MacDonald, Ahmore and Jessie Mary Morrison, Kallin, Grimsay MacLeans Bakery Cup Best clootie dumpling (class 18) - Morag MacInnes, Kallin, Grimsay MacLennan Brothers Trophy Highest number of points in secondary baking (classes 1 - 5) - William Iain MacGregor, Malaglate Inverness Trophy Centre Shield Highest number of points in primary section (classes 1 - 3) First Equal: Orin Shepherd, Paibsgarry and Marion MacCorquodale, Sollas

Weekend search for missing Edinburgh woman draws a blank

AN EXTENSIVE two-day search covering remote areas of Argyll hillside has drawn 'no significant discoveries' say police investigating the murder of Edinburgh woman Suzanne Pilley.

Lothian and Borders and Strathclyde Police constabularies were joined by 150 volunteers who searched forestry between the Rest and Be Thankful and Ardgartan last weekend. **Mountain rescue teams** Volunteers came from Arrochar Mountain Rescue

Team, Lomond Mountain Rescue Team, Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team, Oban Mountain Rescue Team, Trossachs Search and Rescue Team, the Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation, and the Caithness and Sutherland Search Group.

During the course of the weekend numerous animal bones, items of clothing and artefacts were discovered, and confirmed to be of no significance to the inquiry. **Disappointed** Detective Chief Inspector Gary Flannigan

of Lothian and Borders Police said: 'Everyone involved is understandably disappointed, particularly for the Pilley family, that the extensive search this weekend did not result in the recovery of Suzanne's body.'

'Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered to help and given up their time, in an admirable effort to assist the inquiry.'

Thirty-eight-year-old Suzanne went missing on May 4 2010 whilst on her way to work in Edinburgh City Centre. David Gilroy, an ex-partner of Suzanne's, has since been charged with her murder. He denies the charge and is currently on bail awaiting

Former Mull man's case not proven

A FORMER Tobermory man had the case against him declared not proven after a trial on Monday at Oban Sheriff Court. Kyle Livingstone, aged 19, 46 Bute Crescent, Dunfermline pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace at a bar in Tobermory on October 21 last year.

The court heard that Livingstone was accused of making lewd remarks to a 21-year-old woman. Sheriff Tom Ward said: 'I was not impressed by witnesses for the crown, therefore this case is not proven.'

New treasurer for tourism group

OBAN and Lorn Tourism Association has a new treasurer. Following John Greaney's resignation Ina MacArthur, of Alt-na-Craig, Oban has taken over the reins. Chairwoman Linda Battison thanked John for all his hard work. The organisation is currently undertaking a market research project with a student intern compiling the information and Caledonian University will produce a report.

Fishing rods stolen from Inverawe

POLICE are investigating the theft of two specialist fishing rods from Inverawe overnight on August 13. The rods are worth in the region of £1,200. Officers are also investigating the theft of bronze boat propellers, valued at £200, taken from Dunstaffnage Marina between the end of July and August 12. Anyone with information should contact Oban Police Station on 01631 510540 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Digital awareness

A CAMPAIGN to raise awareness of the digital switchover is being launched in Oban on Monday August 23. Representatives will attend Oban's Congregational Church to provide advice to ensure older and disabled people in the community are receiving help they need.

Council warns of major cuts

ARGYLL and Bute residents should brace themselves for major cuts to public services as the local authority attempts to tighten its purse strings.

The council is, according to its leader, facing 'unprecedented times' as its annual budget is slashed by around 12 per cent over the next three years. The authority will have to make £30million worth of cuts over the next three years as a result of the current economic climate and central government cutting public sector funding.

Argyll and Bute Council Chief Executive, Sally Loudon, says people must realise the difficult choices the local authority will have to make in order to balance its books.

Cutting the number of schools and teachers, combining school management, reducing the number of roads gritted in winter, reconsidering town regeneration projects and introducing fortnightly refuse collections are just some of the measures being considered.

Chief Executive Sally Loudon said: 'Nobody has ever lived through what we are about to live through.'

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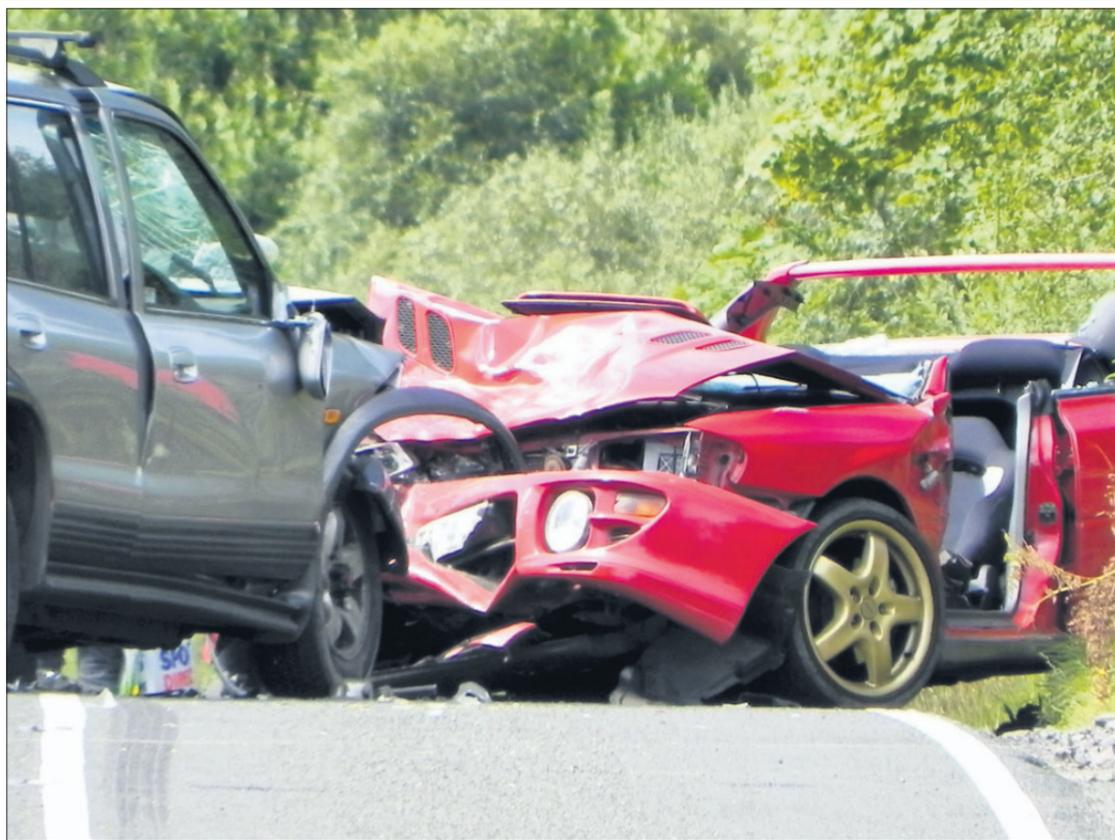
'I don't know an elected member in the land that is comfortable with the decisions they are going to have to make over the next few years.'

The council is now encouraging communities throughout the area, as well as its own staff and other organisations, to tell it where the cuts should come from.

Launching Options to Consider the council hopes people will share their views by filling in a budget suggestion questionnaire.

Council leader, Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'As a council we have to take a long, hard look at our services and the way we deliver them and ask ourselves some difficult questions. And as a council it's our responsibility to listen to what communities want us to do on their behalf. As we develop the budget I hope to hear from residents about their priorities.'

The information leaflet is available from libraries, leisure centres and council offices as well as the council website - www.argyll-bute.gov.uk



Witnesses of the car crash near to Glen Scammadale road end say they are amazed there were no fatalities.

Argyll family's condition 'serious' after crash

THREE generations of an Argyll family are in a serious condition in hospital this week after a three-car pile up on the A816, near the village of Kilniver, 16 miles south of Oban.

The accident happened at 1pm when the Kia, travelling towards Oban, and the Subaru, on the way to Lochgilphead, collided near the Glen Scammadale junction. Two occupants of the car were able to free themselves from the wreckage but the remaining three had to wait to be cut free by the fire and rescue crews. One man,

who was driving behind the Subaru at the time of the accident, said: 'It's a miracle that there were no fatalities.'

He added: 'It was awful, I could hear the driver crying for help.'

Emergency services rushed to the aid of the nine people involved in the pile-up.

Paramedics tended to the occupants of the Kia vehicle, who were taken by ambulance to the MidArgyll Hospital in Lochgilphead. Their injuries are described

as slight. A third vehicle, a Vauxhall Zafira travelling ahead of the Kia when the accident happened, was carrying two people who suffered minor injuries and were treated by paramedics at the scene.

Both the occupants of the Kia and Vauxhall cars are from outwith the Argyll area.

A witness said he was impressed by the speed at which the emergency services responded to the incident. 'The police were

really quick in getting to the scene. Especially for it being a rural area. They were really efficient,' he said.

Road policing Sergeant David Ferguson, who attended the scene, urged drivers to be especially vigilant on the roads during this particularly busy time of year. He said: 'Do not take any unnecessary risks. I encourage people to drive safely and pay attention to road markings and signposts.'

Police re-route traditional Games Day march after safety fears

THE TRADITIONAL march through the centre of Oban at the finale of the Argyllshire Gathering has been altered this year due to safety fears, according to police.

The world-champion Oban High School Pipe Band will lead the parade, which marks the official end of the day, away from Mossfield Stadium, down Miller Road before ending the march in the grounds of Oban High School.

Inspector Julie McLeish, of Oban Police, said: 'This is not the first year that concerns have been raised.'

'We had to carry out a risk assessment and the last parade of the day was found to give cause for concern.'

'It is a busy time of day especially because the schools are back now.'

'In the past it has only been good fortune that nothing has happened and we have had to take action to prevent incidents occurring.'

'Safety has to be our top priority and we have changed the route to ensure this.'

Inspector McLeish added: 'We are fully supportive of the games in every way and this is by no means a precedent for future years.'

Police and organisers will meet after this year's event to review the situation for future games.

Parents take their protest to the doors of council headquarters

PARENTS of primary school children in Arrochar will stage a protest outside Kilmory Castle today (Thursday) over 'ludicrous' cuts to their school bus services.

The 57-seater Arrochar Primary School bus was scheduled to run for the start of the new term today with only 14 pupils on board and will pass 28 children who live within the two-

mile boundary, and whose parents have been told to organise their own travel arrangements as a result.

Argyll and Bute Council has identified a 'safe' walking route along the A83 for the 28 children who live within two miles of the school. However, parents are livid that the 'safe' route saddles a trunk road, where the national speed limit applies.

'Situation is ludicrous. Safe route used by 240 cars every hour'

Concerned parent Tracy Milton has a six-year-old son and lives 1.95 miles from the school, which means he can only get the school bus if she pays £60-per-term for a 'privileged seat'.

Ms Milton said: 'The situation is ludicrous. The route that the safe route passes is dangerous at the best of times and used by more than 240 cars every hour.'

'We know it is a dangerous route and we don't want any of our kids to become a statistic that proves that.'

As well as the protest today, the parents have organised an independent

risk assessment on the route and have received the backing of Dunbartonshire MSP Jackie Baillie.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'We told parents of the change to the rules concerning free school travel as soon as we had assessed the routes.'

'The council considers children's safety to be of paramount importance, and the revised school

transportation policy is only being implemented in areas where it is considered safe to do so.'

'The route in Arrochar has been assessed as safe, following guidelines from the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum. All assessments assume that every journey will be made in the company of a responsible adult. 'Ultimate responsibility for

the safety of pupils on the journey to and from school rests with the parents or carers. The size of school bus used is at the discretion of the operator.'

Of the 707 free school bus places that were removed in Argyll and Bute, 276 appeals were received and 186 of those have been reinstated because routes were found to be safe when reassessed.

Microsoft computer scam almost costs unsuspecting victim £400

AN OBAN computer expert has warned against a scam that could cost Microsoft Windows users hundreds of pounds each.

Almost every day Paul Brady, who works at Matrix Computers, has concerned customers coming into the shop in Breadalbane Street who think their computers are faulty and require hundreds of pounds to be fixed, when in fact there is nothing wrong with them.

Paul said: 'I had heard about a Microsoft scam a couple of months ago but I hear about these things all the time and I just thought it would fall away but it has actually picked up pace. It is happening all over the place but I have noticed it is in this area just now.'

The scam takes the form of a phone call. The person on the other end of the line claims to be from Microsoft and tells you to open the 'Event Viewer' programme.

This displays a list of errors that are quite normal for any PC but the con artist will tell people these represent a serious problem and quote a figure to fix it.

The scam makes victims hand over payment details and allows access to the computer, where private files and financial details can be accessed.



Paul Brady of Matrix Computers has a warning for computer users. 07_1345cam01

Mary MacInnes from Oban was very nearly cheated out of £400 by the scam.

Having initially gone along with the scam, it was Mary's quick-thinking brother who overheard Mary mention 'Microsoft' and put the phone down just in time. Mary received two further similar phone calls over the next two days.

'She said: 'They asked me for nearly £400 to fix my computer. I felt terrible because I was always asking why people would fall for any scam and then I fell for this one.'

Paul explains: 'Microsoft will never phone you. If someone phones you claiming to be from Microsoft it is a lie. 'It is just a shameful scam.'

Former Oban runner wins European Championships medal

MARATHON runner Susan Partridge, whose parents live near Appin, won a team bronze medal at the European Championships in Barcelona.

The former Oban High School pupil finished 16th overall in the event to help Team GB to third in the European Cup, the team event within the marathon. Having also set a personal best time of 2.35.57 in London in April the Leeds based 30 year old says she would risk injury by competing in the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Delhi, so will not compete.

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As well as Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team, participants at some or all of the venues include:

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Mull Lines

THE SOUND of Mull at Aros and Tobermory have been closed for shellfish harvesting as a result of raised levels of naturally occurring algal toxins.

Eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from these areas may pose a risk to human health and notices to warn the public and casual gatherers of the dangers have been put up in the areas. Argyll and Bute Council has contacted commercial shellfish harvesters in these areas and steps have been taken to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside.

It is a sensible precaution to avoid eating shellfish from these areas until further notice.



THE BEST of Tobermory Harbour was showcased for a team of judges ahead of a crunch vote that could win it a prestigious national award.

Members of Tobermory Harbour Association (THA) gave a tour of the town to assessors from think-tank The Academy of Urbanism, whose members include industry-leading architects, planners, engineers, developers and designers.

In May, Tobermory Harbour was announced as one of three finalists for the title of Great Place of the Year at the annual Urbanism Awards, which recognise places whose design, feel and use contribute to better quality of life for their residents, workers and visitors.

The tour, which was welcomed by a contingent led by Tobermory Harbour Association chairman Brian Swinbanks, included a visit to Salen agricultural show, a harbour tour, seeing the regenerated quays and browsing in local shops.

Standing in the way of Tobermory Harbour becoming Great Place of the Year are rival bids from St Andrew Square in Edinburgh and Princesshay in Exeter.

Lindsay Whitelaw, a landscape architect and visit lead assessor from The Academy of Urbanism, praised THA's work. She said: 'Pulling together, they have regenerated Tobermory. Everything they turn their minds to they seem to make happen, and it's a great example of getting the right motivated people doing it just because they're passionate about where they live and are not sitting back. I'm very impressed by them as an organisation and I feel Tobermory is in good hands.'

The assessors will now produce a report that will help The Academy of Urbanism's 400-strong membership to vote for their favourites. The winners will be announced at the Academy's annual Urbanism Awards dinner in London on November 19.

Three finalists in each of the five categories - European City of the Year, Great Town, Great Neighbourhood, Great Street and Great Place - were whittled down from 50 shortlisted bids at The Academy of Urbanism's annual Congress on May 12 and 13 at Gorton Monastery in Manchester.



ISLANDERS who signed up for the online police newsletter on the islands of Mull and Iona should have the first edition in their inbox.

The initiative, a first for the island and a first for Strathclyde Police, should help officers get their message out to the large geographical community that makes up the islands.

Sergeant Mark Stephen said: 'We hope that by providing news and alerts this way we will give the local community another way of keeping informed about policing issues on Mull and Iona. There is no substitute for a good old-fashioned conversation and this newsletter won't try to replace the relationship that exists already between the community and local officers so if you meet a police officer carrying out his or her normal patrols please stop and have a chat. Although we are using email to contact you this way, calls to police, complaints or emergencies will all be managed in the normal existing ways and those processes are not being replaced.'

To sign up for newsletter contact Sergeant Steven on Mark.Stephens@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk



THE DUART Castle Summer Ceilidh returns on Friday August 20 following its success last month.

The ceilidh has been popular amongst local residents and visitors to Mull. The event gives guests the chance to learn traditional Scottish ceilidh dances and jig up and down the old castle's byre to the Celtic sounds of Calum Maclean and his ceilidh band.

Guests can enjoy a taste of Scotland with hot stovies and buy their favourite tipples from the bar.

The event is suitable for all ages and families are welcome.



Linda, right, with Peter Campbell and Irene Wain. 16_t33help1

LINDA McLaren has taken over as Help for Heroes fund-raising co-ordinator for the island of Mull. To welcome her into her new role Peter Campbell gave Linda a regimental lapel badge. Linda can be contacted on linda.mclaren@h4county.org.uk.



MULL Eagle Diary: A boat trip aboard the Lady Jayne with Mull Charters this week to a remote stretch of coast confirmed that the last white-tailed eagle chick to fledge this year was flying strongly with its parents.

That totals 10 fledged sea eagle chicks here in 2010 - a fantastic result for Mull Eagle Watch project.

At Loch Frisa where lots of visitors have been enjoying the late summer sunshine, both adult sea eagles Frisa and Skye have been in evidence. Their moult must be well advanced now although a cloud of white down still erupts whenever they take off or land. They'll soon be back to their finest plumage and will even start to think about where they might nest in 2011. Why not book onto a trip to see them on 01680 812556.



Ceannard 5th of Glengorm, out of Marina 5th of Glengorm and by Eoin Mhor of Torloisk, won the Champion of Champions title for Glengorm Estate. The two-year-old bull is destined for sale in Oban later in the year. 16_t34salen5



A Blackface tup lamb from Robbie MacDougall, Tobermory took the overall sheep championship. The home bred lamb out of a gimmer by a £2,000 Millpark, and by a Succotto bought at Dalmally and shared with Mark Cherry, gave Robbie his first championship after 33 years of trying. The champion will now go on sale at Dalmally at the end of October. 16_t34salen7



Reserve overall sheep was the cross sheep leader from Sis MacDougall, a home bred Cheviot shearing out of a home bred ewe and by an Attonburn bought as a two-shear at Oban. 16_t34salen8



Shepherd John Nudds, Torr-na-faire, Ardtornish, produced the open champion gimmer with his own stylish gimmer Smirnoff Ice by an East Bracklin and out of a homebred ewe. John had a tremendous show and also produced the winning group of four. 16_t34salen16

Oban man branded 'a menace' in stab threat case

AN OBAN man has been found guilty of threatening to stab a teenager after appearing at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

Daniel Kelly, of 5 West Bay, Corran Esplanade, Oban, was convicted of a breach of the peace after an altercation which took place in the town last month.

The teenage victim told the court that he, his girlfriend and another 16-year-old girl came across the accused in the town's Stevenson Street at approximately 8pm on July 12 when Kelly approached him and wanted to fight him. Asked by Procurator Fiscal Gillian if he was frightened, the teenager replied yes. 'Nothing like that has ever happened to me before,' he said. 'I don't even know the guy.'

A 16-year-old girl told the court she heard Kelly shout 'I am going to stab you and all your family'. Kelly, aged 20, claimed that he wasn't in Stevenson Street at the time of the alleged incident. However Sheriff Tom Ward said: 'I believe both witnesses that it was you that day. 'I believe you are guilty.' Kelly was remanded in custody until September 2 when he will appear for sentencing. Sheriff Ward added: 'You are clearly a menace to the public.'

Highland leader is Salen's overall champion

Umpire called for as husband and wife go head to head for overall sheep championship

ON AN ideal show day weatherwise at Salen, Isle of Mull, the crowds flocked in to see an outstanding display of quality livestock and a highly entertaining programme of varied events and stalls.

The finale of the livestock competitions produced the champion of champions, with the leader from the Highland cattle section, a red two-year bull Ceannard 5th of Glengorm, out of Marina 5th of Glengorm and by Eoin Mhor of Torloisk walking off with the top award for owner Tom Nelson and stockman Angus MacColl.

In the highly competitive sheep rings, it came down to a battle between husband and wife for the overall sheep championship. And with an umpire being called in to make the final call, the husband won the day.

Robbie MacDougall, of Tobermory, produced his Blackface tup lamb leader which had dominated the

Blackface classes, while wife Sis represented the best from the cross sheep section with her outstanding Cheviot shearing.

After Blackface judge John Jackson, Pole, Lochgoilhead, and Cross sheep judge Jim Thompson, Kelso, couldn't agree on an overall winner they called on help from an expert to make the final decision. 'By a whisker' Robbie took the overall sheep championship - a challenge that has been eluding him for 33 years.

Salen's supreme champion competition line-up also featured the dog champion, working collie Meg, from Fiona Boa, Dervaig; last year's top award winner, the pony champion 'Freddie' Durris Fairwind from Amanda and Lewis Fergusson, Lochaline, and the leaders from both sheep and cattle sections.

Following the show, Blackface sheep judge John Jackson, said: 'The show at Salen would stand its weight anywhere in the country. There was a tremendous standard of entry and we had to make a tough choice. Neither of the sheep judges could be swayed so we had to call in help to make the final decision.'

All praise for the fun-filled family day went to the organising committee and many people mentioned the hard work of secretary Greg Marsh for organising a great day and the 'best raffle' in years.

By request, the after-show dance returned, with the venue being a marquee on the showfield.



Retaining the title she won at Salen Show last year was top dog Meg, - 30 month old black and white working collie from Fiona Boa, Dervaig. Meg was bought as a pup from sheepdog trialing specialist Ian McConnell 17_t34salen22



Battle of the husband and wife for the overall sheep championship: Sis MacDougall and her Cheviot shearing took on husband Robbie and his Blackface tup lamb, and lost out 'by a whisker'. Judge Jim Thomson said it was 'too close to call'. 16_t34salen9



Miko, a Romonola cross-Limousin, helped Shona MacGilvaray, aged 12, from Pennygowan win the young handlers competition. 16_t34salen4

Salmon trust voices sea lice fears

SEA lice are posing a real threat to wild salmon and sea trout in waters around the west coast of Scotland according to the Atlantic Salmon Trust (AST).

The lice occur in nature but are increasing in numbers as a result of fish farms. The government estimates a half louse for every farmed fish in Scotland and with around 65 million farmed salmon on the west coast of Scotland that represents a real danger for wild fish.

Sea lice attach to fish and can eat through the skin, leading to the death of smaller or weaker fish.

Last week AST released a management policy to tackle the lice and are calling on it to be made mandatory for all fish farms.

Chief executive Tony Andrews said: 'AST's policy advocates a completely new approach to sea lice management because we recognise that there have been some problems with the current system of management.'

The AST policy calls for official lice monitoring programmes with all results to be made available to the public and compulsory treatment regimes in sea lochs and bays.

Steve Bracken from Marine Harvest, the largest fish farming company in Scotland, with 35 sites on the west coast, said: 'We are always open to new ideas for the control of sea lice and would be very interested to learn of any that may benefit both wild and farmed stocks.'

Local author aims for Booker prize

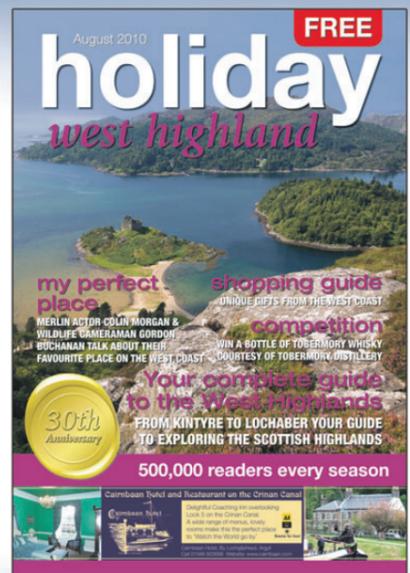
AUTHOR Alan Warner, from Connel, has been nominated for the Man Booker Prize for Fiction for his novel *The Stars in the Bright Sky*.

The novel, the sequel to Warner's previous work *The Sopranos*, is one of 13 novels shortlisted for the award.

The winner of the Man Booker Prize for Fiction will receive £50,000.

Warner's other books include *Morvern Callar* and *The Man Who Walks*.

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Dutchman dies after fall from Tarbert - Uig ferry

A DUTCHMAN died after plunging from a Caledonian MacBrayne ferry in Loch Snizort, near Uig ferry terminal on Skye last Wednesday.

Jozef Johanna Henricus Foliand, 49, originally from Holland but now living at Cornhill Gardens in Aberdeen, went overboard from the Tarbert to Uig ferry shortly before 6pm.

Onboard crew launched the rescue boat and emergency services were called. The man was recovered from the water after about 15 minutes but died soon after.

A spokesman for Caledonian MacBrayne confirmed that an incident took place but said: 'As it is being handled by police it would be inappropriate to comment further.'

Police are not treating the death as suspicious. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Inveraray may have some nasty niffs

AN UNPLEASANT smell may hang around Inveraray for the next few weeks as Scottish Water carries out maintenance work.

Inveraray Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) will involve routine emptying of septic tanks. There is the chance of a foul odour when tankers are on site.

A spokesperson for Scottish Water said: 'We are carrying out this work to help ensure the WWTW continues to function properly. 'We would like to apologise for any inconvenience and thank customers in the area for their patience and understanding while this essential work is carried out.'

Loch Etive management meet

THE NEXT meeting of the Loch Etive Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project will be held on Wednesday August 25 in Connel Village Hall from 7 till 9.30pm.

This is the last meeting before a draft ICZM plan is produced. The plan is expected to be put out to public consultation on September 24 for six weeks.

The project aims to determine future uses of the area.

Outdoor adventures bound for Loch Awe

A LOCHABER-based outdoor adventure business has opened a third centre in Loch Awe near Oban.

Highland Activities has begun running grade two and three white water rafting trips on the River Awe.

The new venture at Loch Awe Holiday Park was developed with assistance from Highland and Islands Enterprise towards infrastructure and business growth.

Highland Activities already has two activity sites at the Great Glen Water Park on Loch Oich and at Ardverrick Estate, Kinlochlaggan. Andy Burton, director of Highland Activities, said: 'We feel there is a massive potential for growth in adventure tourism in the Highlands of Scotland and the Oban area is a fantastic holiday destination.'

HIE back 5-star bid

HIGHLANDS and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is backing an Argyll hotel's bid to gain a coveted five-star rating.

The enterprise agency has been working with the management team at Barcaldine House Hotel and is supporting its growth plans with a £120,000 grant towards the £600,000 build and marketing development costs. Lachie Beaton of HIE said: 'Argyll and the Islands is home to a number of Scotland's five star hotels and we are very proud to be investing in the growth of quality provision in the area.'

Local Lions take pride in 12 charitable donations

OBAN and Lorn Lions Club gave nearly £4,000 in 12 donations during the past financial year, the largest donation being £1,800 from a street collection for Mary's Meals' Haiti earthquake appeal.

Six local school groups also received donations towards projects.

The Lions' Charity Fund usually raises about £3,000 annually and rarely a month goes by without an event taking place.

Membership of the local Lions Club has fallen in recent years and new members, both male and female, are very much welcome.

The Lions meet at the Caledonian Hotel on

the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Oban and Lorn Lions Club is a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club with 1.3 million members in 202 countries. There are 980

clubs in the UK and Ireland supporting local, national and international projects.

For further information contact the Oban and Lorn Lions secretary by email at 3108@aol.com or telephone 01631 562762.

Sharp rise in number of 'looked after' children in Argyll

A SHARP rise in the number of 'looked after' children in Argyll and Bute is a result of poor parenting, claims an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson.

Statistics released this month show a rise of a third in the number of cases coming to social workers' attention.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'Reasons for the increase include a rise in the number of younger children who have been subjected to the sort of poor parenting and neglect often associated with parental alcohol or substance misuse, along with issues of domestic violence.'

'At the same time, there has also been an increase in the number of child protection investigations undertaken in Argyll and Bute.'

'In 2008/09 167 such investigations were carried out, but the figure increased to 181 in 2009/10. Over the same period, there was a corresponding rise in the number of children on the child protection register from 32 to 43.'

A mother, who did not want to be named for potential repercussions, said: 'In my experience the social

work department is legalised emotional child abuse. My children were interviewed three times because of lost paperwork. And all I got was a 'sorry' from social workers each time. Sorry is not good enough when you are dealing with children. 'Social workers are reactive rather than proactive. Parents should be offered help.'

Another mother, Jean McKellop, who has since moved away from the area, said: 'Help, such as parenting classes, should be offered or support groups not the threat of my children being taken away.'

Councillor Donald McIntosh said: 'Child protection remains a priority for the council and its partners and much of the activity in this area is carried out in partnership with Strathclyde Police and NHS Highland.'

'Although the analysis didn't give a definitive reason for the current position, it did highlight certain factors which have contributed to it such as general poor parenting and neglect, often as a result of alcohol and/or substance misuse.'

Victim required metal plate inserted into face

Former soldier broke victim's jaw

Two years in jail as attacker admits assault

A FORMER soldier who fractured a man's jaw during an 'unprovoked attack' has been sentenced to two years in prison.

At Oban Sheriff Court last week, Kevin Gillan, aged 22, of 2 West Bay Flats, Corran Esplanade, pled guilty to assaulting the man by repeatedly punching him on the head to severe injury on Argyll Street on March 8 last year. After the attack the victim required a metal plate to be inserted into his jaw and a tooth had to be removed. Procurator Fiscal Craig Harris indicated that the victim would suffer numbness in his face for the rest of his life.

Gillan, with his sister, had been in various pubs in Oban on March 7 when she bumped into the victim, her former 'special friend', - a relationship Gillan's sister had ended.

"You just went in fists swinging and you still don't regret that."

Sheriff Simon Fraser

Mr Harris said: 'They were approached by Gillan, who took exception to the man talking to his sister and threw a punch that connected with the side of his face.'

'The side of his face hit off a doorway and Gillan punched him a further time.'

Defence agent Roderick Boag said Gillan's sister had talked with her father and brother about the break-up of the relationship and her brother was being protective of her.

He continued: 'This was a chance encounter on the street when drink had been consumed.'

'The victim had told Gillan's sister that he wanted her to go home with him to sort it out.'

'It is at that point there were catastrophic consequences.'

Sheriff Simon Fraser said: 'This was an entirely unprovoked attack on someone who was simply speaking to your sister. She may well have become upset but there was absolutely no justification whatsoever for physical violence on your part. You did not even try to intervene verbally. You just went in fists swinging and you still don't regret that.'

'Your only regret is your results.'

A audible gasp of shock came from the public gallery as Gillan's family heard the two-year sentence.

Lorn Lines

MACQUEEN Brothers Charitable Trust made the following donations to charities in July:

MS Therapy Centre, Oban; Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council; Oban and Lorn Sports Festival; Benderloch Toddlers; Lorn Toy Library; Appin Agricultural Club; Lismore Historical Society; Rockfield Primary School Castle Toward Fund and Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis received grants of between £200 and £500.

The charity sells furniture donated by townspeople through its shop on the North Pier. The group is currently looking for donations of furniture and other household items.

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THREE Wee Crows, a Lorn theatre company, is presenting a short summer season of plays in St Conan's Kirk, Lochawe.

More than 50 per cent of the admission fee is going to St Conan's Kirk restoration fund.

The plays and accompanying music are based on local myths from the ancient lands of Lorn. Including a programme such as Mary of Callart, A Caileach and Snow in Summer the group has already received rave reviews.

Performances are on August 20 and 25 then Fridays in September from September 10.

For more information contact David Price on 01866 833455.

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CLIVE Fairweather, left, of Combat Stress, opened the Royal British Legion Scotland Easdale Branch Annual Fair. He is pictured with Easdale's president Richard Allan. The group raised £1,137.46 on the day and since then received further donations bringing the total to £1,200.

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GEORGE Berry is still on track in his fitness regime having lost another half a stone last week.

He is building up to a half climb of Ben Nevis on Sunday August 29 before tackling the full mountain in September.

Andrew Johnston of Energie Fitness said: 'George has lost more inches this week and we're just looking to keep him on track for his challenge.'

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Former oilman becomes SAMS student of the year

AN ENGINEER who gave up an eight-year career in the oil industry to study marine science has been named student of the year for his academic achievements.

Pete Taylor won the title at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) UHI near Oban where he is working for a degree through the prospective University of the Highlands and Islands. His achievements, consistently achieving high grades, have impressed tutors at the centre.

Student registry officer Polly Crooks said: 'Pete has proved to be very dedicated and motivated. He has shown an excellent work ethic and developed study and learning skills. He has also been involved in many voluntary summer projects at the centre, helping a number of departments and staff members.'

Pete said: 'I'm really delighted to win the award. I have a



Pete Taylor is student of the year.

geology degree from the University of Aberdeen but always wanted to study at UHI, particularly with SAMS because of my long interest in the sea.'

Now living in Dunbeg, near Oban, Pete wins £100 as the SAMS student of the year and goes through as a candidate for the overall UHI award due to be announced later this month.

Beauty salon throws doors open

TWO OBAN beauty therapists are so convinced of the quality of a new range of products - they are throwing open the doors of their salon.

And Rutherford's Nicola Siddall and Tricia Steele have invited world experts in Environ skincare and Jane Iredale mineral cosmetics to help them host the salon day. But it is one piece of equipment, similar to technology favoured by programme makers Ten Years Younger and used in London's Harley Street, that will reveal the secrets of your hidden layers of skin.

Nicola and Tricia are keen to get as many people, whether they are in the market for new skincare or not, to come along and be convinced by the products.

Nicola said: 'We looked at hundreds of different products before we chose these products. And when we did chose them we did so because they are the best we found for anti ageing and problem skin.'

'These products are an active range for problem skin. For us as holistic practitioners, we don't want people to complement you on your makeup we want them to complement you on your good skin. And already the results are glowing through.'

'Environ products are about treating your skin from inside and out. Results are showing this value-for-money product is proving invaluable for both men and women. We want other people to choose this product because it is right for them. These products will normalise the skin, help to thicken the epidermis and deal with any damage to your skin.'

Nicola added: 'Our make up range is already selling really well. One woman came back for more of the mineral foundation and said she was being complimented on her great skin. She said: 'They didn't even notice I was wearing foundation. Everyone wants great skin and with this makeup that is a possibility for everyone.'

'The open day is an event not to be missed. Especially not the Visia machine that looks deep into the layers of your skin identifying potential problems. We hope as many people as possible can come along.'

The salon open day is on Monday August 23 between noon and 8pm. A raffle will be held on the night with proceeds going to the NSPCC, Cancer Research and Grey Expectations.

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The Piping Scene

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Around the Games

Stirling

STIRLING Games this year visited its third venue in four years.

However, the venue was excellent with the Castle and Wallace Monument as a backdrop. Unfortunately a fierce gale from the west on the day made it very difficult for the competitors and the judges and Ronnie McShannon and I had to check periodically if the tent pegs were still affixed to avoid the tent taking off and landing somewhere near the base of Stirling Castle.

Whoever put the tent up did a good job and we survived the day. We were on the piobaireachd contest and because of the weather we had a number of breakdowns including one unfortunate chap who had his drones blown off his shoulder.

Chris Armstrong weathered the storm best and had a good enough *Rory MacLoudie's Lament* to take first prize.

Inveraray

THE GLASGOW Fair usually means the start of the rainy season and, true to form, the morning at Inveraray on July 20 brought a steady drizzle and some downpours later in the morning.

It eventually cleared up in the afternoon. Inveraray is a well-organised contest with cover for both competitors and judges and the events split into A, B and C grades. They have also sensibly capped the entry in each to 25 players. Argyllshire Gathering, please take note!

Iain MacFadyen and I were allocated the C piobaireachd contest which brought the usual mix of good and not so good performances. A clear winner on the day was Andrew MacPhee with a nicely phrased *Too long in This Condition*. We also had a commendable *Old Men of the Shells* from Gary Carruthers with it maybe tailing off a bit towards the finish. The result was: 1 Andrew MacPhee; 2 Gary Carruthers; 3 Ross Forrest; 4 Gordon Rowan; 5 Gavin Ferguson; 6 Peter Hunt.

North Berwick

SATURDAY August 7 saw North Berwick Highland Games where Ronnie McShannon and I were on the piobaireachd competition with Tom Speirs and Walter Cowan doing the light music.

Unfortunately the weather at the start of the day wasn't too kind but it improved as the day went on.

The contest has reasonably high prize money, but isn't graded, therefore there are B grade players playing against premier grade players which isn't ideal. The piping competitions tend to be too close to each other at this venue and are also affected by the loudspeakers from the main ring commentary which can be distracting.

We had a good contest which was won by Bruce Gandy playing *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*.

This was a well-paced and played tune on a good instrument which stayed in tune throughout.

Second was Calum Beaumont with *The Battle of Auldearn No 2* which improved in the second half of the tune. William Geddes, recent winner of the Dunvegan Medal at Portree, was third with *Nameless (Hiharin dro o dro)*.

His treatment of some phrases in the ground

was a little bit cavalier but it was a musical tune nonetheless. Fourth prize was awarded to John-Angus Smith with a forceful *MacDougalls' Gathering*, although his crunluath movement was a little 'sticky' at times.

Worth a mention were Alasdair Henderson with a reasonable *Rory MacLoudie's Lament* apart from a jerky variation 2 and Glenn Brown with *Beloved Scotland* played well enough, but his tune was marred by a wander off in the Taorluath Singling. All in all, this was an enjoyable competition.

Argyllshire Gathering and the Northern Meeting

THE 'BIG' contests in late August and early September are looming ever closer.

No-one I have spoken to seems to have heard much about the Argyllshire Gathering piping competitions.

Two of our leading senior judges told me that they learned they were allocated to a particular contest at Oban by hearing it on the 'grapevine' and not from the competition organisers.

An old-fashioned letter, or even a phone call, inviting someone to judge is surely not out of the question even in these days of electronic communication.

The piping competitions at Oban have a great team of volunteers who assist with the stewarding and the general running of the contests on the day. They are being let down by poor administration.

This year, for the first time, there will be a qualifying contest for the remaining places in the Silver Medal at both The Argyllshire Gathering and The Northern Meeting. The qualifier will be held in The College of Piping, Ottago Street, Glasgow, on Sunday August 22 starting at 9am.

The Northern Meeting on the other hand seems to be well ahead with its preparations and will be held in the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, on Thursday September 2 and Friday September 3. Admission is £10 each day and on the first day there will be the contests for the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal (piobaireachd), The Silver Medal (piobaireachd), the A Grade March, Strathspey and Reel and the former winners March, Strathspey and Reel.

On day two there is the Gold Clasp (piobaireachd) for former winners of the Gold Medal, the B March, the B Strathspey and Reel and the Hornpipe and Jig. On Friday there are also the junior competitions in the Eden Court Theatre.

Proceedings start at 9am each day.

Further details are available from Alison Harbison, piping secretary, at pipingsecretary@northern-meeting.org or by telephone on 01463 224981.

Springbank contest

ON SATURDAY September 18 the Springbank Invitational Contest takes place in Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbelltown, starting at 10am.

Invited this year are: Roddy MacLeod, Willie McCallum, Gordon Walker, Angus MacColl, Iain Speirs, Stuart Liddell, James Murray and Niall Stewart. It looks promising for a great day's piping.



Some of the welcoming party who turned out for the Kilmichael Cross celebration night in Kilmartin.

Homecoming ceremony for Kilmichael Cross

THE KILMICHAEL Cross, a medieval stone carving, was officially welcomed home recently at a special ceremony in Kilmartin.

Around 40 people turned out to mark the homecoming of the Cross at Kilmartin House Museum.

Kilmartin House Museum director Dr Sharon Webb said the museum was happy to offer a home to the medieval carving.

She said: 'The continued preservation of the Kilmichael Cross has been a concern of many people in the community for a number of years now

and I'm really pleased and proud that the museum was able to organise its conservation and provide a home for this wonderful artefact for however long it's needed.'

'Historic Scotland staff have done a splendid job of conserving it. Glassary Church has many other interesting and important gravestones and hopefully, by seeing the Kilmichael Cross on display here at the museum, visitors will be inspired to visit Glassary as well.'

The Kilmichael Cross is a special monument which at one time would

have stood outside the Church at Glassary.

After years of neglect, the Cross was preserved and although the primary aim was to return it to its rightful home in or near the Parish Church of Kilmichael Glassary, it will remain at Kilmartin House Museum.

John Raven, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic Scotland said: 'The cross has huge significance to the area so we are delighted that it has found a new temporary home within Kilmartin House Museum where it can be enjoyed by visitors.'

KILLIN

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New houses

RURAL Stirling Housing Association has started work on six new homes for rent at Ballechroisk, Killin.

There will be four houses and two bungalows - one purpose designed for wheelchair use. They will be insulated using a prefabricated closed panel system and will incorporate renewable heating features - either solar roof panels or ground source heat pumps - part funded through a grant from Community Energy Scotland. The work is being carried out by Hadden Construction Ltd and is due to be completed by January 2011.

Killin Community Council met recently and among the items discussed were:

Skip: The Killin skip is to stay closed. The brown asbestos left in the skip was the last straw in the fight to keep the skip open. The illegal tipping caused regulatory issues to come to a head and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency won't allow a new licence as dangerous substances may be deposited again, contaminating the water courses behind the skip. The community is now expected to travel to Callander to dispose of rubbish. Fly tipping may be a problem so it must be reported to the police or call 0845 277 7000. Stirling Council will uplift rubbish for a fee of £30. Streetscape will deal with random rubbish.

Roads: Patches are lifting and causing problems. Ardeonaig Road is the worst and requires urgent attention.

Playpark: It would make sense for the drainage in the park to be repaired before the playpark goes ahead. Alma Walker has the playpark improvement plan well underway and has had bark replaced until the new plans can be put into action. Many ideas have been given to Alma from the community for the new playpark. Councillor Woods is to speak with David Crighton regards the drainage problems.

Benches: A Fleming is to choose a new bench for the front of the police station.

The Manse Road bench is in place.

Turning area: The speed bumps are not being replaced.

Folklore Centre: Office space, heritage centre or micro-brewery are all possibilities.

Bus service: The Edinburgh to Fort William Citylink bus is to come to Killin.

Youth project: There have been two outings. There will be weekly meetings from August.

Killin sign: This is still missing. It won't be replaced as the original one was cast iron and is too expensive to replace.

Car parking: No charges will be made in Killin.

Community council AGM

THE MINUTES of the AGM held in May 2009 were read and approved by C Grant and seconded by A Dowling.

Copies of the financial statement were read and approved by F Kennedy and seconded by C Grant.

Election of office bearers: It was agreed that all positions would stay the same. Chairman F Kennedy; vice chairperson Charlie Grant; secretary and minute secretary Tim Frost and Pamela Farquharson; treasurer Gillian Farmer; planning C Grant and A Dowling; park convenor Pamela Farquharson; examiner Lelley Stitt.

LOCHALINE

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Lochaline ferry

REPRESENTATIVES of Caledonian Marine Assets Ltd (CMAL), once part of the Caledonian MacBrayne empire but now a separate offshoot responsible for maintenance of all the ferry assets, including the ferry pier at Lochaline, recently returned to the village.

This was the latest of several meetings over the past two years to keep the community informed on progress in obtaining a legislative order which will grant CMAL control of the ferry pier, some adjoining land and the navigable area in Loch Aline directly adjacent to the pier similar to other orders being sought for piers elsewhere.

Previous meetings identified local opposition, some strong, to these proposals, and there are suspicions in some areas that

this would lead to restricted access, more lorry traffic, especially that containing 'dangerous cargo' which can apparently not be carried on the Oban ferries to Mull, and possible compulsory purchase of additional land assets in the area over which the public would have little say.

It is also thought that with the possibility of the pier being sold to a commercial concern in the future, what little influence the community had over the pier would be endangered.

Negotiations with the community have been ongoing since this idea was first raised and as a result changes have been made to boundaries on land and at the outlet to Loch Aline into the Sound of Mull. CMAL has also made assurances in a number of areas which have mollified some, if not all of the objectors.

Amongst those are granted the Order by the Scottish Government, in addition to holding the asset, the company is also responsible for any maintenance and must ensure that all safety requirements in place.

It appears that if the Order is granted, it will set out parameters under which CMAL must operate the pier, and if there is any desire to change these parameters, another Parliamentary procedure and therefore another order must be sought. CMAL also gave assurances there were no plans to sell the pier, or use it as a conduit for lorries that cannot use other ferries due to dangerous cargoes.

There is still some local opposition to this procedure, and after the order is formally applied for in the near future,

objections can be submitted which could ultimately lead to a public enquiry.

Morvern

Community Council

MORVERN Community Council met on August 5 and among the items discussed were:

Corran Ferry: A public meeting was to be held in Strontian on August 10 where the latest proposals were to be put forward.

Readers will be aware of previous reports that a temporary structure is to be put in place allowing the *Maid of Glencoul* and not the big ferry to operate some form of service.

Scout hut: This is now a major eyesore in the village. Highland Council has inspected and advised that whilst poor, the condition is

not bad enough to warrant a demolition order. Tarmac has been advised and the situation will be monitored.

Drimmin Road: Highland Council has started preparatory work on this now crumbling road and it is proposed to undertake major resurfacing between Fuinary and Killundine Bridge on August 30. Work is expected to take 18 days.

A884 Loch Sunartside: Resurfacing work is to start on September 27 and is expected to last four days.

New primary school: Plans were due to go before the planning committee in Portree the week beginning August 9.

Council boundaries: Adjoining community councils and Highland Council have indicated a desire to maintain the status quo.

Trees in village: A number of complaints have been received regarding the abundance of trees in the village that are restricting views. The Forestry Commission is to look at this as far as it affects those on their land and no response has yet been received from Ardtornish Estate.

New postcode: There is still confusion over the supposed new postcode. Apparently the old and new codes are working in tandem but despite this internet suppliers will not recognise the new one and no stickers have been received from Royal Mail as promised.

The Royal Mail is looking into matter.

Community benefit from Ardtornish hydro schemes: A meeting is apparently awaited with Dot Ferguson of Highland Council who will lead negotiations with Ardtornish Estate.

LISMORE

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Lismore Faces exhibition

IONAD Naomh Moluag, Lismore Gaelic Heritage Museum, opened its latest exhibition Lismore Faces, with some associated genealogy by inviting residents to a private viewing on Sunday August 1.

The exhibition features the family trees of the Stewart, McColl and Livingston(e)

families along with an impressive display of archival photographs.

Many of the photographs were part of the generous gift from Lily Stewart of Hawthorne Cottage which also included Gaelic and English books and family papers.

The exhibition has been put together by volunteer archivist Margaret Black and genealogist Laura Gloag. They have so much material that there will be many more displays featuring Lismore families.

The opening was well supported and greatly enjoyed with the bonus of being able to see St Moluag's pastoral staff at the museum for the first time, thanks to Niall Livingstone who brought it along for the evening.

The staff can normally be viewed by appointment at Bachuil as custody of it was entrusted to the Livingstone family who became almoners to Lismore Cathedral and Barons of Bachuil.

If you have Lismore roots and wish to know more about your family this is the exhibition for you. You can also contact lismoremuseum@btconnect.com leaving a message for the island's genealogist who will be happy to help.

The exhibition is open daily from 11 to 4pm

Lismore Energy car sharing

LISMORE Energy project officers John MacCormick and Stephen Green had a tent at the sports day where it launched its island and mainland car sharing scheme offering a burger and a cup of tea to the first person who signed up.

This was won by Sarah Campbell. It is very easy to get involved. A clipboard clearly marked 'Car Sharing Scheme' has been left in the community information section of the shop. Just fill in details of your trip and wait for a response. Or check the details of car journeys which may be of use to you and call the person offering a seat.

Appin winners

WINNERS of the Appin Community Trust 100 Club July draw, set up to support sports facilities in the village, were: Margaret Massey, £100; David Colthart, £50; and Catriona MacKenzie, £25. MG



Musicians entertain the crowd at the Appin soup lunch.

Lunch funds boost music and dance festival

A SOUP lunch held in Port Appin on Thursday raised nearly £300 for The Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival.

After lunch, 80 guests were entertained by Frank Reid on accordion, Sheena Reid and Winnie McNicol on keyboard and Don McAllister on fiddle.

Aimie MacDonald sang two songs and 10-year-old Stewart McAllister, who started playing the accordion less than five months ago, delighted the audience with his skill.

The festival, which takes place every spring in Oban, started in 1984 and has since become one of Scotland's major events. MG

Fèis Tir a' Mhurain moves into its 21st year

FÈIS Tir a' Mhurain commenced its 21st year at Stoneybridge School on South Uist.

A crowd gathered on July 11 to register for 'Reis na Fèis' and Seonag Anderson played a variety of entertaining games with the children.

The sun finally came out as the three-mile race started with 50 participants, both adults and children, running around Stoneybridge.

Tuition got underway the following morning in Daliburgh School with 99 children taking part. This year's Fèis enjoyed a wealth of well known talent. Tutors included Ruairidh Nicolson and Anna Black - drama,

Calum Anthony Beaton and Angusina Morrison - pipes and chanter, Alex MacDonald - accordion, Margaret Callan-Griogair Labhraidh/Kathleen MacInnes - singing, Heather Forbes - tin whistle and group work, Kirsty Fowler - keyboard, Judith Cummings - clarsach, Gemma Steele and Iona Matheson - highland dancing, Eilidh Scammell - fiddle, Margaret Joan MacIsaac and Fiona MacIsaac - art, Michaelina MacLellan - games and storytelling, Niall Campbell - media skills, Stephen MacKinnon - guitar, Angus John MacDonald and Sean MacIsaac - Shinty, Calum

Morrison - drums. The children attending the Fèis were very fortunate this year to have been given the opportunity to attend cooking demonstrations by Veronica Beaton. A range of things were made from fruit smoothies to flapjacks.

On Wednesday evening the local community and visitors to the island were treated to a lively céilidh in Stoneybridge Hall.

The tutors from the Fèis provided the entertainment for the céilidh and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Fèis Tir a' Mhurain closed its doors on Friday evening with 'Céilidh na Cloinne'.

As always, the children took centre stage to display the talents and skills they learnt throughout the week including singing, drama and musical instruments. The quality of the performances proved just how hard both the tutors and the children had worked all week.

Fèis Tir a' Mhurain would not happen without funding, which this year was provided by Fèisean nan Gaidheal, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Donald Manford, Gerry MacLeod, Peter Carlin, David Blaney (council ward money) Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Uist and Barra Sports Council and Community Education.

Sunshine finds favour at Mid Argyll Show

THE COMMITTEE of this year's Mid Argyll Show breathed a huge sigh of relief last Saturday when the weather finally came out in favour of the annual agricultural event.

With the sun shining for most of the day competitors and spectators from across the area and beyond came to enjoy the 113th show at Kilmory Farm, Lochgilphead.

Organisers reported a good number of entries in the sheep, cattle and horse sections. The dog show also received a high amount of entries on the day and the home industries tent was brimming with produce of all varieties.

For the first time in several

years the show held a poultry competition which also received a good response. Taking this year's top prize was Sheila MacCallum and family from Killinochinich Cottage, Kilmartin with a pair of Call Ducks.

In the cattle section it was Neil McDonald from Islay who took the open beef championship with his 17-month-old home bred bull, McDonald's Ellie. Neil then went on to take the overall show reserve champion (Open).

Bruce Dixon from Laggan Farms, Kilmichael, also had a successful day. Bruce and his four-year-old Hereford bull Newpride Druad took overall show reserve champion (Confined).

In the Sheep section it was Donald Shaw's Blackface gimmer which stole the show. Mr Shaw, from Innisaig, Ardfern, took the Blackface confined champion, confined sheep champion and show champion (Confined); a title he also won at last year's show.

Over in the horse section it was four-year-old Nikki Reid riding her pony, Silver, a 10-year-old Welsh Section A, who took the (Open) Show Champion. Silver is owned by Jude and Kenny Reid from North Ayrshire.

Supreme Show Championship judge, Graham Burke, said the quality of the stock was 'excellent'.



Four-year-old Nikki Reid on her pony, Silver, took Show Supreme Champion (Open). Silver, a 10-year-old Welsh Section A, is owned by Jude and Kenny Reid. Nikki, who is from North Ayrshire, was led by mum, Jude. 06_a34maas19



Neil McDonald from Bunnahabhain, Islay, took overall Open reserve champion at this year's Mid Argyll Show with his home bred Limousin bull, McDonald's Ellie. The 17-month-old bull took the top award in the commercial beef section before going on to win the open beef title. 06_a34maas02



Taking Champion and Confined Champion in Dog Show: Torrè, a three-year-old English Pointer, owned by Christine and Simon Lawrence, Lochgilphead. 15_t34mida11



Hector MacKenzie from Dunbeg, near Oban won The Shuttlewood Trophy for the overall winner in the vegetable section. The trophy is a new prize kindly donated by Jen Shuttlewood in memory of her late husband, Frederick. 06_a34maas14



Donald Shaw from Innisaig, Ardfern, took the Blackface confined champion, confined sheep champion and confined show champion with his Blackface gimmer, by a £11,000 Silloans, she was also champion as ewe lamb at Dalmally. 15_t34mida08



Blueface Leicester Champion: Amanda Seaviewblue, a four-crop ewe, by a Scrainwood, out of a P1 Teviot, from Allan McKellar, Seaview, Benderloch. 15_t34mida05



Left: David MacPhail Jnr from Campbeltown with the Clydesdale champion, the nine-year-old brood mare, Oswald Highland Nancy, out of Fieldhead Lady Jane, and by Dillars Leader, the mare was also champion at Kintyre Show. 06_a34maas06



Bruce Dixon from Laggan Farms took overall Reserve Champion in the confined section with his four-year-old Hereford bull Newpride Druad; the first Hereford to attend Mid Argyll Show in 20 years. The bull was also reserve champion in the overall beef cattle section. 06_a34maas03



Blackface Champion and reserve sheep champion was a two-crop ewe, off an £11,000 Cladich sire, out of a Pole bred ewe. Owned by Mr and Mrs RD Schuster and shown by Donald Dempster, Glenstrae, Dalmally. 15_t34mida07



Albanachd Molach 4th of Glenkinglass by Lachlan Joseph of Tain and out of Albanachd 9th of Glenkinglass took the champion title in the Highland section. The six-year-old cow with calf at foot is owned by Mr and Mrs RD Schuster, Glenstrae, Dalmally. 06_a34maas01

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YOUR STARS WITH PATRICK ARUNDEL

ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th 090 6612 4520
With Mercury twisting backwards and the Sun moving, the accent changes and asks you to concentrate more on life's practicalities. Yet the encouraging thing is that this doesn't have to be dull, anything but, in fact. Getting fit can make sense with a friend, and you can have a giggle while spurring one another on. At work, a close alliance can also thrive. Call for more advice...

TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st 090 6612 4521
You can feel more sociable and outgoing but even the best laid plans could go awry, so do expect some last minute changes of plan. Yet the Full Moon can be a force for good, encouraging you to be much more open-minded when it comes to entertainment, activities and friendships. The world really can be your oyster. Just ease it open Taurus! Call your special prediction line for more...

GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st 090 6612 4522
Someone close to you may not take something you say at face value, so you will need to choose your words carefully. If you are in the process of buying or selling property, an unforeseen glitch can slow the chain down, so ensure you keep on the tail of all those concerned. Yet in love, as long as the emotional communication is good, things look peachy. Call for your love scope in full...

CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd 090 6612 4523
Conversations with people can take on more importance. Even general chit-chat can be revealing. Some kind of guru or mentor can come into your situation and impact on it significantly or you can provide a lead. If you work in teaching or training a job interview can go well - provided you're not tempted to over-gild your achievements. Relax and just be yourself. Call for your in-depth forecast...

LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd 090 6612 4524
This is probably not the best of times to splash out, but can you resist it? Anything to do with media, TV's, gizmos and gadgets can prove highly tempting, and you may find yourself craving the latest 'must have' item. Yet if you can show the necessary self-discipline, this is the perfect point to get a firmer grip on your income and expenditure. Get to it! Call for your financial scope...

VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd 090 6612 4525
Someone may challenge you. They may not approve of your approach, and feel that you've been too self-centered. This may not be how you see it and overcoming their perception, will require a human touch. They may be unaware of the pressures and demands that you're dealing with. You may need to clarify the exact position or do they have a point? Call for your in-depth forecast...

LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd 090 6612 4526
You have been very dynamic, so why would you let any worries creep into your mind for it is possible that you might. The reason is the deeper part of your psyche is stirred. Little nuggets of information can come up from the depths, some helpful, some unresolved hurts. Don't be fearful, or by facing these, it can prove to be so liberating to do so Libra. Call for more astral advice...

SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd 090 6612 4527
Very often, once a Scorpio makes their mind up, there is no budging them. If you tend to be like this, maybe it makes sense to be less set about things. Events and incidents pan out like they do, partly because of the way we are at the time. You and someone else may have moved on, and it can be time to talk and this can lead to a complete change of mind. Call for your in-depth forecast...

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st 090 6612 4528
Someone may put in a good word for you on a job, but even if they do, you need to still be fired up to make your own impression. As always, this is the best chance you'll ever have to woo, so don't take anything for granted. If you have had an interview that went well, wait until you get a formal offer before handing in your notice or quitting any state benefits. Call for your in-depth forecast...

CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th 090 6612 4529
Your words take on added interest to others. This can be your knowledge they are keen to tap into or spending time in your company, socially. Yet if you are looking to make a move into full or part-time education, some little detail may have gone awry that requires re-checking. Don't put this off. Connections with people at a distance can prove to be fated. Call for more news and advice...

AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th 090 6612 4530
If you love a good mystery you can be in your element this week, when your nose for anything which is exciting, illuminating and also helps you to grow as an individual, will be particularly acute. Your love life can also be influenced by this energy and someone very different can have a captivating influence upon you - whether you actually like them or not! Call for your love scope...

PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th 090 6612 4531
The Full Moon occurs in your sign and the suggestion is that if you're not particularly happy with the direction a love lie is taking, you may seriously consider opting out. However, for single Fish, this can be a significant time to meet someone new, but with Mercury reversing still it may be no bad thing to reserve your judgment, beyond a first date. Call me for your love scope in full...

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The swirl of the kilt at Cowal.

Win tickets to Cowal Highland Gathering

SCOTLAND'S biggest Highland Gathering returns to Dunoon Stadium from August 26 to 28 with a fantastic festival programme, jam-packed with entertainment for all the family. Visitors flock from all over to watch and compete in the World Highland Dancing Championship Finals, the Cowal Pipe Band Championships and heavy athlete competitions. Saturday welcomes back the very best of the region's local food and drink producers (Food from Argyll). Enjoy live music in the Ceilidh Tent from 12pm from Deoch n Dorus, Gunna Sound and award winning headline act Skerryvore. Top it off with fairground rides, a range of local market stalls and a spectacular finale with the march past and fireworks in the town. This year the event welcomes former Dr Who star Sylvester McCoy as its honorary Chieftain. To celebrate, Cowal Highland Gathering is offering five lucky *Oban Times* readers the chance to win two tickets each to the event on Saturday August 28. To enter, answer this simple question and send it along with your name, address and telephone number by Monday August 23 to the editor of *The Oban Times*. In which tent at Cowal Highland Gathering will Skerryvore headline this year? For more information on Cowal Highland Gathering visit www.cowalhighlandgathering.com or telephone 01369 703206. **Terms and conditions:** The prize is as stated and cannot be redeemed for cash. The tickets are only valid for Saturday August 28.

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Oban and Lorn Lions Club raise cash for Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal

A LOCAL Lions club held a successful street collection last week raising more than £1,000. Oban and Lorn Lions Club gathered the funds last Thursday and Saturday as part of their efforts to help the victims of the Pakistan flood disaster. The group raised £1,201.92 and will send the money to their counterpart Lions club in Pakistan to aid relief efforts in the worst floods the country has ever seen. More than 20 million people are currently affected by the disaster and predictions of further heavy rain look set to prolong the misery. Club president Joe Collier thanks all those involved in the fund-raising effort.

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Chaos at the raft race as islanders disagree with the judges decision. 16_t34easdale4



Island children will their ducks to win in the duck race. 16_t34easdale3

A festival of fun

VISITORS to the Atlantic island of Easdale were treated to an annual festival of raft racing, coastal swimming, duck race, a triathlon and general high jinks, last weekend. And in the words of one of the tourists: 'It is like being in heaven with this weather and all this fun.' The annual Easdale Atlantic Islands Festival brings together children and adults for a full day of fun, competitions and music - planned and co-ordinated by community group Eilean Easdale. This year Easdale demanded an inter islands challenge, but on the day most people were just happy to come along pu their feet up in the sun and enjoy the nonsense. This year to add a more serious edge to the competition an Aquathon was introduced. The swimming, cycling and running race between the island of Seil and Easdale the around the island proved to be a serious challenge for the competitors. Winner was Lyden Singleton followed very closely by Sam Cohn and newcomer Kenneth Bryce. The crowd were still cheering when the first woman, Jan Fraser made it home. The annual sponsored swim across the channel saw 13 brave souls take on the task, despite the southerly swell and eventually make it to the island. But the best fun had to be kayak race with children pitted against adults. Children won, of course, but only by a whisker. In first place was Rory Hunter and Alan MacFadyen, followed by Kenneth Bryce and Keith Jackson. Next year the community group is hoping to up the ante and get as many other islands entering teams into the raft race. It seems competing with each other has just got a bit too easy.

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Record-breaking tapestry arrives in Fort William

THE LONGEST tapestry in the world – created in part by Lochaber volunteers – arrives in Fort William today (Thursday).

A civic reception is being held at the Nevis Centre to welcome the arrival of the 104-metre long Prestonpans Tapestry.

It will be on display in the Nevis Centre for two days until it moves to Glenueg Hall, Lochailort, where it will stay for a further two days.

Two hundred people helped to create the tapestry, including several local women. It is made up of one-metre panels, each showing a scene from the early part of Bonnie Prince Charlie's 1745 campaign, from his landing in Eriskay to his resounding victory at the Battle of Prestonpans.

RAF servicemen row Great Glen for Benevolent Fund

SIX RAF servicemen are to row 100 kilometres up the Great Glen from Fort William to Inverness to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

They will undertake the 'Row for Recovery', which will also commemorate colleagues killed in Afghanistan or Iraq, on Wednesday August 25 and aim to finish four days later.

All six servicemen, from RAF Lossiemouth, have served in either Iraq or Afghanistan, including Flight Lieutenant Andy Costin who was injured by a roadside bomb two years ago in Afghanistan. Two of his comrades were killed and Andy sustained a broken back and brain injuries.



MSP Stewart Stevenson and local schoolchildren at the opening of the new pier.

New Raasay pier opens

Transport minister unveils plaque

RAASAY's new pier was officially opened by transport minister Stewart Stevenson MSP on Tuesday afternoon. Around 200 spectators - more than the total population of the island - were there to witness the opening of the £12 million pier.

Work started on the pier in 2008, and was due to be finished earlier this year. After the delays, the people of Raasay were happy to have the pier open at last.

Mr Stevenson arrived on the ferry from Seonser at 1.30pm in warm sunshine.

This was the first ferry to dock at the new pier, and the passengers were piped ashore by Portree High School Pipe Band.

Mr Stevenson officially opened the pier by giving a short speech and unveiling a new plaque.

Community Council chairman Donnie Oliphant also spoke at the opening and said the new pier was vital for the island's future.

He said: 'The new terminal is very important to the viability of the island. The population has been going down in recent years and transport, particularly the ferry, has a very important part to play in the regeneration of the island.'

Councillor John Laing and a representative from contractor Balfour Beatty also spoke at the opening.

A marquee was erected next to the new pier, which played host to a lunchtime buffet.

A display of photographs of the old pier at Clachan was put up in the new waiting room, to allow islanders to re-live the past.

Salen Hotel wins Lochaber's first Eat Safe Award

GRIT and determination have taken a Lochaber hotel to the top of the trade as it received the area's first Eat Safe Award.

Salen Hotel, Acharacle, was given the accolade this week as environmental health officers recognised the commitment hotel staff have in the storing and preparation of food.

Hotel owner Jonathan Peill said: 'As a team we are dedicated to having full traceability for all food products from the pantry to the plate.'

'And as such we have been awarded the first Eat Safe

Award in Lochaber, something we are very proud of.

'We took over the hotel in 2004 and have been committed to raising standards ever since.'

'We are delighted to be nominated as it means we have been recognised for going above and beyond the call of duty.'

Environmental health officer Graeme Corner commented: 'It is a great award for this hotel to get. They have been recognised for promoting excellence in food safety. They are leading the way in embracing the legislation.'

New energy advice service launched

Help at hand to lower fuel bills and make homes in Skye and Lochalsh warmer

A NEW energy advice service for all households in Lochalsh and Skye has been launched.

Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association will give people free advice in their homes rather than by phone so they will be more able to identify each individual's circumstances.

'They will try and help people maximise their income as well as reducing their fuel consumption and costs.

The service, which has

received funding from the Climate Challenge Fund and the Highland LEADER programme, will give advice on energy efficiency, the availability of grants, energy supplier tariffs and referral on to schemes such as the Scottish Government's Energy Assistance Package.

Warmer

Co-ordinator of the new service Donnie Mackay said: 'We want to provide a service that will help people to make the changes and access the support that will lead to them

having warmer homes and lower fuel bills. We believe that we can best do that by being out and about across Lochalsh and Skye, visiting people in their homes and getting an understanding of their individual situations.'

In addition to helping individuals, the service will also work with community groups to get information about energy efficiency out to as many households as possible and to get community-wide projects underway.

More than 1,000 attend renewable energy show in Oban

THE LARGEST renewable energy show ever staged in Argyll was held in the Corran Halls, Oban, last Wednesday and attracted more than 1,000 people.

The Argyll, Lomond and Islands Energy Agency (ALI Energy) arranged the event in order to boost the profile of the alternative energy sector, and to mark the organisation's 10-year anniversary.

The show included more than 25 exhibitors ranging from renewable energy installers to providers of insulation and cutting edge alternative technologies.

The exhibitors who were present included installers and manufacturers of renewable energy technology such as solar PV panels, wind turbines, hydro

electric generation, wood fuel boilers, heat pumps, and solar hot water heating.

The show was particularly well attended by the farming community, looking at ways of diversifying their businesses through renewable energy.

Dr Mandie Currie, manager of ALI Energy, said feedback from those attending was very positive. She added: 'There has never before been a renewable energy show of this size in the Argyll region. The show celebrates the 10th anniversary of ALI Energy and marks a milestone in our energy related work throughout the region.'

'We hope to see a growth in the number of renewable energy projects which we are involved in over the next few years.'

Area committee hears first phase of 800 new homes for Dunbeg scheduled to start in 2012

BUILDING work for 50 new houses at Dunstaffnage could start in 2012, according to the partnership behind the development.

Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) and Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE) are backing the housing development, which has the potential for 800 units to be built in the Dunbeg area over a number of years, according to Argyll and Bute Council's Strategic Development Plan.

Speaking at the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee meeting last Wednesday WHHA chief executive Lesley McInnes said: 'Dunbeg is a stunning

location. It is rural area but has opportunity for housing and economic development and that is why it is important for us.'

'But it's not just about providing housing, it's about ensuring the construction industry survives the next few years.'



Area committee chairman Duncan MacIntyre

'Even when money was available the most we did was 120/130 units per year. The construction industry would have difficulty doing much more than that, so we are looking at phased development.'

Area committee chairman Councillor Duncan MacIntyre said: 'I think it's crucial in Oban, Lorn and the Isles that Dunbeg is seen as the jewel in the crown in terms of both housing and economic development.'

The planning application for the first phase of the project will be submitted in October this year, with a view to beginning work in 2012.

Current development at Dunstaffnage includes a new

building for Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), which should be completed later this year.

Extra housing will bring increased traffic, which is an issue Dunbeg residents have raised on previous occasions.

Councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'There were quite a few objections from the community about road safety and I would hate for them to think they have been ignored.' Ms McInnes replied: 'I think people are nervous that we will build something that takes away the rural nature of Dunbeg and it is also important that any future housing is seen as part of the existing village and not a 'Dunbeg two'.'

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Lismore theft

A 57-YEAR-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal after money went missing at a charity concert on the island of Lismore.

Man arrested on vandalism charge

A 20-YEAR-old man was arrested after an alleged incident of vandalism on Argyll Street, Oban on Sunday evening.

Search after car vandalised

POLICE are looking for a man who vandalised a car on Breadalbane Street, Oban on Sunday evening.

The man is between five feet, seven inches and six feet tall with dark brown hair. He wore a leather jacket and jeans.

Roy Bridge Primary pupils' delight at new classroom

ROY Bridge Primary School pupils returned after their summer holidays to find their school had a new classroom.

The new modular building which houses the classroom has an estimated lifespan of 60 years and was erected in the playground during the summer to replace the portable cabins that were there previously.

The school, which has 30 pupils, now has a new classroom, a staff room and kitchen, an office and toilets for the children. Removing the cabins has also given the school more playground space. Primary one, two and three will use the new classroom.

Local independent councillors Allan Henderson and Eddie Hunter visited the school on Tuesday to see the work that had been done. Councillor Henderson said

modular buildings could be a money saver for the Council, whilst providing extra space needed for pupils.

He said: 'This will be the way forward for Highland Council and all other cash strapped authorities who need to replace smaller schools.'

'Construction is quick and can be easily erected during a holiday period, saving disruption to staff and pupils and importantly saving vast amounts of capital expenditure.'

Education, culture and sport committee member Councillor Hunter said: 'I'm delighted with it. It looks great. It's very sturdy and it gives the school a lot more space.'

'When this was first suggested, people didn't like the idea. But now they have seen it, modular is the new buzz word.'



Councillors Allan Henderson and Eddie Hunter with pupils from Roy Bridge Primary outside the new building. 10_f34roy01

Big demand for adventure

A NEW multi-sport race across the Highlands is fully booked, with 1,000 people set to take part.

The Nokia Coast to Coast Adventure Challenge will see competitors race on foot, mountain bike and kayak from Nairn to Ballachulish on Saturday September 18 and Sunday September 19.

Demand for the 109-mile challenge has been huge with more than 100 people on the waiting list.

The Highland Council convener Councillor Sandy Park said: 'The overwhelming response to the entries into the Nokia Coast to Coast Adventure Challenge are testament to the fantastically challenging and beautiful environment that we have here in the Highlands.'

'The Highlands are firmly becoming established as a major international destination for athletic and sporting challenges.'

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A MOBILE phone was stolen from the Glen Nevis campsite, Fort William, around midday on Saturday August 7.

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A PLASTIC moulded dinghy was stolen from the Underwater Centre, Fort William, sometime between 7pm on Friday August 6 and 9am on Monday August 9.

Schools upgraded during summer holidays

MORE than 31,000 pupils went back to school in the Highlands this week after the summer holidays.

Some will be returning to schools that have been upgraded over the holidays.

New classrooms have been provided at Roy Bridge Primary School and Lochaber High School and work continues on improvements to Lochaber High School and Plockton High School.

Further work planned includes a new primary school at Lochaline and new classrooms at Kilmuir Primary School and MacDiarmid primary.

July a washout in Lochaber

LOCHABER experienced more rain in July than the previous two months put together, making it the wettest month of 2010 so far.

Around eight inches of rain fell on the area during the month, 80 per cent above average. This compared to 1.6 inches during May and two inches in June. There were only two dry days during the month, July 22 and 23.

Despite the rain, temperatures stayed around average for July, however, it was slightly colder than June.



Alex MacDonald and Ian Love presenting Mr Sedgwick, surgeon at Belford Hospital, with the £700 cheque.

Gun club on target with £750 for Belford Hospital

A LOCHABER gun club has raised £750 for Belford Hospital in Fort William.

Achnacarry Gun Club held a down-the-line clay pigeon shoot last week and raised £700.

A further £50 donation was made from the gun club's funds.

Club chairman Alex MacDonald and treasurer Ian Love handed the cheque to the hospital on Friday.

Pier repairs won't ground Corran Ferry

A MEETING to discuss the proposals for a temporary Corran Ferry service has been hailed a success by Ardgour Community Council.

A meeting was held in the Sunart Centre, Strontian, last Tuesday, where Highland Council's head of transport and infrastructure Sam MacNaughton gave a well-received presentation to a 200-strong audience.

The pier at Nether Lochaber is due to be repaired during October and November, leading to worries there would be no ferry service during this time.

Mr MacNaughton laid out the council's plans to run a limited ferry service, which involves a 'mobile self-assembling floating pier' forming a bridge between the ferry and the shore, allowing

the service to continue during the slipway repairs.

Community council chairman David Corrigan said: 'This meeting was a massive step forward. It was a much-improved presentation from Highland Council. Lots of people were sceptical after the last meeting - I'd say about 95 per cent. But a lot of the outspoken people from before are more positive now.'

'There was even a round of applause at the end of the presentation.'

As a result of health and safety restrictions, the ferry will initially only be allowed to run during daylight hours and with a weight limit of three tonnes. Mr Corrigan said he hopes these restrictions will be eased

once the limited service is in operation. He said: 'It is health and safety and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that have set up these retractions. Hopefully when they come down and see how well lit the area is, they'll relax the restrictions.'

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Brian Murphy, deputy chairman of Highland Council's Transport, Environment and Community Services, and attended by local councillors Dr Michael Foxley and Bren Gormley.

Dr Foxley said: 'I am very pleased we are now close to a viable solution which will ensure that essential works are carried out to the Nether Lochaber slipway with the minimum of disruption to the ferry users.'

Hoteliers and B&B owners call for new ferry route

HOTELIERS and B&B providers in South Uist have asked for improvements to their ferry services following a poor summer season.

They asked for a trial ferry route between Lochboisdale to Mallaig next summer at a meeting with Alasdair Allan MSP on Saturday in Daliburgh. Hoteliers in South Uist have reported a drop in trade of 20 to 30 per cent on the equivalent period last year, and say tourists cannot get a

ferry booking and have to change their plans. Sheila MacCormick of the Borrodale Hotel said: 'CalMac is saying ferry trade is up this year on last, however, we are not seeing this reflected in our businesses. At the peak of this season we are actually significantly down on previous years.'

'We are being restricted by both capacity and frequency of sailings in Lochboisdale.'

Hoteliers are worried as last winter was quiet

and with summer bookings down they may have to consider laying staff off.

Morag MacKinnon of the Polochar Inn said: 'We would not want to go down the route of laying staff off but we need to see our year round business being sustainable.'

There was unanimous agreement from the accommodation providers the solution was a Lochboisdale to Mallaig ferry service.

Lochaber Show set to delight crowds

NEXT weekend sees the return of the Lochaber Show, with a few changes to recent years.

The show has been running for more than 60 years and this year organisers are expecting more than 1,400 visitors to Happy Valley, Torlundy on Saturday August 28 from 9am-5pm.

New Lochaber Agricultural Society chairman Paolo Berardelli has secured

funding from sponsors to allow all school children free entry to the show.

There will also be a children's farm with ponies, pig, goats, owl, rabbits and ducks.

Other new features for this year's show include a pony stalking demonstration. Lochaber Pipe Band will provide music and local dancers will entertain the crowds with Highland Estate will load up his

stalking pony with a stag before walking around the ring.

Donald was the last person to demonstrate a stalking pony at the show back in 1980.

There will be a working highland horse display by Ruairidh Ormiston from Newtonmore Riding Centre, who will also provide children's pony rides and horse and cart rides.

As well as the new attractions, there will also be the regular events such as cattle and sheep judging, a horse show, a sheep dog display and the Lochaber food tent which showcases local food and craft.

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Scottish Labour leader visits Fort William

Scottish Labour leader Iain Gray visited Fort William on Monday and was shown round the town by Councillor Brian Murphy and David Stewart MSP. With the Scottish Parliament on recess, Mr Gray is visiting different areas of Scotland. Whilst in Fort William, he visited the Rio Tinto Alcan aluminium smelter, the Underwater Centre and Nevis Range to see how Lochaber is creating new jobs. 10_134grey01

Strongmen join Fort William gala day fun

A LOCAL strongman competition will be one of the highlights of a gala day to be held in Fort William on August 29.

Proceeds from the gala will go to the Scottish Burned Children's Club, a charity one of the organisers Mark Haldenby has worked with in the past. A portion of the proceeds will go to the local fire brigade for their cadetship programme. The programme, aimed at 15-18 year olds, helps them with team building and problem solving.

One of the main features of the day will be a mini-strongman event, with three local athletes taking part. Mark Haldenby, Stuart Whyte and Chris Weir, all from Fort William, will be competing with Willie Wright from Fraserburgh.

After the competition, the strongmen will attempt a truck push.

Stuart told *The Oban Times* the contest will be more about having fun than competing. He said: 'It's more of a demonstration for the crowds than a proper competition, but it'll be a good workout for us. Hopefully it'll be a good day and we'll have a good crowd.'

Organisers hope the gala, being held on the grounds outside Lochaber College, will become an annual fixture.

The fire brigade will be doing a sponsored car wash at their station, adjacent to the college and Lochaber Pipe Band will be providing colour and music on the day. They will march down High Street to open the event and perform throughout the day.



Some colourful characters from last year's show.

Public get chance to see behind closed doors

A RANGE of sites across the Highlands, from stately castles to nuclear bunkers, will open their doors to the public for one month only.

As part of National Doors Open Days in September, 35

sites in the Highlands will allow free access to buildings most people never get to see. Amongst those taking part are Cromarty House and the Glachbeg Croft Centre, North Kessock.

Skye man to swim 60 lochs for charity

A SKYE man is celebrating his 60th birthday in an unusual way - by swimming across more than 60 lochs for charity.

Sleat Community Trust director Duncan MacInnes decided to mark his birthday by doing something to benefit the area.

Having lived in Sleat his entire life, Duncan had the idea of swimming across every loch he could find on the peninsula to raise money. He hopes to raise £6,000 through sponsorship for Sleat Community Trust.

He started the swims at Ostaig Beach in early April and will swim in several fresh-water lochs a week.

Duncan said: 'I am staggered at some of the beautiful little lochs in Sleat that no one goes to. I have

found one bottomless 'infinity loch' overlooking the Ord Glen and have shared others with various water birds.

'Often the loch is only 50cms deep and I cannot stand up without getting stuck in the mud.'

'The hard work is getting to them all, probably walking 60 miles in all, and walking between lochs in wet clothing.'

'I have also been happy to swim in wet and windy weather - the water is more pleasant that way!'

Duncan keeps a record of his swims at www.spanglefish.com/greatsleatswim.

Donations can be made on the website or by using forms at Sleat Community Trading in Armadale.

Kinlochleven high pupils perform well in exams

PUPILS at Kinlochleven High School outperformed most other schools in the Highland region in this year's exams.

They received their results last week and the school produced more S6 pupils with at least three Highers than any other. The school was also one of the best performing at S4 and S5 level.

Head teacher John McGilp said: 'The exam results yet again this year are truly testament to the hard work put in not only by pupils but also by the staff in the school.'

'I would hope most pupils are happy with their outcomes.'

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Champion of champions in Islay was a pedigree Texel tup lamb, Barradail Rock, from Kilmeny Farm 07_1341s108

Texel takes title for Islay Show debutant

Carrabus Galloway is overall cattle champion while Dunlossit heifer leads home the Highlanders

THERE was a surprise overall champion at this year's Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Show when a February-born Texel lamb, shown by a debutant exhibitor, took top honours.

First time showing

And the feat last Thursday by Tony Rozga of Kilmeny Farm was all the more remarkable as it was the first time the Rozga family had shown its stock in the 38 years it has occupied the farm.

The Texel lamb, Barradail Rock, was out of a Cairness ewe and sired by Deveronvale Perfection.

A stunned Tony said: 'It is a total surprise to win but it looks good and had a sparkle about it today.'

Tony's uncle, Duncan Whyte from Newton Mearns, helped his inexperienced nephew prepare the lamb for showing.

The victory was an indicator of the increase in the number of young exhibitors at the show.

Show president John Findlay said: 'The sheep entries are up, especially the Suffolks. I think this is because we've got more young handlers than ever before.'

'The sheep and cattle classes, in general, are up on last year

and there has been a big swing towards spring calves on Islay, whereas in the past the tendency has been to show autumn-born calves.'

The Rozga's Texel had already provided a shock in the sheep classes when it went head to head with the Blackface champion from Ardbeg in the overall sheep championship and beat the five-crop ewe, which was bred at Midlock, into reserve place.

Ardbeg also had the reserve Blackface champion with a home-bred gimmer.

It would have been unusual for Messrs MacMillan from Ardbeg to leave a show without an overall championship however, and this was provided by 13-year-old Ciara, who won the overall horse and pony championship on a 20-year-old New Forest pony, Ben.

In the cattle classes, Ardbeg was again in contention and claimed the commercial beef championship with an April-born Limousin cross. The calf was home-bred out of a Limousin cross cow and off a Limousin bull.

However, the overall cattle championship was won by G and M Porter, Carrabus,

who had one of their most successful days at the show in their 35th years exhibiting.

Cattle champion

Carrabus won the championship with a two-year-old home-bred Galloway heifer, Carrabus Myrtle. Her sire was the home-bred Carrabus Fergus and its dam was by Nether Rusko. This was the first year Myrtle had been shown.

The Porters also took the reserve Galloway prize with Burnhilde Lana of Nethercleugh, a six-year-old heifer with calf at foot - and won a new cup at the show for the best pair of breeding females.

The Highland cattle champion was Diorbhail Buidhe of Ceannacroic, a three-year-old from Dunlossit Estate. The heifer, in calf to Victor of Ceannacroic, was sired by Bruce of Ceannacroic and out of Neoinean Og 137th of Achnacloch.

A dry day at the Bridgend Showfield attracted a large crowd, who took advantage of some new sideshows, such as the Water Walkers, and attractions included the Scottish Axemen Display, a parade of vintage vehicles and Islay Pipe Band.

Oban opening lamb sale sees trade rise £9.30 on year

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 3,960 sheep at their opening show and sale at Oban Livestock Centre when trade rose sharply on the year.

Store lambs averaged £56.51 (+£9.30 on the year) sold to £72.50 for Texels from J Livingston, Balure, Lismore. Ewes sold to £115 for Suffolks from E McGilivray, Barcaldine.

The show, kindly sponsored by Reid & Robertson was judged by John McAlister, Wester Thomaston and the following was his awards.

Mainland consignors:

Best Pen of 10 lambs and champion, D Demster, Barguilean £70. Best Pen and reserve champion of 25 Suffolk x lambs, Clonaig Farms £65.80. Best Pen of 10 Suffolk lambs, B Campbell, Achnacreebeag £71. Best Pen of 25 lambs, any breed, D Demster, Barguilean £61.50.

Island consignors: Best Pen of 10 Lambs, any breed, G MacCormick, Sithean, Iona £71. Best Pen of 10 Suffolk lambs: H Saldana, Lismore £68.50. Best Pen of 25 Suffolk lambs: T Nelson, Glengorm £63.50. Best Pen of 25 lambs, any breed, J Carmichael, Fiart.

Kintyre Texels win breed club title

TEXEL lambs from Kintyre dominated the recent Texel Club Show.

M/s Kirk and Calvert Smith, Oatfield, Campbeltown had both the champion and reserve at the Texel Club Show held at United Auctions Stirling last Thursday when 6299 prime sheep including 5384 lambs averaging 165.3p/kg (-11.5p) and 915 ewes and rams were sold.

Texel lambs from Kepculloch sold to £92 and to 207p per kilo from Oatfield, with Suffolks from Meadowbank to £85.50.

Blackface lambs from: Rhynaclach sold to £67.50. The champion lambs sold to £85 with the reserve pen to £82.

Suffolk ewes from Lawmuir sold to £108.50.

Iona Suffolks top Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 2,582 sheep at Stirling on Monday.

Store lambs were up £7.32 on the year on average and sold to £82 for Suffolks from J & J McInnes, Culbhuig, Isle of Iona. Ewes sold to £65 for Mules also from J & J McInnes, Culbhuig and to £45 for Blackfaces from Iochdar, Mull.

Store trade steady at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 702 store cattle, 22 young bulls and 189 cows and 3435 store sheep at Stirling on Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 150.1p (-1.8p) and sold to 207.2p per kg for a 222kg Blonde D'Aquitaine cross from Blackthill and £1,005 for a 645kg Limousin cross from Broomhill.

Heifers averaged 155.6p (+0.5p) and sold to 187.5p per kg for a 210kg Limousin cross from Fordelhill and £790 for a 460kg Limousin cross from Wellbrae.

Young Bulls averaged 129.1p and sold to 151.1p per kg for a 470 kg Limousin cross from Mains of Fincastle and £1,000 for a 830kg Charolais cross from Burnhead.

Cast cows averaged 97.2p and sold to 130p for an Aberdeen Angus cross from Stemmer Mains and £945 for a British Blue cross from Killoccraw.

Forward Cattle averaged 125.2p and sold to 142.7p per kg for a 510kg Simmental cross from Wallaceton and £945 for a 510kg Simmental cross from Killoccraw.

Dingwall lamb sales off to good start

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 6,438 store lambs at their annual district sale to average £51.61 (+£4.39 on the year) when all classes of lambs met an extremely satisfactory sale with stronger, fitter lambs showing the biggest increase.

Cheviot wedder lambs averaged £50.82 (+£3.28) and sold to £64 for a pen from Knockglass, Dornoch.



Highland champion Diorbhail Buidhe of Ceannacroic, a three-year-old in-calf heifer from Dunlossit Estate 07_1341s107



Water Walkers were a big attraction at the show. 07_1341s101



Announcer Ian Gibson kept the programme in order. 07_1341s113



Islay farmer Bob Cunninghame, Neriby, at the wheel of his 'pride and joy', his 1946 Fordson vintage tractor. 07_1341s103



Blackface champion and reserve overall sheep was a five-crop ewe from Ardbeg, and bred at Midlock 07_1341s109



The parade of vintage vehicles drives through the main show ring. 07_1341s112



Galloway champion and overall beef champion was a two-year-old home-bred heifer, Carrabus Myrtle, from G and M Porter. It's sire was the home bred Carrabus Fergus and its dam was by Nether Rusko. 07_1341s106



Islay Pipe Band drew a large lunchtime crowd when they played at the showfield. 07_1341s105



Overall champion in the horse classes was 13-year-old Ciara MacMillan, Ardbeg, on the 20-year-old New Forest pony called Ben. 07_1341s111



Commercial beef champion was an April-born Limousin cross, from Messrs MacMillan, Ardbeg. The home-bred calf is out of a Limousin cross cow and a Limousin bull. 07_1341s104



Show president John Findlay, second from right, deliberates with the show judges as they decide on the champion of champions. 07_1341s110



Pictured with Mickey and Minnie Mouse are Rebecca, Rowan and Abbie Morris from Port Ellen. 07_1341s102

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Islay to feel the tide of change

ISLAY could become powered by tidal energy with this week's announcement that the Arnish fabrication yard in Stormoway will build the first of up to 10 turbines, each having the capacity to power 1,000 homes.

Scottish Power Renewables, which part-owns the Norwegian energy company Hammerfest Strom given the task of engineering turbines at Arnish, have already signed-up drinks giant Diageo to power eight distilleries on the island and the long-term plan is that energy harnessed from the Sound of Islay could supply the island's 4,000 residents, plus selling over capacity to the national grid.

With wind power becoming a political hot potato in terms of environmental disruption and visual impact, will objectors to sea power now gather to stem the flow. Or will these tidal turbines slip unseen and unchallenged into operation?

GLASGOW LETTER

Glasgow smiles on Piping Live

PIPING Live is all about showing the versatility of pipes of all types from many different countries.

The pipe bands are central to the week, playing in George Square each day and then at the world championships at the end of the week, but many of the events show how piping has developed in the last few decades and how well the bagpipe can combine with other instruments. The opening concert was a fine example of this. First on stage was the Italian group *Eclitnica Pagus* with its traditional instrument the zampogna and a mixture of harp, accordion, percussion, oboe and clarinet.

They were followed by Na Seudan, Fin Moore, James MacKenzie, Angus MacKenzie and Angus Nicolson on the Highland bagpipe, Alan MacDonald on small pipes, Ross Martin playing guitar and Andrew MacPherson on percussion. The bagpipes were copies of a set from 1785, now housed in Inverness Museum, and were the pipes used for the three elements, music, song and dance, prior to the introduction of competitions at the end of the 18th century. They play in Key A which is unusual for modern times and were made by Fin and his dad Hamish.

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This audience was mainly made up of visitors to the city and they were treated to an evening of exceptional music. Julie was joined on stage by husband Eamon, Duncan Chisholm, guitarist Tony Byrne and Duncan Lyall on double bass and they all very quickly built up a happy rapport with all those present ensuring that with their rousing instrumental items and beautiful Gaelic singing this would be a concert to remember.

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Thursday August 19: Maggie MacInnes and Colum Sands - see above. Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Rachel Harrington and Rod Clements.
Friday August 20: Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, Rothesay Pavilion, Tolbooth, Stirling, Summer Sessions.
Saturday August 21: Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, Victoria Halls, Campbeltown.
Friday August 27: Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, Queen's Hall, Dunoon.
Saturday August 28: Tolbooth, Stirling, Blazin' Fiddles, 8pm.
Pub scene
THE KEELIES will play in the Islay Inn on Friday with Mary Catherine Burke on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be Eriskay Lilt on Friday, Monach Isles/ Donald MacRae on Saturday and Stewart Cameron/ Simon Moran on Sunday.
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The late King of Fladda, John Gillies

John Gillies was known in the 1970s as the King of Fladda. A seaman, John (Iain Handy) and his wife Rolina set up home on a croft on the island of Fladda, off the north west coast of Raasay, after John had been injured in a fall aboard ship. The family raised three sons and a daughter until they became the last family to leave Fladda in 1964 and move to Inveraray in the south of Raasay. John died at the Gairloch home of his daughter in 1977, aged 81. We invite readers to send in flashback photographs. Please send prints to *The Oban Times*, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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Skye archive closure protest

Sir,
I wish to add my protest to the proposed closure of the archive in Portree, Isle of Skye, after a mere eight months.

A cost-cutting of non-essential services, we are told. While appreciating the many interpretations of 'non-essential', I consider £60,000 annually from a budget of £570 million to be negligible and well worth the expense.

This archive will attract countless descendants of Skye men and women scattered all over the world to come 'home' to discover their past. And they will spend while they are on the island. Will this not help offset its annual costs?

On a personal note, I am a member of the family which deposited - on advice from several eminent art conservators - the Macdonald Collection into the archive in March this year in the full expectation it had found its most appropriate home and

would remain in Skye. I am deeply concerned that it and all the other Skye material will be effectively 'lost' in a big city archive many miles away.

I write as a proud descendant of the Skye diaspora.
Christine Torlach, Geraldton, Australia.

Holiday home tax rise plan opposition

Sir,
Your article on holiday home tax in last week's *Oban Times* outlining the proposal by Councillor Freeman to raise the Council Tax on holiday or second homes in Argyll by 200 per cent will raise a few eyebrows.

Whilst I cannot speak for all those who have a second home, I accepted the rise of the Council Tax from 50 per cent to 90 per cent a few years ago as a burden I had to endure and I had little to complain about.

However, putting the tax up to 200 per cent of the house's valuation, strikes me as using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

If you must do this, then I would like something in return. It wouldn't be beyond the wit of man to allow us, the second home owners, to have a vote on the local council elections.

I have no doubt that many of the other people who fall into this category will have arguments to put forward as to why they are against this proposal.
Richard Blair, Warks.

Tom Weir deserves recognition

Sir,
I am writing to fully support the letter of Lachie Mor MacDougall in *The Oban Times* of July 29.

Tom Weir deserves recognition for all the marvellous areas of Scotland which he opened up for us before TV and the internet was available as it is today.

I would fully support the setting up of a fund in his honour to have a permanent reminder of him and Fort William - the outdoor capital of Britain - would be a very appropriate location.

Many thanks to Mr MacDougall for bringing

this to the nation's attention.
Joyce Goel.

Direct Edinburgh rail link a winner

Sir,
I recently was one of the 200 plus passengers who travelled on the new, Sunday only, direct train service from Edinburgh and Linlithgow to Oban allowing five hours of sheer enjoyment in this bustling highland town.

Avoiding the obligatory change and wait at Glasgow's Queen Street Station is a real bonus. With an on board catering trolley actually selling cream teas, ScotRail has certainly backed a winner.

Let's all hope that not only is it repeated next year, starting from June, but that it appears in the railway timetable thus allowing more people to be aware of the service.

If smarter northbound running could be achieved, it may even be possible to catch the 11.50am Caledonian MacBrayne sailing to Craignure, Isle of Mull.
Colin C Maclean, Edinburgh.

ISLAY LETTER

Half marathon

RUNNERS from as far afield as the United States, Bermuda and Singapore were among those pounding it out in the Islay half marathon on August 7.

First to breast the tape was Helensburgh runner Paul Thomson and in second and third places were Glasgow competitors Terry Cole and Alasdair MacLeod.

Local runners swelled the numbers and in commendable fifth place was Islay's Marcus Covell while the first lady runner past the post was Rebecca Moore from Edinburgh.

Since its inception in 1986, the race has gone from strength to strength and this year's event attracted 157 competitors who, along with the organisers, continue to enjoy the sponsorship of Ardbeg Distillery.

Open air worship

MORE than 30 worshippers gathered at the foot of the Kildalton Cross for their annual open air service conducted this year by the Rev Dr Rob Barlow, the minister for the now linked Kilarrow and Kildalton and Oa parishes.

This was an ecumenical act of worship and the Bible readings and prayers were led by members of the island's Roman Catholic and Baptist congregations, while the closing blessing was given by the Rev Angus Morrison, a former minister of the Kildalton and Oa charge.

The weather behaved impeccably and a considerate Creator kept the usual voracious midges at bay!

All this took place in the shadow of the ruined Kildalton church dedicated to St John the Divine and also known as the church of the foster child or brother. This is the only local church

to have a scriptural dedication as all others bear the names of western saints.

Famous leach revealed

LORD Robertson of Port Ellen will give a presentation based on the life and times of the American War of Independence hero Major General Alexander McDougall at Ionad Chalum Chille Ile on Friday August 27 at 7.30pm.

McDougall was born in Portantruin on the outskirts of Port Ellen in 1731 and following emigration to America he went on to have a distinguished military and political career in his adopted land. He also helped to establish and became the first president of the Bank of New York before dying in 1786. Admission to the presentation is £3 and all proceeds will go to the Museum of Islay Life at Port Charlotte.

Airport open day

MORE than 1,000 spectators are expected to attend the Islay Airport open day at the local airfield at Gleneigadale on Saturday August 21.

The official opening at 1.30pm will be carried out by leach pilot Captain Bob MacLellan, Loganair's Director of Flight Operations.

Among the attractions will be aerobatic displays, static exhibitions and demonstrations from local emergency services. Among the highlights will be a free falling parachute jump from a crew from Strathallan and a flypast by a DC3 from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

The 'not to be missed' open day, now in its 13th year, is being promoted by Highlands and Islands Airports and Islay Museum Trust.

Quality bowling

THE JOHN Stewart Memorial Trophy, presented to Port Ellen Bowling Club by Professor Sir William Stewart, a former Chief Scientific Government Adviser in memory of his son John, was won this year in a thrilling mixed doubles competition by local residents Marion Hope and Kathleen Bonar.

Runners-up were Annie Anderson from Bowmore and Port Ellen's Adrian Farrel.

Sir William, accompanied by Lady Stewart, warmly congratulated the winners and commended the club for attracting such a large and high quality field of bowlers.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS go to the Rev Iain Macaulay, minister of the vibrant Queen's Park Baptist Church in Glasgow's southside, who recently graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology at Durham University.

He is the only son of Mary and James Macaulay of Port Ellen and was educated at the local primary school before going on to Islay High School where he won the dux medal.

The Rev Iain will be 'westerling home' in September to take part in the Port Ellen Baptist Church's centenary celebrations.

Congratulations also go to my near neighbours Maimie and Iain Whyte who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 25. The 'diamond couple' were married by the Rev Murdo MacRae in Bowmore's Round Church in August 1950. Mealaibh ur naidheachd agus slainte mhath.

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A view from the Tower

By McCaig

The first 100 days

THE MEDIA in the last 50 years seems to have become obsessed with the first 100 days of any new government's reign and especially of its leader.

To some commentators the period should set the tone of its ability to succeed or just get by. Today, the Tory/Lib Dem coalition reaches this alleged totem day.

Will David Cameron and Nick Clegg earn a significant place in British history as the two men who made coalition politics set a trend for the rest of the century or will they simply earn a footnote that they tried to make the coalition work but failed?

One thing is certain they are two men in a hurry to get things done. Is it in case they don't last 12 months, far less five years? Will a majority of MPs from both parties say that they cannot support such and such a proposition and abstain, or actually vote with the opposition bringing about another General Election?

Surely not. Well, there are a growing number of colleagues indicating that they won't support a referendum for a reduction in the number of constituencies and the alternative vote system simply to be 'bloody minded' as the Tories have never supported such, nor been consulted on it.

Even the Liberal Democrats themselves, are not enthusiastic about the alternative vote system nor the reduction in the number of constituencies which means fewer and fewer voters will be able to meet and consult their MPs.

Consider this: the Argyll and Bute constituency is quite a few electors short of the favoured magic number.

One solution being touted is that a large part of the current Lochaber constituency should be linked to Argyll and Bute to create a territorial monster which would run from Kintyre to Mallaig.

How is that scenario bringing government closer to the electorate?

However, the good news is that Mr Clegg may have to drop these proposals in their current form, consult the electors in a referendum at a later date and maybe have to have more MPs rather than fewer.

Let us see what happens in the next 100 days.

A nasty time for local government

ALL THE political parties in Scotland, with the exception of the SNP, have been forced to accept that there are going to have to be big and nasty cuts in local government budgets, starting next April.

The Tories have always been the party of reducing what their electors are expected to pay in Council Tax and are therefore in their element in the 'cut, cut and cut' again policy being forced on them by their party leader David Cameron, somewhat

limply supported by Nick Clegg whose supporters, while they may accept the nation's perilous state, don't really want to hurt their supporters too badly.

Labour is, of course, not happy about cuts at any time but can't scream too loudly as they have caused the biggest financial deficit this country has ever known.

But it is the SNP I cannot understand.

As I have always pointed out since free, full personal care became the law of Scotland, we cannot afford it.

Lord Sutherland, the chairman of the Commission that recommended it, now says 'we cannot afford it'.

'It will have to be means tested,' said Pat Watters, chairman of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities last weekend, while John Swinney, the SNP Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, still insists: 'We must afford it without means testing. It is one of our fundamental policies.'

If we are to afford it, and free prescriptions, free eye tests and free bus passes for everyone aged over 60 where is he going to find the cash to pay for them? The answer has to be many more job cuts.

Not a great vote winner that.

Forget the unfair RET experiment

THE NEW chairman of VisitScotland Dr Maurice Cantley is another 'head-in-the-sand' public figure who chooses to avoid the current economic situation and calls for greater government expenditure rather than less.

The blatantly political trial of Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) gave the Western Isles much cheaper ferry transport costs up until next year's Scottish Parliament elections, thanks to Scottish Enterprise Minister and Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather, who denied the same benefits to all the islands of his constituency with the exception of Coll & Tiree.

And that was only because they are on the same route as Barra and South Uist. He is now retiring and the seat is to be fought by Mike Russell, the current Education Secretary.

Is Mike going to take Dr Cantley's advice and, at the same time redress the harm done to Mull, Colonsay and Islay by giving them RET status as well or is he going to be sensible and say that what has taken place was an 'experiment' that can't continue for the foreseeable future.

Surely he can't make hundreds of teachers redundant, double the size of classes and close schools while pouring cash into RET for all?

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My Village Tobermory



Janet MacDonald.

Janet MacDonald was born and brought up in Tobermory and still lives in the town. She graduated in Gaelic and Mathematics from Edinburgh University, and spent many years teaching those two subjects. She won the Gold Medal in Inverness in 1984, but before that she competed in many local and national Mods. She was a member of the Sound of Mull Group, which was very well known in the '70s and '80s. She still sings with the Mull Choir and Atomic Piseag. She

has worked for the Gaelic cause all her life. Since stopping teaching full time, she works for Sabhal Mor Ostaig, tutoring students of An Cùrsa Inntigridh, and other college courses. She is also involved with the running of the Mull local mod, Fèis Mhuile, Mull and Iona Gaelic Partnership and any other initiatives which support the language. She is the current convenor of An Commun Gaidhealach. Janet likes to ensure that the Gaelic of Argyll has a high profile, where possible.

will live in an increasingly Gaelic-speaking community. Although I started off teaching maths, I had also studied Gaelic in my degree and in 1973 when the previous Gaelic teacher left Tobermory school, I was asked to 'hold the fort' until another teacher was found. I continued 'holding the fort' until 2001, when I took early retirement!

I suppose the school is the most important building in the town for me, since I first went in the gate in 1950 at the age of four, and was associated with the place till I left in 2001. In fact, they can't get rid of me, as I still invigilate the exams every year. I am also very fond of the whole of the Main Street in Tobermory. There can be very few places where practically all the businesses and facilities are to be found on one street, and no matter when you go down there, you'll meet someone you know and hear the latest news. The only time I avoid the Main Street is on very busy days in summer when tourists flock off the buses and walk, very slowly, in the middle of the street, not seeming to realise that it is a busy thoroughfare.

My favourite time of year is spring - April and May - when the weather is often very good, the midges aren't out and there aren't too many tourists about. I feel then that we have the place to ourselves. Winter can also be a good time here. There are so many things going on that you could be out every night of the week. And people wonder what we find to do here in the winter months! Many people from Tobermory have gone on to make a name for themselves in different areas. Everyone remembers Bobby MacLeod, the accordionist and former Provost of

Tobermory. But nowadays, we have Colin MacIntyre, formerly of Mull Historical Society, and now singing under his own name, and Gordon Buchanan, wildlife cameraman/presenter on Springwatch and many other TV programmes.

There are many challenges facing the town and the island, not least of which is the need for sustainable, all year round employment, just as in many other places in the Highlands and Islands. Our main industry is tourism, but everyone knows that one or two bad seasons can be the death knell of many small, tourism-related businesses. Having said that, a lot of very positive development has taken place here recently. We now have a system of pontoons in the bay for local and visiting boats and our new harbour building. Taigh Solais, is a welcome addition to the Main Street.

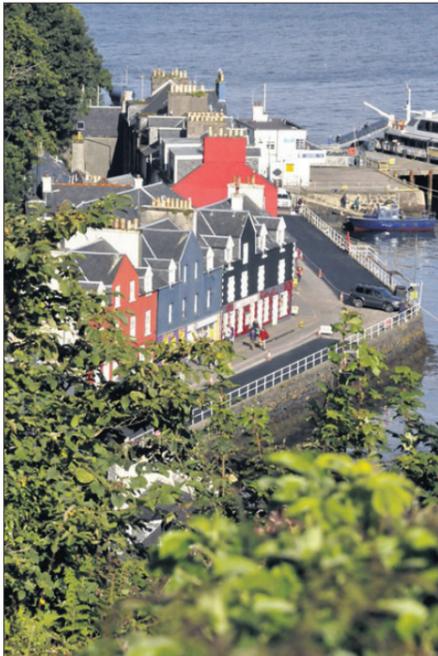
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Tobermory Lifeboat with a passing cruise ship.



A view of Tobermory Bay.



The colourful houses of Tobermory Bay.



Ferry traffic between Ardnamurchan and Tobermory.

I was born and brought up in Tobermory and I have to say that I and many natives of the place consider the Burgh of Tobermory to be a town rather than a village, since up until 1975 we had our own Town Council running our affairs.

It is very special to me since this is where my maternal ancestors have been for many, many years. I have traced my family back to the start of the 1800s, which isn't very far, since that only took me to my great great grandparents. I would like to do more of this when I find the time!

My father, on the other hand, was from Widnes in Lancashire, and met my mother when he came here during the war with the Royal Navy. My mother would have gone back south with him after they married, but he refused to move, fortunately for me, since I might have been born and brought up in England! May I add that my father's father was Irish and his mother was Welsh, so I consider myself a true Celt.

Tobermory is important to Mull and the surrounding areas of Ardnamurchan and Morvern since it is often easier for people from these regions to come here for shopping and other services than it is to go to other places

on the mainland, like Fort William or Oban.

This is a very special place to live and work - very different from a town or city. City dwellers often don't understand the differences and people who come to live here take a long time to integrate.

Tobermory has changed very much since I was a child. When I was growing up, the economy of the island was not in a good state and most people of my age, including myself at that time, couldn't wait to leave school and go away to study or work. We imagined that anywhere was better than here!

It didn't take me long to realise that I wanted to come back here and after studying at Edinburgh University, and training to be a teacher and getting married, I did return and have brought up our family of four sons in what I consider to be a perfect environment. It is very encouraging for me to see that many of our young people now prefer to come back here to bring up their families rather than stay in the cities. Another encouragement is that many of these young people are choosing to educate their children through the medium of Gaelic in Salen Primary School. I like to think that the next generation of Muilich



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Poll tax to jump up
ARGYLL'S poll tax is likely to soar to more than £400 next year.
As Strathclyde Regional Council announced that its part of the community charge was likely to go up by £90, Robert Reid, chairman of Argyll's finance committee, added that the district's charge was also set to increase substantially.
Inflation, inadequate government funding from Government and non-payment of the charge are all blamed for the threatened increase.
In Argyll, 30.4 per cent of those owing poll tax have not paid and more than 15,000 reminders have been sent out. Non-payment of the poll tax means an increase the following year for those who do pay the charge.
Mr Reid said: 'We have not had any discussions on what next year's level is going to be, but I am not optimistic.'

New school for Ardnamurchan
ARDNAMURCHAN is to get a new £2.5 million secondary school, Highland Regional Council's Education Committee has decided.
The committee has given the plan the green light in principle - but it will be up to ten years before the new school opens its doors.
Councillor Dr Michael Foxley, school campaigner, said: 'I am absolutely delighted that the education committee has approved the new school. It will be a major asset.'
'The creation of a high school within Ardnamurchan is a continuation of the policy of Highland Region's Education Committee for the past 12 years - to allow secondary education to take place within the local community.'
'This principle reverses the previous trend to centralise facilities and force the rural communities to send their children away throughout adolescence.'

Car park birth for Mull baby
MULL'S new arrival Sarah MacKeand was in such a rush to get into the world that she couldn't wait for the Craignure to Oban ferry.
Little Sarah was born on Saturday night in the back of an ambulance at Craignure car park.
Her mother, Simone MacKeand, had expected to travel to Oban from her home at Bunessan on Tuesday to have her baby.
On Saturday afternoon she went into labour and she and her husband, Ian, phoned for an ambulance.
'I don't think the ambulance journey from home to Craignure did anything to slow things down,' Mrs MacKeand joked this week.

Shock find on beach
A KILNINVER family was shocked to discover medical waste, including test tubes containing some kind of sample, washed up on a beach on Seil Island.
The horrific find was made on Sunday by Andy and Marjorie Thornton and their three children.
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Supreme Champion was David Wright of Clovullin's 11-month-old calf. 10_f34sunart01



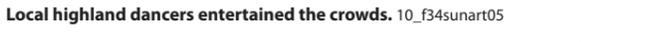
Angus MacColl of Mull with his prize-winning Texel. 10_f34sunart02



Karen Miller on prize-winning horse Tilly Bud. 10_f34sunart03

Sunart and District Show success

THE SIXTIETH Sunart and District Agricultural Show was one of the most successful yet as crowds flocked to Strontian on Saturday. The good weather brought out large crowds to watch the judging, which got underway at 9.30am. Supreme champion was David Wright Senior of Clovullin's 11-month-old calf. Angus MacColl, Fan More, Mull, won the any other breed sheep award and Tilly Bud was the horse champion. MP Charles Kennedy officially opened the show at 1pm. After some problems with his microphone, Mr Kennedy eventually managed to give his speech. He said: 'This show is a big part of the local community and it is a great pleasure to be here to open it.' The Balaklava Pipes and Drums of Argyll and Sutherland performed and local highland dancers entertained the crowds. Some local junior heavy athletes put on a demonstration, including tossing the caber and the hammer, and then invited spectators to have a go themselves. Vice President Donnie MacPherson said: 'I've been part of the show for 60 years and I've seen a lot of changes over the years. 'At the start it was all about crofting, but not so much these days. 'We get a lot of tourists coming along now and so long as they get into the spirit of the show, they seem to really enjoy it.'



Local highland dancers entertained the crowds. 10_f34sunart05

Results: Open Competition: The J A Cameron Cup for Supreme Champion - David Wright Senior; The Presidents Cup for most points (open Classes) - D Wright Senior; The Cooper MacDougall and Robertson Cup Best animal in Beef Cattle Class - D Wright Senior; The C Walton Carnoch Cup for Reserve Champion in Beef Cattle Classes - D Wright Senior; The Glenborrodale Perpetual Cup for Best Cross Shorthorn Animal - Ardrossmill Farms; The Edith Madden Cup for Best Calf at Show - D Wright Senior; The Alex Jackson Memorial Cup for Best Cow in Show Dairy or Beef, in calf or in milk - S Macdonald. The John Raven Trophy for Best Highland Animal - Conaglen Estate; The Laidlaw Cup for Best Spring born calf - D Wright Senior; The Peter Gatherer and Son Cup for Best Blackface Sheep - T Nelson; Simon Tongue Memorial Cup for Best any other breed sheep - Angus C. McColl; The Hon Mrs Maclean of Ardgour Cup for Best Sheep at show bred by exhibitor - D and L Maclean; The D and J MacGillivray Cup for Best Female Blackface Sheep - D and L Maclean; The Forrest Challenge Cup for best Blackface Ewe with Lamb bred by exhibitor - J Nudds; The Alice Horsman Cup for Reserve Champion Blackface Sheep - D and L Maclean; The Alisdair M MacKenzie Cup for best Blackface aged ram - T Nelson; The Laudale Prize for Best Blackface Sheep bred by exhibitor - J A Cameron. Small Holders and Registered Crofters Classes The Fraser Carnoch Cup for Most Points - D Wright Senior; The Inversanda Cup for Best Dairy Animal - S Barber; The Gowran Brae Cup for Best animal in Crofters' Cattle Classes - D Wright Senior; The Ardery Rosewood presented by Mr A Ritchie for Best Female Blackface Sheep - A J Cameron; West Ardnarnach Cup for Best Blackface Sheep - A J Cameron; The Camuschrk Cup presented by Mr and Mrs D Macpherson for Best Sheep any breed except Blackface - A C. McColl; The Dugald Graham Silver Medal for Best Blackface Gimmer - A J Cameron; The Dugald Graham Silver Medal for Best Blackface Ewe Lamb - Angus McColl; The Alan MacLachlan Memorial Quach for Best Shearling Lamb - A J Cameron; The Laudale Prize for Best Cow or Heifer any breed or cross - D Wright Senior; The Laudale Prize for Best Blackface Female Sheep bred by exhibitor - J Cameron. Home Baking, Preserves, Handicrafts and Flower Classes: The Presidents Cup +£10 Most Points - Sheila Ferguson; The Mrs Colin Palmer Prize Runner up - Liz Ford; £10 Prize Best Cloutie Dumpling - Mairi MacDonald; £5 Prize for Flower Class - Ann Macpherson; The Marjorie Jones Cup for Best Knitted Garment - Mairi MacDonald; The Harry Gill Cup for Best Cromag - Harry Whitney; The Sunart Cup presented by A J and D Anderson for Best Junior Baking - Eva McMenemy; Craig Stuart Trophy Presented by Mrs L Bannerman for Best Junior Crafts - Eilidh MacArthur. Poultry Finlayson Cup Poultry Champion - R and S McDougall; The Mrs John Dewar Prize Best Cockerel - Hazel Dallingier; £5 Best Heavy Breed - B Barber; £5 Best Light Breed - B Barber; £5 Best Bantam - R and S McDougall. Horses Mrs Raven Trophy Young Handler - Alex Ferguson; Mrs Torrie Shield Champion Pony - Amanda Ferguson; The Whitaker Young Riders Trophy under 12 years - Lewis Ferguson; Ristol Champion in Hand M&M - Amanda Ferguson.

Islay Show results

2010 Class Winners Blackface Sheep: Ewe in Milk: Open: Messrs Macmillan Ardbeg; Ewe in Milk: Crofter: K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; 2 Year Old in Milk: Open: R Park, Kintour; 2 Year Old in Milk: Crofter: J Campbell, Port Ellen; Gimmer: Open: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Open: Messrs Crofters: J Campbell, Port Ellen; Ewe Lamb: Open: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Ewe Lamb: Crofters: A Currie, Ballaclaven; Tup Lamb: Open: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Tup Lamb: Crofters: J Roy, Lorgbaw; Shearling Tup: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Tup: 2 Shear And Above: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Ewe With Lamb/Lambs(Tup or Ewe): At Foot: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Group of 3 from Classes 1-5: (Crofters Only): K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; Best Group Consisting Ram:(Shearing or Older) Ewe in Milk or Gimmer, Ewe Lamb or Tup Lamb: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Border Leicester Sheep: Tup: 2 Shear And Above: J D Mckerrell, Island Farm; Shearling Tup: Messrs Smith and Macgill, Coille; Tup Lamb: D Mckerrell, Island Farm; Ewe in Milk: Messrs Smith and Macgill, Coille; Gimmer: Messrs Smith and Macgill, Coille; Ewe Lamb: J D Mckerrell, Island Farm; Best Group Consisting Of Ram:(Shearing or Older): Ewe in Milk or Gimmer and a Ram Lamb Ewe Lamb: Messrs Smith and Macgill, Coille. Texel and Beltex Cross: Tup 2 Shear and Over: A Torrance, Mulindry; Shearling Tup: R Cuninghame, Nerby; Tup Lamb: T Rozga, Kilmey; Ewe: T Rozga, Kilmey; Gimmer: Dunlossit Estate, Lossit; Ewe Lamb: T Rozga, Kilmey; Pair Of Ewe Lambs: T Rozga, Kilmey. Any Other Breed Or Cross Breed Of Sheep: Ram, 2 Shear and Over, other than those eligible for Sections 1, 2 Or 3: G and M Porter, Carrabus; Shearling Tup: J Macdonald, Bunnahabhain; Tup Lamb: E Macmillan, Ardbeg; Ewe: G and J Archibald, Craignis; Gimmer: C Mack, Knockmore; Ewe Lamb: J Bignal, Small; Pair Of Ewe Lambs: M and M Brown, Aoradh; Ewe Lambs: Pen Of 3 Continental Cross Lambs: D McCormick, Blackrock; Pen Of 3 Prime B-Y Wedder or B-F Ewe Lambs: J Roy, Lorgbaw; Pen Of 3 Prime Suffolk X Lambs: A Macmillan, Ardbeg; Pen Of 3 Prime Lambs Wedder or Ewe other than above Classes: Messrs Smith and Macgill, Coille. Highland Livestock: For Competitor Under 21 Yrs of Age For Best Animal, Cattle or Sheep, Entered in show in own Name: J Macdonald, Bunnahabhain. Beef Cattle: Galloway Section: Galloway Cow in Calf or with Calf at Foot: G and M Porter, Carrabus; Galloway Heifer in Calf: G and M Porter, Carrabus; Galloway Bulling Heifer: G and M Porter, Carrabus. Highland Section: Highland Cow Any Age: G and M Porter, Carrabus; Highland Heifer, 3 Yrs Old: Dunlossit Estate, Ceannacroic; Highland Heifer, 2 Yrs Old: N and M MacLellan, Kilchiaran; Highland Heifer, 1 Yr Old: Dunlossit Estate, Ceannacroic; Highland Calf: Dunlossit Estate, Ceannacroic; Commercial Section: Beef Cow, Any Breed or Cross Breed: Dunlossit Est, Knockleach; Suckled Calf, Male or Female Sired by a Native Bull: G and J Archibald, Craignis; Suckled Bull Calf, Born on or after February 1 this Year, Sired by a Limousin Bull: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Suckled Female Calf, Born on or after February 1 this Year Sired by a Limousin Bull: R Cuninghame, Nerby; Suckled Bull Calf, Born on or after February 1 this Year Sired by any Bull other than Limousin: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Suckled Female Calf, Born on or after February 1 this Year Sired by any Bull other than Limousin: RSPB Aoradh; Suckled Female Calf, Born between July 1 last year and January 31 this Year, Sired by Limousin Calf: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; Extra Stock: N Macdonald, Bunnahabhain; Best Pair Calves, Same Sex, Any Breed or Cross Breed: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg. Highland And Other Ponies Shown In Hand: Best Highland Gelding or Mare, In Hand, 4 Yrs Old or over: F H and H A Roxburgh, Ballivacar; Colt, Gelding Or Female Up To 3 Yrs Old: A and A Macleod; Best Highland Gelding or Mare, Ridden, Up To 4 Yrs Old or over on January 1: F H and H A Roxburgh, Ballivacar. Other Ponies: Colt Yearling or 2 Yr Old on January 1 Filly or Gelding Yearling, 2, 3 Or 4 Yrs Old On January 1: L Morrison, Port Ellen; In Hand Mare or Gelding over 4 Yrs Old: D MacDougall; Small Ridden Pony Under 13 Hands 4 Years Old or Over on January 1: F H and H A Roxburgh, Ballivacar; Small Ridden Pony 13 Hands and up To 14.2 Hands, 4 Years Old or Over on January 1: C Macmillan, Ardbeg; Riding Horse, Cross Native Breed Over 14.2 Hands, 4 Years Old or over on January 1: F H and H A Roxburgh, Ballivacar; Riding Horse Over 14.2 Hands, 4 Years Old or Over On January 1, excluding those Eligible For Class 93: J M Fletcher, Persabus. Riding Competitions: Best Young

Glasgow, For Best Riding Pony, Any Age, Excluding Highlands: C Macmillan, Ardbeg; The Duart Cup Perpetual Challenge Cup Presented By Sir Charles H M Mclean Bart,K, Kbe, Duart Castle, Isle Of Mull, For Best Pony In Show: Cmacmillan, Ardbeg; Islay Jura Colonsay Agricultural Assoc Shield For Winner Of Best Riding Horse: J M Fletcher, Persabus; Iain Martin Crawford Memorial Trophy Champion Horse/Pony In Show: C Macmillan, Ardbeg; Dawson Perpetual Cup For Best Horse Or Pony Shown In Hand: A and A Macleod, Portnahaven; Special Prize Of £25.00 And Rosette For Best Turned Out Exhibit And Exhibitor Donated By Rhinns Point Highland Ponies: E Logan, Port Charlotte; The Islay Campbell MacLachlan Memorial Cup For Most Aggregate Points In Gymkhana Events: S I Macintyre, Port Ellen; The Ellistier Cup Presented By Mrs J Dawson Ellistier For Best Young Rider Under 16 Years of Age: C Macmillan, Ardbeg; The Hardie Memorial Trophy For Best Young Rider 12 Years or Under: R Hayes, Bowmore; Medals In Memory of Mr Peter Smith (Pop): R Hayes, Bowmore; 2 S Mackinstry, Portnahaven; 3 B Mackinnon, Ballivacar; The Megibbon Cup - Perpetual Challenge Cup Presented By J Ross Megibbon, Glasgow; Overall Pointage Championship In Section I - Xi: Messrs Macmillan, Ardbeg; The James Mackillop Perpetual Challenge Cup For Crofter Or Smallholder having the Largest Number of Points Over Sheep, Cattle and Horse Sections: K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; Jim Kerr Memorial Trophy For Reserve Overall Show Champion: G and M Porter, Carrabus; Glasgow Islay Association Cup For Champion Animal at Show: T Rozga, Kilmey. Flower And Vegetable Section: The Seumas Mackillop Perpetual Challenge Cup For Best Hand Bouquet Of Flowers Grown or Made Up By Exhibitor: L Cuninghame, Nerby; Islay Jura Gardeners Club Trophy for Best Lady's Spray - Class 104: C Macgillivray, Keills; The James T Christie Memorial Cup for Sweet Peas: J Stewart, Bowmore; Logan Shield For Best Shallots Classes 158 - 159: B Paget, Port Charlotte; Logan Shield For Best Carrots Classes 149 - 150: D Maccormick, Blackrock; Logan Shield For Best Onions Classes 156 - 157: B Paget, Port Charlotte; The Silver Cup Presented By The Remaining Members Of Islay Horticultural Society for the Competitor Gaining Largest Pointage throughout the Section: L Powell, Kilchoman; The John Macneil Memorial Trophy for Most Points in Vegetable Section: D McCormick, Blackrock; Dugald MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for Dahlias In Classes 105 - 110: E Heads, Bowmore; Rose Bowl In Memory Of Flora MacIellan Presented By Her Family for Winner Of Class 123 - Four Roses: C Brown, Port Ellen; Finlay Macmillan Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit in Class 130: L Powell, Kilchoman; Minnie MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for the Best Fuchsia In Classes 127 - 128: A and P Mceachern, Keills; Cup Presented by Mairi Porter for Best Geranium in Classes 132a - 132c: L Powell, Kilchoman; Tankard Presented By M Porter for Best Exhibit in Classes 161 and 162: L Powell, Kilchoman; Mavis Spears Memorial Trophy - Most Points in Flower Section: L Powell, Kilchoman; The Thomas Shaw Memorial Cup For Best Exhibit In Show: B Paget, Port Charlotte; Port Askaig Cup For Best Dog Presented by Frank And Mavis Spears for Best Dog in Show: A Drynan, Kilberry; A and P Mceachern Trophy Presented To Winner of Puppy Section (Local Puppy): J Taylor, Port Ellen; Keills Cup Presented By B and A Pilley For Best Junior Exhibitor: A Drynan, Kilberry; Islay Book Festival For Best Adult Exhibitor: M Ross, Alloa; Coullabau Cup Presented By A and J Waterworth Cup For Best Junior Handler: A Drynan, Kilber.

Finn Music played throughout the day at Islay Show. 07_t43is114



Bunessan Show results

Continued from last week Dogs A MacGillivray Challenge Cup, Champion Collie: 'Tilly' Ross, Glasgow. Steven Grant Memorial Challenge Cup, Working Terrier: 'Ted' Susan Miller. Horses and ponies Keel Row Trophy, Best turned out horse and rider: Lauren Cameron, 'Touchwood'. Alistair MacDougall Trophy, Lead rein showing: Lewis Ferguson, 'Dorris Fairwind'. Jeanie Gibson Memorial Cup, Portree. 56lb Weight Over Bar - 1 Peter Angus MacInnes, Kilmuir; 2 Donald MacLeod, Bemisdale; 3 Mark MacArthur, Earlish; 4 David Cumming, Skeabost. Eight Lap Race - 1 Donald Ewen Bradley, Staffin; 2 Hugh Campbell, Portree; 3 Robert MacAskill, Portree; 4 Elaine Nicolson, Portree. Long Jump - 1 Donald Ewen Bradley, Staffin; 2= Jay Collins, Sleat 2= Orrin McDonnell, Staffin; 4 Hugh Campbell, Portree. Hop, Step and Leap - 1 Donald Ewen Bradley, Staffin; 2 Jay Collins, Sleat; 3 Cameron Ross, Staffin; 4 Orrin McDonnell, Staffin.

Clark Trophy, Intermediate Show jumping: Kimberley Bisset, 'Sacred Gold'. Marilyn Fisher Trophy, Open, Show jumping: Kimberley Bisset, 'Sacred Gold'. Scoor Cup, Overall Horse Show Champion: Connie MacDowall, 'Better Days'. Horticulture ROMIOG Trophy, Basket of Organic Produce: Rosie Burgess. Lady Freeman Memorial Challenge Cup, Basket of Eight Varieties of Vegetables: Assapol House. ROMIOG Cup, Three Dessert Fruit: Rosie Burgess. Cakebreads Challenge Trophy, Three Heads Hydrangea: Tania Hunter. Calum Morrison Challenge Cup, Most points in Vegetable Sections: Rosie Burgess. Carswell Challenge Trophy, Most Points in Flower Sections: Ray Weatherill. Alex Campbell Memorial Challenge Cup, Best exhibit vegetable sections: Rosie Burgess. Island Gardens Challenge Trophy, Best Exhibit flower sections: Shelagh Campbell. Industrial Ann Thomson Memorial Cup, Swiss Roll: Gill Garnett. Mrs I Miller Shield, Three Drop scones: Dorothy Mann. Mrs Flora MacCallum Memorial Quach, Clotie Dumpling: Susan Miller. Stein Challenge Cup, Most points in baking: Sandra Morrison. Miss Betty Logan Memorial Challenge Cup, Best exhibit baking sections: Rhoda MacGhee. Barrington Cup, Most points in preserves: Susan Miller. Mrs Nora Greenhalgh Memorial Quach, Best exhibit in preserves: Assapol House. Miss Kate MacFadyen Memorial Challenge Cup, Best exhibit in knitting: Sheila Campbell. Uisken. Mrs D Shuttleworth Cup, Most points in needlework: Christine Macdonald. Harper-Nelson Challenge Trophy, Most points in needlework and baking: Christine Macdonald. Children Zena Rosier memorial Challenge Cup, Soft Toys P1-7: Morven Henderson. Fiddan Quach, Best exhibit crafts P1-3: Jamie Chauvet. Fiona MacKinnon Memorial

Challenge Cup, Most points crafts P4-7: Amelia MacDougall. McFarlanes Shearer's Tankard, Pets Corner: Jamie Chauvet. Sunshine Cup, Tallest sunflower: Elena Cameron. Mrs E Fisher Cup, Most points for local schoolchild under 7: Alison Noble and Arianna MacLellan. Daisy Scott Challenge Cup, Most points local primary school children: Stewart MacDougall. MacKellar Challenge Trophy, Most points children S1-S4, Blair Morrison and Kirsty Rutherford. Miscellaneous Peter Halcrow Memorial Quach, Best exhibit in crafts: James Williams. Bunessan Challenge Trophy, Best stick: Mairi Klucynski. George Campbell Memorial Cup, Torr Mor Hill Race: John MacFadyen. Bunessan PTA Trophy, Cross Country Race for Children, first local child: Claire Henderson. Special prizes United Auctions Prize, Best sheep at show: Norman MacPhail. United Auctions Prize, Best cattle animal at show: Hannah Poulton. G MacKellar Prize, local runner up in vegetable sections: D & D Mann. G MacKellar Prize, local runner up in flower sections: D & D Mann and Lorna MacDougall. Miss E MacLean Prize, Three Scones: Jodie MacLeod. Mrs N Degnan Challenge Cup, Novelty Cake: Rhoda MacGhee. Mrs J Knight Prize, Most points crafts S1-4: Eilidh and Lauren Carruthers. Mrs M MacCallum Prize, Most points baking S1-4: Blair Morrison and Kirsty Rutherford. The Ferry Show Prize, Most points crafts P1-3: Jigmye Jones and Jamie Chauvet. Mrs S MacKean Prize, Most points baking P1-3: Alison Noble, Arianna MacLellan and Jamie MacGillivray. Mrs U Campbell Prize, Most points baking P4-7: Stewart MacDougall. Round & About Photography Prize: John Allan. MacCallum Family Prize, Creich Children's Cross Country Race first non Bunessan Primary School pupil: Dougal Glaisher.

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Loch Creran pontoons prove popular

A STATE of the art pontoon installed at a Barcaldine based boatyard during the summer has proved an incredible success.

Creran Marine replaced their old slipway with the new pontoon in June ensuring that customer safety remained their top priority.

Ewen MacGillivray, owner of Creran Marine, said: 'Prior to the pontoon being installed our customers had to get into their dingy's at our slipway usually meaning that they had to wear wellies or get their feet wet, now they can step into their dingy's from the pontoon dry underfoot.'

'They can also bring their yachts alongside the pontoon to load and unload supplies instead of making several trips with their dingys. This is much more convenient for our customers and makes gaining access to the water much easier and safer for them.'

Creran Marine is a family run boatyard that provides seasonal moorings for clients with excellent access to the cruising waters of Scotland's west coast and sheltered on-shore winter storage.

The flexible nature of the individually designed pontoons from Fusion Marine enables them to be sited on sloping beaches and other coastal locations. As the tide drops the pontoon follows the shape of the foreshore.

Man accused of drink driving

THE TRIAL of a man accused of drink-driving in Fort William will be held on November 10.

Christopher Healey, aged 30, of 2 Ach an Duin, Benderloch, Oban, is accused of failing to provide a breath specimen at Fort William Police Office on May 16.

He is also accused of drink driving on Glenkingie Street, Caol, the A830 at Lochybridge, North Road, Fort William, and other Fort William roads.

Mr Healey, who was not present at Fort William Sheriff Court, has not entered a plea.

Lochaber Showstoppers start panto rehearsals

LOCHABER Showstoppers have started rehearsals for this year's pantomime 'Robyn Hood'.

Preparations for the show began on Monday evening at the Nevis Centre. Around 30 local people of all ages will make up the cast of the show, with more needed to help backstage.

Organiser Claire Brewer told *The Oban Times* Showstoppers is keen to get junior members involved with the show. She said: 'We've got people aged 12 and upwards. We want to get the kids involved. They really enjoy all the pantomime stuff.'

In a twist to the traditional story, in this version Robin is a woman called Robyn and she has a band of merry women.

The show was written by Showstoppers member Juliet Evans, who will also be directing.

Robyn Hood will be on at the Nevis Centre on December 9, 10 and 11.

Torlundy depot assault denied

A FORT William man has denied assaulting and headbutting another man at Torlundy.

Donald MacDiarmid, aged 41, whose caravan is situated at the Forestry Commission Repair Depot, Torlundy, is accused of assaulting James MacNicol on April 24 at the depot.

The trial will be heard on October 1.



Man found guilty of assaulting wife

A KINLOCHLEVEN man has been found guilty of assaulting his wife during a domestic dispute.

Nicolas Egan, aged 51, of 8 Lochaber Road, had denied assaulting his wife Joanne Egan by grabbing her shoulder.

The incident occurred on July 9 at the couple's home, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

Egan locked his wife out of the house for a short period and made obscene gestures to her from inside the house.

When Mrs Egan was allowed back into the house, the couple started arguing. The

fight moved to the living room and as Mrs Egan was walking past Egan grabbed her shoulder, causing her to fall over and hurt her right arm.

Egan claimed his wife had been ranting and raving and he had grabbed her to calm her down. In his statement to the police, Egan said: 'I think I grabbed her too hard. She lost her balance.'

When defence agent Hamish Melrose put this to Mrs Egan, she strongly rejected the idea. She said: 'No, that is lies.'

Sentencing was postponed until September 2 for reports.

Four-year driving ban and fine for man

A MAN has admitted committing a series of road traffic offences whilst driving in Lochaber.

Andrew Black, aged 23, of 17 Hillington Quadrant, Glasgow, was driving on the A82 at Fort William and Torlundy at 2.30am on July 16 when he failed to pull over when told to by

police. Police pursued him and found the car at the turn off to the Inverlochy Castle Hotel with Black and a passenger inside.

Black was breathalysed and found to be nearly two-times over the legal blood-alcohol limit. He was driving despite earlier being disqualified for a previous offence and

had no insurance. Sheriff Hutchison said: 'Not only were the events themselves serious but they showed very little regard to previous court orders.'

He disqualified Black from driving for four years, fined him £600 and ordered him to complete 140 hours community service.

Encouraging drop in number of fatal and serious accidents

THE REDUCTION in the number of fatal and serious road accidents on Highland roads has exceeded UK government targets.

Over the last ten years, the number of road casualties has dropped by 54 per cent, 14 per cent above the target.

The number of fatal and serious child

casualties has reduced by 80 per cent over the same period. Councillor John Laing, chairman of Highland Council's transport environmental and community services, said: 'These statistics are very encouraging and I am confident the inter-agency road safety working group will maintain the progress of the last decade.'

Summer holiday fun for youngsters

More than 120 primary school children found a cure for summertime boredom by attending a holiday club at the Free Church in Caol. The club has run during the last week of the summer holidays every summer since 2004 and this year's theme was 'clowning around'. A barbecue was held in the church grounds on Friday evening, which was attended by the children and their families.



Lochaber Ceilidh Trail Band plays final gig

Lochaber Ceilidh Trail band play the final gig in their summer tour at the Ben Nevis Inn, Glen Nevis, on August 1. The trail saw a band of six young musicians playing at various venues around Lochaber. In the band were Lucy Doogan of Ballachulish, Rona Cooper of Fort Augustus, Euan Wilkie of Roy Bridge, Robert Robertson of Fort William, Carolyn McKee of Fort William and Megan MacLennan of Arisaig.



The Corran Halls was a hive of activity during the St Columba's Cathedral Bazaar. 07_134baz02

St Columba's Bazaar raises more than £7,000

MORE than £7,000 was raised at a bustling St Columba's Cathedral Bazaar last Saturday, held in the Corran Halls, Oban.

Various stalls of bric-a-brac and teas and coffees, coupled with a silver collection on admission have helped to almost double the fund that the church is using to assist with repairs.

Phase one of the renovation includes fitting a new heating system and this should be completed by Christmas time.

Father Donald MacKay said: 'We needed to make this the best bazaar ever as we need help with extensive renovations.'

'People have been helping in their own way, too, through sponsored cycles and sponsored walks and by selling recipe books. We also hope to have a big concert in September.'

Festival of flowers as St John's celebrate centenary

A FESTIVAL of flowers descended upon St John's Cathedral last week as part of their centenary celebrations.

The week long event was kicked off on the evening of Thursday 12 August by the Deeside choir, visiting from Aberdeen.

The cathedral saw a steady flow of visitors as hundreds poured through the doors to see the spectacular blooms.

The festival was in aid of the Oban Hospice and also contributed towards the cathedral fabric fund. More than £2,000 has been raised so far with contributions still being counted.

The affair was not solely focussed on flowers,

youngsters could behold the teddy bear's tea party and there was also a raffle and teas available.

Arts and crafts from throughout the past 100 years were represented in the cathedral with quilting, knitting and butter churns on display.

Lilian Kermode, social secretary, said: 'It has been a very successful week, all the visitors are saying how wonderful it is to come in and see the festival and we're very pleased with how much money we've raised.'

Organisers would like to thank all those who supported the flower festival and donated to it.



Organisers Isobel Smith, Barbara MacCallum, Lillian Kermode, Joy Blakeney, Christine Marlow, Elda Sharp.

Fun day fundraiser for Friends of Oban Hospice is success

A FUNDRAISING effort by the Masonic Lodge in Oban is predicted to raise more than £4,000 for Friends of Oban Hospice.

The Lodge organised a family fun day and football

tournament last Saturday and has auctioned off various items of memorabilia, including a signed Rangers Football Club jersey, which made £999, and a signed Susie Stoddart and David Coulthard DTM cap.

The busy family fun day at

the rugby club pitch basked in sunshine and offered a bouncy castle, burgers and ice-cream and challenges of strength for the adults.

The fundraising total currently stands at more than

£3,000 but on August 28 a final fundraising ceilidh with Gunna Sound will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Albany Street, where anyone is welcome to attend. It is hoped a further £1,000 could be taken in for the charity fund.

Major church extension planned

Growing congregation needs extra room

A FORT William church through a combination of fund raising in the community and a donation from the church.

Kilmallie Free Church in Caol plans to extend the church to meet the demands of its growing congregation. A portakabin had to be installed recently to cope with extra parishioners.

The Rev Chris MacRae said: 'We don't want to risk losing any members so we feel it's right to extend the church.'

'We want to get the church working seven days a week, not just on Sundays. We're planning to extend the kitchen and the classroom, which will help with Sunday school.'

The Rev MacRae said money would be raised

With many other churches in Scotland losing members, The Rev MacRae explained why he thinks his church is bucking the trend.

He said: 'The location of the church is great, right in the centre of the community. The longer you are in one place the more relationships you build up.'

'We're building up relationships and we've had great support from parents, schools and the community. I think this shows the gospel is still relevant.'

Plans for the extension have been submitted to Highland Council and will be examined in the coming months.

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- 1) Discharge of waste from marine cage fish farming to Loch Etive at NGR NM 983 341 from 1 October 2010.

"Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or have an interest in, the application may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1042067:

The Registry, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB

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Annual General Meeting and Customer Involvement Day
Saturday 28th August 2010

Annual General Meeting

All share members of the Association residing in the Oban, Lorn & Isles area are invited to attend the Oban, Lorn & Isles Area Committee Annual General Meeting being held on Saturday 28th August 2010 in the Parish Church Hall, Oban commencing at 11.00am

Customer Involvement Day

A Customer Involvement Day will follow the AGM. This will also take place in the Parish Church Hall, Oban and will start at 12.00pm and close at 3.00pm.

All ACHA customers from the Oban, Lorn & Isles area are invited to attend

Our Customer Involvement Day will provide an opportunity for customers to drop in to meet Area Committee and Staff members. There will also be representatives from other organisations in attendance



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

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	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
10/03199/FUL	Glencaim House Morar Mallaig PH40 4PD	Alterations & extension	Mallaig Service Point (14 days)
10/03286/FUL	Land South West of Fort William Health Centre Camoghaol Fort William	Erection of 90 bed Care Home	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/03287/FUL	House Plot 2 Clan Cottage Acharacle	Amended house design to Planning Permission 06/00379/FULLO	Acharacle Service Point (14 days)
10/03361/PIP	Land 50M NW of The Old Rectory Ballachulish	Erection of house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/03362/PIP	Land 70M N of The Old Rectory Ballachulish	Erection of house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/03381/PIP	Dal Na Gramich Glenamie Lochalair	Erection of house (renewal of 07/00213/OUTLO)	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
10/03394/FUL	5 Montrose Square Inverlochy Fort William PH33 6ND	Installation of Domestic Air Source Heat Pump.	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

Planning and Development Service
eplanning@Highland1, PO Box 5740, The Highland Council, Inverness IV1 9DH

KILMALLIE SHINTY CLUB

Kilmallie Shinty Club intend to construct new changing facilities at Canal Parks, Caol, Fort William. Any contractor who wishes to tender for this work should contact D Kelly Design on 01397 700999 no later than August 27, 2010.



John Gregor MacInnes has applied to decroft part of the croft at Sligneach Kilfinichen & Kilvickon extending to 0.12 ha for the purpose of providing a site for a dwellinghouse. Ref: 4.86.26646

If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or info@crofterscommission.org.uk, by 3 September 2010 quoting the above case number.

Please note that any comments you provide are part of an open process and will be made available to interested parties. Your comments would also be released under a Freedom of Information inquiry.

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PLANNING

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

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the location detailed below and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

● Ref No: 10/01259/PP
Applicant: Mrs Sophie Wales
Proposal: Erection of 2 semi-detached 2 storey dwellinghouses.
Site Address: Land North Of Anvil House Main Street Port Charlotte Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Port Charlotte

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR by the 09/09/2010

● Ref No: 10/01144/PPP
Applicant: Mrs Elizabeth Martin
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse
Site Address: Land East Of Ardromish Crannag A' Mhinistir Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4LU
Location of Plans: Oban Area Office

● Ref No: 10/01147/PP
Applicant: Mr R Young
Proposal: Temporary erection of 50 metre high Anemometer Mast
Site Address: Clachan-Seil South Of Beinn Mhor Oban
Location of Plans: Oban Area Office

● Ref No: 10/01181/PP
Applicant: Mr Alan and Mrs Ann Jones
Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house.
Site Address: Land South East Of Tradewinds Lochawe Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Dalmally

● Ref No: 10/01200/PP
Applicant: Stuart Livingstone
Proposal: Use of existing agricultural shed for mixed use as joiners workshop and store and for agricultural purposes, and erection of new shed for mixed use as a joiners workshop and store and for agricultural purposes
Site Address: Oakview Taynult Argyll And Bute PA35 1HW
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Taynult

● Ref No: 10/01225/PP
Applicant: Mr David Gurn
Proposal: Conversion of Hynish Farm Steading to a dwelling house and erection of a 10kw wind turbine on a 15m mono pole.
Site Address: Hynish Farm Steadings Hynish Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6UD
Location of Plans: Tiree Area Office

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site. The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered. Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED) PROPOSED CALEDONIAN MARITIME ASSETS (LOCHALINE FERRY SERVICES SLIPWAY) HARBOUR EMPOWERMENT ORDER 201[X]

1. Notice is hereby given that Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited ("the Company") has applied to the Scottish Ministers to make a Harbour Empowerment Order under section 16 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act").
2. The objects of the proposed order are to empower the Company to maintain and operate works at Lochaline in the Sound of Mull in the Highland Council area at the Company's ferry harbour. The proposed Order also defines the limits of jurisdiction of the harbour.
3. The Scottish Ministers have by letter dated 6 July 2010 informed the Company that they have decided in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act that the application does not relate to a project which falls within Annex 1 or II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended by Council Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC) ("the Directive"). Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers have directed that an environmental statement is not required.
4. Paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act (which requires information to be supplied concerning a project which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Great Britain and in another European Economic Area State) does not apply to the application.
5. A copy of the draft Order and the letter dated 6 July 2010 may be inspected at all reasonable hours until the expiry of the forty-two days period specified in paragraph 6 of this notice at the offices of the Company at Municipal Buildings, Fore Street, Port Glasgow PA14 5EQ, at Morvern Post Office, Lochaline, Morvern - Oban, Argyll PA34 5XT (telephone number 01967 421 220) and at the offices of the undermentioned solicitors and parliamentary agents.
6. Any person desiring to make to the Scottish Ministers an objection or representation concerning the application should write to Jane Raugie, Transport Scotland, Aviation, Ports, Freight & Canals Division, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ, email: harbourorders@scotland.gsi.gov.uk within forty-two days from the date at the foot of this notice quoting reference "Proposed Caledonian Maritime Assets (Lochaline Ferry Services Slipway) Harbour Empowerment Order 201[X]" and specifying the grounds of their objection or representation and giving an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.
7. If an objection to the application is made and not withdrawn the Scottish Ministers may, before making their decision, (i) cause an inquiry to be held, or (ii) give to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

Dated 12 August 2010
Evelyns LLP
One Wood Street, London EC2V 7WS
Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents



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Argyll Bute COUNCIL

REVIEW OF ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

Argyll and Bute Council has arranged a series of public consultation events as part of its review of its Learning Disability service. The events - which kick off next week - will outline the shortlist of choices under consideration regarding the modernisation of the service.

The authority is keen that anyone with an interest in the learning disability sector goes along to one of the sessions to learn more about the options and give their views on them.

- Monday, August 23 - 3pm - Oban, Lorn and Isles Learning Disability Locality Forum, Lorne Resource Centre, Soroba Road, Oban
- Wednesday, August 25 - 1.30pm - Helensburgh and Lomond Learning Disability Locality Forum, The Cottage, 102 East King Street, Helensburgh
- Monday, August 30 - 1.30pm - Cowal Learning Disability Locality Forum, Red Cross, George Street, Dunoon
- Tuesday, August 31 - 1.30pm - Bute Learning Disability Locality Forum, Phoenix Resource Centre, Rathesay
- Thursday, September 2 - 6pm - Kintyre Learning Disability Locality Forum, Woodlands Resource Centre, Campbeltown
- Monday, September 6 - 1.30pm - Mid Argyll Learning Disability Locality Forum, Lochgilphead Resource Centre, Lochgilphead
- Wednesday, September 8 - 1.30pm - Islands and Video Link Meeting. Telephone 01546 604348 to arrange a venue and link.
- Wednesday, September 8 - 1pm-7pm - Phone In Day - If you cannot attend any meetings or post a response and would like your views noted, please phone 01546 604348 to arrange for someone to call you back.

They will be facilitated by Douglas Boynton, an independent consultant, with assistance from local staff. Hundreds of service users, carers, staff and other interested parties have already been involved in the review.

The full consultation documents, plus a questionnaire, are available on Argyll and Bute Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultation

In addition, they have been issued directly to many people including services users, carers, staff, carers groups, community care forums, elected members, MPs and MSPs.

Copies will also be available in resource centres, local social work offices and libraries. Resource centres will also be running their own small consultation groups, and staff will be able to help service users to submit their views either in a group or on an individual basis.

Alternatively, anyone can post their comments to a FREEPOST address in the envelopes sent out with the documents, or hand it in to any local resource centre or social work office.

The consultation period ends on 17th September 2010.

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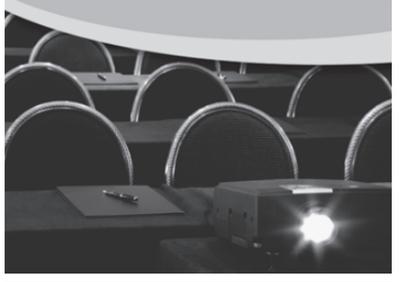
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The Chariots of Fire demonstration proved a popular attraction at the annual Skye Agricultural Show held at Portree on Saturday



David MacDonald, Achachork's cross Charolais heifer calf took the Champion of champions title at Portree to repeat her success at Dunvegan two weeks before

Skye Agricultural Show
Achachork heifer returns to winning ways at Portree

THERE was a return to the winner's ring for the Dunvegan Show champion when the Annual Skye Agricultural Show was held in the King George V playing field, Portree on Saturday.

Good weather ensured a successful show, with over 1,000 people attending the day.

One of the main attractions was a spectacular display from Chariots of Fire, which involved pony-drawn carts performing a number of stunts and jumps.

The Isle of Skye Pipe Band also performed throughout the day to entertain the crowds.

The Champion of Champions was David MacDonald of Achachork's February-born cross Charollais heifer calf, which was a winner at the Dunvegan Show on the island a fortnight ago. The heifer is out of a bought-in cow which came from North Uist.



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The Trust has received funding from Investing in Ideas to carry out research into the potential for setting up a community owned business in the South Kintyre area. We are looking to contract this work out and would like to invite all interested parties to tender.

For further details visit: www.skdt.org.uk
info@skdt.org

Closing date is the 20th August 2010.

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Please note that graduates will also be considered for the role.

Closing date: Monday 6 September 2010.

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- Go to the Recruitment section of the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk;
- Email recruitment@acha.co.uk; or
- Contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardriahag, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098.

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Application packs can be downloaded from the web site www.buteforest.com

Completed application forms must be returned by no later than 5pm on Monday 6th September 2010 to Brandish Bute, 18 East Princes Street, Rothesay PA20 9DL.

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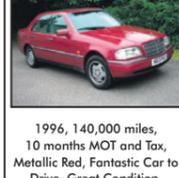


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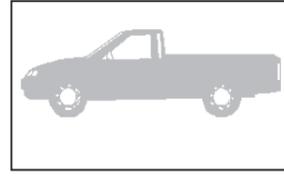
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CAMPBELL - Christine McCartney and Paul Campbell are delighted to welcome their daughter, Lucy Iona, born July 28, 2010.


MAY - Alan and Laura (née Nicholson) are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Layla Lindsay, on August 8, 2010. First grandchild for Donald and Lindsay, third grandchild for Anne and the late Donald, first great-grandchild for Bobby and Margaret McGeachy.

ENGAGEMENTS

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DEATHS
CLIFFORD - Joan, aged 95 years. Peacefully at Dailmhór House and previously Bells Grove, Strontian, wife of the late Rev Douglas Clifford, beloved mother to Marilyn and Bruce, grandmother to Cara and Renè (Mexico), Naomi and David and great grandmother to Esther and Caia Skye (Mexico).

DICKSON - At home after an illness bravely fought, Mrs Jenny Dickson of Tobermory Isle of Mull. Wife of the late Walter Dickson, Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service to be held at Tobermory Parish Church on Friday August 20, at 1pm. Thereafter to Tobermory Beadoun Cemetery.

ELLIOT - Alaster, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 15, 2010. Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, August 21, at 11am at Kilmoinaigh Church, followed by interment at Blarou. All welcome.

GRIFFITHS - Jamesina (Ina). Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on Thursday August 12, 2010, Ina (nee MacKinnon), in her 91st year, beloved wife of the late Alan, much loved mum of Alan and Cath, gran of Derek, Graham, Marc, David and Alastair and G.G. of Ruairidh and Amy. Sadly missed.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully, surrounded by her family at Abbeyfield Ballachulish, on August 15, in her 95th year, Mary beloved wife of the late Willie, mother of Jane, mother-in-law of Donald and dear gran of Mhairi. Funeral Service on Thursday, August 19, at 1.30pm at St Mary's Church, Glencoe, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

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ROSS - We are heartbroken to say that beautiful, brave and sparkly Harris, passed away on Friday, August 13, 2010, at Edinburgh Sick Kids Hospital, aged 15 months, darling son forever of Tanya and Allan, Caledonian Road, Corpach.

SCOTT - David. Peacefully at Bloomhill House, Cardross, formerly of Ardenlea, Ardrishaig, on Thursday August 12, 2010, after a long illness borne with characteristic courage and good humour. Beloved husband of the late Hazel (nee Lamont), loving father of David Donald and Gavin and much loved Grandpa of David, Anna, Colin, Sarah, Patrick and Alexander. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday August 16, 2010 followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
BARR - (Fort William). Anne and her family would like to express heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for their love and support following the sudden death of Johnny. We would also like to thank the ambulance service and Dr Shirley for their efforts and support, Rev MacQuarrie for his comforting service and Ewen MacLennan for his care and kindness with the funeral arrangements. Thanks are extended to the staff of the Renal Unit at the Belford Hospital. Special thanks to John Campbell and the members of the Fort William Fire Brigade for the moving tribute they gave to Johnny.

CORBET - Margaret, Joan and John wish to extend their thanks to all family and friends for their kindness and support following the passing of their much loved Harry, beloved husband and father. Grateful thanks to Alan Smurthwaite (Humanist), for his compassionate, caring and comforting service, Glen Mor medical practice and district nurses for their continual care and Teresa, Ewen, Alec and Kevin of John MacLellan, Funeral Directors, for their respectful, dignified and professional service. Thanks to all for donations for the Glen Mor medical practice, the many, many cards, flowers and telephone calls and to all who paid their last respects to Harry.

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CAIRNS - In loving memory of my dear mum, Christine, who passed away on August 17, 2008. Sadly missed.
 - Loving son Robert.
CAIRNS - In loving memory of my sister and our aunt, Christine, who died August 17, 2008. You left a place no one can fill. We miss you now and always will.
 - Cathie and family, Caoil, Corpach and Falkirk.
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 - Kirsty xx.
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 - Love Mary, Peter and family.

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 - Iain, Deirdre and Mhairi

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 - Sister Denise, Donald and niece Kerry.
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 - Doss.
ROBERTSON - Precious memories of our darling sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt Heather, who passed away on August 17, 2007. If only we could see you Heather. For just a little while. To tell you how we miss you. Or just to see you smile. To put our arms around you. But this we cannot do. So until the day we all meet again. May God take care of you.
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GRADUATIONS

David Sutherland
 Graduated from Heriot Watt University with an M Eng. (First class Honours), in Structural Engineering.
 David is the son of Andy and Angela Sutherland, Inverness, grandson of George and Nancy McRae, formerly of Bunessan, Isle of Mull and the late Frank and Ina Sutherland, Aros, Isle of Mull. He is a former pupil of Crown Primary and Millburn Academy in Inverness. David starts employment with Mott MacDonald in Inverness in August.

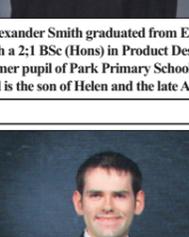

Steven Kersley, graduated from the University of Glasgow with a BSc with Honours in Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry.
 Steven is the son of Colin and Shirley Kersley, North Connel and the grandson of Marie and the late John Kersley, Glen Ceran, Appin, Agnes Richmond, Oban and Ian Richmond, Linlithgow. He is a former pupil of Lochmell Primary School and Oban High School.


Hazel Michie graduated Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery with Commendation from the University of Aberdeen. Hazel is the daughter of Ian and Lorna, grand-daughter of Robert and Margaret Michie, Banavie and the late Jackie and Marena Mann, Tomonich. Former pupil of Strontian Primary, Lochaber High School and St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh.


David Alan Alexander Smith graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Product Design Engineering. David is a former pupil of Park Primary School and Oban High School. David is the son of Helen and the late Alan Smith, Oban.

WEDDINGS

Andrew Buchanan and Jacqueline Phillips, both of Oban, were married at the Lunna Kirk, Vidlin, Shetland on 26th June 2010. Photography by Bi Scott, Oxford.


Graham Omand graduated with a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Applied Bioscience from Glasgow University. Graham was also awarded The Gordon Paterson Memorial Prize for Best Honours Dissertation. A former pupil of Islay High School, Graham is the son of Murray and Rena Omand, Three House, Bowmore, Islay.


Tarbert man Charlie Nicolson married **Lesley Miller** from Dumbarton at Riverside Church, Dumbarton. Their reception was held at the town's Abbotsford Hotel.


Susan McPhail and Ewen MacGillivray were married at the Esplanade Church, Oban on 17th July 2010. They celebrated with family and friends at the Royal Hotel, a great day had by all!
 Phil McDermott Photography

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Lochaber pipped in pre-season friendly

Pre-season Friendly
Lochaber 19,
Alloa 24.
LOCHABER Rugby Club played their first pre-season friendly at the weekend when they played host to Alloa.

AN interesting, evenly matched game was just edged by the away side, but Lochaber coach Stan Whittaker will have learned a lot from the game. As this was a training game, the sides played four twenty-minute quarters and were allowed rolling substitutions.

The opening quarter was fairly even with Alloa's slow, steady build up resulting in a converted try. Lochaber scored one back on the counter attack with second row David Maclean finishing off the move.

The second quarter was all Alloa's with two tries

and a conversion for the visitors. Lochaber fought back in the third and fourth with converted tries for centres Steven Traill and Tristan Sanders. However, Alloa scored as well and just managed to keep their noses in front.

Round-robin
Next weekend Lochaber will host a round-robin tournament for local sides Strathspye and Oban. Kick-off is at 1pm at Banavie.

Lochaber squad: W Stewart, R Mackay, E Jamieson, P Fonze, A Revitt, S Whittaker, A Mercer, C MacPherson, T Baxter, K Turnbull, K Garrick, T Sanders, S Traill, B Macraill (Captain), R Wallace, D Maclean, M. Ellis, Chris, Andreas, Innes.

Duff Triples at Railway Club



Gogs Hamilton, Liz Kennedy and Bill Clark, winners of the Duff Triples at Fort William Railway Bowling Club. Sandra Cameron presented the trophy to the winners in memory of her father, Willie Duff. Also pictured are the runners up and Duff family members.

Successful Small Isles Bay Regatta

ANOTHER successful regatta was held in Small Isles Bay, Jura on the August 7.

A brisk wind allowed for a successful sailing race in the morning. The weather stayed fair for the afternoon events with a succession of swimming, canoeing and rowing races.

Celebrations continued into the evening with entertainment provided by the Wherries and Trail West. Prizes were presented by Jill Fulton, whose grandfather started the Regatta in the mid 1920s.

Sailing Class Boats: Wanderer - Martin Boyle and Michael Walton. Sailing Non Class Boats: Morag - Alasdair Darroch & family. Sailing - Makito Fastest Round the Course: Vortex - Ronald MacDonald and Cath McCallum.

RUGBY

Raft Race
First home - Mad Hatters - Andy, Mark, Edward, Jenny. Best Dressed - Madagscar - Katie, Leah, Sam, Claire. Most Ingenious - Jim'll Fix It - Rose, Donna, Lindsay, Suzy. Best Made - Lighthouse Keepers - Lis, Drew, Jenny, Tim.

Open Swimming - Jonathon Parrott; Under 12 years Swimming - James Snell.
Rowing Ladies Singles - Katie Fulton; Rowing Mens Singles - Ruairidh Darroch; Rowing under 12 years - Ryan MacDonald; Rowing 12-15 years - William Paige; Rowing Ladies Doubles - Rhovan Rozga & Christine Fairman; Rowing Mens Doubles - Michael Heads and Sandy Campbell; Rowing over 50 years - Drew Fairman; Rowing Mixed Doubles - Christine Fairman and Chris Black; Open Canoe - Ruairidh Darroch.

Outboard Motor Race - Maggie Boyle & David Wright.
Intertownship Trophy (rowing) - Ardriarnal - Alan MacDonald, Rhowan Rozga, Christine Fairman, Craig Rozga.
Rose Bowl for the competitor with the most points - Christine Fairman.

Kayakers celebrate 125th anniversary

A GROUP of kayakers celebrated their club's 125th anniversary with a paddle up the west coast of Scotland.

And in Taynuilt, the members of Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club, Greenock, stopped off in Taynuilt to have their picture taken with local Duncan MacDonald and a copy of The Oban Times.

The trip took place over eight days between August 7 and 14. The group left from their boat club and arrived back there, having travelled via Loch Fyne, Crinan, Oban, Taynuilt, Loch Lomond, River Leven and the River Clyde. Some details of the trip route are on the attachment. The group passed through Taynuilt last Thursday, when Duncan met them with copy of The Oban Times.

Organiser Robert Todd said: 'The trip followed the plan and we encountered no

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problems. Even the weather was kind to us!'

Robert explained the Watery Wanderings Mid-Western Lochs route goes back to 1885 when and some friends arrived by train at Princes Pier, Greenock to paddle the 'Western Lochs'.

Paddled
The approximate route was down the River Clyde, round the Kyles of Bute and into Loch Fyne to Lochgilphead. They then paddled from Crinan to Oban and into Loch Etive. Taking the train, they transported kayaks, equipment and paddlers to Loch Lomond. They then made their way paddling Loch Lomond, down the River Leven reaching the Clyde at Dumbarton and finally back to Greenock.

The adventures were documented in a publication called 'Watery Wanderings Mid Western Lochs.'



Taynuilt's Duncan MacDonald (left) with trip organiser Robert Todd and his son, Robert jnr.

League champions out of Duthie Cup

Kinloch Cup
CAOL United beat an in-form Fort William Under 17 side 3-2 at Canal parks last Wednesday.

After a tight first half, Stuart Smillie broke the deadlock with what was virtually the last kick of the half. Fort took the lead in the second half through two goals in quick succession from Iain MacLennan.

Smillie brought Caol back on level terms with his second goal of the game before an own goal from Fort defender Farquhar

MacRae gave the three points to Caol. Lundavra's game against Rangers on Monday night had to be cancelled, as Rangers did not have enough players to field a team. Lundavra were awarded a 4-0 win.

Duthie Cup
League champions Celtic are out of the Duthie Cup after they lost 9-0 to an impressive Mallaig side.

The game was played at the BA Club on Friday night, with Mallaig's goals coming from Neil Cameron,

who scored a brace, Jamie McGregor, Jordan Coull, a Ross Douglas hat trick, and two from Cameron Muir.

MacDonald Cup winner Mallaig will now fight it out with Ardnamurchan and Ballachulish for a place in the final.

Ardnamurchan pulled off an impressive 4-1 win against Celtic on Tuesday night at the BA Club. Liam Anderson was the star of the show, scoring a hat trick for the away side, with David Wright getting the other goal.

FOOTBALL

Kinloch Cup							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lundavra	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Fort William Under 17s	2	1	0	1	11	3	3
Caol United	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
Rangers	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

Duthie Cup							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mallaig	1	1	0	0	9	0	3
Ballachulish	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Ardnamurchan	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Celtic	3	0	0	3	1	18	0



Fort William battled hard on Saturday but couldn't avoid defeat. 10. f34footie02

Fort lose six goals to nine-man Fraserburgh

Highland League Fraserburgh FC 6 Fort William FC 1

FORT William's poor start to the season continued with a heavy defeat, despite their opponents finishing the game with nine men.

With 21 minutes of the match gone, there was little between the two sides. However, when the home side went down to ten men they upped their work rate and the Fort switched off, leading to four Fraserburgh goals before half time.

Game Over
The game was effectively over when Fraserburgh's goalkeeper saw red, but the

home side's scoring hadn't finished. They managed to add two more goals before the end of a very frustrating

FOOTBALL

match for Fort Manager Calum Maclean.



Sun shines for Alcan pairs

THE LOCHABER Bowling Club held the Alcan Pairs competition in glorious sunshine at the weekend at the BA Club.

Martin Keenan and Dougie MacLachlan won the competition, narrowly beating Gogs Hamilton and Liz Kennedy. The winning pair were presented their prize by Club President Ian Gregor. The prizes were donated by Rio-Tinto Alcan.

Winners Martin Keenan and Dougie MacLachlan (on left) with runners up Gogs Hamilton and Liz Kennedy.



Fort Augustus GC

GOLF

THE ABERCHALDER Cup was held at Fort Augustus Golf Club on Saturday, with Vice Captain Andrew Gilchrist's team running out winners.

Captain Jonathon Seymour beat Vice Captain Andrew Gilchrist 1 up; Martin Pater-son beat Alex Barnett 1 up; David Mackay lost to Gordon MacDonald 2 up; Alex Macdonald halved with Charlie Marshall.

Vice Captain's team won by two and a half to one and a half. Gordon MacDonald had a great hole in one on the 164-yard par 3 fifth hole, Lomnor. He played a seven iron shot which landed the shot short of the hole and it trickled in.

Fort William GC

GOLF

SATURDAY saw the Wolverton Cup being held at Fort William Golf Club, with Iain Mackie winning a close competition.

1, Iain Mackie 86-27=59; 2, William Duncan 73-12=61; 3, Peter Hamlyn 80-18=62.

A three-man Texas scramble was held on Sunday.

1, Neil Ferggans, David Martin, Brian Gillespie 59.5; 2, James MacIntyre, Sebastian MacMillan, John Stevenson 60.3; 3, David Lane, Peter Lane, Derek Lane 61.5.

Fort at home

FOOTBALL

FORT William will be hoping for a big improvement this Saturday when they take on Inverurie Locos at Claggan Park. Kick-off is 3pm.

First league fixture

RUGBY

LOCHABER Rugby Club's first match of the Caledonia Div 2 North West season will be against Stormway.

The match will get underway at 3pm on Saturday August 28 at Banavie, and Lochaber will be looking to improve on last year's performance when they finished second bottom of the league.

To celebrate the new season, the club are holding a beach party after the game, featuring fancy dress, cocktails and games.

Isle of Skye GC

GOLF

ISLE of Skye Golf Club held a Bogey competition last week, which was won by K. MacLeod. MacLeod was pushed all the way by A. Grant who finished one point back.

1, K. MacLeod +1; 2, A. Grant level par; 3, M. Gordon -3.

Kinloch Cup final

FOOTBALL

THE FINAL of the Kinloch Cup will be played on Friday night at Canal Park, with kick off at 6.30pm.

Rangers have been eliminated after losing their first two matches without scoring a goal. Caol United, Lundavra and Fort William U17s battled it out this week for a place in the final.

The final of the Duthie Cup is scheduled for next weekend, and will feature two of Ardnamurchan, Mallaig and Ballachulish.

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Fixtures

August 21 2010
All throw ups 2.30 unless otherwise stated
Artemis Macaulay Cup Final
Kingussie v Inveraray at Oban 2.20pm
Billy Wotherspoon

Scottish Hydro Premier Division

Fort William v Kyles
Ronnie Campbell
Marine Harvest North Division 1
Inverness v Beaulieu
Deek Cameron
Kilmallie v Lochaber
Ron Kennedy
Caberfeidh v Lochcarron
John MacLeod
Kinlochshiel v Skye
Graham Irving

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Kilmory v Taynuilt
Ted MacDonald
Ballachulish v Lochside
Billy Nimmo
Marine Harvest North Division 2
Beaulieu v Newtonmore
Graham Cameron
Glenurquhart v Kilmallie
Donald MacRae
Fort William v Glengarry
Duncan Kerr 12 noon
Lovat v Kinlochshiel
Innes Wood

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Tayforth v Bute
David Mitchell
Aberdour v Kyles
Euan Pearson
Marine Harvest North Division 3
Caberfeidh v Ardnamurchan
Robert Morrison
Inverness v Lochbroom
John MacPhee 12 noon
Lochaber v Boleskine
Evan MacRae

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Results

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Fort William 5 GMA 1
Glenurquhart 2 Inveraray 2
Kingussie 1 Oban Camanachd 0
Newtonmore 3 Bute 1
Marine Harvest North Division 1
Beaulieu 1 Inverness 1
Lochaber 4 Skye 1
Kilmallie 11 Strathglass 0
Lochcarron 3 Kinlochshiel 3
Marine Harvest South Division 1
Inveraray 3 Ballachulish 4
Lochside 1 Glenorchy 6
Oban Celtic 4 Taynuilt 2
Marine Harvest North Division 2
Skye 4 Kilmallie 1
Fort William 6 Kingussie 2
Glenurquhart 7 Beaulieu 0
Newtonmore 5 Lovat 0
Marine Harvest South Division 2
Bute 1 Kyles Athletic 8
Tayforth 5 Aberdour 1
Marine Harvest North Division 3
Aberdeen Uni 4 Lochaber 1
Boleskine w/o Lochcarron
Inverness 3 Strathglass 0



Inveraray's David MacPherson aims to be back to his pacey best when he takes the field for the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final against Kingussie at Mossfield Stadium this Saturday

Macaulay Cup Final dream for Inveraray star struck by cancer

IN TRAINING for a half marathon and preparing for Inveraray's new shinty season, super-fit David MacPherson's world was shattered when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer in April this year.

But the Strathclyde University gym instructor was always determined to return to the game he loves and, inspired by Lance Armstrong, who won the Tour de France after treatment for an aggressive cancer, has won a place in the Inveraray squad for Saturday's Macaulay Cup shinty final against Kingussie at Mossfield, Oban.

The match, which will be shown live on BBC television, will mark a remarkable return for the popular midfielder after a season that looked to be over almost before it started.

On April 21 David went to Glasgow's Royal Infirmary to complain about a dull ache in his testicle, which he put down to a knock received during training a few weeks earlier. A regular check-up turned out to be a potentially life-saving discovery and the 30 year old was told to return to hospital for an operation the next morning.

'I was very naive and totally oblivious to it all,' said David. 'Even when the doctor was telling me about the cancer I wasn't really taking it in. Not in my wildest dreams was I thinking it could have been a tumour.'

'I was lucky that it was caught early and the cancer hadn't spread to any other part of my body. The only

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visible effect of what has happened is I've lost my hair, but if that's the worst that's going to happen, I'll take that.'

In recovery, following a successful operation, David researched testicular cancer and discovered he had a good chance of recovery. He also read stories of Lance Armstrong and former Celtic striker John Hartson, which gave him the belief he would play shinty again soon.

During six weeks of chemotherapy treatment, David continued to run and cycle and a few weeks ago turned out for Inveraray's second team in matches against Lochside Rovers and Kyles Athletic.

'Chemotherapy attacks the lungs so it feels like I smoke

100 fags a day now,' David admitted. 'I had written off this season but I always intended to play again and that is what kept me going throughout the treatment. I was missing shinty like crazy.'

But the taboo subject of testicular cancer was not discussed so readily in the early stages of David's recovery and curious spectators and fellow players who saw him stuck on the sideline on match days were told a hamstring injury was to blame.

'It's not a topic young guys talk about but my message to anyone who is concerned about it is: 'Get yourself checked'. Don't be too proud or embarrassed to go to the doctors. If it turns out to be nothing, then that's great; if not, it is really important to find out early.'

David had signed up for the Great Scottish Run three days before being diagnosed and hadn't intended to run for a charity. However, he will be running for Friends of the Beatson on September 5 in the Glasgow event as thanks for the care and support he received from them during his recovery.

You can sponsor David by visiting www.justgiving.com/david-macpherson

This season's Macaulay Cup Final takes place at its traditional home of Mossfield Stadium, Oban and will be under the guidance of local Oban referee Billy Wotherspoon who did an excellent job earlier this season when he took charge of the MacTavish Cup Final at Inverness. Spectators are reminded that the match will start slightly earlier to accommodate TV coverage.

Kilmallie run riot against Strathglass

KILMALLIE showed no sympathy for struggling Strathglass on Saturday by knocking in 11-goals in their bid for the North One title.

John Stewart opened the scoring after five minutes with brother Martin Stewart doubling the lead within a minute. Fraser Massie had scored before John Stewart added his second to give Kilmallie a 4-0 interval lead.

Peter MacIntyre scored another at the start of the second half and John Stewart

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Marine Harvest North Division One Kilmallie 11 Strathglass 0

completed his hat-trick shortly afterwards.

Liam MacDonald scored number seven on 54 minutes with MacIntyre adding his second on 70 minutes.

Donald Lamont took the score to nine, Peter MacIntyre completed his hat-trick and a Michael Rodger goal completed the rout.

Oban Celtic finish the season with a second-half comeback against Taynuilt

OBAN Celtic were obviously keen to chalk up a home win at Ganavan on Saturday in their final match of what has proved to be a very positive league campaign this season.

Visitors Taynuilt, however, were not in the mood to indulge the Oban squad and on the half hour, having weathered a sustained period of Celtic pressure, capitalised on a poor Celtic shie. Swiftly moving the ball up the right wing via Scott Burnett, Neil Gillies collected and eluded his marker to drill the ball

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Marine Harvest South Division One Oban Celtic 4 Taynuilt 2

low past stand-in keeper Calum Fox.

An unchallenged passing move up the opposite wing after 42 minutes left Stewart Scott with a difficult chance, but his tight angled shot was to find the back of the net and double Taynuilt's lead going into the break.

Oban Celtic desperately needed a good start to the

second period, but as Fox had to anxiously palm away a fine drive after 49 minutes and David Duffy saw his shot clatter harmlessly off the Taynuilt post, the home team's luck didn't seem to be changing.

But on 55 minutes Alan Miller burst onto a ball, and although Taynuilt keeper, George MacKenzie, might have been deceived by a defender's deflection of the shot, the goal gave Celtic new heart.

This was turning into no end of the season dawdle



Oban Celtic's David Duffy bursts through between Taynuilt defenders Ewan Neilson and Steven Parr at Ganavan on Saturday

– Oban's Kieran Gallagher was putting in one of his most effective performances this season as he tormented defenders with his runs from midfield.

Half-back Stephen Davidson's reading of the game broke up many Taynuilt attacks, while his opposite number, Taynuilt's Ewan Neilson was doing an equally effective job back in his own half.

After an even period of play with both defenses outstanding, Lee Askew brought Celtic level after

latching onto a free hit and firing a low shot that whipped inside MacKenzie's left-hand post.

Four minutes later and in similar fashion, David Duffy capitalized on a free hit on the edge of the area – a trademark rocket that finally saw his side take the lead.

Driven on by centre Willie Gillies, Taynuilt were determined to get back on level terms, but it was keeper MacKenzie who kept the visitors' hopes alive with a fine diving save from Miller's shot in the

85th minute. Again Taynuilt surged forward, but the icing on the cake came for Oban Celtic with late substitute David Hill's goal just before the final whistle – a deserved reward for his fight and determination inside the area to make sure that the ball crossed the goal-line to seal the home victory.

A good crowd, a sensible referee and two squads of players giving their all for their respective clubs – no better way to mark Oban Celtic's last game at Ganavan for this season.

Top three all win in title race

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Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Newtonmore 3 Bute 1
Fort William 5 GMA 1
Kingussie 1 Oban Cam 0
Glenurquart 2 Inveraray 2

THE top three positions were maintained after Saturday's results with Newtonmore taking a first minute lead against Bute to emphasize that they are the league's top scorers this season.

Danny MacRae's early strike was cancelled out by Hector Whitelaw's equaliser on 15 minutes and the teams remained level until the 66th minute when MacRae did the damage again. Jamie Robinson lobbed in 'More's third with five minutes remaining.

At An Aird, Fort William and Glasgow Mid Argyll observed a minutes silence in memory of 15 month-old Harris Ross who died at Fort William on Friday night and whom the club had held fundraisers for.

There was to be no repeat of the high scoring the last time the two met - the teams were level until the final 20 minutes.

With GMA playing with a defensive six and only two forwards, Fort William took some time to work out how to deal with them.

Victor Smith put Fort ahead after four minutes but Innes MacMillan squared the tie just before half-time.

However, two goals each from James Clark and Gary Innes settled home sieves and keep Fort in the title hunt as the face Kyles this week in the only scheduled Premier tie.

Inveraray enjoyed the balance of play against Glenurquhart at Drumnadrochit but could only gain a share of the points. Two goals from Grant Griffin had the visitors well ahead after 30 minutes but Neale Reid scored either side of half-time to level the scores.

Glen then had Calum Fraser sent off by referee Duncan Kelly but held out to share the points.

At Kingussie, both teams showed changed line-ups, and with no Ronald Ross it was Barrie Dallas who claimed the only goal of the game against a young Oban Camanachd who struck the woodwork twice. The pressure is now on for Oban Camanachd to beat Glasgow Mid Argyll and Bute to rescue their Premier status.

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Oban Lorne to play in Lochaber tournament

OBAN Lorne continue their preparations for the upcoming season, with their first pre-season fixture away to Lochaber this Saturday.

Club coach Corrie Louw will be hoping to take a large group of players to the tournament at Banavie and give as much game time to the squad as possible.

Challenge
Following this friendly Oban will challenge for the now annual Argyll and Bute Senior Rugby Tournament, which will be taking place on August 28 at Glencruitten from noon.

Many teams will be taking part on the day, including Mull, Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Islay, and Cowal.

RUGBY

This will conclude the pre-season programme for the 'Green Machine' with the first league match scheduled for September 11 against Loch Lomond at Glencruitten.

Oban will play away to newly reformed Argyll team Bute RFC in the preliminary round of the Scottish Hydro Electric Cup on September 4 in Rothesay with the winner facing a home game against Cowal RFC in the second round.

Training will be as usual this season at the clubhouse from 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights. New players are welcome.

Summer camp at Atlantis

SPORTS CAMP

SCHOOL children from ages five to 12 spent much of the summer holiday at Atlantis Leisure, attending the leisure centre's summer camps.

Although designed to give children in the Oban and Lorn area activities over the summer break, the various sports on offer were also popular with tourists, with holiday makers from as far afield as Mexico, Canada and Portugal attending.

Coaches at the summer camp ran training sessions and fun games that helped to develop basic skills in football, athletics, climbing, mini tennis, swimming and hockey.

Popular

Atlantis Leisure Sports Coordinator Ben Pollock said: 'Our summer camps proved very popular this year and gave children a safe and fun environment to enjoy their favourite sports.'

'We have had tremendous feedback from the children and a number of parents told me the camp was a great help, especially because it rained throughout the holidays.'

'Not only did we have children from Oban and surrounding area, we also had some from overseas.'

Sports coach Innes



Atlantis Leisure coaches Innes Paterson and Ben Pollock with some of the children who attended the leisure centre's summer camp. 07_t34camp01

Paterson, who experienced the summer camp for the first time, said: 'I don't know who had more fun, the children or me. We have enjoyed

a successful summer programme with loads of children attending and I am looking forward to our new Playsport programme starting next week.'

Taynuilt Open

GOLF

THE S & S Services sponsored Taynuilt Golf Club Gents Open took place over the Taynuilt course on Sunday.

Playing in perfect weather and the course in excellent condition David MacLeod from Dalnally Golf Club took the Handicap Trophy with a score of 59 (12).

Second and third places were taken by Taynuilt members Alan Wilson 60 (12) and Andrew Diggory 61 (9).

The Scratch Trophy was won by Iain MacCalman from the Clobber club for the second year running with a score of 66, with Glencruitten Golf Club member Philip Murphy in second place (67) and David Howie from Taynuilt Golf Club in third place (68).

The Longest Drive at the 1st/10th was won by Craig Aitken (Glencruitten), the Nearest the Pin at the 2nd/11th by David Howie (Taynuilt) and at the 8th/17th by Harold Farquhar (Longside).

Oban Bowling Club

BOWLS

ON TUESDAY August 10, 10 Oban Ladies travelled to Campbeltown's Stronvaar Club to play in the Argyll and Bute top ten.

Oban drew on points but won on shots.

This result means that Oban must now travel to Dunoon to play in the final round.

Last Saturday, Carpet Services of Oban sponsored the open pairs competition on Oban green.

Teams travelled from Rhu, Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Dunoon to compete.

After a tense final between Helen MacLean and Donna Forbes, Iain Boyd and Lyn Lafferty, the prize money and the W Hay Trophy were presented to the winning team of Iain Boyd and Lyn Lavery.

Saints Ladies

FOOTBALL

THE OBAN Saints Ladies match against Dumfries due to be played last Sunday had to be called off as Dumfries could not raise a team to make the trip north.

This Sunday the ladies host Motherwell. The game will take place on the 3g community pitch at 2pm.

Union strokeplay

GOLF

THIS Saturday sees Argyll and Bute Golf Union's 2010 Area Strokeplay Championship take place at Millport Golf Club.

Chris Carson will be looking to defend the title he won at Cowal last year.

The draw can be found on the county website www.argyllandbutegolfunion.com.

Saints' tough draw

FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints have been given a tough away tie in the second round of the Scottish Amateur Cup against top Central League side Arthurlie United, who reached the semi finals of the competition last year.

Player registration

FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION for the Oban Express Primary League will take place at Atlantis Leisure next Wednesday at 7pm. All unregistered players and new primary ones interested in playing should attend.

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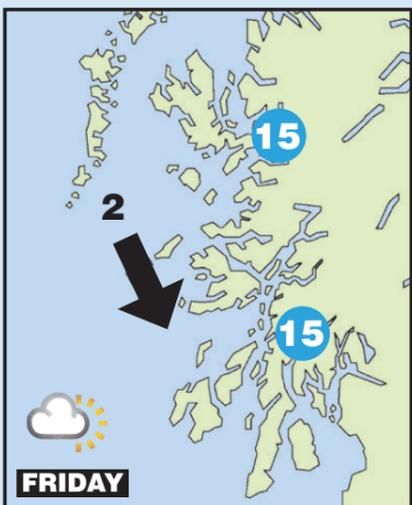
Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, August 19, 2010** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am			pm				
Thur	01.42	2.7	07.38	1.8	14.24	2.9	20.03	1.8
Fri	04.00	2.8	09.09	1.6	15.40	3.1	21.42	1.7
Sat	04.42	3.0	10.04	1.4	16.12	3.3	22.32	1.5
Sun	04.50	3.2	10.45	1.2	16.41	3.6	23.09	1.4
Mon	05.03	3.4	11.21	1.0	17.13	3.8	23.41	1.2
Tues	05.31	3.6	11.54	0.9	17.47	4.0	***	**
Wed	00.11	1.1	06.01	3.8	12.25	0.8	18.18	4.1

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

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Thursday
Light rain shower
Winds light north westerly.
Temperatures 12°C to 15°C

Friday
Sunny intervals
Winds light north westerly.
Temperatures 9°C to 15°C.

Weekend Outlook
Sunny intervals.
Winds light easterly.
Temperatures 13°C to 17°C.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Oban to Barra/South Uist - Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

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Sean Ford drills home Saints' last goal in the 9-0 win. t34sean1no

Star struck as Saints net nine

Pre-Season Friendly **Oban Saints 9**

Lochgilphead Red Star 0
THE SAFL Premier Division champions, Oban Saints, played their final pre-season friendly last Saturday at Glencruitten against Argyll neighbours Lochgilphead Red Star.

The Mid Argyll club sent up a relatively young side for this game and it was no disgrace to lose to a rampant Saints outfit.

This game was again played in three 30 minute sections instead of usual 45 minutes each way, the idea being that it gives the coaches a chance to have a word with their players and change tactics

and formations after half an hour.

The Oban side took the lead in the 12th minute when Mattie Rippon cut the ball back for former Red Star player Asen Gaydardzhiev to drill a low shot into the corner of the net.

Bagged

The next fifteen minutes turned into the Craig MacEwan show as the Saints striker bagged four goals in 14, 20, 23 and 29 minutes.

The second session saw Saints net another three goals through a Willie Gemmell free kick, a well-worked goal from Donald Campbell and Asen got on the end of a Jamie Graham cross to head

home and make the score 8-0. The home side took their foot off the pedal in the final 30 minutes with the only goal coming from Sean Ford.

Saints manager Iain Jackson was happy with the workout and congratulated Red Star for putting up a plucky performance. A sporting game was well handled by referee Peter Laing

This Saturday Saints begin the defence of their league title with a tough home game against newly promoted Arkleston. The match will be played at Glencruitten with a 2pm kick. Referee in charge is John Scott.

FOOTBALL



The runners set off for the 24th Islay half marathon.

Paul wins Islay Half Marathon

A GALLON bottle of malt whisky greeted the winner at the finish line of the Ardbeg Islay Half Marathon.

The event, which started in 1986, attracted runners from mainland Europe and Northern Ireland, as well as other parts of Scotland and on August 7 a field of 160 runners stood on the starting line in Bowmore.

Paul Thompson of Helensburgh was the winner in a time of 1.19.36, with Islay's Marcus Covell coming in fifth overall and first local. The first lady home was

HALF MARATHON

Edinburgh's Rebecca Moore. The route took runners to Islay Airport and back and all finishers received a medal and a t-shirt.

The first six runners in each category received a prize of Ardbeg whisky, as did the first two teams of gents and ladies.

The organisers thanked Ardbeg Distillery for its continued sponsorship and all who helped on the day. The date for next year's Ardbeg Islay Half Marathon is August 6.

MacCuish wins Glencruitten Open

GLENCRUITTEN Golf Club held its open competition on Saturday with a total of 148 players taking part in the event.

Conditions were excellent, with visitors complimenting the condition of the course and the putting greens.

David MacCuish won the scratch prize and Glencruitten Trophy with a score of 60, John MacKinnon winning the Chrysler Sunbeam Trophy (scr - 12) and Greg Brydon winning the Wellpark Trophy (13-28 h/cap).

Graham Kynoch, who was second in the Chrysler Sunbeam Trophy, had a hole-in-one at the 13th.

Results: Glencruitten Trophy (scratch) - David MacCuish (60), 2nd Tony Cave (64), 3rd R. Wright (BIH) 65, 4th Ian MacCalman (Clobber) 65, 5th Alan McKie

GOLF

(BIH) 66, Chrysler Sunbeam Trophy (scr - 12) - J. MacKinnon (68 - 12 = 56), 2nd G. Kynoch (68 - 11 = 57), 3rd G. Carney (BIH) (71 - 12 = 59), 4th G. Hawthorn (66 - 7 = 59), 5th K. Roy (BIH) (70 - 10 = 60), Wellpark Trophy (13 - 28 h/cap) G. Brydon (75 - 16) (BIH), 2nd I. Cumming (74 - 15 = 59), 3rd S. Jordan (84 - 22 = 62) (BIH), 4th C. MacKenzie (79 - 17 = 62), 5th J. MacLean (80 - 17 = 63). Longest drive: G. MacColl. Nearest the pin: 2nd D. Hamilton, 5th N. Carmichael, 13th G. Kynoch, 15th D. Panayotou.

The Terry Ng Trophy, played the previous weekend, resulted in a play-off with Chris Cumming, Malcolm Cullen and Michael Fraser, with Chris Cumming winning the competition.

This Saturday is the Britannia Cup final round and Stableford Finals.



Glencruitten Open champion David MacCuish.

Bunessan take MacRae Memorial Quaich

BUNESSAN Primary School from Mull played Acharacle Primary School at the Bunessan Show last Thursday for the Len MacRae Memorial Quaich.

On a soaking wet pitch Acharacle opened the scoring in the first minute with an excellent long range shot and it took some great passing play before Bunessan equalised.

Bunessan took the lead after a goal-line battle, which was more like water polo. The third Bunessan goal followed another flowing passing move.

Acharacle scored a second goal to go into half time 3-

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2 down. After the restart there were some further excellent passages of play with Acharacle trying some fabulous long range shooting but Bunessan gained control of the midfield and this led to a series of well worked goals with great passing between William MacDougall and David Cameron. The final score was 6-2 to Bunessan.

The game was played at a fast pace and in a wonderful spirit. The teams were presented with medals after the game and Alan Reid MP presented the quaich to the winning Bunessan team.