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### Coastguard alert after couple waved at passing ferry

A COUPLE who were waving at a passing ferry inadvertently sparked an alarm after ferry passengers thought they were stuck on a cliff on the Isle of Mull.

Passengers on the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry saw the couple waving on Friday afternoon and thought they were in trouble.

The couple, holidaying on the island of Mull, were in fact hill walking.

A spokesman for Clyde Coastguard said: 'We tasked Tobermory Coastguard and RNLI lifeboat following a report of persons stuck on a cliff half a mile north of Tobermory. 'On arrival it was found the persons were safe and well and had only been waving to a passing ferry.'

Coastguards were also called to the grounding of the fishing vessel *Foxy Lady*, with two people aboard, on the island of Inch Kenneth, West Mull. The vessel, with the assistance of the fishing vessel *Progress*, re-floated on the rising tide and proceeded to Bunessan unaided.

Salen Coastguard were called to investigate and carry out a search of Loch Shiel following a report from a member of the public sighting a red flare in the area. The area was checked and nothing untoward found.

### Pinpoint accuracy earns Julie Spot the Ball first prize

JULIE McKay is very glad she started playing *The Oban Times* Spot the Shinty Ball competition again after a break of a few months - because she is our latest winner.

'That's fantastic, I need to sit down,' she said when she heard the news she had won £1,150.

She won £25 in the competition several years ago, but the latest prize will be a welcome boost, she said: 'As a single mum that's just brilliant. I fill it in with my son every week - we pick ten crosses each. It's probably his cross that won; I'll have to share it with him.'

'I would just like to say good luck to everyone else trying - and don't give up.'



Breege Smyth, of Dunollie, shows off the Heritage MacDougall Tartan Scarf and Bunnet. 16. t34tartan1

### Rare tartan launched at Gathering

A REPLICA of a rare Oban tartan will be launched with a modern twist at the Argyllshire Gathering today, Thursday.

The Heritage MacDougall Tartan has been meticulously copied from 18th Century tartan curtains hanging in Dunollie House. It is believed the tartan is the original or progenitor tartan of the Clan MacDougall.

At the games, Madam MacDougall will be sporting a rather fine Heritage MacDougall Tartan bunnet with a royal blue bow and top, and a scarf from the new collection.

Overseeing the tartan collection is Breege Smyth, a couture wedding and eveningwear designer with some of the country's most respected designers.

Breege said: 'We will be launching the tartan at the

Argyllshire Gathering Heritage Tent. The business is aimed at supporting the heritage of the Clan MacDougall at Dunollie.

'Aside from creating a superb and unusual tartan, the decision to replicate the original rich reds and sage green hidden in folds of the cloth makes it possible to see the brilliance of tartans at the height of Regency fashion in the period of Sir Walter Scott.'

Lochcarron Weavers, based in the Scottish Borders, was chosen for the complex reproduction of the tartan, which meant re-setting their looms to new widths, and eliminating the commercial finishing process to create the hard tartan feel of early cloth.

The Heritage MacDougall is an exact replica, down to the mid-18th Century double selvedge along one side.

The Heritage MacDougall will eventually be one of many products sold by Dunollie Tartan.

Breege is committed to finding local partners to make products for the enterprise. Silversmith Eleanor MacDougall from Creich, near Fionnphort, Mull, has designed some tartan cufflinks and earrings, while other local designers are being called upon to consider making items inspired by the tartan.

Ties, velvet lined stoles, scarves, hats and jewellery will be available to order or buy on the day while stunning kilts, 'fit to be handed down the generations' are available by commission.

The launch of the business at [www.dunollie.org/shop](http://www.dunollie.org/shop) is part of a range of initiatives to develop Dunollie as a museum and cultural hub.

## Youths' rampage threatens future of popular show

### Appin Village Hall and school damaged

THE FUTURE of a popular agricultural show has been put in jeopardy after teenage vandals damaged a village hall and school on the night of the show dance.

Police have charged five non residents, aged between 15 and 17, in relation to the incident in Appin in the early hours of Sunday morning, which saw the village hall broken into and up to £700 worth of alcohol stolen, with the vandals using two wheelie bins from outside the hall to cart off their illicit haul.

At Strath of Appin Primary School, a window was smashed and a sliding door to the disabled toilet was taken off its fittings. The hungry vandals also stole food, including burgers, cheese and yoghurt, from the kitchen.

As a result Argyll and Bute Council was forced to close the school kitchen and make arrangements for an alternative

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meal service on Monday. Part of the school's 'hippo' recycling bin was also removed but was later recovered in the village hall car park.

The Appin Show committee said it would meet shortly to decide what would happen to the event, which relies on proceeds from the dance for funding.

Committee member David Colthart said: 'Everyone in the village is disgusted by what happened but the people who did this were not from here and did not care about the show, which relies on income from the dance.'

'There was no trouble at the dance itself, the stewards identified and banned under-18s and no-one was allowed drink outside of the hall.'

'But there were a lot of people who wouldn't normally come hanging around outside the hall.'

'As well as the damage to the school and the hall, there was litter and broken bottles along the cycle track and around the hall. A lot of the young people in the village have expressed their disgust at what happened at the school, especially.'

'The show dance has always been a family event but because of this we are going to have look at how we do things in future. We will be consulting with the police on the best way forward.'

A spokeswoman for the council confirmed the school kitchen was closed on Monday to allow police to complete a forensic examination. She added: 'The door has been repaired; the window glass will be replaced as soon as police forensics are completed and damage to the window frame

is relatively minor and will be repaired at the next visit of the council's maintenance staff.

Staff within the school and from the emergency repair contractor have worked hard to make the school as normal as possible for the pupils. We continue to work with the police and the community to ensure that these matters are resolved effectively and quickly.'

Police confirmed four teenage males and one female had been arrested but were keen to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the incidents.

Sergeant Cameron Low, of Oban Police, said: 'We are still looking for other people in connection with these crimes.'

'We need as much information as we can possibly get and would urge people to contact us on 01631 510500 or phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.'

### Decrease in number of Argyll road accidents

NEW POLICE figures show the number of accidents on Argyll and Bute's roads has fallen from this time last year.

Between April and July this year there were 403 road traffic accidents, compared to 470 in the same period last year. There were two fatalities, while six people died in crashes between April and July last year. The number of injuries remains the same.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld, who gathered the statistics, said they would help officers target accident blackspots and increase the numbers of speeding drivers caught.

But extra police speed checks carried out this year have caught

fewer speeding drivers. Across Argyll and Bute, officers carried out 323 speed checks between April and July, compared to 203 in the same period last year. A total of 97 drivers received fixed penalty speeding tickets and 13 were reported to the procurator fiscal.

He said: 'We now know the more speed checks you put out there the fewer people you detect.'

'It is a deterrent, being visible, but I would rather be more intelligence-led and tackle the hotspots, particularly where there are accidents.'

'We are starting to do a mapping system about where and when speeders are detected.'

### Changes to mental care 'no cause for concern'

A REDUCTION in the number of patient hospital beds as part of a redesign of mental health services is no cause for concern, according to NHS Highland officials.

However, with a fall from a one-time high of 700 beds to a proposed 32, even the chairman of the NHS Highland Board expressed surprise.

At a meeting of the authority, it is recorded: 'The board was surprised to note that the Argyll and Bute Hospital had once had 700 beds and this had reduced to 82, with the final number of beds proposed as 32. The chairman highlighted that today many more people lived in the community.'

'This is in line with Scottish Government policy. We can also confirm that an urgent referral to a psychiatrist is seen within 48 hours and our maximum wait for a general referral is eight weeks,' he said.

An NHS Highland spokesman said officials had been working closely with various partners in the redesign of mental health services. 'One of the main aims is to ensure that patients are cared for in the most appropriate setting for their needs and in the vast majority of cases this is in their own community rather than in hospital and that is why there has been a reduction in the number of beds within Argyll and Bute Hospital.'

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## Barra 'disappointed and betrayed' over marine special areas of conservation

THE BARRA population feels 'bitterly disappointed' and betrayed by the decision of Scottish Ministers to press ahead with two marine special areas of conservation.

Last week the special area of conservation (SAC) for East Mingulay was approved covering a slightly reduced area, to protect a cold water coral reef. This proposal now goes forward to the European Commission.

Ministers also approved the scientific case for a Sound of Barra marine SAC and are now asking Scottish Natural Heritage to conduct a public consultation before taking this forward.

But public confidence in that

consultation is low, after Barrachs campaigned for 10 years to have their opposition to the SACs heard.

Karen MacLean, chairwoman of Castlebay and Vatersay Community Council, said: 'It really is the whole community, it is not just a vociferous minority.'

'I think the feeling is that the Scottish government is paying much more attention to the non-elected self-serving bodies than the public. They are not listening to the small and the remote communities. It is a huge blow.'

Also released last week was more detail on how the designation might impact on fishing. Creel fishing will be allowed to continue in the Sound

of Barra while trawling and dredging near the sea bed could be permitted away from the most sensitive areas.

This is little comfort to islanders, said Ms MacLean.

'She said: 'They just don't believe how important fishing and crofting is and how they are tied together. Without fishing, the crofting that keeps people here will not survive.'

'The fishermen have no beef with the reef - they know it needs to be conserved.'

'It is the breeding ground for their stock. But the reef has been there for years and the fishermen have taken care of it.'

She added their campaign against the SACs will continue, though they

are not optimistic about being able to stop the process at this stage.

Donald Manford, Isle of Barra councillor, described the announcement as 'a bitter disappointment' to the community.

He added: 'During a time when services are being cut through lack of resources, it is an enduring scandal that ever increasing resources are being directed to designations and organisations which inflict demands and requirements that destroy enterprise and jobs.'

'What is so distressing is the remorseless attacks which makes the very environment and wildlife which is so precious to us, the symbol of tyranny.'

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# Landowners urged to back cycle route

## Cash available to plug gaps in path through north Argyll

CASH is available to fill in gaps in the cycle path that will one day run from Campbeltown to Inverness - if landowners are willing to get behind the scheme.

Transport charity Sustrans and Argyll and Bute Council are leading the development of the route.

While several sections have been completed, in Oban and Lorn there are a number of landowner agreements still to be concluded along the proposed route of the path.

The issue of gaps in the £4 million project is giving cause for concern to elected members.

Argyll and Bute councillors this week urged all landowners affected by the cycle path development to get behind the scheme while cash is still available.

Councillor Elaine Robertson told the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee: 'There was a decision to take this project forward in 2004.'

'It was decided once the project was started it would be finished, and it will be finished.'

Councillor Roddy McCuish

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asked: 'Are we getting the consent for plugging the gaps - are you quite convinced the funding will be there?'

'It is a terrific project, but if it does not join up then is no use.'

Councillor Neil Mackay added: 'We need to be clear whether negotiations with landowners are ongoing and that they know the funding is in existence for this year.'

'If some of the landowners came to an agreement the work could go ahead as soon as possible.'

'We have a pocket full of money that can be spent as long as we get agreement. While the money is there we should spend it.'

**Outstanding**

Council documents show there are 12 outstanding sections in the north Argyll area to be completed, including Dunollie Castle to Ganavan, areas around Connel and North Connel, Benderloch, Barcaldine, Duror and Corran Ferry.

At Dunollie the council has started an off-road route running towards Dunollie House. The council has started land negotiations with landowners.

At Connel, landowners who are unwilling to 'part with land' could be subject to a compulsorily purchase order.

The community council at Connel has said a design prepared was not acceptable to them. The district valuer has been asked to negotiate a route through Ledaig Caravan Park.

An alternative route through Benderloch is currently being negotiated with landowners.

Negotiations are continuing for the completion of the route to the Sea Life Centre.

The route from Salachan Glen to Duror School Road has still not been negotiated - and officers believe there may be a few issues to resolve in the area.

A Sustrans spokesman said: 'We fully anticipate having funding available in future years to complete the National Cycle Network route in Argyll as the Scottish Government have given a commitment to fund the route between Oban and Ballahulish.'

## It's not for us, say 'serious' cyclists who brand path unsafe for athletes

MEMBERS of the North Argyll Cycling Club say the incomplete cycle path between Oban and Fort William is not safe for athletes.

They argue twisting corners, casual cyclists and walkers make it difficult to maintain speed, while cattle grids and broken sections that spit cyclists onto main roads make the routes an 'accident waiting to happen'.

Their comments come as increasing numbers of motorists express frustration at cyclists not using the paths built to great expense by Sustrans and Transport Scotland.

Kevin Whitehead, also the owner of Oban's Bike Fix shop, believes the situation puts cyclists in a difficult position.

He said: 'The path is great for casual cyclists and walkers, but not for serious cyclists.'

'It is built for people travelling at six to eight miles per hour. We travel at anything between 18-24mph and there are too many

twists and corners, together with other people on the path.

'They've also put a cattle grid on a corner on the Dunbeg-Ganavan section of path. Two of us have come off there, one quite seriously damaging his bike and hurting himself in the process.'

'Also, it keeps spitting you out onto the road. I went to Ballahulish myself on Sunday

and the rumble strips at the crossings don't slow cars down. That is an accident waiting to happen and it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt.'

The matter has become a subject of some debate on *The Oban Times*' Facebook page.

Allan Strang said: 'The last two weeks has been a nightmare on the road, especially between Oban and Dunbeg. I have also witnessed some dodgy manoeuvres by cars overtaking the cyclists on corners.'

Local tourism group, Benderloch Welcomes, said: 'Tourists are loving it, but want lots more info to be available about it, even in its limited state. 'We know plenty of locals are using it recreationally too.'

'Have to say was surprised about the route between Dunbeg and Oban, feel that missed a great opportunity to get the increasing number of cycling commuters off the roads.'

*"The path is great for casual cyclists and walker, but not for serious cyclists. There are too many twists and corners."*

Kevin Whitehead.

## 'Short term pain' for bridge repairs

COMMUTERS who regularly use the Connel Bridge may have to endure a closure in October for urgent resurfacing work.

Representatives of Connel and Ardochattan Community Councils met Scotland Transvers this month to discuss the vital link over the Falls of Lora, with the road surface both on and leading to the bridge deteriorating rapidly, particularly at the Connel side.

Engineers indicated the entire surface of the bridge required resurfacing - work that would require a temporary closure - and suggested October 27 as a possible date.

Community councillors are hoping any closure will be limited though, with the shortest diversion route 90 miles long.

**Pot hole**

Meanwhile, a pot hole that had been patched at the Connel side has opened up again but is now both larger and deeper. Another pothole has started to form alongside.

Speaking after the meeting, Ardochattan Community Council's chairman Iain MacDonald said: 'I think they're going to aim to carry out the work on October 27.'

'I think they were also suggesting closing from 9pm but we will try to push it back to 10pm.'

'Unfortunately there are restrictions on when they can use the resurfacing equipment because of noise.'

'This is urgent and priority work though and must go ahead.'

Les Stewart, secretary of



Pot holes at the south side of the Connel Bridge are growing daily, thanks to high volumes of traffic. 15\_134cbridge1

Connel Community Council, said: 'While it would be terrible if the bridge was to close, it will have to be if they're to repair the surface.'

'The bridge is absolutely vital for the area; just look at the number of people using it.'

'A lot of jobs are dependent on the bridge, such as at Eriska, at Glensanda quarry and in the other direction with people travelling into Oban.'

'So this is just a short-term pain we'll have to endure.'

'But I get the impression the bridge is nowhere near falling down. It's lasted for 100 years and it could well last another 100.'

Meanwhile, work to move electrical cables from overhead pipes to under the pavement is still scheduled, having been postponed in March. No date has yet been fixed though.



Sustrans cycle path volunteer rangers Robin Harvey and Liz Parkes near Creagan Bridge. 08\_134cyclo66

## Why 13 is a lucky number for biking enthusiasts of all ages and abilities

I'VE always been a fair-weather cyclist - day trips, flat routes, that sort of thing.

And after two years out of the saddle, I'm a little apprehensive about the prospect of several miles along the newest stretch of National Cycle Route 78.

My companions, Clary, her colleague Fionán and local cycle path rangers Robin Harvey and Liz Parkes, do little to make me feel less inadequate, with their lycra and cycle clips.

But I was intrigued by the snatches of smooth path glimpsed among the trees along the Oban to Fort William road.

Clary, as engineering manager for cycle charity Sustrans, has designed and overseen its development for the past two years. I could have no better guide.

'We are now over half way to completing the section from Oban to Ballahulish so it feels like a nice achievement,' she says as we head off from the Sea Life Centre.

It takes me some time and a few hills to remember how the

**Reporter CHRISITINE MCCARTNEY dusted down her cycle helmet to ride the recently opened 13-mile stretch of cycle path from Barcaldine to Salachan Glen, with its designer Clary Elliott.**

gears work but soon we are easily pedalling along the fringes of Sutherland's Glen.

The first construction began in 2007 and as of a month ago, 13 unbroken miles from Barcaldine to Salachan Glen north of Appin are open, with shorter loops off it.

From Creagan Bridge, a new stretch hugs the coast then undulates through heath, field and trees, partly following the old railway line.

A map and guide, published this week, unlocks the route for tourists, but Clary stresses it is also for local people: 'It is an amazing opportunity for day cyclists. As well as linking local communities, people are able to

access schools or other services. People living adjacent to the trunk road now have a safe and pleasant way to walk and cycle outside their front doors.'

The path through Appin is the busiest section. We meet a young mum out walking with her son in a pram and daughter on her bike. A safe place for the youngsters to learn to cycle, she said she uses it most days. Another family with a wheelchair started at a nearby car park; now they had somewhere safe and accessible to get into the countryside.

Donald Hutchison, who runs Kinlochlaich Garden Centre, is carrying out a wild flower survey. 'We use it nearly every



Sustrans engineering manager for Scotland, Clary Elliott. 08\_134cyclo10

day,' he said. 'Every section has some attraction, they are totally different.'

His wife Susie added: 'We have got self-catering cottages and we send lots of people down with their bikes. Now it's an incentive to come here and we advertise it on our website.'

'Did you arrange those people to look busy?' I ask Clary as we cycle towards the old Appin train station, where the path mounts the old platform.

'It always surprises me the range of people I meet when I'm out on the path,' she says.

With the clouds gathering we turn at Castle Stalker and head back.

As we approach our destination, my legs wobble but the one or two steep sections safely behind us. I think it must be a great job. 'Well, I don't do this all the time,' says Clary. 'Sometimes it's a pain in the neck but when you do get to come out and do this, it reminds you what we're creating and you see people enjoying it and using it.'



The cycle path follows the old Ballahulish railway branch line - in this case north of Inverfolla. 08\_134cyclo25

## Red Cross extends Short Break Bureau to cover Oban and Lorn

THE BRITISH Red Cross is launching a new service for people receiving care and those who look after them.

Working in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council, the Red Cross is extending its Short Break Bureau to cover Oban and Lorn to help service users find their ideal respite break.

The bureau is being launched today, Thursday August 25, at 10.30am, with an open meeting

for anyone interested in learning more about the service, at the Studio Theatre, in the Corran Halls, on Oban Esplanade.

Fiona Johnstone, senior manager for Red Cross Health and Social Care in Argyll, said: 'This short break bureau will offer a personalised service to people in the Oban and Lorn area who are carers or being cared for.'

'The service is aimed at all

adults from the age of 18 upward, who have mental health issues, learning disabilities or physical disabilities.'

Referrals will come via Argyll and Bute Council's social work department. It will operate from the Red Cross premises at 116 East Princes Street, Helensburgh. Call 01436 672744 or email lbarr@redcross.org.uk or Cmacondonald@redcross.org.uk for more details.

## Inspection report highlights confident pupils

'CONFIDENT and well behaved children who are very proud of their school' is how a HMIE report described particular strengths of Luig Primary School and Nursery.

The inspectors' report also graded the school and nursery 'very good' in a number of categories including meeting learning needs and the curriculum.

The report, based on an inspection carried out on January 18 this year, stated that areas for improvement include taking forward the implementation of Curriculum of Excellence, ensuring progression in children's learning at an appropriately brisk pace and degree of challenge.

## Community group is commended

DALMALLY Community Centre was commended by the chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council for its perseverance, pragmatism and tenacity in getting its building up and running.

Sally Loudon was speaking at the Oban, Lorn and the Island's area committee before presenting the group with a quack.

Mrs Loudon said: 'There were milestones and disappointments along the way.'

'But the group persevered and got on with getting the building funded and opened,' she told the committee.

'It is a beautiful building and an absolute credit to the community.'

## Row over running of Loch Lomond national park

A ROW has broken out over the governance of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park after four visitor centres were leased out.

Councillor George Freeman has accused the National Park Board (NPA) of being 'more interested in generating income than in working constructively with local communities' following the agreement of leases for facilities at Inveruglas, Tarbet, Luss and Balloch.

He also alleges that Luss Visitor Centre has been turned into a restaurant without the required planning permission - with NPA being the ruling planning authority. He said: 'I am now calling for an investigation to be carried out into the way the park is operating and into some of the recent decisions.' Mr Freeman, also criticised a new charging system for the use of pontoons and slipways on Loch Lomond and a new weight restriction at Tarbet.

An NPA spokeswoman refuted the allegations, saying all their processes have been open and transparent.

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**Drainage work causes delays**

DESPITE a delay in major resurfacing road works in Loch Awe until next month, traffic through the village was reduced to a single lane over the weekend.

The work, by Scotland Transerv, is preparing the way for the larger project, which will involve up to two weeks of overnight road closures.

A Transerv spokesman said: 'This is minor improvement drainage works, under a single lane closure, prior to the full resurfacing scheme.'

'To carry out this work during the main scheme would significantly lengthen the duration of the works which for safety reasons is under a full closure.'

**Guitarists plan two performances**

TWO OF Argyll's most notable guitarists are teaming up for two concerts in Oban and on Mull.

Scottish New Music Awards nominee Finlay Wells, from Oban, and Mull's Sorren MacLean, a former pupil of Finlay's, have performed as a duo at Solas Fest and Celtic Connections but will play in the Studio Theatre at Oban's Corran Halls next Thursday, with a gig at An Tobar the following night.

Finlay described the duo's acoustic set as being influenced by Latin and jazz and 'high in energy'.

**Army private broke shop window**

AN ARMY private has been told he has to pay more than £1,000 in compensation after breaking a charity shop window.

John MacNeil, 22, of Caterick Garrison, Yorkshire, pled guilty to breaking the window.

Oban Sheriff Court heard MacNeil kicked the window on George Street on April 3. Sheriff Douglas Small also fined MacNeil £200.

**Door damaged**

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an act of vandalism at Digital Kangaroo in Combie Street, Oban.

A window in the shop door was damaged sometime between 5pm on Sunday August 21 and 9am the following morning.



The specially commissioned Dunollie flag, which was snatched by thieves. 08\_1318g01

**Council to consider broadcasting meetings online**

PUBLIC participation in council meetings could be done from the comfort of residents' own home.

A new focus by Argyll and Bute Council will see further expansion of its video, web-casting and web conference facilities allowing greater public participation.

The move comes after a motion by SNP opposition councillors at a recent full council meeting in a bid to reduce travel expenditure and subsistence payments.

Councillor John Semple told his colleagues that in June,

members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles area committee travelled to Islay to hold a meeting, with four officers and seven councillors spending six hours travelling for a three-hour meeting.

He said that the only member of the public to attend questioned why it was there at all and why he couldn't view the meeting using video conferencing technology.

Proposals will now be brought forward for a significant focus on improving the use of video conferencing and information

**Castle flag thieves 'knew what to do'**

After floodlights vandalism, iconic banner is snatched

A NEW support group is being put together to look after an iconic castle, after a valuable flag was stolen from the site.

The specially commissioned banner had been flying at Dunollie Castle for just four days when it was snatched last week, probably under cover of darkness.

Catherine Gillies, project manager, said the theft appeared to have been planned.

'They would have needed a ladder, and to get a long ladder up to Dunollie involves going up a long, tortuous path,' she said.

'It doesn't seem like the sort of thing a tourist would do - most tourists don't travel with long ladders.'

'Certainly everybody is on the alert to keep an eye for it being sold - if they try they will be spotted.'

Despite the floodlights being smashed by vandals last month, Ms Gillies doesn't feel the castle is being targeted.

'The flag was untied - they didn't even cut it free - and they tied the ends of it back together

**REPORT**

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marooned on a high window ledge and we can't get it down - that's a health and safety issue if someone is climbing up there drunk.'

She is looking for volunteers for a work party to tidy up the site, gather broken glass and rubbish left by visitors and cut back vegetation.

Catherine added: 'Looking after a castle is really interesting so I know we are going to have local people who will help.'

'Dunollie feels like it is out of sight - that isn't the case, but if it's tidy, people will maybe feel like an eye is being kept on it.'

Additional security measures are also being put in place to protect the medieval castle.

In the long term, she hopes Dunollie can be included in the 'Adopt a Monument' scheme run by Archaeology Scotland, to set up a more permanent local support group to maintain it.

Meanwhile, the trust has not given up hope their unique flag may be handed in or returned to the castle.

**Cinema packed to remember late councillor**

A MEMORIAL service was held to commemorate the life of Councillor Donald John Macdonald in the Highland Theatre on Saturday.

Councillor MacDonald died, aged 63, on August 3 in North Uist where he was holidaying with his wife Dot.

The packed audience heard how just a few days before his death, Donald had appeared as a stand up comedian and he was enjoying a full and active holiday.

He was a man of many talents and a eulogy given by his friend Kenneth MacColl warmly talked of his love of life. Although he was born in Glasgow, he spent some of

his childhood on the island of Uist with his family. His tree climbing skills, during a school year he spent on the island, earned him the nickname Chicago - after a monkey that lived on the island.

A poem, read by Donald's daughter Kirsty, showed that he also had talent for writing.

The list of organisations that Donald was involved with was 'quite incredible' said Michael Russell MSP. Donald was actively involved with the Oban Bay Marina, Oban BIDS, the SNP, Oban Phoenix Cinema and many more. Music was provided by the song Freedom Come All Ye sung by Louise Glen-Lee, words by Hamish Henderson,

and a number of jigs and airs played on the fiddle by Kathryn Wilkie. A reading from Ecclesiastes was given by Tom Clegg followed by a prayer of thanksgiving for his life. At the memorial it was announced that an annual prize from the McCaig Trust will be awarded in his name for pupils studying Gaelic in the town.

The service was a community affair with many people bringing donations of buffet food and garden thistles. A collection of £400 was taken for The Salvation Army and Amnesty International. Mr MacDonald is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dot), son Donald (Donnie) and daughter Kirsty.

**An invitation to sample a taste of life on Kerrera**

THE Isle of Kerrera's 36 residents are extending a special invitation to visit the island this weekend.

They are laying on guided walks, story telling, children's

activities and talks. The walks will focus on the island's unique geology, wildlife and history.

At the old school there will be an exhibition on the Kerrera wind project, a marquee

with home baking and Kerrera products on sale, a bouncy castle and the launch of a new booklet about the island. The doors will also be open at the Island Parrot Sanctuary.

A spokesman for the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust said: 'We are proud to have the opportunity to tell visitors more about what makes this island such a special place.'

**Officers 'delayed reporting incident'**

A POLICE officer took two friends home rather than immediately report a street brawl which they had been caught up in, Oban Sheriff Court was told.

Strathclyde Force policy officer Constable Wendy Paterson described a night out in Oban before a netball tournament during which two fellow players were allegedly assaulted in Stevenson Street.

A trial involving Pariss Louis, 18, of 3B Croft Avenue, Oban, and Samaya Al-Hosani, 20,

2G Colonsay Terrace, Oban, continued last week.

Louis is charged with two counts of assault and making racist remarks, while Al-Hosani is charged with making racist remarks and threatening violence by brandishing a piece of wood.

The court heard the two accused had been involved in an incident with the netballers in an Oban pub which had resulted in them being removed by two bouncers. Forty minutes later,

it is alleged, when two of the officers left the premises, they were set upon by the accused.

Giving evidence, contact centre worker and fellow netballer Ann Porteous said she was fearful of another attack and instead of contacting police decided to get to a place of safety.

It was not until later the same morning they contacted Oban police.

Louis and Al-Hosani deny the charges and the case continues next month.

**David's proud to follow family tradition**

A VOLUNTEER firefighter said he was proud to be carrying on a family tradition by collecting the Strathclyde Fire and Rescue (SFR) long service medal.

David Colthart, a member of the

voluntary unit at Appin, was presented with his 20 years' service medal by SFR chief officer Brian Sweeney and convenor Councillor Brian Wallace at Appin Fire Station on Monday.

The brigade also took the opportunity

to present a plaque to the volunteer firefighters in memory of their former colleague Rab MacDonald, who died in May 2009 while trying to save a colleague at a fish farm on Loch Creran, where he worked.

On receiving the long service award David said: 'In Appin we are very lucky to be well equipped and to have 10 willing volunteers.'

'I am just part of a team, which is happy to come out any time of day or night.'

He added that Rab was sorely missed by the crew and welcomed the memorial plaque.

David is the third generation of Appin Coltharts to receive the award and his father, Robin, was at the fire station to see his son receive the award.

Robin, who was a volunteer firefighter for 25 years, said his father, Malcolm Colthart, was also given the long service award.

The farmer recalled his own presentation with some humour. 'When they arrived to give me my medal I was busy flinging dung. They just came up to me and pinned the medal on my chest while I am standing there shin-deep in it.'

David's brother, Alastair, is one of four Appin volunteers due to receive their long service medal next year and youngest brother, Alan, is also in the Appin crew.

Appin volunteer Tina Scorgie was due to receive her 20 year service medal on Monday but was unable to attend the presentation.

The SFR visiting party, which included Argyll area commander Paul Connelly, vice convenors, councillors Tommy Morrison and Joe Lowe, deputy chief officer Eileen Baird and SFR chaplains Rev Gordon Armstrong and Father Jim Thomson, visited Kilmelford and Ardfern volunteer stations on Tuesday and in Campbeltown presented long service medals to firefighters Barry King and Kenneth Mabon.



Long service medal recipient David Colthart is congratulated by his father Robin and brothers Alan, left, and Alastair. 15\_134david01

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**Islay DNA profiling results to be revealed**

HISTORIAN Alistair Moffat will reveal the results of DNA profiling his team carried out on the Isle of Islay at the island's book festival next week.

Mr Moffat's team visited Islay to take DNA samples from leaches for a project to chart Scots' ancestry.

On this visit to the Islay Book Festival at Port Ellen Primary School, September 3-4, he will be talking about the surprising results of that survey and how it has led to a re-appraisal of history.

In his second session, Alistair will talk about his latest book 'The Faded Map'.

He brings to vivid life the half forgotten kings and kingdoms of 2,000 years ago, the time of the Romans, the Dark Ages and Medieval times, taking you on a remarkable journey around a lost Scotland.

Book festival tickets are available on the door or via the website islaybookfestival.com.

**Police probe thefts from fuel tanks**

POLICE on Islay have increased patrols for 'the foreseeable future' following a spate of thefts from fuel tanks.

Reports of such thefts have been a problem for a number of months but they have become more common recently, police said.

Thefts have taken place on agricultural premises, business premises and from cars parked close to homes and security advice has been given to victims.

However, islanders are being encouraged to increase security by fitting a locking fuel cap or anti-siphon device.

Any information relating to people involved in thefts can be given to police in Bowmore or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**Good news is no news, says chief**

ARGYLL and Bute Council chief executive Sally Loudon has voiced her concern that 'good news' from the council does not get space in *The Oban Times*.

At a meeting of Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee last Wednesday, she said: 'I think it is often the case we can see all the things that happen that are positive but it is very difficult to get them into *The Oban Times*. We need to get people to engage in local politics to see what is going on. It is an age-old problem. We are looking at our external communications. We put out lots of positive messages but we all know what sells newspapers.'

**Celebrations a success for all**

OBAN'S bicentenary celebrations were not only a great success for Oban but the whole of Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Neil Mackay told the executive meeting in Kilmory, Lochgilphead, last week, it all went very well. 'It was a great success and it was down to an awful lot of work,' he said.

Councillor Ellen Morton said that from what she's read the celebrations were a great success and extended her congratulations.

**Youth to fore at popular Appin Show**

SUNNY weather and a good variety of stock and stalls this year confirmed Appin's status as one of the most attractive shows in the west Highlands.

With a backdrop of Castle Stalker, the show ground was busy on Saturday, as gate numbers and stock numbers were up on previous years.

Youth seemed to be the theme of the day. The village's Highland dancers gave a display and collected £270 to help their fundraising effort for a November trip to EuroDisney, teenager Sandy Lawrie was awarded the annual young people's trophy for citizenship and there were prizes for a handful of young exhibitors.

One of those youngsters was eight-year-old Dougie MacDonald, who helped his dad, Douglas (Tyree), to show this year's supreme champion, a 10-month-old Limousin cross heifer.

Douglas said the heifer, sired by Tyree's own stock bull, Tweedside Upstanding, would be at Oban Mart's September sale.

In the cattle championship it beat a two-year-old Highland

heifer from Mr and Mrs Poland, Mottistone, which was also Highland champion at the Royal Highland Show and Lorn Show this year.

Morag Odhar of Mottistone was sired by Eoin Mhor of Miungairigh and out of Morag Odhar 2nd of Kindrochaid. In a very competitive Highland class, judged by W Thomson, Woodneuk Farm, Barrhead, reserve went to Cannach 27th of Achnacloich from the Cnoc Fold, Appin, which was sired by Angus of Torloisk.

Stuart MacKay brought along his champion Highland bull at the 2010 Royal Highland Show and it took the same honour at Appin this year. From the Achnacroish fold, the bull was bred by Stuart's late grandmother, Connie MacNaughton.

Reserve supreme champion on the day and best overall sheep was a Blackface from Do MacCorquodale, Achnaba.

A multiple previous winner at Appin Show, it had been three years since Do had won the Blackface title and said he was delighted to have regained the prize.

His ewe lamb was on its first

outing and was sired by Rannoch tup MacDougall and out of a home-bred dam by a Glen Caly sire.

In the sheep championship it had beaten a Blue Leicester and Blackface cross mule from Archie MacGillivray and a Blueface Leicester from Alan MacKellar.

Rounding off an 'unbelievable' day for the MacCorquodales and continuing the success of young exhibitors, were Do's children, Mairi, aged 7, and Donnie, 5, who won the home bred section with a Texel tup lamb, by a Cambwell sire.

Male Blackface champion was a two-sheer tup from Messrs Troughton, Ardachy, which was bought as a shearing at Dalmailly.

Away from the show ring there were displays by Local Origins Rural Network and Appin Historical Society, among others.

The now annual tug-of-war grudge match between two Appin ladies teams once again captured everyone's attention, as did the tossing of the sheaf competition won by Appin's David Colthart.



A 10-month-old Limousin cross heifer from Douglas MacDonald, Tyree, was supreme champion at Appin. 15\_134appin05



Above, Appin Historical Society members Roger Evan, left, and Neil Malcolm in the society tent where a Coat of Arms that Roger had repaired was the main attraction. The society is still investigating its origins. 15\_134appin02



The Appin young people's award for citizenship was presented by David Craig to 16-year-old Sandy Lawrie, who gritted roads and paths last winter. 15\_134appin08



The Stalker Ladies, right, who retained their tug-of-war title are all smiles. 15\_134appin09



Left, Morag Odhar of Mottistone, shown by stockman Willie MacLean, was Highland champion. 15\_134appin01



Appin's young Highland dancers gave a display to help their fundraising effort for a trip to EuroDisney. 15\_134appin05



Joint winners of the pet lamb competition were brother and sister Roan, aged 3, and Eva, 5, MacColl. 15\_134appin07

**APPIN SHOW TROPHY WINNERS**

Show champion and Tullimet Cup: D MacDonald, Heifer Calf 2010; Reserve Champion: D MacDonald, Ewe Lamb.  
 Young Farmers Cup Most Points Senior Baking: Betty Jackson; Sutcliffe Shield Runner Up Senior Baking: Alison MacCorquodale and Rosemary MacCormick; Appin Agricultural Club Cup Best Exhibit Senior Baking: Fiona Wallace; MacDonnell Quaich Best Clotted Dumpling: Rena Cameron; Appin Agricultural Club Cup Most Points Junior Baking: Innes Jackson; Sutcliffe Cup Runner Up Junior Baking: Katie MacCorquodale; Salom Madge Cup Most Points, Jams and Eggs: Moira Thomson; Madge's Cup Most Points Floral Decoration: Linda MacLeod; Gunns Garage Cup Best Exhibit Floral Art: Pat Wyeth-Webb; Invernahyle Cup Most Points Root and Grain: Susie Hutchison; Hutchison Cup Most Points Flowers: Robert Lander; Yeaman Rose Bowl Best Exhibit Flowers: Midge Gourlay; Abhainn Trophy Best Exhibit Root & Grain: Fiona Hutchison; Glenleckan Trophy Novice With Most Points, Root and Grain/Flowers: Duncan Cameron; MacRae Cup Most Pints Senior Handcrafts: Brenda MacLeod; SWRI Plate Best Exhibit Senior Handcrafts: Morag White; Junior Handcrafts, Pre-School: Erin Jackson; Junior Handcrafts, up to 6 years: Ben MacCorquodale; Junior Handcrafts, 7 to 11 years: Katie MacCorquodale; Junior Handcrafts, 12 to 16 years: Robert Todd; Quaich: Best Exhibit, Junior Handcrafts Robert Todd.  
 Gorteneorn Cup Champion Cow: D MacDonald; A Scott Rae Cup Hill Cow in Calf or Milk: W MacLeod; Airds Cup Calf Born 2008: D MacDonald; Ardrut Cup Calf Born 2009: D MacDonald; James MacMillan Cup Cattle Champion: D MacDonald; Ploughing Match Cup Overall Cattle Champion: D MacDonald; Cameron Cup: Home Bred Male B.F. Sheep: J H Weir; Johnnie Cameron Shield Best B.F. Male: Mrs Troughton; Morrison Cup Best Female B.F. Sheep bred by Exhibitor: D MacCorquodale; McGregor Cup: Group 3 Female B.F. Sheep: D MacCorquodale; Keil Cup: Group 3 Female = 1 Male B.F. Sheep: D MacCorquodale; Achnacone Cup B.F. Champion: D MacCorquodale; Johnnies Cup Best Overall Sheep Female: D MacCorquodale; N. E. Shield Best Overall Male Sheep: Mrs Troughton; Cameron Cup Best Home Bred B.F. Male Sheep: J H Weir; Royal Bank Cup Overall Sheep Champion: D MacCorquodale; Blades Cup Pure Bred Champion: D MacCorquodale; Allward Cup Pet Lamb: Roan & Eva MacColl; Tigh an Tuim Cup Cross Sheep: A MacGillivray; Appin Show Cup B F Ewe Lamb: D MacCorquodale; Glencerran Cup Cross Lambs: Lorne MacDougall; Community Trust Plate: Sandy Lawrie.  
 DOGS: Quaich Best Collie Dog: Mairi Auld & Ceilidh; Granville Cup Best Pet Dog: Sally Thomson & Sparky; Vets Cup Champion Dog: Sally Thomson & Sparky.  
**HIGHLAND CATTLE:**  
 Tordarroch Cup Bull Any Age: 1 M & S MacKay; 2 D Buchanan, 3 M Pollard; Ardbahan Shield: Vetern Cow: 1 Mrs J Strickland, 2 Mr & Mrs D Lewis; Achnacloich Centenary Silver Cow with calf or in milk: 1 D Buchanan, 2 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster; Loch Melfort Cup Heifer 3 yrs old: 1 & 2 Mr & Mrs O'Hara, 3 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster; Heifer 2 yrs old: 1 M Pollard, 2 Mrs J Strickland, 3 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster; The O'Hara Cup Yearling Heifer: 1 Sir W Lithgow, 2 Mr & Mrs Rd Schuster, 3 Mrs J Strickland; Royal Bank of Scotland Cup Calf: 1 Mrs J Strickland, 2 Mr D Buchanan, 3 Mr & Mrs D Schuster; Creagan Cup Group of Three: 1 Mr & Mrs D Schuster; Cnoc Millennium Cup Champion: M Pollard; Balur Cup Reserve: Mr & Mrs O'Hara, Ormsary Estate; Appleyard Landrover Trophy Longest Distance Travelled: Ormsary Estate; Best Stockman: Willie MacLean; Youngest Stockman: Aaron MacKay.

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There was a hotly contested Bonnie Baby Competition, a dog show, children's races, traditional music, a go-kart manoeuvring competition, terrier races, tug-of-war, a vintage tractor parade, produce competition, sheep shearing demonstration, tossing the sheaf and an evening ceilidh.

Displays as diverse as British Wool, Killin Mountain Rescue and a second-to-none farm vehicle display brought together all the elements for a great show.

The rain, which threatened, stayed off from mid morning and allowed cattle and sheep judging to take place unimpeded.

**Parade**

A parade through the town, leaving from Dochart Bridge and led by Comrie Pipe Band, was well attended.

Later The Callander Highland Dancing Troop entertained the crowd with a fabulous display of routines.

**Sheep, other than Blackface, tup category was won by a two shear tup texel cross from Peter McDiarmid of Shenlarich Farm. The sheep was a homebred from texel ewes. 16\_134killin4**

**Colin Hay and Alex Stewart showed off their remarkable stick making skills. 16\_134killin5**

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John Wylie, William Stitt, Drew Blake, Andy Fleming and Stewart Inglis were on hand as part of Killin Mountain Rescue to raise awareness of the group. Anyone wishing to find out more about the group or make a donation to its lifesaving work should contact [www.killinmrt.org.uk](http://www.killinmrt.org.uk). 16\_134killin6



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**Childcare workers must register**

CHILDCARE workers are being reminded they need to register with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) before September 30.

The legislation makes it compulsory for workers involved in the day care of children to register and means that the staff working within day care of children services are of good character, hold relevant qualifications and continue to develop the skills to work with children and young people.

Some workers may be registered with other bodies like the General Teaching Council for Scotland, but those that are not must register with the SSSC. Applications must be received as soon as possible and those not registering with the SSSC must notify the SSSC of their circumstances.

For more information on registration and employers' responsibilities visit the SSSC website [www.sssc.uk.com](http://www.sssc.uk.com).

**Path plans under discussion**

PLANS for a path between Tesco supermarket and Oban's High Street are on the negotiating table.

Oban, Lorn and the Islands area committee was 'delighted' to hear that Tesco has been in negotiation with Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity, which is recording all the walking routes in the area.

Jonathan Welch, Argyll and Bute transport planner, said: 'We have been in discussion with Tesco. As part of a store refit to happen later this year it is considering the upgrade of this path.'

Councillor Roddy McCaish said: 'I am absolutely delighted that this path is at last going to take place. That is one of the top performing stores in Scotland and I think they owe us a wee bit back. Building this path or ramp shows they are committed to the people of the town.'

**Defendant denies assault and threats**

A MAN has denied assaulting a woman and threatening a couple at an address in Ardfern on Sunday August 14.

Niall Bryce Shaw, aged 26, was bailed to 5 Victoria Terrace, Ardrishaig, until he returns to court on 15 November.

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**Firefighters hope open day and dance will be a knock-out success**

FIREFIGHTERS in Oban will be hoping an open day and dance this weekend will raise thousands of pounds for the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund.

Crew members will host the event at the station on Saturday from noon to 4pm and thereafter will also host a dance from 7.30pm.

And they have received a knock-out donation of signed Lennox Lewis boxing gloves to help them on their way.

Watch Commander Dougie Black, who is organising the event along with colleague Watch Commander Dougie MacLean, said: 'We have been given the boxing gloves and a signed John McEnroe tennis shirt by an anonymous donor, which is extremely kind and will hopefully help us raise as much money as possible in an auction on the day.'

**On display**  
Both auction pieces are on display in the Oban Sports Shop.

The Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund was set up by Ryan's parents following the 16-year-old's death in 2003.

The fund gives grants to local sports groups and junior clubs, as well as individuals for medical treatment.

Dougie added: 'We are keen to raise money for this local charity because of the good work it does, so we are hoping for a good turnout to the open day and the dance.'

Ryan's father, Alan, has been serving as a retained firefighter for more than 18 years.



Firefighters Dougie Black, left, and Dougie MacLean with the donated auction pieces. 15\_1346r01

**Social work services 'making good progress'**

SOCIAL work services in Argyll and Bute are 'making good progress on a well-planned improvement journey' an inspection has found.

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) carried out the inspection in February on the area's social work services with the findings presented to councillors in a detailed report.

Rosie Lawrence, senior inspector for SCSWIS, told a meeting of the full council last week that there was no area where they found a significant risk. The initial assessment considered both performance and improvement activity.

The analysis of risk was based on nine questions, which SCSWIS used to analyse information and data gathered on the council.

She said that there were four areas of no significant risk, with the other five areas being of uncertainty.

'What I found overall is there was a broad improvement in the social work in Argyll and Bute. What we have now asked the council to do is develop an action plan,' she said.

Councillor Andrew Nisbet, spokesman for social affairs, said: 'The reason that we are making the changes we are is to continue to improve the services offered to the Argyll and Bute community.'

**Council urged to raise awareness of charity**

ELECTED members of Argyll and Bute Council were given an insight into the Dalmaly-based international charity Mary's Meals.

Tony Begly, of the charity, gave a presentation to a meeting of the full council last week and spoke about the various countries it helps and the issues facing those countries.

As well as his presentation Mr Begly also showed a short video for the councillors and officials to watch.

The charity currently has 32 overseas projects with 24 project partners in 16 countries.

Its aim is to provide one meal a day to a child in education to help stop malnutrition in some of the world's poorest countries. It currently feeds 557,000 children across the world, costing just three pence per meal for one child.

The councillors were keen to know what they could do to help the charity, with discussion about employee schemes and voluntary contributions.

Mr Begly told the councillors: 'We don't need fortunes. I would simply ask the council and councillors of Argyll and Bute to be aware of the fantastic work Mary's Meals does but to convey the message to your schools and clubs that they can help through our schemes, including our bag pack project, at no cost.'

**New road opens up landlocked woodland**

Mull community company's timber sales will cover costs

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A NEW road on Mull has opened up a huge expanse of landlocked timber.

North West Mull Community Woodland Company (NWMWC) opened the road last Thursday helped by MSPs Richard Lochhead, rural affairs and environment minister, and Michael Russell, constituency MSP in Argyll and Bute.

Ian Hepburn, project manager, explained the need for the road. He said: 'The woodlands are some 700 hectares and were purchased for £342,000 in 2006 under the National Forest Land Scheme from Forestry Commission Scotland, with the assistance of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, The Robertson Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation local fundraising and an interest free loan.'

'We always knew we would have to come up with an innovative way of bringing the timber out of the forest.'

'It was hoped that a road would have been built as part of plans from the Forestry Commission and Argyll and Bute Council, but until an agreement was made to build 15 kilometres of road it was landlocked asset on a hillside.'

More than half the local population are a member of the community company showing the local support for the project. 'The Haul Out Road will be funded from the sales of the first two years timber sales.'

In a detailed presentation Mr Hepburn, who has been



MSPs Michael Russell and Richard Lochhead open the 15 km long haul out route near Dervaig on Mull. 16\_1348r01

employed by the company for two years, told a packed Dervaig Hall that the group had brought forward an open book contract with woodland company Tilhill to complete the £1.334m contract to get the road open.'

Colin Morrison, chairman of NWMWC, said: 'The completion of the North West Mull Timber Haul Route means hundreds of thousands of tons of previously landlocked timber, both our own and the Forestry Commission's, can be harvested and brought to market.'

'It brings NWMWC to a point where we can now manage our local woodlands effectively and for the benefit of all in the community. Without the road all

our other projects would have been in doubt.'

The company is hoping to secure a route off the island to remove the timber and are in discussion with a sea-haulage operator to remove the timber.

Other challenging aspirations include the provision of affordable housing, Micro Hydro Power generation and greater and improved community access to the restructured woodlands. 'We will continue to work positively towards delivering these benefits.'

Michael Russell MSP praised the group for its tenacity in finding a solution for the situation and making the best of the resource.

**Visitors bowled over at club's fete**



Members of Oban Bowling Club held a very successful fete on Saturday afternoon. There was a wide range of products on sale with some fabulous home baking and home grown veggies and plants on offer. 16\_1348w01

**McCaig Trust governors award seven bursaries**

AT THEIR meeting in Oban last week, the governors of Catherine McCaig's Trust awarded seven open bursaries to students going to study Gaelic at Scottish universities.

The bursaries were won by Alison Bruce, Inverness Royal Academy, Allan MacDonald, St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh, Anna MacKenzie and Mairi Maclean, both The Nicolson Institute, Stornoway, Mairi MacLennan and Karen Oakley, both Charleston Academy, Inverness and Catherine Macleod, Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu.

Alison Bruce is going on to study at Aberdeen University, Allan MacDonald and Catherine Macleod will go to Edinburgh University, Karen Oakley will go to Glasgow University and Anna MacKenzie, Mairi Maclean and Mairi MacLennan will all attend the University of the Highlands and Islands.

**Exceptional**  
The governors noted that while the number of applicants this year was quite low, there were some exceptional candidates.

The general standard was excellent with almost all applicants having achieved an A-grade pass in Gaidhlig at Advanced Higher level.

Once more, a number of excellent Gaelic students are committing to a career in teaching through the medium of Gaelic which is indicative of a desire among this generation to ensure the future of the language.

**Four groups receive Awards cash**

FOUR groups from Argyll and Bute shared £36,632 in Awards for All Grants.

The latest round of funding, include a grant to Lorn and Oban Healthy Options Ltd of £10,000, while Tarbert Community healing Garden was awarded £9,882.

Kirn Gala Committee received £6,750 and Bute Conservation Trust was awarded £10,000.

Michael Russell MSP welcomed the awards. He said: 'I am delighted that four Argyll and Bute projects have been successful in this latest round. I have written today to each

of them to congratulate them on this success and will be making arrangements to visit each of them in the near future to see first hand the projects in action. I would pay tribute to those involved whose hard work and selfless effort combine to make Argyll and Bute a better place.'



Christine Dryden shows off her beautiful garden to Oban in Bloom organisers John MacKenzie and Andy MacDowell. 16\_1348gardenwinner1



Ross Dalgetty brims with pride as he takes the Large Garden MacDougall Cup Trophy from Andy MacDowell after his seven year reign. Oban in Bloom secretary John MacKenzie looks on. 16\_1348flower1

**Trophies galore for town's great gardeners**

THE OBAN in Bloom Competition saw a few changes in the town's garden pecking order.

Not only did long-term champion Andy MacDowell's reign come to an end after seven years, a green-fingered woman from the new houses behind the hospital took three of the top trophies.

It was all smiles and good fun as Ross Dalgetty was crowned large garden champion to succeed Andy.

He said he was delighted to finally get his hands on the MacDougall Cup.

Winning best small garden, the Kinlochlaich Salver for best private garden and The Oban Times Quiaich was Christine Dryden for her beautiful tiered garden.

She has made a fantastic effort by transforming what others may consider a rock face into a sea of colour - a truly deserved winner.

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**LISMORE**

THE LISMORE Museum has appointed Lorraine King as its access officer, the position being funded from a grant from the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation.

Lorraine, who started on August 1 and will remain in post for a minimum of 18 months, will be working to ensure that the museum's collections become available to a growing audience. She will develop a hands-on programme of events for primary schools in the area, put together travelling displays and establish contact with other museums to foster exchange of items.

Every year at least 1,500 adults and many more children visit the award-winning museum at the Heritage Centre, and extending access will greatly enhance their experience of the many attractions.

LISMORE Youth Theatre with the Walking Theatre Company gave islanders another highly entertaining and informative play, a tribute to one of Lismore's most famous sons, the folklorist Alexander Carmichael.

The idea came from The museum's events organiser Jennifer Baker, the historical expertise from Robert Hay and David White, and the play was written and directed by Sadie Dixon-Spain of Argyll's innovative Walking Theatre Company.

Apart from Sadie and Liam Calgie of the Walking Theatre, the cast were all from the island and showed no sign of being outshone by their professional fellow actors. Ruben Campbell-Paine played the excise man Alexander who was constantly wanting not just to travel about the islands but to record all he could of the lives of islanders. With him were Lorraine King as his mother, and Josie McMeddes, Tess McMeddes and Sophie King all of whom played multiple parts. It was eleven-year-old Sophie's first outing with the company and she very convincingly played a girl, a boy and finally a girl again. The music was provided by Stephen Green and Mairi Campbell and Anne Livingstone directed the dance sequence, an Orcadian Strip the Widow, a play on the dance name, and danced by the company and the audience. Although Liosachs have always known about Alexander Carmichael, these days he is also of interest to the wider academic Gaelic world because of his great work Carmina Gadelica. The play was performed on three successive days and, although the first performance was rain free, the other two enjoyed generous August downpours. However spirits were not dampened and the Lismore café laid on a delicious fish supper on the first evening and a cream tea on the third and after the Saturday drenching there was wine and cheese.

A CANDLELIT supper hosted by Beth Campbell featured music from Iain Thomson and Marc Duff with Ann



Lorraine King the new access Officer in the Lismore Museum.



Members of the Lismore Youth Theatre and Walking Theatre Company during their entertaining tribute to Alexander Carmichael.

Duggan and Rob Hines. Known as the singing shepherd, Iain's songs and tunes are varied but clearly folk flavoured and of the very moving school of the Scottish ballad tradition.

Lismore heard him with Marc Duff, a co-founder of Capercaille, who went solo in 1995 and now plays whistles, Bodhran, bouzouki, recorder and wind synthesizer. There was great enthusiasm for the class guitar playing of Rob Hines and the singing of Ann Duggan which had elements of blues in her country style.

Altogether, a very varied and enjoyable evening.

**KINLOCHLEVEN**

THE NORTH of Scotland breast screening mobile unit will be in Kinlochleven from Monday until next Thursday.

The unit will be in the fire station car park, and local women aged 50 to 70 who are registered with the Kinlochleven practice will be invited to attend.

For more information contact the north of Scotland screening office on 01463 705416.

**LUING**

LUING Community Trust events were a great success this summer.

An Island Voices night in Cullipool Hall attracted a large, appreciative audience on a lovely summer evening to hear poetry and music of outstanding quality.

Nalini Paul, former George

Mackay Brown Writing Fellow, read poems from her pamphlet Skirlags and her new collection Slokt By Sea which was inspired by her year on Orkney and drew on her Indian background and Canadian upbringing to convey beautiful images of island life.

Jan Sutch Pickard, from the Ross of Mull, read from her poetry collections Horizontal and Vertical which took us from Iona, where she was Warden of the Abbey, on a captivating tour which stretched from the Argyll Islands across the world to another west coast and San Francisco.

Splendid songs from Luineachs Fiona Cruickshanks and Hugh MacQueen also featured islands like Belnahua, Eriskay and, of course, Luing itself, and young Innes MacQueen on bagpipes, who plays in the world champion Oban High School Pipe Band, stirred us with fine tunes such as Leaving Lismore and the Green Hills of Tyrol. A surprise guest, Rachel Cruickshanks on accordion, also had us foot tapping to several jaunty tunes.

But it was Kirsty MacLachlan who perhaps best epitomised the warmth of spirit of the evening with her marvellous version of the smash hit Italian classical crossover song Time To Say Goodbye and her moving cover of From A Distance.

The inaugural winners of the new Bards of Luing poetry competition were announced and presented with their prizes by the judges Nalini Paul and Jan Sutch Pickard.

The Primary Bard is Jamie Leggett for A Rubbish Idea; second, Duncan Fothergill for A Windy Day; third, Fergus Ritchie for Machinery.

The Secondary Bard is Megan Cruickshanks for Lairig Ghru; second Jennifer Fothergill for Luing; third, Hazel Cruickshanks for Summer on Luing.

The Adult Bard is Anna Dallimore for Island Tapestry; second, Pam Baker for Summer Pruning; third, Fiona Cruickshanks for Belnahua. The Feast by Birgit Whitmore was also highly commended.

It is now intended to produce a Bards of Luing poetry pamphlet, including the best of the many poems which were submitted along with poems to be contributed by Nalini Paul, Jan Sutch Pickard and Norman Bissell.

Next day Jan Sutch Pickard was back in action providing a fascinating Storytelling session with stories tall and true from Mull which went as far back as Adomán and included an eye witness account of life in a village in Palestine where she lived as an observer on behalf of the World Council of Churches.

The weekend was rounded off in fun style by a Slate Sculpture competition above the shore on the way into Cullipool in which competitors young and old toiled for hours in baking sun to create imaginative sculptures out of discarded slate.

First prize in the Under 16s went to Innes MacQueen for his Belnahua Ruin; Second and Third was Lauren MacKenzie for her Giant Centipede and

Luing Yacht. First prize for adults went to Norman Bissell for his Celtic Spiral; second was Birgit Whitmore for her Stone Age Slide Show; and third was Hugh MacQueen for his Clachan Bridge.

The winners will soon be enjoying boat trips for two with Sealife Adventures and the runners up will be sporting Luing tee shirts and hats from the Luing Store. The slate sculptures can be seen and enjoyed above the Cullipool shore by residents and visitors.

CULLIPOOL Hall was full with lots of interesting artefacts to tempt the people of Luing and visitors in to view and learn the story of two slate islands - Luing and Belnahua.

The annual exhibition was open from Friday to Sunday August 7, and was a fantastic display of all the research and collecting done by the group, with many new pieces of information being displayed for the interest of the public, who were asked for a donation on entry and were also treated to some refreshments while they perused the exhibits.

As part of the Belnahua story the tragic tale of the Latvian shipwreck of 1936 'Helena Faulbaums' was told. She was a Latvian owned and crewed cargo ship which foundered on the island in a storm, with the loss of crew's lives and the heroic story of their rescue and survival.

Isle of Luing Primary School also displayed their School project on the Island of Belnahua, which looked at the 1871 census and included pictures of the island as it stands today, a deserted slate quarry with roofless houses, and overgrown paths.

The children visited the island in June when they were lucky enough to have a trip over with the volunteer run 'Luing Adventure Club' after school club run in association with Stramash.

The history group secured a small grant from the Year of Scotland's Islands to create four new posters to add to their collection.

With film clips purchased from Pathe news of the Luing Quarries when they were in full swing and lots of interesting things for young people to do, Luing History group succeeded in providing an exciting and interesting history of the two islands for all ages.

CULLIPOOL Hall Committee has been busy during the summer holidays providing entertainment for visitors and locals.

The excitement of winning a prize, or for the lowest score a 'booby prize', led to fierce competition, and with a raffle to make sure that nearly everyone took home a treat.

The old favourite Beetle Drives have seen the hall packed with all ages frantically shaking their dice to try and be first to shout 'beetle.'

This makes a change from 'toads' - a shout which has been heard recently when the annual migration of tiny toads from

the quarry out round the village happened. The small toads, only millimetres in length, climb up the walls and round the door of the houses, they can cause distress to some, but are great fun for the children.

**BERNERAY**

RUNNERS in the west Highlands are preparing for the newest long distance race on the local calendar - the Two Islands Half Marathon.

Both local and mainland runners will take part in the race, which starts in Berneray at 10.30am.

The finish line will be at Lochmaddy Community Hall, North Uist.

Organised by North Uist Amateur Athletics Club, the race route will take competitors on a scenic and gently undulating linear route across the two islands.

**BALLACHULISH**

A MEETING of Ballachulish Community Council was held on Tuesday, August 2, at the Jubilee Pavilion.

Concern was raised again about the general mess at rubbish bins in the village.

The date for the fireworks and bonfire night celebration has been confirmed as Saturday, November 12.

Concerns were raised about the state of weeds surrounding the Witch's Slate.

It was proposed that the community council should look into the cost of a Perspex cage for the slate and carry out a one-off tidy-up. Ongoing maintenance of the site remains the responsibility of Highland Council.

The next fundraising event for the Christmas lights is a roller disco in the village hall on Friday, August 26.

It was noted that the planters in the village were looking good.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday September 6.

**CONNEL**

AFTER a very busy season for the volunteers serving Connel's soup lunches, the end of summer finale charity lunch is fast approaching.

Co-ordinator Agnes MacPhee said the cause this year would be injured veterans' charity BLESMA. She explained: 'We decided to help a 'home' charity this year, since in previous years we have supported overseas appeals.'

The special lunch will take place in Connel Church Hall on Tuesday, August 30 between noon and 2pm.

Tickets, which cost £3, are available on the door and the usual tasty soup, rolls and delicious home-baking will be on offer.

The last in the series of the summer soup lunches will be held next Thursday, September 1, rounding off another successful year. 'It was really the busiest we have ever had, with lots of visitors and locals too,' added Agnes.

**Mull Lines**



Enjoying a day out at Ulva Ferry Community Association.

THE FIRST Ulva School Community Association (USCA) Fete took place on Sunday, August 7, at Lagganulva Farm, Ulva Ferry.

It might have been raining elsewhere in Argyll, but the skies remained dry at Ulva Ferry until evening, by which time everyone was safely in the main tent enjoying a family ceilidh.

There was lots to do, see, experience and enjoy including a giant tug-of-war, face painting, scarecrow making, stock judging, woodworking, spinning, cheese making, as well as enjoying the legendary Ulva School Community Association (USCA) baking at the Tremendous Tea Tent and much more.

Carolyn Charrington said: 'USCA is extremely grateful to everyone who helped, both beforehand and on the day. Seriously too numerous to mention, but they know who they are.'

MULL Progressive Care Centre (PCC) is taking great strides toward completion in a year's time - despite the terrible weather and the initial funding crisis.

The PCC is being funded by a number of organisations including NHS Highland - for a hospital, West Highland Housing Association - for sheltered housing, Argyll and Bute Council - for social work services - and a substantial amount of local support.

The centre has been on the cards for more than 12 years so it's completion is something that is of interest of many islanders - including those who live at Dunaros, in Salen, where the current hospital and residential care centre is based.

A cash crisis last year forced health minister Nicola Sturgeon to make an overnight decision to commit the funding to the centre, when all capital projects were stalled.

Ground work was swiftly completed by TSL Contractors and the build of the hospital and housing got underway.

Last Thursday, MSPs Mike Russell, cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning and Richard Lochhead minister for the rural affairs and the environment, visited the new Mull Progressive Care site.

Mr Russell worked with the community last year to ensure this building got financed and was delighted to see the progress on site. He was met by Graeme Bruce, operations manager with West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) who is project managing the development on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council and NHS Highland.

Kenneth and Murdoch MacLeod, on behalf of the contractor MacLeod Construction, showed Mr Russell and Richard Lochhead, around the site.

Introductions were made to the apprentices working on the site. Kenneth MacLeod said: 'This is the advantage of building locally with local people benefiting in terms of employment opportunities.'

'Our company has traditionally invested over a number of years in bringing young people into the job market through supporting apprentices and this in turn supports Argyll College.'

Mr Russell said: 'I am delighted to see so much progress on site and everyone on Mull is looking forward to this facility opening next year. A terrific building which will house a local hospital, social work services and provide much needed housing demonstrates excellent partnership working. However, the Mull community are the people that really deserve the credit - without their fundraising powers and their commitment to the project then we would not be here.'

The building will open in late summer 2012 and anyone interested in housing should contact West Highland Housing Association on 01631 566451.



Apprentices from Mull and Oban join officials from Argyll and Bute Council, West Highland Housing Association, NHS Highland and MSPs Michael Russell and Richard Lochhead at the building site for Mull Progressive Care Centre. 16\_134mullpcc1

**A Celebration of the Life and Achievement of Julia Wroughton Killeen**

ON A WET and blustery day a gathering of friends and family came to Inniemore Lodge, Carsaig to pay respects and enjoy a retrospective exhibition of Julia Wroughton Killeen's paintings and remember an extraordinary life.

Julia was the owner and principal of The Inniemore School of Painting from 1966-1999.

During 33 seasons many hundreds of students from the UK and overseas came to Carsaig to paint with oils and watercolours. Julia, assisted by her qualified art tutors, tutored students - from complete beginners to those who wanted to improve their skill.

Many students had life changing experiences, where the 'sense of place' and fabric of Inniemore Lodge brought another dimensions to their lives.

The principle one was the tutelage and friendship of this fine painter who over those years inspired and taught the craft of painting.

What made this school so special was the care and comforts so liberally given by Julia and her staff.

At the end of an intense and often frustrating artists day students gathered in the beautiful dining room at the long table often-seating 20 guests.

Julia would be the host; the first glass of wine was on the house to be followed by an excellent three-course meal.

Readings were given from Bruce Killeen's poetry describing Julia's wood engravings of Inniemore and Carsaig which distilled the essence of the place for so many.

Memories and contributions of affection were recalled of Julia's life by family and friends at the celebration of her life held on May 21.

Inniemore is, and always will be, a place of magic and surprises, and this fine artist and inspiration to so many will through the legacy of her paintings, drawings and wood engravings continue to energise everyone who visits Carsaig.

**BENDERLOCH**

A BENDERLOCH family who set sail for a year sailing around the Mediterranean has safely reached Greece. The Stones family are adjusting to life onboard, despite the challenges of a small living space, the sweltering sun and a composting toilet.

Mum Mairi, a textile artist, posted on the family's blog: 'Life afloat requires one to bob all the time; the boat is never still and I have now found that when sitting ashore I feel as if I am still afloat, it's very odd. 'What you used to consider a flat surface can no longer be considered such, so whenever you go to put something down it requires thought as to whether or not it might fall if the boat moves.'

So far they have visited Slovenia, Italy and Croatia and enjoyed swimming off the boat, cruising the canals of Venice and even attending a UB40 concert amongst the ancient pillars of a Roman Forum.

THE Mobile Library will be calling in Benderloch next Wednesday, August 31 at Ford Spence Court at 1.30pm.

**NORTH CONNELL**

YOUNG motocross enthusiasts enjoyed a day of racing at Darachbeag, North Connell on Sunday, August 14.

The Oban Youth Moto X group used Bruce and Jean Campbell's land for their latest race day.

The West Argyll Mobile Library will be calling at Bonawe at 10.30am and the Black Crofts, North Connell, at 1pm, on Monday, August 22.

**SKYE**

MAINTAINING and revitalising minority languages in their heartlands will be the focus of discussion at a conference on the Isle of Skye at the end of the month.

Key speakers at the Soillse conference at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI will include Dr Conchúr Ó Giollagáin from the National University of Ireland, Galway, who will speak about the present situation in the Irish Gaeltacht. Dr Patrick Carlin from the University of Cardiff will

**SLEAT**



A group of Gaelic speakers from Ireland attended a course in Scottish Gaelic at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, UHI in Sleat recently. Colmille has funded the courses since its inception, to enhance communication between speakers of Irish and Gaelic. Pictured are Caoimhín Mag Uiginn, Ian O'Donnell, Deirdre NicEanruig, Ruth Brennan, Seumas MacCole, Seamus MacCommidhe, Patrick Farrelly, Nicola Carty and course tutor Beathag Mhoireasdan.

talk on language policies of public bodies in North-West Wales and their impact on the Welsh language, while two internationally-renowned experts on minority languages, Professor Colin Williams of the University of Cardiff and Professor Durk Gorter of the University of the Basque Country will also speak.

Soillse director Professor Rob Dunbar said: 'Many minority languages, including Gaelic, are associated with heartland areas in

which the language was traditionally spoken and in which it may still be spoken by a majority. The language often faces challenges in these heartlands, including the loss of speakers and the less frequent use of the language in daily life.

The Soillse conference will debate these issues at what is a critical time for the Gaelic language in Scotland.'

The conference runs from August 31 to September 2.

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**KILLIN**

THE open hill race which was run at the Killin Highland Games attracted a record turnout of 50 seniors and six junior runners.

In the senior race first over the line was local runner Stephen Rawlinson, Lochayside, in 22.41mins. Second was Tom Smith, Lochaber, and third, Mathew Roberts, Enyi Harriers.

First female was Girvan's Jo Schreiber, in 32.37mins, ahead of Jo McGuire, Westerlands, and local runner Sarah Watts.

In the masters age group (over 60) another local runner was first. Herbie McLean came home in 29.33mins with Ian Cookson, Bowland Fell Runners, second and Charlie Love, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, third.

Ross Jukik, from Norway, won the junior race with fellow countryman Odin Linga second and Belgian Romain Loop third. Thanks are due to helpers and sponsors.

**SUSTAINABLE**

tourism projects in rural Stirling district are set to benefit from a share of £150,000 from an innovative grant scheme designed by Stirling Enterprise.

Businesses with sustainable tourism projects can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 (or 50 per cent of costs, whichever is bigger) for projects that show community benefit and support.

There will be four funding panels held in the scheme's 12-month duration, with the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) having the final say on whether shortlisted projects receive grant support.

To find out more, contact Stirling Enterprise on 01786 463416 or email [sls@stirling-enterprise.co.uk](mailto:sls@stirling-enterprise.co.uk).

**MacLaren High School news**

DOUGLAS Petrie and Lynsey Armstrong are off to the pictures after each winning a pair of cinema tickets as part of a healthy eating reward scheme.

Pupils receive points for making healthy choices in the cafeteria and 15 pairs of tickets are offered each month.

The 80 pupils with the highest number of points also receive a £100 Amazon voucher.

The following Killin pupils have received vouchers: Laura Aitken, Catherine Allan, Stuart Berrow, Jinny Dowling, Antonia Dowling, Megan Rhys, Ailsa Taylor, Camilla Tigwell and Hazel Wylie.

THE NUMBER of Tesco vouchers collected was more than 8,000 and these will be exchanged for a Cannon Camera and a digital microscope.

THE McLaren Duke of Edinburgh Group have already had a busy expedition season starting in March with a training weekend when more than 60 pupils learned the necessary skills to take part in their Bronze Practice and Qualifying Expeditions. There have been exercises during three weekends with 11 walking groups completing their training.

The first group of 12 Bronze participants completed their qualifying expedition and a further 24 are scheduled to do their qualifying expedition soon with the remainder in the autumn. A new silver group has been formed with 18 pupils. Eight will complete their expedition by canoe and the rest will take part in walking expeditions after the summer.

McLaren High School has its own Going for Gold group started by pupils who have



Film star Timothy Spall travelled through the Crinan Canal for a BBC Four programme to be shown next week.

**Film star sails in on his barge**

A VISIT to Oban and Kerrera by Harry Potter star Timothy Spall on his round Britain barge trip will feature in an upcoming television show on BBC Four. He and his wife Shane set out to circumnavigate

the British Isles in their barge, *Princess Matilda*. The episode of Timothy Spall: Back at Sea, on Wednesday, August 31, at 8.30pm, features their trip from Troon to the Crinan Canal, on to Oban and northwards via the Caledonian Canal.

started working towards their gold DoE award. Thanks are due to the Callander and District Round Table who presented a cheque for £1,500 to buy more equipment.

SANDRA McKellar retired from Killin Primary School after 16 years of service. She will be missed by everyone. She was presented with a watch and vouchers.

THE ANNUAL sponsored walk took place around the Achern forest and more than £700 was raised. The money will be spent on Literacy and Numeracy resources.

THE CHILDREN performed the story of Rapunzel in the McLaren Hall. The children gained confidence and skills in co-operating with each other and making choices and decisions and many helped to make the props. They quickly learnt the rhymes and songs and developed new communication skills.

Much support was given by Killin and Crianllich communities and with the raffle, baking and sponsorship £800 was raised.

Killin Community Council: Road Maintenance: Councillor Owens to arrange for the standard of the road outside Craighuie to be checked.

Grit Bins: The council should be telephoned if grit bins are empty. Grit still on pavements should be taken care of by home owners as there is no council funding for this. Some

villages have been 'deep cleaned'. Councillor Owens to check when it is Killin's turn.

Dochart Bridge: 28 days notice will be given of any closures or repairs.

Park: Funding is still being sourced for the play park. The area of hard standing is in the planning stage and out to tender. Planning has to be applied for.

Breadalbane Forum: The Care in the Community project based in Callander is working well. Biomass Project: Still at planning.

Community Futures: There have been a lot of meetings to pull together ideas. Tourist information boards to inform tourists about the area are being looked at.

Kindrochit Challenge: Concerns over safety were expressed about cyclists using the Main Street. Tim to write to David Fox-Pitt.

Glen Lyon Road: The gates are there to prevent sheep and deer crossing the road and are kept closed but not locked.

Cemetery: Some work has been done but more is needed.

Tir Artair Wood: Gordon to chase up overgrown trees.

Dog Litter: Fingal Road has been strimmed and dog litter does not seem to be a problem. The ditch does not seem to have been cleared. Owen McKee to pass on concern.

Youth Group: Bus passes still to be sorted out. Costcutters site: Stirling

Council has applied to build 12 flats there.

The Big Shed: A real asset for the village - office space, workshops, hall available for hire.

Alien plants: Giant hog weed on Costcutters site and Japanese Knotweed in Manse Road need attention.

Next meeting: September 13 in the School Hall.

SOURCES of funding are being investigated. Stirling Council has promised £10,000 which will be used to attract matched funding. The council has also agreed to maintain the new equipment and has already improved the existing swings and paintwork.

THE council cleared the existing drains last year and a new drainage system has been constructed for the football pitch, which shows a marked improvement over the whole area.

Planning permission for hard standing near the main gate with underlying drainage is being sought to permit vehicle movements.

The plan will also include drainage for the ground surrounding the newly designated play area.

The hard standing is to be of 'Grasscrete' that will support large vehicles and allow grass and water through the structure.

FORTH Valley Hospital is now open. It has 860 beds/day treatment areas and uses 'robots' to fetch and carry supplies, bed linen and food. It has 4,000 rooms and 16 operating theatres and the first robotic pharmacy which stores, retrieves and labels a wide range of medicines.

Patients are cared for in either a spacious single or four bedded wards with en-suite bathrooms. Innovative measures to cut down the risk of infection include disposable curtains and windows with blinds enclosed by glass. Patients also benefit from free personal TV screens at every bedside, free internet access and hospital meals which are freshly prepared on site every day.

The women and children's unit provides many extras to make time spent in hospital more comfortable.

In the new emergency department there are different treatment areas for major and minor conditions and two resuscitation rooms.

Other services transferred to Larbert include the intensive care unit, maternity unit, gynaecology services, medical and surgical wards, cardiology and radiology services.

Stirling Royal Infirmary has become Stirling Community Hospital, one of four community hospitals which will support the work of Forth Valley Royal Hospital. This ensures people from across Stirling continue to have access to a wide range of health services, including a new minor injury unit. This unit, initially based in the former A and E department, will provide treatment for a wide range of common injuries.

**Down Your Way**

**This week - Coll**

AN INNOVATIVE recycling project on Coll could see the road surface cheaply and drastically improved thanks to a new glass imploder.

The Coll Recycling Project, soon to be renamed RecyColl, utilised funding to purchase the £8,500 imploder earlier this year, with the intention of expanding the group's projects to make the island even more sustainable.

While the group needs to raise another £3,000 to build a shed to house the imploder, it is currently being tested to see how effective the glass cullet is as an aggregate.

Chairman of the project, Julian Senior, said it has a number of applications, including possibly making the island's crumbling roads more resilient. He said: 'The machine breaks the glass up into cullets, which are not sharp and can be handled easily. We're experimenting with them now.'

'There is a quality to made glass which makes it particularly useful. For example, a mix of 60 per cent cullet to 40 per cent aggregate makes an extremely good concrete.'

'The quality of the glass is such that it expands and contracts at a lower rate than concrete, so degrades less in quality. That can be used to make extremely durable roads.'

It also releases its temperature slowly, so for example you can bury it in your greenhouse and it will hold the heat absorbed in the summer and keep the greenhouse above ground temperature in the summer.'

Mr Senior says Argyll and Bute Council officials are being kept abreast of how the cullet performs, with a view to possibly using it for the roads.

Furthermore, the island's glass recycling bins will be moved to the shed when it is completed to make recycling easier.

The group also runs a successful cardboard recycling scheme and the group has been collecting bailing wrap from farmers over the year. On September 1, around 16-17 tonnes of wrap will be shipped off the island.

Julian added: 'Lots of rope and netting is washed up on our beaches and we're looking into the possibility of recycling those too, to be sent with the wrap.'

DESPITE poor weather and a struggling economy, the Isle of Coll is enjoying a purple patch, with tourists flocking to the island in record numbers.

The Hebridean isle has been inundated with booking requests this summer, with the owner of the Coll Hotel, Julie Oliphant, describing the season as 'ridiculously busy'.

Rather than a sudden spike in interest, Julie says the tourism market has been steadily growing.

She said: 'I think it's maybe because we give visitors what they want - and in bucketloads. The idea of getting away from it all in beautiful surroundings, with great food and hospitality is very attractive. It has been ridiculously busy. July was very busy but almost every other month has been the same as last year - but last year was very busy too.'

'Most of the people who come here want to come back too. I'm already taking bookings from people who weren't able to get her this year for 2012.'

Next year could be even busier, with the island to benefit from 14 new affordable beds in the bunkhouse of the under construction community hall, An Cridhe.

The market is essential to the island's economy.

Julie said: 'I don't think we'd have a thriving island shop, post office or café if it wasn't for the visitors.'

'Everyone in Coll works hard and it's not the only income, but it is absolutely vital to the island.'

SCIENTISTS are hoping to discover the migration routes of Coll's corncrake population with an ingenious geo-tagging system. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has increased the island's population of the birds from 20 in 1992 to 121 this year thanks to a comprehensive land management programme.

That success has now presented wildlife experts the opportunity to discover for the first time the corncrake migration routes - which currently is a mystery.

RSPB's site manager for Coll, Ben Jones, said: 'The tags are smaller than a sim card. What they do is measure the amount of daylight and, combined with a fitted stop-watch, we can work out where the Scottish birds have been when they return.'

'That's vital information if you're trying to co-ordinate an international conservation programme.'

**Next week DOWN YOUR WAY visits Duror and Kentallen with deputy editor Stuart Laundy.**

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**SUNART**

Results from the Sunart Agricultural Show, held at Strontian Show Field on Saturday August 13.

**Open Competition**

J A Cameron Cup Supreme Champion for Knock Farm Mull; Presidents Cup for Most Points (open Classes) - Angus Maccoll, Farnmore, Mull; Cooper MacDougall and Robertson Cup for Best animal in Beef Cattle Class - D Wright Snr; C Walton Carnoch Cup for Reserve Champion in Beef Cattle Classes - D Wright Snr; Glenborodale Perpetual Cup for best Cross Shorthorn Animal - Ardtornish Farms; Edith Madden Cup for Best Calf at Show - D Wright Snr; Alex Jackson Memorial Cup for Best Cow in Show for Dairy or Beef, in calf or in milk - R Wright;

John Raven Trophy for Best Highland Animal - Conaglen Estate; Laidlaw Cup for Best Spring born Calf - Ardtornish Farms; Peter Gatherer and Son Cup for Best Blackface Sheep - Knock Farm; Simon Tongue Memorial Cup for Best any other breed sheep - Angus C McColl; Hon Mrs Maclean of Ardour Cup for Best Sheep at show bred by exhibitor - John Nudds; D and J MacGillivray Cup for Best Female Blackface Sheep - John Nudds; Forrest Challenge Cup for best Blackface Ewe with Lamb bred by exhibitor - Knock Farm; Woolgrowers Cup for Best Fleece Blackface sheep at show - Glengorm Estate; John Brown Trophy for Best Blackface Ewe with twin cross lambs any breed - C Mackecknie; Alice Horsman Cup for Reserve Champion Blackface Sheep - Knock Farm; Alisdair M MacKenzie Cup for best blackface aged ram - Norman Macphail; Laudale Trophy for Best Blackface Sheep bred by exhibitor - John Nudds; Dunbeg Cup for Champion Male Open Blackface - Norman Macphail; Conaglen Trophy Best Cheviot in show - Lisa Hume.

**Small Holders and Registered Crofters**

Fraser Carnoch Cup for Most Points - John Nudds; Inversanda Cup for Best Dairy Animal - S Barber; Gowan Brae Cup for Best animal in Crofters' Cattle Classes - D Wright Snr; Ardery Rosebowl presented by Mr A Ritchie for Best Female Blackface Sheep - John Nudds; Jean Stewart Cup Best - Hugh MacDonald, Craigmore; West Ardnarmurchan Cup for Best Blackface Sheep - John Nudds; Camuschock Cup presented by Mr and Mrs D Macpherson for Best Sheep any breed except Blackface - A. McColl; Dugal Graham Silver Medal for Best Blackface Gimmer - A. Cameron; Alan MacLachlan Memorial Quaich for Best Shearling Lamb - A Maccoll; Laudale Trophy for Best Cow or Heifer any breed or cross - D Wright Snr.

**Produce and Baking**

Presidents Cup £10 Most Points - Mairi Macdonald; Mrs Colin Palmer Prize Runner up - Ann Macpherson/Claire Paterson; £10 Prize Best Cloutie Dumpling - Mairi Macdonald; £5 Prize for Flower Class - Ann Macpherson; Marjorie Jones Cup for Best Knitted Garment - Mairi Macdonald; Harry Gill Cup for Best Cromag - Harry Witney; Sunart Cup presented by AJ and D Anderson for Best Junior Baking - Hamish Kennedy; Craig Stuart Trophy Presented by Mrs L Bannerman for Best Junior Crafts - Hamish Kennedy.

**Poultry**

Finlayson Cup for Poultry Champion - Rosie Muir; Mrs John Dewar Prize Best Cockerel - Shirley Farnell; £5 Best Heavy Breed - Shirley Farnell; £5 Best Light Breed - Rosie Muir; £5 Best Bantam - Shirley Farnell.

**Terriers**

Ellison Trophy - Norman MacPhail.

**TROPHY winners from the 2011 Islay Show were:**

James MacTaggart Perpetual Challenge Cup Awarded by the MacTaggart Family, Kintra Champion Sheep in Crofters Classes: A Currie, Ballachlaven; Crofters Cup for Winner of Group of 3 Crofters Only (Class 9): K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; Dunseed Challenge Cup - Champion Blackface: A Currie, Ballachlaven; The Sir John MacTaggart Perpetual Challenge Cup - Champion Blackface Sheep bred by Exhibitor: J Campbell, Port Ellen; The Campbell of Jura Perpetual Challenge Cup Champion Blackface Female bred by Exhibitor: K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; The Small Perpetual Challenge Cup In memory of the late Messrs A & W McEachern, for Best Male Blackface Sheep: J Campbell, Port Ellen; The Anderson Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the Anderson Family in memory of father & grandfather Moss Anderson - Best Blackface Gimmer: K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; The Rhinns of Islay Cup - Best Ewe With lamb/lambs at foot: K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft; The AB Grant Cup - Champion Leicester Sheep: R.W. Smith & A MacGill, Coille; Dunns Trophy donated by Soil Fertility Agr for Best Texel & Beltex Sheep: T Rozga, Kilmenny; The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Suffolk Sheep: J Bignal, Smaull; Foreland Perpetual Cup presented by D Doyle Foreland Estate for Best Sheep other than Blackface, Suffolk or B/L: J Bignal, Smaull; The Kilchoman Cup - presented by the Late Iain Campbell for Best Pen of Prime Lambs - Any Breed: Dunlossit Estate, Lossit; Wilsons Fuels Ltd Trophy for Champion Sheep Overall: T Rozga, Kilmenny; Highland Livestock Trophy for a young Exhibitor under 21 years of age

- for best animal, cattle or sheep, entered in show in their own name: K MacDonald, Ardfanal, Jura; Kinnabus Tray - presented by The Late Commander JRC Montgomery RNJP, Kinnabus for Best Galloway or First Cross Galloway bred by Exhibitor: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Schroder Cup presented by The Late HKB Schroder of Dunlossit: G & M Porter, Carrabus; The MacTaggart Cup presented by H T De Vere Clifton Esq of Kildalton for Championship Animal in Highland Cattle Section: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Rennie Trophy, best yearling Heifer (Native): Dunlossit Estate, Ceannacroich; The Donnie Shaw Memorial Trophy for Best Highland Heifer: N & M MacLellan, Kilchiaran; Highland Females Trophy presented by A & S Cameron best pair of Highland Females: N & M MacLellan, Kilchiaran; Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Caledonian Mart's (Stirling) Ltd for Best Spring Born Suckled Calf: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Kilchiaran Cup presented by the late Neil McLellan for the Best Heifer showing no broad teeth: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Hamilton Bros Tankard for Champion Suckled calf: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Shell & BP (Scotland) Ltd for Best Pair Of Calves: J MacKellar, Ballygrant; Cairnmore Cup presented by JAW Morrison for Best Animal in Beef Section: G & M Porter, Carrabus; Jim R Calder Memorial Trophy - Competitor with most points in Beef Section: G & M Porter, Carrabus; John McGillivray Memorial Trophy for Best Stockperson with six months full-time employment prior to the Show: A Porter, East Carrabus; The Donald MacGregor Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Donald MacGregor for Best Highland Pony entered



One of the 'street' entertainers who paraded the show ground.

by owner: G Campbell, Lyrabus; Perpetual Challenge Cup awarded by T Caskie Esq, Glasgow, for Best Riding Pony, any age, excluding Highlands: F.H & H. A Roxburgh, Ballivivar; The Duart Cup Perpetual Challenge Cup Presented by Sir Charles H M McLean Bart, KT, KBE, Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, for Best Pony in Show: G Campbell, Lyrabus; Islay Jura & Colonsay Agricultural Assoc Shield for Winner of Best Riding Horse: L Aitken, Port Ellen; Iain Martin Crawford Memorial Trophy Champion Horse/Pony

**ISLAY**

In Show: G Campbell, Lyrabus; Dawson Perpetual Cup for Best Horse or Pony shown In Hand: G Campbell, Lyrabus; Special Prize of £25.00 and Rosette for best turned out exhibit and exhibitor donated by Rhinns Point Highland Ponies: K MacPherson, Conisby; The Islay Campbell MacLachlan Memorial Cup for Most Aggregate Points in Gymkhana Events: S I MacIntyre, Port Ellen; The Ellister Cup presented by Mrs J Dawson Ellister for Best Young Rider under 16 years of age: C MacMillan, Ardbeg; The Hardie Memorial Trophy for Best Young Rider 12 years or under: L Swarbrick, Bowmore; Medals in memory of Mr Peter Smith (POP) For class 96: 1 L Swarbrick, 2 R Hayes, 3 A Brown; The McGibbon Cup - Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by J Ross McGibbon, Glasgow Overall Pointage Championship in Section 1 - XI: G & M Porter, Carrabus; 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 Campbell, Lyrabus; Glasgow Islay Association Cup for Champion Animal at Show: G & M Porter, Carrabus.

**Flower and Vegetable Section:**

The Seumas MacKillop Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best Hand Bouquet of Flowers grown or made up by Exhibitor: J Logan, Keills; Islay & Jura Gardeners Club Trophy for Best Lady's Spray - Class 104: J & C MacGillivray, Keills; The James T Christie Memorial Cup for Sweet Peas: B Paget, Port Charlotte; 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: D MacCormick, Blackrock; The Silver Cup presented by the remaining Members of Islay Horticultural Society for the competitor gaining largest pointage throughout the Section: J Logan, Keills; The John MacNeill Memorial Trophy For most points in Vegetable Section: D MacCormick, Blackrock; Dugal MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for Dahlias in classes 105 - 110: C Brown, Port Ellen; Rose Bowl in Memory of Flora McLellan presented by her family for Winner of Class 123 - Four Roses: J Logan, Keills; Finlay MacMillan Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit in Class 130: A & P McEachern, Keills; Minnie MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for the Best Fuchsia in Classes 127 - 128: A & P McEachern, Keills; Cup presented by Mairi Porter for Best Geranium in classes 132a - 132c: J Logan, Keills; Tankard presented by M Porter for best exhibit In classes 161 & 162: M Porter, Bowmore; Mavis Spears Memorial Trophy - Most Points in Flower Section: L Powell, Kilchoman; The Thomas Shaw Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit in Show: A & P McEachern, Keills; Port Askaig Cup for Best Dog presented by Frank and Mavis Spears for Best Dog in show: A Drynan, Lochgilphead; A & P McEachern Trophy presented to Winner Of Puppy Section (local puppy): A McEachern, Keills; Keills Cup presented by B & A Pillely for Best junior exhibitor: A Drynan, Kilmberly; Islay Book Festival for best adult exhibitor: P Cieran, Bowmore; Coullabus Cup presented by A & J Waterworth Cup for Best Junior Handler: A Drynan, Kilmberly; Bruichladdich Distillery Trophy for Tricking the Sheep Competition: J Brown, Octomore.

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## For safety's sake, use the cycle path

IT seems there's no pleasing some people. Hundreds of thousands of pounds are being spent on building the new cycle path that will, eventually, link Campbeltown to Inverness.

While there are still plenty of gaps, a major milestone has been reached with the completion of a 13-mile unbroken stretch north from the Sea Life Centre at Barcaldine.

While the completed sections of cycle track are proving popular with huge numbers of cyclists and walkers, there are still those who prefer to run - or rather cycle - the gauntlet on the roads.

These lycra-clad 'serious' cyclists balk at the thought of sharing this excellent facility - with a surface that in some cases is far superior to that of the roads - with other lesser mortals.

Surely it is a matter of safety. Cycles and motor vehicles are never a good mix at the best of times, least of all on this region's narrow main roads.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### Glasgow and its festivals

THE DAYS of iron and steel, shipbuilding and the manufacture of locomotives as the mainstay of Glasgow's economy are now in the past and the city has had to look elsewhere for replacement.

Much of this is in the service sector and festivals, for example, are now a major contribution to the city. We have festivals of film, comedy, books and jazz amongst others as well as the West End Festival, the Merchant City Festival and the two which cater for traditional music tastes - Celtic Connections and Piping Live.

As with the heavy industries for which the city was world famed, a reputation for the organisation of festivals is now so well developed that people are attracted from all over the world. This was particularly evident at Piping Live which I have reported during the past weeks. If the festival had a problem it was choosing which function or performance to attend, such was the choice. On one evening one had the choice of Fred Morrison supported by Galician Anxo Lorenzo, or a concert featuring last year's World Pipe Band Champions, St Laurence O'Toole from Dublin, and Simon Fraser University from Vancouver or if preferred a Piping Recital Challenge featuring top solo pipers.

My choice was Fred Morrison and, as ever, this was an evening of wonderful piping. If you missed this you will have the chance to hear it as it was recorded for Fred's next CD.

For many years the organisational skills of those responsible for the Worlds in Glasgow Green have been tested to the full but yet again they came up trumps. Fortunately the weather remained predominately dry and spectators enjoyed the spectacle of more than 200 bands performing on the day in a real friendly atmosphere. It was, of course, not only pipe bands on the Green. Highland Dance competitions took place and the Glasgow Highland Games were also part of the day's entertainment. A particularly pleasing feature, which was also present throughout the week in George Square, was the promotion of Scottish food with demonstrations, tastings and sales. For many there was a preview of the Worlds the previous day when some of the bands performed in George Square having marched from Blythswood Square. Last week I reported on a concert by a mini band from the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band and given their success in competitions this season to date it was no surprise they were crowned champs. From a Scottish viewpoint it was heartening to see that Scottish Power was placed third with Inveraray and District in fourth place. What a week it was for Pipe Major Stuart Liddell and his band. Having watched his band members win the quartet competition earlier in the week, Stuart

took first place in the Todd Recital Challenge and the Masters Invitational and then young Sarah Muir was crowned Pipe Idol 2011, the first female piper to gain this accolade.

In the final, Sarah competed against Angus MacColl from Oban, Connor Sinclair from Crieff and David Shedden from Glasgow, all of them top class young pipers. It is hard to believe that in 2005 the band first registered with the Scottish Pipe Band Association as a Novice Juvenile Band.

Well done to everyone concerned and we wish them continued success with a band where the average age is less than 20 years.

#### Seudan

PLAYING pipes which are copies of the Black Set of Kintail made in 1785 and which are currently housed in Inverness Museum, the group Seudan, Gaelic for jewels or treasures, has produced a superb CD which harnesses the best of Hebridean and Cape Breton music.

Seudan are pipers Calum MacCrimmon, Angus MacKenzie, Fin Moore and Angus Nicholson and they are supported on the CD by Allan MacDonald on small pipes, song and jew's harp along with others. The launch of the CD took place in front of a capacity audience in the National Piping Centre and copies of the CD are available from Greentrax Recordings.

#### Diary dates

FESTIVALS as described above are not restricted to Glasgow as the East Renfrewshire Food Festival takes place from August 27 to September 4.

Further details available on [www.facebook.com/eastrenfrewshirefoodfestival](http://www.facebook.com/eastrenfrewshirefoodfestival).

**Thursday August 25:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Jeanna Leslie and Siobhan Miller. Phil Cunningham and Ali Bain, Greenock Arts Centre, Campbell Street, 7.30pm.

**Friday August 26:** Partick Folk Club, St Peter's Hall, Chancellor Street, 7.30pm. Yuptae, finalists in 2011 Danny Kyle Open Stage.

**Saturday August 27:** Blazin' Fiddles, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm.

**Sunday August 28:** Blazin' Fiddles, Universal Art Festival, New Town Theatre, Edinburgh.

Wednesday August 31 Summer Ceilidh, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm

**Thursday September 1:** Phil Cunningham and Ali Bain, Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate.

**Saturday September 3:** Scottish Country Dancing, Taster Sessions, Kelvingrove Art Gallery, 2 to 4pm.

#### Pub scene

THE KEELIES will play in the Islay Inn on Friday and Ragales on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be Eriskay Lilt on Friday, Deoch Dorus on Saturday and Willie Cameron on Sunday.

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

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## Miss Cowan's class Dunstaffnage School 1949

Marion Gordon of Connel submitted this week's flashback photograph which features Miss Cowan's class at Dunstaffnage School in 1949. Back row: Duncan McDougall; John Bradley; David Harold and Graham McDougall. Middle: Derek Johnson; Mary McLaren; Marion Gordon; Fiona Lamont; Iris McCall; Colin Stewart and Alasdair Ross. Front: Donald 'Tubby' Campbell; Hugh 'Boobie' Kerr; Una Barbour; Jean Bradley; Sandra Johnston; Mary Addison; Elizabeth Sim; Tommy Coburn and Duncan Mathieson. 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](mailto:editor@obantimes.co.uk). Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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### 'Shocking and vindictive'

Sir, I write in response to your article 'Nothing to hide at Cash for Kids'.

It is correct to say we have not been as active as in previous years. This decision was taken by the committee considering the current financial climate but our records were, and still are, available for scrutiny by anyone.

The completely unfounded comments from Oban Community Council member Neil MacIntyre can only be described as shocking and vindictive. Contacting the local paper rather than speaking to us is characteristic of someone with questionable motives and can only be interpreted as an unbalanced attempt to belittle people doing a good job to benefit good causes.

His comment 'They're not doing themselves any favours' is irrational as our foundation is built on helping young people including Oban Youth Cafe, Park Primary School, Oban Primary Campus, Lochnell, Dunbeg, Barcaldine and Lismore schools, Oban High School Pipe Band, Happy House Christian Pre-School, Atlantis Playpark, local Brownies and Guides and many local sports clubs.

Such accusations will not change our resolve which relies on the generosity of our community and our achievements.

Yes, Oban Cash for Kids was part of the Oban Bicentenary celebrations organising, with two weeks notice, the successful Family Fun Day at Ganavan Sands with Cash for Kids raising £292 from two bouncy castles.

The allegations Mr MacIntyre has made are a smear on every other organisation in attendance who were able to fundraise for their own cause with no donations for Cash for Kids required or received. If Mr MacIntyre was amongst the 3,000 people who supported the event then that might have been a more appropriate time to direct the toxic 'what's happened to the money' to either ourselves or any of the other fundraisers that volunteered time and effort on the day.

Thankfully our many helpers and supporters will treat this slur with the contempt it is due and any consequences from the community will be well deserved.

**Linda Crosher, treasurer, Oban Cash for Kids.**

### Traffic light chaos

Sir, I would like to bring it to the notice of whichever organisation is in charge of the traffic lights at Oban High School, that the light sequence must be needing rephased.

As a driver, it took me 23 minutes to get from Soroba House Hotel to the high school lights.

When you pass through these lights, the road ahead seems to be clear. Surely I am not the only frustrated driver.

**Wilson Scott, Cawdor Terrace, Oban.**

### Memorial service thanks

Sir, We would like to thank the many people of Oban and surrounding area who helped to make the memorial service for

the life of Councillor Donald John Macdonald the very moving and uplifting experience it was.

Speakers included Councillor Roddy MacCuish, Kenneth MacColl and Michael Russell MSP, while Louise Glen-Lee and Kathryn Wilkie performed wonderful songs and tunes respectively.

Many thanks too to all the other friends and colleagues who donated their time, efforts and skills. You have comforted and heartened us and we wish to thank you all.

The collection at the end of the service raised nearly £400 in total, with £200 to be donated to the Salvation Army and £200 to Amnesty International.

**Dot, Donny and Kirsty, family of the late Donald John Macdonald.**

### Protect wild flowers

Sir, Please hold off cutting grass on road verges for as long as possible or not even at all.

We had the most beautiful array of colours and different varieties of wild flowers this year on the verges around Arisaig.

Lots of tourists were stopping to take photos. We should be enjoying this natural beauty not chopping it down. In very few places was the grass tall enough to be deemed untidy or an obstruction.

The biggest eyesore on our verges is the amount of bottles, cans and other debris dropped by thoughtless people. Thankfully, there are still some people caring enough to tidy up this rubbish. We have a beautiful country. Let's enjoy it and keep it that way.

**Ann Gillies, Arisaig.**

### A shock for voters

Sir, Your headline last week, Ministers asked to back £20 million 'Lorn Arc', must have shocked voters.

The idea this incompetent council administration actually had thoughts and plans to do something positive rather than damaging local communities by closing their schools would have suggested a major change - or the opening defence of their seats in May's election.

Why not ask the government, an SNP government, for money so that they can reasonably charge the voters for its payback, on the basis of council tax from 'successful new businesses'. And if the government refuses or doesn't give enough then that will see them off when it comes to vote.

But what are they going to do with the money? 'Develop Oban Airport', for which they have already received £6 million which they overspent by 50 per cent. 'Develop the North pier and a transport hub' which suggests they might get round to agreeing to spend the CHORD money which they have been having around for too long - turning down the chance of an investment in the new marina because it didn't have a good business plan. And what will constitute a business plan for the North pier?

Of course local politicians will support the bid, but they really should ask themselves whether they would trust this lot to do anything sensible with the money.

Or better still - grant the

permission to borrow but only with a new council with some ideas and abilities - like next May perhaps.

**Gerry Fisher, Benderloch.**

### Congratulations on vision and foresight

Sir, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Robert Pollock, head of Economic Development Argyll and Bute Council, and their associates are to be commended for the vision and foresight of the 'Lorn Arc'.

As a community we must embrace the evolution of 'Oban Mor' - the development of the new town, to the north, encompassing Dunstaffnage and Connel. The evolutionary process is already well underway with the development of Oban Airport, Saulmore Golf Course, Poppies Garden Centre, the Breodon Aggregate Depot, ongoing expansion of SAMS and the Dunstaffnage Marina and the huge housing development around Dunbeg.

Borrowing money to put an appropriate and adequate infrastructure in place on the basis that such borrowing could be repaid by increased rateable income is a sound economic plan.

Mistakes learnt from towns such as Seattle or Inverness, both of which have already gone through this process, can help us.

Our environmental assets are monumental, our expansion is unstoppable. Congratulations to Argyll and Bute Council for taking the helm - let's all row hard and ride the wave!

**Graham MacQueen, Oban.**

### A blueprint for continuing failure

Sir, I refer to the article accusing myself and colleagues of playing politics in *The Oban Times*, August 11.

Our housing associations have, to date, continued to build new homes across Argyll and Bute although future plans may have to be scaled down in line with the very significant budget cuts being imposed on the Scottish Government from Westminster. Nevertheless the Housing Minister will be attending a housing summit in Argyll this month. No doubt he will hear some criticism but we are always prepared to listen to constructive criticism and we will be pleased to work with Argyll and Bute Council and others to try to ameliorate the worst effects of the cuts.

Councillor Marshall makes a further error in confusing the provision of social housing with planning policy which covers all forms of housing. Over the last 10 years Argyll and Bute has seen only two thirds of the Scottish average of house building across all tenures and types of housing. That is one significant reason why young families who aspire to buy their own home find it difficult to do so and instead are obliged to queue for public sector housing.

Michael Russell and I have been seeking a meeting with the chief executive of the council to discuss planning issues for some weeks. We have legitimate concerns and would

like to engage constructively with Argyll and Bute Council to address these. Unfortunately the council seem so sensitive to criticism of any kind that their knee jerk response is always to go into denial.

We cannot do anything about the errors of the past but we can seek to prevent a continuation of policies which have contributed to past failures. The Main Issues Report is the foundation for the next Local Development Plan. Myself and colleagues have a number of general concerns about this report. As it stands it is unfortunately a blueprint for continuing failure and not a plan for success.

**Mike MacKenzie, Highlands and Islands MSP.**

### Wrong housing figures

Sir, I note the comments from Councillor Bruce Marshall in *The Oban Times* of August 18 in which he criticises Councillor Roddy McCuish and Mike MacKenzie MSP for highlighting their concerns over the contents of the Main Issues Report which will eventually produce a new Local Plan for Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Marshall states it is Mike MacKenzie and 'his government that has presided over an unprecedented cut in Housing Grant from the Scottish Government from a high of £22 million annually to this year when there is only about £3 million available if that'.

As the council's previous housing spokesperson, it is clear that Councillor Marshall either does not know what he is talking about, or is deliberately trying to mislead the public by quoting wrong figures.

Over the past four years, the highest level of Housing Grant received by Argyll and Bute was in 2009/10 and was £12.675 million and not the £22 million stated by Councillor Marshall. If we stretch it and add in Early Action Funding (EAF) and support for ACHA's Business Plan, the total housing related funding coming to Argyll & Bute was £24.675 million. Councillor Marshall tells your readers that the Housing Grant for this year is only £3 million 'if that'. What absolute rubbish. If we compare the figures for this year against those stated above for 2009/10, we arrive at a figure of £19.965 million - £16.965 million higher than the figure stated by Cllr Marshall. This year's total allocation of £19.965 million is higher than three of the last four years and is only topped by the 2009/10 figures quoted above.

If we then compare this year's budget figures with the 2010/11 total outturn figure, we discover there is only a difference of £225,000, a one per cent reduction on last year's figure. With regard to the Development Plan Main Issues Report, I share many of the concerns of Councillor McCuish, many of my constituents and others with regards to the contents. I believe it is unambitious and does not address many of the housing and land use issues across Argyll and Bute. It is therefore essential residents take an active interest in the progress of the Development Plan and take every opportunity to highlight any concerns they may have.

**George Freeman, Leader and Housing spokesperson, Argyll and Bute Independent Councillors Group.**



## Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

NUAIR a thug mi tarraing bho chionn ghoirid air mì-riarachas a' mhòr-shluaigh leis nach eil iad glè thrice a' meas pheanasan laghail idir a' reir a' chroim, cha robh dad a' dhuil agam gun tigeadh an cuspair cho beò anns na naidheachdan. 'S mòr am beud agus is mòr cuideachd na dh'fhuiling daoine agus na chaidh a' mhilleadh is a' chall as na h-ùpraidhean a' ghabh àite ann am bailtean Shasainn. Fhad 's a tha mi air a' chuspair sin, tha mi den bheachd gun robh Prìomh Mhinistear na h-Alba tuilleadh is ladarna ann a' bhith ag radh nach leigte le leithid seo tachairt ann an Alba. Mar a' chunnacas, thig leithid seo gun rabhadh is sgaoidh e mar fhalaig!

Agus a' cheart cho cinnteach 's a' thig làn-chumhachd an lagh air an fheadhainn a' dh'adhbharach b'ais, tha e cuideachd ceart gun d' rachadh peanas cruaidh air an fheadhainn a' chaidh an sàs anns an fhoirneart agus a' mhèirle. Ach cha bheag an t-iongnadh daoine a' bhith a' togail an guthan mu ire a' pheanas a' tha ga luibhairt gu ruige seo! Seachdainean prìosain airson botal uisge a' ghoid; mìosan airson rud a' chaidh a' ghoid a' ghabhail bho neach eile!

Aig an aon àm, thàinig fear a' theich bhon phoileas le càr a' siubhal an aghaidh trafaig air an M1 aig suas ri sia fichead mìle san uair às a' chùirt le dìreach sia mìosan deug prìosain is còig bliadhna casg-dràibhidh. Sàoil nach eil an dàrna rud a' magadh air an fhear eile an seo! Tha luchd-lagha gu tur ceart ann a' bhith ag iarraidh air luchd-poilitigs cumail a-mach à riaghladh nan cùirtean ach theagamh gur e an ire 's gum bheil siostam an lagha air bogachadh is cuireadh gum bheil sinn a' faicinn an eas-aonta agus a' mhì-chothromachd seo an-dràsta. Tha mòran den bheachd gum bheil còraichean an eucoraich air an dìon nas treasa na cùis an neach neo a' bhuidheann air an deach an cron a' dhèanamh agus cha bhi daoine riarachichte chun an tèid sin a' chothromachadh.

Sàoilidh mi fhìn gum bu chòir dha peanas a' bhith còthrom agus a' reir a' chroin ach aig an aon àm, a' bhith cruaidh gu leòr is gum bi e na bhacadh air tuilleadh eucor. Chan ann mar sin a' tha mòran ga fhaicinn an-dràsta idir agus tha coimeas le cruas nam binn air luchd-aimhreit Shasainn a' toirt an tuilleadh aire dhan sin!

SENTENCES on rioters in England should send a 'strong message to potential troublemakers about the extent to which ordinary people value safety and order in their lives and their communities' said a senior police officer. All court penalties should surely do this but many believe that sentences have become increasingly lenient with the human rights of offenders taking precedence over those of victims.

Perhaps the solution is partway between the heavy handed treatment of rioters and the current routinely soft approach of courts.

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

## A view from the tower

by McCaig

### Don't miss the spectacle of The Oban Games

ONE OF the highlights of Oban's 'season' is the two-day event known as the 'Argyllshire Gathering'. The first day is devoted to piping competitions to discover who will win the Gaelic Society of London's Gold Medal which, along with a similar prize at the Northern Meeting in Inverness, confirms their status in the piping world. But more about piping later.

Today is 'Games Day' for Oban residents, starting with a procession from Station Square at 10.30am, led by the competing pipers from the day before. There is a second procession at noon with Oban Pipe Band and Oban High School Pipe Band.

Throughout the day, there will be other piping competitions at Mossfield Stadium where all today's events take place.

If you don't want to march to the stadium behind one of the pipe bands get to the park by 9.30am to see a juvenile shinty championship played by teams from local primary schools. If you are not quite sure what shinty is there are a couple of simple explanations: 'it is hockey without rules' or from the ages of antiquity: 'the sport of the Irish court thousands of years ago'.

There are quite a few others but we'll move on to athletic events with competitors travelling from various parts of the world to collect cash prizes if they win. As well as the races there is high jump, and long jump, a gruelling hill race and the traditional 'heavy events': tossing the caber, putting the shot and the weight over the bar as well as tug-o-war, ladies races, stewards competitions and plenty more to keep your attention.

To pick up a caber - a long, stout tree trunk - and throw it so that it lands in the 12 o'clock position requires great skill and strength. Some cabers require to be shortened before they can be thrown at all. Unfortunately, Jock MacColl, a renowned heavy weight athlete in his day and the arbiter in all disputes, who died during the winter will be sorely missed for his huge Highland physique and his even temper which pulled the heat out of arguments that could have led to wrestling matches other than those on the programme.

Highland Dancing by both men and women will be displayed. But why the organisers of the Oban Games chose a set of rules that does not permit many of Scotland's best younger dancers to compete is one of the mysteries that must be resolved as the Games become bigger and attract more

sponsors who want to see the cream of the competitors participating.

### New overall sponsorship

I TURN to essential sponsorship without which any major event cannot be staged.

The Oban Games and piping events at the Argyllshire Gathering just could not happen without it. When I spoke to Peter Forrester, the senior steward, he had a smile in his voice as the two-day event has again acquired a new major sponsor as well as increased funding for particular competitions on both days, especially in all grades of piping.

The major new sponsor is the Royal Bank of Scotland, one of Britain's biggest banks. Others will be found in the programme. And lastly, a word about the enormous amount of voluntary work done by the stewards on both days and for months before and after the event.

Peter is in his second year as senior steward and can have little spare time for recreation between one Gathering and the next.

An interesting feature of the ancient event is the ever-increasing part played by ladies, now admitted as members in their own right as well as by dint of marriage to a member.

Do come to Oban Games for a fascinating day out. There are plenty of stalls with food and drink so you can stay for the day. Visit the Heritage Tent to learn about Celtic crafts and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment arranged by the heritage steward Brigadier John MacFarlane. It is also useful to shelter from the rain, should a little fall, inadvertently, you will understand.

### Support the growth of piping

I'M DELIGHTED to remind readers that the tremendous growth of interest in learning to play the pipes is something that is totally commendable, but becoming a piper is an expensive business.

This has been recognised by the local authority, which in conjunction with the stewards of the Argyllshire Gathering, make major financial contributions to tuition fees, supply of pipes and in the case of the Oban High School Pipe Band the supply of kilts and jackets - a formidable undertaking led by Alasdair Dewar. Donations can be sent to Peter Forrester, the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban.

*McCaig*

**Urgent appeal for more Isle of Muck firefighters**

HIGHLANDS and Islands Fire Board will meet tomorrow (Friday) to consider proposals which could lead to the closure of the community firefighting unit on the Isle of Muck.

Due to its small population of about 35 people and a lack of emergency incidents, Muck has had a problem getting new volunteer firefighters to add to the Community Response Unit, which currently has five personnel.

A report from the chief fire officer to the Fire Board says only having five volunteer firefighters is 'insufficient to maintain a viable intervention response'.

The report recommends an on-going recruitment drive on the island is continued but says closure is a real possibility in the future if more volunteers do not come forward.

Nearby Eigg, which has about twice as many inhabitants, has similarly been trying to attract new volunteers and has managed to swell its ranks to nine people, which the report said was an 'acceptable level'.

The board will meet in the Council Chamber in Inverness and are expected to approve the recommendations to continue the recruitment campaign.

**'Hydro' MacLean completes trilogy of talks**

MEMBERS of Lochaber Historical Society will be 'wired to their seats' next Thursday when Hector 'Hydro' MacLean will complete his trilogy of talks.

Hector's past presentations have included the story of 'free electricity' from his early days in Campbelltown and 'heavy water' at Arisaig.

This time he may include the story of how 'a local Robin Hood' restored power across the River Spean.

His title 'Lochaber Once More' will bring his audience up to date with his experiences and anecdotes from around Lochaber.

Full details of this season's programme will be available in the Alexandra Hotel on the night. Proceedings start at 8pm and everyone is welcome.



Lochaber Disability Access Panel chairman Ken Johnston, right, presents the certificate of merit to David Mee for his disabled friendly design of improvements to Kilmallie Hall.

**Kilmallie Hall access work earns praise from disability group**

WORK to make Kilmallie Hall more accessible for disabled people has won praise from a local campaign group.

Lochaber Disability Access Panel awarded Fort William-based David Mee Architecture a certificate of merit for applying 'inclusive design principles' to the upgrade of the popular and well used hall, which serves the Corpach and wider community.

The certificate is awarded to architects and designers demonstrating 'excellence and a holistic approach' to meeting the needs of disabled people.

Panel member Thomas MacLennan said: 'We in the panel are grateful [Mr Mee] has the vision to design in such a way that enables many disabled members of our community, and visitors to

Lochaber, to be independent and participate fully in society. The panel is constantly striving to create a more equal world. If any other architects and designers working on Lochaber projects wish to be considered for this award the panel would be happy to consider their applications. We are proud to award this to David and his team.'

Within his design, Mr Mee incorporated disabled friendly public toilets accessible from outside the building when closed by disabled persons using an international radar key.

Three dedicated disabled parking bays, with accessibility strips for wheelchair users and others with mobility impairments, are also included.

They will be located immediately adjacent to the main entrance door, accessed by a gentle ramp leading up from the car park.

**John drives on with coastline bike challenge**

Great public response to charity trip

LOCHAILORT man John Bryden has reached the south coast of England after nearly two weeks of his marathon charity motorbike ride around the coastline of the UK.

He left his home at Craiglea on Friday August 12, travelled round the north coast of Scotland and down the entire east coast of the UK reaching London on Tuesday, using only unclassified B-roads.

Mr Bryden is undertaking the challenge to raise money for Kirsty's Kids, the charity he and his wife Jan set up earlier this year in memory of their daughter Kirsty who died in a car crash last year. Kirsty, aged 19, was planning the bike trip herself in aid of needy children across the world before her death last September.

Mr Bryden is using Kirsty's 125cc machine and has spent his nights either camping by the roadside or being put up by local people who have heard about his journey.



John Bryden: taking on a marathon coastline challenge.

Jan Bryden told *The Oban Times* her husband had received an overwhelming response from members of the public on his journey so far.

She said: 'The response has been fantastic. There's been some people we know, but there's been

an awful lot of people we don't know who have just read about it on Facebook or have seen him driving by.'

'He had a bit of trouble with his gearbox yesterday then we got a phone call from someone in Kent who said if John can nurse his bike to them they could put him up and fix the gearbox.'

Mr Bryden has been meticulous about covering every piece of road around the coast, often travelling along dead end roads only to turn back on himself to continue the journey.

Mrs Bryden added: 'He's very sore and the awful weather seems to be following him. But he'll carry on regardless. We've been looking on the internet and can't find anybody who has done this before.'

Anyone wishing to donate can do so through [www.kirstyskids.org](http://www.kirstyskids.org). The money raised by the venture will go towards setting up a summer camp in the UK for children who are sick and in need of care.

**Inspectors praise Glencoe primary**

SCHOOL inspectors have given Glencoe Primary School a positive report card following their recent visit.

Attainment in language and maths, outdoor sports, eco activities and charity work all earned praise.

Support from the local community, use of the local environment to enhance learning and a positive school ethos were also commended.

Children took responsibility for school improvements through eco and health committees and the pupil council, while staff have high expectations of children's behaviour, the HMIe report said.

Head teacher Marylin MacDonald said: 'I am delighted with the HMIe report which highlights the dedication and excellent teamwork among all staff, the very supportive parents and local community and our enthusiastic learners in Glencoe Primary School.'

Parent council chairman Jim Shepherd thanked the staff 'for their continuing efforts to make the school a challenging and fun place for them to learn'.

Inspectors also recommended more work to develop the curriculum, and also involve staff, children and parents more in supporting individual learners.



Duror's Ben Miller speeds to a new record in the Invergordon time trial.

**Biker Ben shatters trial record**

LOCHABER'S standing in the sporting world has cranked up another gear after a young Duror man shattered a cycling record - despite a road accident.

At only 16, Ben Miller is already one of Scotland's top mountain bikers and is in the Olympic youth talent team of potential future Games riders.

But now his Ben's road biking form is drawing attention after he smashed the North of Scotland 25-mile time trial record on the A9 near Invergordon on August 14.

The young speedster covered the distance in 1 hour 34 seconds - carving a full 42 seconds off the previous record set in 1998 by Wick Wheelers' Evan Oliphant.

Ben's time also eclipsed the youth record for any Scottish Cyclists' Union course by 37 seconds - but he still has a way to go to match Graeme Obree's incredible record of 48 minutes.

The record was even more remarkable because Ben's bike had limited gearing to prevent him overtaxing

his young frame. Kinlochleven High School pupil Ben told *The Oban Times*: 'It was the first time I had used restricted gears, which ensure people my age don't push a big gear and ruin their knees. There was a crash on the A9, so I had to stop and pick my way through. I lost a lot of time over that and I reckon I would have gone under the hour without the delay. I was really happy with my performance - I was sitting at 30mph on the way back.'

Ben followed up his success by riding for Scotland at the European Championships at Graz in Austria, where he came 29th out of a field of over 100 after a full week of mountain bike competitions.

Asked whether a change to road biking could be on the cards, he said: 'I will stick to mountain biking just now, but if it does not go to plan as I get older I may switch over. I don't want to confine myself to one discipline for the moment.'

Ben's next outing is a 10-mile time trial at Dundee this Sunday.

**Cash squeeze results in more grant applications**

AN ICE-rink, a soup kitchen and a new tent were amongst projects given cash by the Third Sector Grants Fund at Argyll and Bute Council.

Funding projects to the value of £18,000, the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee heard the fund had more applications than ever - a fact community development officer Laura MacDonald put down to the tightening of funds from other organisations.

In a broad range of projects, funding was given for a part time curator at the Lismore Historical Society's building on the island, Spotlight Theatre Company, interpretation panels inside Dunollie House, community work by Glenorchy and Innishail Churches in Dalmally, carriage riding in Oban, a

Fairtrade Directory, safety training for Coll Sailing Club, a new tent for Taynult Highland Games and equipment for Oban Saints.

An exciting project to hold a winter festival in the town was part-funded by the committee. A partnership programme from Atlantis Leisure, Argyll Voluntary Action and The Rotary Club will see the town lit up with bright lights, a parade with reindeers and an outdoor synthetic ice rink for four days.

There was disappointment too, with decisions on Soroba Youth Club, Alzheimer's Singing for the Brain Group, Hope Soup Kitchen in Oban to increase its service and Oban and War Peace Museum being deferred to a future meeting.



Recreating history: Na Fir Dileas at Highbridge.

**Jacobite 'troops' recreate history at famous bridge**

JACOBITE 'troops' stood on a historic bridge last week - for the first time since 1745.

The group of over 20 from Na Fir Dileas (The Loyal Men) were marking the first skirmish of the Jacobite rising following Prince Charlie's landing at Glenfinnan.

Wearing period dress and led by a piper and drummer, the party walked half a mile to Highbridge, near Spean Bridge, watched by local people and visitors. A party of Polish scouts entered into the fun by joining the marchers.

The bridge, now a ruin, was the scene of a famous play when just 12 clansmen tricked a large party of Government troops into believing they were surrounded. The redcoats fled in panic after the clansmen darted from tree to tree to give the impression they were a sizeable band.

At the bridge a play performed before clan captain Marti Morrison described how the

clansmen had behaved with great bravery and with gallantry towards captured prisoners.

The group now hopes to hold the commemoration annually as access has been made easier by the construction of a new path.

After the march, a ceilidh was held at the Old Station Restaurant in Spean Bridge.

In the raffle, a couple from Perth won a bottle of Drambuie - said to be made from a recipe given to supporters by Prince Charlie.

Spokesman for organisers the Great Glen and Glean Spean Marketing Group, Peter Wilson, said: 'The event proved hugely successful and plans are afoot to have an even bigger event next year, including a possible Jacobite fair and even a re-enactment of the battle.'

'We are extremely grateful to Na Fir Dileas for their help in creating such an interesting spectacle.'

**Fort William dog walkers lead by example**

A FORT William group fed up with dog mess polluting their scheme is seeking to solve the problem by inviting local people to lead by example.

The 'Green Dog Walkers' event in Upper Achintore on Saturday will see organisers the Upper Achintore Regeneration Group set up a stall on open ground between 119 and 120 Lochaber Road.

Members will invite local dog walkers to 'go green' and register as Green Dog Walkers - with the reward being poo bags, gloves, snoods and wristbands emblazoned with the Green Dog Walkers logo.

Dog fouling is a significant cause of diseases such as roundworm, salmonella and E.coli. Highland Council is also backing the initiative.

Councillor Donald Cameron and group chairman Andrew McHale strongly support the scheme, which has seen dog fouling decrease substantially in areas where it has been introduced.

Mr McHale said: 'Our local community wardens advise that dog fouling is a major issue in our area and our group are determined to address this.'

'Local dog owner Joanne Hyde is leading on this project and we hope as many as 50 local dog walkers will sign up on the day. By joining our campaign you pledge to always clean up after your dog, always carry extra poo bags and, in a non-confrontational way, encourage other dog owners to do the same.'

The stall will be manned by local volunteers from 10am to 4pm on Saturday. For those who cannot manage further information is available from [greendogwalkers@highland.gov.uk](mailto:greendogwalkers@highland.gov.uk) and 01349 886603.

**Biker injured in crash**

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to Belford Hospital after falling from his bike on the A830 Road to the Isles at 1pm on Monday.

The biker was heading towards Fort William and came into difficulties while negotiating a left hand turn near Craiglea, Lochailort - a notorious spot for accidents.

Meanwhile, a car ended up in a ditch after sliding off the A82 around five miles south of Fort William.

The driver, a local person who had no passengers at the time of the crash on Sunday afternoon, escaped uninjured.



Eye to eye with John Wallace

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Maria MacInnes.

**New fèis development officer appointed**

FÈISEAN nan Gàidheal has welcomed a new fèis development officer to Lochaber to further strengthen the area's Gaelic music and culture.

Maria MacInnes will be based in the former Camaghael hostel at Lochaber High School and is already planning her first project - Fèis nan Deugairean (Teenage Fèis), which will run in Lochaber High School from October 8-10.

The event, a joint project between all the Lochaber-based fèisean at Mallaig, Fort William, Acharacle and Eigg, is exclusively for teenagers in the Lochaber area who want to develop their musical abilities.

Classes will be offered in accordion, clàrsach, fiddle, guitar, keyboard, pipes and song, using a PA system, media equipment and groupwork. Tutor musicians include Finlay Wells, Ingrid Henderson, Angus Binnie and Sileas Sinclair. Transport will be available for participants from Acharacle and Mallaig.

Maria, aged 22, from Stoneybridge in South Uist, attended fèisean from a young age and recently graduated from the University of Strathclyde, having studied chemical engineering for four years.

She told *The Oban Times*: 'My main priority is to continue and develop the four annual fèisean taking place in Lochaber.'

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# Windows dressed to impress

SHOPS and businesses in Oban and Tobermory embraced the West Highland Yachting Week Window Dressing Competition.

In all, 18 entries came from Oban and 14 from Tobermory and announcing the winner Meg Lowe said it had been a difficult decision in both towns.

'Most of the shops and businesses had really gone to town to create some lovely displays and it was a pleasure looking at each but difficult to choose the eventual winner,' she said.

However she chose Orsay, in Oban, to take the first prize with Mary's Meals runner-up and Alba third.

Janet Gray, proprietor of Orsay, the popular craft shop, said: 'It was great to be involved in something that was very community oriented and all the displays entered the spirit of the event.'

Janet was presented the Window Dressing Trophy for Oban and a celebration cake made especially by Elaine's Cakes to mark the return of the competition to Oban.

Meg awarded a special endeavour for local interest to McQueen's Charity Shop that had researched and displayed some old material from West Highland Yachting Week over the years. 'It was like a trip down memory lane for many competitors,' she said.

In Tobermory, the Isle of Mull Soap Company, a regular competitor, won the competition with No. 47, a newcomer to the scene decorated by Kara McKee, taking second and Sugar Rush, also a newcomer, third.

The winners received a Tunnock's polo shirt and Tunnock's crystal glass as well as the Window Dress-



Orsay's Janet Gray is all smiles after winning the best dressed window competition in Oban.

ing Trophy and runners up received Tunnock's products and a taste of Tobermory Whisky.

**Windows taking part in Oban were:** Alba, Albany Stores, Orsay, Reflections Hairdressers, The Sports Shop, Blacks Town and Country, Oban Music, Mary's Meals, Jacksons Butchers, The Wool and Needlecraft Centre, Carol Lekalake, CGL (Oban) Ltd, Precious Things Lingerie, MacQueens Community Charity Shop, The Kitchen Garden, Bossards, Caledonian MacBrayne and Julie's Coffee House.

**Windows taking part in Tobermory were:** Island Crafts, Tobermory Whisky Shop, Tobermory Pharmacy, No. 47, Isle of Mull Pottery, Seafare, Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust, Tobermory Bakery, Tackle and Books, Sugar Rush, The Mishnish Hotel, The Corner Shop, Mull Soap Company and Trek Tobermory.

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# Art society celebrates 40 years with exhibition

OBAN Art Society celebrates 40 years of excellence when it opens its annual exhibition on Friday September 2 with more than 200 new exhibits from 40 local artists.

While this is an exhibition to show off the talents of artists, both professional and amateur, most exhibits are for sale.

Oban Art Society is a non profit making, self supporting organisation made up of volunteers whose aim is to support and nurture local artists.

**Programme**  
The society runs a winter programme of talks and workshops, to encourage both members and those with an interest in art.

Money raised from the art exhibition is used to fund this programme.

The exhibition runs from Friday September 2 until Saturday September 10 in the Army Cadet Hall, Combie Street, Oban.



Oban Art Society's September exhibition is the 40th of the club and is a showcase for painters and sculptors in Lorn and beyond. Society member Monika Smyth is pictured putting the finishing touches to a view of Oban Bay from her studio.

# Paintings donated by leading artists will boost Phoenix Cinema coffers

A SILENT art auction will be part of a major fundraising campaign to boost funds for Oban's Phoenix Cinema.

The cinema purchase price has been secured but the hard working fundraising group is now hoping to secure cash for a major refurbishment before the cinema re-opens.

Four original paintings by some of Scotland's most famous artists have been donated to raise funds for the group: Golden Bay,

by Terry Kirkwood; Reefed Sails of Duart by Erni Upton; West Coast Seascapes by Robert Kelsey and Dual Confrontation by Vega.

They are currently on display in DM MacKinnon's office at the Bank of Scotland Buildings in Station Square where they can be viewed 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm Monday to Friday.

Arrangements can be made to see the paintings outside of these times by contacting the email

address below. Images of the paintings can also be emailed to any interested parties by contacting [louglenlee@gmail.com](mailto:louglenlee@gmail.com).

The pictures are being sold by a sealed bids auction. All bids should be handed into DM MacKinnon's Office with a name and contact details and the value of your bid.

Winning bids will be announced at Inveraray on Saturday October 1.

# Cula promise an entertaining mix

AN ENTERTAINING mix of Gaelic and English songs, guitars and fiddles is in store for music lovers in Mull, Lismore and Benderloch next week.

Cula - comprising Maeve MacKinnon, Ewan MacPherson and Lauren MacColl - will perform at An Tobair, in Tobermory, on Tuesday August 30, Lismore Public Hall on Wednesday August

31 and the Victory Hall, Benderloch, on Thursday September 1.

Tickets for the Mull show are available in advance by calling 01688 302211. They are available on the door in Lismore and for the Benderloch performance, tickets are available in advance for £10 from Campbell and Joy Cameron on 01631 720247 or for £12 at the door.

# Taynuilt hosts final summer ceillidh

THE SEQUENCE Ladies Choir produced some wonderful singing under conductor Janet Ferguson at the final Taynuilt Summer Ceillidh of the year.

The choir was accompanied by Andrew Dunlop and followed Tom Irvine, from Dunoon, who brought with him his own particular mixture of songs and jokes.

Local piper Alasdair MacDonald had started off proceedings before Isla Sinclair dancers Kirsty Campbell and Lora MacLeod produced excellent Highland routines.

Young accordionist Craig McFadyen played a selection of popular tunes while Jake MacKay expertly played the mouth organ, ably accompanied by Andrew Dunlop on the keyboard.

Oban's Riona MacCormick sang beautifully and fear an taigh for the evening was Cameron Fletcher.

# Hoteliers' £5,000 boost for harbour

FOLLOWING their retirement from running the Lochside Hotel and Duffie's Bar, Roberta and Duffie MacNeill have been credited with raising more than £5,000 for Bowmore Harbour Association.

The association has thanked the couple and many of their patrons at the Lochside Hotel for raising £5,235.98 over the past eight years with their bar collection boxes.

# Songs of Praise at Kilmeny Church

AN EVENING of song will once again be held on Sunday at Kilmeny Church, Isle of Islay, when Còisir Ghàidhlig Ile and local musicians will perform.

The Songs of Praise event, for the whole island, features songs and hymns, both traditional and contemporary, chosen by the Kilmeny congregation.

Meanwhile, a collection of photographs of the parish and its people is on display in the church porch, which visitors are invited to go and see.

# Local Producers Market

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# Dining out

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## AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

THE FIRST MOD  
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SECOND  
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All information may be had from the Hon. Secretary, JOHN CAMPBELL, Solicitor, Albany Street, Oban

1886

September 1886

## KINTYRE - 'STAFFA' WRECKED

This vessel - one of Mr MacBrayne's west coast fleet - which struck a rock lying off the coast of Kintyre on Tuesday of last week, has now become a total wreck. On the following night after the accident it blew a strong gale, with a heavy sea, and the next morning it was found that she had sunk considerably by the stern. By the latest accounts the vessel was submerged up to the funnel. A portion of the cargo has fortunately been saved.

September 1886

## BARRA - FISH PROCESSING PLANT

Estimates are being received and arrangements made for the erection of a manufactory for the utilisation of fish offal and similar material at Castlebay in the island of Barra. The proprietor is a Norwegian gentleman, and the site selected for the work is a small island called Ornsay, within easy reach of all the curing sites yards at Castlebay and Vatersay, and yet sufficiently removed to render the possibility of it becoming a nuisance to the village almost impossible. Very large quantities of offal are every fishing season thrown into the sea. This will in future be collected, and oil and other valuable products extracted from therefrom, the residue being sold for manure. It is also stated that a fish preserving work will be carried out by the same gentleman.

September 1886

## STRATHGLASS - FARMER EVICTED

On Monday afternoon an eviction took place at the Chisholm estate at Invercannich, Strathglass, the farmer and his wife, with all their furniture, being turned out onto the highway amid a downpour of rain, and the house, barn and stable thereafter set on fire. The work was carried out at the instance of The Chisholm of Chisholm, with the consent of the trustees and executors on the estate, and was directed against Peter Shaw and his wife, the tenants of the farm at Wester Invercannich, which lies midway between the public road and the River Cannich, some sixteen miles from Beaulie. The parties evicted are considerably in arrears. The wife of the tenant evicted succeeded to the farm in 1880, on the death of her father, and married Shaw, who was a ploughman on the farm, in 1884. When her father died she was called to pay off her father's debts to various banks which led to her and her husband being unable to meet their rent obligations.

September 1886

SKYE - SALE OF AN ISLAND  
Captain MacDonald of Waterish, Skye, has purchased the island of Rona, lying between the sound between North Uist and Benbecula in the Outer Isles. Rona is a small island about two miles and a half long, and has for some years been rented by Captain MacDonald for grazing and sporting purposes, for which it is well adapted. There are no crofters on Rona. The purchase price is reported to be £2000.

1892

January 1892

## HIGHLAND CATTLE SOCIETY

The Highland Cattle Society has taken a step which should do much to keep up, and possibly increase the interest taken in, the noble and shaggy Highland cattle of Scotland - the institution of an annual show and sale for male animals of this old and picturesque breed. Hitherto breeders of Highland cattle, now spread over such a large area of the country, have been experiencing difficulty in getting good bulls, or to be more accurate, in knowing where to get good bulls to place in their herds, and it is to meet this difficulty that an annual show and sale has been arranged. Oban is the centre which has been fixed upon as the most convenient for all parties, and the first of the annual events will take place in Mr Corson's mart on Wednesday, March 16.

February 1892

## TAYNUILT

Mr John Stuart McCaig, banker, Oban has purchased the estates of Salenroy and Aldergrove on the southern shores of Loch Etive. It adjoins Glen Sheba, which Mr McCaig bought four years ago.

March 1892

## OBAN - NEW WAREHOUSES

The new warehouses created in Campbell Street by Messrs Robert Forbes and Sons, house furnishers, will service their substantial showrooms in Argyll Square, have been completed. The internal arrangements allow for a large showroom and workshop on the ground flat with three-roomed dwellings in the upper storeys. Last week a quantity of valuable furniture was stored in the new premises, and having been arranged is well deserving of inspection. The showroom would be of no discredit to any of our large cities.

May 1892

## OBAN - GUNBOAT

The gunboat *Hearty* (Commander Russell) which has been commissioned to protect the fisheries on the West Coast, put into Oban on Tuesday morning for water while on her way south. The *Hearty* left Castlebay on Monday, lay overnight at Tobermory, and left at 6am., reaching Oban at nine-o'clock. While in Oban eighty tons of water were taken on board. On Wednesday morning the *Hearty* left for Campbelltown, whence she will sail on 7th inst. for Greenock. The ship carries four guns, two of which are breech-loaders, and all told there are on board ninety-five men.

June 1892

## OBAN - TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

The Oban Telephone Exchange is to be officially opened on Thursday next week. The official list of subscribers is now in course of preparation, and firms desirous of joining the system are requested to communicate with the local manager in order to have their names and addresses included in the list. The exchange is expected to be a great advantage to business men during the season.

August 1892

## ISLE OF SEIL - ATTACK BY BADGER

About midnight on Saturday the inhabitants of Cuan Ferry were disturbed by hearing a great commotion and cries for help from the house of Mrs Carmichael, a widow who lives alone. Mr Angus Livingstone, Seaview Cottage, together with his son Angus, and a few others, immediately went to find out the cause of the disturbance. Finding the door of Mrs Carmichael's house locked they burst it open and on entering saw a sight that filled them with astonishment and alarm. Mrs Carmichael was hemmed into a corner by a badger of uncommonly large size, which now and then made a rush at her, and it was with the utmost difficulty that she could keep it a bay with a poker. Mr Livingstone attacked it from the rear with a sharp spike of iron. This made the animal turn round and attack Mr Livingstone biting him severely with its fangs about the ankle. At this moment his grandson came to the rescue with a grapple and wounded the beast. Mrs Carmichael joined in with her poker and they got it killed. From Mrs Carmichael's evident it appears the badger came under the door of her cottage and attacked the cat. She lit a match to find out what was causing the noise and was herself attacked. Mr Livingstone intends sending the animal to Oban for the purpose of having it preserved. It is the largest badger ever seen in this district.

August 1892

## OBAN - SHINTY CLUB

The following gentlemen have been appointed and accepted office as patrons of the Oban Shinty Club: MacLaine of Lochbuie; Mr J Patten MacDougall of Gallanach; Mr H L MacDonnell of Dunach and Mr H M Stanley, African explorer, who is currently the guest of Mr Bruce, Dunollie House. The members of the club propose to begin practice immediately, and anticipate they will be able to put a team on the field that will give a good account of itself in any matches that may be arranged during the season.

September 1892

## DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

On Saturday morning a most disastrous explosion occurred on the Clyde at the Tail of the Bank, by which the new ship *Archmountain*, of about 1400 tons, was blown to pieces. The vessel was on her first voyage to Australia, and while lying off Greenock took on board twenty tons of gunpowder. A fire occurred in the forward part of the vessel on Friday night to subside which all efforts were unavailing. When the fire approached the part of the vessel which the gunpowder was stowed, the crew were ordered to leave the ship, and they took refuge on board the guardship *Superb*. Early on Saturday morning the vessel blew up with terrific force, the concussion doing great damage to the house property on shore. The effects of the explosion were felt for many miles inland. The loss of the ship and cargo is estimated at nearly £50000.

October 1892

## ARDCHATTAN PRIORY FIRE

Ardchattan Priory, one of the seats of Mr Campbell-Preston narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire in the early hours of Friday last. The priory, which is six hundred years old, is rented by Sir John

WELCOME to the second of a series of monthly special editions in which Editorial Director of The Oban Times, Stewart MacKenzie, will endeavour to trace the history of Oban, the surrounding area and the wider West Highlands and Islands, as seen through the pages of The Oban Times. Each monthly supplement will cover a 25-year period from the launch of The Oban Monthly Magazine and Register of News for Argyll and the Isles in July, 1861 - until the present day.

The early editions of 'The Highlander's Bible', as The Oban Times was commonly known, carried syndicated news from throughout the British Isles and beyond. International wars and conflicts were regularly commented on as were the trials and tribulations of national government, London's courtrooms and Royal affiliations. However, within these special editions we will attempt to hint at the local aspects of news, with tiny snippets of information as it was written at the time.

We will also carry a sample of the advertisements that graced the pages over the years which, we hope, will add to the flavour of the era.

We trust you will enjoy this trip down memory lane with us - and we invite you to comment on our efforts via The Oban Times Facebook page, the Letters page of The Oban Times, or by emailing comments to editor@obantimes.co.uk.

Stewart MacKenzie, Editorial Director



Oban Gaelic Choir in the 1900s

## The Oban Times

Oban, Saturday, May 2, 1891

## AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

The inauguration in Oban last week of the Association for the promotion and encouragement of Celtic Literature and music and of Home Industries in the highlands was a complete and unqualified success. The meeting was quietly enthusiastic, the speeches were vigorous and high-toned, and the thoroughly representative character of the Executive Council which was elected affords a security that neither sectional nor local differences will mar the mar great work which the Association has so loyally and cheerfully undertaken.

We need not now recapitulate the history of the movement which culminated so auspiciously last week. Suffice it to say that the preliminary work of organisation was accompanied by such unequivocal expressions of sympathy and goodwill on the part of alike of Highlanders and Lowlanders, that the success of the Association was well assured before it was actually floated. That here and there the voice of cassandra would be lifted up was only to be expected, but the prophets of failure were in every instance gentlemen of the sort who detect in everything which is not the product of their own hands and brains the deficiencies of inexperience and ill-directed enthusiasm. Like adversity, however, the barking cynic has his uses, and it is nothing derogatory to the programme of the Association that it has utilised to some extent the criticisms of even those who made no secret of their desire to strangle the movement at its birth. The objection has been frequently urged that the fact that the main feature of the Association - that of Competition - being an imitation of the Welsh Eisteddfod augured ill for its success in the country where such gatherings had not the advantage of native growth. But to this objection the reply is not far to seek. In the first place, it need only be pointed out that the competition for literary and musical pre-eminence had to have a beginning, even in Wales, and the fact that the beginning dates only for the early years of the present century makes it difficult to comprehend that the promoters of a *fin-de-siecle* movement have any worse chance of success than those of a movement which had to commence its work without the advantages which must necessarily follow the experiences of others engaged in similar work. Again, it is to be borne in mind that competitive gatherings, though not of a literary character, have been perhaps the most notable incidents of what has become the Highland season; and the addition of contests in literary and musical originality to these in muscular dexterity, must be regarded - not as a departure - but as a most proper and natural development.

## AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

## HOST FIRST MOD IN OBAN

The first Mod, or gathering of the Comunn Gaidhealach was held at Oban on Tuesday. The gathering was very successful, the musical and other competitions being keen and interesting, and the large audience thoroughly appreciative. The Association, it may be remarked, was formed in the spring of last year to promote the cultivation of Gaelic literature and music and home industries in the Highlands. One of its objects is the holding of an annual gathering somewhat after the fashion of the Welsh Eisteddfod, and the gathering on Wednesday was the first of its kind. The idea of a few ardent Celts in Oban, who held an informal meeting in the autumn of 1890 to confer as to the feasibility of giving effect to their aspirations, the association has in these two years met with a success which must be regarded as phenomenal. The movement is a national, not a local one. From the first care was taken to free it from any suspicion of being confined to any particular locality, with the result that its office-bearers hail from all parts of the Highlands, whilst the competitions were taken part in by people living at great distances from the Western capital. Wisely guided, the Comunn ought to prove an immense advantage to the Highlands. Besides fostering the ancient tongue and our beautiful native music, it also touches the more practical side of life in seeking to promote

the cultivation of Highland home industries. At Tuesday's Mod there was no competition for native articles of manufacture, but next year a beginning in this direction is, we believe, contemplated. Otherwise, however, the gathering was completely successful, proving that interest in Celtic matters is not yet dead, and casting confusion on those who not so long ago loudly prophesied the demise of the Gaelic and the merging of the Celt in the Saxon. The proceedings took place in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, and commenced shortly after eleven o'clock. The chair was filled by Lord Archibald Campbell the deservedly popular president. They were assembled for the upkeep of all that was best in Celtic tradition, song, and poetry-(applause)-and he could not help hoping that would not be the last gathering of the kind to which they would be summoned-(applause) They were indebted to a lady who was well known in Oban, Miss Jessie MacLachlan-(applause)- for having volunteered her services, and he was glad to be able to say that the Duke of Richmond had sent his own pipe to render assistance-(Applause)

Dr Stewart then recited the following introductory ode, which had been composed by Mr John Campbell, the Bard of Ledaig, for the occasion-  
FAILTE DO'N MHOD  
(Ode of welcome to the MOD)  
Fàilte do'n chomunn tha cumail a suas  
Na cànan na lasadh 'nar cridhe gach uair;  
Ge be àite 'san tàmh sinn air uachdar an fhuinn,  
Gràdh d'ar càmuin 's d'ar dùchaich cha chail sinn a chaoidh.  
Cia cho sgapta 's am bi sinn measg dhùthaichean cèin,  
Tha smuaintean air cridhe mar ghathan na grèin,  
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John Campbell, the Bard of Ledaig composed an ode of welcome to the Mod

GRAND GAELIC CONCERT  
CELEBRATES MOD AT OBAN

A grand Gaelic concert was held in the evening under the auspices of the Association. Lord Archibald Campbell again presided, and the proceedings were graced by the presence of HRH Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Lady Archibald Campbell, and a large gathering of the county gentry. The concert was a complete success - the best, it is affirmed ever held in Oban. First honours fell to Miss Jessie N MacLachlan, the popular Gaelic vocalist and a native of Oban, who gave with fine effect such songs as 'Gun Chroth gun Aighean', 'Am Fleagach Donn', etc. Miss MacKechnie, Oban, the winner of the first prize for solo singing, also appeared to advantage, and was awarded a well-deserved encore. The proceedings were opened with a selection from the Inveraray Pipe Band, who were followed by the Oban Choir, under Mr Clements, with 'Ho ro, mo Nighean Donn Bhòidheach'. Miss MacLachlan then gave 'Gun chroth gun Aighean', and in response to an encore gave the Gaelic version of 'The Cameron Men'. 'Cai an caidil an Ribhinn' was then sung by Mr Clements' choir. Miss MacKechnie following with 'an t-Eilean Mùileach'. Mr K D MacKenzie, the winner of the first prize for solo singing, gave 'Eilean a' Cheò', and was followed by the St Columba and Ballachulish choirs, the former of which gave 'Mo Chailinn Dìleas Donn', and the latter 'Och, och, mar tha mi!' Miss MacKay, Glasgow, having given a song, with harp accompaniment, the St Columba Choir again appeared, giving with fine effect 'The Mac-Kintosh's Lament', with humming chorus, and 'Màil bheag òg'. The first part was concluded by Miss MacLachlan, who gave a finished rendering of 'Am fleasgach donn'. Owing to the lateness of the hour the second portion of the programme had to be considerably curtailed. Several fine part songs were, however, given by the St Columba and the Ballachulish choirs, the latter pleading a section of the audience so well as to receive an encore that would admit of no denial. Miss MacLachlan sang 'Air fal al-al-o', and being recalled gave 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'. At the completion of the programme, Lord Archibald Campbell thanked all present for their attendance, and invited them to meet with him next year, and so establish the Mod forever. (Loud Applause)

Notes of thanks were heartily accorded to the choir and the soloists, and the proceedings were closed by the company singing the National Anthem. Lord Archibald afterwards entertained a large company to supper in the Alexandra Hotel, where addresses were delivered by the Marquis of Lorne, Lord Archibald Campbell, Dr Stewart, Provost MacIsaac and others. In the course of the proceedings the healths of the Princess Louise, the Marquis of Lorne, and Lord Archibald Campbell were drunk with Highland honours, and with much enthusiasm. The company separated shortly after midnight.



The pony and trap outside Camusnaheidriche on the Callart - Kinlochleven road prior to 1900 when the road was little more than a loose surfaced cart track. This photograph was sent us by Mr Donnie MacKenzie of Barnet, Herts, who has been a reader of The Oban Times for more than 70 years. The photograph is from his family collection

# From humble beginnings - the continuing story of The Oban Times

**WE continue the history of The Oban Times newspaper as it approaches the 1900's in the control of owners, the Cameron family.**

**In the final 10 years of the century the Camerons were struck by a family tragedy which could never have been foreseen - it was also to have its affect on the future of the newspaper.**

Following the decision to move Duncan Cameron Jr back to the firm's headquarters in Edinburgh, *The Oban Times* found a new editor and manager in the form of Duncan Cameron (Snr)'s younger son, Waverley.

Like his elder brother, Waverley Cameron had been educated abroad and had also studied at Edinburgh University. He was a talented writer and shared his brother's extreme interest in the social and public life of the town of Oban.

He became a member of most of the local societies and organisations and took an active part in the original committee that promoted the idea of having a Gaelic festival or Mòd in Oban.

Waverley Arthur Cameron, however, was never to fulfil his dream. He was drowned in a yachting accident off Lismore in June 1891.



Waverley Cameron was tragically drowned off the island of Lismore on June 4 1891. What was believed to be his body was discovered on a beach in North Uist eight months later

**The Oban Times - June 1891**

The sad incident occurred about 7.30pm Thursday evening last, June 4th., a little to the north of Achnacroish Pier, Lismore. Four men had gone in a small yacht to the island, Mr John D Sutherland, land agent; and Mr Allan F MacDonal, solicitor, the former of whom had business on the island, were accompanied by Mr Waverley Cameron, editor of *The Oban Times* and Mr Donald Campbell, proprietor of Balliveolan estates in Lismore and Glencleran, son of the late Major Donald Patrick Campbell, 92nd Highlanders, and stepson of Colonel MacDougall of MacDougall.

The party had left Oban about 4pm, Lismore being reached some two hours later. On arriving, Mr Sutherland went ashore, and in his absence the others in the boat tacked about awaiting his return. The wind was then blowing from the north-east in strong gusts, and when some distance to the north of the pier and being two hundred yards from the shore, the boat was struck by a heavy squall and shipped a large quantity of water. She became logged and refusing to answer the helm, another wave struck her, filling her completely. Seeing that the boat was now sinking, the three occupants sprang into the water. The accident was observed by a number of people on the shore, and they at once set about putting out to the rescue. Two boats were launched, one by Dugald and Donald Carmichael, and the other by Donald MacColl and his son, but it would be fifteen minutes before they were able to reach the spot. By that time Mr Cameron had

disappeared under water: one of the boatmen just managed to seize Mr Campbell from under the water as he was sinking out of sight: Mr MacDonald was almost unconscious from exhaustion but was successfully hauled aboard the other vessel. A boat stayed out to see if any trace of Mr Cameron could be found. His hat was picked up, but he was never seen to rise again. Mr MacDonald and Mr Campbell were carried to the nearest house, where, after treatment, Mr MacDonald recovered, but all efforts to restore Mr Campbell were unsuccessful. In the course of the same evening Mr MacDonald and Mr Sutherland were able to return to Oban in a rowing boat, manned by the islanders. On arrival at about eleven o'clock the relatives and friends of the deceased were at once communicated with, and apprised of the sad occurrence. The steam launch *Marchioness of Lorne* (Mr A Paterson) was got in readiness, and being joined by Colonel MacDougall and members of *The Oban Times* staff - none of Mr Cameron's immediate relatives being in Oban at the time - a start was made for the scene of the accident. Shortly afterward, the steamer, accompanied by a number of fishing boats with gear, made a diligent search at once for the body of Mr Cameron. However, despite all efforts, nothing was found, and after some hours it was decided to convey the remains of Mr Campbell to Oban. The search for Mr Cameron resumed throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday despite heavy seas, but proved fruitless. It should be stated that the recovery of the boat was mainly due to the forethought of a young lad named MacColl, son of Donald MacColl, Balmagown, who saw it go down, and who immediately thereafter placed markers on the shore, from which bearings might be afterwards be taken.

**June 20 1891 LISMORE**

The search for the body of Mr W Cameron has, we regret to say, been unsuccessful. Several crews of Lismore fishermen have been at work daily, and from Killehearn to the Black Island the ground has been carefully gone over. The men engaged have come to the conclusion that it is needless to further prolong the search, the opinion being that the strong under-currents which prevail there have carried the body out to sea. As evidence of the thoroughness of the search, it may be stated that a number of articles have been recovered, among them an old anchor which has been lying under the water for about ten or twelve years. Letters of sympathy continue to be received from all parts, the writers making kindly allusion to Mr Cameron's genial qualities, his fine business tact, and the great loss *The Oban Times* sustains by his sad and untimely death. The Marquis of Breadalbane, writing from Bath, says: 'Mr Waverley Cameron was on the threshold of a useful and brilliant career. His loss will be long felt, not only by his countrymen at home and abroad, but as an able exponent of Scotch and Highland affairs.'

**January 1892 NORTH UIST**

The body found on the beach at Newton, Lochmaddy, North Uist of last week, and supposed to be that of Mr Waverley Cameron, editor of *The Oban Times*, who was drowned at Lismore on 4th June inst., was brought to Oban per s.s. *Staffa* on Monday last. On arrival, the body was examined by Drs Bailly and MacCallman, and subsequently by Dr MacKelvie, and though there was a feeling that the remains might be those of Mr Cameron, there was no definite evidence to assist identification. No clothing was found on the remains, which were much decomposed, and there were no distinctive marks to warrant the relatives accepting them as those of Mr Waverley Cameron. The remains were interred in private ground in Pennyfuir Cemetery on Tuesday, in presence of Mr Duncan Cameron Jr, and some members of the Oban Times staff.

**May 1892 LISMORE**

A monument has been erected on the island of Lismore to the memory of Mr Waverley Cameron, of *The Oban Times*, on a site kindly donated by the Rev James A Fell, Lismore immediately opposite the scene of the melancholy boating disaster. The monument, which is of Ben Cruachan granite, is in the form of a St Martin's Cross, and measures twenty-two feet from base to summit, designed by Mr Alexander Shairp, architect, Oban, and has been erected by the firm of Messrs D & J MacDougall.



Mrs Flora Anne Macaulay (nee Cameron) was a woman of very strong principles and her influence was to be felt on *The Oban Times* until her death, still actively working, at the age of 99 years.

For several years *The Oban Times* was edited by two distinguished journalists of their day, Mr Banks and Mr Fleming but the Cameron's took the editor's chair back into family hands when Duncan Cameron Snr's daughter Flora Anne Cameron (Mrs Blair) took the reins.

This was a period of considerable development and rapid change with the nation's print industry and in 1898 the first Linotype setting machine in the West Highlands was installed. Up to that date, all the type-setting had been done by hand, and more innovation quickly followed as the owners introduced a Lancaster reel-fed machine which allowed eight pages of the newspaper to be printed in one operation.

In 1907, Mrs Blair had been widowed, and in 1911, she married George A Macaulay of the Edinburgh Police. She and her husband moved home from Edinburgh to Oban Times, with her husband at her side as company secretary to the firm of *The Oban Times* Ltd.

Mrs Macaulay proved a woman of very strong principles and her grip was to be felt on the weekly editions until her death, still actively working, at the age of 99 years.

Emigration was also to play a key role in the survival of *The Oban Times* in the difficult years following the 1914-1918 War. Ironically, in stark contrast to the turn of the century when Duncan Cameron Jr fought vociferously against emigration from the Highlands, the large numbers who left during the recession that followed the First World War, but who wanted to keep in touch with their homeland, resulted in the weekly subscription copies of *The Oban Times* going overseas outnumbering those sold through newsagents in Oban. Most copies went to Canada, including bulk deliveries to newsagents in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto.

Following his retirement from Macniven and Cameron in 1924, Duncan Cameron Jr returned

to Oban to join his sister in the running of the paper through what was a difficult era. The only time that *The Oban Times* failed to hit the news stands was during the General Strike of 1926 when printers and compositors stopped work in sympathy with the miners.

**Alan Cameron**

Alan E Cameron, youngest son of Duncan Jr, and nephew to Mrs Macaulay, joined the editorial staff in 1934 after serving an apprenticeship on the Glasgow Herald.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Mrs Macaulay and her brother, now both in their eighties, found it increasingly difficult to contend with both a shortage of available staff and a shortage of newsprint. Alan Cameron was among a large number of staff members called up to national service. He was posted to the Scots Guards but took great delight in achieving a transfer to the Cameron Highlanders.

As a strong supporter of the war effort, *The Oban Times* campaigned on behalf of British troops abroad and even raised £5,000 from its readers for the building of a Spitfire for the RAF. Unfortunately, it never saw action and is believed to have crashed on a training exercise. At the end of hostilities most of the staff who had been away in the Services rejoined the company. However, newsprint remained severely rationed and new machinery was impossible to obtain as the government earmarked everything that was new for the export market in a bid to increase the nation's income.

In 1952, following an accident, Mrs Macaulay appointed Alan Cameron as editor, adopting for herself a role as consultant editor. Although semi-retired she demanded that a proof of each page of the paper be shown to her prior to printing.

The new editor reintroduced an international 'local' element to the newspaper's coverage with frequent visits abroad to visit the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in action. He reported

personally on the regiment's operations in Malaya, Borneo, and Aden.

In addition to his Oban Times interests, Alan Cameron was a director of Mcniven and Cameron, which latterly was re-named Waverley Cameron plc.

**First major investment**

He then assumed the additional responsibility of managing director of *The Oban Times* Ltd and set about modernising the production department of the company. His first major investment was a Cosar flat-bed press which increased the print to 12 pages in one pass, and new Linotype setting machines were introduced. The editor firmly believed that pictures sold newspapers, however, at that time all photographs for inclusion in the paper had to be sent to Glasgow to be made into half-tone blocks and then returned to Oban. The introduction of the first Klischograph block-making machine in the north revolutionised the use of photographs and allowed *The Oban Times* a rapid camera-to-print turnaround.

Weekly circulation figures for *The Oban Times* steadily rose and peaked in October 1973 at almost 27,000 copies but the same year saw a newsprint crisis when Peter Dixon and Co who supplied newsprint to *The Oban Times*, halted production leaving numerous provincial newspapers without essential supplies. Other home-based mills were fully committed and publishers were forced to import bulk supplies from Scandinavia, via the port of Grangemouth. Reels of newsprint were transported to Oban by rail, stored in the town's railway goods yard and delivered as-and-when required to the John Street print works. But British Rail, who had closed the Oban to Ballachulish railway line in 1966, intimated that they were to shut the town's railway goods yard which forced Alan Cameron to consider moving the print

works to a new home where modern machinery and storage facilities could combine.

**New premises**

The move was achieved in 1975 when a new purpose-built press room was opened at Lochavullin, with the newsroom and administration remaining within the John Street building. A new Goss Community four-unit web-offset printing press was introduced which cut the production time of the weekly newspaper by three-quarters. The first issue from the new plant was published in December 1975.

However, 1975 also saw Alan Cameron have a serious accident at his home which required him to be hospitalised for more than two months. Although he achieved a remarkable recovery, he continued to suffer from his spinal injuries and the incident spurred him to consider relinquishing control of *The Oban Times*. He had been friends with the Johnston family who owned the Falkirk Herald and a string of other Scottish provincial titles. In June 1976 the Cameron family let go their grip on *The Oban Times* after almost 100 years. However, Alan Cameron and his brother Waverley B Cameron were asked to accept a non-executive role within the Johnston Press consortium.

Under the guidance of, first Ian Nicolson who became managing editor then commercial manager, and Stewart Fairlie, who had joined the reporting staff a number of years before, Johnstons moved the whole of the newspaper operation to Lochavullin. However, life within a large commercial newspaper group did not suit *The Oban Times*. Its unique role within the community of the West Highlands was of only peripheral interest to Johnston Press and within five years the decision had been made to move the business on.



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## The Oban Times - very much a family business

Stewart MacKenzie took the opportunity to interview company chairman Howard G. Bennett about the acquisition that saw the Highlander's favourite weekly newspaper come back into private ownership

IN JUNE 1983, *The Oban Times* returned to private ownership when Howard Bennett, and his wife, Joan, acquired the titles of *The Oban Times*, *The Campbelltown Courier* and *The Argyllshire Advertiser* from Johnston Press.

**Stewart MacKenzie talks to Wyvex Media Ltd chairman Howard G Bennett**

In my role as editorial director I took the opportunity to interview company chairman Howard Bennett about the events that led him into the rapidly changing world of newspapers and publishing.

I sharpened my pencil and got straight to the point - 'Who was he? How did he and his wife end up in Oban? And, in a modern, fast moving, highly technological industry, where does *The Oban Times* stand in today's market place?'

'The father-figure of this family business immediately surprised me by stating: 'I have not before been asked to comment on my career except at those interviews preceding a prospective job.'

**SM - 'Lets start with your background within the print and publishing industry.'**

HGB - 'Straight from grammar school in Derbyshire to the City of London to join a large international papermaking group and to study at the London College of Printing. The papermaking industry is on a big scale and my early business years took me to Finland, Norway and France. Great experience.'

'From papermaking to print and a move to Manchester to join a large, long established company with a very Scottish name, McCorquodale - alas no more - which had wide ranging print interests from Glasgow to Hampshire. Then, as now, printing remains a highly competitive and capital-intensive industry.'

'In the 70's another move, this time into publishing and printing in Edinburgh, as part of the late Sir Hugh Fraser's business empire. *Scottish Field* and the *Perthshire Advertiser* were part of my responsibilities, the latter of which, for the first time, gave



The husband and wife team of Howard and Joan Bennett, have had a steady hand on the helm of *The Oban Times* for the past 28 years following their acquisition of the company in 1983.

me an insight into the importance of a good local newspaper.

'Alas with the withdrawal of Sir Hugh and a new owner, Tiny Rowland's 'Lonhro', a great deal changed and regrettably I had to move on.'

'I did so to none other than New York City, to join a small highly specialised publisher who worked with some of the world's best living artists, David Hockney, Jasper Johns, to name but two, producing very high quality work. Marvellous unexpected experience and to our young readers I would say, if you ever get the chance to work in either of those two great cities, London or New York, don't hesitate - go for it.'

'I had been in New York for about a year when almost without warning I met Freddie Johnston, then Chairman of the rapidly expanding Johnston Press with its headquarters in Edinburgh. One thing led to another and when we next met a few months later, it was in Edinburgh, from which emerged the opportunity to purchase *The Oban Times* - a weekly newspaper with a reputation second to none. I knew it was an opportunity that would not recur - I must take it - and so the next few weeks were spent putting in place the necessary finance and in June 1983 the purchase was completed and my wife and I moved to Oban.'

'From New York to Oban was quite a contrast and getting to know the 37 employees was the first priority in order to understand the company's underlying strength. Yes, there were some weaknesses, but I was pleasantly surprised at the overall calibre and commitment of the staff. There was a pride in working for a newspaper as well known and respected as *The Oban Times* and its two long established partners, the *Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbelltown Courier*. I learned to the value of working in partnership with my wife Joan who has shared all the important decisions, and who, from the time of the acquisition, had responsibility for developing and extending certain areas of the company. Joan was the publisher of *The Oban Times*, including a

period as co-editor, editorial director and publisher of *Scottish Field* and since 2005 has been deputy chairman of the company.

'*The Oban Times* took the decision to close its printing press only after it realised it could not afford to replace it with a hugely expensive alternative full colour press that other, much bigger, newspapers were installing. Oban Times readers would quite reasonably expect the paper to move into full colour and printing out on contract has saved the company a huge and unaffordable expense. The move to full computerised editorial and pre-press production has proceeded inexorably and the range of the company's publications has greatly increased to meet the changing needs and markets both in the West Highlands and across Scotland. The company now publishes some 11 publications. The acquisition of *Scottish Field* in 1994 was a significant development and gave the company a well-respected national publication based in Edinburgh. Another acquisition we greatly value was that of the weekly newspaper for an island community. The company also owns and publishes *Fish Farmer* for a vital Scottish industry with worldwide ramifications.'

'Another significant move was the decision to vacate the imposing and established *Oban Times* offices in the centre of town for the more prosaic but more practical premises in Lochavullin. The move however has enabled the company to expand and operate more efficiently in this, the 21st century.'

'The media has changed more in the last 20 years than since the introduction of printed newspapers more than 200 years ago. I read recently that Google was formed just 13 years ago (in the same newspaper I read that the Edinburgh tram project was also conceived 13 years ago - now there's a co-incidence!) and when we look at the spread of multi media developments, whether we are looking at *The Times* of London or *The Oban Times* in the West Highlands, the impact is proportionately great. Such change challenges all tradition

and *The Oban Times* continues its efforts to meet these challenges through the quality of its management and staff.'

**SM - 'I'm reluctant to interrupt the effortless flow of information from someone who has such an obvious depth of feeling for his subject - but has it all been such plain sailing? What have been the highs and lows from a personal perspective?'**

HGB - 'More highs than lows, I am glad to say. The media is such a fascinating industry which challenges and stimulates in equal measure. Publishing in particular relies on people with the creative intelligence to constantly develop new ideas. It is the diversification into those new developments which necessitated a company name change from *The Oban Times* Ltd to Wyvex Media Ltd.'

'A broad smile spreads across the chairman's face as he considers the second part of the question.'

'Lows? Well acknowledging one's increasing age is a bit of a nuisance - I would much rather be 17 than 70 - but there is nothing I can do about that. It remains for me to thank all those with whom Joan and I have worked as the company looks forward to its next 150 years.'

### 150 years of The Oban Times

IN the next special edition of '150 years of *The Oban Times*' Editorial Director Stewart MacKenzie will aim to bring you the period in the local community and newspaper's history from 1911 to 1936.

We trust you will enjoy this trip down memory lane - and we invite you to comment on our efforts via *The Oban Times* Facebook page, the weekly Letters Page of *The Oban Times*, or by emailing comments to editor@obantimes.co.uk.

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**1887**  
**MARCH 1887**  
**NEW MAIL STEAMER FOR ISLAND ROUTE**  
The S.S. *Holly*, chartered by the Highland Fisheries Company for the conveyance of mails, passengers, fish, and general merchandise, between Oban, Coll, Tiree and the outer islands - a service hitherto performed by the *Trojan* - arrived at her berth at the Railway Pier, Oban, from the Clyde, on Sunday last. The *Trojan* although a fine sea going boat, was found to be in many important features altogether unsuited for the exigencies of the trade. The Company therefore resolved that so soon as the present contract expired in March, the *Trojan* should be replaced by a more powerful class of vessel, possessing greater speed and capacity, and of dimensions especially adapted for the convenience and comfort of passengers. The *Holly* is an iron vessel of 379 tons gross register, and was built by Messrs Henderson & Co., of Partick, in 1875. Her length over all is 170 feet, extreme breadth, 23.2, and depth of hold, 13.5. Her engines are on the compound principle - nominal horse-power 80. She has accommodation for 25 first class passengers, and 200 steerage. She can carry 250 head of cattle comfortably, and the arrangements for landing and shipping of livestock are admirable. A sloped gangway, leading directly to the "two-deck" or hold, does away with the objectionable and sometimes risky process of slinging the cattle.

**April 1887.**  
**OBAN - THE COLUMBA HOTEL**  
The arrangements of this new and handsome hotel are being rapidly pushed forward, and the building will shortly be fit for occupancy. The drawing and coffee-rooms are being furnished in a most luxurious fashion, and no expense has been spared by the enterprising lessee, Mr MacMillan, to secure all the furnishings of a first class hotel. There are twenty-nine bedrooms, all of which have been already set in order, and the house possesses quite a compact and comfortable appearance. The internal decorations are being executed by our well known townsman, Mr A. L. Gray, whose ornamental designs in the Station Hotel elicited a most eulogistic notice from the Art Journal. Messrs Cumming and Smith, Glasgow, are the furnishers; and Messrs MacMillan, Partick, provided the upholstery work.

**April 1887**  
**CAMPBELTOWN - NEW BUILDINGS**  
The Dean of Guild Court has approved of certain plans for building houses, one of the approved plans being for the erection of working men's houses in Kirk Street. Might not the Court endeavour to rethink itself a little, and see that these buildings would be erected slightly back from the already miserably narrow street? New buildings are being erected all over the town, in a line with miserable hovels, which narrow the principal thoroughfares to a space usually allowed for pathways. Some severe remarks have been made about the Oban Town Council collectively but they have been praised individually. It is doubtful, however, whether anything praiseworthy can be recorded of the Campbelltown Dean of Guild Court. Their meetings are kept secret from the public, except so far as publication in the local paper goes, and within a very short space of time all hopes of widening the outlet from the town to Salt Pans and Southend has been knocked on the head, by the erection of a new building close upon the roadway. Shore Street is probably doomed to remain narrow for a long time to come, by the erection of new buildings in line with the old - and all appearance of the crowded state of Kirk Street, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, will remain unalterable.

**May 1887.**  
**OBAN - MONSTER LOBSTER**  
Last Monday, one of the workmen employed at the North Pier, while engaged at work there, captured a large lobster, which, on being placed in the scales, was found to weigh not less than 8lb 9oz. This is the largest we can recollect ever having been caught in the bay. The lobster was on exhibition on the window of Mr Gilmore, fish merchant, for a few days.

**May 1887**  
**STORNOWAY - LIFEBOAT**  
A meeting of a number of gentlemen was held in the Sheriff Court House, Stornoway, a few days ago, presided over by Mr William MacKay, Chamberlain of Lewis. It was stated that the Lifeboat Institution had arranged to send a lifeboat to Stornoway, and erected a suitable place for the same, a lady having contributed £1000 towards the same. A lady and infant, the committee was appointed to arrange the matter in Stornoway, with Mr Mackay as chairman, Mr Murdo MacLeod, banker, as treasurer, and Mr Eneas M. Mackenzie has hon. secretary. A site has been fixed for the lifeboat house.

**June 1887**  
**OBAN - VISIT FROM A DISTINGUISHED FOOTBALL TEAM.**  
The members of Aston Villa Football Club, of Birmingham, the holders of the English Cup, who are at present making a tour throughout Scotland, arrived at Oban with the 9.45 pm train from the south on Saturday. The Oban Club, we understand, challenged the visitors to play a friendly game, but they declined the contest.

**June 1887**  
**CONNEL - NEW ESTABLISHED CHURCH**  
The foundation-stone of this building is, we understand, to be laid by Campbell of Dunstaffnage on Friday, the 17th inst, which is expected that a large number of people will be present on the occasion, of witnessing so interesting a ceremony. The site selected for edifice - of which Mr D. MacIntosh, Oban, is the architect - is a beautiful one on the rising ground above the public road, about 200 yards northwards of the present post-office.

**June 1887.**  
**OBAN - BUILDING**  
Since last season quite a number of beautiful villas have been erected in and around the burgh. At Glassford Croft, on the south side of the burgh, Councillor Corson has built a fine dwelling-house; while further south, skirting the Gallanach road, Messrs Alex. Shairpe, architect, and John Kilgour, painter, have erected two elegant villas. During the year, Mr G.G. Mackay, of Glenloch, also put up three dwelling houses on his property to the north of the town, namely, Hazeldun, on the curling pond fuc; and Delshangie and Drimvarnie, on the hill. According to plans by Mr Woulfe Brennan, C.E., Mr Roderick MacKenzie, builder, has erected a fine villa on Oban Hill for Mrs Campbell. Lochnell and another, from plans by the same architect, for Mr Alexander Binnie, in Soroba Road. From designs by Mr MacIntosh, architect, Mr Macdonald, builder, has just completed a handsome villa for Messrs D. & A. Munn, joiners, on the site of the oldcroft at Longsdale so long occupied by their father; while at Soldier's Park, Mr Stevenson, builder, has erected a comfortable-looking house, which is now occupied by working-men tenants at reasonable rents.

**June 1887**  
**COLL - LARGE WHALE IS HAZARD**  
On Friday morning, on the passage of the steamer *Hebridean* from Barra to Tiree, a large object in the water was sighted, which at first appeared to be a vessel floating bottom upwards. Approaching nearer, it was found to be a dead whale of an unusually large size. A boat was lowered, and a rope having been attached, the whale was towed into the harbour of Arynaour, in the Island of Coll, where it was grounded and left. On examination it was found to be 90 feet in length, 45 feet round the thickest part, and 21 feet near the tail.

**October 1887**  
**OBAN - SHEEP TRAFFIC ON THE RAILWAY**  
During the week the dispatch of sheep per Callander and Oban line has been exceedingly heavy, and a number of special trains have left for the South daily. As a consequence, the railway officials have been working under pressure. The steamers have also been very busy bringing up sheep to Oban.

**October 1887**  
**SOUTH UIST - SHIPPING OF CATTLE.**  
Some fifty large Highland cattle were shipped at Lochboisdale per mail steamer *Holly* on Friday evening for Oban, and a number from Lochmaddy on Monday.

**October 1887**  
**ERISKAY - MEASLES**  
This epidemic, which the "gutters" imported from Fraserburgh to Eriskay, is now spreading fast. Several deaths have occurred since the epidemic entered the island.

**October 1887**  
**MULL - HEAVY FAILURE OF DISTILLERS**  
A largely attended meeting of the creditors of John and Alexander MacKil, sole partners of the firm of MacKil brothers, carrying on business as distillers at Tobermory, and as wine and spirit brokers, and under the firm of Laidlaw & Co., as tobacco juice manufacturers in Glasgow, was held on Tuesday in the faculty hall. It was stated that the liabilities amount to about £28,000 and the assets to about £11,000. Messrs Bannatyne, Kirkwood, France & Co., writers, Glasgow, are the law agents in the sequestration.

**October 1887.**  
**FORT WILLIAM - BEN NEVIS SHINTY CLUB**  
The opening game for the season was played last Saturday in the Victoria Park, Fort William. The weather was all that could be desired for shinty playing, although the ground was a little heavy and damp, owing to a slight fall of rain during the earlier part of the day, consequently there was a large turn out of members. The Captain, Mr Donald MacPherson, Glennevis, in proposing the success of the club, pointed out how necessary it was for the members to stick true to their colours, and work hand in hand, seeing how much they were surrounded by enemies who were trying all in their power to do away with their existence as a club. But he was confident after seeing so splendid a turnout of such able-bodied youths, that their enemies would never get their desire. In conclusion, Mr MacPherson assured the club that they had his likeliest sympathy, whether present with them or absent. After the health of the captain was proposed by the president, Mr MacKenzie, of Imperial Hotel, which was heartily responded to, the meeting dispersed. The club intended in future to have practice at least once a week.

**November 1887**  
**OBAN - LIVESTOCK RAIL TRAFFIC**  
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**September 1887**  
**BONAWE - A SUCCESSFUL BAGPIPE PLAYER**  
The young piper, John MacColl, who is a native of Bonaawe, has been carrying off the most valuable prizes for bagpipe playing at the various Highland Gatherings held this season over the country. His latest success has been in Newcastle where, in the presence of 40,000 people, he secured the first prizes for competitions in the marches, and for reels and strathspeys.

**September 1887.**  
**OBAN - BANKER ARRESTED**  
Mr James Nicol, who until recently acted as agent of the Clydesdale Bank at Oban, was arrested in Glasgow, on Wednesday, under a sheriff's warrant charging him with the embezzlement of certain sums belonging to various parties. Accused was apprehended in West Grahame Street, Glasgow by Inspector MacIntyre of the Northern Division. Under charge of the inspection, Mr Nicol was removed to Inverary the same day, and was shortly examined on the charges by Sheriff Campion. Thereafter he was committed for further examination.

**September 1887**  
**OBAN - A TRAIN ATTACKED BY A BULL.**  
A wild looking bull landed from the S.S. *Holly*, on Tuesday afternoon, at the railway pier, broke away from its keepers, and made direct for the station, passing through the gateway at its southern end on to the passenger platform. After a pause, as if preparing to make a dart through the station towards the crowd of people awaiting the incoming train, it turned aside and made off at a run through the Drimvarnie cutting with Mr Grant, the station master, and a number of people giving chase. On reaching the ticket platform, the animal now fairly roused, suddenly turned round and faced his pursuers, with the evident determination of showing fight. Just at this time, the train, due in Oban at 6.15, and drawn by two engines, was coming rapidly over the Gleneshlach embankment. The animal caught sight of it, and with a snort of defiance made a rush at it full tilt. There was a crash, and in a moment the wheels of the two engines had crushed the animal's head into a jelly. The body, however, got in some way entangled in the wheels of the first carriage, and before the train had proceeded far, the standstill, two of the carriages had gone off the metals.

**December 1887**  
**MULL - STEAMER WRECKED.**  
During the severe gale on Tuesday night, the S.S. *Sunda*, (Capt. Taylor), over 300 tons register, and belonging to the Napier Shipping Company (Limited), Glasgow, went ashore at Loch Croggan Point, island of Mull. She was laden with grain, and was bound from Glasgow from Gottenburg. She formerly belonged to the Clyde Shipping Company, and went ashore near the same place some years ago. The vessel is now a complete wreck, being broken in two. The crew succeeded in getting safely ashore.

**December 1887.**  
**EASDALE - OPENING OF A NEW HOTEL**  
In the race to provide first-class hotel accommodation in the Highlands, Easdale, thanks to the Earl of Breadalbane - now stands well to the front, and the opening of the above hotel completes a long list of these first class establishments to be found on the Breadalbane estates. The latest is Inshaig Park, Easdale. Although not so large as some, in point of utility, completeness of arrangements, furnishings, and all other et ceteras necessary to make the hotel pleasant and comfortable, is, if not superior, certainly not much behind. It is situated on a rising ground a few yards off the public road just before entering the village.

The Oban Times

IN CELEBRATING 150 years of The Oban Times, we will bring you each month from July until December an anniversary supplement in which we will attempt to reflect a 25-year period in the local community and newspaper's history.

Although the early editions of The Oban Times carried news from throughout the world, we will focus on the local aspects of news from the west coast which was to prove the key to the success of The Oban Times and earn it the well-kept nickname of 'The Highlander's Bible'. This month's supplement covers the period from 1886 - 1911

January 1888  
KILLIN - OPENING OF JUBILEE READING ROOM.

On Friday evening last the reading and coffee-room which has lately been erected at Killin, as a monument of the Jubilee year, was opened with a concert and an assembly. The Marquise of Breadalbane occupied the chair. In his opening remarks he said Killin seemed that night to be a somewhat fortunate place; it had a charming concert-room, and judging from the programme excellent performers, and from appearances an admirable audience. Many places had been taken in different ways to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee year, but he thought the means they had taken to celebrate that auspicious event, namely, that of opening a new reading and coffee-room, was a most excellent one, and an object which should prove a great boon to the village at large. The building was beautifully furnished and designed, and without doubt it would prove a great boon to the young men frequenting Killin, and also to the strangers visiting the village in the summer. He concluded by expressing the hope that it would really prove a boon to the whole village. Following the Marquise's address an excellent programme was carried out with great success. Votes of thanks to the chairman and others were then given, after which the audience partook of refreshments, and engaged in a few hours' dancing.

January 1888  
KILFINAN - SHEPHERD CHARGED

Lachlan Galbraith, shepherd, Kilfinan, who was charged with a serious assault by stabbing, has been liberated on bail, as the wounded man is considered out of danger. Galbraith will be tried by Sheriff and Jury.

January 1888  
OBAN - PROPERTY SALE.

IN Dowell's Room, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the piece of ground at the North Pier, Oban, belonged to the trustees of Claude Russell, and extended to 5,568 square feet, and was purchased by Mr John Stuart MacCaig, banker, Oban, for £1530, an advance of the use price of £530. There is, an understanding, keen competition for the ground. The Burgh Commissioners, thought their representative, Mr M B Lawrence were bidders; and they had, it is stated, authorised him to bid as high as £1,300. Dunahish Villa, Oban, which was also exposed for sale in Dowell's Rooms, the outset price being fixed at £1,100, failed to find a purchaser. In the Station Hotel, Oban, on Wednesday, Benvoilin and the Nook, the property of Mr G G MacKay of Glenlochy, were put up for sale; but we understand that no offers were given.



INVERARAY - 1905 - Passengers disembark from the steamer at Inveraray

March 1888  
TOBERMORY - THE DISTILLERY

This important work was sold by public auction on the 31st ult, in the Faculty Hall, Glasgow. The upset price £8,000 was given by Messrs Hopkins & Co. of London and Glasgow. Distilling will be begun as soon as arrangements can be made. We understand that Messrs Hopkins contemplate the speedy erection of a large warehouse adjacent to the distillery.

March 1888  
SKYE - DISCOVERY OF COAL.

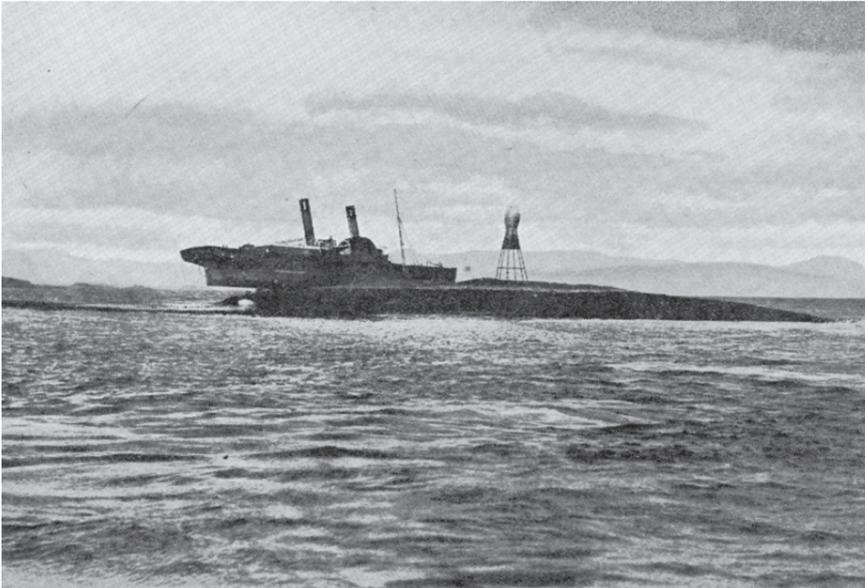
Coal of a very good quality as been discovered at Alloch in the district of Braes near Portree. For some months back the people in the surrounding townships have been bringing quantities of it home, and it has proved a welcome find at this season. On Monday last, Lord Macdonald accompanied by a number of gentlemen visited the place, and it is possible, should the seam prove valuable, that work may be commenced which would be a boon to the district. The coal already found is on the beach.

May 1888  
ARRAN - LOCHRANZA PIER

The new pier at Loch Ranza was opened on Thursday last, when Captain Buchanan's steamer Scotia landed from Glasgow an excursion party of the Anderson Weavers' Society, who were greatly delighted with the picturesque scenery of this part of Arran. The sail to Loch Ranza is sure to be a favourite excursion on the Clyde this summer. The Campbelltown steamers have called here for many years, but the landing has hitherto been by ferry. The pier has been built by the Duke of Hamilton, principally for the convenience of the fishermen in the Sound of Kilbrannan. The structure is of greenheart wood, L shaped, and has two steamer berths, with waiting room, store and offices. The engineers were Messrs D & F. Stevenson, of Edinburgh, and Mr Maxwell, of Glasgow, was contracted.

May 1888  
LOCHMADDY - MURDER CASE

Information has been received in Inverness that Ewen Currie, who has been arrested on a charge of fatally wounding Mary MacLeod, wife of Donald MacLeod, founder of Lochmaddy Poorhouse, was to be tried at a pleading diet of the High Court of Justiciary at Inverness on the 4th Inst. It is expected



SOUND OF MULL - SEPTEMBER 1889 - THE WRECK OF THE 'MOUNTAINEER'

On returning from Skye and Garloch on her last trip of the season the steamer, as evening fell, ran on to the Lady Rock, off Duart Point in Mull. There were no casualties, but the vessel was high, and had it been a foot higher the ship might have cleared the rock. The height of the rise and fall may be judged from the photograph, taken at low water. With a tide-level of some inches at the time of the accident, the vessel's bottom might have been torn open with appalling result.

that a plea of insanity will be put forward, and that the prisoner will be remitted to Edinburgh for sentence.

May 1888  
OBAN - THE LAKE DWELLING.

Considerable interest continues to be manifested in the lake-dwelling recently discovered at Lochavullin. On Tuesday, in company with the Provost, Bailie MacIsaac, and Councillor Munro, the place was visited by Professor Purdie, of St Andrews University, and Mr Harvey Brown, the celebrated ornithologist. Both these gentlemen expressed the opinion that the discovery was assuredly a most important one, and strongly recommended that in excavating care should be taken to have all the debris examined by competent parties, as any seemingly insignificant article found, or even a small bone, might lead to settling the date and purpose of the dwelling. On some piles being drawn up, the visitors expressed themselves as satisfied that these had been pointed with stone axes; and doubtless when the work of excavation is begun, specimens of such implements will be found in the neighbourhood. In their opinion, the structure is the largest of the kind that there is any record of in Scotland. It will interest readers to know that during this visit an important scientific discovery was made of material surrounding the structure, which may prove of considerable financial value to the burgh.

May 1888  
OBAN - NEW COURT-HOUSE

The new court-house was opened on Friday last week by Sheriff Substitute MacLachlan. There

afternoon he drove out by the Gallanach Road. His Majesty left Oban early on Monday morning, and drove out by Dunstaffnage and the rapids of Lorn to Connel, where he caught the 7.18 am express for Glasgow. On arrival in Glasgow, the Royal party at once proceeded to the Exhibition. As the King was travelling strictly incognito, his presence was not known. He walked through the principal courts, and afterwards dined at Mr MacKenzie's Royal Stuart Refreshment Room. He left in time to catch the 6.5 pm train for Greenock, where he again embarked on the *Cornelia* for a cruise round the West of Scotland, prior to visiting Mr MacKinnon's newly-purchased estate, Strathaird, in Skye.

September 1888.  
SHIPPING - MR DAVID MACBRAYNE

The owner of the famous fleet of the West Highland steamers, has purchased from the City of Cork Steamship Company two screw steamers - Pelican, of 610 tons gross, with engines of 140 nominal horse-power, and Falcon, of 627 tons, with engines of 100 horse-power nominal. These vessels are intended for the coasting trade in addition to his fleet of steamers.

September 1888.  
MULL - MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A FATHER AND SON.

One of the passengers on the *Dunara Castle*, which arrived in Glasgow on Wednesday forenoon from Mull, was Alexander MacPherson. He had joined the steamer at Bunnassan and was on his way to the Western Infirmary to be treated for blood poisoning. As the steamer was entering her berth at the foot of Lancefield Street, MacPherson was observed to become worse, and Dr Robertson was sent for without delay. Unhappily the doctor's services were of no avail, as the poor man died shortly after his arrival. The manner in which the deceased contracted the blood poisoning is painfully interesting. His father had been bitten by an adder at Pennyghael, Mull, and died from the effects of the poison on Thursday last. The son dressed the corpse, and afterwards walked ten miles for a coffin. On the way his right hand became very painful, and the conclusion which he and his friends came to was that in absorbing the corpse MacPherson had in some way inhaled poisonous matter into his system by a cut on the right thumb. He was treated by Dr MacKenzie, Bunnassan. Lady Victoria Campbell (daughter of the Duke of Argyll), who was present staying in Mull, interested herself on behalf of the sufferer, and induced him to leave for Glasgow to put himself under the best medical skill. The poor fellow who joined the steamer about noon on Tuesday, was accompanied by Alexander MacGregor, Inspector of Poor at Bunnassan. He was 46 years of age, and leaves a widow and seven children. His body was to have been taken back to Bunnassan by the same steamer on her outward trip.

October 1888.  
IRISH CATTLE IMPORTS -

Very large consignments of Irish cattle have been made during the past three weeks to Scottish and English ports, 50,000 head having been shipped in one week, and prices are improving, so that the prospects of the approaching Christmas markets are highly encouraging.

October 1888  
MULL - ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING WALTZ

There has been published by a charming new waltz called the 'Argyllshire Gathering', which has been composed by Mrs Malcolm, Auchnacraig, Mull, and was played for the first time at the balls of the Gathering held in Oban September last. The waltz is published by Messrs Wood & Co, Edinburgh, and is dedicated to Maclaine of Lochbuie.

November 1888  
THE LATE MR ALEXANDER HUTCHESON

Mr Alexander Hutcheson, late partner with his brother David and Mr David MacBaryne in the old firm of Messrs David Hutcheson & Co., proprietors of the West Highland steamers, died at his residence, Langside, on Friday morning. Mr Hutcheson, who was a native of Port-Glasgow was born in 1811, and began his career in the service of the Messrs Burns. He was subsequently appointed manager of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company at Callao, Peru, from which he returned to join his brother and Mr MacBaryne in the formation of the Royal Route to the West Highlands. Mr Hutcheson devoted himself with untiring energy to the organisation and development of the business, and largely contributed to its success.

November 1888  
OBAN - PURCHASE OF AN ESTATE

We understand that John Stuart MacCaig, of Oban, has bought Ardnaskein in the Lands of Lochnell. The property, which extends to between 500 and 600 acres, and which is very valuable, is bounded by Loch Etive on the north, by the public road leading to Taynult on the South, and marches with the lands of Mr Stevenson of Achnacloch on the west. The purchase money represents a pretty high figure, and we believe it is Mr MacCaig's intention to erect a residence on the property.

November 1888  
OBAN - MASONIC HALL FOR OBAN

An effort is presently being made by the brethren of the local lodge of Freemasons to build a hall for themselves. The project was first broached some years ago, but owing to the want of sufficient funds, nothing was done beyond securing a site in Albany Street. Again, however, the brethren purpose of making a move, and in order to raise a loan of a few hundreds, and issue 250 shares of £1 each. The shares, which are to bear interest at the rate of four per cent, are payable on or before 6th December. The total cost of the proposed building is estimated at £1026.

December 1888.  
ISLAY - GROUND STRUCK BY LIGHTENING

It is not often that we hear of damage being caused by the electric fluid in Islay, but there has been an example - and that on a pretty extensive scale too - of its vagaries. On the night of Friday, 16th November, a thunder-bolt struck a small knoll on the farm of Gorbals, near Bowmore, and tore up the earth for a considerable distance, making a chasm several feet in depth. Fortunately this is the

only case of that nature which we have heard of as having occurred that night.

December 1888  
OBAN - THE NEW FREE CHURCH.

The handsome church erected at Argyll Square by the Free English Congregation is now nearing completion. An improved heating apparatus has been laid by Messrs MacKenzie & Moncur, Edinburgh, and fine stained-glass windows have been put up by Messrs William Meikle & Sons, Glasgow. The building is all but finished, and it is expected that the church, which has a most inviting appearance inside, will be ready for worship in about three weeks. It may be remarked here, that the pastor, Re. D.D. Robertson, has now, happily, so far recovered his health that he contemplates leaving Oban next week for a short stay in Matlock, Derbyshire.

December 1888.  
OBAN - THE ACQUISITION OF GANAVAN

Negotiations in connection with this matter have been opened between Colonel MacDougall and the Town Council, and following up our announcement in our last issue, it is pleasing this week to state that the Colonel has granted the Council permission to prospect for a road to the beach through the Dunollie Estate. We understand he expressed his willingness to further the wishes of the community in this respect, and with such a good beginning to encourage them, it is hoped the Provost and his Committee will lose no time in giving to the scheme a practical and definite shape.

December 1888.  
BARRA - AN EXHUMATION

Considerable sensation was created in the island in Barra last week, when it became known that the body of a woman, recently deceased, was to be exhumed for the purpose of a post-mortem examination. The exhumation took place in Eoligary Churchyard on Friday, and the subsequent examination was made by Drs MacLachlan and MacKenzie of North and South Uist respectively, in an old ruined chapel adjoining the grave. The result has not yet transpired. The post-mortem examination was ordered by the Fiscal, acting on representations made to him by the husband of the deceased, who is a cottar.

December 1888  
INVERARAY - FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT

On Monday afternoon while Archibald Munro, 29 years of age, and residing in Inveraray, was out acting as a gillie with a party shooting wild hares on the Sallachry Hills, near Inveraray, he received a gunshot wound in the left knee, from the effects of which he died in the course of the evening. Munro sank in a soft piece of ground, and requested one of the sportsmen to assist him out. The latter took one of Munro's hands, and Munro further assisted himself by grasping the gun barrel with the other. The gun exploded and the charge lodged in the side of the left knee. Munro was carried about four miles to a farmhouse, and medical aid procured. Subsequently he was removed to his home, but he died immediately after.

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THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER, AT 9 - GREAT ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF AYRSHIRE CALVING COWS and HEIFERS; also BULLS. Numbers last year - 287.  
WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER, AT 9 - GREAT ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF CROSSED, POLLED, and AYRSHIRE Six quarter and One-year-old BULLOCKS and HEIFERS. Number last year - 997. Ballot for 11th and 12th on 5th.  
WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER, AT 10 - ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF PEDIGREE HIGHLAND COWS and HEIFERS, under the auspices of the HIGHLAND CATTLE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND. The entries include the old-established and famous Follaloch Fold, numbering 60 head.  
THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER, AT 9 - GREAT ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF CROSSED, Two, and One-year-old HIGHLAND BULLOCKS. Number last year - 1883.  
FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER, AT 9 - GREAT ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF Two, and One-year-old HIGHLAND HEIFERS; also COWS and BULLS. Numbers last year - 1580 Heifers, 251 Cows and Bulls. Ballot for 13th and 14th on 5th.  
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Reading from the left: the figures in the group are: Dr W D Anderson, Stewart of Achnacone, Taylor, Vardon, Mr Bontine, Baird, Fernie, Major MacDougall of Lunga and Mr Patten MacDougall of Gallanach. On the extreme right is Mr Ironside, Secretary of Glencruichton Golf Club, Oban

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April 1894  
**OBAN - NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR BOAT CLUB**  
The erection of a new clubhouse and boathouse for Oban Boat Club has been commenced at the quay on the Esplanade. Operations have also begun at the old club stance for the erection of the proposed picture gallery.

April 1894  
**OBAN - HUGE HIGHLAND SALE**  
Extensive sales of Highland cattle will take place at Mr Corson's Auction Mart on Wednesday and Thursday next week. This will be the biggest gathering of pure-bred Highland cattle at any auction sale in Great Britain, and with close to 3,000 head, buyers of this attractive breed will have a splendid selection.

April 1894  
**LOCHGILPHEAD - SOLDIERS GIVEN LAMB**  
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have been presented by Mrs MacBrayne, of the Lochgilphead Hotel, with a mountain lamb, to be made on of the pets of the regiment. The lamb was brought from Lochgilphead by Bandmaster Hill.

June 1894  
**ARDRISHAIG - MANSION DESTROYED**  
The mansion house at Ellary, situated on the shores of Lochkillaport, twelve miles from Ardrishaig, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. The outbreak was observed about eleven o'clock and people from the surrounding districts hurried to the place - quite a number crossing in boats from the Ormsary side of the loch - to give all possible aid. The contents of the mid and upper flats were completely destroyed including the belongings of the servants who occupied apartments in the attic of the north wing. Among other things destroyed was about £200 in bank notes which Mrs Tarratt from the bank the previous day. The house was built in 1871 at a cost of £5,000. The total loss is a present uncertain but will amount to between £8,000 and £10,000.

June 1894  
**STRACHUR - MAN LOST IN CANADA**  
Cable advices were received last week from British Columbia that George MacLachlan, son of the late George MacLachlan, W.S. of Castle Lochlan, Argyllshire, was missing, and that his boat had been found filled with water on the shore of Nelson Island, which is situated some distance from Lasqueti Island, on which he resided. An active search has been made along the coast and among the islands, and every effort is being made to ascertain his fate, but little hope can now be entertained of the unfortunate gentleman's escape.

June 1894  
**OBAN - NEW ROAD**  
Considerable progress is being made with the new road leading up to Pulpit Hill, which, as recently stated, has been under construction at the hands of Mr Macfie of Airds. The road is a continuation of Albany Street, and after skirting the hill joins the existing road. The new road will form an additional attraction to visitors and others providing as it does a fine vantage point for an excellent view.

August 1894  
**NORTH UIST - OPENING OF NEW CHURCH**  
The new Parish Church of North Uist was formally opened for public worship on Wednesday by Rev Dr Blair, St John's Edinburgh. The Rev Doctor preached in Gaelic and English to a crowded church, his text in Gaelic being Job xix, v. 24, and in English, 1 Samuel iii, v. 9, and was listened to with close attention. At the close of the sermon the Rev Doctor declared the Church open, and in doing so referred to the goodness of the heritors and others who helped to provide such a magnificent structure in the Western Isles. The building reflects the greatest credit on Mr MacFavish the contractor.

August 1894  
**ARRAN - FERRY BOAT IN A STORM**  
The passengers in the ferry boat at Firthmill, Arran on Wednesday had a rather exciting and dangerous experience. The boat meets the Campbelltown steamer, and after leaving for the shore was driven out to the middle of the Sound of Kilbrannan by the force of the strong easterly gale. Great excitement prevailed among the visitors on the beach as they witnessed the little vessel being driven outward. The attention of those on board the steamer was aroused, and the captain at once made off after the ferry boat in order to render assistance. He succeeded in reaching the boat off White Farland Point, some six miles away from the landing place, and brought the frightened passengers safely back. There were 12 passengers aboard the ferry boat.

August 1894  
**OBAN - PARISH CHURCH**  
The new and handsome church for Oban Parish, which has been built to replace the old structure, was with befitting ceremony, opened for divine service on Sabbath last, by the Rev Dr Blair, St John's, Edinburgh, and Rev Arthur Gordon, MA, St Andrew's Edinburgh. Dr Blair officiated at two diets of worship, preaching to a full church in Gaelic at 11, and to an overflowing congregation in English at 2pm. The evening service was conducted by Rev Arthur Gordon, when there was also a large attendance.

August 1894  
**FORT WILLIAM - RAILWAY**  
The West Highland Railway, which extends for 99 miles from the shores of the Firth of Clyde to Loch Linnhe, and brings Fort William into direct communication with the rest of the United Kingdom, was opened on Tuesday for passenger and goods traffic. A crowd assembled at the terminus at Fort William in the morning, and gave the first departing train a hearty cheer as it left the station. Many dwellers in Fort William availed themselves of the opportunity of travelling a short distance on the line, and waiting the arrival of the first train from Glasgow to convey them back.

September 1894  
**GLENCOE PASSES FROM THE FAMILY OF MACDONALD**  
In Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the residential and sporting estate of Glencoe was sold for £15,900 to Mr William Garson, of Messrs Skene, Edwards and Garson, W.S. for a client. The residential part of the estate comprises within it the Falls of Coe and a considerable stretch of woodland, and the sporting portion consists of the grouse moor of Aultchallach and the sheep grazing of Glenlichnamuil. We may mention that there were bids from the MacDonald family, but the estate has passed out of the family, who held it for generations. The name of the new proprietor has, in the meanwhile, been withheld. The estate includes the scene of the massacre of 1692, and the island of St Munda in which the burial place of the Macdonalds of Glencoe is situated.

October 1894  
**KERRERA - NEW BOAT YARD**  
Mr John Munro, Highland Yacht Depot, Oban has been making extensive improvements on his fats at Ardenraive Bay, Kerrera, this season. A large slip has just been laid down so that yachts up to nearly 100 tons can be hauled up for repair and inspection, as well as for watering, the cost of the undertaking being nearly £300.

October 1894  
**CANNA - WRECK BOUGHT**  
The large Norwegian steamer *Hesse*, which some weeks ago went ashore at the Island of Canna, and was likely to become a wreck, was ultimately purchased as she lay by a firm in Ardrossan for a nominal sum. Divers were set to work when it was discovered that beyond a large hole in her hull she was comparatively safe. The vessel, which is one of about 1100 tons burden, was afterwards successfully floated, and on Sunday last she was put into the bay at Oban on her way to Ardrossan for general overhaul.

October 1894  
**TOBERMORY - POOR HOUSE RABBITS**  
The Governor of the Union Poorhouse, Tobermory desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of ten pairs of rabbits from Mr Cowan of Glengorm.

October 1894  
**INNIEMORE CAPSIZED AT BUNESSAN**  
The steamer *Inniemore*, which trades between Glasgow and the Western Isles, capsized and sank alongside Bunessan Pier, Mull, on Monday



Connel - with Connel Bridge in place in 1903, the village rapidly grew as many Oban businessmen sought feus to built substantial granite mansions. At one point, more than 100 tradesmen left Oban each morning by train to work in Connel.

night while taking on board a cargo of sheep. The vessel had previously shipped over twenty tons of granite at Tormore Quarries, but this material, which was the only thing in the hold, proved to be insufficient ballast for the large quantity of deck cargo. The captain, it is stated, remonstrated with those in charge of the sheep, but his protests were unavailing. The top weight was too great that the vessel heeled over the mooring snapped, and her whole load fell into the water. Over a hundred sheep were drowned, and their carcasses were disposed of on Tuesday 4s each. The steamer, which arrived in Oban this Thursday afternoon, belongs to Mrs Cheape of Tironan, Mull.

October 1894  
**MULL - NEW PIER**  
The contract for the construction of a pier at Crogan, Mull for Argyllshire County Council has been placed with Mr W Bain, South Uist.

November 1894  
**CRANLARICH - 'INVIGORATING'?**  
As the new morning train drew up at a station on the new West Highland Railway, a pleasant looking gentleman stepped out on the platform and inhaled the fresh air enthusiastically observing to the guard: 'Isn't this invigorating?' 'No, sir - it's Cranlarich,' was the emphatic reply.

December 1894  
**TAYNUILT - FIRE**  
A serious fire occurred at the farm of Duntanachan in Glenlonan, a few miles from Taynuilt, tenanted by Mr Donald Buchanan, on Thursday afternoon, whereby a large quantity of hay and a barn, stable and outhouse were burnt to the ground.

December 1894  
**TREE - CHURCH BLOWN AWAY**  
On Saturday morning last it was found that the iron Free Church in Balmoe, Tree, has been completely destroyed by the gale of the previous night. Not a single vestige was left standing on the foundation, some of the material, it is believed, having been blown into the sea. The church, which was a very neat and compact structure, and could accommodate a considerable number of people, was almost new.

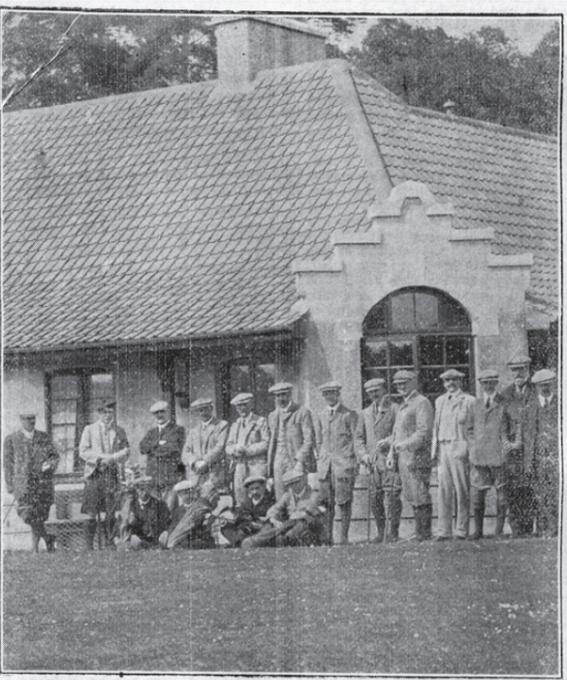
December 1894  
**WEST COAST - DISASTROUS GALE**  
A terrific storm of wind and rain sprang up on Friday night about eight o'clock, and lasted with varying degrees of violence during the whole night and well into Saturday afternoon. Great damage to property and considerable loss of life are reported as having occurred over a wide area by land and sea.

December 1894  
**OBAN - ESPLANADE EXTENSION**  
On the afternoon of Tuesday last the extended portion of the Corran Esplanade, which has just been completed, was officially declared open by Provost Cooper in the presence of the Town Council, burgh officials and other gentlemen.

December 1894  
**OBAN - RABBITS, RABBITS**  
Mr MacGuill, Oban has forwarded more than 5000 rabbits to the English market for Christmas. Rabbits appear to be on the increase in the district.

December 1894  
**OBAN - HORSE OVER PIER**  
An exciting occurrence happened at the North Pier on Tuesday forenoon. While the Helen MacGregor was discharging stones into carts, one of the horses became restless and backed the cart over the pier. The cart struck on the steamer's bulwarks and rested there, which probably saved it, and the horse, from falling into the hold with inevitably disastrous results. The horse hung suspended between the pier and the steamer, only prevented from going over by the exertions of some of the pier men who held on manfully to any part of harness they could grasp. Eventually a rope was run under the horse's hindquarters and the poor brute was relieved from its perilous position apparently none the worse of the terrible experience.

January 1897  
**COLINTRAIVE - TELEPHONES**  
The connection with Rothsay has now been completed and the line is expected to be open to the public business within a week or two.



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January 1897  
**OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT**  
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January 1897  
**OBAN - STRONTOILLER CASE**  
A Sheriff Criminal Court was held in Oban on Wednesday when Sheriff MacLachlan heard a case that has attracted wide interest. The courtroom was crowded. Neil MacCuiloch, assistant farmer at Torinturk, was charged with having on the 11th December, at the river Lonan, near Glenamakrie farmhouse, assaulted Robert MacLean, snr gamekeeper, Strontouiller, by beating him with a salmon spear or other lethal weapon, whereby he was cut and wounded to the great effusion of blood and serious injury of his person, and to the danger of his life. The accused is twenty-four years of age, and pleaded not guilty. Mr Sprout, procurator fiscal, stated that Mr John Campbell, solicitor, appearing for the defence, intended to put to the court four witnesses to prove that the accused was in a different place when the offence occurred. A special defence of that kind, however, had to be lodged on the day before the trial and that had not been done. Sheriff MacLachlan allowed the defence. On concluding the evidence, the sheriff then carefully summed up the case, and took occasion to point out that a danger of a special defence was that if it was not proved the witnesses were liable for perjury. The jury then retired, and after an absence of twenty minutes the foreman Mr A Shaip, announced a verdict of 'not proved' by a majority. The verdict was received with loud applause and some cheering in the body of the court.

March 1897  
**TREE - NEW LIGHTHOUSE**  
Mr D N Nicol, the member for the county, has just received a satisfactory assurance from the Under Secretary for Scotland regarding the lighthouse promised for Tree, as to which the Hon gentleman has interested himself. Under date, 2nd inst., 'Sir Colin Scott Moncreiff writes to Mr Nicol: 'I should hope the Tree lighthouse is finished long ere now, but I have no report from the Northern Lighthouse Commissioners yet. Anyhow it is provided for in this year's estimates.'

March 1897  
**ULLAPOOL - LIGHTENING KILLS FAMILY**  
Another death has occurred from lightning in the Ullapool district. It is now ascertained that not only was the father, Roderick MacLeod, Achduart, instantly killed, but his son was also killed. It seems the family were gathered in the house to read a letter delivered by the postman from a daughter at service in the south, when the lightning not only killed the father and son, but paralysed other two elderly people. The house is a complete wreck. Two dogs which were near the deceased were also killed.

April 1897  
**DALMALLY - INVERARAY RAILWAY**  
The Callander and Oban Railway Company's bill, which proposed the construction of a line from Dalmailly to Inveraray, and other works, was again under the consideration of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Wednesday. The hearing of the evidence on behalf of the petitioner against the bill, the Duke of Argyll was resumed, the chief witness being the Duke and the Marquis of Lorne. The Committee formed the preamble not proved in so far as it reached to the line from Dalmailly to Inveraray.

May 1897  
**LEDAIG - DEATH OF THE BARD**  
In the death of John Campbell, the well-known and respected postmaster of Ledaig on Tuesday, there has passed from among us one whose loss will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends all over the country, and whose memory will be long cherished in the district of Benderloch. Mr Campbell was a native of the district of Benderloch, his father being the then teacher of the General Assembly School at Ledaig. John was the eldest of three sons and three daughters and was born in September 1823.

May 1897  
**CAMPBELTOWN - MURDER OF WIFE**  
A profound sensation was created in Campbeltown on Sunday morning when it became known that during the night a shocking murder had been committed in the town. The scene of the tragedy is the Millknowe, in the west end of the town. The man supposed to have committed the murder Wm Galbraith, was lately employed as a distillery workman, and the murdered woman was his wife, named Margaret MacMillan or Galbraith. Galbraith and his wife were in the habit of quarrelling. Galbraith, who has since given himself up to the police, is about 25 years of age, and his wife was some 10 years or 12 years his senior.

June 1897  
**IONA - ST COLUMBA CENTENARY**  
The 13th centenary of the death of St Columba was commemorated on Wednesday in the Island of Iona by a great gathering of representatives of the Church of Scotland. There were clergymen present from all parts of the country. The first service was in Gaelic, and it is interesting to note that it was that first Gaelic service held in Iona Cathedral since the Reformation.

July 1897  
**FLIES STOP TRAIN IN SUTHERLAND**  
A Thurso correspondent writes - The following railway incident is vouched for by one of the most reliable commercial travellers in the North. When the 10.30am train on Monday was proceeding north, and about two miles from Invershin, on coming to a steep incline it came to a full stop. The place was thickly wooded with trees and bushes, and for a time nothing could be discovered to cause the wheels to slip, but eventually it was found that myriads of midges were being crushed by the wheels into a soft, slimy matter, which prevented the wheels gripping the rails. Various expedients were tried to overcome the difficulty, but though there were only 10 vehicles, they had to be divided into two parts ere the place could not be passed. This singular stoppage of 40 minutes is perhaps unique in the history of the railway.

July 1897  
**ARDNAMURCHAN - PAINFUL ACCIDENT**  
Mr John Cameron, one of the foremen at the works connected with the building of a new mansion at Glenbrodale, met with a somewhat singular accident while engaged in fixing an iron ring in a rock there on Thursday last. A hole has been drilled in the rock, and, in spite of every precaution, it seems that it was not thoroughly dry when the molten lead used to keep the ring in place was poured in. The lead violently rebounded, Mr Cameron receiving the whole molten discharge full in the face, the lead entering his mouth and nostrils. His left eye was also badly injured. He was at once removed to Glasgow, where he still lies.

July 1897  
**OBAN - NAMES**  
In glancing over the 'Oban Directory' for the current year, it is curious to note how the names of householders in town run up to numbers. The MacDougalls head the list with 48; the Campbells and MacDonnells are equal at 42; the MacLeans come next at 35; the MacIntyres, 29; MacCallums, 25; Camerons, 21; Blacks, 19; McPails, 17; MacPhersons, 15; MacLachlans, 15; MacColls, 14; MacKinnons, 14; MacArthurs, 13; Livingstones, 13; Stewarts, 13; MacFarlanes, 12; MacColls, 12; MacKenzie, 12; MacKillops, 12; MacInnes, 11; Carmichael, 10; MacLeods, 9; McMillans, McNeills and Frasers equal with 8; Menzies, 7; Buchanans, 7; and the great army of the Smiths are here represented by only 7.

July 1897  
**LOCHAWE - STATION FIRE**  
On Sunday morning last the station buildings at Lochawe were completely destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered a few minutes before nine o'clock by Mr Duncan Campbell, the master of the steam launch *Mona*, belonging to Mr Duncan Fraser, of Lochawe Hotel, and he immediately gave the alarm at the hotel, from which a messenger was sent at once to station cottages, which are some distance away, to warn the station master and porters. Campbell then, with the assistance or some of the guests of the hotel, has the hotel hose brought into use, but it was at once seen that there was no hope of saving any part of the station buildings, and every effort was directed to preventing the fire from catching the overbridge, which leads from the platform to the hotel.

September 1897  
**CAMPBELTOWN - SHIPPING**  
In the matter of shipbuilding Campbeltown is still advancing. Out of four steamers now building the Campbeltown Shipbuilding Company have just sold the largest to a Swedish firm having extensive trade with Sweden and Russia.

October 1897  
**TREE - NEW HOUSE**  
Mr Fletcher, contractor, Tobermory, has completed the erection of a handsome and commodious residence for Lady Victoria Campbell, beautifully situated near the shore at Gott Bay, Tree. The masonry is a fine piece of workmanship, and reflects great credit on the above named contractor. There is a spacious garden attached. The house commands an excellent view of the isles, and overlooks the fine sandy bay of Gott, which is about four miles in extent. It may therefore be considered as one of the most desirable places of residence in the Inner Hebrides.

December 1897  
**OBAN - SEVERE STORM**  
A severe gale from the north-west, accompanied by biting cold showers of sleet, hail and rain raged over Saturday and continued with extraordinary severity all Sunday, abating somewhat on Monday, but recurring at intervals until Tuesday morning. At Oban the storm was at its height on Sunday. The fish steamer *Rob Roy* was dashed against the Railway Pier and belting and bulwarks sustained some damage. The smack *Isabella*, loaded with tiles, filled off the South Pier and sank. The most serious casualty of the storm was the wreck of the steam lighter *Helen MacGregor* off Kerrera with the loss of all hands. The vessel had four hands on board, and was of about 100 tons, belonging to Messrs Gardner, quarry masters, Bonawe.

December 1897  
**SKYE - TYPHUS FEVER**  
A good deal of alarm has been felt by the inhabitants of Portree on account of the recent outbreak of typhus fever in the townships of Sconser and Braes, and the anxiety has been greatly increased since the report of two fresh cases which were discovered on Saturday last, and the death of one of those first attacked. A fever patient named Charles MacKenzie, about 35-years of age, who was one of four brought from Sconser into Portree fever Hospital, died in Thursday. Another of the patients in the hospital has passed the crisis, but no improvement has taken place in the case of the other two. A special meeting was called for the purpose of considering an application from the Skye District Committee for the use of the Sconser Schoolroom as a fever ward or as a room for isolating purposes. The Board, after due consideration, granted the request, and imposed upon the Committee the responsibility of thoroughly disinfecting the school premises after use.



John Munro, ship chandlers and ironmongers, situated on the North Pier, Oban. The old saying that rural shops could supply 'a needle to an anchor' was certainly true of this retail outlet which not only supplied a huge range of nautical requisits, it also had its own

purpose repair and maintenance yard on the island of Kerrera and an international yacht brokerage business which was reckoned throughout the UK. Right, is an original invoice dated July 1894 which is for goods supplied to Appin Estate, via their solicitors Messrs Hosack and Sutherland, Oban. Accounts would be settled once at year.

Accounting table titled 'Bought of JOHN MUNRO, IRONMONGER AND SHIP CHANDLER.' with columns for date, description, and amounts. Includes entries for April, May, and June 1894.

April 1891 LOCHFYNE - BUILDING A large and commodious mansion house is at present in the course of construction at Dalchenna, on the banks of Lochfyne, by Mr Bain, contractor, to the order of the Duke of Argyll, and is to be occupied by Sheriff Shaipr.

April 1891 GLENORCHY - HOSPITAL It is proposed that a cottage hospital is to be erected at Dalnally for the purpose of receiving infectious and other cases. We understand that the Marquis of Breadalbane is willing to grant a free site for the building, and otherwise assist in forwarding the scheme. The estimated cost is about £800, and subscriptions are invited.

April 1891 RUM - MAUSOLEUM TO BULLOUGH A handsome mausoleum is about to be erected over the remains of the late Mr Bullough in the island of Rum, of which he was proprietor. The contractor will be Mr Bain, Creagory.

April 1891 OBAN - CENSUS The enumeration which took place last week shows the total number of inhabitants in Oban, inclusive of the extended burgh, to be 4888, classified as follows: Males, 2254; Females 2634. The population in 1881 numbered 3986, thus showing an increase with the ten years of 902. A number of workpeople are at present engaged on the new railway and away from home, and had trade otherwise remained brisk, it is possible the number would have come up to the 5000, which it was generally believed to be.

May 1891 MULL - CLYDESDALE STALLION IN CANADA At the annual Spring show of the county of Hochelaga, held in Montreal, Gay Garnet, the premium horse on Mull last year, was awarded first prize in a very strong competition with 40 animals imported from this country and bred in Canada. Gay Garnet also won the gold medal for the Clydesdale Horse Society of Canada for the best Clydesdale stallion in the show.

May 1891 MULL & ISLAY - ESTATES FOR SALE During the present month the fine Highland estates of Glenforsa in Mull and Dunlossit in Islay will be brought under the hammer. The Glenforsa estate extends to 16,650 acres and brings in a yearly rental of £2029. Dunlossit contains about 17,000 acres, of which nearly two-thirds are moor. The free rental is £2060 a year, exclusive of the mansion house, shootings and fishings.

May 1891 CAMPBELLTOWN - NEW INDUSTRY A new aerated water company is being started in Campbelltown under the designation 'The Benbulbin Water Company, capacious premises being in the course of erection at Castle Acres, adjoining the town washing house buildings, where splendid spring water is easily obtained from the celebrated Barley Bannock Springs. The machinery in connection with this venture has been supplied by Messrs Brabry and Hincliff of Manchester and London.

June 1891 OBAN - QUEEN VICTORIA Queen Victoria entered on Saturday last upon the fifty-fifth year of her reign. Several yachts in the bay displayed their flags in honour of the occasion.



The harbour at Clachan, North Uist in the early 1900s

June 1891 OBAN - EXPORTS Mr Alexander Robertson, chemist, Oban, has just received two very large orders from sheep owners in the Falkland Islands for his famed Highland Sheep Dip. One of the orders is for six tons, a quantity which is estimated to dip 90,000 sheep.

July 1891 BEN CRUACHAN - MURDER William Laing, quarryman, Ben Cruachan Quarries, was tried before the High Court of Justiciary at the Glasgow Circuit on Thursday, for the murder of James Lindsay, quarry manager on 10th March at Ben Cruachan Quarries. The indictment stated that he did 'assault the said James Lindsay, did knock, or throw him over an embankment and did beat him with fists, and did murder him.' Lord Adam, addressing the prisoner, said: 'You have pled guilty to culpable homicide. I must sentence you to six months' imprisonment.'

September 1891 OBAN - FLOATING PIERS FOR OBAN BAY To facilitate the landing of yacht's boats at all states of the tides, the suggestion has been made to place a floating landing-stage, which will rise and fall with the tide, at the Alexandra Slip and Railway Pier. The suggestion commended itself to a number of public-spirited gentlemen in the town, and it is, we believe, to be brought forward at meeting usually held prior to the municipal election with a view to having an expression of opinion from the Commissioners on the subject. Considering the great inconvenience to which yachtsmen are often put in landing at low tide, it is to be hoped the proposal will be heartily taken up and given due effect to before next summer.

October 1891 RAILWAY DISPUTE SETTLED The details of what transpired at the conference of the West Highland Railway directors, Messrs Lucas and Aird, contractors of the line, and other interested parties to the dispute, which was held in the Central Hotel, Glasgow a few days ago, have been most carefully guarded, and reporters have been kept at arm's length by the parties to the conference, but we are glad to be in a position to state that an amicable settlement of the unfortunate dispute has now been arrived at, and that construction work on the line will be briskly proceeded with by the present contractors, whose claims have been liberally met by the promoters.

October 1891 OBAN - TELEPHONES We are pleased to notice the development of this branch of electricity in town by the appointment of an agent of the Consolidated Telephone Construction and maintenance Company Limited, London, in the person of Mr John Campbell, electrical and mechanical bellhanger, Stafford Street, Oban. As sole agent in a district which comprises the whole of Argyllshire with portions of Inverness and Perthshire - Lochmaddy to Crianlarich - there is little doubt that under his energetic management, and also his practical and extensive knowledge of the work, the Company is likely to succeed. Mr Campbell has already made a beginning in the erection of circuits in town.

October 1891 REGIMENTAL KILTS It has been decided that in future kilted Highland regiments shall be supplied with seven yards of tartan per man for kilts, instead of five yards as heretofore.

October 1891 STROMEFERRY - TRAIN STATION BURNED - TRAIN DESTROYED On Friday morning last a railway station at Stromeferry, on the Highland line, was destroyed by fire. The structure was made of wood, and the flames got such a strong hold upon the building that it was demolished in less than an hour's time. An adjacent range of buildings also caught fire and were considerably damaged, as was a train of fourteen carriages which was lying by. The fire, estimated at a cost of £3000, destroyed the booking-office, waiting rooms, agent's office, lamp and luggage rooms, and included books, papers and all instruments.

October 1891 OBAN - GREAT SALE OF HIGHLAND CATTLE At the West Highland Auction Mart on Tuesday last week, Mr Corson continued his great annual sale of Highland cattle, the numbers forward being 2477, making a total for the two days of 3233, this being 1166 over the corresponding sales of last year.

October 1891 BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST SHOW Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Glasgow will not be opened until Monday. Mr C.P. Watson, Glasgow, has been appointed as advertising agent.

January 1892 CENTURY OF FREEMASONRY IN OBAN To celebrate the anniversary of St John, the brethren of the local lodge of Freemasons (Commercial No 180) sat down to supper within the Royal Hotel. The occasion was all the more interesting from the fact that it was also the 100th anniversary of the lodge, which was constituted on November 7, 1791.

January 1895 COLONSAY - MONUMENT DESTROYED In the storm last weeks in the Island of Colonsay the monument to Lord Colonsay was thrown down. It is only a few years since the obelisk was struck by lightning and had to be rebuilt.

January 1895 THE 'OBAN TIMES' IN INDIA An Oban gentleman, now resident in Calcutta, writes to a townsman as follows: - The Oban Times always finds me on mail day, and as it is ever more than a month - often three weeks - old when it arrives, the news is quite recent and fresh. You would be astonished at the number of people out here who get The Oban Times - not only the exiles from Argyll but from all parts of the far North.

January 1895 BALLACHULISH - FIRE About four o'clock on Saturday afternoon last, a fire broke out at the back of the Ballachulish stores, of which Mr Grant acts as manager for Messrs Berr & Co. In spite of the many willing hands who tried to extinguish it the fire progressed at a rapid rate, so that in a very short time the whole of the back premises of the Store and the Post Office were burnt to the ground. After such a scene as that of last Saturday night the members elected on the Parish Council should at once encourage the formation of a fire brigade in the town. The estimated loss by the fire is supposed to be over £1,000.

February 1895 SKYE - PORTREE WATER Plans for new reservoir for Portree have been approved of and the authorities are about to advertise for offers.

February 1895 OBAN - NEW POST OFFICE We understand that the Post Office authorities have acquired ground from the Callander and Oban Railway Company in the vicinity of the passenger station at Oban for the purpose of erecting a new Post Office.

February 1895 OBAN - FISH As many as 5000 barrels of fresh herring and 3000 boxes of kippers arrived at the railway pier at the beginning of the week, from the North, for transmission per rail to the south.

March 1895 NORTH UIST - FOUR DROWNED AT FERRY A sad accident, whereby four men lost their lives, occurred between the Island of Boreray and the mainland of North Uist, on Monday night. Norman MacDonald, crofter, was on his way to attend a Court at Lochmaddy when the sad event occurred, and was being ferried by the other three. The boat was seen going down, and a crew at once set out to rescue, but only succeeded in recovering MacDonald's body.

April 1895 FT WILLIAM - DISTILLERY DESTROYED The Ben Nevis Distillery, famous for the manufacture of 'Long John' whisky, was almost totally destroyed by fire last Friday morning. The fire broke out at 2 a.m., and a messenger was dispatched to the Nevis Distillery for Mr Shaw, the manager, who ordered the fire engine to be despatched to the scene of the fire. On arrival there it was found that the mill, mash house, ton room, and still-house could not be saved, and shortly afterwards the roof of these buildings fell in. All the machinery - including the still, turbine, refrigerators, coolers, wash-backs, spirit receivers, and vats - was totally destroyed. About 1,200 gallons of whisky, in course of distillation were also destroyed. It is only a few weeks since Messrs MacDonald, in conjunction with the Fort William Town Council, got the new fire engine, and it is housed by them at their new Distillery, however, is almost two miles distant from the Ben Nevis Distillery.

November 1895 OBAN - GIFT OF A FEVER HOSPITAL Letter from Dr MacKellvie to Oban Town Council. Dear Provost, - I have been thinking over the conversation we had the other day, when I had the pleasure of meeting Mr McIsaac and you. There is no doubt a fever hospital is required in this town, and if it will forward the arrangements of the Town Council I am prepared to give, and now offer, the sum of one thousand pounds, which will, I understand, cover the cost of the proposed hospital. . . . I would like to be permitted to send to the hospital occasional infectious cases from my neighbouring parishes. I am yours, very truly, R.B. MacKellvie

LIFEBUOY SOAP advertisement featuring an illustration of a man with a lifebuoy and text describing the soap's benefits for health and cleanliness.

USEFUL BLACK BLOUSE advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman in a blouse and text for Moore, Taggart & Co. Blouse Specialists.

THE FAMOUS GLENSKOT advertisement for Scotch Tweed Suits, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text for Penmans' Tailors.

AUSTRALIA advertisement for dairying, featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress and text about the High Commissioner for Australia.

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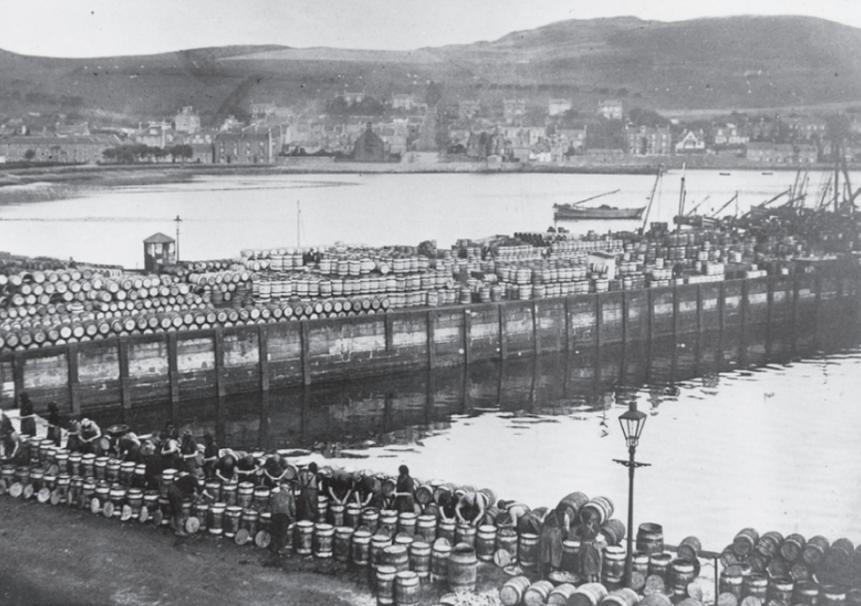
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April 1911.  
**SHINTY CHAMPIONSHIP - BALLACHULISH PROTEST SUSTAINED**  
An animated discussion took place at a meeting of the council of the Scottish Camachd Association, in Inverness, on Saturday, over the question of a protest by Ballachulish against a goal being awarded to the Newtonmore in the final for the Scottish Shinty Championship. Newtonmore, who have been the holders of the cup for the past four years, won the match by 3 goals to 2. Colonel Macdonald, D.S.O., Fort William, occupied the chair.  
Mr J.I. Macpherson, a native of Newtonmore, and a noted barrister who contested in the liberal interest for two constituencies, maintenance that the council could not consider the protest, as it was in direct violation of the rules. The referee, in his report, stated that the game had been won by Newtonmore by 3 goals to 2, and the matter ended there.  
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**SCOTTISH CAMACHD CHAMPIONSHIP - A STUBBORN CONTEST**  
Ballachulish 3 Newtonmore, 1  
In the presence of a spectatorate which must have numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 people, the above teams met at Keppoch, Roy Bridge, on Saturday, to play off their undecided tie in connection with the Scottish Championship for the present season. It is safe to state that not for a generation or two has an event in the shinty world created so much interest in and around Lochaber as did Saturday's contest. The Argyllshire team secured the much-coveted trophy in 1899 and 1901, while successive victories by Newtonmore in 1907-8-9 and 10 broke all previous records, and as this was the first occasion on which the cup-holders met the hardy quarriers, it was felt that it was no insecure lot they had to deal with. When it became known that Major MacDonald, D.S.O., Spean Bridge - himself a veteran player of distinction - undertook to look after the arrangements for the game, it was felt that nothing would be left undone to popularise the event; and in Messrs William Swan, John Blair, A. Mackintosh, and John McDonald he had most useful assistance. In order to be in the pink of condition, Newtonmore travelled on the Friday, and put up at the Roy Bridge Hotel, while the Argyllshire men were content with travelling up on Saturday morning. The match was advertised to start at 2 pm, and the special trains reached Roy Bridge about 1.30, carrying with them the hearty enthusiasts. A pleasing variety was the presence and performances of the Fort William Pipe Band, who at suitable intervals played selections which greatly enlivened the occasion. As both teams stepped out onto the field, they were warmly received, Newtonmore looking the heavier lot, while the Ballachulish lads betokened activity and smartness.

April 1911  
**SHINTY - ARGYLL V. INVERNESS SELECTION OF TEAMS**  
On Tuesday evening of last week a meeting, convened by Mr Hugh MacCorquodale, was held at 47 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, for the purpose of arranging for the proposed inter-county match, Argyllshire v Inverness-shire. The 7th Scottish Rules have been agreed to give the drill ground at Govanhill for the match, it was decided to have it played on the 20th inst. The match is sure to appeal to all lovers of shinty, and the promoters are looking forward to a large following of spectators. The proceeds of the match, after deducting expenses, will be handed to the treasurer of An Comunn Gaidhealach, to go towards the Mod prize list. The Committee in charge of the arrangements are Messrs Donald McCorquodale, Alex. Cameron, Fred McDougall, Archibald Macpherson, with Mr Hugh MacCorquodale as secretary. The teams chosen are as follows, and they are all players resident in the cities their birthplaces is given - Argyll - Goal, John MacCorquodale (Furnace) backs, Allan Livingstone (Oban) and Dan McLachlan (Inveraray); half-backs, Duncan McNiven (Furnace) and D.S. MacLachlan (Fyfe of Bute); centres, Donald Turner (Ballachulish), captain, John Nicholson (Kyles of Bute), and William Armstrong (Lochgoilhead), David Grier (Morven), and Wm. Stewart (Inverary). Reserves - J. Galbraith (Kyles) and Dick Ellard (Oban).  
Inverness - Goal, Donald McDougall (Portree) and Rod. MacLean (Beauly) centres, Lachlan McInnes (Brae), forwards D.R. McLeod (Bermisdale), Dr. James Mackinnon (Portree), Angus MacLean (Portree) and John McLean (Portree). Reserves - Don. McDougall (Portree) and J.F. McIntosh (Elgill). Mr W.M. Smith, Campsie, was appointed to referee the match.



**CAMPBELTOWN** - The importance of the herring fishing - barrels are stacked as far as the eye can see on Campbeltown pier while in the foreground lines of 'herring lassies' gut and pack the fish in salt, ready to be shipped south. The fishermen and the 'lassies', many who came from the Western Isles, followed the shoals of herring around the coast and could be found from Campbeltown and the Isle of Man in the south to Stornoway and Shetland in the north.

cannons and coins and valuable contents of the hull. The syndicate anticipate a good market this season, as it is Coronation Year, when so many Americans are in the country.

May 1911  
**OBAN - MOTOR CAR CIRCULAR TOUR**  
A private company has recently been formed under the name of 'The Oban, Ford, and Loch Awe Motor Syndicate'. They are having built for them by the Albion Motor Company, Ltd., Glasgow, a large and powerful touring car, which is intended to leave Oban daily (except Sundays) during the season at 10am, for Pass of Melfort on to Ford to connect with the steamer *Courtesy of Breadalbane* sailing from there down Loch Awe to Loch Awe station Pier. Passengers may return to Oban by train, or the tour may be accomplished vice versa. For many years prior to 1908 this was a very popular circular tour by coach all the way to Ford, and it is practically to resuscitate it that this company has not been formed. The car will arrive back in Oban about 5pm and will be available for evening engagements. Further development in motoring tours may be looked for from this newly formed syndicate.

# Independent Schools

## FETTES COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF SPORT

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### Sports Scholarships

Fettes College offers a wide range of scholarships including the Sports Scholarship available at 13+ and 16+ and designed to attract those boys and girls who have a real talent and enthusiasm for sport.

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There is a wide range of sport, art, music, drama and cultural activities; over 70 extra-curricular clubs are on offer. Of particular note are the opportunities for music; Dollar Academy has a world champion pipe band, regular productions and concerts, a choice of twelve choirs and orchestras and individual tuition for a range of instruments at all abilities. The art department is of national renown.

Your child can board at Dollar Academy. The boarding houses are excellent and pupils are cared for with genuine kindness. A full programme of activities, events and excursions is provided.

Boarding admissions are now being taken for boys and girls aged 10 upwards. Contact the Rector directly to discuss the options at [rector@dollaracademy.org.uk](mailto:rector@dollaracademy.org.uk)

## GLENALMOND COLLEGE

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Glenalmond College stretches its pupils – academically, physically, creatively, spiritually and emotionally. The strong and supportive community helps them to develop self-belief, generosity of spirit and independence of mind, enabling them to mature into successful, confident adults.

The pursuit of excellence, with every child encouraged to make the most of their academic abilities, is fundamental to the school's commitment to its pupils. However, academic work is balanced with an extensive range of creative, sporting, social and adventure activities, and each child is encouraged to find those areas in which they can shine.

The school is located in 300 acres of stunning countryside just outside Perth, and is the perfect environment for the 400 boys and girls aged 12 to 18 to grow and learn. Boarders and day pupils are welcomed and all benefit from the superb pastoral care and individual attention that are central to the school's ethos.

The experience of Glenalmond is perhaps best summed up by one of the current sixth-formers, who describes the school as a place where pupils are "inspired to learn, determined to achieve".

Parents and children are invited to visit the school at any time. To arrange a visit, or join our Taster Day on 17 September, please contact the Registrar, Jeremy Poulter, on 01738 842056 or [registrar@glenalmondcollege.co.uk](mailto:registrar@glenalmondcollege.co.uk).

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## STRATHALLAN SCHOOL

Strathallan's ethos is focussed on providing the opportunities for all pupils to excel, challenging them and also offering support and building confidence through a range of experiences.

Central to this is academic success: 82% of this year's A level entries were graded A\*/B. The School is also committed to high standards in sport, music, theatre and a wide range of other activities. This year saw district or national success in twenty different sports, sixteen Scottish representatives and twelve national champions.

Strathallan School occupies a glorious rural location, situated in 150 acres in the heart of Perthshire, offering a safe and secure environment for children to grow and develop. We continue to invest in our outstanding facilities. Recent additions include modern laboratories, computer centre, design technology centre, strength conditioning room, two floodlit synthetic hockey pitches, medical centre, girls' boarding house, refurbished swimming pool, dining hall and art school.

All boarding houses provide modern accommodation, with a single study-bedroom for every boarder after the first senior year. The Junior House, Riley, is designed to cater for boys and girls wishing to enter the School at 9+ and is situated within its own campus, but enjoys the facilities of the main School.

The School revolves around boarding with two thirds of our 550 pupils boarders. Being a member of the Strathallan community is a wonderful experience in itself but crucially it is also an outstanding preparation for the future.

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## LOMOND SCHOOL CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Pupils and staff at Lomond School in Helensburgh are celebrating some outstanding examination results this summer. At the three key assessment points of Advanced Higher, Higher and Standard grade/Intermediate 2 many pupils met or exceeded their expectations.

At Advanced Higher the overall pass rate at Grades A-C was 93% with a remarkable 73% of those presented achieving either an A or a B. Lomond, which is the only boarding school in the West of Scotland, saw many of its students achieve straight A's at Higher and 8 A's and 1's at Standard Grade/Intermediate 2. The headline pass rate at Higher was 83% (pre appeals) with 64% of pupils achieving A and B grades. The headline pass rate at Standard Grade and Intermediate 2 (grades 1-3/A-C) was a hugely impressive 96% (pre appeals) with 85% being achieved at 1/2 or A/B. Lomond awards Academic Ties to pupils in S5 achieving four or more Grade A Highers with 18 pupils receiving the award.

One notable success was Tarbert based student, Michael Bertoli. Michael joined Lomond as an S5 boarder in 2011 having received his early education locally. He achieved the clean sweep in Chemistry, French Maths, History and English and will return to the school to study Advanced Higher Chemistry and further Highers in Biology, Modern Studies and PE. Michael hopes to train as a PE teacher on leaving school.

Commenting on the results, Lomond's Headmaster Simon Mills said,

"We are absolutely thrilled by Michael's success in his exams. It can be attributed to hard work on his own part, coupled with dedicated and, in many cases, inspirational teaching at both Tarbert Academy and more recently at Lomond. His results really pave the way for successful university entrance at a time when it is becoming increasingly a challenge to secure places at first choice institutions."

**ST MARY'S MUSIC SCHOOL**



## ST MARY'S MUSIC SCHOOL

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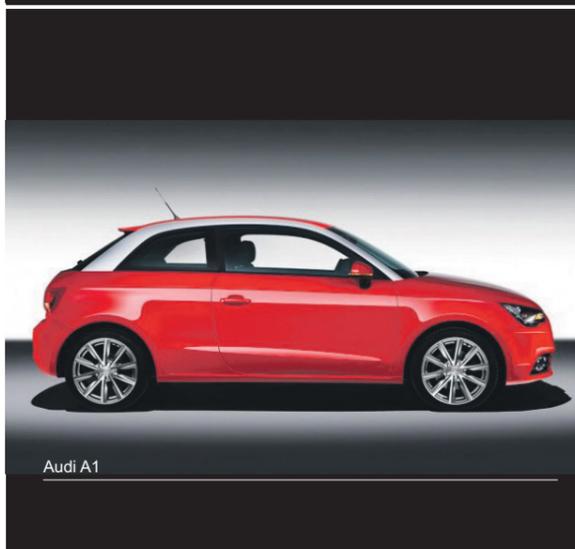
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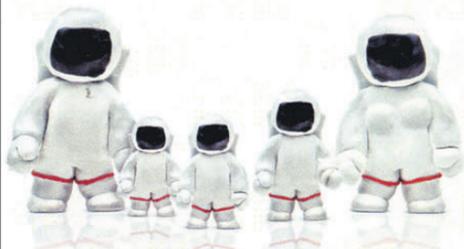
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## Dalmally first lamb sale meets rising trade

UNITED Auctions held their opening sale of lambs at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday. A good offering of store lambs sold to an average of £57.60 or 181p per kilo - this records a rise of £5.10 per head or 21p per kilo. The entry of lambs consisted mainly of top and mid draws and was shown in good bloom and to a good ringside of buyers.

## Lismore lambs are Oban champions and sell to £83

CALEDONIAN Marts' opening show and sale of lambs at the Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday, August 16 had forward 4,625 store and feeding sheep. Store lambs averaged £60.17 (+£4.66 on the year) and sold to £83 for Texels from McCormick, Baligarve, Isle of Lismore. Feeding ewes averaged £54.31 (+£1.10 on the year) and sold to £89 for Suffolks from H Saldanha, 3 Killeen, Lismore. The show, sponsored by Reid and Robertson, was judged by John Gilvear, Graystone Farm, Stirling. The overall champion pen and first prize pen of 10 Texel lambs went to D McCormick, Baligarve, Isle of Lismore £83. Overall reserve champion pen and first prize pen of 25 Suffolk lambs went to 1 Campbell and Son, Strongorm, Balvaric £74. The first prize pen of 10 island bred Suffolk lambs came from D McDougall, Tirtuir, Isle of Lismore £71.50, while the first prize pen of 25 island Texel lambs was from G McCormick, Sithean £73. The first prize pen of 10 mainland bred Suffolk lambs came from A B Campbell, Achnacreebeag £72.50 and the first prize pen of 25 Suffolk lambs went to Pottaloch Farms £73.50. The first prize pen of 10 Cheviot lambs came from Dunach Estates £59.50 while the first prize pen of 25 mainland Texel lambs was awarded to S H Troughton, Ardachy £68. Pottaloch Farms sold 303 Suffolk crosses to an average of £65.41; Ardachy sold 339 to average at £63.16; while Claonaig Farms sold 380 to an average of £61.97.

## Suffolk cross lambs in strong demand in Tیره

UNITED Auctions held their annual sale of lambs at Tیره Auction Mart when 4861 head were sold to record an average price of £57.59 per head or 164.9 pence kilo. This was an increase of £1.74 per head on last year's exceptionally high values. Top draw lambs in general were selling at £4/£5 more than last year and middle draws were making £2/£3 more whilst the smaller types ranging from 24kg to 29kg failed to maintain last year's high levels. Overall, a good selection of lambs was presented and was shown in good bloom with Suffolk crosses proving to be more popular with the buying clientele.

## Portree lambs top Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 2,278 store lambs at Dingwall on Monday when. Lambs averaged £45.77 and sold to £66 for a Beltex cross from 4 Edinbane, Portree. Lambs were shown in excellent condition, sold extremely well and the sale average rose by £4.95 on the year.

## Weather affects Dingwall trade

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 10,134 lambs at their sale on Thursday of last week when lambs barely met the previous week's strong demand showing an overall average of £49.78 (-58p on the year). Quality lambs were in short supply, with an increased number of twin lambs on offer. All lacked bloom and size due to the adverse weather conditions.

# Scotland's first forest crofts launched on Mull



Iain Thompson, a director of North West Mull Woodland Community Company, signs the first of three woodland crofts near to Dervaig on Mull. The contract was witnessed by MSPs Richard Lochhead and Michael Russell, and Ian Hepburn, NWMWCC project manager.

'Historic day' could lead the way to many such crofts throughout the country

A HISTORIC document signing on the Isle of Mull saw directors of the North West Mull Woodland Community Company (NWMWCC) get the 'keys' to the country's first ever Forest Crofts. Environment and rural affairs minister Richard Lochhead and education minister Michael Russell said the 'historic day' has the potential to lead the way in the development of many such crofts throughout the country. The Forest Crofts are up to four hectares in size. The agreements signed last Thursday say they cannot have more than 20 per cent open space on them. The crofts can never be purchased and de-crofted. Initial uses for the crofts are thought likely to be a tree nursery, orchards, organic vegetables, performance spaces and holiday accommodation. Iain Thompson, a Mull singer songwriter, was the recipient of one of the first three crofts to be allocated. Iain said: 'It is an opportunity for us that we would never have otherwise been able to afford.'

'This way we can build a house on the land and have somewhere we can live. 'It will be quite an opportunity for us. We are even thinking we might be able to have a small business that we can run from the croft. 'The good thing for the community is that if we ever decide to give up the croft it will go back to the community company.' Colin Morrison, chair of NWMWCC said: 'Woodland crofts are hugely significant to our own local community where individuals will gain long term secure access to land and be able to develop a range of agro forestry and other opportunities. 'Something entirely new has been created here and it is incredibly exciting to be there right at the very start. Our woodland crofts are sure to be the first of many throughout Scotland and we are proud to be pioneering new types of land access and use that will in time be seen to benefit many across the country.'

## Market reports

### Oban Caledonian Marts

Lambs: Suffolk: Ballinmackilichan, Lismore £73; Mid, Lismore £72; Dalvore £70.50; Glengorm Estate, Mull £70.50; Torbhlaran £70. Texel: Balnagown, Lismore £76; Strongorm £75.50; Iochdar, Mull £74.50; Tirtuir, Lismore £73; Baligarve, Lismore £72.50; Sithean, Iona £71.50; Baligarve Croft, Lismore £71. Mule: Sithean, Lismore £67.50; Pottaloch £65.50; Achiaran, Lismore £64; Alaval £62.50; Fiart, Lismore £62.50; Tyree and Kintraw £60. Cheviot: 99 Borve, Barra £70; Tiraghoil, Mull £68; Balinmackilichan, Lismore £63; Pine Lodge £63; Caddleton Farms £60. Beltex: Stronachroibh, Lismore £70 and £65; Achiaran, Lismore £69; Glengorm Estates, Mull £58. Beulah: Barranrioch £66; West Drimvore £65. Blackface: Iochdar, Mull £57; Strontoiiler £57; Barranrioch £53. Ewes: Suffolk X: £85 Glencruitten; Suffolk: £84 Dalvore; Cheviot: £78 Tiraghoil, £68 Caddleton Farms, £65 99 Borve; Continental: £76 Park. Texel: £76 Dalvore; Texel X: £72 West Drimvore. Blackface: £61 and £49.50 Alaval, £48 Dalvore, £48 Strongorm, £45 Achnacreebeag, £44 West Drimvore.

### Dalmally United Auctions

Lambs: Texel X: £72.50 Caolis, Coll: £69.50 Crossapol, Coll: £69.00 Couston Farm Co; £67.50 Tombuie; £67.20 Barguilean Suffolk X: £66.50 Maam Farm; £65.50 85 Borve, Barra; £64.80 Garraron & Melfort Farms Cheviot: £67.80 Ruairigan, Tobermory. Cross: £56.00 Lephinkill Farm: £55.50 Garraron & Melfort Farms Rouge: £58.00 Brechoille Blackface: £43.50 & £42.50 Stroneskar. Prices per kilo Suffolk X: 207p & 181p Couston Farm Co: 193p, 189p & 185p 85 Borve, Barra; 182p Garraron & Melfort. Texel X: 208p & 192p Silvercraigs; 195p Brenachille; 194p Crossapol, Coll; 190p, 187p & 183p High Balantyre; 189p & 183p Caolis, Coll; 187p Bar Glas; 184p Tombuie; 182p Craigmorie; 180p Couston Farm Co. Cheviot: 185p, 178p & 177p Ruairigan, Mull. Mule: 173p Garraron Farm. Cross: 180p Couston Farm Co; 171p Brenachille; 170p Lephinkill. Blackface: 181p & 152p Stroneskar.

### Tیره United Auctions

Lambs: Suffolk X: £76.50 4 Kilkenneth; £75.50 4 Kilkenneth & Salum; £75 Braeside, Drumagla & Benview; £74.50 2/15 Balevullin; £74 Heylipol Farm & Hillcrest; £73.50 Drumagla; £71.50 Druimasaidh, Benview & 15 Crossapol; £71 Skipinnis; £70.50 Salum; £69 10 Crossapol; £68.50 Heylipol Farm & Croish; £68 Hillcrest & Druimasaidh; £67.50 Lochphuil, Hillcrest, 2 Heylipol & 8 Cornaigbeg; £67 Gott; £66.50 Braeside & 6 Barrapol; £66 Heylipol Farm & 4 Kilkenneth; £65.50 6 Crossapol & Hillcrest; £65 9 Barrapol. Texel X: £74.50 Hillcrest; £72.50 Druimfhraoich & Ruag; £71 4 Heanish & Heylipol Farm; £70 6 Barrapol; £69 3A Caolis & 3 Middleton; £68.50 Sandaig; £67.50 Druimfhraoich; £66.50 2 Heylipol & Benview; £66 8 Barrapol; Sandaig & 6 Barrapol; £65.50

### 6 Balevullin; £65 Hillcrest & Crofthouse.

Cheviot: £66.50 Vaul. Cross: £57 3 Kenovay; £56 Crofthouse. Mule: £64 Braeside. Blackface: £60.50 4 East Baugh. Beltex: £66.50 & £65 Heylipol Farm; £65 Ruag; £64.50 Crofthouse. Prices per kilo: Suffolk X: 192p Heylipol Farm & Croish; 189p Heylipol Farm; 188p Scarinish Farm; 185p Carnan; 180p 6 Crossapol, Heylipol Farm, Scarinish Farm & 6 Barrapol: 179p 6 Crossapol & Druimasaidh; 178p 4 Kilkenneth & 3 Kenovay; 177p Hillcrest, Druimasaidh & 6 Barrapol; 174p 5 Ruag, Salum, Scarinish Farm & Garaphail; 173p Lochphuil & Braeside; 172p 10 Crossapol; 171p Croish & 12 West Hynish. Texel X: 184p Crofthouse; 178p 8 Balevullin; 175p 6 Barrapol; 174p Garaphail & 10 Balevullin; 173p 6 Balevullin; 172p Hough & Hillcrest; 171p Sunnyside, Ruag & 8 Balevullin; 170p Gribun. Cheviot: 171p Scarinish Farm; 170p 8 Barrapol; 168p Vaul. Beltex X: 200p 6 Balevullin; 192p & 186p Ruag; 182p Heylipol Farm; 181p 5 Ruag; 179p Crofthouse; 176p & 172p Heylipol Farm; 171p Ruag. Cattle: Bulllocks: £715 & £705 Lochphuil; £700 10 Crossapol; £680, £650 & £640 Lochphuil. Heifers: £550(2) 10 Crossapol.

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### Cross: Corriebheinn Farms, £56 Caitness; Cheviot wedder: 21 Baligill, Strathy, £52 Cheviot ewe: 21 Baligill, £51.50; Suffolk X: 21 Baligill, £61.50. East Sutherland: Cheviot wedder: 7 Achrimsdale, Brora, £62.50; Cheviot ewe: Blarmore, Kinbrace, £62 Suffolk X: 217 Lednabrighen, Dornoch, £56 Texel X: 12 Airdens, Bonar Bridge, £59.50; Cross: The Point, Brora, £50.50. North West Sutherland: Cheviot wedder: 18 Strathnaver, £58 Texel X: 20 Strathnaver, £59 Inverness and South: Cheviot wedder: Erchie, Dores, £62 Suffolk X: Balmastrad, Carrbridge, £66 Texel X: Bogallan, North Kessock, £68.50; Charnoise: Castle Grant Home Farm, Grantown on Spey, £62.50; Mule: Dunlichity Farm, Farr, £55 Charolais X: Greenfield, Invergarry, £53.50; Beltex X: Dunlichity, £53.50. Mid Ross and Black Isle: Cheviot wedder: Inverchoran, Strathconon, £60 Cheviot ewe: Inverchoran, £58.50; Texel X: 120 Newton of Ferintosh, Mulbuie, £62 Cross: Easter Balmungie, Fortrose, £57 Wester Ross: Cheviot wedder: Inverpoll, Ullapool, £58.50; Cheviot ewe: Keppoch Farm, Dundonnell, £60 Suffolk X: Leckmelm Estate, Ullapool, £59.50. Easter Ross: Cheviot wedder: Kirksheaf, Tain, £59 Cheviot ewe: 1 Doumie, Edderton, £60 Suffolk X: Inchindown, Invergordon, £60 Texel X: 72 Westford, AIness, £57.

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**Dingwall Dingwall and Highland Marts**

Lambs: Mid Sutherland: Cheviot wedder: Mid Gruinards, Ardgay, £60.50; Cheviot ewe: Birchbank, Elphin, £66.00; Texel X: Morvich, Rogart, £56.50; Cross: Morvich, £59.00; Beltex X: Runachloie, Lairg, £51.50. Skye and Outer Isles: Cheviot wedder: Uiginish Farm, Dunvegan, £61. Cheviot ewe: Gesto Farm, Struan, £61 Suffolk X: 5 Strollomus, Broadford, £69

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Argyll College UHI Ltd requires the following part time post to cover a maternity leave period:

**Assistant Centre Manager**

Based in our Hazelburn Centre in Campbeltown, the successful applicant will provide local learning support to students as well as assisting the centre manager with the management, administration and promotion of the centre in line with college policy and procedures. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, a sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office and good administrative skills are essential requirements of the post.

This is a part time, temporary post to cover maternity leave starting mid to late September. Hours are, on average, 21 per week which includes some evening work. The actual days and times worked will be agreed with the successful applicant. The hourly rate is £9.70 plus a payment in lieu of annual leave of £1.53 per hour, giving a total hourly rate of £11.23

Initial applications in the form of a CV (maximum 2 pages A4) and a 1 page covering letter should be received by:

**Monday 5th September 2011 to:**  
Lorna McDonald, Argyll College UHI Ltd,  
Glenshellach Business Park, Oban, Argyll PA34 4RY  
e-mail: lorna.mcdonald@argyllcollege.ac.uk  
fax: 01631 564370

Apply to: HR Department  
Crannog Concept Limited  
The Underwater Centre  
Carmichael Way  
Fort William, PH33 6FF  
Tel: 01397 707120 or e-mail  
HR@theunderwatercentre.co.uk

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Full Time (Maternity Cover)

An experienced, hard working and motivated individual is required for a period of 7 months from early October. The individual will be required to work on their own initiative and undertake a variety of office duties including audio typing, accounting and property management. Applicants need to be motivated, IT literate and resilient.

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**Customer Services Assistant**  
Campbeltown  
35 hours per week  
Salary Grade 10 (£15,646 - £17,385)  
To apply visit our website at [www.acha.co.uk](http://www.acha.co.uk); Tel 01546 605859  
or email recruitment@acha.co.uk  
Closing Date: Friday 2nd September 2011  
Interviews for this post will be held in Campbeltown on 15th September 2011

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We have advertised again for staff in the Oban Times and would have no hesitation in continuing to use them for our advertising needs.

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**Harbour Master's Assistant**

Applications are invited for the full-time position of Harbour Master's Assistant.

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**Nursery Manager and Playworker**  
(Remuneration subject to experience and qualifications.)  
This is an exciting opportunity for suitably qualified personnel to develop and expand a newly refurbished facility and to provide a safe, fun and stimulating environment for the children in our setting. It is hoped that the nursery will open at the end of October.  
For enquiries and an application form, please telephone Board member on 07867691291  
Interviews: mid-September  
Both posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by the Exclusions and Exceptions (Scotland) Order 2003 and the successful applicant(s) will be required to become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme and register with the SSSC.

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Closing Date: Friday 2nd September

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### PLANNING

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

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at Municipal Buildings Albany Street Oban PA34 4AW, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/01206/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North Of The Cottage Balnakeil Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute	Tiree Area Office
11/01207/PP	Demolition of shed and erection of dwellinghouse	Land South Of 3 Balnakeil Isle Of Tiree Argyll PA77	Tiree Area Office
11/01267/MFF	Reduction from 20, 70m cages to 16, 100m cages	Pol Na Gile Loch Shuna Argyll	Sub Post Office Kilmelford
11/01325/PP	Erection of Dwellinghouse (Amended design to 06/00758/DET)	Plot 2 Arduaine Caravan Park Arduaine Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4XQ	Sub Post Office Kilmelford
11/01432/PP	Amendment to existing planning boundary previously consented under 01/01591/DET to facilitate additional parking area and a peripheral landscape screening bund	Rhugh Garbh Depot Barcaldine Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1SE	Sub Post Office Ledaig
11/01462/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse	Plot 1 Land North Of Carluagh Ardstran Croft Road Oban Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office
11/01463/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse	Land To Northwest Of Ashlea Croft Drive Oban Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office
11/01464/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse	Land To Northeast Of Aros Ard Croft Drive Oban Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office
11/01532/PP	Change of use of pier to allow Taynuilt Fishing Club to operate from pier (Retrospective)	Airds Bay House Jetty Airds Bay Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Taynuilt

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/01402/PP	Formation of timber handling and loading site including hard standing timber stacking area, rock causeway with floating pier marine system and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Penncross Cottage Pennynghael Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA70 6HE	Sub Post Office Bunnassan Isle of Mull
11/01497/PP	Erection of a dwellinghouse	Aros Taynuilt Oban Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Taynuilt

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
11/01066/MFF	Relocation of Ardmaddy fish farm - comprising 12 No. 100m circumference cages plus installation of feed barge	Port Na Morachd Seil Sound Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Kilmelford

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

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

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

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY; online at [www.highland.gov.uk](http://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
11/02912/MSC	Land 50M north east of Craigrad Bonavie Fort William	Erection of house (Plot 1)	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/02955/FUL	1 St Cummin's House Morar Mallaig PH40 4PB	Alterations to rear of house to form patio door and external deck, with alterations to existing garden retaining walls	Mallaig Service Point (14 days)
11/02952/FUL	Inbhirfhoalain Glen Etive Ballachulish PH49 4JA	Extension to climbing hut	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/02971/FUL	Glas Charn Aberchelder Invergarry	Temporary erection of 70m high meteorological mast	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/02918/PIP	Land to south east of Tom-Na-Moine Kilchoan	Erection of 2 houses (renewal of 07/00499/OUTLO)	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/02983/FUL	Beechwood 18A Glencoe Ballachulish PH49 4HS	Alterations and extension to house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS  
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Email: [eplanning@highland.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@highland.gov.uk)

### Constituency Tour

## Meet your local MP

Alan Reid MP will be in your area for his Constituency Tour on the following dates:

**Wednesday 31 August 2011**  
 Bridge of Orchy - 9.00am - 9.30am  
 Dalmally - 10.30am - 11.00am  
 Lochawe - 11.30am - 12 noon  
 Taynuilt - 12.30pm - 1.00pm  
 Colonsay - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

**Thursday 1 September 2011**  
 Easdale Island - 11.30am - 12.30pm  
 Ellenabeich - 1.00pm - 1.30pm  
 Toberonochy - 3.20pm - 3.50pm  
 Cullipool - 4.15pm - 4.45pm

**For an appointment please call 01369 704840**

**Proposed Assignment of a Croft**

Sholto Prior is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to sublet the whole croft of the croft at Tighphurist 1 & 3 to Charles Lear of Croft No 2, Tighphurist, Ballachulish for 3 Years.

If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township, or if the Commission consider that you have a direct interest in this application, 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 (email [info@crofterscommission.org.uk](mailto:info@crofterscommission.org.uk)) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert.

Please note that any comments you provide are part of an open process and will be made available to interested parties. Your comments would also be released under a Freedom of Information enquiry. Frivolous, vexatious or unreasonable comments cannot be accepted.

### CORPACH, BANAVIE AND CAMAGHAEL COMMON GRAZINGS

#### Formal intimation under the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

NOTICE is hereby given that Donald Andrew John Cameron, Younger of Lochiel has applied to the Scottish Land Court for an Order authorising resumption of approximately 0.733 hectares of the Common Grazings of the Townships of Corpach, Banavie and Camaghael, for the purpose of selling the said area for the development of fourteen houses.

On 13 July 2011 the Court appointed this intimation by newspaper advertisement and ordered the Applicant to send to the Clerk to the Grazings Committee copies of the Application, associated productions and the Court's Practice Note No. 4 (which emphasises the need for crofters to protect their own rights). The Court ordered any shareholder or other person having a legal interest who opposes the Application or who wishes to claim compensation or a share in the value of the land to be resumed, to lodge Answers including details of any such claim, with the Principal Clerk, George House, 126 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4HH within 15 days from the date of the final advertisement. Copies of the Application, Productions and Practice Note have been sent to Mrs M E Dennison, Torii, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7JR and these documents may be inspected either there, or at the Courts' offices in Edinburgh, or at the offices of the Agents. Copies of the Practice Note may also be obtained from the Principal Clerk (telephone number 0131-271-4360). It should be noted that any further Orders of the Court, including the Final Order, will be intimated to those persons who have lodged answers to this advertisement and to the Clerk of the Common Grazings Committee. Copies of any further Orders may be obtained from the Principal Clerk upon request.

Lindsays, Caledonian Exchange, 19A Canning Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8HE  
 Tel: 0131 229 1212 (Ref: KYMM/JY/CA/492/302)  
 Agents for the Applicant

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Expressions of interest should be made in writing to Norrie Lamont email address [norrie.lamont@acha.co.uk](mailto:norrie.lamont@acha.co.uk) by 12 noon on August 31st 2011

### PROPOSED ASSIGNATION OF A CROFT

John Allan MacKintosh, is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to assign the tenancy of the croft at 52 Banavie (Part) to John Morrison of Tolsta, Camaghael, Fort William, PH33 7NF.

If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township or if the Commission consider that you have a direct interest in this application, 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 (email: [info@crofterscommission.org.uk](mailto:info@crofterscommission.org.uk)) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert.

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### NOTICE TO STANLEY BARTON

Court ref. no. B64/11

An action has been raised in Oban Sheriff Court by Martin Neave-Holland, Pursuer, calling as a Defender Stanley Barton whose last known address was Ichrachan House, Taynuilt, Argyll. If Stanley Barton wishes to defend the action he should immediately contact the sheriff clerk at Oban Sheriff Court, Sheriff Court House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AL from whom the service copy initial writ may be obtained. If he fails to do so decree may be granted against him.

**A J G Armstrong**  
 34 Queen Anne Street, Dunfermline  
 Solicitor for the pursuer

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### NOTICE

#### Appointment of Grazings Committee Scotstown Common Grazings

A meeting of shareholders for the above Common Grazings will be held for the purpose of electing a New Grazings Committee.

Strontian Fire Station  
 2nd September 2011, 7.30pm.

### INVITATION TO QUOTE

#### Chemical Treatment of Tress through the Electrolysis Treatment Plant, West Argyll Forest District

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 Margaret MacCallum,  
 West Argyll Forest District,  
 Whitegates, Lochgilphead,  
 Argyll, PA31 8RS  
**01546 602518**  
 Margaret.maccallum@forestry.gsi.gov.uk  
 no later than 30th September 2011

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#### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC of 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB is applying for a licence to use Bowmore Branch, Main Street, Bowmore, Isle of Islay, PA43 7JJ as operating centre for up to 2 goods vehicles and nil trailers and to use Oban Branch, 26 George Street, Oban, Argyll PA34 5SB as an operating centre for up to 2 goods vehicles and nil trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Level 6, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EG stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

**CROFTERS COMMISSION**  
 COIMISEAN NAN CROITEARAN  
 DECROFTING APPLICATIONS  
 Applicant, Croft, Extent & Purpose, Case number  
 Mrs C Thomson  
 13 Airds, Ardchattan & Muckaun  
 0.040 ha - existing house site  
 4.86.34170

Comments can be made to the Crofters Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 14 days of the date of this newspaper. Applications marked with an asterisk - Interest can be expressed in obtaining the tenancy of the area subject to the application.  
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**BULLOCK** - Stephen and Shona (née Weir) are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alasdair Sutherland Bullock, on July 27, 2011. First grandchild for Peggy and the late Alastair Weir, third grandchild for Alistair and Joan Bullock. Many thanks to the midwives and staff in both Oban and Paisley Maternity Units.

**CLOWES** - At Southern General Hospital on July 4, 2011, to Justin and Margaret (née Walker) a beautiful daughter Charlotte Lydia. Both well. First grandchild for Angus and Margaret (Balloch) and first granddaughter for Nigel and Sheila (Norwich).

**FISHER** - To Gary and Sarah on June 26, 2011 at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, a beautiful son, Cameron John. First grandchild for Brian and Eleanor Fisher, Muir of Ord and Stuart and Sandra Lowry, Ballymena, Northern Ireland. A great-grandson for Ken and Ann MacLeod, North Connel and the late Jack and Peggy Fisher, North Connel.



**ENGAGEMENT**

**GILLESPIE - ECCLESTON** Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Rhona Ann, eldest daughter of Kirsteen and the late John, to Christopher Allan eldest son of Wendy and Mike.

**DEATHS**

**CAMERON** - Peacefully on August 15, 2011, in the excellent care of Moss Park Nursing Home, Sheena daughter of the late Donald and Cathie Cameron and sister of the late Carlie Campbell.

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at home with his family on Saturday August 20, 2011, Duncan, beloved husband of Emma, much loved Dad of Morvern and Gordon, respected father-in-law of Murdo, loving Papa of David and a dear Brother to Nancy. Sorely Missed.

**GAMBLE** - Joan (née Sinclair) Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday August 21, 2011. Joan, beloved wife of Jim and a loving mum of Linda. A funeral service to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited will be held at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley on Friday August 26, at 3pm. Family flowers only please. After the service the family will be returning to the Glynhill Hotel where they welcome you to join them.

**GEORGESON** - Flora, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2011, aged 66 years, a much loved mum to John and Charles, a dearly cherished nana to her grandchildren. Will be sorely missed by everyone. Funeral will take place at Church of Scotland, Corran Esplanade, Oban on Friday, August 26 thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. Donations if desired for Help for Heroes. Mum, Nana we will never forget you and will always love you. Forever in our hearts.

**GILLIES** - Peacefully at home in Perth on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, Donald (Donnie), aged 78, (ex Scottish Hydro Electric), beloved husband of Jenny (née Marmion), much loved dad of Diane, Elaine, Alastair, Douglas, Iain and Robert, a dearly loved grandfather, great-grandfather and father-in-law and a dear brother of Kenneth. R.I.P. Funeral took place in Perth on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

**GRUMOLI** - Renato (Ran). On August 21, 2011 after a brief illness, aged 84 years. Dearly beloved husband of the late Carrie; much loved father and father-in-law of Marjorie and Julian and Granda of Stephanie and Toni. We have so many happy memories; you will be forever in our hearts. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 26 Picton Street, Howick on Friday August 26, at 12 noon, followed by private interment. Messages to Ran's family c/o Davis Funerals, PO Box 56013, Dominion Road, Auckland 1446, New Zealand.

**HUNTER** - Suddenly at Vaul Golf Course, Treen on Wednesday August 17, 2011, Sam Hunter OBE, of Treen and formerly Stobo, Malaysia and Nigeria, beloved husband of the late Jan, dear father of Douglas and proud grandfather of Sara and Klayr and extended family. Service in Stobo Parish Kirk, by Peebles, on Friday, August 26 at 11.00am followed by interment in Kirkyard. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired can be made to Baugh Surgery Equipment Fund, Isle of Treen.

**LAIRD** - David (Davy) snr, passed away suddenly on August 17, 2011, loving husband of the late Susan Clark (Oozie), wonderful father of Davy, Frances, Peter, Susan, Brenda, Naomi and Damian, father-in-law, gaga and great gaga. Loved and very sorely missed by all. Laird, 7 Mull Terrace, Soroba, Oban.

**MACPHERSON** - Christine (née Colthart) Suddenly at home on Sunday, August 21, 2011. Beloved mum and best friend to Tina, wonderful nanny to Eilidh and loving partner to Even. With heartfelt thanks to the ambulance crews, doctors and nurses for all their efforts and to all family and friends for their flowers, cards and support. Funeral service 10am Friday 26 at The Church of Scotland, Glenclutten Road, Oban. Thereafter to Peninifer Cemetery and the Royal Hotel. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection for ABCD (Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease)

**MARTIN** - Frederick. On August 18, 2011, Freddie, beloved husband of Netta, loving father of Anne and the late Neil, much loved grandfather and great-grandfather of the family. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium on Friday, August 26, at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please.

**SCOTT** - Suddenly after a long illness, home bravely, on August 15, 2011, Donald Scott, aged 39 years, of 36A Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead and formerly of 19 Duncuan View, Ardrishaig. Much loved son of Nancy and good friend of Archie. Cherished brother of Fiona and Calum, and much loved uncle of Emma, Michael, Kieran and Abi. A dear brother-in-law of Michael and Karen. Loving father of Kyle. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Friday, August 26, 2011, at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilmartin Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to District Nurses & Homecare Teams.

**SPROAT** - Tobermory, Newmills and Oakley, following the sudden death of Harry on August 18, 2011 there will be a Service of Thanksgiving on August 25, 2011 at 11.30 am at Dunfermline Crematorium. Followed by a Memorial Service in Tobermory. Details to follow. No Flowers - No black, wear bright colours - Donations to Tobermory RNLI

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**CAMERON** - Johnhilda wishes to thank all family, friends and neighbours for Mass cards, sympathy cards and expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to Moss Park Nursing Home for the exceptional care and attention to Sheena during her 8 years in their devoted care. Also to Doctors of Tweeddale Practice, Fr Donald MacKinnon and Deacon Stanislaw for Requiem Mass, also reader and organist, Mike McFall and staff for sensitive, professional funeral arrangements. Finally thanks to all who attended and donated the sum of £275 for Moss Park Residents Fund.

**MACDOUGALL** - Grace and family would like to express sincere & heartfelt thanks to all friends and family, for the flowers, phone calls, cards and visits received following the loss of Iain (Dot), their husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Special thanks to Dr Astill, Jan, Ann, Pauline and all homecare - all whom made it possible for him to remain at home during his illness. To Rev Linda Pollock for her comforting service. Thanks also to Charlie and Iain MacDougall for their efficient funeral arrangements. Finally, thanks to all who paid their last respects at Bunnessan Church and Suidhe Cemetery. The retiring collection of £370 was raised for Bunnessan Surgery.

**MACLENNAN** - The family would like to thank everyone who attended Annie's funeral and donated generously to the Salen Church Garden Project. Special thanks to all at Dunarros Hospital, Salen Surgery and the local ambulance crews for the excellent care provided; also to the wonderful team of carers who enabled Annie to be at home. We are grateful to Rev George Cringles for conducting the service, Billy McClymont for caring and efficient funeral arrangements and Salen Hotel for catering. Sincere thanks to friends and neighbours for all the help and support given during this difficult time.

**MACNEILL** - Jean, Ally, Donnie, Linda, Fiona and Emma would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their many kind expressions of sympathy cards, letters, floral tributes and telephone calls since the sad loss of Donnie on July 31, 2011. Special thanks to all medical staff, Rev Angus Morrison for the comforting service, Jean and Craig MacAffer for efficient and sensitive funeral arrangements. To all who attended church and Graveside, retiring collection

raised was £1200 for Air ambulance, St Johns Church and Islay Hospital

**STEELE** - The families would like to thank all family members, relatives, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming support shown to them following the sudden and tragic loss of James Alexander on August 8, 2011. For the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them by way of cards, flowers, telephone calls and visits. Special thanks to the Rescue Services, Rev Jeff MacCormick for a comforting service, D & A Mum for their sensitive and professional arrangements, Mark Spalding for his reading and Loch Nell Arms Hotel for buffet and refreshments. Also thank you to all who attended the Church and graveside. James is sorely missed and will always be in our hearts. The retiring collection for Oban Mountain Rescue raised £958.37.

**MEMORIALS**

**CARMICHAEL** - In loving memory of our dear mother, mother-in-law & grandmother Mary (Logan) who died on August 24, 1996. Forever in our hearts Always in our thoughts Inserted by Irene, Donald, Nigel & Families, Islay & Glasgow.

**COOKE** - In loving memory of my dad Frank, who died on August 27, 1981. Never forgotten John

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of our dear father, Donald Macdonald, who passed away on December 3, 1976. Both so dearly loved and cherished by all their family. Psalm 23.

- Anne, Agnes, Fiona, Christine and families.

**MACKINNON** - Treasured memories of a dear husband, father, father-in-law and gramps, Alexander (Andy), who died on August 30, 2009. - Loved and remembered always, Kay, Colin, Sandy, Kath, Mairi & Kirsten.

**MACLEAN** - Loving memories of Mary (Bibs), who died on August 25, 2008. No tomorrows for me to share But yesterdays memories will always be there Dearly loved and sadly missed. - Billy xx.

**MACLEAN** - Treasured memories of Bibs, our dearly loved mum, gran and great gran, who died August 25, 2008. In a lovely garden sleeping

Where flowers softly sway Lies a precious mum and gran Who's loved and missed each day

Loved and remembered always. - Julie, Dave and family xxx. - Norah, Craig, Jenny and families xxx

**MACLENNAN** - In ever loving memory of my beloved husband Donald (Donnie), a devoted husband, dad and granddad who died on August 23, 2009. Sorely missed.

I think of you in silence I often speak your name My heart still aches with sadness My secret tears still flow. - Inserted by your loving wife Morag, Angus Terrace.

**McARTHUR** - Cally. In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and granddad who died on August 29, 2010.

Much loved and never forgotten. - Margaret, Elsie and families.

**McLEOD** - Morag (née MacLachlan died August 31, 1983 formerly of Glenfeochan, Kilmore, Oban, wife of Malcolm and very dear sister of the late Ian MacLachlan of Lynn Court, Oban. In loving memory of a wonderful mother to Gordon and good friend to many. Fondly remembered. - Inserted by Gordon and cousin Sheena and family.

**OWEN** - In memory of my dear husband, Robert, who passed away on August 25, 1997.

Sadly missed along life's way Quietly remembered every day. - Jean.

**PARSONS** - In memory of my mum Jessie Parsons who died ten years ago today. Mum, did the sun shine brighter Or was the sky a deeper blue When we shared our lives with you Forever is a long time This we know is true But that's how long our broken hearts Will love and long for you Also remembering my dad Harry Parsons who died on June 30, 1999. Love and miss you Dad.

**PARSONS** - In memory of my dear daughter Linda and grandsons Daniel, Dene and Louis.

**SIMPSON** - Memories of a dear dad Ian who passed away August 24, 1987 Remembering you is easy I do it every day Losing you is the heartbreak That never goes away Roberta, Ian and Elle and Tia.

**SIMPSON** - Remembering my dad Ian, who died suddenly August 24, 1987. Always in my thoughts. - Love Mary.

**SIMPSON** - Lachlan Duncan 26.8.1951 - 4.6.1967 Never forgotten Love Chrissie, Anne and families.

**SORLEY** - In loving memory of my dear son Robin, who died August 26, 2005. A dear brother, brother in law and uncle If we had all the world to give We would give it yes and more To see the one we loved so much Come smiling through the door Ever fondly remembered. - His loving mum and family.

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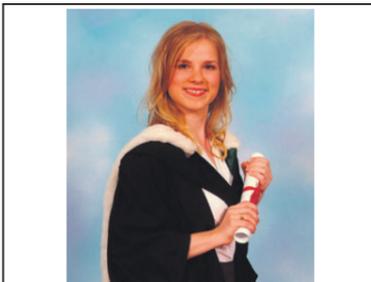
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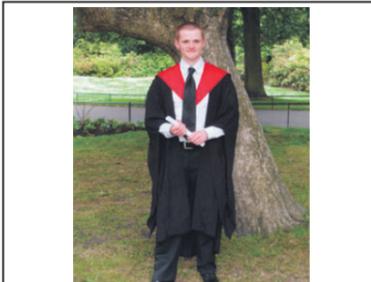
Rosslyn Oman has graduated BA (Hons) in Fine Art from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee, also gaining the MacNeill prize for Painting and Drawing. Rosslyn is the daughter of Kate and Les Oman, Campbeltown and granddaughter of Mary and Hector MacKinnon, Campbeltown and Margaret and the late Colin Oman, Carradale.



Catherine Brown graduated from University of Glasgow with a Master of Arts with Honours in English Literature and Music. Catherine attended Park Primary School and Oban High School and is the second daughter of Hilary and Neil Brown, Ganavan and granddaughter of Sheena and the late John MacFadyen and Betty and the late Jack Brown.



Mairi McTighe graduated from Edinburgh University with a Bachelor of Music (Hons). Mairi is the daughter of John and Sheena McTighe and a former pupil of Taynuilt Primary and Oban High Schools.



Alex Rawcliffe has recently graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a Bsc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science. Alex has been awarded an MRes scholarship from Edinburgh Napier which commences this month. A former pupil of Taynuilt Primary and Oban High School, Alex is the son of David and Lynette Rawcliffe, Benderloch.



Rebecca Pollard graduated from The University of Manchester with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB). The younger daughter of David and Susan Pollard, Kilmore, Rebecca was educated at Park Primary and Oban High Schools. Rebecca has started as a Foundation Doctor at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth.



Hannah Matheson graduated from the University of Glasgow in June 2011 with a 2:1 Master of Arts with Honours in English Literature. Hannah is the daughter of Shirley and Hamish Matheson, Taynuilt and the granddaughter of Vi and Charlie MacInnes, Oban and the late Kenny and Peggy Matheson, Taynuilt. Hannah is a former pupil of Taynuilt Primary and Oban High School.



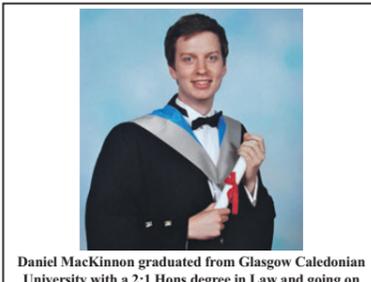
Richard Finlayson, Corpach, graduated from Strathclyde University with First Class Honours in Product Design and Innovation. Richard is the son of Finlay and Lorna Finlayson and a former pupil of Banavie Primary and Lochaber High School. Richard has now taken up a post as a Design Engineer at Dyson near Bristol.



Claire Macaskill graduated from Glasgow University with a MA Hons in English Literature. Claire is the daughter of Flo and Ewen Macaskill, Balvicar and granddaughter of Jessie MacLean and the late Neil MacLean, Balvicar and the late Norman and Ina Macaskill, Balvicar. Claire is a former pupil of Easdale Primary and Oban High School.



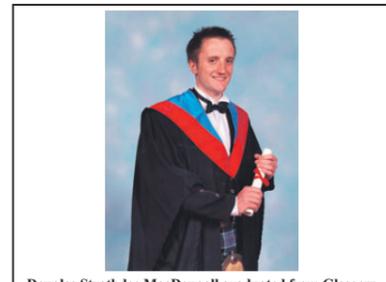
Agnes Byrne graduated with an MA in Psychology with Honours from Edinburgh University. Daughter of the late John Byrne. Her parents Lourda and Jack MacDonal are very proud of her achievements and with her family wish her all the best for the future.



Daniel MacKinnon graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a 2:1 Hons degree in Law and going on to study in a Diploma in Professional Legal Practice at University of Glasgow. Daniel is the son of Margaret Rose MacKinnon and the late Barrie MacKinnon. Grandson of May MacKinnon (Finnie), Claggan and the late John and Teresa MacDonald, Roy Bridge. Daniel attended St Mary's Primary School and Lochaber High School.



Marie Catherine Carmichael graduated from University of Strathclyde with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Social Services. Marie is the daughter of John and Fay Carmichael, Fiat, Lismore and granddaughter of Cathy and the late Dougie Carmichael, Baligrundie, Lismore and the late Marie and Big Dougie MacDougall, Achnacroish, Lismore. Marie is a former pupil of Lismore Primary School and Oban High School.



Douglas Strathdee MacDougall graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with 2:1 BA Hons in Business Studies. Douglas is the son of Douglas and Mary MacDougall and grandson of Marie Smith and the late Bobby Smith and the late Mary and Dougie MacDougall. Douglas is a former pupil of Lismore Primary School and Oban High School. Douglas has started work as a trainee Loss Adjuster in Glasgow.

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# Do or die for Fort and Newtonmore

## Lovat look to cash in at Glenorchy but Inveraray face tough task at Kingussie

MACAULAY Cup runners-up **NEWTONMORE** face Fort William at the Eilan this Saturday with both teams needing a win to keep their title hopes alive.

More manager Norman MacArthur thinks a victory for his side will knock Fort out of the running for the league.

He said: 'If we get a result I think it becomes a two horse race, but there's still points to be dropped by all three teams.

'This game has probably come at the right time for us after that defeat.

'Now they realise they've got to do a bit more. We've got to make sure we win the rest of our games.'

Newtonmore led Kyles Athletic 1-0 in the Macaulay Cup final after John MacKenzie opened the scoring in the 38th minute of a game played at Mossfield Park in Oban.

But two goals in the final five minutes from Dunkie Kerr and Roddy MacDonald meant the Tighnabraich side went home with the trophy.

'We just ran out of steam,' MacArthur said. 'I thought we'd seen them out but that's not how it went.

'They were certainly faster and fitter than us, I don't know if maybe the extra time last week took its toll.'

Should **FORT WILLIAM** pull off the win, they will stay clear at the top of the Scottish Hydro Premier Division by at least a point and deal a deadly blow to 'More's championship hopes.

The An Aird men have played three games more than both Kyles and Saturday's opponents - and must keep their winning streak going to maintain any hopes of lifting the league trophy.

Assistant coach Willie MacDonal is under no illusions of just how important the game is - for both teams.

'It will be all out stuff - it should be a great game,' he told *The Oban Times*.

'The fact that they are still in the hunt to win the league means that they will be determined to win - but then, so are we.

'If we were to beat them that would effectively put them out of the running for the league, and if we were to get beaten I would say it is more or less gone for us.

and if we do it's for the others to worry about. Everyone is fit and available for Saturday.'

Having locked away their second cup of the season in the trophy cabinet, **KYLES** can focus entirely on their Scottish Hydro Premier Division challenge.

A dramatic win over Newtonmore in the Macaulay Cup final last weekend followed up success in the Celtic Cup; the only black mark on an otherwise superb season was a premature exit from the Camanachd Cup.

'It has already been an exceptional season,' said Kyles trainer James Perlich.

'The Macaulay Cup win goes some way to making up for the Camanachd Cup disappointment but this Saturday against Kilmallie is just as important as last weekend and the boys know that.'

Kyles will travel with a full squad and welcome the return of experienced forward Fraser MacDonald, who missed the Macaulay triumph through injury.

Reflecting on the Macaulay final, James added: 'I think both teams had good spells during the game but we learnt a valuable lesson in the Camanachd Cup final of 2009 against Fort William that you need to play to the final whistle and in the last 15 minutes you could see the determination we had to win.

'We always take a positive aspect of the previous game into the following weekend and although Kilmallie will be a very tough game, we know we have the fitness to play right until the end of the match.'

**KILMALLIE** welcome title favourites Kyles to Canal Parks in fine spirits after notching up a 1-1 draw against Kingussie last weekend.

Michael Rodgers' 13th minute strike cancelled out James Hutchison's early opener to end the scoring, but Kilmallie could have won the game but for some excellent saves by Andrew Borthwick in goal.

Kilmallie chairman Hugh MacIntyre was pleased with the performance - and is looking for more of the same against the Tighnabraich men.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'Ross was not there and Kingussie's forward line is pretty poor without him. The team played

well and I felt we had most of the play but their keeper saved a good few shots.

'When we went down to Kyles we felt we should have won - we had most of the pressure but they scored the goals.

'So at home I think we have a great chance to be the first team to beat Kyles in the league.'

At the other end of the table, **INVERARAY** manager John Smylie said a victory over Kingussie this weekend was imperative if the Royal Burgh side is to maintain its premier league status.

The Argyll side have tough away games at Tighnabraich and Newtonmore in the last two games of the season, so are desperate to get points in the next two matches against Kingussie and Glenorchy.

However, their task has been made difficult by suspensions and injuries and the return from suspension of Kingussie hitman Ronald Ross.

'The last time we played Kingussie we lost 2-1 and Ronald had just come back from injury so we are unlucky again to get them this week.

'We are missing Andrew McMurdo through suspension and usual long term injuries. Douglas Dando and David MacPherson have hamstring strains and may be doubtful too.

'I will be doing a head count at training to see how many players are left!

'I reckon we need four to six points to stay up this year and with games against Kyles and Newtonmore away, we will need to start with a win this Saturday.'

**KINGUSSIE** will have some big name players back in their side for Saturday's game in Inveraray.

Ronald Ross, Ryan Borthwick and Fraser Munro were among the players who missed last weekend's 1-1 draw with Kilmallie, but Kings manager Steven Borthwick told *The Oban Times* he expected to have a nearly full squad to choose from.

He said: 'It's very tough. Inveraray are potentially one of the top four teams if they can get everyone playing.

'We want to kick into some form before the Camanachd Cup final.'

Kings picked up a point in the game with Kilmallie at the Dell last weekend, just a week after beating the Caol side 6-0 in the Camanachd Cup semi-final.

James Hutchison opened the scoring for the home side after just two minutes, but a goal in the 13th saw Kilmallie draw level and neither side was able to hit the back of the net again.

short of players. In the semi final we took our chances very well in the second half.

'On Saturday we had enough chances to score six again, and Kilmallie had one or two chances as well. Both teams were happy with a draw.'

**LOVAT** can take a giant step towards securing their premier division status on Saturday if they can overcome relegated Glenorchy at Mart Park, Dalmally.

The Kiltarlity men scored a vital win against fellow strugglers Oban Camanachd at Ballygale Park last time out and a similar result against Glenorchy would suit Lovat coach John MacRitchie just fine.

'We are confident, however, we only drew 1-1 with them in the cup down there so we can't be complacent at all.

'We should win games against Glenorchy, but it won't be easy at their own park.

'However, we will go out with the same attitude we showed against Inveraray and Oban at home.

'We are treating every game as a cup final just now.

'Greg Matheson is in form and he has scored vital goals for us in the last two games.

'If we can get two points on Saturday we will be 90 per cent there.

'Inveraray are the team we are up against to stay up, but if we win hopefully that will be us four points clear and they will have to start getting results.'

Lovat will be without Martin Mainland, who is on holiday, and long term absentees through injury Drew Howie and James Griene.

**GLENORCHY** manager Allan MacKechnie has challenged his players to put points on the board before the end of the season - starting with the visit of Lovat to Dalmally this weekend.

The long-suffering boss has seen his team lose every league game this season so far and has been planning for life in South Division One.

Asked whether he would accept a point before the Lovat game he replied: 'No. We really need a win and if we can get a full team out we can do something.

'We have been unlucky with injuries and morale is low but we have to get points in before the end of the season.



Newtonmore's Fraser Macintosh times a tackle to perfection as Kyles' Grant Irvine prepares to shoot in the Macaulay Cup final at Oban's Mossfield last Saturday. Two late goals gave Kyles a 2-1 win. Picture: John MacTavish.

# Kinlochshiel confirmed as champions

**KINLOCHSHIEL** were crowned North Division 1 champions at the home of rivals Skye Camanachd after posting a comprehensive 5-1 win to seal their place in the Scottish Hydro Premier Division next season.

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on consolidating the squad and looking to next season.' Dalgety added: 'The team is playing well, although we've still not got a full squad, and I don't think we will have a full squad this season.

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Skye chairman Ross Cowie was upbeat about next season's prospects and wished Kinlochshiel well in the Scottish Hydro Premier Division next season.

He said: 'It was as good as we could expect for the team we had out.

'We had eight teenagers in the team because we had eight missing through various reasons. It's a pattern we have been suffering from all season.

'It's good for west coast shinty that 'Shiel are in the top division and we wish them all the best. In fact, it's great to see them out of the division!'

**LOCHSIDE ROVERS** are hitting top form as they challenge for second place in South Division One behind champions-elect Bute.

After a blistering comeback led by veteran Brian MacCallum in the Bullough Cup semi-final victory over Tayforth, the Oban side followed up with a 7-0 demolition of Aberdeen last Saturday.

Lochside now play Ballachulish and although the match is scheduled to be an away game, the match is likely to be played in Oban because of renovation works at Jubilee Park.

Lochside co-manager David MacInnes said: 'With GMA losing at Taynult we have our eyes on second place but we will need to beat Ballachulish and Kyles and hope Bute can beat GMA for us.

'We are hitting form at the right time and we will have a few more players available than we did last weekend.'

David described his team's first half 'annihilation' of Aberdeen, during which they scored six of their seven goals, as the best shinty they had played all season.

The experienced David Devine and teenager Malcolm Clark both bagged hat-tricks and Brian MacCallum also scored.

'Our whole forward line from centre to full forward was dominant,' he said.

**BALLACHULISH** manager Willie Sutherland said his team were looking forward to getting back into competitive action after a three-week lay-off.

### Fixtures

**Saturday 27 August**  
(All throw ups 2.30pm unless stated)

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**

Glenorchy v Lovat  
Deek Cameron  
Inveraray v Kingussie  
Billy Wotherspoon  
Kilmallie v Kyles Athletic  
Colin MacDonald  
Newtonmore v Fort William  
Evan MacRae - 3pm

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**

Lochcarron v Lochaber  
John Angus Gillies  
Beaulie v Kinlochshiel  
Graeme MacMillan

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**

Newtonmore v Fort William  
Jock Matheson - 12 noon  
Glenarrary v Lovat  
Angus Campbell  
Lochaber v Kinlochshiel  
Kevin Cheeseman  
Skye v Kingussie  
Donald MacRae

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**

Boleskine v Lewis Camanachd  
Innes Wood - 1pm

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**

Aberdour v Kilmory  
David Mitchell  
Ballachulish v Lochside Rovers  
Graham Cameron  
Bute v Glasgow Mid Argyll  
Kyles Athletic v Taynult  
George O'Rourke

**Results**

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**

Kingussie 1, Kilmallie 1

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**

Skye 1, Kinlochshiel 5  
Lochaber 1, Caberfeidh 2

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**

Kilmallie v Glenquhart postponed  
Lochaber 5, Skye 1  
Glenarrary 2, Fort William 3  
Kinlochshiel 1, Kingussie 1

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**

Lochcarron 3, Caberfeidh 4  
Aberdeen Uni v Strathglass postponed  
Caberfeidh v Ardnamurchan postponed  
Lochbroom 2, Lewis Camanachd 1  
Lochcarron 3, Boleskine 5  
Inverness 2, Beaulie 5

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**

Lochside Rovers 7, Aberdeen 0  
Taynult 5, Glasgow Mid Argyll 3  
Bute 4, Kilmory 0

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**

Strachur 2, Tayforth 1  
Aberdour 0, Inveraray 9

**Artemis Macaulay Cup**

Kyles Athletic 2, Newtonmore 1

### League tables

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Fort William	15	10	2	3	22
Kyles Athletic	12	9	3	0	21
Newtonmore	12	8	3	1	19
Glenquhart	16	7	2	7	16
Billy Wotherspoon	13	5	3	5	15
Kilmallie v Kyles Athletic	14	7	1	6	15
Colin MacDonald	15	5	1	9	11
Oban Camanachd	13	4	2	7	10
Inveraray	14	4	1	9	9
Glenorchy	14	0	0	14	0

**Marine Harvest North Division One**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kinlochshiel	12	12	0	0	24
Beaulie	12	6	4	2	16
Lochaber	11	7	1	3	15
Caberfeidh	12	6	2	4	14
Lochcarron	11	4	4	3	12
Skye	13	3	2	8	8
Inverness	13	1	3	9	5
Strathglass	14	1	2	11	4

**Marine Harvest South Division One**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bute	12	12	0	0	24
Glasgow MA	13	8	3	2	19
Lochside Rvrs	14	8	2	4	18
Taynult	14	6	2	6	14
Ballachulish	14	7	1	7	13
Oban Celtic	13	4	3	6	11
Kyles Athletic	12	5	0	7	10
Kilmory	12	2	2	8	6
Aberdour	14	1	1	12	3

**Marine Harvest North Division Two**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Newtonmore	16	15	0	1	30
Fort William	14	11	2	1	24
Glenarrary	15	10	0	5	20
Kingussie	16	6	2	8	14
Glenquhart	15	6	0	9	12
Lochaber	15	6	0	9	12
Lovat	15	6	1	8	11
Kilmallie	16	3	3	10	9
Skye	15	4	1	10	9
Kinlochshiel	15	4	1	10	9

**Marine Harvest South Division Two**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Strachur	14	12	1	1	25
Tayforth	14	11	1	2	23
Colglen	14	7	0	7	14
Bute	12	5	3	4	13
Inveraray	12	5	0	7	10
Glasgow MA	13	4	8	6	10
Ballachulish	13	4	1	8	9
Aberdour	14	1	0	13	2

**Marine Harvest North Division Three**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Aberdeen U	16	16	0	0	32
Beaulie	18	13	2	3	28
Boleskine	17	13	1	4	25
Caberfeidh	17	11	2	4	24
Lochcarron	18	7	2	9	16
Lochbroom	17	6	4	7	16
Inverness	18	5	1	12	11
Strathglass	17	4	1	13	9
Ardnamurchan	17	4	0	13	8
Lewis	17	1	1	15	3



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## Last gasp goal brings Kyles Macaulay glory

Newtonmore stunned as late collapse allows Kyles Athletic to snatch dramatic cup victory

A GOAL from Kyles' Roddy MacDonald, two minutes into injury time at a sun-drenched Mossfield Stadium, Oban on Saturday, snatched a dramatic Macaulay Cup Final victory for the Tighnabruach side - and left opponents Newtonmore shell-shocked.

For the majority of the 90 minutes, Newtonmore appeared to hold the trump card of the only goal of the game - but Kyles' legendary ability to produce a dramatic finale again proved decisive.

The early stages of what was to prove a highly tactical battle, saw the north side repeatedly drive forward and force veteran Kyles' keeper Kenny MacDonald into a string of fine saves. Newtonmore effectively stifled Kyles' creative style but had to look to keeper Michael Ritchie as Thomas Whyte broke from midfield to fire in a swirling shot which Ritchie turned off

his shoulder and onto the post then, minutes later, block Peter Currie's cut-in from the right bye-line.

Newtonmore manager Norman MacArthur surprised the crowd with an early substitution ahead of half-time, but he was almost immediately rewarded when replacement John MacKenzie took full advantage of a rare Kyles defensive error, a minute from the interval, to rifle a vicious shot high into the roof of the Kyles net. Before the break, another error almost gifted Kyles' an equaliser as Ritchie advanced from his goal to intercept a bouncing ball which evaded him, and full-back Norman Campbell dived across his own goal-line to effect a clearance.

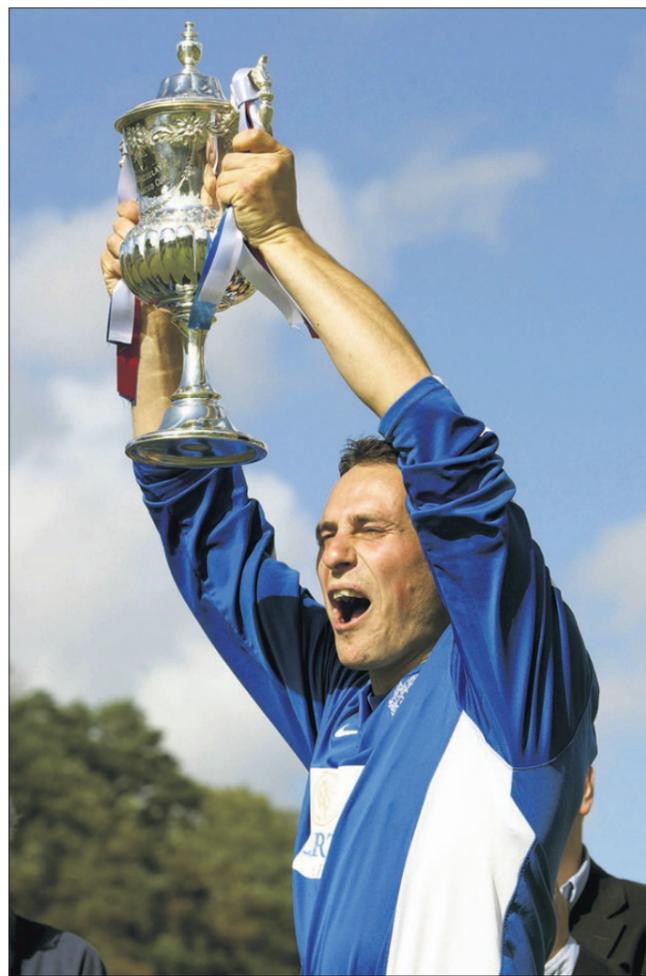
The second period produced another tactical battle with the midfield area seeing the majority

of the ball and neither forward-line being brought into the game for more than sporadic periods.

The pace of the tie was beginning to tell the longer the cup tie went on, with the younger and fitter Kyles team beginning to gain the upper-hand but lacking success in the final third.

In the 74th minute, Grant Irvine broke through on Ritchie but a great late touch from Fraser Macintosh cleared at the expense of a corner before Kyles' captain Duncan Kerr blazed a shot over the Newtonmore bar.

With the clock ticking down against them, the Cowal crowd were wondering where a goal was going to come from, until four minutes from the final whistle, when the 'More defence failed to fully deal with a moment of goal-mouth pressure and Kerr pounced on the loose ball



Kyles Athletic's captain Duncan Kerr lifts the Artemis Macaulay Cup, which has eluded the club for the past 22 years. Picture - John MacTavish

### Oban Saints at home to Inverclyde

FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints get back to league action this Saturday with a home game against old rivals Inverclyde.

The Oban boys will want to get back to winning ways after suffering a 1-0 away defeat to Postal United in the first league match of the season.

Saturday's game will be played at Glen 2 with a 2pm kick-off. Referee in charge is Jim Litster from Lochgilphead.

### Gillespie trophy goes with a Buzz

SAILING

BEN Carter and Andrew Chapman sailed to take the Gillespie Trophy at Oban Sailing Club last week in Ben's Buzz 'CKone' that revelled in the light conditions in Oban Bay.

Finishing a close second was Ben's sister Tierney with Jamie Chapman in their Laser 2 'Meer Magic'. Gordon Pollock in his Laser was third with Jamie Sinclair racing his Laser 4.7 fourth.

This coming weekend OSC keelboat sailors are looking forward to the annual Round Shuna Race run by Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club. The feeder race for the event is on Saturday 27th August from Oban and the Oban boats race for the Billmeir Trophy.

### Results from Glencruitten GC

GOLF

THE Stableford finals were played for on Saturday, with the winner being Bobby Johnston with 37 points. Scott Jordan won the Britannia Cup with a score of 76 - 15 = 61. This Saturday is the Cameron Trophy 1st round and the Presidents Prize. The second round of the Cameron Trophy will be played for on Sunday.

### SFA Level 3 course to be held in Oban

COACHING

OBAN Saints Football Club in conjunction with the Scottish Football Association and Argyll and Bute football development officer Martin Rae will be holding a Level 3 (coaching in the game certificate) course during September. This is for coaches who have attained Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications.

The course will be held on three Friday evenings 9, 16 and 23 September.

For further details contact Martin Rae or Saints club secretary David Buchanan.

### Saints youth teams back in action

YOUTH FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints youth teams play their opening fixtures in the Dumbarton Development League this weekend.

Saturday fixture - Under 15s v Milngavie BC.

Sunday fixtures - Clydebank BC v Under 13s; Under 14s v Castle Rock (play-off match); Riverside v Under 16s.

### SHINTY

to equalise from the edge of the box.

Kyles now found themselves in the driving seat and clear favourites should the cup tie go into the anticipated extra time - but another dramatic twist saw the young Tighnabruach team emerge as victors.

In the second minute of injury time, Newtonmore, who looked to be running on empty for the final 15 minutes of the tie, were caught out by a quick diagonal switch of play which saw Roddy MacDonald chase the ball to the right before firing a low shot across the face of Ritchie's goal and into the opposite corner of the net.

Newtonmore were left to contemplate what went wrong, while Kyles Athletic celebrated getting their name back on the Artemis Macaulay Cup after an absence of 22 years. Midfielder Robbie MacLeod also lifted the Man of the Match award.

### Lions tournament at Tobermory GC

GOLF

THE annual Lions Tournament for Gents Ladies and Juniors took place on Saturday, and a strong breeze made conditions difficult for the field.

Club Captain Graham Brown was able to navigate his way to 41 pts, while Ladies Captain Olive Brown scored 28 for her win. Lewis Wilshire won the junior trophy with 40 pts as he continued his comeback from a broken arm earlier in the season.

Lions President Ian Smith presented the prizes.

On Sunday the return leg of the Old Mull Shield match between Glencruitten and TGC took place at Oban, and the home side were tackling a 3 point deficit from the first match. However Tobermory produced their best set of results ever away from home, and won 5-1 on the day (9½ - 2½ on aggregate). Oban were as always gracious in defeat, but are no doubt desperate to turn the tables next year against their island opponents.

Scores (Oban first) - G MacColl & M Fraser lost to G Davidson & J Cowe 2&1  
P Dunn & J Plunkett lost to D Brown snr & G Brown Ddown  
A Garrett & D MacLean lost to G Chalmers & D MacLean 4&3  
P Murphy & H May lost to D Brown jnr & R Laurie 3&2  
A MacKenzie & M Cullen lost to T & J Nixon 3&2  
G MacIntyre & M MacKillop bt A Cowe & M Kelly 2&1



Gary's Tank Commanders pictured with Dee Bradbury who presented them with their Tunnock's Tea Cakes after winning the West Highland Yachting Week rugby tournament.

### Injury forces David into retirement

CRICKET

ON his way to 54 and Jahed dug deep for his 27. This helped the Oban to 158 all out.

After tea, Torrance found the disciplined bowling of Leach and Kumar difficult, only scoring 15 from the first 10 overs.

Finding themselves behind the run-rate Torrance began to take risks and Allan Laycock brought about their downfall when he bowled Campbell.

Neill Belshaw was the pick of the Oban bowlers as Torrance side slumped to 44 all out.

This Saturday Oban welcome Arran side Sannox to Taynuilt for a league-deciding fixture.

### GB woman's Argyll training

CRICKET

AFTER finishing her training preparations in her parents' home village of Appin, marathon runner Susan Partridge has flown to Korea for the start of the IAAF World Championships this weekend.

The former Oban High School pupil will compete for GB in the Women's Marathon on Saturday.

Susan, and her German Pointer, Piper, have been pounding the forest tracks of Barcaldine and



### Pipped at the post

SAILING

stronger wind, followed by King Kong and Meer Magic. Class 2 gave a clean sweep of straight firsts to Ryan in Squeeky, followed by Shark and Purple 2.

Sandy Keys was awarded the Best Novice prize for his fourth place in Class two.

With the season soon drawing to a close, Oban SC dinghies have the last two aggregate series races this week, followed by six weekends of Frostbite Series from September 4 to October 9.

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Club Topper Glen Engineering, CKOne won won Race four in Class 1 from Meer Magic, followed by Finn Currie in his Laser Radial Over Easy. Ryan again won Class 2 from Murray Peden with Shark in third place.

Race 5 for Class 1 was won by Rosie from CKOne and Class 2 saw a fifth win for Ryan MacIntyre in Squeeky, showing the benefits of being a member of the Scottish Topper Squad. In the final race Class 1 was again won by Jamie Sinclair in Wave-length, showing his ability in the

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### Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, August 25, 2011** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur 03.09	3.0 08.35	1.7 15.20 3.2 21.38 1.7
Fri 03.56	3.3 09.34	1.3 16.03 3.5 22.27 1.3
Sat 04.36	3.5 10.21	1.0 16.42 3.8 23.08 1.0
Sun 05.12	3.7 11.03	0.6 17.19 4.1 23.46 0.7
Mon 05.46	3.9 11.44	0.4 17.55 4.2 ** ** *
Tues 06.24	0.5 06.18	4.0 12.25 0.2 18.31 4.3
Wed 01.01	0.4 06.51	4.0 13.07 0.2 19.07 4.2

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mallaig	+0.25		

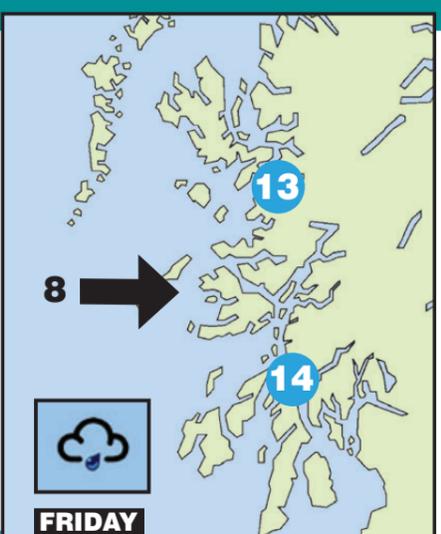
### Weather

**Thursday** Light rain shower.  
Winds light, south, south westerly  
Temperatures 8°C to 16°C

**Friday** Light rain shower.  
Winds light, westerly  
Temperatures 11°C to 14°C.

**Weekend** Sunny intervals.

**Outlook** Winds light, southerly.  
Temperatures 10°C to 12°C.



**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

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