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High school pipers narrowly miss out on top prize at the pipers' world cup

OBAN high school pipers performed superbly at the World Championships on Glasgow Green last Saturday to come within a hair's breadth of winning a major prize.

The international competition, regarded as the world cup for pipers, attracts thousands of players from all over the world to compete for the title of World Pipe Band Champion.

In the high school's class of Novice Juvenile, there were 34 bands competing for first place.

The Oban band came first in the grade for their ensemble piece and first for the piping in tune category.

But the high school band was piped at the post for the overall prize by George Watson's College from Edinburgh.

Photograph: Gordon McNeish



TIMESLINE

College calls for a quicker response

THE NHS is failing to move resources to rural Highland areas fast enough to deal with the needs of older people, according to a report by the Royal College of Nursing published on Tuesday.

More money for community services, increased support for advanced nurse practitioners and better use of technology by clinicians will be required to tackle the future care needs of older patients, it concluded.

Building society giving away £100

OBAN residents have until Saturday to nominate charities and good causes to receive £100.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation launched its 'Small Change Big Difference'. All nominations received by August 22 will be considered as part of the foundation's £100,000 giveaway.

Contact the Oban branch of the building Society to enter.

New work phase to begin at bay

IMPROVEMENTS worth £2 million around Oban Bay will get under way in October as the council confirmed Kilmarnock business, Land Engineering, as project managers this week.

The second phase of major public work, following the completion of Stafford Street, is due to finish by summer 2016.

Food accolade for seaside chippie

OBAN Fish and Chip shop was crowned North West Scotland takeaway of the year this week at the Food Awards Scotland in Glasgow.

Owner Lilian MacDonald said she was delighted with the award.

Blast threat to school plan

EXPERTS RULE NEW SITE TOO CLOSE TO GAS PLANT, BUT COUNCIL SAYS PUPILS AND PUBLIC ARE NOT AT RISK

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PLANS for the new high school in Oban have been opposed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) because it falls within the blast zone of a nearby gas storage site.

The HSE said the new school site would be in the outer blast zone of a liquid nitrogen gas (LNG) storage plant in the town's Lochavullin industrial estate and, as such, was considered a potential 'major hazard'.

However, Argyll and Bute council has robustly defended the site of the new school, which is in the same campus area as the existing school buildings.

A council spokesman dismissed fears that there was any risk to pupil or public safety, stating that the HSE had assessed the potential hazard of the present school location as 'not sufficient to warrant intervention in terms



RISK FACTOR: the gas storage site at Lochavullin industrial estate

of closing down of the facility or moving the population'.

The plans for the new school were set to go before councillors at a meeting of the planning and regulatory services committee yesterday (Wednesday), as the *Oban Times* went to press.

The HSE objected to the plans in May and again this month in light of 'public safety'.

It asked the council to 'consider alternative sites for the school.'

An HSE spokesman said: 'Our practice is to use the land use planning system as a means of

reducing those populations exposed to risk in order to prevent major accidents. We consider the rebuilding of the school as an ideal opportunity to look at alternative locations, increasing the separation between sensitive locations and the major hazard.'

The HSE describes the potential risk as a 'failure of the largest LNG storage vessel, resulting in the emission of a large fireball for a few seconds emitting heat which could be harmful to persons in the vicinity.'

HSE claims this could lead to 'serious injury or even fatality'.

It continued: 'At this distance, the building would likely offer significant protection, but it is the risk to people outside that has prompted the objection.'

Papers given to councillors from Argyll and Bute planners stated: 'The HSE has been appraised of the exercise undertaken by the council to evaluate potential alternative development sites, all

of which have been dismissed for various reasons in favour of the school continuing to occupy its present site.'

'The HSE's approach would effectively undermine the continued function of the town centre by seeking to utilise any redevelopment opportunity as a means of reducing populations at risk.'

SGN - formerly Scottish Gas networks, - which runs the Lochavullin gas plant, said: 'The Oban gas network is independent of the main gas network in Scotland. LNG gas is transported to Oban, stored at our site and then distributed around the local gas network.'

'Our gas storage sites comply fully with our statutory obligations and Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) regulations.'

'We have a proven track record of maintaining safe gas storage sites and a safe and reliable sup-

ply to the local area. We would add that the likelihood of the scenarios outlined in the HSE's comments are exceedingly unlikely.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesman said: 'The comments from HSE are reflected on as a material planning consideration.'

'The council will then take a view on the application in its entirety and either grant or refuse planning permission.'

'Should the application be approved, due to the formal objection from HSE, a statutory consultee, the council will notify Scottish ministers (the Scottish government) who will then take a view on whether or not to call the application in for their determination.'

If the new school plan is approved by councillors, the local authority will have to explain to the Scottish government why it decided to reject the HSE objection.

Holyrood blamed

LACK of investment by the Scottish government is to blame for ferries not running on time.

That was the claim of a senior councillor after the MV Finlaggan was delayed at the weekend with 'engine trouble' before being replaced by the MV Lord of the Isles.

Islay councillor, Robin Currie, said it caused 'havoc' for travellers. He went on: 'Once again we have had a breakdown at one of the busiest times of the year and because Holyrood hasn't invested enough in ferries, there isn't a suitable boat to replace it.'

A CalMac spokesman apologised for any inconvenience: 'We appreciate the disruption breakdowns cause and strive to have them fixed as quickly as possible with an alternative vessel as cover while the repair takes place.'

Travelling light

A HIGHLAND-wide policy on travel expenses for patients visiting hospital has been given the go-ahead by NHS Highland health board last week.

Patients will now be reimbursed at 15p a mile, £35 for hotel accommodation, and £10 for staying overnight with family.

And now many islanders must now get a travel warrant before they travel on a ferry. All claims will have a £10 deduction, known as the 'patient's contribution'.

The board supported the need to have a Highland-wide policy on travel expenses that was consistent and more easily available and accessible to all patients and staff.

It was recognised that the policy is now clearer and is in line with Scottish government guidelines.

A review of the scheme is to be carried out by the health board and a revised policy implemented in 2016.

Smart thinking

A SMART travel scheme to allow passengers to buy a ticket using various forms of transport has received funding from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) and could be in place before April 2016.

The machines make up part of 'a truly modern transport system' offering a 'multi-modal, multi-operator smart card in the west of Scotland'.

The card - similar to the Oyster card used in London - allows customers to have one ticket for their full journey, making transport easier for the customer.

A report to members of the SPT board stated: 'It is proposed that a grant fund amount of £15,000 be awarded to Nevis Technology.'

'Progress with train operator Abellio is a major step forward in provision.'

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Duke hits out at land reform

THE DUKE of Argyll has described the Scottish government's land reform proposals as 'terrifying'.

Torquhill Campbell, the 13th Duke of Argyll, whose family's seat is Inveraray Castle, told the Financial Times in a recent article that Holyrood's plan to impose standard rates of inheritance tax has caused uncertainty over the future of his 65,000 acre estate.

At present, the duke - like some of the country's great landowners - qualifies for the Conditional Exemption Scheme, which means he is excused paying the standard rate of inheritance tax.

The Duke plans to pass his entire estate to his eldest son, maintaining his family's position as a major landowner.

Proposals to change inheritance rights in Scotland are part of a wider process of land reform, which has led to opposition from some of the country's wealthiest landowners.

The Land Reform Bill has been published by the Scottish government. The Bill's proposals - which include a ministerial right to intervene in land activity - have faced criticism from campaign groups for not going far enough to diversify land ownership in Scotland.

A call for new panel recruits

CHILDREN'S Hearings Scotland (CHS) has kick-started its search for new Children's Panel members in Argyll and Bute.

The Children's Panel, which is unique to Scotland, improves outcomes for troubled or at risk children and young people who are in need of care or who have offended.

CHS issued the call for new volunteers in Argyll and Bute to help fill the 560 panel roles needed nationally in 2016, as their six week recruitment campaign got underway last week.

More than 45 panel members have supported this year's campaign by speaking out about their motivations for volunteering for this important role.

Men in particular are being urged to come forward, to ensure hearings have the right representation as the law requires both men and women to sit on each hearing.

Applicants need to be 18 or over, and the deadline for applications is September 30.

To find out more about becoming a panel member, visit: www.childpanelscotland.org.

Stone-age fun in September

EASDALE is gearing up for the World Stone Skimming Championships, set to take place Sunday, September 27.

The weekend kicks off with a Pre-Skim Party in the community hall on Saturday night, featuring music by Deep Joy. Registration for the championships takes place at the hall from 11am on Sunday, with a maximum of 350 entrants allowed.

Other activities include fun for the kids, a barbecue and entertainment by Coco and the Butterfields. For more information about the championships, visit <http://www.stoneskimming.com> or email contact@stoneskimming.com

Lifeboat bell is ringing for Hazel as she revisits place of her birth

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A TEENAGER who sailed into the history books as the first baby to be born on an Oban lifeboat, has made a return visit to where it all began, as she celebrated her 18th birthday.

Hazel Banner became the first of four babies to be born on the Oban RNLI lifeboat, Mora Edith MacDonald, on 5 August, 1997.

Now 18-year-old Hazel, who lives in St John's Town of Dalry, near Castle Douglas, has made a special pilgrimage to Oban lifeboat station for a trip down memory lane - and there were several surprises in store for her.

Hazel, who has the middle name, Mora, as a permanent reminder of her unusual place of birth, was taken out in the lifeboat and presented with an exact replica of the lifeboat's brass bell, engraved with her name and date of birth.

Hazel said: 'I think the bell is lovely. I've always been aware of where I was born and I have always liked the sea.'

'I'm a member of the RNLI and the family does fundraising for them at coffee mornings and



BELLE OF THE BOAT: Hazel beside the lifeboat's bell. She now has her own special replica.

other things.' Mike Robertson, chairman of Oban Lifeboat, said: 'I am delighted to welcome Hazel back to the station to receive the ship's bell for her 18th birthday. The fact that the name, Mora, part of the lifeboat name, is also part of Hazel's name, has

made it all the more special for everyone at the station.'

Hazel's parents, Jane and Nick Banner, lived at Bunessan on the Isle of Mull at the time of her birth.

Jane, 47, said: 'I was part way through my labour on Mull

when it was decided that I should be transported to hospital on the mainland and so, it being the early hours, there was no ferry and I was met by the midwife and the lifeboat and, when we reached Oban, we moored at the pier.

'Hazel's birth certificate gives Oban pier as her place of birth. I had been moved in the early hours and it was 9.01am when I gave birth, with my husband supporting me at one end and the midwife at the other.'

'It was quite small in the lifeboat, so I can see why the crew kept going up on deck for air.'

Midwife Joanne Thorpe, who delivered her, was at the presentation, as well as past and present members of Oban lifeboat and RNLI officials.

Joanne, who journeyed from Oban to Mull with the lifeboat to collect Jane in 1997, recalled: 'It was a beautiful morning and when we got to Oban there was an ambulance waiting.'

'I asked Jane if she wanted to be left in the boat or taken into the ambulance, which would have meant lifting her up, and she said she wanted to stay on the lifeboat. The rest is history.'

After a tour of the lifeboat and a trip around Oban Bay, Douglas Craig, who was coxswain of the lifeboat in 1997, presented Hazel with a replica of the lifeboat's brass bell.

It is an old tradition that children, born on a navy vessel, are presented with the ship's bell when they are 18.

'Revolutionary' fuel project in Barcaldine

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FUEL will be cheaper and made as close to home as possible is the claim of a company from Barcaldine.

Their bio fuel is made from seaweed or grass and they believe it will become the way in which communities can make and sell their own fuel - and perhaps make a bottle or two of gin at the same time.

The Sustainable Project Partners (SPP) may seem like a pie in the sky project but, after working on it for many years, the team behind it say 'it is real and it will revolutionise the rural and island communities' as soon as the start of 2016 when the company begins to process



up to 4,000 litres of fuel. The processing unit - that will be delivered later this month from manufacturers in Australia - looks not dissimilar to a whisky still.

Company CEO, Dr Bob Irving, has been developing

are fully sustainable. We turn organic waste like seaweed and grass and we take it through processes then convert it to ethanol. The aim is to make ethanol and blend it into petrol at a ratio of 97:3 and into a fuel in its own right.'

Bob's background was in pharmaceuticals and the commercialisation of products. He has worked in both Canada and Australia before returning to the UK where he started.

Coming to work in Barcaldine made perfect sense to Bob.

'We are up at the Marine Resource Centre in Barcaldine. It is, of course, where similar businesses have been based in the past - the Algenate factory was there,' he said.

The bio fuel will become the

way in which communities make and sell their own fuel - and make a bottle of gin as well at the same time.

Bob added: 'It is not just ethanol that can be produced at different stages of distillation. We can also look at medical products for anti-bacterial use and food additives.'

'It will also produce gin. We want to talk to people who are interested in growing the seaweed and harvesting it. This will be a sustainable fuel.'

The kits to grow the seaweed and the stills will be manufactured and made available to communities in order for them to set up a business or a community-owned business.

Bob can be contacted at bobirving@sppbioenergy.com

Wood you believe this stockpile?

SPECULATION over a pile of wood at Dunbeg is believed to be just a 'natural cycle of harvesting', says a local councillor.

Rumours were rife among residents that the wall of timber signalled the building of a hotel, houses or supermarket in Dunbeg.

But councillor Iain MacLean said the wood was just part of harvesting work on the hillside across from Dunbeg.

Argyll and Bute council has approved plans for a roundabout in Dunbeg, but it is not in the same area as the stockpile of wood. 15_134timber04



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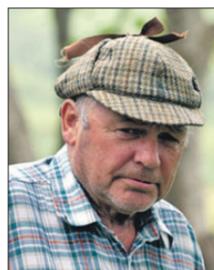
A FUNERAL for an island farmer saw a congregation of more than 700 people gather in Salen and Ulva Parish Church last Wednesday morning.

Celebrating the life of Robert Alexander Leitch who died on the last day of July, the minister, the Rev John Paton and friends spoke of a man who loved the earth, his cattle but his family most of all.

Bert, pictured right, as he was known, moved to Mull in the 1970s with his wife Chris - they had taken on the lease of a farm at Laggan Ulva.

The couple, who married in 1966, had slowly been making their way across Scotland through Perthshire, Killin, Crianlarich and Taynuilt before finally setting on the west coast of the island.

Bert was passionate about the land - he bred superb award-winning cattle but, at the same time, wanted to ensure the future of husbandry and farming through his work



with the National Farmer's Union Scotland (NFUS).

Bert was well-known for his dry sense of humour and the many antics he got himself and his family involved in.

There was the story of a tractor held together for years with string, of a borrowed jacket (almost never returned) and of friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Bert was influential in national circles with his ideas on farming and he encouraged all who came into his sphere to get involved with recognising



A SAD DAY: Salen and Ulva Parish Church was packed for Bert's funeral

the importance of working the land.

The congregation heard a message from his friend and fellow community councillor Ronnie Campbell - extolling the virtues of working together for the whole community.

One hymn and one song were sung at his funeral - the first was Morning has Broken

and the second, Come By the Hills.

There was not a dry eye when the minister told the congregation about a conversation with one of Bert's grandchildren.

The Rev Paton asked: 'What did you like about your grandpa?'

She answered: 'Nothing. I didn't like anything about

him.' She then paused for a second, and said: 'I loved everything about him.'

A retirement collection was taken on behalf of the Beatson Cancer Charity.

A family burial last Wednesday afternoon saw Bert interred on the hillside of his farm in a plot overlooking the sea.

TIMESLINE

Trapped yacht is safely released

THE VOLUNTEER crew of Oban Lifeboat came to the assistance of a yacht last week, while on their way back from another call.

The lifeboat was alerted by Stornoway Coastguard at around 3pm on Wednesday, August 12 after a kayaker ran into trouble in Loch Melfort.

Minutes after launching, the crew were informed that the kayaker had been assisted by others in the vicinity and the lifeboat was therefore asked to stand down.

However, as the lifeboat was returning to station, the crew noticed that a yacht, with a single person on board had become stuck on a mooring in Oban Bay.

The lifeboat contacted the vessel to ascertain if assistance was required. The decision was made to assist the yacht back to its own mooring after releasing it from the obstruction.

Oban movie-goers in for capital treat

OBAN Phoenix cinema is taking a leaf out of the Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) this week, by showing the movies that are making the headlines in the capital city.

Films such as 'The Legend of Barney Thompson', the directorial debut of Scottish film star Robert Carlisle, 'Amy, Love and Mercy', 'The Overnight' and 'Diary of a Teenage Girl' are part of innovative package between EIFF and the Phoenix cinema.

The cinema is also hosting a road trip movie with a difference as it features Benderloch's world champion piper, Angus MacColl, in his first cinematic role in 'Pipes and Sticks' - a journey across Route 66 in America on Tuesday, August 25.

Sad tale as family pet goes missing

A HOLIDAY in Oban turned sour for a family when they lost their pet Border collie at Ganavan Beach.

Pet dog, Murphy, disappeared at the end of July and despite an extensive search of the area, the King family from Norfolk had to make the sad trip home.

Anthony King said: 'We spent ages looking for him and have contacted all the local vets, rescue centres, police and the council. We are desperate to find him.'

Mr King can be contacted on 01508 518477 or by email on tonyr.king@btinternet.com

Council opposes protection plan

PLANS for a Marine Protection Area (MPA) around Mull and Iona were opposed by Mull community council last week. Chairman, Billy MacClymont, called for a vote, with only one member, David Pollard, from Salen, opposing the move, saying: 'I am minded towards an MPA and I want my dissent recorded.'

Bus services to improve

CHANGES to bus services from Oban are on course to deliver improvements for the travelling public in the town and Lorn. Popular council bus services throughout the town have been revised after Oban community councillor, David Gallant, and town resident, Lillias Grant, called for changes to the outdated timetable.

Argyll and Bute council bowed to public pressure over the routes. A spokeswoman said: 'An earlier visit to the town centre and shops is now possible for users of the 410 Oban Sunday Service. It is now available for passengers as soon as it leaves the Glengallon Road bus garage in the morning and on the final journey back to the depot in the evening, saving users the walk to the bus stop at Soroba/Lunga Road. Service 416 has been extended to serve the new housing development at Catalina Avenue. 'There will be a shorter wait for passengers at Longsdale, now Services 417 and 416 have been rescheduled to provide a half hourly service. 'Service 418 is once again providing a minimum of three services both northbound and southbound serving Barran Estate.'

The council's transport spokesman, councillor Alistair MacDougall, added: 'The council's integrated transport team has been working to provide bus services which make life easier for the travelling public, by scrutinising timetables, listening to feedback from travellers and working with contractors.'

New date for Achnacloich

WORK on a railway bridge that was due to take place in June will be carried out next month, the Scottish government's road contractor BEAR Scotland confirmed this week. Poor signage on the narrow approach to the Achnacloich bridge on the A85 has been a cause for concern for local drivers. A BEAR Scotland spokesperson, said: 'Work on the signage on the bridge is expected to take place in September. Traffic management will be required during this time.'

Floating hotel awash with luxury pays a visit



A CRUISE ship that has 12 decks, six restaurants and the only full-size tennis court at sea visited Oban last Tuesday, writes David McPhee. The 644ft ship, MS The World, also has a fitness centre, a jogging track, a swimming pool and a cinema. Its passengers, who sail the world in the lap of luxury, all have a stake in the opulent vessel. But an apartment doesn't come cheap. A studio flat sells for over £650,000 and a top suite can cost up to £8.5 million. Tenders from the luxury cruiser can be seen ferrying passengers to and from Oban. 15_133theworld1

Drunken thug given three years in prison for brutal knife attack

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A SEVEN inch blade was used to slice a man's arm in a 'drunken', 'unprovoked' and 'violent' attack in Oban this summer. William Douglas was sentenced to more than three years in prison for the assault on Breadalbane Street, which occurred in the early hours of June 19. The 33-year-old man from Balloch has been in Low Moss prison since June 29, following another severe assault just days after the attack in Oban.

The injury he inflicted was so severe it caused muscle damage, along with soft tissue tearing, under the 10 centimetre wound. On Tuesday, Oban sheriff court heard that Douglas had been staying in the Rowan Tree hotel with his partner, where they began arguing before he left the room at 1.50am on the Friday. It was after this that he met his victim outside Oban Backpackers. The victim was a 30-year-old geologist, who grew up in Mid Argyll, but has been living in Australia for the last four years.

He was back in Oban for his friend's stag party, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court. Douglas tried to fight with the victim, whom he had never met. When friends intervened, he pulled out the knife and cut the man's left arm. Mr McGinty said: 'The knife had gone through skin, soft tissue and underlying muscle.' 'The injured man was kept in hospital overnight because it was thought the tendons in his arm had been severed, which would require surgery. However, on further examination, it was decided there was no permanent

damage other than scarring.' The knife, around seven inches in length, was shown in court and described as 'a weapon, not a domestic knife,' by Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC. Defending solicitor Gail Campbell said Douglas remembered little about the night and he expressed 'sincere apologies'. She added the knife had been in his car boot from an earlier fishing trip. As she was passing sentence, Sheriff Anderson said the seriousness of the attack, combined with Douglas' two previous convictions for assaults causing

severe injuries, led her to consider referring him to the High Court, but decided on 40 months for assault and eight months for possession of a weapon, to be served concurrently. She added: 'This was an unprovoked attack with a weapon, on a complete stranger, in a street in Oban. You have a bad record. This is your third conviction for assault to severe injury. This is what can only be described as random, drunken and violent behaviour.' The sentence will be added to the 23 months Douglas faces for the subsequent assault.

TIMESLINE

Fury unsurprising but unacceptable

A SHERIFF sympathised with a man from Mull this week, after he found himself in court for shouting at an employee of a railway company. Anthony Parkin, of Bentalla Crescent in the Aros area of the island, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening and abusive manner by shouting in the Oban train station on November 19 last year, after he missed a train to Glasgow. The 31-year-old man was on board the train, but his partner was having problems at the ticket office as she didn't know her reference number. Parkin was asked to leave the train after a delay of several minutes. It was then he became angry shouting 'come out here' and 'I'll remember your face' at a male member of staff. Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, admonished Parkin at Oban sheriff court on Monday. She said: 'I'm not surprised that he was furious, (but) this is wholly unacceptable behaviour. I'm afraid this is a sign of the times and this is what we have all got to put up with these days.'

Speedy army man led from the front

A MAN employed by the army has been given four penalty points and fined £100 for driving at almost double the speed limit on a road in Taynuilt. John Minto, of Swisshot avenue, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, appeared at Oban sheriff court on Monday, where he pleaded guilty to driving his car at 59 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. Defence solicitor Laura McManus said the 27-year-old was on his way to an armed forces recruitment day on the afternoon of November 27 last year. Ms McManus added: 'It was near the national speed limit sign so my client accelerated in anticipation of reaching the 60mph limit.'

Addict caught with heroin weeks after he was released from jail

DRUGS with a street value of £250 have landed a man with six months in prison after he was found in possession of heroin and amphetamine in Oban. Michael Doherty, of Iona Road in Port Glasgow, was discovered with the drugs by police outside Albany apartments in the town on July 20,

Oban sheriff court heard on Monday. The 35-year-old man pleaded guilty on Monday, after being detained in custody since his arrest. Doherty was brought to the attention of police after behaving suspiciously at 4.15 am, on July 20 said procurator fiscal

Eoin McGinty. When searched, 11 grams of the stimulant amphetamine, worth £100, and a wrap of class A diamorphine (heroin), with a street value of £150, were found in Doherty's jacket pocket, the court heard. Defence solicitor Mark Templeton said his client had already served five years in jail

for similar offences and was caught in possession of drugs just weeks after his release. He added: 'It is clear this man has a long-standing difficulty with drugs.' Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, sentenced Doherty to six months in prison, backdated to July 20.



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Wilreen Lewis and Melody McCulloch of Gordon's Chemists on George Street in Oban welcome customers for the 99p sale.

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A WOMAN who fought cancer and won has raised thousands of pounds for charity to help others diagnosed with the disease.

Gillian Stewart, of Benderloch, was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 2013 at the age of 42.

Her treatment has proved successful and she now wants to give something back to those people who have helped her on the road to recovery.

She organised a strawberry tea earlier this month, which raised a magnificent £3,000 for the cancer charities.

A delighted Gillian, said: 'After I was diagnosed with breast



A DAY TO REMEMBER:
Gillian Stewart has raised £3,000 for cancer charities

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cancer, I came through my operation successfully and other treatments fairly unscathed. 'As my health improved, I felt I wanted to give something back to those charities I have used over the last 18 months. I am raising

money for the Beatson Cancer Charity, Breast Cancer Care Scotland and Oban Hospice.

'For obvious reasons, I am helping a breast cancer charity, but also the Beatson because they treat you like royalty while you 'live' with them and they definitely deserve money towards all that they do.

'I am supporting Oban Hospice

because they fund cancer massage therapy sessions through the North Argyll Carers Centre which I have been using recently, and some of the money will go to keep that funded as it does help.'

Gillian is still collecting donations and would welcome further contributions.

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Happy Helen and Charlie set a shining example

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SAYING sorry is the key to a long and happy marriage, said Charlie Geddes, as he celebrates his diamond anniversary with his wife, Helen.

The 82-year-old also joked that apologising even when he hasn't done anything wrong has kept the couple together for the last 60 years.

Married in St Columba's High Church, Inverness, on August 30 1955, the happy couple first met when they worked together at A Cameron and Sons shop in the city.

Mrs Geddes, also 82, said: 'I was only 15 at the time and we were all waiting to see who the new boy was. I even said to my friend "Oh, it could be a new boyfriend for me". It must have been fate.'

But the it wasn't to last as Helen, then Dixon, set off for Africa to work in Nairobi, returning two



WEDDED BLISS: Helen and Charlie Geddes celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary 15_f34diamond51



A DAY TO REMEMBER:
Charlie and Helen Geddes cut the cake on their wedding day 60 years ago

He added: 'Meeting all of the babies has been great, so was seeing how well our children have done, but there are lots of happy memories, there have been so many.'

Asked the secret to a happy marriage, Mr Geddes said: 'Saying sorry all the time. Even when I don't think I've done anything wrong', while Mrs Geddes added: 'Just loving each other. We rarely fight and we never have. There's no point in arguing, it doesn't solve anything.'

They plan to spend next weekend celebrating with their family in Glenrothes.

years later to rekindle the romance.

In 1972 the pair set their sights on Oban when Mr Geddes had the opportunity to open a branch of a clothes shop, A Caird and Sons, and arrived in the town with their two children, Karen

and Martyn, now 58 and 54 respectively.

Mr Geddes said the highlights of the marriage have been 'all the babies'. The couple are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Men fined £40 for fighting in the street

A LARGE street brawl was stopped thanks to two police officers who were passing the scene in Oban's George Street last Thursday morning.

At 2.20am, police noticed a large crowd of around 25 people had gathered in the street. Breaking their way through the crowd, they saw four men, all from Oban, fighting.

Police immediately dispersed the crowd and took the four men into custody.

Laws recently placed on the statute book meant the men were held in custody before being served with a £40 anti-social behaviour order - otherwise known as a fixed penalty notice.

Sergeant Alan Moore, from Oban police station, said: 'Violence will not be tolerated and anyone who is involved in anti-social behaviour will be cautioned and charged.'

Man reported over stolen groceries

A MAN has been accused of stealing a young mother's grocery shopping and trying to exchange it for cash at an Oban supermarket last Sunday.

The woman who bent down to pick up her son who had fallen, noticed her bag had been taken and immediately contacted police.

Officers then got in touch with the supermarket to find that someone was, 'at that moment', trying to return the goods and claim the cash.

A 37-year-old man from Grimsby was arrested and will be reported to the procurator fiscal.

Lobsters pinched from creel in water

A LOBSTER haul being kept in the water was stolen from the pier on Colonsay last week.

The catch, worth £400, was being kept fresh for market in a traditional creel in the water between August 15 and August 18.

The owner of the creel pulled it out of the water only to discover it was empty.

Police in Oban are appealing for anyone with information about the theft to call them on 101.

Strange smell leads to court appearance

A MAN from Spain and a woman from France were arrested on the North Pier in Oban when officers alleged they had detected a 'strange smell' on Wednesday, August 12.

The 31-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were accused of being in possession of the Class B drug, cannabis.

The holidaymakers have now been reported to the procurator fiscal and are due to appear in court.

Driver accused of not taking breaks

A HEAVY goods vehicle driver has been reported to the procurator fiscal for being too long behind the wheel without taking a proper break.

The 49-year-old lorry driver was stopped at Tyndrum by police where it was alleged that he had failed to take the legally required number of rest breaks during his journey between August 11 and 12.

He was reported for the alleged offence.

Clocked at twice the village speed limit

TRAVELLING at double the speed limit in Kilmelford village will see a 57-year-old man in court.

On Thursday, August 24, the driver from Penzance was caught by police travelling at 60mph in the 30mph zone. The driver has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

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Wee Crows at St Conan's



A 'WONDERFUL' open weekend at St Conan's Kirk offered some delightful treats for visitors.

But a fine co-incidence for one spectator was a fabulous experience for those who took up an offer of a free look around the early 20th century church.

The Three Wee Crows performed on numerous occasions over the weekend - but on Sunday a performance of a poem held a special memory for one visitor from Portsonachan.

Maclain Service visited the

kirk to hear a poem written by Walter Campbell, founder of the church.

But little did visitors know there was a film of the wedding of Mr Service's father and mother.

Pictured above are Kathleen Hannigan, Maclain Service and Jo Service at the kirk's open day.

The Three Wee Crows, who performed at the event, will also be performing at Duart Castle throughout the day this Sunday, August 23.

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NHS overspend tops £2M

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NHS Highland overspent its revenue budgets by £2 million in the first quarter of this financial year.

In a report to the board, finance director, Nick Kenton warned that, based on this trend, there is a risk that the board will miss its end-of-year target of breaking even by around £5 million.

However, Mr Kenton feels that a break-even point can be

achieved 'subject to delivery of cash-releasing benefits from savings plans and transformational projects'.

As an example of cost pressures, the director's report forecasts an overspend of £5.1 million on medical and dental staff.

By the end of the first quarter, expenditure on medical locums had reached a substantial £3.3 million.

Mr Kenton will ask the board to reduce the use of locums,

which he argues will have a significant impact in reducing the forecast overspend.

The finance director said in his report: 'Work is ongoing to look at the arrangements with locum agencies with a view to obtaining a better price for locums provided.'

He added that work to manage the demand for locums is being carried out on an ongoing basis.

Mr Kenton also explained that waiting list initiatives required for meeting treatment time guar-

antees represented an additional cost pressure for Raigmore hospital in Inverness.

These, he said, would need to be managed either in the hospital or across the whole NHS Highland region.

Mr Kenton's report showed that the board had underspent its capital budgets for the period from April to June of this year.

He concluded that the board is on course to breaking even on capital expenditure by the end of the financial year.

Spared a jail term

A YOUNG man has been spared jail after admitting supplying diazepam.

Craig Duffy, 22, from Motherwell, pleaded guilty to supplying the tranquilliser last April.

The court heard he had arrived at a party with 30 pills and gave them to acquaintances. Defence solicitor Laura McManus said the drugs were mainly for her client's own use.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for four months, saying: 'This will give you the chance to show you are a good person.'

Council to test its buildings

COUNCIL buildings throughout Argyll and Bute are being tested for a naturally occurring gas - radon.

While the gas is often present in the open air, sufficiently high levels would cause concern to the local authority.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'Work to keep council premises safe for use will extend this week to include measuring levels of radon in the air.'

'Radon is a naturally occurring

gas often present in the open air, buildings and homes at concentration levels that have no impact for people or air quality. If levels are sufficiently high, action can be taken to reduce radon concentrations.'

'Monitoring for radon levels happens in buildings across the country. On the rare occasions that action is required, this will typically involve minor works to improve building ventilation.'

'The council is putting detectors in buildings that have a range

of different uses, from offices to schools and other premises.

'These detectors will record radon levels over a period of three months, to see if action should be taken to improve air quality.'

The spokeswoman added: 'Testing is unobtrusive and will not disrupt teaching or business.'

'Radon levels are affected by different elements such as weather or the type of rock in the earth. No action is required by anyone using the premises being monitored.'

TIMESLINE

Night in the cells after pub trouble

A MAN who was accused of causing trouble at an Oban pub last Saturday spent the night in the police cells.

The 33-year-old man from Sunderland, who was accused of behaving in a disorderly manner, was asked to leave a public house, but he refused and police were called.

Before the police arrived, he was alleged to have assaulted one of the bar staff. He was released from custody and a report of the incident was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Phone is stolen in bar handbag theft

POLICE are following a positive line of enquiry after a mobile phone was stolen from an Oban public house in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The iPhone was taken with a sum of cash from a handbag in the bar. The value of the stolen goods is approximately £400.

Anyone with information should report it to PC McMillan at Oban police station.

Driver heading to court for speeding

A DRIVER who exceeded the speed limit by 27 miles mph has been reported to the procurator fiscal and is due to appear in court later this month.

The 41-year-old driver was travelling on the 'straights' heading west beyond Tyndrum when he was clocked at 87mph by police on August 16.

The tide takes the boat, not thieves

POLICE in Tainuill were relieved to hear that a boat reported stolen had, in fact, been carried out to sea on the tide. The search for the 16-foot long fibreglass boat was called off when the man who reported it stolen realised his mistake.

City woman praises Tiree as the 'friendliest' island

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A WOMAN from Edinburgh has written to the *Oban Times* to declare her love for Tiree, saying the islanders must be the 'friendliest in the world'.

Angie MacLeod, who is physically disabled, said as she was on the island without transport, she hitched for the first time in her life.

During her travels, she said she met people and heard stories she will cherish forever: 'I've been to many of the Hebridean islands, but Tiree is without doubt one of the most beautiful and friendliest.'

'It's got everything you hope an island to be in Scotland, many stunning beaches - all magical in their own way, swathes of the most beautiful wild flowers and the excitement of watching kite surfers, wind surfers, kayakers and others who connect with the sea in a most exhilarating way.'

'I can't do water sports because I have a physical disability, but I came away from Edinburgh to read, write, seek some sort of solace and meet interesting people on the way.'

'What I didn't expect was how I managed to get to do some of these things. I hitched. Every car with spare space picked me up. 'I met Andrew who took me

around much of the island to 'Blue Beyond', a stunning gallery of pictures and pottery.'

'I was also helped by people from Hynish and Vault Bay and some couples and families enjoying their summer holiday on the way.'

People staying at the island hostel also rallied to make Angie's holiday truly memorable.

She continued: 'They took me around the island too, and to Tiree Pottery where I managed to pick up a few unique and beautiful items.'

'Tiree is without doubt my favourite holiday destination and I'd like to thank everyone on Tiree for making it so.'



DREAM HOLIDAY: Angie MacLeod relaxes on one of Tiree's 'magical' beaches

ISLAY letter by Hugh Smith

Closely fought contest for island's memorial trophy

Sir William praises club organisers

BOWLERS from across the island met at the Port Ellen bowling club to take part in the mixed doubles match for the John Stewart memorial trophy.

This was presented to the club by Professor Sir William Stewart, a native of Port Ellen in memory of his son John, whose sudden death at a young age devastated his family and saddened all who knew him.

The winners in a hard-fought final were Stuart MacNeill, presently on holiday in his native Portnahaven, and Port Ellen resident, Kenny MacGlashan.

The worthy runners-up were Susan Shaw from Ballygrant and Port Ellen's Jonathon Farrell, both former winners of the trophy.

The trophy was handed over by Sir William who was accompanied by Lady Stewart. Sir William, the Dundee-based former Chief Scientific Adviser to the government and current honorary patron of the Glasgow Islay Association, congratulated the winners and praised the match-organising abilities of former club presidents, Andy Hope and Ralph Middleton.

A crossroads for an ecumenical event

REPRESENTATIVES from the various churches met on Sunday for an ecumenical open air service at the foot of the 8th century Kildalton Cross now regarded as the most perfect monument of its date to survive in western Europe.

Over 40 worshippers met at the ancient and sacred site and the officiating clergy were the Rev Valerie Watson, minister of the north parishes, the Rev Angus Morrison, former minister at Port Ellen, the Rev Alastair Cherry, currently locum minister for the vacant charges of Kilarrow, Kildalton and Oa and Jura, and the Rev Jim McNulty, pastor of the Islay Baptist congregations.



WINNING COMBINATION: Andy Hope, Stuart MacNeill, Sir William Stewart, Kenny MacGlashan, Ralph Middleton and Susan Shaw



MEETING POINT: Kildalton Cross

Islay half marathon was 'piece of cake'

PARTICIPANTS from Australia, the USA and mainland Europe, were among the 142 runners who took part in the Ardbeg Islay Half Marathon held at the beginning of the month.

First past the post in the men's section was Stuart MacGeachy from Campbeltown with Craig Mattocks of Edinburgh in second

place. Fife's Keren MacPherson led the women with Julie Beveridge of Calderglen Harriers as runner-up.

The local men breaking the tape to take the first three places were Nicholas Bowman, David and Stuart Rountree. Islay ladies taking the lead places were Natalie Rountree, Mairi Wiggins and Caroline Morris.

The top men's team was Calderglen Harriers of East Kilbride who just pipped Campbeltown running club into second place.

The Calderglen Harriers ladies' team was also victorious although the Burgh Babes were close on their heels.

The race took place in ideal weather conditions and the course was described by one veteran runner as 'a piece of cake'.

Thirty five years of dedicated service

CONGRATULATIONS to Marion Spears, mine hostess at the Port Askaig hotel, who has clocked up 35 years of dedicated secretarial assistance to the organisers of the Islay agricultural show. Well done Marion.

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Tyndrum

A HOLIDAY cottage just outside Tyndrum looks set for a major expansion if planning permission is granted. Argyll and Bute council's planning page shows an application to build a pottery workshop, five camping pods and a shower block at An Tigh Beag, which is around two miles west of Tyndrum, towards Dalmally, on the A85. The cottage is owned by Nicola Lindsay and partner, Ian Murdoch, who are hoping to relocate to the area with their twin baby daughters, if planning goes ahead. They would be living in the new building, above the new pottery workshop. Nicola, 37, explained: 'We live in Greenock just now but we've owned the cottage for a couple of years. This was always our plan, to build the pottery workshop and the camping pods.' Nicola previously worked at Argyll Pottery, Balcaldine, so is no stranger to the West Highlands. She continued: 'The idea of coming and making your pottery and staying for a few days, rather than just a few hours, seems to be popular on the east coast of Scotland and down in England, so we'd like to take it to this part of the country. The pods would also suit hillwalkers and climbers too. They sleep four adults and two children. Ian works in construction so is building them himself. 'The planning application hasn't gone through, so this isn't 'signed, sealed, delivered' quite yet, but fingers crossed.'

Isle of Lewis

BUYERS looking for a property with a bit of Scottish heritage included will be delighted to hear that Katie Morag's home is up for sale. The picturesque Lewis property has been used by the BBC to film exterior shots for the popular children's programme, complete with an 'Isle of Struay' and 'Shop and Post Office' signs. The building featured in most of the episodes, can be seen in the opening sequence, and was used as the backdrop for the promotional material. The TV series, based on the books written and illustrated by former Coll author, Mairi Hedderwick, was shot at locations across the Western Isles. The sites were made-up to look like the fictional island of Struay, believed to be based on Coll where the author brought up her children. The white-painted home is in the tiny, peaceful and very real Lewis village of Tolsta Chaloais, and the £45,000 price tag also includes a substantial amount of croft land.

Western Isles

SIX ADDITIONAL nurses and healthcare professionals have been recruited to the Marie Curie cancer care service in the Western Isles, providing support to people living with a terminal illness. Marie Curie nurses provides care to patients who wish to spend their final days at home. The extra staff for Lewis and Harris will complement the three existing nurses who provide overnight care to residents in Benbecula, Barra and Uist. The service is run in partnership with NHS Western Isles. Lynne Miller, the Marie Curie clinical nurse manager for the Western Isles, said: 'Our new nursing team members are excited to get started and will be working closely with NHS Western Isles staff to provide joined-up care and support where it is so desperately needed.'

Arisaig

THE COLD and wet summer in Arisaig continued throughout July, with rainfall well above average for the third consecutive month. Amateur meteorologist, Randal Coyne, reported four and a half inches of rain, bringing the total to almost 38 inches, the highest this century. The average daily temperature ranged from 9.7°C to 15.2°C, both colder than usual for July. Mr Coyne also noted this was the first time this century the lowest average has been below 10°C. The hottest was 25°C, which lasted for the first three days of the month, but it soon plummeted and the coldest night was 7°C, below average for the height of summer.

Ardnamurchan

A CAMP site in Kilchoan features in the top spot in a list of best camping places in Scotland. The list, drawn up by Wanderlust Magazine, was published last month and names Ardnamurchan campsite as number one out of seven others. Caolasnacon Caravan and Camping Park in Kinlochleven and Resipole Farm in Aharacle are the only other Lochaber sites on the list which also features places on Aviemore and Loch Lomond. For more information go to <http://www.wanderlust.co.uk/planatrip/inspire-me/lists/cool-camping-scotland?page=all>

Lochwatch gains from generous spirit

A CHARITY recently made an appeal for a dinghy which would be carried on its Loch Awe patrol boat. But the generous spirit of two supporters meant that they didn't just get one boat, but were delighted to receive three instead. LochWatch Loch Awe chairman, Iain MacKinnon, said: 'We were delighted when we were offered not one but three dinghies.' Willie and June Currie of Benderloch donated two dinghies; one of which is a small fibreglass boat that will be used to board the patrol vessel when loch levels prevent the use of the pier. The second one will be kept as a back-up at the pier and will be used in support of the other dingies when required. Gaelforce Marine of Inverness, a long-time supporter of LochWatch, have also donated a dinghy. This is a brand new inflatable which will be kept on board the loch patrol boat and used in shallow waters where the larger boat cannot sail. It will also be used to assist



DINGY DELIGHT: LochWatch charity was delighted to receive not one, but three boats after a local appeal for support.

casualties to board the loch patrol boat. Iain said: 'I am overwhelmed and humbled by the support that businesses and individuals have given to the LochWatch charity over the years and continue to do so. 'Safety at Loch Awe strikes a chord locally and nation-

ally and, of course, many people know someone who lost their life in the loch. My personal thanks go to everyone who has supported the charity. 'LochWatch is now part of a national group looking at water safety on a strategic level. The group is known as Water Safety Scotland and has representation from the voluntary sector; the emergency services, Scottish government and utility companies such as Scottish Power. 'I am looking forward to working with the group and seeing a reduction in water-related fatalities in the coming years,' Iain added.

Fort Augustus



John MacKillop and his faithful border collie, Joe, added to their prizes at the Scottish national sheepdog championships

A BORDER collie showed why a dog is a man's best friend when he helped his owner, John MacKillop, take home a trophy at the Scottish national sheepdog championships. The Fort Augustus man took six-year-old Joe to the Dingwall competition and spent three days competing before taking home the championship title. Judge J.G. Templeton said: 'John had a tremendous, straight fetch, and a near immaculate drive. It was a good, steady run and a well-deserved win.'

Mr MacKillop, who helps look after 1600 ewes on Glendoe Estate, previously won the trials in 1994 and captains the Scottish team of 15 dogs due to represent the country at the international championship in Dumfries-shire next month. The sporting event at Ballachulish's Abbeyfield care home was started up by staff

Kilchoan



'THE SEA' was the theme for this year's Kilchoan pram race and the weather was perfectly in keeping with the damp spirit. But the large audience were not put off by the heavy rain and cheered on competitors at the annual event.

Ballachulish

RESIDENTS of a Lochaber care home competed for gold on their annual sports day. Residents took part in games designed for them such as balloon volleyball, games of quoits and a relay race (a walk around the local park).

Kinlochleven is blooming marvellous

GREEN-FINGERED volunteers have been hard at work this summer, continuing their long-running campaign to brighten up Kinlochleven. Avril Watt and Jan Jack have been displaying plants and flowers all over the village, from the raised beds at the square to hanging baskets outside the public toilets. A spokeswoman from Kinlochleven community trust thanked the pair for their hard work this summer and over the years.



Avril Watt admires her handiwork



The green-fingered friends have been gardening in Kinlochleven village square

MORVERN lines

Tragic murder at sea during WW1

THE Psalmist who wrote, 'They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters' could never have envisaged how many sailors would be lost around our coastlines let alone throughout the world. The mother and wife of one young naval officer from Sunderland were more fortunate than most at a time of war in at least they were able to be present at his burial. The poignant inscription on his headstone in the Kilbrandon old church yard near Balvicar on the Island of Seil, reads: Neil McDougall Morton of Sunderland, aged 27 years. Chief Officer SS Belgian Prince Torpedoed and cruelly murdered by the Huns on 31st July 1917. (Body Washed ashore at Cuan Ferry on 23 September) 'He gave his life that we might not starve'. Erected by his mother. If you think there is something unforgiving about the inscription read on. The 'Belgian Prince' was attacked by a German U Boat, U-55, 175 miles NW of Tory Island off the north west coast of Ireland. She was en route from Liverpool to Newport News, Virginia, with a crew of 42 and a cargo of blue clay. The torpedo did not immediately sink her allowing all aboard to get into the lifeboats and row across to the submarine which, by this time, was on the surface. Her captain was taken below while his crew were lined up on the submarine's hull. Their life-jackets and outer-clothing were removed by the Germans who proceeded to destroy the lifeboats. After sinking the stricken ship with its gun, the submarine submerged, deliberately washing the 'Belgian Prince's' crew into the sea. With no lifejackets, they had little chance of surviving and all but three were drowned. Those who managed to stay afloat were picked up by a British patrol eleven hours later. It was nothing less than an act of cold-blooded murder and completely against the 1907 Hague Convention. It almost seems incredible that Neil's body travelled from the west coast of Ireland to the Firth of Lorn in such a short time. The currents must be fairly constant as the body of 35 year old John Macpherson, Appin, who was drowned off Tory Island on 22 August 1874, was washed ashore at Fionnphort, Mull, 200 miles away only 19 days later. John Macpherson had been mate on the SS 'Fairholm', a 196 ton Glasgow steamer carrying a cargo of coal.

Bravery of Mary who perished saving others after ships collided

In 1914, a maritime disaster occurred in the Puget Sound, Alaska, that greatly saddened the village of Corpach near Fort William.

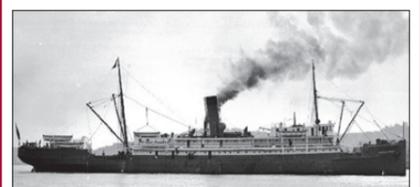


Mary Campbell, born on 4th February 1879, was the second daughter and third child of John Campbell, a well-known local boat builder, and Annie Campbell, nee Kennedy to whom the late Charles Kennedy MP was related. Mary, pictured right, left the family home at Rose Cottage, Corpach, to train as a nurse in Glasgow. After qualifying in 1901, she travelled to America and settled in Seattle in Washington State, close to the Canadian Border at Vancouver. She worked for 18 months as head nurse at the Kenny, a nursing and retirement home before taking up another position at the Sol Duc Hot Springs Hotel.

In 1914, Mary left Seattle and signed on as a stewardess on the 'Admiral Sampson', a small 2,262 ton, steel and metal steamship carrying passengers and freight between San Francisco and the northern Alaskan ports. On the 26th August 1914, the 'Admiral Sampson' sailed from Seattle for Juneau in Alaska with 160 passengers and crew. This was Mary Campbell's first voyage and she hoped to meet up with two of her brothers in Alaska. Conditions were very foggy and the steamship crept along the Puget Sound at three knots sounding the ship's whistle. At the same time, another ship, the 'SS Princess Victoria', travelling from Vancouver to Seattle was also making its way along the Puget Sound taking similar precautions. Notwithstanding their slow speeds, the 'Princess Victoria' rammed the 'Admiral Sampson' broadside at 6.05 a.m. The captain of the 'Princess Victoria' continued to run her engines ahead to keep her ship locked into the gaping hole caused by

“The 'Admiral Sampson' broke in two and sank”

the collision to allow the passengers and crew of the 'Admiral Sampson' to escape across onto her. However, the 'Admiral Sampson's' fuel tanks had been ruptured on impact and soon her wooden superstructure caught fire forcing the captain of the 'Princess Victoria' to put his vessel astern. Minutes later, the 'Admiral Sampson' broke in two and sank. The majority of the 160 persons on board were rescued by the 'Princess Victoria', but eight crew and eight passengers were lost, including Mary Campbell. The ship sank in very deep water and no bodies were recovered. At the subsequent enquiry, it was reported that Mary Campbell had been on duty most of the night looking after the passengers and helping to settle them down before retiring herself. She was seen after the collision trying to save passengers minutes before the ship sank and, in so doing, unselfishly sacrificed her own life. Mary is remembered today by her grandnieces, Sarina J Beardsley, Havant, Hampshire, and Marina T MacDonnel, Nethy Bridge, Inverness-shire.



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30 mile trek in memory of Leslie

RECENTLY, Lorna McDonald and her son, Iain, completed a challenging 30-mile trek in memory of their father and grandfather, Leslie Servant. The walk started at Bridge of Orchy Hotel and continued through Glen Kinglas to finish at Inverawe, where Leslie had lived for almost 50 years with his wife, Jessie. It was also the family home of Lorna and her brothers. It took a gruelling eight and a half hours to complete the strength-sapping journey, with the intrepid pair having to endure torrential rain, hail and wind, which eventually eased after 15 miles. The pair were met at the end of their trek at Inverawe Shop by proud family members to celebrate. The challenge, in honour of Leslie, was also a fundraiser for the Stroke Association. And the total currently sits at £960. Donations can still be made at www.justgiving.com/stroke30miles

WALK: Lorna and Iain McDonald sharing a celebratory drink after their 30 mile trek

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Passengers rail at problems with trains

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A TRAIN journey to Mallaig that was disrupted and replaced with a poorly organised bus service, has been branded embarrassing by a local councillor.

Passengers were forced to abandon one of the most scenic travel routes in the world on the Glasgow to Mallaig train.

Tourists were reportedly left confused as they had to leave the train at Fort William when informed there was no staff for the last leg of the journey to Mallaig.

Travellers were forced to head for buses, but were left unaware when a bus might appear, as no members of staff had informed them where to go.

Passenger, Rod McCullagh, found himself in the midst of the commotion on Friday. In an angry email to railway bosses and an extensive list of MSPs, he said: 'Eventually, the buses arrived but bore no destination information. Amongst the mêlée of uninformed passengers, the Scotrail person was quietly spoken and thus inaudible to most of the crowd.'

'No one seemed to have anticipated that the customer would want to know where the buses were leaving from, going to, whether there was a train service down the road, how long was the journey, would there be refreshment or toilet stops. Just no clear information for folk who had bought tickets for a train ride.'



Flood water on the track and staff shortages caused train disruptions f34train01no

The absence of drivers on Friday added to the frustrations of passengers who could not travel on Tuesday due to flood water on the tracks.

Councillor Allan Henderson said: 'This is a wholly unacceptable position and a sad reflection on the new franchise holder. We were able to make allowances for the Tuesday, with the adverse weather, but not staff shortages at

the busiest time of the year. This is really unfair on passengers. Whether staff shortage or Acharacle is irrelevant, there simply must be staff available at the correct time to move passengers. This is really embarrassing to all of us in the tourist industry and no way to run a company.'

While Scotrail usually has a number of spare drivers at each

depot, this time there were too many absences for it to cover, which led to the cancellation of services earlier last week and on Friday.

A Scotrail Alliance spokesman said: 'We are sorry for the higher-than-normal level of disruption to Mallaig services in recent weeks, caused by driver sickness and flash flooding. We have already taken steps to address this and other issues.'

LGA has already opened a popular visitor centre at the entrance of the glen.

Service will honour MP

A SERVICE in memory of Highland politician, Charles Kennedy, will be held in Dingwall next week.

The former Ross, Skye and Lochaber MP will be remembered at St Clement's church in the town on the evening of Monday August 24, led by Father Roddy Macaulay, parish priest at the late Mr Kennedy's local church, St John the Evangelist in Caol.

Following his death on June 1, tributes flooded in for the long-serving MP from Fort William and have continued since, with the Highland Liberal Democrats arranging the latest event.

Willie Rennie, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, will give a tribute and music

composed by Mr Kennedy's late father, Ian Kennedy, will be performed by the Kiltearn Fiddlers.

Duncan Mackay, chairman of the Ross, Skye and Lochaber Liberal Democrats, said: 'So many people all over the Highlands were proud to call Charles Kennedy a friend. I know the family has been overwhelmed by the extraordinary number of kind messages and fond memories they have received in the weeks following his sudden and very sad passing.'

'The service is an opportunity for all who knew him to remember Charles and celebrate the contribution he made to our communities. Anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome.'



A Highland memorial service is to be held for Charles Kennedy 21_f34charles01

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£300 fine for having cocaine

A MAN who was found with a class A drug while on route for a pizza will pay a £300 fine.

David Symmers, of Kennedy road Fort William, was found with 3.6 grams of cocaine when he was stopped by police on Lochy road, Inverlochty on February 9 this.

The 35-year-old made an early plea of guilty to the charge and was issued a fine at Fort William sheriff court on Tuesday.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said: 'At the time of the incident my client was going to collect a pizza, of all things. He has fully co-operated with the police and court.'

Butcher had ecstasy tablets

A LOCAL butcher was fined £100 after being found in possession of ecstasy tablets worth up to £50.

Malcolm Monkman, who resides at Iona court, was found in possession of the class A drug on Middle street in Fort William.

Fort William sheriff court heard that the drugs were for personal use and that the 26-year-old had pled guilty at the earliest opportunity in his case.

MSP backs Living Rent campaign

GREEN MSP John Finnie wants the Scottish government to impose a rent cap to encourage people to move into Highlands and Islands.

Backing the Living Rent Campaign, this week the MSP said: 'Our rents are soaring, driven by buy-to-let and holiday-homes.'

'The result is poverty, depopulation, and desperate tenants forced to accept poor-quality homes or unscrupulous landlords.'

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Glen Roy will remain nature reserve

A LOCHABER tourist attraction will remain a nature reserve after a successful campaign to stop de-declaration.

Glen Roy national nature reserve (NNR), near to Roy bridge, will stay as it is after Lochaber geopark association's (LGA) campaign went global.

The fragile mountainside imprints of the parallel roads

of Glen Roy were carved by ancient glacial lakes and water repeatedly froze and melted on the hill, giving the appearance of roads.

Instead of facing de-declaration, SNH will now engage with LGA and the local community to develop the site's features that will give it NNR status.

The move came following a

meeting of Scottish natural heritage board last Friday. A spokesperson from LGA said: 'Lochaber geopark is naturally thrilled that NNR status has been maintained for Glen Roy.'

'It is looking forward to working in partnership with SNH to bring the incredible landscape of Glen Roy to an even wider audience.'

The site is protected by Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), legislation. It was originally acquired by SNH in 1970 to protect it against proposed tree planting.

LGA has already opened a popular visitor centre at the entrance of the glen.



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Taxi driver biter told by the sheriff - 'You have been warned'

AN OBAN taxi driver is to receive compensation after a customer bit his leg and left the car without paying a £6 fare.

Darren Clark of Millbrae, Bunessan, on Mull, admitted the assault at Oban sheriff court on Tuesday after a drunken night out in the town on May 29 of this year.

The 18-year-old fisherman asked the driver to take him to Dunbeg, before changing his mind and requesting he be taken to a party elsewhere in the town.

Halfway through the journey, Clark stopped the driver and paid him just £2.60 of the £6 fare.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court: 'When asked for the fare Darren Clark then leant

across and bit the taxi driver on his left knee.

'The driver then hit him on the back of the head to make him stop, then the accused punched him on the face.'

But that wasn't the end of Clark's troublemaking, as he then arrived at the wrong flat and forced his way in to a stranger's home, becoming aggressive and pushing both him and his neighbour to the ground. Clark pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening and abusive manner and a further two counts of abusive behaviour for the second incident.

Defence solicitor Edward Thornton said: 'It was only when the taxi stopped he realised he

only had £2.60. He said he would go to a nearby cash point and would even leave his phone as an assurance that he wasn't going to run away.

'He then went to the wrong flat in his drunken befuddlement. He accepts full and complete responsibility for his behaviour.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, ordered Clark to pay £250 compensation to the taxi driver and fined him £800. She said: 'Nobody should have to put up with this in the course of their employment. You're on the edge of losing your liberty and my advice to you is to stop drinking until you are old enough to know how to behave. You have been warned.'

Oban hub in line for award

THE ROCKFIELD Centre in Oban has been short-listed for a Rural Innovators Award.

Run by the Scottish Rural Parliament (Parlaimaid Dhuthchail na h-Alba), the award is for a project, person or organisation which is improving life in rural communities by tackling a topic that will improve the community and its

surrounding area. A huge range of exciting projects were nominated for this award in the 'Land' category.

The Rockfield Centre is short listed alongside Tomintoul and Glenlivet Rural Regeneration estate and Ulva Ferry Housing Partnership.

Oban Communities Trust (OCT) which is behind The Rockfield Centre, describes the centre as offering sustainable activity that supports not just the site but the whole area.

OCT chairman Gordon McNab said: 'We are delighted to have been short-listed for this national award which recognises The Rockfield Centre will provide opportunities for everyone to learn,

Touch of the blarney for Mull theatre

MULL Theatre is delighted to be back on the stage with a new show, Stones in His Pockets, opening at Druimfin, Tobermory, before touring to venues across Scotland.

The plot begins in County Kerry, Ireland. A rural community is turned upside down by the arrival of an American film crew on location to capture 'real' Ireland for their Hollywood blockbuster.

When locals, Charlie Conlon and Jake Quinn, are employed

as extras for the film, they, like the rest of the village, struggle to present the Americans' romanticised Ireland, a stark contrast to the reality of daily life.

From the local lads intent on being stars, to the film's American lead actress, whose Irish accent leaves a lot to be desired, two actors portray a multitude of characters in this hilarious yet poignant updated production of Marie Jones' hit play. The hugely

successful comedy was a Fringe hit, had a phenomenal West End run, won an Olivier Award for Best New Comedy, and was nominated for three Tony Awards.

Stones in His Pockets opens at Druimfin, home of the company, today (August 20) before touring Scotland throughout August and September. The show is suitable for those aged 12 and over. Further information can be found at www.comar.co.uk

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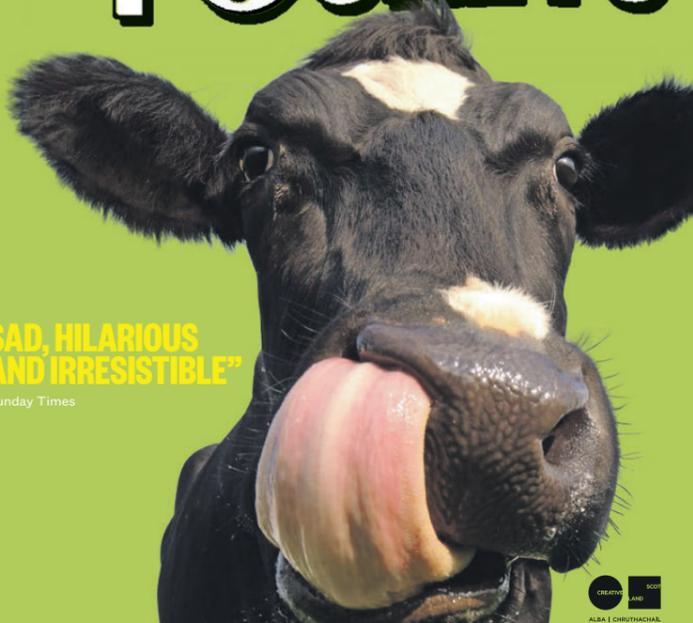
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There are prizes to be won in categories including black-face sheep, other sheep, cattle, the coveted horse and pony supreme champion.

Farm animals won't be the only attraction on Saturday, as organisers have a day jam-packed with events.

Youngsters can be kept occupied at the children's tent which will feature activities with beekeepers, Scouts and

the Forestry Commission.

The afternoon's festivities will begin with the opening ceremony, featuring Lochaber Schools Pipe Band and Highland dancers before the little ones take over the main ring with the Junior tug of war.

There will also be an adult contest later in the day for any big kids who want to give the popular game a try.

Hot dogs and burgers will be available when you get peckish and a number of trade stalls will be dotted around the field to browse in between the fun.

For the first year, there will be chainsaw carving on display as professionals show off their talents in turning modest pieces of wood into impressive sculptures and furniture.

Even family pets are invited to be part of the fun and take part in the dog show, although they may be outdone when the sheepdogs enter the ring for their annual display!

The day of fun will draw to a close with another performance by the pipe band and Highland dancers.

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Locals plea: Please clear 'scary' shortcut

A FOOTPATH that has been left to overgrow in Fort William has been called dangerous and unsafe by a local woman who uses it almost every day.

Trees and bushes on the footpath from Lundavra road down to the back of Fort William primary school, have grown so wild that walkers and cyclists have to dodge plants and branches on their way through.

Jean Sinclair, a resident of Plantation, works at Myrtle Bank guest house and is keen to continue to use the shortcut, but feels that 'anything could be lurking in the bushes'.

She said: 'Every year I have had to report this same problem to the Highland council and every time they say it is the education department who is responsible for the upkeep of the greenery and pathway.'

'About five years ago it was all cut back to the fences and what a difference it made.'

Mrs Sinclair enlisted the help of councillor Brian Murphy to support her campaign to have the area maintained and it is thought he was able to encourage the maintenance a few years ago.

Now Mrs Sinclair is concerned that members of the public may be avoiding using the path because it is scary at nights.

She said: 'It is getting darker in the mornings again. You just don't know what could be in the bushes when it is dark. People from Upper Achintore often use the path as a shortcut, but it has been getting worse. I am having to dodge branches and nettles.'

Another worker at Myrtle Bank guest house, Margarita Alcantara, said: 'It is awful. When it is dark and when it is raining it is when it is most unsafe. I have known a few people who have fallen and slipped when it is wet, because they slip on plants that are growing out on to the path.'

'It takes 15 minutes more to walk around Achintore road to that area, when the path takes you straight there.'

'Not everyone has a car or can afford a taxi, so to use the path is helpful. But it is not nice.'

The stance of Highland council remains unclear, with the closure of Fort William primary school just before the summer holiday.

A spokesperson said: 'We are looking into the matter.'

The chairman of Fort William community council said: 'The area is certainly used and needs cut, that includes the trees on Lundavra road. The community council will support the campaign to have something done.'



Jean Sinclair is fed up fighting to see the greenery cut back on a popular path 21_f34path01

Heartbroken couple search for their beloved spaniels

A FAMILY has trekked the length of the West Highland Way in search of its beloved hunting dogs, thought to have been stolen from their Glasgow garden.

The family of Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, owners of historic Duntreath castle in Glasgow, believe that the two and a half-year-old cocker spaniels may have been nabbed as the grouse shooting season began last Wednesday.

The couple's son, Dru Edmonstone and partner, Moira Gray, are owners of the twin sister dogs, Gwen and Katie. Dru Edmonstone, a lyricist and writer, was asleep at home on the Duntreath castle estate when they went missing around 1am on Wednesday August 12.

Air hostess, Moira Gray said: 'Dru writes a lot at night, so he was asleep in the bedroom while the dogs were in the garden.'

'We are surrounded by fields and there is nothing around for miles. We don't even have collars for them because of where we live. They come and go as they please through a little dog flap.'

The couple were hoping that the friendly canines had wandered off with some walkers, but that is looking unlikely.

The couple ended their journey north in Fort William where they put up a large post-



Moira Gray and Dru Edmonstone with their eight-year-old cocker spaniel, Ivy 21_f34dog01

er of the cocker spaniels at Glen Nevis camp site.

Moira said: 'The pair are worth around £5,000, but to us they are just family pets.'

'Our babies. On the day they went missing there were road closures, so the traffic to our area was increased and we hope that they haven't been picked up to be sold on for the shooting

season.'

The couple are offering a reward for their pets' safe return.

Dru said: 'We are devastated. We just want them home.'

'It is like someone has taken our children.'

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of the animals they should call Dru on 07718660730.

Cruise ship visit a welcome boost for local economy, says councillor

MORE THAN 1,000 people arrived in Fort William when a 30,000 tonne cruise ship stopped off in the town.

'Adonia' docked at the edge of Loch Linnhe as part of a 13 day tour of the British Isles.

The vessel brought more than 800 people and almost 400 crew members to Lochaber last Thursday.

Highland councillor and Lochaber area leader, Thomas MacLennan, welcomed the visit.

He said: 'It's great that a vessel the size of Adonia made a visit to Lochaber as part of its itinerary and I am sure the passengers and crew really enjoyed the dramatic scenery as they travelled along the loch.'

'With an average passenger spend of around £40 to £50, the visit gives a welcome additional boost to the local tourism economy.'

'Some visitors went on shore excursions and others visited the town, so this ensured the benefit

was widely spread across Lochaber.'

Mr MacLennan and Highland council are working with

other cruise line companies to try and bring more vessels of this size to Fort William to boost the tourism economy.

The Adonia departed on Thursday afternoon after passengers enjoyed a rare sunny day in Fort William.



The 30,000 tonne cruise vessel, Adonia, docked in Fort William last week as part of a 13 day tour of the British Isles. 16_f34boat01

'Difficult conditions' on hills

MOUNTAIN experts have issued warnings to hill walkers following a number of deaths and extensive searches in the Highlands.

The body of Japanese tourist, Kamai Yusuke, 29, was discovered on Skye last week after he failed to return from a walk in the Trotternish ridge on August 11.

French hillwalker, Thierry Coffie, failed to return from his trip to the Cuillin mountain range last Wednesday. He was found alive but injured in a co-ordinated

rescue by the Skye and RAF mountain rescue teams, rescue dogs and police.

Mr Coffie was transported to Raigmore hospital in Inverness for treatment and his condition was described as stable.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland chief officer, David Gibson said 'exceptional amounts of snow' and a wet summer have created difficult conditions.

Mr Gibson added: 'Our thoughts are with the family and friends of

those involved in recent incidents.'

'We're in the midst of one of the wettest summers on record so hikers must be prepared for poor conditions. Paths and ground may be eroded or slippery, and burns may be higher than normal and difficult or even impossible to cross safely.'

'Many accidents resulting in serious injuries are caused by a simple trip or slip.'

'Slopes with wet grass or snow constitute a hazard.'

Not proven verdict after fight in pub

A FORT William man has been cleared of severe assault following a three-day sheriff and jury trial.

Conor Taylor, of Lanark Place, said he was acting in self defence following a pub fight in the town last year, when another man was left with a fractured cheek and had to have a metal plate fitted under his eye socket.

His self defence claim was accepted by the jury of 15 men and women at Fort William sheriff court last Wednesday, who returned a not proven verdict by a majority.

The court heard that the 20-year-old repeatedly punched a psychiatric nurse in the face. The complainer was visiting the area with his friends and had been drinking in the Crofter bar on High Street, on February 28 last year, when the incident took place.

The jury and sheriff Ian Anderson heard during evidence the pair had been involved in a previous incident before meeting again in the hallway between the bar area and men's toilets. This is where the second fight happened and Taylor punched the complainer, fracturing his cheekbone.

Taylor's defence solicitor, Gerard Sweeney, said he had acted in self defence as he felt threatened by the complainer and his friend who 'sandwiched him' in the tight space.

He added: 'He [Taylor] felt threatened because he found himself sandwiched between two men. He protected himself from danger by striking first. That is not assault, that is self defence.'

But procurator fiscal, Michelle Molloy called the welder 'aggressive, violent and threatening'.

She told the jury: 'You heard during evidence that Conor Taylor was thrown out of the pub but he appeared back. Why would he do that unless he was looking for a fight? The two other men didn't follow him outside for a fight, they got on with their night until Taylor arrived back in the pub. It was not self defence because the threat of danger was removed when he left the pub, yet he chose to go back inside and repeatedly punch someone.'

The jury returned the not proven verdict after an hour of deliberations.



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We've been here before and no doubt we will be asked to grasp this thorny old nettle again and again. But NHS Highland seems incapable at present of delivering a well-balanced budget. The degree of obfuscation and evasiveness in its presentation is breathtaking. If you require the 'ocular proof' to quote the Bard, just take a closer look at the words of that august body's finance director, Mr Nick Kenton reported in this week's newspaper. He reveals in his report to the health board recently that for the first quarter of this year, NHS Highland is already £2 million over its revenue budget, and if that upward trend continues to the end of the year, it will have amassed a significant deficit somewhere in the region of over £5 million. The ubiquity of medical locums throughout NHS

Highland is blamed for the huge spike in the revenue costs and he advocates a more prudent and frugal use of temporary staff to bring the budget back into control and into the real world. So far, so good. But then he blows it when he falls back on the mystifying gobbledegook practised by professional bureaucrats of his ilk. He said the books can be balanced by the end of the year if they pursue 'cash-releasing benefits from savings plans and transformational projects'. What on earth does that mean? Perhaps it's just another nonsensical buzz phrase to distract us from the reality of the situation: a reality that suggests NHS Highland managers struggle to work within a budget. And we, the patients, are condemned, ad nauseam, ad infinitum, to read the same old balderdash year in, year out.



Guild members give blanket to Oxfam

This photograph was unearthed from the recent archives of the Oban Times. It shows members of the Women's Guild with a blanket they presented to Oxfam. Can any of our readers identify these women and the branch of the Women's Guild to which they belonged? Digital versions of the flashback photos for the Oban Times can be sent to 'editor@obantimes.co.uk' or prints sent to the editor, the Oban Times, POBox 1, Oban PA34 4HB. Anyone who wishes a print returned should include a stamped-addressed envelope.

A fine example of 'shooting messenger'

Sir, Re the recent letter, 'Disbelief over claims in wind farm article' - as disbelief is felt about information shared, I'm hoping that Jennifer will have found the letter following hers helpful. It is understandable that she and those finding themselves living close to wind turbines are largely unaware of reports and problems arising. Alarm/rejection voiced as reactions to disclosures are natural to an extent, but don't negate the need to research fully and report the findings of experts in the field, as has been done. If considered 'acceptable' and dismissed as biased for one, others will be grateful for the warning, to enable the very reasonable requests made for independent health monitoring to be more widely requested and set up. Documented experiences graphically relate to adverse effects - others notice nothing. This doesn't mean, however, that they're non-existent, so monitoring is something entirely logical to support to avoid symptoms being missed or attributed to the wrong sources. Since when was it unacceptable to hold authorities to account for the imposition of a technology with the capacity for harm? Sadly Jennifer's protest is a fine example of 'shooting the messenger.' As stated, there are

rising numbers of peer reviewed reports available for anyone to read and respond to should they so wish. For links see www.windsofjustice.org.uk Available are the US Falmouth and Portuguese court cases where noise nuisance and harm to human health has been found and dealt with by the courts by ordering turbines to be turned off at night and deconstructing others. More data is available to her via an email address left with the editor of the Oban Times.

Christine Metcalfe
Loch Avich, Argyll

Don't forget to register your vote

Sir, The Tories are changing the system of electoral registration. This means that people who are still living at the same address as last year will no longer be automatically kept on the electoral register. This could mean losing your vote for next year's Scottish Parliament Election and the EU Referendum. To be certain of keeping your vote, ensure that someone in your household returns the form which will have been sent to your house by the Electoral Registration Office or register on-line at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. As a former MP, I know that, at every election, there are some peo-

ple who only find out too late that they are not on the register. With the changes the Tories are making, this could easily happen to more people, so don't forget, register now.

Alan Reid
Former Lib-Dem MP

Memories of film's standard-raising

Sir, My memories were stirred by Ian Thornber's comments about Glenfinnan. When I was a youngster, a pretty dreadful film called 'Bonny Prince Charlie' was made, starring David Niven as the prince. My younger brother and I were roped in as extras, and told our job was to carry the clan chiefs' weapons while they circled round playing the pipes in front of the prince. We were dressed in sackcloth, slathered in mud and made to climb a knoll in our bare feet above Glenfinnan, where the standard was duly raised. We spent the morning rehearsing in the rain, and filming took part in the afternoon. So it seems that the film's producers also believed that the standard was raised somewhere above Loch Shiel, and not where the famous monument now stands.

Christopher Paine
Great Missenden
Bucks

Glasgow Letter

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World Pipe Band Championships

For the first time in a decade, a Scottish pipe band has been crowned world champions! Congratulations to Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band who, on Saturday, on Glasgow Green, ended a ten year drought for Scotland by winning the grade 1 competition. The Republic of Ireland's St Laurence of Toole took second spot, while Inveraray and District Pipe Band grabbed third place. Northern Ireland's Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band, who have won the competition for the last four years, came fourth; but were named 2015 champions of champions on ensemble preference. As I wrote last week, "the worlds" (which is the culmination of the week-long Piping Live festival) really transforms Glasgow. 230 bands, from 16 nations, with an incredible 8,000 pipers and drummers, all descend on the city from far-flung, exotic places including Canada, the US, Oman, New Zealand, Australia,

South Africa... and even Inveraray! I popped into the Park Bar for dinner on Friday night on my way to a gig down south, and it was so busy you would have thought that all 8,000 pipers and drummers were split between the Islay, the Snaffle and the Park! The buzz that the festival brings to the city, and the fact that pipe music is found round every corner for the week, is hugely beneficial to Glasgow's traditional music scene.

Upsurge Launch

One of the highly anticipated Piping Live 2015 events was the launch of the Scott Wood band's debut album - Upsurge. Scott is a young piper from Glasgow who plays with the Red Hot Chillii Pipers, but has also made his name as one of traditional music's most exciting solo performers. A good crowd turned up in the Art School to witness the popular band launch their first album. They were treated first of all to a set from the Armagh Pipers' Club, then Cape Breton Gaelic singer, Mary Jane Lamond, took to the stage. Mary Jane was accompanied by Wendy MacIsaac on fiddle and backing vocals - who also impressed the audience with a couple of tune sets.

Morar's Ross Martin accompanied them both on the guitar. The crowd, of course, had all been waiting on The Scott Wood Band, and were not disappointed when he took the stage with a massive 11 piece line-up - enhanced by a string quartet who played on the album, Calum MacCrimmon (who produced the album), and Davie Dunsmuir - one of the very best electric guitarists in the country. The band played mostly tracks from Upsurge and, if the crowd's reaction to the sets is anything to go by, the album will prove very popular indeed!

What's On

August 18-24: Sequamar (Gaelic play about William J Gibson, wartime rector of the Nicholson Institute, Stornoway) at Edinburgh Festival. Wednesday August 26: Ceòl's Craic AGM (coinneamh bhliadhna) at 18.30 in the Glasgow Gaelic School.

Pub Scene

Park Bar. Thursday August 20: Session. Friday August 21: Eriskay Lilt. Saturday August 22: Horo. Sunday August 23: Scott Harvey.



Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia pipe band celebrate their historic win at the World Pipe Band Championships

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Ailean Caimbeul

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THA FAISG AIR CÒIG ceud bliadhna bhon a dh'fhoillsich an sgrìobhaiche Seòras Chapman beachd gun robh an lagh amaideach agus tha na faclan aige gan cleachdadh bitheanta fhathast. 'S neònach mura bi cuid a' tilleadh chun nam briathran sin às ir is iad a' feuchainn ri coimeas a dhèanamh eadar breithneachaidhean laghail a nochd bho chionn ghoirid. Dh'aidich màthair gun do mhùch i a leanabh nach robh ach deich mìosan a dh'aois, ach chaidh a' chasaid air h-aghaidh a lùghdachadh bho mhurt gu marbhadh le coire ri linn dearbhadh gun robh i a' fulang le airtnealachd an dèidh breith an leanabh. Ged a bha mòran co-fhaireachadh ann dhan boireannach a thaobh a cuid trom-inntinn, chaidh binn tri bliadhna prìosain a chur oirre. Aig an aon àm tha sinn a' cluinntinn cuid de na bh' air cùl na tubaist bhàsmhor a ghabh àite air iomall Cheàrnag Sheòrais ann an Glaschu dà latha ron Nollaig an-uiridh, agus gu sònraichte mar a chleith dràibhear na làraidh-sgudail sin an fhìrinn a thaobh a chuid

slàinte gus a chuid cead-dràibhidh a ghleidheadh. A rèir choltais bha e air a bhith a' fulang tuaineal agus laigean rè ùine agus bhiodh e dar-riubh doirbh a chreidsinn nach robh làn-thuigse aige air a' chunnart dha fhèin agus do dhaoine eile nan tige-adh laighe air is e a' dràibheadh. Gu muladach, thachair sin agus chaill sianar neoichiontaich am beatha ann an Glaschu, ach chan eil casaid ga chur an aghaidh an dràibhear! Chan eil farmad agam ri duine fhad 's a fhuair e a chuid leis an onair! Sin faclan a bhiodh tric aig mo sheannair agus cha robh teagamh agam riamh nach robh treibhdhìreachd cudromach dha. Tha a' mhòr-chuid againn ag amas air slighe onarach a ghleidheadh nar beatha làitheil ach aig amannan chan eil sin idir furasta is mar eisimpleir 's dòcha onair dol a chur cosnadh ann an cunnart. Teagamh gur ann mar sin a bha cùisean dha dràibhear na làraidh-sgudail ann an Glaschu nuair nach do dh'aidich e an fhìrinn a thaobh a shlàinte. Tha e air nochdadh gu math fol-laiseach aig a' chùis-lagha nach eil

an lagh mionaideach gu leòr gus am mòr-shluagh a dhion bho lethidh de shuidheachadh. Agus 's e dìon am facal ceart! Ach cò air is còir an dleasan airson na dìon sin a bhith? Tha e doirbh gun cho-dhùnadh gur ann air a' bhuidheann a tha a' riaghladh cheadan-dràibhidh is còir lethidh sin de dh'uallach laighe, agus tha mòran den bheachd gur còir cothrom a ghabhail an siostam leis am bheillear a' meas ire slàinte dhràibhear an theannachadh gu mòr an dèidh na tubaist bhàsmhor seo. WHILE SYMPATHISING with the mother whose post-natal depression led to her smothering her ten month-old child, most people will accept her three year prison sentence as appropriate. Following six deaths in Glasgow's bin-lorry tragedy, many feel that the system of ascertaining a driver's fitness to hold a licence requires urgent review and strengthening. Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell) ailean@obantimes.co.uk

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Eva Collister, from Larbert
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Molly Smith, nine, from Falkirk won
the under 12 overall 21_f34games07



Chieftan of Glenfinnan Games, Tommy McEachran, 79, threw the
hammer 21_f34games14



Ronnie MacKellaig and Mairi Illsley hold the sword that belonged to Ronnie's father 21_f34games12



Frank Cousins throws the 22lb weight for distance 21_f34games01



Aimee Sneddon and Jamie Lee Laverty won joint first place in the
local competition 21_f34games19

THIS year's Glenfinnan games paid homage to one of the local greats who originally founded the annual event and the tradition behind the successful day.

Secretary of 69 years, Ronnie MacKellaig, is son of late Highland dancer and founder, Archie MacKellaig.

And The Oban Times heard how his father's legacy lives on at the games.

In 1969, competition judge, Archie, presented a young Mairi Illsley with his dancing sword. He made her promise to always bring it to the games and for 46 years she has lived up to her word.

Mairi said: 'My dancing sword was given to me by Archie. I was a dancer and he was too. He gave me his dancing sword on the condition that I always brought it to the games.'

'He was one of the founders of the Glenfinnan games. In 1945, a group got together for the 200th

anniversary of the Jacobite rising on August 19, 1745. He thought it would be nice if they could make it an annual event to commemorate the rising.'

Changes in health and safety now mean that original swords cannot be used anymore, but that has not stopped Mairi from sticking to the pact she made as a 13 year-old.

Mairi said: 'The sword is a very important part of the games, as is the history and why the games began. These are what makes this such a very special event, so although we cannot use it, I always bring the sword with me.'

Archie was not only the founder of the games, but he choreographed a unique dance called the Highland Schottisch - similar to the Highland Fling, but danced with a partner. The dance can only be found at the games and by those competing in the adult category.



Niamh, four, and Erin Campbell, five,
watched the Highland dancers 21_f34games09



Euan Gillies, nine, in the kids' high jump competition 21_f34games11



Lochaber pipe band 21_f34games18



Consistent competitor, Donald MacDonald 21_f34games05



A game of tug 'o' war on the field ... 21_f34games15

Fort William's Steven Burns raced on the day 21_f34games21

... was a test of strength for all who took part 21_f34games17

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As part of the Year of Food and Drink Scotland, the *Oban Times* has teamed up with local businesses to celebrate the wealth of variety, quality and talent in this booming industry.

Over the coming months, the paper will be promoting a selection of events, stories, restaurants, pubs and producers from the west coast.

Each week, one business from the sector will be the focus of this exciting new column, along with a delicious recipe, so keep an eye out and allow the *Oban Times* to provide a taste of the fantastic food and drink available in the area.

The Year of Food and Drink is a chance to spotlight, celebrate and promote Scotland's natural larder and quality produce to people and visitors.



This week...

Who is it? Loch Leven Seafood Café
What do they do?
Simple but delicious food with an extensive shellfish menu, complemented by an alternative menu featuring fish, meat and vegetarian options.

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The freshest West Coast Seafood and a stylish, yet relaxed, informal atmosphere, all in a spectacular Highland setting with unbeatable views - Lochleven Seafood Café near Glencoe and Onich is a favourite spot of food lovers everywhere.



Now in their tenth year of trading, the café has a dynamic new team in the kitchen and their combined experience creates a menu that has something for everyone. The ethos of this family-run restaurant is to let the natural flavour of the seafood speak for itself and the extensive shellfish menu has many interesting species that are straight from the seawater tanks in the adjacent dispatch centre.

If shellfish is not for you, then the alternative menu offers meat, salads and vegetarian dishes. The daily changing blackboard displays a good choice of whole fish, flat fish and prime fish fillets, most of which is landed just up the road in Mallaig. Thai Green Monkfish Curry, Turbot fillet with Gnocchi and Chantrelles and Whole Plaice with Salsa Verde are just a few of the chef's favorites.

The Seafood café and the interesting wee shop are a great place to stop off for coffee and cake, a bowl of mussels or a full meal whilst out and about in the Glencoe area. With the hope of some lovely Autumn days the decking is a fantastic place to unwind with a Local Ale and a bowl of Cullen Skink or Shellfish Soup.

They are open daily for coffees, snacks, lunch and evening meals from March until the end of October and do get busy so its advisable to book for the evenings. Call on 01855821048 or visit www.lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk

Loch Leven Seafood Café original recipe Delicious cullen skink ready in one hour

- 100 grms of salted butter
- 1kg of white onions
- 600 grms of Maris Piper potatoes
- 600 grms of undyed smoked haddock or ideally smoked haddock trimmings or a mix of White fish and smoked haddock if available.
- 1.6 litres of vegetable or chicken stock
- 600 mls of cream.
- Salt, black pepper, and nutmeg
- Chopped parsley



Season with salt, black pepper and grated nutmeg. Add the chicken or vegetable stock and cook for around 45 mins
Cut the fish into strips and add to the soup to cook for a further 5 minutes. Crush the mixture lightly with a potato masher Add the cream at the end and heat through. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

Roughly dice the onions and sweat in the butter for 5 / 8 minutes or until soft but not brown.
Add the diced potatoes and sweat for a further 5 minutes, stirring occasionally so the potatoes don't stick to the pan.

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Harris Tweed weaving returns to Uig after gap of 25 years

TWO LEWIS men have revived a traditional industry in their area after being inspired by their ancestors.

Domhnall Iain MacDonald from Gisla and Calum George Buchanan from Valtos, have led the resurrection of Harris Tweed weaving in Uig after almost 25 years.

Mr Buchanan's mother, Seonaidh Buchanan, was an original weaver on the island and even recalls the first six Hattersley looms coming to Valtos in 1938.

Both Mr MacDonald's father and uncle were also weavers.

At the industry's peak, in the post-war years, there were 34 looms in the Valtos peninsula. In Uig as a whole, there were at least 100 weavers and, for most families, the loom was the main source of income.

The industry went into sharp decline in the

80s and the last of the Hattersley weavers in Uig retired in the early 90s.

Neil MacLeod, chairman of the Harris Tweed weavers association, said: 'There are more than 60 people looking for looms, many of them working offshore and seeing this as a means of making their livings at home.'

The chairman of Harris Tweed Hebrides, Brian Wilson, who lives in the Uig village of Mangersta, said: 'It is great to see weaving back in Uig. This sums up why the Harris Tweed revival is so important.'

'It allows weavers like D.I. and Calum George to remain in their own communities, earn good livelihoods and raise their families here.'

'We just need to keep it going and ensure a strong, stable future for the industry.'

Murdo casts expert eye over exhibition in local gallery

A SCOTTISH art expert visited Fort William's Lime Tree gallery following the grand opening of an exhibition.

Murdo MacDonald, honorary member of the Royal Scottish Academy and chairman of the History of Scottish Art at Dundee University, viewed the latest

exhibition 'A window to the west' at the gallery on Achintore road.

The exhibition will be open to the public until August 30 and features the works of some of Scotland's best loved artists, William Beattie Brown, Sir William Gillies, Frances Walker and Alex Boyd.



From left: Iain Peter MacDonald, who supported the exhibition, and Murdo MacDonald at the Lime Tree gallery

A terrific tequila sunrise as choir 'mex' out to raise cash

MEMBERS of a Lochaber choir raised £400 for their group by hosting a Mexican night.

Singers from the Morvern Gaelic choir looked out their salsa bowls and tortilla baskets for the evening held recently in Lochaline village hall.

Guests enjoyed a Mexican feast, a night of singing, dancing and had fun with a homemade piñata.

Eventually choir member, Peter Lindsay,

managed to successfully break open the piñata and everyone scrambled to pinch the goodies inside.

People also played a 'hilarious' game of pin-the-tail on the donkey, in which Gillian Gallacher won the prize with a 'near perfect' placement.

One of the organisers, Riona White, said: 'The choir would like to thank everyone who helped and came along to support the event.'



From left: Donna and Adam Dugdale with Cameron Mitchell at the Mexican feast.

Follow the red dots to map out Argyll artwork at its best

THE Red Dot Open Studios Trail promises to be the biggest and best to date, with 50 of Argyll's most talented artists throwing open their studio doors to the public from 28 - 31 August.

The event, organised by arts organisation and artists' network, Artmap, will give visitors the chance to go behind the scenes of studios across Argyll, see works in progress and buy original artworks, all set against the backdrop of some of Scotland's most stunning scenery.

From Port Appin to Campbeltown, Dalmlally to Tobermory, each venue has a numbered red dot along the trail which visitors can follow using Artmap's Open Studios Directory and map: <http://artmapargyll.co.uk/map/>

The Red Dot Open Studios Trail was set up by Artmap in 2008 as part of its commitment to supporting artists, increasing sales of local artwork, and helping to grow Argyll's reputation as a vibrant creative hub with local people and visitors alike.

Since its inception in 2008, the event has grown in size and popularity year-on-year. Last year's event saw more than 5,600 local, national and international visitors flock to the area, generating an impressive £48,000 in sales - a huge boost to the local economy.

Christopher Cox, Artmap chairman said: 'The Red Dot Open Studios Trail is a fantastic opportunity for

the public to go behind the scenes with some of the most talented, creative artists we have here in Argyll and see how their work is made.'

'With each artist having their own distinctive style of work in their chosen medium, there really is something for everyone.'

'And we hope that people will enjoy the journey to reach us in our various beautiful locations, just as much as the fantastic array of artwork we have on offer.'

Margaret Ker is just one of the artists taking part in this year's event.

She said: 'Artmap's Open Studios event has provided me with the opportunity to be part of the larger art community in Argyll and it inspires me to make new work every year to show and sell directly to the art-loving and art-buying public. I enjoy welcoming visitors to my studio.'

This year, three new venues have joined the Trail, including Scottish Natural Heritage's Art at the Mill at Taynish, which features an exhibition of work from pupils at Lochgilphead High School as part of the Snapberry Project and a free outdoor art trail along the mill path down to the shore.

Situated at the Taynish National Nature Reserve, the Taynish Mill trail features specially made artworks from ten Artmap artists, including Lesley Burr, Sian MacQueen and Melanie Chmielewka, giving visitors

a fantastic opportunity to experience the extraordinary natural habitats, seashore and landscape and see how the artists have interpreted stone, ceramic, glass, concrete, willow, textiles, mirror and print to sit in their chosen settings.

For the second year, Taynish also hosts work by the artist, Rob Mulholland, on the stunning shore of Loch Sween.

Caroline Anderson, Project Leader, Scottish Natural Heritage said: 'Having the Snapberry project included in the Open Studios event is hugely important for Scottish Natural Heritage and the pupils from Lochgilphead High School who have participated in the project.'

'The exhibition at Taynish Mill is an ideal location to showcase the images the pupils have captured while out on the Argyll National Nature Reserves and working in conjunction with Artmap has enabled them to reach a wider audience.'

To plan your art trail, simply follow the red dots - a map of which can be found on the Artmap website at: artmapargyll.co.uk/map/, or download the Red Dot Open Studios Trail directory at: artmapargyll.co.uk/artists-venues/#all, or simply follow the red dot roadside signs.

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It's no grouse for dogs as they help with trust survey

AS THE Glorious Twelfth passes, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust highlights importance of pointing dogs for its scientific work

Pointing dogs are an essential part of the trust's team when it comes to carrying out both the Spring and Summer grouse counts.

In Scotland the trust has up to eight dogs working in the Highlands, and more at Langholm Moor in the Borders. The trust in total has around 20 dogs working across the whole of the UK.

Dr Kathy Fletcher, Senior Scientist, Scottish Upland Research with the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) said: 'We need the dogs for our surveys,

helping us in the Spring to count pairs of red grouse, and then in the Summer to assess how well the species have bred - in particular red grouse, black grouse and capercaillie. These surveys also give us huge insight into the health of our moorlands and into other species that need a healthy heather habitat to thrive.'

'Our dogs, predominantly English Pointers and Irish Red Setters, will cover around 20 km per day, five days a week during our most intense periods of survey activity.'

'They locate the birds in cover, and 'point' to where they are by freezing - head up, tail out and one foot slightly raised.'

The Trust is currently running a fundraising campaign with a target of £10,000 to cover the costs of all its pointing dogs for one year. More information can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/gwctpointingdogs>



Dream comes true as couple sail across pond

A SAFE Oban landing brought a journey of a lifetime to an end after two pensioners sailed into Dunstaffnage Marina last week.

Debi Dennis and Jack Markin, two retired schoolteachers from America's landlocked Midwest arrived safely in Oban, after a harrowing journey across the Atlantic on a 38 foot yacht.

Relatively new to sailing, the couple, both 57, met in college 45 years ago and had long harboured the dream of sailing across the

Atlantic and landing in Scotland.

It wasn't until they retired this year as school teachers and part-time farmers that they were able to carry it out.

Debi and Jack made the crossing on the Iroquois - a 38 foot Ohlson - in just over a month, after more than a year of preparation. They ran into plenty of challenges, including storms and closer-than-comfort calls with passing ships. t32atlantic1no



Mamma Mia! Orchestra plays on despite the Highland drizzle

POOR weather did not rain on the parade of a youth orchestra from Sweden who performed in Fort William as part of a Scottish tour.

The wind band, Vreta Kloster, stopped off in Cameron Square on August 5 and didn't let the West Highland drizzle dampen their spirits. Donning blue ponchos, the musicians entertained the crowd for an hour, an Abba medley proving popular with both locals and tourists.



Swedish youth orchestra, Vreta Kloster, didn't let the West Highland weather ruin their performance
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And all that jazz: Courtney heads to Islay festival

CELEBRATED saxophonist, Courtney Pine, will headline the Lagavulin Islay Jazz Festival in September, accompanied by MOBO award-winning jazz pianist, Zoe Rahman.

The festival aims for a high quality artistic programme - a showcase of everything that is new and exciting.

The music is presented in the most unusual and atmospheric surroundings - from bird sanctuaries to distilleries - against the beautiful backdrop of the most southerly island in the Hebrides.

Islay is a magical place at all times, and during the festival it has an extra dimension to its allure. Listeners get a choice of music throughout the weekend. They can mix and match, creating their own odyssey of concerts and places. Decisions may be made according to the appeal of a specific musician,

but they might also be made by scheduling a distillery visit, a seafood lunch, a walk on a beach or a birdwatching trip. Alternatively, there is the special limited-edition Jazz Festival bottling of Lagavulin single malt Scotch whisky.

Playing the festival for the first time, Courtney Pine and Zoe Rahman will perform at Lagavulin Malt Mill and Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile. Italian pianist Enrico Zanisi also makes his festival debut, playing three concerts across the island while Alan Barnes and Jim Mullen fly in from London.

Other highlights of the festival include Brass Gumbo playing a pop-up concert at Bowmore Pier, the mighty 12-piece Fat-Suit at Bowmore Hall, Rose Room, Fergus McCreadie, New Focus Quartet, Islay's 95 Roots while Mario Caribe's Band delivers the

grand finale at Bruichladdich Hall.

Stuart Todd of Islay Arts Association, co-promoters of the festival said: 'Visitors to the festival are smitten with the combination of nature and art, and the sense of community which is central to the experience of living on Islay and which can be shared even on a weekend visit.'

Dr Nick Morgan, Diageo's head of whisky outreach, commented: 'The festival is a great way to put Islay on the map and we're happy Lagavulin has been involved for six years.'

The Lagavulin Islay Jazz Festival takes place from September 11-13.



Courtney Pine and Zoe Rahman

National Theatre of Scotland announces new Gaelic arts opportunity

WORKSHOPS for up to ten Gaelic-speaking directors and performers will be up for grabs in November.

And they represent an important part of the National Theatre of Scotland's commitment to developing Gaelic-language theatre.

The company announced this new training opportunity for Gaelic directors and performers, as part of its commitment to supporting the development of Gaelic drama artists.

The two-week course, run in conjunction with Pròiseact nan Ealan, and with support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Creative Scotland, will take place in the National Theatre of Scotland's rehearsal spaces in Glasgow from November 9 - 20 (excluding 14 and 15 November).

The course will support new and developing Gaelic directors and professional Gaelic performers, allowing them to undertake an intensive two week practical exploration with professional development training.

Run by the National Theatre of Scotland's acclaimed associate director, Graham McLaren, and a team of leading theatre professionals, the course will specialise in dramaturgy, movement, voice, puppetry and stage design.

The programme is designed for up to ten Gaelic-speaking directors and performers who, through workshops and group sessions with the tutors, will explore new and existing methods

of developing a piece of theatre, building upon and catering to individuals' existing talents.

This opportunity is an important part of the company's ongoing development of Gaelic theatre.

Earlier this year, the National Theatre of Scotland toured Whisky Galore/Uisge-Beatha Gu Leòr, a new Gaelic version of the popular novel, Whisky Galore, by Compton MacKenzie, adapted for the stage by Iain Finlay Macleod which was its most fully-realised Gaelic language theatre production to date.

The company previously collaborated with Iain Finlay Macleod as part of its Reveal season in 2011, showcasing emerging Scottish theatre talent, premiering his bi-lingual play, Somersaults at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh in 2011.

The play was subsequently produced by the Finborough Theatre in London.

The National Theatre of Scotland also successfully produced Fiona J Mackenzie's A Little Bird Blown Off Course/ Eun Bheag Chanaidh in partnership with Blas Festival, which toured the Highlands and Islands and was presented in Glasgow at Celtic Connections in 2013/2014.

The deadline for applications is Monday, September 28.

Full information on how to apply can be found at www.nationaltheatrescotland.com

The 'great stuff' going on in peninsula is to be showcased

THE MUSIC, wildlife, culture and food of south west Lochaber will be celebrated next month, with the return of the Ardnamurchan At Home festival.

The four-day event, from September 23, features entertainment varying from comedy, ceilidhs and locally-sourced food and drink.

School pupils on the peninsula are also getting in on the act, as the doors of Ardgour, Strontian and Acharacle primaries will be open to show off the work of the children.

Susan MacDonald, of organisers, Ardnamurchan tourist association, said: 'The festival is a showcase for everything we love about the area.

'We wanted to remind locals of all the great stuff that's on their doorstep, while letting visitors to the area see what it means to be 'at home' in Ardnamurchan.

Festival events will be held all over the peninsula, from Ardgour in the east to Kilchoan in the west.

Ms MacDonald added: 'We want to let people see the diversity of the area.'

'By hosting the events in a variety of venues such as schools, cafes, hotels, the art gallery and the new distillery, as well as the great outdoors, we think we're doing just that.'

For a full list of events see www.ardnamurchanathome.com

Màiri's return to the Highlands for Blas

ONE OF Gaelic's most accomplished singers, Màiri MacInnes, will return to the Highland stage next month after a break of more than a decade.

The South Uist vocalist is set to perform in Roy Bridge on Friday, September 4, as part of the opening weekend of the Blas festival, along with Feis Lochabair Ceilidh Trail.

Ms MacInnes released her long-awaited album, Gràs, earlier this year, more than 10 years on from her last solo album, Orosay.

After the Lochaber performance the Màiri MacInnes band will head west to appear in Plockton the following evening as part of the eight-day festival in venues across the Highlands and Argyll.

Màiri MacInnes will open the Blas festival in Roy Bridge next month



Duo are wingin' their way to Coll for energy-fuelled gig

POPULAR Scottish guitar duo, Wingin' It, will return to Coll's An Cridhe at the end of the month.

The band, whose music spans an eclectic style including traditional Scottish roots, are made up of Dundonian, Adam Bulley, and Oban's Chas MacKenzie.

Their live show will deliver a fiery, energy-fuelled array

of acoustic music styles, weaving between bluegrass, gypsy, jazz, folk and pop. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children for the concert, which starts at 8pm on August 29.

With the weather being slightly unpredictable of late, residents on Coll are being

reminded they can use An Cridhe's sports facilities in the main hall, for £4 an hour, per-person, or enjoy a change of scenery in the centre's shared space and quiet room.

For more information, call 01879 230 000 or visit www.ancridhe.com



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- FANTASTIC FOUR (12A)**
Fri: 12:30; Sat: Sun: 17:10; Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 12:15
- INSIDE OUT (U)**
Fri: 14:45; Sat: Sun: 12:00; Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 14:30
- INSIDE OUT 3D (U)**
Fri, Mon, Thu: 12:00; Sat: 12:30; Sun: 10:30; Wed: 11:00
- LOVE & MERCY (12A)**
Mon: 16:45, 20:00
- MINIONS (PG)**
Sat, Sun: 09:50
- PADDINGTON (PG)**
Sat: 10:00
- PIPES AND STICKS ON ROUTE 66 (U)**
Tue: 19:00
- PIPES AND STICKS ON ROUTE 66 (MATINEE) (U)**
Tue: 15:00
- PIXELS (12A)**
Fri, Mon: 14:30; Sun: 13:00; Wed: 13:30
- PIXELS 3D (12A)**
Sat: 15:00; Tue: 12:15; Thu: 14:30
- RSC: OTHELLO (12A)**
Wed: 19:00
- THE DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL (18)**
Tue: 19:30; Wed: 21:25
- THE LEGEND OF BARNEY THOMSON (15)**
Fri: 17:00, 22:45; Sat: 17:30, 19:45; Sun: 15:30; Thu: 19:00
- THE OVERNIGHT (15)**
Sun: 21:00; Wed: 16:45; Thu: 17:00
- TRAINWRECK (15)**
Fri: 17:00, 22:00; Sat: 14:20; Sun: 14:20, 18:00; Mon: 17:00, 19:45; Tue: 16:45; Wed: 16:00, 18:45; Thu: 16:45, 21:15

FILM SYNOPSIS

- AMY: 148MINS - 15**
A documentary on the late singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse, who died of alcohol poisoning in 2011.
- LOVE AND MERCY: 12A - 141MINS**
The life of reclusive Beach Boys song-writer and musician Brian Wilson, from his successes with highly influential orchestral pop albums to his nervous break-down and subsequent encounter with controversial therapist Dr. Eugene Landy.
- PADDINGTON: 95MINS - PG (KIDS CLUB)**
A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven.
- PIPES AND STICKS ON ROUTE 66 - 123MINS - U**
Five 'rock stars' of the bagpipe world get their kicks on Route 66 as they play an unforgettable concert tour down the Mother Road of America. Scottish pipers Willie McCallum, Stuart Liddell, Angus MacColl and drummer Jim Kilpatrick join forces with American percussionist Mike Cole in Chicago for the 2,400-mile journey to Los Angeles. Interweaving incredible music with the band members' personal experiences, the film entertains and enlightens, offering a unique view of America's fascinating people and places through the eyes of these foreign visitors.
- ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: OTHELLO:**
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A teen artist living in 1970s San Francisco enters into an affair with her mother's boyfriend.
- THE LEGEND OF BARNEY THOMSON: 116MINS - 15**
Barney Thomson, awkward, diffident, Glasgow barber, lives a life of desperate mediocrity and his uninteresting life is about to go from 0 to 60 in five seconds, as he enters the grotesque and comically absurd world of the serial killer.
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- TUESDAY:**
0800 AM on FM, 0810 Breakfast Show with Maggie May, 1000 Ken Hunter, 1200 Memories are Made of This with Ken Hunter, 1330 The Quiz with Danni Hay, 1500 Lesley Blair-Simmonds, 1700 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 1900 Sounds Scottish with Archie Cameron, 2000 Highest Praise with Stuart, 2100 Elaine Lamb, 2300 Northern Soul with Gordon Covey
- WEDNESDAY:**
0800 AM on FM, 0810 Breakfast Show, 0900 Sound Scottish (repeat), 1000 Comfort Zone with Doug Carmichael, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Elaine Lamb, 1700 Drivetime with Campbell and Coll, 1900 Country Meets Rock with Len & Ken, 2100 Gordon's Grooves
- THURSDAY:**
0800 Maggie May's Carousel, 1100 Molly's Mix with Molly Black, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Gordon Covey, 1700 Drivetime with DJ Taz, 1900 Christine's Collection, 2100 Ann's Ceilidh, 2200 Margo Till Midnight
- FRIDAY:**
0800 Jean Ainsley Breakfast Show, 1000 Teeny and Tiny Show, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Weekend Warmup with Ian Blair-Simmonds, 1700 Drive Show with Jim Lynch, 1845 Sports View, 1900 Country Meets Country with Jackie Craig, 2000 Friday Night with Innes, 2100 TFI Friday with Jim Lawn
- SATURDAY:**
0900 Maggie's Swingin' Sixties, 1000 Saturday Morning Live with Linda Crowther, 1330 CLYDE 2, 1800 Sports View with the Dream Team, 1900 Marcus, 2000 Dave Lewis
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Change of venue voted a success at Appin Show

APPIN show was one of the best attended with attractions for all the family. From petting lambs to commercial cows, the animals on show were second to none - and the change of field from north of the village to the site opposite the village hall proved very successful.

Winners on the day were less predictable than often suggested by a good show like Appin. When a village already has more than one or two supreme champions in its midst, then the competition really heats up. And visitors from as far afield as Asia and Australia were amazed at the quality of the stock.

One of the biggest draws was one of the tiniest of creatures - a miniature Shetland pony. Thankfully, it was in good form, and let the many hundreds of people who passed her stoke her wee mane. But she was tired out for much of the day.

The sun shone for the best part of the show, and when it was raining it was 'kind and warm' rain that did not deter people arriving and taking part.

The overall champion was Ewen MacGilvary, Barcaldine Home Farm, with the outstanding Creran Ifly, a home-bred 23-month-old heifer, her mother is Grahams Butterfly, the herd's foundation female, and her sire is Wilodge Fastrack. She was champion of champions at Lorn Show and Appin Show this year.

Visitors also enjoyed some great stalls including Catherine Hall jewellery and Paradise Kitchen jams, chutneys and cakes. Also on offer was a display of engines from Gregor MacCormick from Appin, one of the best bottle stalls of the season from North Argyll Riding Club, Highland dancing in the village hall and a superb tea tent.



A good crowd gathered for the show 21_t34appin1

Soaring temperatures at Islay Show

Some of the best known names in Islay farming circles dominated the prize lists at the island's local agricultural show held before a record crowd and in soaring temperatures at Bridgend on Thursday, 13th August.

It was a particularly successful day for the Firm of T Epps, Ardnave, who shone in the beef cattle section and whose calf entry went on to win the show's championship and the champion of champions accolade.

Other regular competitors featuring highly on the winning tables were G and M Porter, Carrabus, N and M MacLellan, Kilchiaran, Dunlossit Estate Cean-naoic, and N MacDonald, Bunnahabhain.

Gordon Currie from Port Ellen and his namesake, Alastair from Ballacavanmade, their mark in the blackface sheep section, while Alastair's father, Duncan, was awarded the overall sheep championship.

Other notable winners were T Rozga, Kilmeny and A Orr, Lagavullin.

Also covering themselves in glory in the ovine classes were I MacMillan, Eorrabus, B MacDonald, Bowmore, G and J Archibald, Craigens, and M and M Brown, Cruach.

The prize for the best Highland pony entered by owner went to FH and HA Roxburgh, Ballivivar, who also gained the best riding pony award. M Brown and R Hayes, Grunairt, fielded the best pony in show as well as the champion and the best horse/pony shown in hand. The reserve champion was handled by J Fletcher, Keills, who also received the shield for the best riding horse.

The trophy for the most aggregate points in the gymkhana went to K Middleton, Port Ellen, who was also the best young rider under 16 years. L Currie from Bowmore enjoyed similar success in the under 12 years best rider section.



Vintage tractors makes their slow, but steady way through the show field. These proved a popular attraction.



A judge casts a practised eye over a fine flock in one of the show's sheep sections



Fraser Woodrow takes his calf for a walk around the show pen during the judging process



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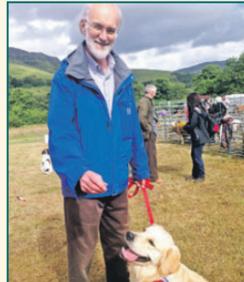
Willie MacLean, handler, with the champion Highlander, Tanya third of Mottistone from Mr M Poland. 21_t34appin10



A miniature Shetland pony grabbed all the attention. 21_t34appin12



Brad, who won 1st prize in the collie section of the dog show, with owner, Amanda McLean



Champion of Champions in the dog show was Magnus with his proud owner, Bill Clifford



A proud rosette winner. 21_t34appin16



Donnie MacCorquodale of Ach na Ba with his two crop ewe that was the sheep champion. 21_t34appin19



Like father, like son showing off the family Highlanders. 21_t34appin8



Jennifer Henderson with her pet lamb, Molly, who was encouraged to take part with a little bottle of formula. 21_t34appin15



Reserve Champion Iona 1st of Cnoc, S and M O'Hara. 21_t34appin9



Heather Dixon of the North Lorn Pony Club is joined by members, Kathryn Henderson, Karen Dixon and Carolyne Henderson. 21_t34appin2



Young handler, Ruby Bosomworth, aged 15, from Ormsary took third place. 21_t34appin5



Highland dancers on the steps of Appin village hall were the competitions were taking place. 21_t34appin21

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And everyone who helped prior to, on the day and after the show.



Some of the many visitors at the show



Scottish Sea Farm staff raise cash for Mull Gaelic choir



Keeping up with all the fun is commentator, Angus MacKay



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Wee Stacey won the small dog show pictured with owners, Moira and Sarah Westland

Mull & Morvern Show



Jamie MacLean from Knock's ewe lamb was the overall sheep champion.



First prize winner, Elizabeth Wilson...for her jam



WITH its biggest number of folk through the gate, the Mull and Morvern Agricultural Society annual show was one to be remembered - not least for the bright sunshine that shone all day on the hundreds of visitors and exhibitors at the show.

Two of the stalwarts of the Salen show - Lachlan MacLean and Bert Leitch passed away in the few weeks and months prior to the show. They were both

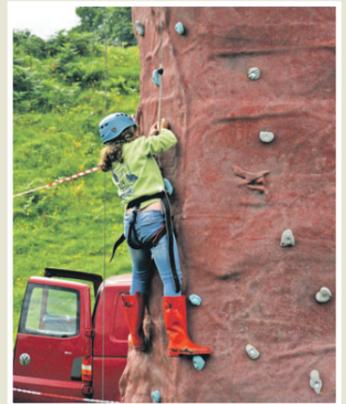
much missed. But their farms - Knock and Laggan Ulva both Mull - were well represented on the trophy list. A 73-year-old American, John Berry, was likely the oldest ever competitor in the show's gruelling hill race. John, already on a cycling tour of Scotland, took well over an hour to return - but he returned all the same.

A backdrop of music from the Mull and Iona Pipe band helped the whole day march along at a good pace.

Judges had to call in an adjudicator to choose the champion and reserve champion from a bantam hen, a Highland cow, a pet dog, a working dog, a goat, a horse and a sheep.

The Highland cow from Angus MacColl took supreme champion and a horse ridden by Caroline MacPhail of Salen was the reserve supreme champion.

A barbeque was enjoyed well into the wee hours as many stayed to raise a glass to 'absent friends'.



The climbing wall held no fear for this youngster in her wellies.



Best of friends: Isla and Joni



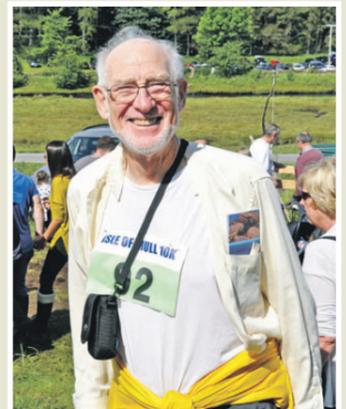
A wee one takes to the pen like a duck to water



One of the sheep prepares to be judged



Gold Seabright bantam - poultry champion



John Berry, a 73-year-old from Austin, Texas



The bouncers, Fred MacLean from Salen and Cameron Fletcher from Tobermory.



Mull and Iona pipe band



The youngsters taking part in the hill race.



Angus MacColl's cross-bred champion



Enjoying a drink and a chat during the well-attended event



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Salary is dependent on experience.

If you would like to apply for this position please contact Human Resources:

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T: 01397 773840 E: hr@fergusontransport.co.uk



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Salary is dependent on experience.

If you would like to apply for this position please contact Human Resources:

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Part Time / Permanent

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The post would be for 20 hours per week and the normal attendance pattern would be 0745 - 0945 and 1545 - 1745 hrs (Monday to Friday). Salary would be circa £7,500. However, flexibility is required in order to help deliver the operation at busy periods and on Sundays, as required. To apply, please send your CV by e mail to recruitment@loganair.co.uk



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A Crown, Cara Nicol
 Doughcraft Animal, Abi MacCorquodale
 Pic. of a meal, Isla Dunlop
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 A Container, Domnhall-Aonghas Colthart
 Junk Model, Domnhall-Aonghas Colthart
ART
 Pic. in Pastels, Isla Dunlop
 Watercolour, Paul Hart
 Pic. any medium, Fiona Hutchison
 Sketch, Paul Hart
PHOTOGRAPHY
 Water Babies, Iona & Fallon Dunlop
 View From My Door, John Lander
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SENIOR BAKING
 3 Pancakes, Lorna Wallace
 3 Treacle Oven Scones, Moira Thomson
 3 Oatcakes, Margaret Rayworth
 3 Chelsea Buns, Lorna Paterson
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 Clootie Dumpling, Isobel Jackson
 Fattess Sponge, Marina Curran-Colthart
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 3 pieces Tray Bake, Helen Murray
 3 Filled Merunges, Ellen MacCorquodale
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 Seamus Nelson Cup, Champion Dod, Bill Clifford
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Dumpling, Isobel Jackson
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 Junior Baking, Cara Nicol & Erin Jackson
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 These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected at Municipal Buildings Albany Street Oban PA34 4AW, Monday to Friday 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm. On Wednesdays, the Customer Service Points will open at 10am. At the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/01674/PP	Removal of existing chalet, erection of replacement dwelling house and installation of septic tank.	Laggan Chalet Stronmilchan Dalmally Argyll and Bute PA33 1AS	Sub Post Office Dalmally
15/02182/PP	Re-contouring of land and associated works	Land South of Pier House Achnacraoish Isle of Lismore Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Lismore
15/02201/PP	Alteration and refurbishment of dwellinghouse and formation of new access	Bothy Cottage Kantallen Aros Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA72 6J5	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
15/02216/PP	Erection of holiday accommodation unit	Dundonald North Connel Oban Argyll and Bute	Oban Area Office
15/02239/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Loch Meifort Hotel Ardunain Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG	Sub Post Office Kilmelford
15/02254/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 12/01327/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse and garage - renewal of planning permission 09/01191/PP)	Ardnacross Aros Isle of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72 6J5	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull

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
15/01795/PP	Installation of 2 conservation style rooflights (660mm x 1178mm).	14B Easdale Island Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4TB	Sub Post Office Balvicar

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

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02016/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank.	Land North West of Baile Iochdrach Lower Kilmattan Isle of Colonsay Argyll and Bute PA61 7YR	Sub Post Office Isle of Colonsay
15/02137/PPP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse, alteration to existing vehicular access and installation of private drainage system	Land South East of Main Street Portnahaven Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Portnahaven

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
15/02214/PP	Erection of extension to dwellinghouse and alterations and extension to outbuilding	79 Frederick Crescent Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA42 7BG	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <http://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>
 The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.
 A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.
 Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.
 Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (THE ARGYLLSHIRE GATHERING, OBAN) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2015

On Monday 17th August 2015, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, made the above named Order the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, for the purpose of facilitating a free flow of traffic for the duration of the Argyllshire Gathering, Oban Games, no person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait on any of the lengths of road indicated in the schedule below.
 The restrictions imposed by this Order, which are desirable because of considerations of public safety and convenience during the event, will be in operation between 0800 and 1800 hours on the 27th August 2015.

SCHEDULE - NO WAITING AT ANY TIME/NO LOADING AT ANY TIME

Name of Road in Oban	Extent of Restriction
Glencruitten Road	On both sides between Soroba Road and the access road to the Golf Club
Mossfield Avenue	On both sides between Glencruitten Road and Glencruitten Drive
Quarry Road	On both sides from Glencruitten Road for a distance of 30 metres or thereby.
Mossfield Drive	On both sides from Glencruitten Road for a distance of 30 metres or thereby.

Contravention of the Order, which may be inspected at the Argyll & Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, could result in a penalty of up to £500.
 Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RD

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

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

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

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
15/02597/FUL	19 Lundy Road Inverlochty Fort William	Erection of extension to form self contained accommodation
15/02765/FUL	Land 220M NE of Old Store Kentallen	Building of Geological Interpretation Board Plinth
15/02994/FUL	8A Clouvullin Ardour Fort William	Change of use from residential annex to dwelling house
15/02995/FUL	Site 4A Mallaig Point Industrial Estate Road Mallaig	Removal of existing upper level & re-roofing at existing upper level
15/03036/FUL	Plot 3 Land 140M N of Stockmans Cottage Achnabobane Spean Bridge	Erection of house (amendment to 14/01788/FUL)
15/03057/FUL	1 Blar Mhor Industrial Estate Lochydsie Fort William	Proposed alterations & extension to existing industrial unit to form new storage & staff facilities
15/03064/FUL	Land 1765M NW of North Laggan Farmhouse North Laggan	Erection of a temporary 80m high Meteorological Mast for a period of 3 years, with 50m micro siting for ground conditions

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

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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

THE A830 TRUNK ROAD (BLAR MHOR AND LOCHABER HIGH SCHOOL) (30MPH, 40MPH AND PART-TIME 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 84(1)(a) and (c) and 124(1)(d) of, and paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
 The effect of the Order is as described in the Aberdeen Press and Journal and the Oban Times dated 16th October 2014, The West Highland Free Press and the Edinburgh Gazette Issue Number 27471 dated 17th October 2014. The Order comes into force on 22nd August 2015.
 A copy of the order as made, the relevant plan and the order being revoked may be inspected free of charge until 1st October 2015 during normal business hours at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF and Fort William Library, Airds Crossing, High Street Fort William, Lochaber PH33 6EU.
 A copy of the Order and this notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/road-and-traffic-orders/north-west-traffic-orders>

R BRANNAN
 A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
 Transport Scotland
 Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING APPLICATION

Mr J Livingstone & Mrs C D Livingstone
 Glasdrum, Lismore & Appin 0.110 ha - Site for a dwelling house
 4.86.58523

Comments can be made to the Crofting Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 28 days of the date of this newspaper.
 Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk

DECROFTING DIRECTIONS ISSUED

Mr D McAllister
 1/3 Claddach, Kilchoman 0.18 ha - Site for a dwelling house
 4.86.49674
 Conditions: 3(b), 4

Mr A J Colthart
 4 Kintochlach, Lismore & Appin 0.123 ha - Site of a public foot/bicycle path and an area for maintenance access
 4.86.57414
 Conditions: 3(b), 4

Conditions

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

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

Fireworx Scotland Ltd, Craigforthie, Inverurie will be conducting a fireworks display at Ardanaiseig Hotel, Kilchrenan, Taynuilt, Oban. between 11.59pm on 29/08/2015 and 12.10am on 30/08/15

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

AMS Construction Scotland Ltd trading as AMS Group of Unit 1, Site 6/7 Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RR is applying for a licence to use Unit 1, Site 6/7 Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RR as an operating centre for one goods vehicle.
 Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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First Registration of a Croft
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 Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 23 April, 2016.
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DEATHS

BLACK - Suddenly but peacefully on Monday, August 10, 2015 at home in Burnside, Appin. Lachie, aged 89 years, beloved husband of the late Margaret Black and much loved dad to Christine, Mairi, Neil, Iain, Robert and the late Hugh. Grandad and great-grandad. Funeral has taken place at Appin Parish Church on August 14, 2015 followed by interment in Appin Cemetery. Dad you are a legend, rest in peace xxx

CRUICKSHANK - Peacefully at home on August 15, 2015 surrounded by his family, Duncan John of 5 Shuna Terrace, Oban. Beloved husband of the late Flora. Loving dad of Catherine and Duncan. Adored seair and big seair.

GALBRAITH - Suddenly at Mull and Iona hospital on August 17, 2015, Annie Galbraith, Pennygown, Isle of Mull. Formerly of Cruachan, Clachan Seil. Loving mother of David, dear sister and aunt. Sadly missed. Funeral service to be held at Salen Parish Church on Friday August 21, 2015, thereafter to Pennygown cemetery.

LOUDON - Margaret (Mags) Loudon. Very suddenly at home, 13 Riverside Road, Kinlochleven, on Monday, August 17. Funeral arrangements later.

MGLEISH - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on Thursday, August 13, 2015, Samuel, loving partner of Geraldine and a dear father and papa.

NOBLE - On August 12, 2015. Olive Murray, much loved mum and wife of the late George Scott Noble. Will be sadly missed.

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BENNETT - Agnes and family of the late Dochie would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and the wider community for their cards, flowers and wonderful support. Special thanks to Dr Frank, district nurses, carers Lynn, Alison, Helen, Audrey and the OT's who enabled Dochie to stay in the home he loved so much. Thanks to Rev. Johnny Paton for his comforting and personalised service and Billy McClymont for efficient funeral arrangements. A collection of £770.56 was raised for Mull Musical Minds.

CAMERON - Angus, Joey and Hermione wish to sincerely thank their relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind words, deeds, mass cards, sympathy cards, flowers and attendance at the funeral of Morag. A special thank you to Mgr Wynne and Deacon Thomas for their support, the staff at McLellans for their professional services and Peter Rose, Maureen MacSherry and Angus Grant for their musical contributions. Retiring collection raised £441 for Mary's Meals. Thank you.

MACAFFER - Betty, Morag and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers, telephone calls and home baking following the sad death of Angus. To all the staff at Gortanvogie for the wonderful care given to Angus and also the kindness shown to ourselves. Also doctors and nurses past and present who attended Angus throughout the years. All home carers past and present. Special thanks to Elaine Mather, Rev. Mr. A. Cherry and Mrs. Dorothy Carmichael for the caring words and service. Jean Campbell organist for the sensitive playing. Jean, Craig and Donnie, undertakers for care and attention. The White Hart Hotel for the lovely purvey and Mrs Alison Dewar for the lovely home baking. Thank you to all who came to the funeral from near and far. Thank you all.

MACEACHEN - Michael, Pauline and family wish to thank everyone for their support and kindness shown to them following the passing of Margaret. Grateful thanks

to Father Roddy for his many visits to Margaret and for the beautiful Mass. Mike McFall and staff for their caring and efficient funeral arrangements. Special thanks to Libby and staff at Moss Park Care Home, Caol for their outstanding care and support to both Margaret and family. Thanks to the Moorings Hotel for the refreshments after. The amount of £520 was collected for Caol Lunch Club and Moss Park Care Home. Many thanks to all.

MACGREGOR - Linda, Kenneth, John and families would like to thank the many friends and members of the community for their messages of sympathy and kindness following the loss of their dad (Alastair). Taysnit doctors and staff of ward 1, Lorn & Islands District General Hospital for their care and attention. The Rev. Robert Brookes for his support and comforting service. To D&A Munn for efficient arrangements and Robin's Nest Tearoom for their catering. Thank you to the many who paid their respects at the church and graveside and who contributed so generously to the collection of £1,063 for Oban Hospice.

MEMORIAMS

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CAIRNS - In loving memory of my sister and our aunt Christine who died August 17, 2008. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Loving you always. Forgetting you never.

- Cathie and family, Caol, Lochyside, Corpach and Falkirk.

CRUICKSHANK - In loving memory of my dear mum Flora, who passed away on August 22, 2013. Never more that a thought away. Loved and remembered every day.

- Duncan and Margaret xx

CRUICKSHANK - In loving memory of my dear nanna and big nanna Flora who passed away on August 22, 2013. We will always cherish our memories of you.

Loved and never forgotten. - Emma, Allan, Beth and Aidan and Mhairi, Jamie, Caelan and Owen x

CRUICKSHANK - In loving memory of my dear mum Flora, who passed away August 22, 2013. When God created mothers, I wonder if he knew, He'd made a really special one, the day that he made you. Always in my thoughts.

- Love Catherine x

CRUICKSHANK - Our beautiful nanna/big nanna Flora, who passed away August 22, 2013. Our perfect nanna in every way, we love and miss you every day.

You were a priceless treasure in our lives.

- Love you always, Mark, Karen, Laura and families xxx

DOCHERTY - (Jimmy Texaco). In loving memory of a dear dad, who died August 23, 1995. Always in our thoughts.

- Love Mary, Peter and family

FORBES - Adaliene (née Ritchie). Much loved and sorely missed mum of Ian, Angela and Carol, devoted granny, beloved daughter of Anne and William Ritchie (formerly of Oban), dearest sister and sister-in-law who passed away on August 19, 2014. Always in our thoughts.

MACDONALD - Treasured memories of Alistair, a devoted husband and father, who passed away on August 18, 2001. The many things you did for me. In your kind and loving way Give me memories to treasure As I think of you each day. - Helen.

We miss you dad, our hearts are sore. With each new day we miss you more.

No longer in our lives to share. But in our hearts you're always there.

- Iain, Deirdre and Mhairi.

MACDONALD - Donnie, Lochgilhead. Passed away on August 17, 2014. Much loved and sorely missed. Husband to Isobel of 47 years, father and papa Donnie to all the grandkids.

MACLEAN - Bibs, died August 25, 2008. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. But all we have are memories. And your picture in a frame. Your resting place we visit. And put flowers there with care. But no-one knows the heartache. As we turn and leave you there. - Billy and family xx.

MACLELLAN - In ever loving memory of my dear husband Donald (Donnie), who died August 23, 2009. A devoted husband, dad and grandad. Loved and missed every day. Your life was unselfish. For others you lived. Not to receive, but always to give. Forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts.

- Inserted by his loving wife Morag and family.

MAGRATH - Precious memories of our dear mum and shen, Margaret, Achaleven Farm, who died August 23, 2006. May the wings of love blow softly and whisper in your ear. We love and miss you mum and wish that you were here. Deep in our hearts your life is kept. To love and to cherish, not to forget.

- Your loving children and grandchildren xxx

MCLOONE - In loving memory of Amy, a special wife and mother, who died August 25, 2013. Remembering you is easy. We do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you. That never goes away.

- Inserted by Jimmy, Sharon, James and granddaughters.

MCTAGGART - Treasured and fondest memories of our loving mum, nana and sister Mary (née Nicolson) who died August 23, 2011 and also our dear dad and granpa John, who died December 25, 2005. Remembering you is easy. We do it every day. But missing you is heartache. That never goes away.

- Love Ian, Christina and all the family xxxxx

ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my dear wife Heather, who died August 17, 2007. I think about you often. And talk about you too. I always have my memories. But wish I still had you. - Donald.

STEEL - Treasured memories of our beloved mum Joan, who passed away on August 25, 2014. Always and forever in our hearts and thoughts.

- John, Ruth and families.

WYLIE - Robert Magnus. Fondly remembering our dear brother-in-law and uncle Bob, who died on August 18, 2014. A good friend to our family who is sorely missed by us all.

- Duncan, Rosemary and family, Oban and Edinburgh.

WYLIE - In loving memory of Robert Magnus (Bob), a dearly loved husband, dad and grandpa who died August 18, 2014. I keep you close within my heart. And there you will remain, to walk with me throughout my life. Until we meet again, you were my best friend for forty seven years. We shared many good times also many tears. You are happy now with our son Robert. My comfort knowing you are together, my heartbreak will never end. I really miss you my husband, my friend.

- Love always Catherine.

We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds,

the days we do not think of you are very hard to find, you held our hands, when we were small.

You caught us when we fell, you were the hero of our childhood.

And our later years as well, there will always be a heartache and often a silent tear, but always precious memories of the days when you were here.

- From your loving girls, Diane, Maree, Lorna and Rebecca.

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Obituary

Vale Bobby MacKenzie

MANY Kinlochleven residents would remember Robert (Bobby) MacKenzie who died on 26 July 2015 in a nursing home in Melbourne, Australia.

Born on 19 September 1928 at 17 Leven Road, Kinlochleven, Bobby was the second youngest of 11 children to John MacKenzie of Dore Inn and Maggie McIntyre Anderson McLaren of Dunphail Lodge.

The family consisted of six girls and five boys - Christina (Christie), Margaret, twins Jean and Ann, Alberta (Berta) and Jessie (who died in infancy), John (Jackie), Angus, Duncan, Alan and Bobby.

Most of the family were employed at the British Aluminium Company's plant at Kinlochleven at some time during their working lives and when Bobby MacKenzie left school at 15 he worked as an office boy for the BA.

When given the chance to start an apprenticeship as a fitter he jumped at it but two years later (1946) he enlisted in the British Army with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He completed a six-week initial training stint in Perth then was sent to England for further training.

In 1947, he was sent to Belfast and found himself regularly on guard duties.

He was only there for four months before being sent to York then Blandford in Dorset eventually being released to the army reserve on 18 March 1949.

Various labouring jobs followed and when his official discharge from the army came through on 2 October 1950 he re-enlisted the next day.

Six months later he found himself aboard HMT Dunera heading for Japan as a prelude to a year-long involvement in the Korean War.

His final discharge from the army was on 16 April 1952. He had started a relationship with Linda Pelman from Kinlochleven a couple of years earlier.

They married in 1953 and their only child, Craig, was born that same year.

After Bobby MacKenzie re-joined the British Aluminium Company, he lived with Linda and Craig in a council prefab at 5 Morrison Crescent, Kinlochleven for the next nine years.

In the early 1960s, Linda's



Bobby and Linda MacKenzie in the early 1950s.

father Angus Pelman spent some months in Melbourne staying with his oldest son, Hector. When he returned from Australia he announced that he was migrating to Melbourne and that he was offering the MacKenzies the chance to migrate with him.

That offer was readily accepted and Angus, wife Mary Pelman and the MacKenzies arrived in Melbourne on board the P&O Line's Oriana on 21 December 1963.

Two years later, the mandatory residency period for migrants expired and Angus and Mary Pelman returned to Onich.

They sold their house at 7 Connors Street, Highett to the MacKenzies who were to live there for the next 38 years.

Bobby MacKenzie worked as a process worker for various companies before joining Dunlop Batteries for 21 years mostly working in the warehouse.

His Korean War involvement played a pivotal role in the timing of his retirement.

Having been in a theatre of war alongside Australians he was able to retire when he was 60 with a pension from Australia's Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Regular visits back home were now high on the agenda and Linda, Bobby and Craig returned to Kinlochleven for a three-month holiday in 1990 and toured Scotland extensively.

On Thursday, 21 November 1991, Linda MacKenzie was struck by a van when crossing the road in Wellington, New Zealand on the first day of a fortnight holiday to visit relatives.

She was in an induced coma for nine days and was passed fit to fly back to Melbourne almost two months later. A 10-month period of rehabilitation followed.

The MacKenzie family returned to Kinlochleven three more times in the 1990s but received a body blow in the late part of that decade when Linda was diagnosed with dementia.

In 2003, the MacKenzies sold up in Melbourne and relocated to Kinlochleven. That lasted for five weeks before they moved into a relative's house in Glencoe.

They became disenchanted with the health services on offer for by now Bobby MacKenzie was battling mental illness and Linda's dementia had worsened.

They returned to Melbourne in September 2003 to a rented flat before buying a house in Carrum Downs in February 2004.

Shortly after Bobby was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

On 15 October 2008, Linda went into permanent care at Forest Lodge in an adjoining suburb and died on 22 December 2010.

Bobby's Parkinson's disease worsened and severe mobility disorder forced him into a local aged care facility on 6 July 2012.

He died from heart failure after contracting pneumonia. He is survived by Craig and sisters Chrissie, Jean and Ann.

Chrissie (now 101) and Jean are in Abbeyfield in Ballachulish while Ann lives in Wellington.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

following on from the lively clàrsach playing of his daughter Breagha, a student at the Traditional Music School at Plockton.

Rebecca MacPherson sang some solo songs before she was joined by brother James and Hannah Gillies, Anna Garvin and Merle Harbron to play some stunning instrumental sets.

RionaMacCormick rounded off the night with her beautiful singing - very much a case of 'last but not least.'

Helen Watt gave a hilarious vote of thanks.

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GRADUATIONS



Stuart Boyd graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a BA (Hons) in Languages with Tourism Management. Stuart is the son of Kenny and Morag Boyd, Oban and the grandson of Katie and the late Donald Boyd, Oban and the late Willie and Anne Hawthorn, East Kilbride. A former pupil of Rockfield Primary and Oban High School, Stuart is continuing his studies with a Masters degree in International Tourism Management.



Katherine Helen Jackson recently graduated from Strathclyde University with a 2:1 B.Ed (Hons) in Primary Education. Katherine is the daughter of Iain and Fiona Jackson, Oban and the grand-daughter of Peigi and the late Malcolm Robertson, Oban and the late John and Helen Jackson, Larkhall. Katherine is a former pupil of St Columba's Primary School and Oban High School



Nicola Bugar graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a BA Hons in Business and Marketing. Nicola is the daughter of Floranne MacKinnon and Stan Bugar and the granddaughter of Annie and the late Fred Bugar, Kilmore and Ian and the late Joy MacKinnon, Isle of Skye. She is a former pupil of Rockfield Primary School and Oban High School.



Alannah Norton recently graduated from Queen Margaret University Edinburgh with a 2:2 B.A (Hons) Degree in PR and Marketing. She is daughter of Yvonne Gorman and the late Alan Norton, Broxburn and Granddaughter of Morvern and the late Andy Smith, Dunbeg.

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THIS year's Artemis Macaulay Cup final is set to be an exciting affair with an intriguing north v south encounter.

Newtonmore, who are league leaders, reigning Macaulay Cup champions and also winners of the inaugural tournament in 1947, will face southern rivals, Inveraray.

P J Mackintosh's side won their first Macaulay Cup in 28 years when they were crowned champions last year, beating Kyles after extra time.

Inveraray tasted Macaulay Cup success in 2001, 2008 and 2009, and while they sit second-bottom of the Marine Harvest Premiership, are one of only three teams to beat Newtonmore this season.

This will be the 66th playing of the Macaulay Cup final, a competition that pits the best teams in the north against their southern equivalent, making it fitting that it is two teams from the different areas battling it out.

Oban's Mossfield stadium, one of shinty's finest ground, is the location for the final, giving Inveraray a shorter journey to the game and somewhat of a home advantage.

The Macaulay Association, which runs the competition, was formed in 1946 and the first final was played in 1947 when Newtonmore defeated Ballachulish 4 - 1.

It was due to the foresight of Mrs Macaulay of the Oban Times that the creation of the competition was brought about. At that time, little shinty, if any, was played beyond April and the Macaulay Cup extended the season until the Glasgow Fair fortnight in July.

Newtonmore have appeared in the final 18 times, winning 10. Inveraray first made the final in 2001, winning the competition, and won again in 2008 and 2009. They also came runners-up in 2005, 2007 and 2010, when Kingussie stopped them from making it three-in-a-row.

The trophy was withheld in 1951, after a dispute between the north semi-finalists, and in 2006 when the Macaulay Association withdrew the competition after a disagreement over conditions imposed by the Camanachd Association.

There have been many changes since the inauguration of the competition and, with the advent of summer shinty, the final tie is now played in the autumn.

In addition to the senior event, a popular and successful primary school six-a-side tournament is staged each June by the Macaulay Association. Support is also given to under-14s and under-17s competitions and to women's shinty.

Saturday's final will throw-up at 2.30pm at Mossfield.

Inveraray manager Garry Macpherson said:

'It's obviously going to be a tough game. Cup ties can be unpredictable, but we know we will be up against it.'

'We got a result against them in the league when we went up there back in March, but they've beaten us since, so at least we know we're capable.'

'It's definitely the biggest game of the season for us because it's our only chance of silverware now.'

'In the past, Mossfield has been good to us, so hopefully it will be again. In some ways it's a home advantage for us.'

Newtonmore manager P J Mackintosh said:

'It will be a hard game, Inveraray are a good side. Their league position doesn't tell the full story.'

'It's a big open park and it will suit them. They are very fit, and they are very fast, but you've always got to be confident.'

'We know it will be a tough game, but it's all about who shows up on the day.'

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Saints and East Kilbride draw a blank

Oban Saints	0
East Kilbride	0
SAFL Premier Division	

OBAN Saints opened their 2015-16 league campaign with a rare goal-less draw against newly promoted East Kilbride Amateurs at Glencruitten last Saturday.

The Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division new boys were last season's Premier Division One champions and were fully expected to provide a stiff test for Saints own title aspirations.

With every player showing up well in pre-season, manager Alex Craik, had some difficult decisions to make in whittling his numbers down to 16 for the match day squad and an even tougher job in selecting his first competitive starting 11.

On the most perfect of playing surfaces, beautifully prepared by the council's grounds staff, Saints kicked off attacking the railway line end and forced the first corner kick of the match after just two minutes.

Saints carved out a decent chance in the 10th minute getting in behind the EK backline for the first time. Craig MacEwan played a neat pass inside full back Stuart Cox sending Scott Maitland racing to the byeline where the

Saints left back did well to dig out a cross. The cut back found Allan MacKay unmarked on the penalty spot but, with far more time than he realised, Allan planted his header wide of target.

Both sides were passing the ball well from the back and through the midfield, but the vital final pass in the attacking third was lacking.

It wasn't until midway through the first half that Saints were again able to get behind the well-drilled EK defence and, when they did, Allan MacKay was again unable to turn another good Scott Maitland cut back on target.

In between times, Saints had two efforts from distance, firstly Dene Cassells came striding forward from central defence and fired in a powerful shot from fully 30 yards which looked to be on target, but was deflected wide of the danger area.

On the half hour mark, EK had their best chance of the half when the impressive Diack's turn on the eighteen yard line left Dene Cassells for dead and placed him one-on-one with Thomas McCulloch. Diack elected to shoot first time, but the big keeper produced the save of the match to fingertip the ball onto the inside of his left-hand post.

Football

Thomas reacted quicker than the striker and was up in a flash to safely gather the rebound in front of the posts.

Saints enjoyed a better spell towards the end of the half, but again couldn't apply the finishing touch. In the 37th minute, Craig MacEwan chased down a pass back robbing the goalkeeper leaving him stranded wide of his goal line. Craig squared the ball to Allan MacKay just, with the Saints target man just about to pull the trigger, EK central defender Gary McDowall got back to knock the ball off Allan's toe.

Saints made a good start to the second half but were almost caught out on the break when Jonny Diack beat Paul Kerr and sent a low cross from the left across the face of goal which, fortunately for Saints, was slightly too heavy for the onrushing Jamie Innes to connect with.

In the 49th minute, Martin Bonar ventured forward from right back and delivered a good cross into the box for Allan MacKay.

Allan's hook shot was blocked on the six yard line and rebounded to Donald Campbell, whose shot from the edge of the box was deflected over the crossbar for a



Lewis Cameron takes on East Kilbride full back and captain, Gavin Thomson, during last Saturday's 0-0 draw at Glencruitten. Match report: Derek Black

corner kick. Scott Maitland and Craig MacEwan were linking up well on the left and Craig sent a tantalising cross along the six yard line which Allan MacKay did well to reach at the back post, but couldn't direct on target.

Craig tried his luck himself in the 64th minute when he burst into the box, but blasted his shot over the junction of post and bar.

Manager, Alex Craik, made his first change after 68 minutes bringing on Jamie Graham to replace Martin Bonar at right back.

Jamie offered Saints a bit more going forward, but his increased sense of adventure left space for EK to expose resulting in the best chance of the match in the

75th minute. After good work on the left, dangerman Jonny Diack beat Marc MacCallum wide on the edge of the box and squared to Scott McEwan for what should have been a routine tap-in, but fortunately for Saints, the EK man somehow managed to send the ball over the bar much to the relief of all in navy blue.

The manager made two further changes replacing Allan MacKay and Lewis Cameron with Shaun MacIver and Ross Maitland, but the fresh legs could do nothing to change the outcome of the game.

With no further incidents of note in the closing stages, referee Alan Frame, who had enjoyed an easy afternoon's work, brought

an even contest to end with the hosts perhaps slightly lucky to escape with a point.

Alex Craik, said: 'The game was pretty even. They had the better of the first half, but we had the better of the second. We both had chances, so I can't believe it stayed 0-0.'

'We weren't as sharp as we were in our pre-season games.'

'We looked a bit lethargic at times, but East Kilbride were a good team so a draw was the right result,' he added.

This Saturday, Saints travel to Battery Park, Greenock, to take on Inverclyde in a league game. Kick-off is 2pm with referee, Stephen Allan, in charge.



Dalmally

HOME player, Gary Wilson, and Glencruitten's Wilma Frew won a closely-contested mixed open at sunny Dalmally last Sunday.

The triumphant pair's gross score of 79 was enough to edge out home club pairing Gerry Davies and Colleen Brown by a single shot, with the Dalmally husband and wife team of Jim and Alison Livingstone placed third, a further shot back.

Jim and Alison ensured a happy household by coming out top in the handicap section.

Once again, green and catering staff deserve plaudits for the high quality event experienced by all who attended.

Isle of Seil

HIGHLAND Arts Annual Burns Crystal open competition was held for the 15th year on Sunday, August 16.

Conditions were perfect for all competitors and the course was at its best ever.

After the game, refreshments and the prizegiving were organised by John and Moira Taylor in their garden.

Results: 1 Bill Clark 80-19-61; 2 Mary Phillips 82-19-63; 3 Colin Campbell 81-16-65. First visitor member, Paul McKenzie 101-28-73.

Longest drive gents, Harry Wilson; Longest drive lady, Donna Campbell.

Nearest the pin at the 4th - John Taylor; Nearest the pin at the 8th and 17th - John Blackstock and Ian Galloway

Least amount of putts, Paul McKenzie 26 and Mary Phillips 28.

Birdie putts - Bill Clark, Ian Galloway and Willie Jarvie.



John Taylor presents the winner, Bill Clark, with the Burns Crystal trophy at Isle of Seil golf club.

Glencruitten

THE TEAM of Scott Jordan, Les Aitken, Joe McLean and David Ross won the Captain's scramble at Glencruitten on Saturday with a score of 57 - 5.3 = 51.7. In second place were Malcolm Cullen, Martin Tait, Alan Jamieson and Steven McCuish with a score of 56 - 3.6 = 52.4.

David McCuish won the Club Championship on Sunday with a combined score of 256 (65, 64, 61, 66). Arvid Fagervold was runner-up with a combined score of 276 (66, 75, 70, 65).

Arvid Fagervold won the Handicap championship with a combined score of 257 (62, 63, 67, 65). Runner-up was Ian McCuish with a combined score of 261 (64, 65, 64, 68).

On Saturday, the second round of the Isis and Captain of Dunstaffnage trophies takes place.



John McPhee in action during the Czech Grand Prix in Brno

Tenth place finish for John McPhee in Brno

CONNEL rider, John McPhee, finished 10th in an abridged, 12-lap Czech Republic Moto3 Grand Prix race in Brno.

And the points-paying finish moves him up to 11th in the rider standings.

The programmed 19-lap encounter was red-flagged almost as soon as it got underway following two multi-rider, opening lap incidents - the second of which required the attendance of the medical team.

Faced with what, to all intents and purposes, amounted to a follow-up sprint race, McPhee - along with several other riders - switched to the soft option rear tyre which looked like the right choice as the ambient and track

temperatures rose. After a strong start, which catapulted the Scot up from 10th on the grid to fifth on the opening lap, he was quickly shuffled back to 11th by bringing up the rear of the lead group. That became 10th with four laps to go after team-mate, Alexis Masbou, lost the front end and crashed while disputing eighth place with Leopard Racing's championship leader, Danny Kent.

Ongetta-Rivacold's pole-sitter, Niccolò Antonelli, claimed the win - the first of his Grand Prix career - just over a tenth of a second clear of Gresini rider and fellow Italian, Enea Bastianini who started 15th.

Ajo's Brad Binder secured the final podium place a further two-tenths in arrears after losing the lead to Antonelli with two laps to go.

McPhee rounded out the top 10 some three seconds adrift of the winner after easing off over the final three laps.

Points-leader Kent - who led the race over the opening two laps - finished seventh.

Limit Both me and Masbou were on the absolute limit,' said McPhee. 'Unfortunately, neither of us could keep up the pace to stay with the guys at the front of the pack.'

'Masbou showed how hard we were trying and paid the price. Then I had a similar scary moment at the same spot next time

Moto3

round and took the decision to ease off rather than come off.

'It seems we were both quick into the corners, but were losing time on the exits. So we'll have to study the data to see exactly what the problem was and how we can overcome it at the next round at Silverstone.'

'The good thing is we do appear to be making progress, which is encouraging.'

Despite finishing seventh, Kent continues to head the rider standings - but by a reduced margin of 45 points over Bastianini. McPhee lies 10 points outside the top 10 on 60.

A life on the ocean wave ...



Class winners at the 2015 West Highland Yachting Week Photos: Ron Cowan



Billy and Steven Forteith (holding his daughter Niamh) along with the team who won the Peter Cocks Memorial Trophy for the best overall performance at the recent West Highland Yachting Week with their 31.7 yacht, Shadowfax

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Extra time win sees Kyles reach Camanachd Cup final

Oban Camanachd defeat Inveraray in bottom-of-the-table clash at the Winterton

Camanachd Cup

KYLES ATHLETIC will face Lovat in next month's Camanachd Cup final, after a hard-fought win against Newtonmore on Saturday.

With the sun shining in Taynuilt, a strong travelling support and BBC Alba filming live, there certainly was a 'big match' feel to the game.

In a tough first half, neither side could make the breakthrough, with possession roughly about 50-50.

It was Kyles who drew first blood, however, after Duncan Kerr fired home after 56 minutes.

Kyles looked to have one foot in the final, before a foul in the box gave Newtonmore a penalty. Kyles keeper, John Whyte, made a great stop, but Paul MacArthur followed in his shot and knocked in the rebound to make the score 1-1.

Two minutes from time, Kyles keeper, Whyte, made an incredible save, knocking the ball round the post with his foot to keep Kyles in the match, forcing the game into extra time.

With no goals in the first period of extra time, Roberto Zavaroni put Kyles ahead with 10 minutes of the second period left to play.

Five minutes later, Gordon Whyte made it 3-1, and Kyles looked to have booked their place in the final.

However, Newtonmore pulled a goal back through Evan Menzies with two minutes left to play, giving Kyles an anxious wait, but the Tighnabraich men held on for a big win against the reigning champions.

The final between Kyles and Lovat will be held at Mossfield, Oban, on September 19.

NEWTONMORE narrowly lost out to Kyles Athletic at the weekend in the semi-final of the Camanachd Cup.

The game went to extra time after ending 1-1 in ordinary time. Kyles then scored twice in extra time to make it 3-1. Newtonmore managed to pull one back, but ultimately it wasn't enough and the game ended 3-2.

Newtonmore manager, P J Mackintosh, said: 'It was one of those tight games that could have gone either way.'

'We had a chance to win it in ordinary time, but their keeper pulled off a great save.'

'Not a lot separates the top teams and there's a very small margin for error.'

Newtonmore take on Inveraray in the final of the Macaulay Cup this Saturday at Mossfield Stadium, Oban. The game will be shown live on BBC 2 with the programme starting at 3pm. The match throws-up at 3.15pm

Premiership

LOVAT drew 1-1 away to Glenurquhart last Saturday. Lovat opened the scoring on the 54th minute through Lewis Towse, but their lead didn't last long as Glenurquhart equalised five minutes later.



Just about remembering to take the ball with him is Inveraray player/manager, Gary MacPherson, who is being closely marked by Oban Camanachd's Garry Lord. The Oban side won the Marine Harvest Premier Division basement battle 2-0

Shinty

Lovat manager, John MacRitchie, said: 'We should have won, we didn't take our chances.'

'But the good thing is, we didn't pick up any bookings or injuries.'

Lovat take on Glenurquhart at home this Friday with a 6:45pm throw up.

They are also in the final of the Camanachd Cup and will take on Kyles Athletic on September 19.

A Stuart Callison double wasn't enough for **LOCHABER** when they went down 3-2 to Fort William in last weekend's derby.

The Spean Bridge man scored in the 45th and 90th minutes but lost out to the Fort's Daniel Stewart, Alexander Macmillan and Ryan Campbell at An Aird on Saturday.

Ally Ferguson's men have a free weekend ahead.

OBAN CAMANACHD ran out 2-0 winners away to their relegation rivals, Inveraray, at the weekend, with goals coming from Daniel Cameron and Malcolm Clark.

The Oban side are now one point clear of Inveraray, who sit bottom of the league, and have three games in hand.

Manager, Ian Hay, said: 'We played well. Daniel Cameron got an early goal and that helped us settle.'

'I made three or four changes that seemed to work. I put Daniel Cameron up top, moved David Lafferty in to the centre and put Aidan MacIntyre out on the wing.'

'It was great to get the win, we needed it.'

'I'm quietly confident about staying up, especially if we continue to play like we did on Saturday.'

Camanachd are away to Fort William this Saturday with a 12pm throw up.

FORT WILLIAM manager, Victor Smith, was 'delighted' with his team's 3-2 victory against local rivals, Lochaber.

Daniel Stewart opened the scoring for the Fort at An Aird on Saturday, with a goal in the second minute. Another one each from Alexander Macmillan and Ryan Campbell secured the points for the home side in the derby.

Smith said: 'We were delighted to win because it was a local derby, but also because it gives us an extra two points on the board. We had a good tussle, but I think Lochaber under-estimated us a bit and we proved them wrong.'

This weekend Fort William welcome Oban Camanachd, with a 12pm throw up.

Smith said: 'It's always a tough game against Oban. Any time we've played them in the last year it's either been a draw or there's only been a goal or two difference. It'll be a good game, we're looking forward to it.'

Steven Stewart is still suspended, but the Fort will have Ewen



Kyles Athletic's Grant Irvine looks on as the two extra time goalscorers, Roberto Zavaroni and Gordon Whyte, celebrate the 3-2 win over Newtonmore in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup semi-final held at Taynuilt last Saturday Photo: Neil Paterson

Campbell available again following his suspension.

They say that league positions don't lie, but to find a talented and experienced **INVERARAY** side languishing at the foot of the premiership table takes a bit of believing.

The club has been hit by a number of injuries this season, but four points from a dozen matches is a meagre haul for a side that has been a contender for major trophies for the past decade and more.

Disappointment at losing a Camanachd Cup semi-final a week earlier was compounded by defeat to Oban Camanachd at the Winterton, meaning that the clubs swapped places - Oban lifting themselves from the bottom of the league to be replaced by Inveraray.

In truth, the Loch Fyne-siders appeared marginally off the pace in comparison to the eager and improving Oban Camanachd players. An early goal by Daniel Cameron was followed ten minutes later by another - but this time chalked off by referee, Robert Baxter. The two vital league points were secured for Oban Camanachd fifteen minutes from the end, when Malcolm Clark added a second goal.

On a brighter note for Inveraray, the side travels to Oban this weekend to face Newtonmore in the MacAulay Cup final. Newtonmore themselves will still be smarting following last weekend's Camanachd Cup semi-final defeat to Kyles, and will be dangerous opponents. An experienced Inveraray team will themselves offer its own threat, and with a big Argyll support, the match could be a close one.

Two second half goals in the space of five minutes ended the scoring in Saturday's league tie between local rivals **GLENURQUHART** and Lovat.

Lewis Tawse fired home the opener for Lovat nine minutes into the second half, but the visitors' lead was shortlived when Glenurquhart's Iain MacLeod levelled on 59 minutes.

After a two-week league fixture break, **KINLOCHSHIEL** face a lengthy - and daunting - trip to face Camanachd Cup finalists, Kyles Athletic, on Saturday. Currently lying in seventh place in the premiership, the visitors come to Kames Playing Fields in the hope of denting Kyles' league title challenge.

National Division

KILMALLIE have been knocked off the top of the national table after going down 4-2 to closest league rivals, Skye.

The former top dogs travelled to Portree to take on the islanders, but returned home empty-handed and in second place.

Mark MacPherson's men were 4-0 down at half-time and managed to redeem themselves with a goal each from Liam MacDonald and John Stewart, but it wasn't enough to take a share of the points and stay in first place.

This weekend, Kilmallie welcome old rivals, Beaulieu, to Canal parks in what will be an opportunity to pick up crucial points.

BALLACHULISH hosted both Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA) teams at the Jubilee with the juniors defeating their city visitors 2-0 with two early goals from Bob Watson.

The senior game started evenly with both teams having chances, but it was the away side that took the lead through Lewis Miller in the 22nd minute.

A drifting shot from Ewan Murray just evaded Cammy Sutherland in the home goal to give GMA a 2-0 lead in the 31st minute.

Craig Anderson nabbed a third in the 52nd minute after a goal-mouth scramble.

Scott MacDonald was sent off in the 85th minute for an off-the-ball offence much to the annoyance of both sides.

mance, there were no stars, but everyone was good. It's the best I've seen the boys play all year.'

Oban Celtic are at home to Strachur this Saturday with a 12pm throw up.

LOCHSIDE ROVERS ran out 5-0 winners at home to Aberdeen on Saturday, with goals coming from an Angus Thernburn own goal, Keith Burnett, Scott Dempster, Brian MacCallum and 14-year-old Lewis Buchanan.

Manager, Gareth Evans, said: 'Because we had such a good start, we were able to get a couple of our younger boys on and they both played very well.'

'Out of our squad of 15, nine of our players were under 17-years-old. But more than anything, I'm happy with the clean sheet. We've

Marine Harvest Premiership							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	11	10	0	1	37	9	20
Kyles Athletic	11	8	1	2	43	14	17
Glenurquhart	13	7	2	4	29	24	16
Lochaber	16	6	3	7	30	42	15
Fort William	14	6	2	6	23	25	14
Lovat	12	5	3	4	28	25	13
Kinlochshiel	14	5	3	6	22	37	13
Kingussie	14	3	3	8	18	29	9
Oban Camanachd	9	2	1	6	10	16	5
Inveraray	12	1	2	9	12	31	4

This send-off effectively killed the game, but GMA scored another through Lewis Miller in the 85th minute to make the final score 4-0.

Probably the only positive Balla could take from this game was the return of internationalist, John MacDonald, who will work his way back to full fitness for the final games of the season.

Balla host high-flying Skye this weekend with a few extra players available after suspension and injury. Throw up will be at 3pm on Saturday August 22.

Desperate to reach the top of the league table at the weekend, **SKYE** successfully knocked Kilmallie off top spot.

The islanders defeated their nearest rivals 4-2 at Portree last Saturday.

This weekend Skye will hope to secure its place at the top of the league at Jubilee park against Ballachulish. Throw-up 3pm.

South Division One

GLENORCHY suffered a 4-0 defeat at home to Bute at the weekend, with three of the four goals coming in the second half.

Neil McKirdy, Iain McDonald and David Whitelaw all scored, with Iain getting a double.

Glenorchy will get a second chance this Saturday as they travel down to Bute with a 2pm throw up.

OBAN CELTIC defeated Kyles Athletic 7-1 in the South Division 1 on Saturday.

The Oban side sailed through the first half scoring four goals and continued that form into the second.

Celtic's goal scorers were David Duffy and Lee Askew, who both got a double, Daniel Madej, Kenny Wotherpoon and Neil Carmichael.

Manager, Davy Hamilton said: 'It was a good all-round perfor-

off for **INVERARAY'S** second string, as they overcame Taynuilt 4-2 at the Winterton. Two goals by Lewis Montgomery and singles from Neil Shaw and young Ruairidh Graham did the damage for the home side. Steven Parr and Stuart Scott replied for Taynuilt. Inveraray sit top of the division, two points ahead of Bute, though the island club has four games in hand.

Bottom side Kilmory were the visitors to Strachur more last Saturday, and they left with a deserved point.

The omens were good for **STRACHUR** when Ian Wilson scored after just three minutes, but Kilmory were back in it 20 minutes later when Alex Cunningham scored. Fifteen minutes before the break, Ross MacDonald added a second for the home side, but right on the stroke of half-time Kilmory levelled through Craig Taylor.

Strachur now lie seventh in the league, on seven points. The Cowal club is due to travel this weekend on league duty to play Oban Celtic.

More used to handing them out, **KYLES ATHLETIC'S** second team received something of a drubbing in Oban last Saturday. Oban Celtic won the league tussle by seven goals to one, and Kyles will be hoping for better this weekend when struggling Aberdeen come calling to Kames.

Just two points off the top spot in the league and with games in hand, **BUTE** could be considered favourites for the south division one title. Last weekend they beat Glenorchy 4-0 at Dalmlally, with the goals coming from Neil McKirdy in the first half and Iain MacDonald (2) and David Whitelaw in the second period.

The reverse tie is this Saturday, when the Dalmlally outfit travels over the sea to Bute.

KILMORY missed a penalty on the way to claiming a hard-fought point at Strachur. The Mid Argyll club lies bottom of the division, and this weekend the task of league survival gets no easier as Kilmory host Lochside Rovers at MacRae Park.

South Division Two

Inching ever-closer to a cherished league title, **COLGLEN** once again managed to win last weekend. This time it was Glenorchy seconds who were on the receiving end of a 4-1 defeat. The ColGlen scorers were Cally McNaughton (2), Connor Kennedy and Hamish Harrison. Should the Glendaruel side win their final league fixture, the title will be theirs ahead of second placed Tayforth.

OBAN LORN were scheduled to take on Bute on Saturday at the Meadows, but the game was postponed due to an unplayable pitch.

Oban Lorn have two games left this season, a home game against Ballachulish and an away game against Bute.

Dates of the fixtures are yet to be announced.

Strathdearn Cup

GLENGARRY secured a place in the Strathdearn final after defeating Kinlochshiel 3-2 last Saturday thanks to goals from Ruairidh MacDonald, Steven Cameron and Martin Cameron.

The team is not scheduled to play this weekend, but will take on Kilmallie on Saturday August 29.

North and south pick under 21 squads

THE South will be looking to retain the Caol Cup when they face the North in the representative fixture which will take place on Saturday, September 5, at Ballachulish with a 1.00pm start.

This match is used as part of the selection process towards the Scotland Under 21 squad who will face Ireland on October 24 in Inverness.

South: Ewan Harrison, Col Glen; Scott MacLachlan, Inveraray; Daniel Madej, Oban Celtic; Andy MacDonald, Oban Celtic; Ally McKerracher, Oban Celtic; Gary McKerracher, Oban Camanachd; Fraser MacNicol, Inveraray; Cammy Keith, Kyles Athletic; Innes MacDonald, Kyles Athletic; Iain Wilson, Strachur; Lewis MacNicol, Inveraray; John McNulty, Glenorchy; Craig Taylor, Kilmory; Connor Howe, Oban Camanachd; Craig Anderson, Glasgow Mid Argyll; Malcolm Clark, Oban Camanachd.

North: Iain Macleod, Skye; Rory MacKeachan, Kingussie; Barry MacDonald, Lochaber; Michael MacKenzie, Lovat; Jamie Cruickshank, Fort William; Ewan Campbell, Beaulieu; Blair Morrison, Caberfeidh; Fraser Heath, Glenurquhart; Oliver MacRae, Kinlochshiel; Craig Morrison, Caberfeidh; Rory McGregor, Kingussie; Donald Nixon, Kinlochshiel; Connor Golabek, Glenurquhart; Savio Genini, Kingussie; Jordan Murchison, Skye; Callum Stewart, Newtonmore; Jack MacDonald, Beaulieu; Jordan Fraser, Kinlochshiel.

Fixtures

Friday August 21
Marine Harvest Premiership
Lovat v Glenurquhart
Ron Kennedy - 6.45pm

Saturday August 22
Artemis Macaulay Cup Final
Inveraray v Newtonmore
Lachie Wood - 3.15pm
Mossfield Stadium, Oban

Marine Harvest Premiership
Fort William v Oban Caman
Evan MacRae - 12pm
Kinlochshiel v Kyles Athletic
Innes Wood - 3pm

Marine Harvest National Division
Ballachulish v Skye
David Mitchell - 3pm
Kilmallie v Beaulieu
Robert Baxter
Inverness v Caberfeidh
Graham Cameron - 12pm

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Beaulieu v Fort William
John Angus Gillies
Lovat v Kingussie
Deek Cameron
Kinlochshiel v Lochcarron
Rab MacAskill - 12pm

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Bute v Glenorchy
Scott McNeil
Kilmory v Lochside Rovers
Ronnie Campbell - 12pm
Kyles Athletic v Aberdeen
Willie MacDonald
Oban Celtic v Strachur
John Wood - 12pm

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Lewis v Boleskine
John Matheson
Strathpey v Skye
Archie Ritchie - 1.30pm
Inverness v Kilmallie
Martin MacLean
Caberfeidh v Lochaber
Andy Maclean

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Ballachulish v Tayforth
Jon Gallagher - 12pm

Throw ups 2.00 unless stated

Results

Friday August 14
Marine Harvest South Division 1
Inveraray 4 - 2 Taynuilt

Saturday August 15
SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Semi Final
Newtonmore 2 - 3 Kyles Athletic (after extra time)

Strathdearn Cup Semi Finals
Glengarry 3 - 2 Kinlochshiel
Fort William 0 - 1 Newtonmore

Bullough Cup 2nd Round
SCOTS Caman 1 - 6 Tayforth

Marine Harvest Premiership
Fort William 3-2 Lochaber
Glenurquhart 1 - 1 Lovat
Inveraray 0 - 2 Oban Camanachd

Marine Harvest National Division
Ballachulish 0 - 4 Glasgow MA
Inverness 3 - 5 Beaulieu
Skye 4 - 2 Kilmallie

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Beaulieu 2 - 1 Lochcarron
Glenurquhart 3 - 0 Lovat
Kingussie 3 - 3 Strathglass

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Glenorchy 0 - 4 Bute
Lochside Rovers 5 - 0 Aberdeen
Oban Celtic 7 - 1 Kyles Athletic
Strachur 2 - 2 Kilmory

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Lochaber 2 - 3 Skye
Inverness 1 - 4 Caberfeidh
Kilmallie 8 - 0 Strathpey

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Ballachulish 2 - 0 Glasgow MA
Bute P - P Oban Lorn
Unplayable Field
Glenorchy 1 - 4 Col Glen



Scottish amateur champion comes back to his home course

'It's a proud time for our golf club. Our older members know how much it means'

OBANITE Robert MacIntyre, the current Scottish amateur golfing champion, brought his trophy back to the town last Saturday, where his career began.

The 19-year-old golfer made history by becoming the first left-handed player to win the Scottish amateur championship at Muirfield earlier this month.

He brought the trophy to Glencruitten Golf Club, where a



Robert pictured with the Scottish amateur golf trophy

Golf

reception was held in the teenager's honour.

Friends, family and fellow golfers gathered to congratulate Robert, and they also had the opportunity to not only to see, but also touch the prestigious silverware.

Robert, who lives in Glencruitten, is also a member of the local club.

He said: 'It all started here in Oban when I was three years-old. As soon as I could walk, my dad got me in to golfing by buying me a plastic golf set.'

'I always go into an event believing I can win. I wouldn't enter an event if I didn't, there would be no point in turning up. You have to believe in yourself.'

'There's a good chance of me playing in the Scottish Open. It's my dream to play on tour, but to do it as an amateur would be even better.'

Robert was due to go back to the United States on Tuesday, where he will compete in five events



Robert MacIntyre pictured with friends and family at Glencruitten golf club last Saturday © 34Robert03

this semester at his university in Louisiana.

His dad, Dougie MacIntyre,

said: 'We're very proud parents. We always knew he had the ability, but you don't expect him

to win something as prestigious as the Scottish amateur golf championship.

'It's a proud time for our golf club. Our older members know how much it means.'

Isle of Mull club to feature in global advertising and sponsorship campaign for rugby world cup

LAND ROVER, a worldwide partner of the Rugby World Cup 2015, has announced that amateur teams, Halifax RUFC, Clwb Rygbi y Fflint and Isle of Mull Rugby Club, have been selected to feature in the brand's #WeDealInReal global advertising and sponsorship campaign for the tournament.

Building on its official sponsor status for Rugby World Cup 2011, Land Rover has used its 20 year heritage within rugby at all levels around the world to create a fully integrated brand campaign which puts grassroots rugby at its heart having identified these three rugby clubs.

Land Rover will champion the people and players of Halifax RUFC, Clwb Rygbi y Fflint and

Isle of Mull Rugby Club who are the heart and soul of the game.

Each club has a unique story to tell and Land Rover has captured these stories in an emotive campaign that delves into the values that set rugby apart and celebrates the clubs and people who are at the heart of the game.

Laura Schwab, Marketing director Jaguar Land Rover UK said: 'We have deliberately chosen to shine the spotlight on some of the smallest, most remote, most deserving rugby clubs around the world.'

'We have a long history of supporting rugby from the grassroots up and we share many of the values that also sit at the heart of the game. Our unique #WeDealInReal campaign aims

to put grassroots clubs, and the remarkable characters who represent the true spirit of the game, on the global stage, by telling their stories to an international audience.'

Ms Schwab continued: 'To dedicate our media for the third biggest sporting event in the world to a variety of small clubs may be viewed by some as an unusual approach, but we feel it's important to show our commitment to all levels of the game.'

Isle of Mull Rugby Club has been chosen as one of the 11 finalists due to the club's remote setting which sees players often hitching rides on local fishing boats to get to training. Visiting teams also have to arrive by boat and Saturday games are precisely

Rugby

timed around the ferry schedule.

The club's challenges inspire a greater degree of commitment from the local fans, who have taken the team to heart and are very vocal on the sidelines.

Fergus Whyte, Isle of Mull Rugby Club said: 'Turning out for training on the island often involves long difficult journeys, up to 100 miles for some, but that doesn't deter the lads.'

'Where there's a will there's a way and we are always determined to field a side.'

'So for Land Rover to reward our commitment to the game with this global recognition, is a huge honour.'



Bowlers bring triples silverware back to Oban

Oban teams acquitted themselves well in the Open Triples Competition held at Callander last Sunday with the triple of Norrie Etherson, Elizabeth MacGillivray and Angus MacGillivray bringing the trophy home to Argyll. Marion Carr, Sandy Carr and Hugh Carmichael were knocked out in the semi-final.

Coll's successful day

NEARLY 300 people took part in Coll's annual half marathon races on Saturday, August 15.

With perfect weather conditions, a massive relief after last year's gale, a fabulous day was had by all.

Half marathon runners raced around a 13 mile route which included a stretch of sand dunes and took in some breathtakingly beautiful scenery.

Ten, five and one kilometre runs and a half marathon walk also took place, with all races finishing at An Cridhe, the island's community centre.

With music from Hector's Heroes, runners' legs had no rest as they enjoyed a ceilidh that kept them dancing well into Sunday!

The day is run entirely by the island community, most of whom are involved in a host of

Half marathon

activities including marshalling, running water stations, starting races and timekeeping, catering and administration, all superbly co-ordinated by Julie Oliphant.

Male half marathon winner was Andrew Lawrence with Angela Jones taking the ladies prize.

These were the comments from some of the runners: 'What an island ... My first visit, but definitely not my last!'

'Fabulous day. Really well organised. Thanks so much for all the hard work!'

'To run a half marathon on such an amazing island is good enough, but then to dance all evening at an amazing ceilidh, was just wonderful. We will be back!'

Cyclists get on their bikes for third Oban Sportive

FOR THE third time, cyclists from the local area and beyond will gather in Oban for the Oban Sportive on Sunday, September 20.

The event, which is registered

with British Cycling is run jointly by the Rotary Club of Oban and North Argyll Cycle Club (NACC), supported by local organisations and businesses.

There are two testing routes



Action from last year's Sportive

through the breath-taking Argyll countryside, both starting and finishing at Oban's Atlantis leisure centre. Both routes are fully marshalled and signposted.

The shorter, 52-mile route passes up Glencruitten to Kilmore then onwards to Kilmelford before heading to Loch Avich, Kilchrean, Taynult and finally through Glen Lonan back to Oban.

The 84-mile route follows the shorter route to Kilmelford, but continues on through Kilmartin to the Crinan canal then returns to Kilmartin, branches off and goes up Loch Awe via Ford and Dalavich and then back to Oban.

The local Inner Wheel club will provide much-needed refreshments at food stops in Kilmartin and Kilchrean, which have won great praise from participants in

Cycling

past years. The Rotary Club of Oban is grateful for assistance and sponsorship from the Oban community.

Help is received from Atlantis Leisure, Bid4Oban, MacQueen Brothers, Oban Cycles, Rusty Cycle Shed, Tesco and Visual-Bikefit.com along with advertising on the internet.

Unlike previous years' events, this one will involve cyclists passing through the town which aims to further raise the profile of the event.

Funds raised through the Sportive are used by the Rotary Club to support good causes.

Information and entry can be found on www.obansportive.co.uk.

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WEATHER

Thursday Light rain
Winds moderate south south easterly
Temperatures 14°C to 18°C.

Friday Light rain showers
Winds moderate southerly
Temperatures 13°C to 17°C.

Weekend Outlook Heavy rain showers on Saturday
Heavy rain on Sunday
Winds moderate south westerly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.



Stop Press: New pontoons recently installed by North West Marine at Kyle Lochboisdale for visiting yachts

TIDAL INFORMATION
Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, August 20, 2015** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm	Ardrihaig	Mallaig
Thur	03.01 1.5 08.40 3.5 15.01 1.4 20.44 3.6	-5.35	+0.25	
Fri	03.30 1.6 09.14 3.3 15.37 1.6 21.16 3.4	-5.30	+0.55	
Sat	04.10 1.8 09.56 3.1 16.24 1.8 21.58 3.2	-0.47	+0.16	
Sun	05.14 1.9 10.53 3.0 17.28 1.9 22.58 3.0	2.00	+5.30	
Mon	06.32 1.9 13.04 2.9 18.44 1.9 ** ** *			
Tues	01.24 2.9 07.50 1.8 14.41 3.1 20.01 1.7			
Wed	03.01 3.1 09.01 1.6 15.34 3.4 21.15 1.5			

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)



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Passengers rail at problems with trains

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A TRAIN journey to Mallaig that was disrupted and replaced with a poorly organised bus service, has been branded embarrassing by a local councillor.

Passengers were forced to abandon one of the most scenic travel routes in the world on the Glasgow to Mallaig train.

Tourists were reportedly left confused as they had to leave the train at Fort William when informed there was no staff for the last leg of the journey to Mallaig.

Travellers were forced to head for buses, but were left unaware when a bus might appear, as no members of staff had informed them where to go.

Passenger, Rod McCullagh, found himself in the midst of the commotion on Friday. In an angry email to railway bosses and an extensive list of MSPs, he said: 'Eventually, the buses arrived but bore no destination information. Amongst the mêlée of uninformed passengers, the Scotrail person was quietly-spoken and thus inaudible to most of the crowd.'

'No one seemed to have anticipated that the customer would want to know where the buses were leaving from, going to, whether there was a train service down the road, how long was the journey, would there be refreshment or toilet stops. Just no clear information for folk who had bought tickets for a train ride.'



Flood water on the track and staff shortages caused train disruptions f34train01no

The absence of drivers on Friday added to the frustrations of passengers who could not travel on Tuesday due to flood water on the tracks.

Councillor Allan Henderson said: 'This is a wholly unacceptable position and a sad reflection on the new franchise holder. We were able to make allowances for the Tuesday, with the adverse weather, but not staff shortages at

the busiest time of the year. This is really unfair on passengers. Whether staff shortage are covered from Mallaig, Fort William or Acharacle is irrelevant, there simply must be staff available at the correct time to move passengers. This is really embarrassing to all of us in the tourist industry and no way to run a company.'

While Scotrail usually has a number of spare drivers at each

depot, this time there were too many absences for it to cover, which led to the cancellation of services earlier last week and on Friday.

A Scotrail Alliance spokesman said: 'We are sorry for the higher-than-normal level of disruption to Mallaig services in recent weeks, caused by driver sickness and flash flooding. We have already taken steps to address this and other issues.'

Service will honour MP

A SERVICE in memory of Highland politician, Charles Kennedy, will be held in Dingwall next week.

The former Ross, Skye and Lochaber MP will be remembered at St Clement's church in the town on the evening of Monday August 24, led by Father Roddy Macaulay, parish priest at the late Mr Kennedy's local church, St John the Evangelist in Caol.

Following his death on June 1, tributes flooded in for the long-serving MP from Fort William and have continued since, with the Highland Liberal Democrats arranging the latest event.

Willie Rennie, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, will give a tribute and music

composed by Mr Kennedy's late father, Ian Kennedy, will be performed by the Kiltlearn Fiddlers.

Duncan Mackay, chairman of the Ross, Skye and Lochaber Liberal Democrats, said: 'So many people all over the Highlands were proud to call Charles Kennedy a friend. I know the family has been overwhelmed by the extraordinary number of kind messages and fond memories they have received in the weeks following his sudden and very sad passing.'

'The service is an opportunity for all who knew him to remember Charles and celebrate the contribution he made to our communities. Anyone who would like to attend will be very welcome.'

TIMESLINE

£300 fine for having cocaine

A MAN who was found with a class A drug while on route for a pizza will pay a £300 fine.

David Symmers, of Kennedy road Fort William, was found with 3.6 grams of cocaine when he was stopped by police on Lochy road, Inverlochty on February 9 this.

The 35-year-old made an early plea of guilty to the charge and was issued a fine at Fort William sheriff court on Tuesday.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said: 'At the time of the incident my client was going to collect a pizza, of all things. He has fully co-operated with the police and court.'

Butcher had ecstasy tablets

A LOCAL butcher was fined £100 after being found in possession of ecstasy tablets worth up to £50.

Malcolm Monkman, who resides at Iona court, was found in possession of the class A drug on Middle street in Fort William.

Fort William sheriff court heard that the drugs were for personal use and that the 26-year-old had pled guilty at the earliest opportunity in his case.

MSP backs Living Rent campaign

GREEN MSP John Finnie wants the Scottish government to impose a rent cap to encourage people to move into Highlands and Islands.

Backing the Living Rent Campaign, this week the MSP said: 'Our rents are soaring, driven by buy-to-let and holiday-homes.'

'The result is poverty, depopulation, and desperate tenants forced to accept poor-quality homes or unscrupulous landlords.'

Glen Roy will remain nature reserve

A LOCHABER tourist attraction will remain a nature reserve after a successful campaign to stop de-declaration.

Glen Roy national nature reserve (NNR), near to Roy bridge, will stay as it is after Lochaber geopark association's (LGA) campaign went global.

The fragile mountainside imprints of the parallel roads

of Glen Roy were carved by ancient glacial lakes and water repeatedly froze and melted on the hill, giving the appearance of roads.

Instead of facing de-declaration, SNH will now engage with LGA and the local community to develop the site's features that will give it NNR status.

The move came following a

meeting of Scottish natural heritage board last Friday. A spokesperson from LGA said: 'Lochaber geopark is naturally thrilled that NNR status has been maintained for Glen Roy.'

'It is looking forward to working in partnership with SNH to bring the incredible landscape of Glen Roy to an even wider audience.'

The site is protected by Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), legislation. It was originally acquired by SNH in 1970 to protect it against proposed tree planting.

LGA has already opened a popular visitor centre at the entrance of the glen.



A Highland memorial service is to be held for Charles Kennedy 21_f34charles01



Lochaber wood fuel summit

12 noon to 5pm
Friday 4th September 2015
Lochaber Rural Education Centre
Torlundym, Fortwilliam

This half day event organised by Lochaber Environment Group will bring together wood fuel suppliers, wood fuel users, woodland owners, woodland contractors, stove suppliers and wood processors.

The event is split into 2 parts:

- Knowledge sharing** – providing information on:
 - The process of extracting and processing wood fuel
 - How to get the best out of your stove
 - What opportunities there are to install large biomass systems
- Workshops** – One for wood fuel suppliers and another for wood fuel users, with the objective of exploring options for the development of practical, fundable proposals to increase access to quality wood fuel in Lochaber

Places are limited so booking is essential. For further information or to book your place at the event contact:
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Champion of Champions win for pipers

PIPERS finished on a high note after winning the world championship piping competition.

Members of Dollar juvenile pipe band, Sandy Cameron, of Roy Bridge and Cameron Bennett, of North Connel, have left school and Saturday's competition was set to be their last.

Sandy's brother Finlay is also in the band and remains a member.

The trio were said to be 'over the moon' at their achievement and their overall win of champions of champions after getting the highest marks.

The boys spent the rest of the weekend in Glasgow celebrated with the band.



The local young pipers with their trophies



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Locals plea: Please clear 'scary' shortcut

A FOOTPATH that has been left to overgrow in Fort William has been called dangerous and unsafe by a local woman who uses it almost every day.

Trees and bushes on the footpath from Lundavra road down to the back of Fort William primary school, have grown so wild that walkers and cyclists have to dodge plants and branches on their way through.

Jean Sinclair, a resident of Plantation, works at Myrtle Bank guest house and is keen to continue to use the shortcut, but feels that 'anything could be lurking in the bushes'.

She said: 'Every year I have had to report this same problem to the Highland council and every time they say it is the education department who is responsible for the upkeep of the greenery and pathway.'

'About five years ago it was all cut back to the fences and what a difference it made.'

Mrs Sinclair enlisted the help of councillor Brian Murphy to support her campaign to have the area maintained and it is thought he was able to encourage the maintenance a few years ago.

Now Mrs Sinclair is concerned that members of the public may be avoiding using the path because it is scary at nights.

She said: 'It is getting darker in the mornings again. You just don't know what could be in the bushes when it is dark. People from Upper Achintore often use the path as a shortcut, but it has been getting worse. I am having to dodge branches and nettles.'

Another worker at Myrtle Bank guest house, Margarita Alcantara, said: 'It is awful. When it is dark and when it is raining it is when it is most unsafe. I have known a few people who have fallen and slipped when it is wet, because they slip on plants that are growing out on to the path.'

'It takes 15 minutes more to walk around Achintore road to that area, when the path takes you straight there.'

'Not everyone has a car or can afford a taxi, so to use the path is helpful. But it is not nice.'

The stance of Highland council remains unclear, with the closure of Fort William primary school just before the summer holiday.

A spokesperson said: 'We are looking into the matter.'

The chairman of Fort William community council said: 'The area is certainly used and needs cut, that includes the trees on Lundavra road. The community council will support the campaign to have something done.'



Jean Sinclair is fed up fighting to see the greenery cut back on a popular path 21_f34path01

Heartbroken couple search for their beloved spaniels

A FAMILY has trekked the length of the West Highland Way in search of its beloved hunting dogs, thought to have been stolen from their Glasgow garden.

The family of Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, owners of historic Duntreath castle in Glasgow, believe that the two and a half-year-old cocker spaniels may have been nabbed as the grouse shooting season began last Wednesday.

The couple's son, Dru Edmonstone and partner, Moira Gray, are owners of the twin sister dogs, Gwen and Katie. Dru Edmonstone, a lyricist and writer, was asleep at home on the Duntreath castle estate when they went missing around 1am on Wednesday August 12.

Air hostess, Moira Gray said: 'Dru writes a lot at night, so he was asleep in the bedroom while the dogs were in the garden.'

'We are surrounded by fields and there is nothing around for miles. We don't even have collars for them because of where we live. They come and go as they please through a little dog flap.'

The couple were hoping that the friendly canines had wandered off with some walkers, but that is looking unlikely.

The couple ended their journey north in Fort William where they put up a large post-



Moira Gray and Dru Edmonstone with their eight-year-old cocker spaniel, Ivy 21_f34dog01

er of the cocker spaniels at Glen Nevis camp site.

Moira said: 'The pair are worth around £5,000, but to us they are just family pets.'

'Our babies. On the day they went missing there were road closures, so the traffic to our area was increased and we hope that they haven't been picked up to be sold on for the shooting season.'

The couple are offering a reward for their pets' safe return. Dru said: 'We are devastated. We just want them home. It is like someone has taken our children.'

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of the animals they should call Dru on 07718660730.

Cruise ship visit a welcome boost for local economy, says councillor

MORE THAN 1,000 people arrived in Fort William when a 30,000 tonne cruise ship stopped off in the town.

'Adonia' docked at the edge of Loch Linnhe as part of a 13 day tour of the British Isles.

The vessel brought more than 800 people and almost 400 crew members to Lochaber last Thursday.

Highland councillor and Lochaber area leader, Thomas MacLennan, welcomed the visit.

He said: 'It's great that a vessel the size of Adonia made a visit to Lochaber as part of its itinerary and I am sure the passengers and crew really enjoyed the dramatic scenery as they travelled along the loch.'

'With an average passenger spend of around £40 to £50, the visit gives a welcome additional boost to the local tourism economy.'

'Some visitors went on shore excursions and others visited the town, so this ensured the benefit

was widely spread across Lochaber.'

Mr MacLennan and Highland council are working with

other cruise line companies to try and bring more vessels of this size to Fort William to boost the tourism economy.

The Adonia departed on Thursday afternoon after passengers enjoyed a rare sunny day in Fort William.



The 30,000 tonne cruise vessel, Adonia, docked in Fort William last week as part of a 13 day tour of the British Isles. 16_f34boat01

'Difficult conditions' on hills

MOUNTAIN experts have issued warnings to hill walkers following a number of deaths and extensive searches in the Highlands.

The body of Japanese tourist, Kamai Yusuke, 29, was discovered on Skye last week after he failed to return from a walk in the Trotternish ridge on August 11.

French hillwalker, Thierry Coffie, failed to return from his trip to the Cuillin mountain range last Wednesday. He was found alive but injured in a co-ordinated

rescue by the Skye and RAF mountain rescue teams, rescue dogs and police.

Mr Coffie was transported to Raigmore hospital in Inverness for treatment and his condition was described as stable.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland chief officer, David Gibson said 'exceptional amounts of snow' and a wet summer have created difficult conditions.

Mr Gibson added: 'Our thoughts are with the family and friends of

those involved in recent incidents.'

'We're in the midst of one of the wettest summers on record so hikers must be prepared for poor conditions. Paths and ground may be eroded or slippery, and burns may be higher than normal and difficult or even impossible to cross safely.'

'Many accidents resulting in serious injuries are caused by a simple trip or slip.'

'Slopes with wet grass or snow constitute a hazard.'

Not proven verdict after fight in pub

A FORT William man has been cleared of severe assault following a three-day sheriff and jury trial.

Conor Taylor, of Lanark Place, said he was acting in self defence following a pub fight in the town last year, when another man was left with a fractured cheek and had to have a metal plate fitted under his eye socket.

His self defence claim was accepted by the jury of 15 men and women at Fort William sheriff court last Wednesday, who returned a not proven verdict by a majority.

The court heard that the 20-year-old repeatedly punched a psychiatric nurse in the face. The complainer was visiting the area with his friends and had been drinking in the Crofter bar on High Street, on February 28 last year, when the incident took place.

The jury and sheriff Ian Anderson heard during evidence the pair had been involved in a previous incident before meeting again in the hallway between the bar area and men's toilets. This is where the second fight happened and Taylor punched the complainer, fracturing his cheekbone.

Taylor's defence solicitor, Gerard Sweeney, said he had acted in self defence as he felt threatened by the complainer and his friend who 'sandwiched him' in the tight space.

He added: 'He [Taylor] felt threatened because he found himself sandwiched between two men. He protected himself from danger by striking first. That is not assault, that is self defence.'

But procurator fiscal, Michelle Molloy called the welder 'aggressive, violent and threatening'. She told the jury: 'You heard during evidence that Conor Taylor was thrown out of the pub but he appeared back. Why would he do that unless he was looking for a fight? The two other men didn't follow him outside for a fight, they got on with their night until Taylor arrived back in the pub. It was not self defence because the threat of danger was removed when he left the pub, yet he chose to go back inside and repeatedly punch someone.'

The jury returned the not proven verdict after an hour of deliberations.

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High school pipers narrowly miss out on top prize at the pipers' world cup

OBAN high school pipers performed superbly at the World Championships on Glasgow Green last Saturday to come within a hair's breadth of winning a major prize.

The international competition, regarded as the world cup for pipers, attracts thousands of players from all over the world to compete for the title of World Pipe Band Champion.

In the high school's class of Novice Juvenile, there were 34 bands competing for first place.

The Oban band came first in the grade for their ensemble piece and first for the piping in tune category.

But the high school band was piped at the post for the overall prize by George Watson's College from Edinburgh.

Photograph: Gordon McNeish



TIMESLINE

College calls for a quicker response

THE NHS is failing to move resources to rural Highland areas fast enough to deal with the needs of older people, according to a report by the Royal College of Nursing published on Tuesday.

More money for community services, increased support for advanced nurse practitioners and better use of technology by clinicians will be required to tackle the future care needs of older patients, it concluded.

Building society giving away £100

OBAN residents have until Saturday to nominate charities and good causes to receive £100.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation launched its 'Small Change Big Difference'. All nominations received by August 22 will be considered as part of the foundation's £100,000 giveaway.

Contact the Oban branch of the building Society to enter.

New work phase to begin at bay

IMPROVEMENTS worth £2 million around Oban Bay will get under way in October as the council confirmed Kilmarnock business, Land Engineering, as project managers this week.

The second phase of major public work, following the completion of Stafford Street, is due to finish by summer 2016.

Food accolade for seaside chippie

OBAN Fish and Chip shop was crowned North West Scotland takeaway of the year this week at the Food Awards Scotland in Glasgow.

Owner Lillian MacDonald said she was delighted with the award.

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Blast threat to school plan

EXPERTS RULE NEW SITE TOO CLOSE TO GAS PLANT, BUT COUNCIL SAYS PUPILS AND PUBLIC ARE NOT AT RISK

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PLANS for the new high school in Oban have been opposed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) because it falls within the blast zone of a nearby gas storage site.

The HSE said the new school site would be in the outer blast zone of a liquid nitrogen gas (LNG) storage plant in the town's Lochavullin industrial estate and, as such, was considered a potential 'major hazard.'

However, Argyll and Bute council has robustly defended the site of the new school, which is in the same campus area as the existing school buildings.

A council spokesman dismissed fears that there was any risk to pupil or public safety, stating that the HSE had assessed the potential hazard of the present school location as 'not sufficient to warrant intervention in terms



RISK FACTOR: the gas storage site at Lochavullin industrial estate

of closing down of the facility or moving the population'.

The plans for the new school were set to go before councillors at a meeting of the planning and regulatory services committee yesterday (Wednesday), as the *Oban Times* went to press.

The HSE objected to the plans in May and again this month in light of 'public safety'.

It asked the council to 'consider alternative sites for the school.' An HSE spokesman said: 'Our practice is to use the land use planning system as a means of

reducing those populations exposed to risk in order to prevent major accidents. We consider the rebuilding of the school as an ideal opportunity to look at alternative locations, increasing the separation between sensitive locations and the major hazard.'

The HSE describes the potential risk as a 'failure of the largest LGN storage vessel, resulting in the emission of a large fireball for a few seconds emitting heat which could be harmful to persons in the vicinity.'

HSE claims this could lead to 'serious injury or even fatality'.

It continued: 'At this distance, the building would likely offer significant protection, but it is the risk to people outside that has prompted the objection.'

Papers given to councillors from Argyll and Bute planners stated: 'The HSE has been appraised of the exercise undertaken by the council to evaluate potential alternative development sites, all

of which have been dismissed for various reasons in favour of the school continuing to occupy its present site.

'The HSE's approach would effectively undermine the continued function of the town centre by seeking to utilise any redevelopment opportunity as a means of reducing populations at risk.'

SGN - formerly Scottish Gas networks, - which runs the Lochavullin gas plant, said: 'The Oban gas network is independent of the main gas network in Scotland. LNG gas is transported to Oban, stored at our site and then distributed around the local gas network.'

'Our gas storage sites comply fully with our statutory obligations and Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) regulations.'

'We have a proven track record of maintaining safe gas storage sites and a safe and reliable sup-

ply to the local area. We would add that the likelihood of the scenarios outlined in the HSE's comments are exceedingly unlikely.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesman said: 'The comments from HSE are reflected on as a material planning consideration.'

'The council will then take a view on the application in its entirety and either grant or refuse planning permission.'

'Should the application be approved, due to the formal objection from HSE, a statutory consultee, the council will notify Scottish ministers (the Scottish government) who will then take a view on whether or not to call the application in for their determination.'

If the new school plan is approved by councillors, the local authority will have to explain to the Scottish government why it decided to reject the HSE objection.



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Bus services to improve

CHANGES to bus services from Oban are on course to deliver improvements for the travelling public in the town and Lorn.

Popular council bus services throughout the town have been revised after Oban community councillor, David Gallant, and town resident, Lillias Grant, called for changes to the outdated timetable.

Argyll and Bute council bowed to public pressure over the routes.

A spokeswoman said: 'An earlier visit to the town centre and shops is now possible for users of the 410 Oban Sunday Service. It is now available for passengers as soon as it leaves the Glengallon Road bus garage in the morning and on the final journey back to the depot in the evening, saving users the walk to the bus stop at Soroba/Lunga Road. Service 416 has been extended to serve the new housing development at Catalina Avenue.

'There will be a shorter wait for passengers at Longsdale, now Services 417 and 416 have been rescheduled to provide a half hourly service.

'Service 418 is once again providing a minimum of three services both northbound and southbound serving Barran Estate.'

The council's transport spokesman, councillor Alistair MacDougall, added: 'The council's integrated transport team has been working to provide bus services which make life easier for the travelling public, by scrutinising timetables, listening to feedback from travellers and working with contractors.'

New date for Achnacloich

WORK on a railway bridge that was due to take place in June will be carried out next month, the Scottish government's road contractor BEAR Scotland confirmed this week.

Poor signage on the narrow approach to the Achnacloich bridge on the A85 has been a cause for concern for local drivers.

A BEAR Scotland spokesperson, said: 'Work on the signage on the bridge is expected to take place in September. Traffic management will be required during this time.'

Floating hotel awash with luxury pays a visit



A CRUISE ship that has 12 decks, six restaurants and the only full-size tennis court at sea visited Oban last Tuesday, writes David McPhee. The 644ft ship, MS The World, also has a fitness centre, a jogging track, a swimming pool and a cinema. Its passengers, who sail the world in the lap of luxury, all have a stake in the opulent vessel. But an apartment doesn't come cheap. A studio flat sells for over £650,000 and a top suite can cost up to £8.5 million. Tenders from the luxury cruiser can be seen ferrying passengers to and from Oban. 15_133theworld1

Drunken thug given three years in prison for brutal knife attack

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A SEVEN inch blade was used to slice a man's arm in a 'drunken', 'unprovoked' and 'violent' attack in Oban this summer.

William Douglas was sentenced to more than three years in prison for the assault on Breadalbane Street, which occurred in the early hours of June 19.

The 33-year-old man from Balloch has been in Low Moss prison since June 29, following another severe assault just days after the attack in Oban.

The injury he inflicted was so severe it caused muscle damage, along with soft tissue tearing, under the 10 centimetre wound.

On Tuesday, Oban sheriff court heard that Douglas had been staying in the Rowan Tree hotel with his partner, where they began arguing before he left the room at 1.50am on the Friday.

It was after this that he met his victim outside Oban Backpackers. The victim was a 30-year-old geologist, who grew up in Mid Argyll, but has been living in Australia for the last four years.

He was back in Oban for his friend's stag party, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court. Douglas tried to fight with the victim, whom he had never met. When friends intervened, he pulled out the knife and cut the man's left arm.

Mr McGinty said: 'The knife had gone through skin, soft tissue and underlying muscle.'

'The injured man was kept in hospital overnight because it was thought the tendons in his arm had been severed, which would require surgery. However, on further examination, it was decided there was no permanent

damage other than scarring.'

The knife, around seven inches in length, was shown in court and described as 'a weapon, not a domestic knife,' by Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC.

Defending solicitor Gail Campbell said Douglas remembered little about the night and he expressed 'sincere apologies'. She added the knife had been in his car boot from an earlier fishing trip.

As she was passing sentence, Sheriff Anderson said the seriousness of the attack, combined with Douglas' two previous convictions for assaults causing

severe injuries, led her to consider referring him to the High Court, but decided on 40 months for assault and eight months for possession of a weapon, to be served concurrently.

She added: 'This was an unprovoked attack with a weapon, on a complete stranger, in a street in Oban. You have a bad record. This is your third conviction for assault to severe injury. This is what can only be described as random, drunken and violent behaviour.'

The sentence will be added to the 23 months Douglas faces for the subsequent assault.

TIMESLINE

Fury unsurprising but unacceptable

A SHERIFF sympathised with a man from Mull this week, after he found himself in court for shouting at an employee of a railway company.

Anthony Parkin, of Bentalla Crescent in the Aros area of the island, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening and abusive manner by shouting in the Oban train station on November 19 last year, after he missed a train to Glasgow.

The 31-year-old man was on board the train, but his partner was having problems at the ticket office as she didn't know her reference number. Parkin was asked to leave the train after a delay of several minutes.

It was then he became angry shouting 'come out here' and 'I'll remember your face' at a male member of staff.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, admonished Parkin at Oban sheriff court on Monday.

She said: 'I'm not surprised that he was furious, (but) this is wholly unacceptable behaviour. I'm afraid this is a sign of the times and this is what we have all got to put up with these days.'

Speedy army man led from the front

A MAN employed by the army has been given four penalty points and fined £100 for driving at almost double the speed limit on a road in Taynuilt.

John Minto, of Swisshot avenue, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, appeared at Oban sheriff court on Monday, where he pleaded guilty to driving his car at 59 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone.

Defence solicitor Laura McManus said the 27-year-old was on his way to an armed forces recruitment day on the afternoon of November 27 last year.

Ms McManus added: 'It was near the national speed limit sign so my client accelerated in anticipation of reaching the 60mph limit.'

Addict caught with heroin weeks after he was released from jail

DRUGS with a street value of £250 have landed a man with six months in prison after he was found in possession of heroin and amphetamine in Oban.

Michael Doherty, of Iona Road in Port Glasgow, was discovered with the drugs by police outside Albany apartments in the town on July 20,

Oban sheriff court heard on Monday.

The 35-year-old man pleaded guilty on Monday, after being detained in custody since his arrest.

Doherty was brought to the attention of police after behaving suspiciously at 4.15 am, on July 20 said procurator fiscal

Eoin McGinty. When searched, 11 grams of the stimulant amphetamine, worth £100, and a wrap of class A diamorphine (heroin), with a street value of £150, were found in Doherty's jacket pocket, the court heard.

Defence solicitor Mark Templeton said his client had already served five years in jail

for similar offences and was caught in possession of drugs just weeks after his release.

He added: 'It is clear this man has a long-standing difficulty with drugs.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson, QC, sentenced Doherty to six months in prison, backdated to July 20.

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Commonwealth games athlete cycles through the Western Isles

'I think because I come from an island I have taken it for granted'

A COMMONWEALTH athlete, who completed a cycle of the Western Isles, found learning about a local postman the highlight of her challenge.

Kerry MacPhee, 29, from South Uist, and her sister, Kirsty, 26, were approached by BBC Alba to take part in 'Barra to Butt' and have their nine-day Hebridean journey documented.

Their journey is thought to have been the first of its kind and entailed cycling on the most off-the-beaten track routes on mountain bikes.

Having completed the journey and filming, The Oban Times caught up with Kerry.

She said: 'It was the most amazing nine days. We rode on and off road and we met so many people along the way. They were what made the experience. We learned so much about everywhere we went and that was down to local knowledge.'

'On Harris we started at Urgha. The track from there to Renigadale is pretty tough and the climb takes you to nearly 300m in height, before going down what locals called the Renigadale rollercoaster. Prior to the 80s, the village was cut off from anywhere else.'

'We learned that the local postman, Kenny MacKay, would walk six kilometres from Renigadale to Urgha a few times every week to deliver mail. These are the

Cycling

kinds of stories we heard just amazing.'

The sisters met Kenny and celebrated his 80th birthday with him during the trip.

Originally a triathlete, Kerry has been mountain biking for a few years and surprised herself by competing at champion level early on. Her career has taken her to European championships, world championships and on to the Commonwealth games in 2014.

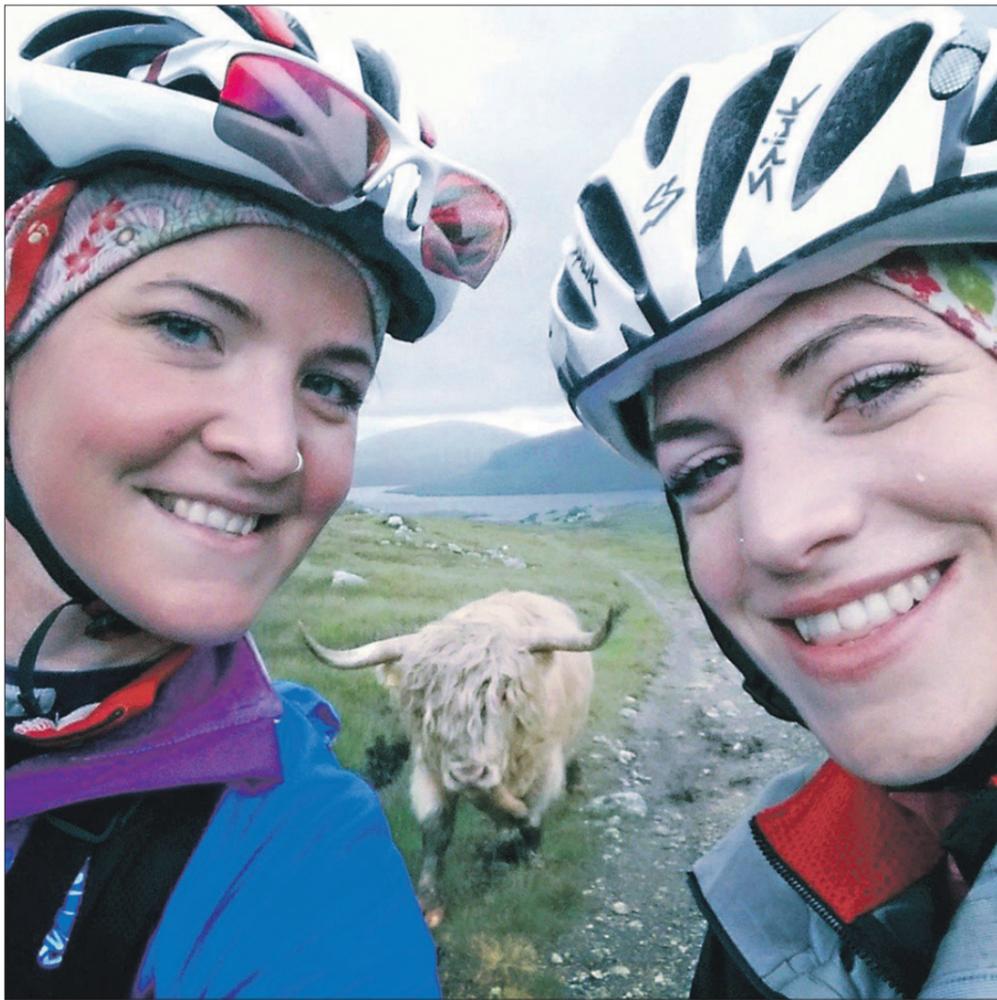
Her sister, Kirsty, is admittedly not as serious about the sport, but recently won silver medals.

Kerry said: 'I race elite in the British teams. In the Island Games recently, I took two gold medals and two silvers for the team. Kirsty got two silver on her own and contributed to the gold for the team.'

Now living in Stirling, Kerry admits that the Hebridean experience has revived her passion for the islands and her home.

She said: 'We both loved this experience and I feel really lucky to have had the opportunity to do this. I have fallen in love with this part of the world. I think because I come from an island I have taken it for granted, but I plan to spend more time visiting the islands in the future.'

A date for the documentary has not yet been set.



Kerry MacPhee, left, and her sister, Kirsty f34kerry01no



Lochaber with the bowl won at the Blairgowrie tens tournament

Lochaber rugby boys win bowl at Blairgowrie tens tournament

LOCHABER rugby club got their pre-season off to a good start at Blairgowrie's annual tens tournament, by winning the bowl.

The tournament on Saturday was a round robin league format of seven teams.

Victories over Panmure, Blairgowrie Barbarians, Montrose and Stobsweil gave Lochaber four wins out of six. As a result Lochaber finished third in the

Rugby

league on tries scored after tying with Blairgowrie Barbarians for second place on six points each.

The rugby team will be building on this promising start with their first game of the season to be held on September 5 with a 3pm kick off against Aberdeen Wanderers at Banavie.

Mallaig lift Uisdean MacDonald Cup

LOCHABER high school's playing field hosted a thrilling spectacle for the Marine Harvest welfare league's Uisdean MacDonald Memorial cup final on Friday.

Lundavra lost out 5-4 in the end of a thrilling game after leading 3-0 at one stage.

An early slip from the Mallaig goalkeeper, allowed Damian MacDonald to open the scoring for Lundavra.

Shortly after a Michael Rod-

gers bullet header increased Lundavra's lead before Bradley Flannigan rose highest to meet a corner kick to give Lundavra a 3-0 half-time lead.

An early penalty converted by Andy Cunningham pulled Mallaig back into the tie.

The momentum was now with them and further goals from Ross Douglas and Neil Cameron made it 3-3 with 20 minutes to go.

Ross Douglas put Mallaig ahead for the first time before

Michael Rodgers converted a penalty to make it 4-4 with just five minutes to play.

All Lundavra's hard work was undone by a solo goal from Neil Cameron to win the cup for Mallaig.

Uisdean's daughter, Yvonne, presented player and manager, Jamie MacGregor, with the cup after the game.

Lundavra were also presented with the Kinloch Shield which they won earlier in the week.



Mallaig hold the cup they competed for on Friday 21_f34mallaig01

Enthusiasts take on the Lochaber 100 challenge

Cycling

KEEN cyclists travelled from all over Scotland to take part in the Lochaber 100 challenge to raise money for a local church.

On Saturday morning, people got their kit on to set off on a 100-mile cycle from Corpach to Strontian and back again. Others opted for a 100kilometre shorter route for the day.

The Fort William Lochaber 100 was organised by Fort William Baptist Church in conjunction with Tearfund Cycling. This year, the team opted to open up a 100km challenge for those who preferred a more relaxed journey.

Lochaber 100 raised £1,500 which will go to Tearfund and the church building fund, which will help to pay off an extension built last year.

The first three to make it back from the 100-mile trip on their bikes were all from Fort William. Local athlete, Marie Meldrum, managed to do the long challenge in five hours and 20 minutes, despite having to repair a puncture along the way.

Jim Treasurer, one of the leading organisers and member of the Baptist church said: 'It was a fantastic day and the weather was dry for our cyclists. Most of the comments we had from people taking part said that it was one of the most beautiful and scenic routes they had ever cycled. They were also impressed by the hospitality of our marshals and locals on their pit stops.'

Fort William lose eight goals at Formartine

Football

FORT William football club were left deflated after an 8-1 defeat by Formartine.

The Aberdeen club stole the show at its home ground. The last time the sides met, it was a tight and close game and Fort William ran out 4-3 winners.

David MacDonald, vice president of the club, said: 'This was a disappointing result for us, but it's gone now and we have to put it behind us, and look forward to this weekend's home fixture against Deveronvale.'

The match at Claggan Park kicks off at 3pm.

Deveronvale also faced an 8-1 defeat the last time they played Formartine.

Recent results from Isle of Skye golf club

Golf

THE RESULTS of the Dewar rosebowl round two, played on Wednesday August 12:

1. John Allan Macleod 13, (75,62);
2. Dave Macvicar 15, (79,64);
3. John Finlayson, 10, (76, 66 bih);
4. Jamie Beaton 76, (10, 66).

Dewar rosebowl aggregate result: 1. John Allan Macleod, 69+62=131; 2. Dave Macvicar, 69+64=133; 3. John Finlayson, 70+66=136.

On Saturday August 15 the Tourist trophy was held: 1. Murdo Gordon, 7, (69,62); 2. John Finlayson, 10, (73,63); 3. John Allan Macleod, 12, (75, 65).

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Friday Light rain showers
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Temperatures 13°C to 17°C.

Weekend Outlook Heavy rain showers on Saturday
Heavy rain on Sunday
Winds moderate south westerly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

Stop Press: New pontoons recently installed by North West Marine at Kyle Lochboisdale for visiting yachts

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, August 20, 2015** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am			pm		
Thur	03.01	1.5	08.40	3.5	15.01	1.4
Fri	03.30	1.6	09.14	3.3	15.37	1.6
Sat	04.10	1.8	09.56	3.1	16.24	1.8
Sun	05.14	1.9	10.53	3.0	17.28	1.9
Mon	06.32	1.9	13.04	2.9	18.44	1.9
Tues	01.24	2.9	07.50	1.8	14.41	3.1
Wed	03.01	3.1	09.01	1.6	15.34	3.4

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate