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**FREE INSIDE**

### Road safety campaign launched early

POLICE have launched a road safety campaign three weeks earlier than the rest of the country after new figures show an increase in the number of people who have been killed and seriously injured on roads in Argyll and Bute.

This week, Argyll and Bute Road Safety Group launched a four-week local rural roads safety initiative in advance of a national campaign which is due to take place between September 5 and 11.

The A83, A82, A85 and the A816 will be among roads patrolled by safety group partners including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the council Road Safety Unit.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Area Commander for Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Oban, Lorn and the Islands said: 'This [increase] causes real concern and the group is working hard to try to prevent such accidents occurring.'

'As part of our response we will be engaging in a number of activities in an effort to influence driver behaviour and keep our roads safe.'

'There will be an increased police presence at priority locations with officers using speed detecting equipment, patrolling in unmarked vehicles and engaging with drivers to give road safety advice.'

'There will also be young driver events, biker first aid training and car seat safety initiatives.'

'However, there is also a responsibility on road users to ensure their own safety by not engaging in dangerous driving activity such as speeding, mobile phone usage or overtaking without safe clearance.'

## Exciting discovery could rewrite Iona's history

**EXCLUSIVE**  
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THE SITE of a potential prehistoric village has been found on the island of Iona close to the site of the primary school.

Pottery, flints and other prehistoric materials found during the archaeological dig could redefine the history of the world-famous island and take its history back more than 2,500 years.

The items unearthed, and believed to be five times older than the settlement of St Columba's time in 563 AD, were made during excavation works for the building of an extension to the island's primary school. A two metre wall protecting the village was also discovered.

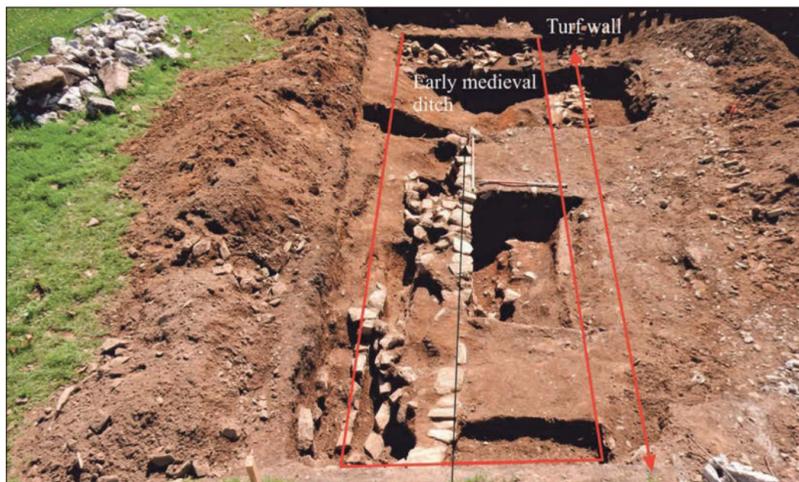
Archaeologists from across Scotland and throughout the world have taken an interest in the findings and are now waiting for various dating and classification processes to take place to understand them.

An archaeological team have discovered two different periods of building on top of the original village mound of more than 1,000 years, and a previously unknown extension to the medieval vallum, or wall, has all been found in a shallow ditch next to the school.

The extent of the wall may rewrite experts' understanding of the way in which the community on the island in 600 and 700 AD worked together.

But the finds may also prove the history of the island is much more complex in its significance to spirituality than the foundations of Celtic Christianity.

Due to the constraints of the



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site, the finds will be recorded, samples removed and the site then covered over with concrete, with remains being preserved and stored.

The archaeological work has been carried out by Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology

Ltd. Calling the finds 'hugely interesting', Dr Ellis said she was keen to get back onto the site later in the year when sewage tanks were due to be fitted.

Dr Ellis continued: 'A later vallum on Iona was to separate the religious community of the

island from the rest of the island. It is likely that the vallum boundary was built in the 7th century. This is much later than the earlier prehistoric finds.'

'The remains of a turf bank with a cobble base can also be clearly seen.'

'This bank is on the same alignment as the ditch, though it is notable that it has been cut by the ditch, indicating that it pre-dates this feature.'

'It seems very likely that the turf bank and ditch are early medieval in date, perhaps 7th or 8th century, and may represent the remains of an unknown monastic boundary, while the underlying soils appear likely to date from the late Bronze Age or Iron Age.'

'What is most exciting to me is that the lines of the property that exist now are very similar to the property lines that existed more than 2,000 years ago.'

Archaeologist Hugh McBrien, of statutory body West of Scotland Archaeology, said he was 'excited about the finds on Iona'.

Mr McBrien said: 'When finds like this come along it allows the past to speak to us. There are no written records, of course, so all we have to go on is what is in the ground.'

'It seems likely this is an ecclesiastical vallum for the main abbey or one unknown about.'

'When we find something unexpected, as in this case, we have to stop and reconsider what we previously understood about the site.'

'What is becoming clear is that when the ice sheets rolled back off Scotland some 10-12,000 years ago the Mesolithic hunter gatherers moved onto the islands and followed the retreating ice.'

'What we now have on Iona is evidence that people lived on the island, created boundaries and set up communities long before the lands were 'discovered' by St Columba.'

### TIMESLINE

#### Hospital beds 'reconfigured'

FOUR beds in Lorn and Islands hospital are being 'reconfigured' as 'short-term assessment beds'.

The four beds have been medical beds, on ward B.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said it was reconfiguring the acute medical unit to build on the services that are currently provided to patients from the hospital.

A spokesman for the HSCP said: 'The introduction of these assessment beds will provide an opportunity for patients to spend more time with the hospital's medical, nursing and other associated professionals without the need to be admitted to the hospital.'

#### SAS says response times improving

THE SCOTTISH Ambulance Service has assured people it responds to life-threatening calls within seven minutes within the Oban area.

The assurances were given after a woman waited for more than one hour for an ambulance outside the Caledonian Hotel, in Oban.

A spokesman for the Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'Staff rosters at Oban are at full establishment and there are currently no vacancies.'

'Response times in the area continue to improve and the average response for potentially life-threatening calls is around seven minutes.'

The spokesman also said there was no shortage of staff in the town.



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## Oban Live confirmed for 2017

SKERRYVORE took some time out from their seven week tour of the USA to confirm that Oban Live will return in 2017 on the June 2 and 3 at Mossfield Stadium.

The band's international success will also benefit the event and region as it was confirmed that US tour company Prime Tours will partner with Oban Live 2017, bringing visitors from across America and Canada to Argyll to experience the open-air concert, the event fringe and other local tourist attractions.

This partnership is expected to further increase the economic benefits to the town, with Oban Live 2016 providing an econom-

ic boost of more than £1million.

The independent visitor report, conducted by Stirling-based MKA Economics, also stated that 74.9 per cent of attendees stayed in the town for two plus nights highlighting the significant benefit to local accommodation providers and businesses.

A full copy of the report can be downloaded from the Oban Live website.

Dave Matthews, President of US company Prime Tours spoke of his excitement at bringing customers to Argyll for the first time.

He said: 'Prime Tours is very excited to bring our group of American music fans of Skerry-

vore to Scotland to hear the band on their home turf, and explore their wonderful country.'

'We have brought American Celtic bands and their fans to Scotland before, but this is our first time bringing fans to see a Scottish band in Argyll.'

'Skerryvore is one of the top Celtic bands in America and we're delighted to be serving their American fans. We also love bringing our music groups to Scotland because of the wonderful history, scenery, food, and especially the warm people of Scotland.'

Martin Gillespie, piper and whistle player with Skerryvore, was delighted to welcome the

first international partner of the event.

He said: 'It is a huge boost to the town and event that Prime Tours have chosen Oban Live as the main focus of their tour package. Partnerships like this are essential for Oban Live to be successful and we hope to secure more local and international partnerships going forward to ensure the sustainability of the event.'

Early bird tickets and first acts of Oban Live 2017 will be announced soon, until then people can keep up to date with the latest information on the website [www.obanlive.com](http://www.obanlive.com) as well as all the social media platforms.

Admission £10  
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Family Ticket £25  
Tickets available at park & Oban Tourist Centre  
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### The Argyllshire Gathering

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## HIGHLAND GAMES

Mossfield Park, Oban

**Thursday 25th August 2016**

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Paul and Angela, far right, and staff with their award. 17\_134Tralee

## Tralee chippy takes home a good food award

A BENDERLOCH fish and chip shop beat off more than 10,000 nominees to win a Good Chippy Award, one of only 300 establishments in the UK to do so, writes David McPhee.

Tralee Bay Fish and Chips received a surprise certificate last month in the inaugural competition, which is run by the Good Food Awards.

Owner, Paul Bailey, said: 'We didn't know anything about it and don't know who nominated us. We are new to this.'

Paul and his wife Angela bought the premises last March

after visiting the area many times during their holidays.

'Everything is cooked to order; everything is fresh,' Paul said. 'We also cook for the nursing home, so we have to make 45 fish suppers at once.'

Paul and Angela are hoping to replace their current premises with a 'proper structure' in order to open a cafe to go alongside their chippy, which means they will open all year round.

As it stands they are open from Easter until the last week in October, Tuesday to Saturday from 4.30pm until late.

## Bunessan show correction



In last week's paper we printed the wrong photograph with the caption - Dris, 2, with owner Janet Taylor was overall dog champion. We apologise for the error and would like to congratulate Dris and Janet on their win.

# Summit set to deal with Islay ferry disruption

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AFTER two weeks of cancellations and ferry trouble on mainland to Islay routes, MSP Michael Russell has called a summit to get to the bottom of the issues.

Islanders were shocked when the regular ferry the MV Hebridean Isles was taken for repair after it hit the pier at Kennacraig on July 23.

Reduced capacity meant vehicles and passengers were often left behind during the busiest two weeks on the island.

Responding to the huge number of concerns raised with him,

Mr Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, has announced that he will be hosting a ferry summit on Islay, in collaboration with the Islay Community Council Ferry Committee.

The vessel struck Kennacraig Pier during the evening of Saturday July 23 and had to be taken to dry dock for repairs.

This meant that the service was operated by a single vessel, the MV Finlaggan, from that date until Tuesday August 9.

Mr Russell added: 'The lack of an effective contingency plan to deal with the situation that occurred on the July 23 was extraordinary but it is not enough for the Scottish Government and

Transport Scotland to point the finger of blame at the company.

'At every level there has been a systemic failure to ensure that there are sufficient resources and vessels to provide back up in emergency situations, and there now needs to be a detailed review of the route and its relationship to other routes and the totality of services provided by the company.'

'I have therefore suggested to the Islay Community Council Ferry Committee that we jointly host a summit on the island in October to which we will invite all the key players, including CalMac, Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government.'

'The purpose of the summit will be to allow the facts about the disruption to be put on record, for the damage to the island economy and individual businesses to be quantified, and for agreement to be reached on a contingency plan which would ensure that this cannot happen again.'

Islay McEachern, chairwoman of the Islay Community Council Ferry Committee said: 'As a committee, and on behalf of the island, we have to ensure that there is no repetition of what has taken place too often in recent years.'

'The summit must result in a cast iron commitment from the

company, Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government to put in place arrangements to ensure this can never happen again.'

'They have to have contingency plans to cope with it, as well as with any other foreseeable emergency and these need to be written in to the new contract for the west coast services which was won by CalMac only a couple of months ago.'

'Islay simply cannot afford to have this situation recurring again and again. The summit is our opportunity to ensure that there is an open transparent and accountable plan in place for the future.'

## Parking charges boost for coffers

PARKING charges in Oban raised £165,023 between April and June this year, £53,246 over the target of £111,777, Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee heard in the Corran Halls on Wednesday, August 10, when Argyll and Bute Council reported its 'area scorecard'.

Councillors were confused where the money would go: 'We need to know more,' said Councillor Elaine Robertson.

Councillor Roddy McCuish added: 'We need to know where it's gone. Since Oban, Lorn and the Isles put the money in, they should get most of the money back.'

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Dr John Howe



Dr Finlo Cottier

# Students give SAMS UHI lecturers top marks

FOUR lecturers at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS UHI), based at Dunstaffnage near Oban, have gone straight to the top of the class after winning teaching awards based on student nominations.

The Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA) runs the annual University of the Highlands and Islands teaching awards, which recognises staff members who have excelled in their roles.

SAMS UHI scientists won three of the 10 awards: Dr Finlo Cottier has been named Best Personal Academic Tutor; Dr John Howe is Most Inspiring Lecturer and Dr David Green shared the Best Engagement with Student Voice prize. Prof David Pond has been highly commended in the

Best Research or Dissertation Supervisor category.

Dr Cottier's nomination was based on his 'extraordinary' contribution to his students' work and was he praised for taking a 'genuine interest' in their academic careers and goals.

One of Dr Howe's students said: 'John's passion for his subject is unmatched to any other human I've ever met. His work with his field is fascinating and inspirational. He engages with students and draws them into his world and field, making geology easy and exciting to learn.'

'When I was first told he makes people fall in love with rocks, I thought it was a joke and like so many others, I went into my degree determined to be a biologist or conservationist

and now I find myself obsessed with and loving rocks!'

In his nomination, Dr Green was praised for going the extra mile to help students reach their potential and Dr Pond was described as a lecturer who 'knows how to teach and inspire students'.

SAMS UHI Director Prof Nicholas Owens said: 'For SAMS UHI to win three of the 10 awards and receive a highly commended prize in another category highlights the genuine dedication and passion our inspirational scientists have for nurturing the next generation of marine scientists. Our students thrive in this positive educational environment, which is created not just by those who have deservedly won awards this year, but by the entire education team.'

The University of the Highlands and Islands was one of the first UK institutions to introduce student-led teaching awards. The initiative is now in its seventh year.

Dr Iain Morrison, dean of students at the university, said: 'You cannot underestimate the impact of these awards on those who received a nomination, let alone those who actually won a trophy. Our wonderfully diverse teaching and support staff have one main thing in common: a desire to ensure that our students get as much as they can from their time at university.'

'Students are at the heart of what we do and it is incredibly rewarding for our staff to know that what we are doing is having such a positive impact on their lives.'

## Hugh Smith's letter from Islay

### Distillery presentations

BOWMORE Distillery's former manager and current master distiller Eddie MacAffer is to retire at the end of next month after 50 years service at the island distillery.

Mr MacAffer began work at the distillery on the shores of Lochindaal in 1966 after a brief spell in the Merchant Navy. He went on to gain valuable experience in almost all areas of the distilling process and these duties included those of head warehouse man, head maltman and brewer.

He was appointed manager in 2007 and held this post until 2013 when he planned to retire. He was persuaded to stay on and serve for another three years as master distiller following the appointment of David Turner as distillery manager. In 2013 the *Whisky Magazine* bestowed on Mr MacAffer the accolade of Distillery Manager of the Year.

At a buffet lunch to mark his impending retirement and 68th birthday on August 1, Mr MacAffer was presented with a 'too good to eat cake', cheque, decanter and a one-off bottling of 43-year-old Bowmore whisky. Tokens of appreciation were also received by Liz,



Angus Darroch, left, and Eddie MacAffer with their decanters. Photograph: Islay Studios.

his wife and helpmate for the past 30 years. The couple are shortly to move to Johnstone, Liz's home town, where they will spend their retirement.

Mr MacAffer is one of four Bowmore boys who have served as managers of the local distillery, now owned by Beam Suntory. The others are Jim MacEwan, Islay Campbell and Iain 'Percy' MacPherson, and I'm happy to report that all are still in good spirits!

The buffet lunch also marked 40 years service by Angus Darroch, the distillery's stillman for the past 34 years. Mr Darroch, who previously worked in the malt barn and has no immediate retirement plans, also received a decanter and another special Bowmore whisky bottling.

Both recipients also received commendations

from the present distillery manager and from Alastair Longwell, the senior manager for Scotch Distillation and Maturation at the parent company.

### Half Marathon

A WELL-KNOWN runner from Kintyre was first past the post at the island's 30th annual half marathon held in ideal weather conditions on August 6.

Kenneth Campbell from Campbeltown completed the race in 1:14:32, while his 'wee toon' colleague Stuart MacGeachy came second and finished the course in 1:18:11.

Coming in third was Arran athlete Elliot Sedman who breasted the tape in 1:19:27.

The top local runner was Josh Wood with a time of 1:27:10, Stuart Rountree's time of 1:0:51, saw him in second place and Antony Bowman came third in 1:44:40.

The first lady competitor

returning to base in 1:27:12 was Madeline Robinson from Rhu, and local lady runners tasting success were Patricia Glancey (2:5:56), Marie Wiggins (2h:5:57) and Bronwen Currie (2:9:35).

Team runners pulled out all the stops and the top prize went to the tongue in cheek 'Rio Rejects'!

The race, still receiving encouraging sponsorship for Ardbeg Distillery, attracts competitors from all airts who enjoy participating and enjoy the high standard of the event organisation and the island's legendary hospitality.

There was a slight decrease in competitor numbers this year and this can undoubtedly be put down to the CalMac ferry difficulties which have plagued travellers to and from the island in recent weeks.

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Marathon runners set off from Bowmore.

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## Group hits out at wind farm report

MOUNTAINEERING Scotland has refuted a 'meaningless' report that concluded wind farms had no effect on tourism jobs.

The study by consultants BiGGAR Economics said wind farms do not discourage holidaymakers and 'puts to bed the myth' that the sight of turbines damages tourism.

But the council for mountaineers, climbing and hill walking enthusiasts has hit back claiming major weaknesses in the report make it irrelevant to the debate over constructing wind farms in mountain areas and wild land.

Dave Gordon, Mountaineering Scotland's director for landscape and planning, argued the BiGGAR report ignores the importance of location when measuring the effect of wind farms and uses sample areas that could fail to show very real effects.

Dr Gordon said: 'This report assumes all wind farms are equal and will have the same effect on tourism, but that's obviously not the case. In areas where the landscape is a major factor in attracting tourism our own surveys have shown that people are deterred by the presence of wind farms. These areas are not included in the BiGGAR report.'

# Youth work charity set to close after funding slashed

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A CHARITY helping young people in Argyll into work could close, with the loss of 16 jobs, if Argyll and Bute Council can't help save it following national funding cuts.

Over the last 25 years Argyll Training has offered vocational training programmes for young people who face barriers to employment, helping to find them work experience and jobs in more than 300 companies.

Argyll Training's Peter Darling said the organisation helps on average 35 to 40 young people a year, adding: 'A lot of youngsters just need that first step on the ladder. At least three quarters go into apprenticeships and employment.'

But recent funding cuts have brought the charity to crisis point. With its reserves depleted and no money in the budget for additional places, it had to close its centres in Rothesay and Campbeltown in the last 12 months, leaving only those in Oban, Dunoon and Greenock.



Trainee Rachael Thomson with Argyll Training's Peter Darling.

Mr Darling added that 'there's a very strong possibility' of all of its 16 staff being made redundant.

Managing director Fraser McCowan told the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee in the Corran Halls on Wednesday last week: 'Come September we will not be able to continue in our present form. We're not trying to make money, we're just wanting to cover the costs of delivering a service. If we do not continue, the chances of

someone else coming in will be remote. Once it goes, it's gone.'

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee unanimously supported a motion asking Argyll and Bute councillors to consider Argyll Training's 'critical' position 'as a matter of urgency' at their meeting today (August 18).

The letter states: 'At this time a number of staff have taken voluntary redundancy and all remaining staff (16) have taken salary reductions and are subject to 90 days' notice of redun-

dancy. The company's offices in Campbeltown and Rothesay have been closed.'

The letter explained Argyll Training has been placed in a 'critical' position due to a 42 per cent funding cut in the Scottish Government's Employment Fund for 2016/17, equivalent to losing 70 places, and by 'the cessation of the Department for Work and Pensions programmes (i.e. Mandatory Work Activity and Community Work Placement contracts) with no extension of provision until Welfare to Work activity is devolved to Scotland as of April 1, 2017.'

The motion continued: 'It is of key concern that if Argyll Training ceases to trade, then Argyll and Bute will, in effect, be left with little or no Employment Fund provision. This will have a significant impact on the support that can be offered to our vulnerable young people in terms of providing them with the necessary skills and qualifications to aid them into employment, including the opportunity to become a modern apprentice.'

'The loss of quality training jobs and the key role they play in rural employability will have a huge impact on Argyll and Bute's economy which continues to be affected by depopulation. 'To date, the council has been actively lobbying the UK and Scottish governments on the devolution of Welfare to Work Programmes to Scotland.'

'In particular, a focus has been given to the provision of employability services in rural/remote and island areas. However, previous lobbying activity has not been successful in reversing the funding decision. 'The council is asked to make representations to the Scottish Government to work together to develop realistic options for the continuation of this proven and valuable service.'

Oban North and Lorn councillor Julie McKenzie told the meeting: 'We're on a really short timescale before September if we're going to do anything to save Argyll Training. There is nothing in place if this goes. This is a problem that will affect the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

## Village aims to discourage overtaking

PLANS are afoot to discourage drivers overtaking on the A816 through Kilmelford, writes Sandy Neil.

Kilninner and Kilmelford Community Council heard last week that Argyll and Bute Council had monitored 1,400 vehicles travelling on the long, straight stretch through the village – a 30mph zone – over a 24-hour period, and recorded an average speed of 31.8mph, according to Police Scotland's measurements.

The speed was 'relatively low', argued Jim Smith of Argyll and Bute Council's roads and amenity services, and furthermore 'shows the 30mph speed limit is by and large being respected'.

He told the meeting, held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday August 9, that 85 per cent of traffic did not exceed 38.5mph.

However, community council chairman Nigel Mitchell said: 'The problem is overtaking on that stretch. We want to try to stop that.'

Mr Smith advised against suggested speed bumps and white lines prohibiting all overtaking, but praised the efficacy of flashing 30mph signs, which can be toured around Argyll villages at a lower cost.

The community councillors asked Mr Smith to report back on the cost, so an application might be made to the Carrraig Gheal Community Wind Farm Benefit Fund.

## Parsley the cat's celebrity status ensures he still has the upper paw

AFTER his rise to fame through the pages of *The Oban Times*, Parsley the cat is 'just as adventurous as ever' according to his owner Fiona Campbell-Smith, writes Naimh Adams McGilp.

Last week saw the cat's fame increase with an appearance on STV news last Friday.

Parsley has also been in various newspapers and magazines since *The Oban Times* revealed the feline's ambitions for stardom earlier in the year.

Parsley was just eight months old when he went on his first adventure and as any cat-owner would be, Fiona was desperate to find him. The first time he went missing she panicked and reported it to the town's vets. She later found out he had been all the way up to the viewing tower on Pulpit Hill.

Now aged two the cheeky chap has been spotted all over Oban and made quite a name for himself locally, and internationally.

After being asked how Parsley is coping with his celebrity status, Ms Campbell-Smith said: 'He's exhausted, he's sleeping an awful lot. He's been quite good recently, not staying out too late – ever since his TV appearance he's



Ready for his close up... Parsley makes a visit to Dawn McBay in St Saviour's beauty salon, a mere 1.5 cat miles from his home.

calmed down a little bit. I don't think it'll be for long, though.'

Parsley usually covers between five and six kilometres a day, which means he is on a special high-calorie diet because of the

amount of energy he's using up. Last Sunday he only covered two and a half kilometres, which Fiona said was a 'quiet day for him.'

However, Fiona thinks he's becoming more adventurous.

She said: 'He's growing in confidence, he now knows exactly where he's going. It's amazing.'

'I used to think he wasn't that bright, but he really is. He knows the whole town.'

One of Parsley's main routes is through Jacob's Ladder, where he tackles all 144 steps.

Now that Parsley is well-known, people are pleased to see him when he's out and about. However, Fiona worries that he's less safe now as a celebrity cat than he was before as people are now less concerned about him being in places he shouldn't be.

Parsley receives many messages everyday from fans using their cats as online aliases in order to communicate with him.

Fiona thinks it's lovely that people with busy lives have a little time and love to spare for Parsley.

When asked if the fame has gone to his head, Fiona replied: 'Parsley was famous even before he was famous.'

'In his head, he's always been the best cat in the world.'

In their house, Fiona says she and Parsley are equals, but she does admit that 'maybe he has the upper paw'.

## Argyll MSP angered over partnership chief's failure to answer questions

AN MSP has accused the boss of the newly-formed health and social care organisation in Argyll and Bute of being 'skilful' in not replying to his questions, writes Louise Glen.

The email spat comes after Michael Russell MSP asked Christina West, chief officer at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to be accountable to the public after news that two care homes were marked for closure before the community consultation was completed.

Ms Christina West wrote to Mr Russell last week.

She said: 'The HSCP have carefully considered the difficult decisions to progress the urgent transformation of health and social care.'

'As part of proceeding with the redesign of these services, in line with national policy, the HSCP have directed that there will be full public involvement and engagement with users, stakeholders and the public as we progress implementation of our new model over the next three years.'

'As stakeholders we will keep MSPs and elected members apprised of our process for involving and engaging with the users of services and the public. This will include meetings with those stakeholders and my office will be in touch in due course.'

Mr Russell said: 'I have the greatest of admiration for your skills and this is a skilful reply not least because it answers questions I didn't ask, but in so doing fails to answer the ones I did.'

'Your answer seems to imply that consultation after decisions are made will be the norm going forward.'

Mr Russell asked for the decision to close Thomson Court and Struan Lodge nursing homes to be immediately revoked.

He continues: 'I am asking the HSCP to review the governance of the organisation to ensure that such a flawed process cannot be repeated – in other words when closures decisions are made they are announced as such and are preceded by consultation, not followed by consultation.'

## Christmas lights cash

CHRISTMAS lights funding has been protected for the next three years to the tune of £300,000.

Claiming the money was important in attracting people into Argyll towns, a council committee agreed last week that community groups will be allocated cash from the central pot.

Councillor Ellen Morton, spokeswoman for roads and amenity services, said: 'Last year we helped community groups secure almost £1million of funding. We are confident we can help groups form, constitute and take on the running of the lights.'

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Scott, Maggie, Fin, Max and Iona of the Beano Town Dump team were busy with their bucket before the race, raising money for Mary's Meals. 15\_T34 Raft race



Oban and Lorn Lions Club members – with rubber ducks and fluffy lions – Rob Chipchase, Bill Coutts, Norman Martin, Kevin Mills, Walter Burton, and John Lloyd all helped organise the event which so far has raised £1,100 for charity. 15\_T34 Raft race



The Beano Town Dump team won best crew effort; To Boldly Go got up to warp speed to be crowned the eventual winners; lifeboat raft Mora Less was first to reach the beach but was disqualified for going round the markers the wrong way.



# Raft racers boldly go round the bay to raise charity cash

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THERE was just one sinking and six disqualifications at Saturday's Great Oban Bay Raft Race, organised by Oban and Lorn Lions Club, which has so far raised £1,100 for charity.

Together 38 paddlers gathered on eight rafts to race from George Street beach to the far end of North Pier, and back, on Saturday (August 13).

One family, dressed in the red and black stripes of Dennis the Menace and Minnie the Minx, built their raft, the Beano Town Dump, from beachcombing on Kerrera.

'It [the boat] looks like a dump,' explained crewmember Max, aged nine; 'And we all love *The Beano*,' finished his 12-year-old crewmate, Iona.

More professional, perhaps, was the craft designed, built and tested by Oban Sea Cadets as part of a training module.

'It even stayed afloat, much to our surprise,' remarked first lieutenant Malcolm MacNeil.

No-one was quite sure what the raft made from Ledaig Motors – or the Ledaig Loonies – looked like, but at least they



The Ghostbusters team won best dressed raft. 15\_T34 Raft race

had named it 'last minute.com'. Another vessel, shaped like Star Trek's Starship Enterprise, was named To Boldly Go.

'We just stuck it together and thought it looked like the SS Enterprise,' explained Mr Spock – aka Cammy McCallum of McCallum Roofing. The Vulcan roofer added, less than confidently: 'It's only been in the water once – but it floated.' Once away in the race, the Oban FM commentator observed wryly: 'It's not exactly warp-speed, but it'll do.'

Tragically the Ancient Greek heroes of the SS Spartan capsized before turning the

corner. One Peloponnesian warrior, Mark Smith, explained afterwards with his beard still dripping: 'What went wrong was ... hold on until I get the official statement...a lack of sea trials. We never sea-tested it at all. I want everyone to know I went down with the ship.'

Another self-styled Greek hero, Steven MacAuley, added modestly: 'I think we should thank Steven MacAuley for his heroic rescue. We're looking for an OBE.'

'It was best sink of the day,' consoled Graham Webster, a third sodden soldier of the once great naval power: 'We'll win

one day.' Also fishing for a gong was the Oban Sea Cadets' first lieutenant Malcolm MacNeil. 'We picked up a couple of survivors (from the SS Spartans),' he recalled, 'so I think we deserve Purple Hearts.' Petty officer Robert Neil added, bitterly: 'That's why we lost.'

First to reach the beach was the lifeboat – a raft called Mora Less propelled by seven, mostly RNLI, crew – followed in second place by the Ghostbusters, aka Autoglass' John Marr, Keith Smith, Ian Hall and Sean McMahon, as Mr Stay Puff, who lost two paddles in their enthusiasm.

Third came Rafta McRafta-face, powered by Oban Distillery's six strong team. Gordon Wood, just one of the many 'six captains on board', said they got into the paddling zone: 'At the end we were like a well-oiled machine, steaming for shore.'

The Lions Club's Norman Martin announced the prizes. 'The sea temperature was 12.8°C – do you agree?' he asked, before raising the difficult matter of disqualifications. 'The instructions were to go round all markers, leaving all markers on the starboard side.

There were eight rafts, and six got it wrong, so the lucky winner is: To Boldly Go.' Second came Oban Sea Cadets, which drew more cheers.

But so no-one was left disappointed, every raft got a cup, and everyone got a medal.

The Ghostbusters won best sponsored and dressed raft, Mora Less got the best fancy dress, and Beano Town Dump picked up best crew effort. Ledaig Loonies were awarded worst raft, the SS Spartan won best sinking, and Rafta McRafta-face got most amazing performance.

Finally Mr Martin thanked all who took part and helped at sea and on land. John Stewart, owner of the George Street Fish and Chip Shop, donated £500, saying: 'It's good for kids and adults to take part, and for tourists to see how mad we are.'

But the event was tinged with sadness, as one Lions Club member explained: 'Our organiser, Brian Simmonds, sadly died this year, and this is dedicated to his memory. He was a Herculean taskman. He organised the whole thing for four years – a job it's taken our whole committee to do.'



Oban Sea Cadets came in second. 15\_T34 Raft race



The SS Spartans before they sank. 15\_T34 Raft race

## Tanuilt summer ceilidh success

TAYNUILT summer ceilidh on August 6 had a good blend of youth and experience.

Piper Aaron Hossain provided some rousing tunes, the Isla Sinclair Dancers (Katie MacDonald and Niamh Cameron) performed excellent highland dancing displays, soloists Lori Den Heijer, Janet Fergusson and Freddy MacKenzie delighted an appreciative audience with enjoyable choral performances, while father and son team of Derek McLeish (flute) and Ross McLeish (fiddle and song), plus accordionist Alasdair MacDonald produced a feast of toe-tapping music.

Bean an Taighe for the evening was Ishbel Banks who kept the evening flowing smoothly.

The appearance of a bat in the hall made for an even more exciting second half, with several members of the audience having to duck before it was ushered out the front door!



The summer ceilidh had a good blend of youth and experience.

## Organic growers host open day

LORN Organic Growers held a very successful annual Open Day last Saturday (August 6) at their Barguilean covered allotments.

Around 50 visitors attended the event and purchased a wide

selection of vegetables, jams and chutneys.

Funded by various organisations, the growers have 34 hard-working members who use polytunnels at the old commercial Barguilean site to grow a wide variety of vegetables, most of which are used by their own families.

Cucumbers, leeks, carrots, peas, squashes, sweet corn, and beans are all examples of vegetables successfully grown under the protective cover of the polytunnels. The Lorn Organic Growers can be contacted through their Facebook site.

## Get your map for annual art trail

ARTISTS from throughout Argyll came together for the launch of the 2016 Artmap Open Studios directory – the definitive guide to the Red Dot Studio Trail.

Now in its ninth year, Artmap's Open Studio event is one of the highlights of the Argyll art



Artists from throughout Argyll came together for the launch of the 2016 Artmap Open Studios directory.

lover's year, also drawing in and engaging many of those who are simply curious.

Chairman of the Artmap board, Christopher Cox said: 'Our vision is to ensure that Argyll is recognised as a vibrant, creative hub.'

'Our annual Red Dot Studio Trail is Argyll's premier visual arts event and last year we had more than 5,600 studio visits resulting in £47,000 worth of sales – providing a huge boost to the local economy.'

To showcase the 48 Argyll

artists involved in the event, Artmap has produced a 72-page colour brochure with artists' statements, contact details and detailed directions to their studios. The directories are available free from venues and shops throughout the area.

Mr Cox continued: 'Whether your interests focus on painting, sculpture, glass, digital art, textiles, wood or willow, you could do no better than to beat a path to open doors where you will be assured of a warm welcome and rich experience within each unique space.'

The Artmap Open Studios event will run for four days from August 26-29.

For more information: www.artmapargyll.co.uk

## Councillors push for Argyll support

SUPPORT for businesses and skills development would make significant improvements to employment opportunities in Argyll and Bute, the local authority told the Scottish Government this week.

In a submission to the Scottish Government's Enterprise and Skills Review, councillors agreed to highlight the needs of rural, remote rural and islands geography and this should be reflected in the support given to the area.

## Partners unveiled for Argyll Enterprise Week

A WIDE range of partner organisations have signed up to take part in Argyll's first Enterprise Week, with a huge array of free support on offer.

Argyll Enterprise Week is a new initiative, debuting in Oban on the October 31-November 4.

Hosted in partnership by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the week of activities aims to inspire, inform and connect businesses, social enterprises, communities and entrepreneurs from across the area and beyond.

Access to funding is a key theme, with DSL Business Finance, Argyll and the Islands LEADER, crowdfunding Growth Deck, SJ Noble Trust, Scottish Edge, Business Gateway and angel investor Investing Women Angels all delivering sessions to explain the funding they can offer to businesses and how to apply.

Central to the week will be a business support fair which will showcase the wide range of support available. More than 25 organisations will be on hand to outline the support they offer, including Scottish Development International, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Argyll College, Interface and the council's planning and regulatory services.

Networking events throughout the week will be facilitated by Women Enterprise Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses, InspirAlba and The Oban Times.

Digital, innovation and internationalisation support will be provided through workshops from DigitalBoost and HIE's specialist teams.

David Smart, Head of Special Projects for Highlands and Islands Enterprise commented: 'We are delighted to be working with such a wide range of enthusiastic partners. Argyll Enterprise Week will demonstrate the strength and depth of support available, with our partners focusing on offering practical support to help enterprise flourish in Argyll and the Islands. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in enterprise to get involved with what is going to be an exciting week.'

A focus on key sectors is supported by partners including Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, Scotland Food and Drink and Craft Scotland. The event programme will be published at the end of August, when the activities will open for bookings.

For more information visit [www.hie.co.uk/argyllenterpriseweek](http://www.hie.co.uk/argyllenterpriseweek) or call 01546 604555.



Photographs clockwise from top left: Ellie MacNiven and, behind, Emma Roxburgh, of Oban Lorne Ladies Rugby Club demonstrate the bungee run 15\_T34 Fun Day - bungee run; Robbie Dewar, 3, celebrates with his auntie Caroline Reardon and cake in the clubhouse, after winning a coconut at the shy 15\_T34 Fun Day - cake; Two year-old Paloma from Oban met Mickey and Minnie Mouse at the fun day 15\_T34 Fun Day - mice; Ellie MacNiven and Emma Roxburgh are in the zone 15\_T34 Fun Day - skill zone; Left to right, 13-year-old Arran from Dunbeg poses behind his stall with Abby, 5, and Sophie, 7, from Oban. 15\_T34 Fun Day - sponge; 11-year-old Declan Thomson from Oban knocks off his first of two coconuts 15\_T34 Fun Day coconut.

# Oban Masonic Lodge hosts fun day helping raise thousands for charity

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A WEEKEND fun day organised by Oban's Masonic Lodge has so far raised £5,215 for two charities.

Saturday's fun day, run by Oban Commercial Lodge No. 180, sported games such as a bungee run strewn with lollipops, beat-the-goalie, and even an old fashioned coconut shy, alongside craft and burger stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting, and a generous raffle.

Sporadic downpours at times cleared the field at Oban Lorne Ladies Rugby Club on Glencruitten Drive, with hundreds of adults and children diving for cover in the clubhouse during the afternoon, but the play quickly resumed.

Three teams from the Oban and Taynuilt Masonic Lodges also competed in a football tournament, won by Taynuilt's Lodge St Moden No. 985.

All the attractions and tickets raised money for the Lodge's two chosen charities: the Special

Baby Care Unit Endowment Fund at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, and the St Andrews University Alternative Format Suite, which produces audio books and Braille prints for students with special needs, thanks to one paid and 50 volunteer members of staff.

One of the fun day's organisers, Kenny Pearson, said the event follows a successful fun day five years ago, which raised thousands of pounds for the Oban Hospice, and he hoped this year's would do the same

for the Special Baby Care Unit. He said: 'My son was born earlier this year and he needed a lot of treatment, which spurred me on to ask the lodge if we could put an event on again this year.'

Mr Pearson was joined by fellow organisers, Scott and Karen MacAllister, whose son Rian, a former Oban High School pupil and talented student at St Andrews University, tragically died last year aged 21.

Rian, who was blind due to a condition called optic nerve hypoplasia, had just graduated

with a degree in mediaeval history and Middle East studies. Karen explained: 'The St Andrews University Alternative Format Suite made a huge difference to his life - it made work accessible. It was really crucial to Rian's university life.'

Speaking on Saturday afternoon, Scott added: 'So far the day's raised £3,000, which will be split between the two charities.'

'There's still the ceilidh this evening, so we're hoping to raise more.'

'The community and the Masonic Lodge have been fantastic and very supportive.'

The Oban Commercial Lodge's Right Worshipful Master, Brother Kenneth Stewart, praised 'everybody's 'excellent effort', and 'the large number of quality donations, and people who came out to support, despite the weather'.

The fun continued at a ceilidh in the Masonic Lodge on Albany Street, Oban, with music by George Noble Disco, and Kenny Pearson and friends.

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**Mallaig**

CALMAC staff in Mallaig have raised £500 for MS Society Scotland.

Senior port assistant Julie MacRae and port assistant Paul Moffat baked cakes, tray bakes and other sweet treats and persuaded others at the port and in the wider community to do the same for the multiple sclerosis charity.

The homemade produce proved popular with travellers heading across the water to or from the Small Isles, Skye and South Uist.

Both Julie and Paul, who gave up their day off to run the stall at CalMac's port office, have been raising money for the charity since last year.

Julie said: 'We couldn't believe how busy we were. People were really keen, not only to get their hands on a cake or two, but also to hear more about the important work of the MS society, a key driver in research and support for this debilitating condition.'

Paul added: 'Everyone was very kind with their feedback about the baking. It was really popular and we are so grateful for all the support we received. We had so much baking to sell and were amazed we sold out.'

**Cowal**

THE COWAL Peninsula's 14th annual walking and outdoor festival starts on Friday October 7.

CowalFest, which runs for 10 days, includes 80 events, covering bird watching, drama, photography, art, history, heritage, folklore, tai chi and hill walks.

An official launch on the refurbished Victorian pier in Dunoon on Saturday October 8 will feature stalls and entertainment. An ultra marathon will also take place on October 8.

Traditional dances, quizzes, talks, beer and wine-tasting events will take place in the evenings. For further information contact 01369 830793 or visit www.cowalfest.org.

**Colonsay**



Ella takes a well-earned break during her walk around Colonsay.

A 10-YEAR-OLD Kilchattan Primary School pupil has raised more than £500 for Syrian refugees by walking around Colonsay.

Ella Liddell, whose family croft at Port Mor, was moved by a photo of suffering Syrian refugees and decided to raise money for them.

Ella said: 'They were living on the streets drinking water from puddles. They don't deserve that, for being pushed out of their country.'

Her father Scott Liddell, who works at Marine Harvest's Colonsay fish farm, suggested they walk the length of Colonsay's coastline. The pair covered 56 miles in three days, tackling dense shrubbery, cliffs, bog up to her knees and bracken as high as her head.

Ella's mum Helen Mann, a CalMac port assistant, said: 'Scott is an ex Royal Marine and it was pretty tough for him too.'

The weather was kind on their adventure - when it wasn't raining - and they camped beside a 'seaweed, smelly beach', ate from ration packs, watched seals swimming and singing, and saw birds nesting on the cliffs. At the end, like any wild Hebridean explorer, Ella had a few cuts and tick bites. 'It took a couple of days to recover,' she said: 'I could barely walk.'

Helen added: 'Ella has a lot of tenacity, like her dad. He was amazed by her spirit and determination. He thinks there is a Marine in her. We're immensely proud.'

Ella's feat raised £570 for the global children's charity Save The Children and Kilchattan primary's parent council, which funds school trips.



Left to right: Mairi Smith, Roma Black, Margery McDonald, Gilly Dixon-Spain, Glensanda Quarry's David Lamb, LCT trustee Valerie Livingstone, treasurer Duncan Drysdale and secretary Freda Drysdale.

## Quarry donation keeps Lismore bus on the road for another year

LISMORE'S 'granny bus' will be kept on the road for another 12 months, thanks to a donation of £1,500 from Glensanda Quarry in Morvern.

The volunteers of Lismore Community Transport (LCT) use their Peugeot Teepee to drive islanders aged over 75, or those with a disability or in poverty, to the shop, café,

doctor, ferry, and social events, or to appointments in Oban.

The charity's chairwoman Gilly Dixon-Spain said: 'The users of this service have found it invaluable in keeping them living in their own homes, giving them independence and preventing isolation.'

Glensanda Quarry's manager David

Lamb and deputy manager Callum Carney visited Lismore Heritage Centre on Thursday, August 4, to present the £1,500 cheque. More volunteer drivers are required for one day a month.

Contact details can be found on the Lismore Community Transport website.



The fundraising Islay swimmers.

**Islay**

## Loch swim boosts centre fund

TO CELEBRATE the 25th anniversary of a community centre on Islay, residents swam 5,500 metres to raise funds.

The islanders chose to swim across Loch Indaal from Port Charlotte to Bowmore for the Mactaggart Leisure Centre.

Since opening its doors in 1991, the building has become run down and things aren't working as well as they once did.

As well as the swim cash, the committee secured £750,000 in European funding from the Scottish Rural Development Programme and from private trusts and foundations, which will 'bring the centre back up to a very high public standard'.

Donations can be made to the centre by buying £1 per metre at the building, by cheque in the post or through the just giving page, which can be found at www.mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk.

## Championship chance for Oban teenage rider

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl from Oban will represent North Argyll Pony Club in a UK-wide competition.

Rebecca Scott and Silent Whisper II, an 11-year-old Gelding, will compete in the novice section at the UK Pony Club Championships at Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire on August 19-23.

The pair cemented their spot after qualifying at an event near Invergordon earlier this month.

Rebecca, who attends Oban High School, started riding when she was three. She has been a member of the North Argyll Pony Club since she was five and is also a junior member of Oban and District Riding Club.

She and Silent Whisper have had a successful year to date, taking second place



Rebecca Scott and Silent Whisper II competing in an event.

at Kirriemuir, seventh at Scotsburn and third at Forgandenny. They also qualified for the Mitsubishi Motors Cup BE90 Regional Final, which will be held at Aswanley in Aberdeenshire on September 3.

## Lola celebrates 100th birthday



A TOBERMORY woman received a letter from the Queen last week after she turned 100 years old on Monday August 8.

Flora Bell, left, also known as Lola, was born in 1916 and has spent the majority of her life in Tobermory, Mull, apart from a few years working in Oban.

Lola has one daughter, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She gives credit for her longevity to 'Him up there'.

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## Books for lonely St Kilda and other island memories

IT WAS a pleasure, a few weeks ago, to welcome the granddaughter of the late Norman John Gillies who came with his family to Morvern from St Kilda following the evacuation of his ancestral home in 1930.

The visit brought back many memories for the few residents who can recall the St Kildans and the life they made for themselves in the parish.

Coinciding with the visit, an interesting letter has come to light written by the Rev Angus Fiddes, the last Free Church Minister on St Kilda who was on the island from 1889 to 1903. It was written in Gaelic and addressed to Mr Malcolm Ferguson (1814-1912), Morenish House, Callander, who, on hearing that the St Kildans were trying to create a library, had despatched a number of books on the Dunara Castle addressed to the minister.

Malcolm Ferguson, a native and local benefactor of Killin, was the author of several books and many articles which were published in *The Oban Times* in 1878. The following is a translation of the reply from Mr Fiddes.

### 'Minister's House, St Kilda, August 12, 1900

MY DEAR Friend, all hail to you from my heart! Upon opening the little box that contained the books you sent to me, I found a letter at the top, and upon opening it I felt like a little bird when it warbles from a crest of the rocks, so greatly pleased was I by the valuable gifts that you sent to the St Kilda Library.

After looking into these books, I feel satisfied that there is not one Highlander or Lowlander who may read them without finding that his heart is drawn to them in a kindly way.

When I see Fergusson [Neil, 1876-1944, postmaster and ground officer] I shall tell him that you send a blessing to him, and he will value it like an inheritance from the Earl of Breadalbane!

I am very sorry that my house is so small, but with the help from my friends I am in the hope that it will be enlarged. Now, after the alteration takes place, come you upon a visit, and you will find right hearty hospitality.

Salutations to you and my countrymen and countrywomen who are endeavouring to spread pleasant and impressive stories that bear further wisdom and knowledge to the people in the north of Scotland and to the Gael of the Islands.

The flies [midges] are dirking me and so I must leave off writing more in this letter. My blessing to you for your kindness, man of my heart. Long may smoke arise from your house! Farewell until I hear from you. The harbour-works here are progressing well. When finished there will be a safe harbour for those who visit the island.

Again farewell! Good wishes alike for the days when we will see and not see each other. From your friend, Angus Fiddes, Minister of St Kilda.



The St Kilda Manse, home of the Rev Angus Fiddes.

Photo by William Cameron.

For all his cheerfulness, or perhaps because of it, Mr Fiddes was more or less forced out of St Kilda despite the great life-saving work he did to eradicate infant tetanus which had been the cause of death among the community for generations. His story is well told in Roger Hutchinson's book, *St Kilda - A People's History*, published by Birlinn.

Immediately before the evacuation, the able-bodied men of St Kilda were offered jobs by the Forestry Commission once they had settled in their new home. Most of them went to work bare-footed whenever possible unless they were using tools for digging ditches.

They were strong, hardworking and walked very fast. They had an excellent sense of direction and would always arrive exactly where they wanted to be even in thick mist. Sometimes they would be put into different squads on the same hillside, but a few miles apart. They still managed to keep in touch with each other throughout the day by semaphore, a technique they had acquired and remembered from Royal Navy staff on Hirta when the Admiralty established a signalling station there during the First World War.

One of their first tasks was to plant trees as high up as possible on Aoinneadh Mor - a basalt ridge rising sharply to 1,500 ft above Loch Dire nam Mart, reputed to be one of the finest examples of active soil erosion in Scotland. None of the local forestry workers cared to go near the place saying that it was too dangerous, but the St Kildans, renowned for their cragsmanship on some of the highest sea-cliffs in Europe, just laughed and said the Aoinneadh Mor rocks were only 'little hills' by comparison.

As well as receiving a weekly wage from the Forestry Commission, the seven St Kilda households, also had a gift of £25 each from a charity known as the Kelsall Bequest to help them buy hens and coops.

In addition they were given the residue of another trust set up by the Austrian Government in recognition of their great kindness to the survivors of an Austrian ship wrecked off St Kilda in 1876.

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## Lessons of war brought home

This year marks 100 years since the River Leven Prisoner of War Camp and the Caolasnacn Conscientious Objector Camp opened near Kinlochleven. Last weekend, the culmination of a commemoration group's work to mark the centenary came to fruition and was hailed a success. Turn to page 15 for full story.



# Sentence deferred on executive

A FORMER fishing executive who stole from his Lochaber employer was told the matter is 'in his hands' if he wants to avoid serious punishment. John Hermse from Argus Lodge, Wards Road, Elgin, pleaded guilty to taking £1,116.09 which belonged to Mallaig and North West Fisherman's Association (MNFWA). The 59-year-old had previously pleaded not guilty to embezzling around £7,000 but admitted theft of the lesser amount at Fort William Sheriff Court on Monday (August 15). The court heard Hermse was initially employed as MNFWA secretary on a part-time basis and that some time later his job title changed to chief executive. As part of his employment, Hermse was given a company credit card to use

for his own expenses, including travel costs to help carry out his day-to-day tasks. The wrongdoing in question took place between April 29 2010 and October 5 2013 during which time Hermse used the company card to make two personal transactions. Sheriff Sukhwinder Gill outlined to the court that one transaction amounted to £148.49 from Toolstation for tools including pliers and side cutters. A second payment of £967.20 was for the renewal of a patent for prawn boxes which Fiscal Ross Carvel described as being 'plainly not for the benefit of his [Hermse] work'. During the hearing it was also explained Mr Hermse earned a salary of around £38,000 from MNFWA.

At the same time he worked for a scallop association, receiving a further £12,000. Despite being labelled as a part-time role, Advocate Barry Smith told the court Hermse would often end up working 30 hours a week, including evenings and weekends. He described Hermse's role as onerous and extremely stressful. There was an administrative assistant on hand but otherwise Hermse 'was charged with running almost all aspects of the business'. Mr Smith added: 'He further tells me he was given limited support by the association and at times was travelling up to 30,000 miles per annum.' Mr Smith said Hermse had also had to deal with the misappropriation of

£80,000 of association funds by a former chairman. He added: 'It is helpful for the court to understand the somewhat lax or casual nature of the financial arrangements with the association. He tells me it would be usual for him to use his own funds for association matters and recover the funds at the end of the month.' The court heard work pressures combined with the ill-health of his wife who suffered from epilepsy and deteriorating eye sight among other ailments began to take its toll on Hermse and around this time the couple moved to Moray. Mr Smith went onto say Hermse is no longer employed by the association and that the theft had come to light during an audit fol-

lowing complaints over his conduct. He added: 'There were questions over Hermse's continued ability to do the job and that meetings had been missed. There was an exchange of views and the employment ceased.' A civil case regarding the termination of Hermse's contract is ongoing and was referenced by Sheriff Gill in the difficulty she had in deciding how to resolve the case. During her summary she told Hermse if the money is repaid there may be no further action or there could be a community payback order as a direct alternative to a fine or custodial sentence. In deferring sentencing for three months to allow Hermse to pay back the money, she added: 'I am leaving the matter in your hands.'

## TIMESLINE

### Plans for new student halls

PLANS have been submitted for new student accommodation in Fort William. The site of the former St Mary's RC Primary School on Fassifern Road has been earmarked for the 40 unit development and car parking. CityHeart Ltd has submitted plans to the Highland Council, which would form the second phase of student accommodation in the town. The Chester-based company recently completed student housing at An Aird which has been handed over to West Highland College UHI and will open for students in September.

### Town celebrates new pontoons

FORT William's pontoons will be officially opened next month. Fiona Hyslop, minister for culture tourism and external affairs, will lead the proceedings on Monday September 5 at 12.30pm at the waterfront. The event is being organised by Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company (FWMSC) which wants to celebrate the regeneration of the shoreline ahead of the arrival of the *Boudicca* cruise ship on September 28. FWMSC is inviting anyone interested in performing in Cameron Square on the day of the opening to get in touch.

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## Gaelic gathering

A GATHERING will be held in Oban this weekend for people and groups interested in the development and promotion of Gaelic across Argyll and the islands. Hosted by Argyll and Bute Council, the event will take place in the Corran Halls, Oban, this Saturday (August 20) from 10am until 4pm. Gaelic has a rich tradition and a strong future in Argyll, with many people involved in a wide range of activities in their communities and their businesses to raise awareness and celebrate the language. For further information and/or to register for the event, please contact Laura Macdonald at laura.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

## Surfs up on Tiree

BLACKHOUSE Watersports Tiree are the hosts of this year's 'Gathering Of The Clans' surfing event, organised by the Scottish Surfing Federation. The competition is expected to have around 60 competitors, including under-14s champion Ben Larg, 11, from Tiree and under-16s competitor Finn MacDonald,

15, also from Tiree. Gathering Of The Clans will be held from Friday August 26 to August 29, and 40 local club members are expected to compete in the team event over the four days. Ben Larg and Finn MacDonald will compete at the ISA World Junior Surfing Championship in São Miguel, Azores Islands, Portugal, on September 17 along with surfing instructor Andrew Roberts, who will be competing in the under 18s category.

## Jobs fair success

ARGYLL MP Brendan O'Hara said he was 'delighted' with the success of the Jobs Fair held in Lochgilphead's Community Centre on August 11. The event attracted many employers and jobseekers. Afterwards, Mr O'Hara said: 'It's been a great way for employers and jobseekers to meet in a relaxed environment. 'And I am delighted to report employers were able to fill some of their vacancies from people they spoke to on the day.' Mr O'Hara hopes the jobs fair will become an annual event. He said: 'I look forward to more of these events in Lochgilphead and throughout Argyll and Bute.'

## Pledge to farmers

FARMING unions from across the UK say it is essential all devolved governments guarantee that treasury funds are spent on agriculture as agreed by the UK government. Following the announcement by Chancellor Phillip Hammond that the government would commit to agricultural funding until 2020, the four union presidents pledged to continue their joint lobbying to promote the importance of UK food and farming against a backdrop of intense competition for public spending post Brexit. NFU Scotland President Allan Bowie said: 'We know each devolved administration is facing significant spending pressure. However, the Chancellor has been clear. He expects each of the devolved governments to use the money for agriculture. 'This is the clear intention for which the money has been guaranteed.' In addition, UFU President Barclay Bell said: 'The UK Government's guarantee means that farmers are able to continue to fulfil their role of providing high quality food, produced to exacting welfare and environmental standards.'

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# A lament for my lost piper

Alastair Campbell was at his brother's side as he wrestled for years with schizophrenia. Donald died last week. Speaking for the first time about that battle, the former spin doctor tells of a mind and body ravaged but a loving, musical soul undimmed

DONALD CAMPBELL  
BORN: MAY 3, 1954  
DIED: AUGUST 9, 2016

MY BIG brother died last Tuesday. It was a massive, horrible shock, even though we have always known that people with his condition live on average 20 years less long than the rest of us. My dad lived to 82, my mum to 88. Donald was 62. His condition was schizophrenia.

His illness, not mine, is the real reason I campaign for better understanding and treatment of mental illness, not least because people who have schizophrenia do have such shortened life expectancy.

I talk about my own problems of depression and addiction partly because I am asked to and because I think openness is better all round if we are going to break down the taboo and so win the fight for the services and treatments we need. I never talked about Donald's illness in public, mainly because our mum didn't want me to.

That was not out of the shame and stigma that many people sadly still feel attaches to mental illness. She was hugely proud of him for what he managed to achieve despite what he called "this shitty illness". It was more that, with one son in the media spotlight, she worried that if Donald's head were in any way above the parapet, it could have made him even more vulnerable.

Donald, on the other hand, was totally up for it. Like a lot of mentally ill people, when he was well he thought he ought to be famous. And when he was ill he thought he already was. In his prime he saw Sean Connery as a suitable actor to play him in the movie of his life. More recently he wondered if George Clooney could do a Scottish accent.

He was competitive about his illness. 'Saw you on the telly again talking about your psychotic breakdown, Ali. You heard voices once and you're like Mr Mental Bloody Health. Why don't they come and talk to a real expert?' He was certainly an expert on living a good life with severe mental illness.

Our mum having died two years ago, we were planning to make a film together – centred on him – about living with schizophrenia. He had caught



Donald worked at Glasgow University in a job he loved. He had two main roles at the university, one of which was the principal's official piper. Donald and Alastair also played the pipes at a memorial for the former MP Charles Kennedy.

the telly bug a bit when we appeared together in a film about bagpipes, one of our shared loves. My daughter Grace, a film student, had begun to record interviews with Donald about the ups and downs in his life since he was first diagnosed while in the Scots Guards in his early twenties.

So he would sit and tell her about the time he was in a waiting room, and the electrical plugs were talking to the lights about him while he was surrounded by people who were all discussing terrible things they were about to do to him. Then he would laugh and say: 'Absolutely mad, innit, Grace? And look at me sitting here now. Normal or what?'

The problem was that in recent months he had been on oxygen

to assist his breathing, so the noisy buzz of his portable oxygen machine was a constant on the soundtrack. We were hoping – alas, in vain – that he would get his breathing sorted and we would make the film free of the buzz and the nasal tube.

Here is the real bastard about his shitty illness: the drugs. Don't get me wrong. Treatment – in Donald's case, medication – can often help restore someone to the person they are supposed to be, unclouded by the illness.

Medication helped to give him long periods free of the voices in his head and the hallucinations before his eyes that otherwise reduced him to a sometimes terrified and other times aggressive human being.

He had a marriage, though it didn't last. He had better luck

in work, holding down a job he loved at Glasgow University for 27 years; at his farewell last year – due to physical ill health – the turnout and the warmth were evidence of the huge contribution he had made.

Donald had two main roles at the university: he was the principal's official piper, who played at dinners, ceremonies and graduations; and he was part of the security team, mainly working at the control point in the university library. It meant he got to know hundreds of students; he loved the banter, taught some of them the pipes and often ordered anyone with feet on a library table to 'kindly use the carpets'.

Glasgow University was a model employer for someone with severe mental illness, and

his role as piper gave him a sense of purpose and status, which he loved. He piped out thousands and thousands of students from their graduations. One of the greatest sadnesses in his life was that latterly, because of his poor breathing, he was unable to play other than on electronic pipes – 'Second best, Ali, but I'm still better than you.'

The very last time he played the 'real' pipes, we performed together at a memorial service for the former Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy, who had been rector of the university. 'Good lad, that Charlie Kennedy – always stopped for a chat.' He had to give up halfway through to get his breath, and I finished alone.

It didn't stop him adding this to his brotherly boasts: 'Did you see Nicola Sturgeon nodding along to my playing? Alex Salmond isn't the only one who knows I'm a better player than you.' (Salmond had once said in an interview that Donald was the better player of the two of us – on this, at least, he was right.) Our sibling rivalry went back to the one competition in which I beat him, aged 10 – I got gold; he got bronze – and to his dying day he swore the judges confused us. He was probably right.

So the drugs worked. Kind of. But decades of powerful anti-psychotic medication takes a toll. When it came to 'normal' illnesses such as colds and flu and chest infections, the gaps between them became shorter and the quantity of 'normal' drugs required to treat them grew larger.

Added to which, a recent change of his main medication for the schizophrenia – necessary to deal with the physical illness and weight increase – seemed to have sent him haywire mentally. In the end something had to give. His life. It is a source of great sadness that my last conversations were with the psychotic Donald, not the loving, giving, funny Donald who brought so much to our lives by making so much of his own.

Donald Lachlan Cameron Campbell, born May 3, 1954. You'd never guess our parents were Scots, would you, giving their firstborn those names?

Donald, our dad's name. Lachlan, his dad. Cameron, his mother's maiden name. I got off lightly with Alastair John. Like me and our brother, Graeme, and sister, Liz, Donald was born and raised in England, but an adult life that started in the Scots Guards as a teenager and, once he had been discharged on medical grounds, was lived almost entirely in and around Glasgow – a lot of it in the piping world – meant that he had a 100 per cent Scottish accent (200 per cent when psychotic).

When we were interviewed together for the piping film, the interviewer doubted we were brothers, because although I have tinges of a Scots accent when with Scots, I have lived most of my life in England. We were brothers, all right. Living very different lives. But very close. No death have I ever dreaded more than this one.

He had little interest in politics; even less in sport. His passion was the bagpipes. He joined the army largely so he could be in one of the guards' bands – he hoped to spend more time piping than soldiering. He was serving in Northern Ireland, however, when his comrades and superiors started to notice that he was behaving strangely.

The next thing we knew, he was in a now-defunct military psychiatric hospital in Netley, Hampshire. When we got the call, I travelled down with my dad. Donald was on his own in a room, bewildered and scared, and had been drawing all sorts of weird things on the walls. Insofar as he spoke, he talked absolute nonsense. My dad and I just stood there, shocked to the core. Those eyes were not the eyes we knew.

It was a tough place. That is no criticism of the doctors and nurses. They were operating at a time when servicemen and women who wanted to leave early had to buy their way out, and so, among the really serious cases evident to all, the medics were on the lookout for people feigning mental illness so as to be discharged.

It was also a time when electric shock therapy was a favoured form of psychiatric treatment, and Donald had his fair share of that. My dad was a self-employed vet and had to get back to

"after", yes, I mean immediately after, but also one week after, a month, a year, five years after and last month. He really didn't like people who said bad things about his family. And he loved saying the same things again and again! He had a book full of mantras.

Donald was very clever but not very well educated (the reverse of a lot of people I know). I have no idea when his mind started to go wrong, but I do know that of all of us he was the one who found schoolwork hardest. I've often wondered, too, whether those times when he just couldn't seem to get himself out of bed, which my parents saw as a sign of teenage rebellion, were the first indications of an illness about which we knew absolutely nothing when that call from the military came, a call after which, our mother said many times, her life was never the same again.

He had many doctors, nurses and psychiatrists, and to the end he received fantastic NHS care in several parts of the country and various moments of crisis. One of them once said to me: "Donald is my greatest success story. Keeps his job. Owns his own flat. Drives himself. Stays active. Has a passion for his music. Has more friends than any of us. Has a positive attitude almost all the time."

That last bit was certainly true. I wrote a book about my depression and called it *The Happy Depressive*. If we had ever made the film about Donald, we were going to call it *The Happy Schizophrenic*.

"It is what it is, Ali. I got given a bit of a crap deal, but you've got to make the best of it. Know what I mean?" It helped that, unlike me, he did do God, and his faith was certainly a comfort.

He loved people and he loved life. If there were an extended family vote – I have about 60 cousins – to elect its most popular member, he would have walked it. He worked almost all his life. He didn't like hospital for all the obvious reasons but also because he didn't like to be a burden on the NHS, which he felt had already given him more than most.

He adored his nieces and nephews and was obsessed with the idea that he should have something to leave them, even though several of them already earn more than he ever did. He was always a giver.

The piping was a gift from our father, who taught us when we were very young and growing up in Yorkshire.

Indeed, if ever I do *Desert Island Discs*, the first song will be *Donald Campbell* by Donald Campbell, a tune written in honour of my dad and played by my brother on one of the CDs he recorded for the university.

For Donald Jr, piping became a lifedefining passion. He competed at a high level. The judges were aware he could sometimes be 'out of form up top', as once when my sons, Rory and Calum, and I went to see him in a piobaireachd competition – top-rank stuff. Donald's mind was wandering, and the judges smiled as he stopped prematurely, said, 'Bugger it – I was away with the fairies there', saluted and left the stage.

But he was competing, composing, recording and teaching almost to the end. And though in recent days in hospital he became unusually violent, he could be calmed a little when my sister Liz, the last person to visit him before his respiratory collapse, played to him his piping CDs and he played along with his fingers on the bedside rail.

He lost his mind from time to time. Now, all too young, he has lost his life. But right until the end of it, he never lost the music in his soul. And though the Donald who died was the sick Donald, the workings of his mind divorced from people and events around him – which is what schizophrenia is, not the 'split personality' cliché that compounds the stigma – in there somewhere was the real Donald.

The real Donald leaves behind so much grief precisely because he inspired so much love, and gave so much love to so many – not least his little brother.

Alastair Campbell



Donald was serving in Northern Ireland when his behaviour became strange and he was moved to a military psychiatric hospital.



Donald Campbell was three years older than his brother Alastair.

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work. I was in my late teens, on a long college holiday and decided I wanted to stay down there. I didn't have a driving licence at the time but went north to collect Donald's car; I spent my days in the hospital with him and my nights either finding someone to put me up or sleeping in the car.

Donald reciprocated after my own – 'not as psychotic as mine, Ali' – breakdown in the 1980s. We went on a road trip, visiting friends and relatives around Britain. He was great company: a strong glue in our close and extended family, and a very loving and supportive brother.

## Councillor's shock at lack of discussion over island air service

'ASTONISHING and abysmal.' Those were the words of a Western Isles councillor on hearing the news that Barra and Vatersay were to be 'left out' of an island air service consultation, writes *Ellie Forbes*.

Donnie Steele, councillor for Barra and South Uist, Vatersay and Eriskay, told *The Oban Times* of his shock at the decision to 'completely ignore the communities of Barra and Vatersay' in the public consultations.

Consultation events on inter island air services were held in the Western Isles last night, with another tonight (August 18).

Mr Steele said: 'There is a huge disconnect between Stornoway and the outlying communities. There is only one return flight a day for three days a week, and it's affecting the communities.'

'There has been no explanation of why the people of Barra have been completely neglected.'

'The further south you go from the Stornoway/Broadbay area the worse it [air services] gets. The decision to cut the number of flights from Stornoway to Benbecula was bad, but the decision to scrap all flights from Barra to Benbecula was scandalous.'

'Humza Yousaf the minister for transport and the islands will be contacted about this latest fiasco.'

A Comhairle, Western Isles, spokesman, said: 'It was agreed by the comhairle that consultation and engagement as part of the review would include public meetings in Stornoway and Benbecula, seeking feedback on current and potential future service delivery issues.'

'As part of this process, the external consultants were also asked to engage and consult with all elected members and the Association of Uist Community Councils, Northbay Community Council and Castlebay and Vatersay Community Council.'

'In addition, the comhairle continues to look at further ways, in collaboration with other key stakeholders, including Logainn, to enhancing connectivity between Barra and Glasgow consistent with the views and preferences previously expressed by the community in Barra.'

Ahead of the meetings, Councillor John Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's chairman of transportation and infrastructure said: 'For those of us living in island communities we all have experience, either directly or indirectly, of our air services and the impact they have. I warmly welcome these consultation events and would encourage the public to take this opportunity to make their voices heard as part of this work.'



Ruby Clark won best in show for her bird box, left, and above, All the prize-winners with their trophies.

# Caol's gardeners put on 'bloomin' marvellous show

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DESPITE the recent wet weather, there was a fair turnout at the Caol Gardening Show on Saturday (August 13).

The success was testament to the hard work by organisers Lynne Hunter and Martyn Calam, who announced this would be their last show.

This was the 15th year that the pair have organised the event, taking over when the Caol Horticultural Society could no longer do it. They announced this would be their last year of organising the event and that they were 'taking a back seat' and looking for 'fresher blood to keep the show going'.

This year's event saw exhibits

across a range of category, from flowers and vegetables, to handicrafts and baking. There were also several classes for children of all ages to enter into.

Lynne Hunter, one of the organisers of the show, said: 'It's been an interesting show. There's been some surprises and some not-surprises. There's been some new faces and some not so new.'

Eddie Hunter, who was back in the area for the weekend, was asked to present the trophies and medals. Fay Houghton had a very successful day. She won the Alistair MacMillan Shield for most points in the vegetable sections; the gardening trophy for best flower in show (her Gladiolus) and the CSS Trophy for most points in the show.

Ms Houghton said: 'I'm surprised we've got anything at all because the weather has been so bad. I'm delighted though, the standard is so high.'

Ruby Clark was a joint winner of the Fred White Trophy for most points in the children's class, along with Ryan Rowsell. She also won the McLavish's Kitchens Crystal Bowl for best exhibit in show for her bird box.

Vic MacPherson won The Cabin in Garden Centre Crystal Bowl for most points in classes 4-16 (flowers excluding roses, dahlias, fuscias and pot plants). He also took home the William Brown Shield for the best leek exhibit, the Caol Community Council trophy for best vegetable and The Caol Gardening Show Trophy for most points in the flower and vegetable sections.

Logan Spence won the Ben Nevis Distillery Quaich for the giant vegetable section and the Mrs Cochrane Memorial Cup for best rose. He was also the joint winner of the Margaret Cameron Memorial Salver for the most points in the fuchsia section along with Lorna Ungood-Thomas.

Mrs Ungood-Thomas also won the Gardening Salver for most points in the plant pot section and The George Watt Cup for the best plant pot exhibit. Amanda Spence won the Highland Council Trophy for best exhibit in the arts and crafts section.

She was the joint winner of the Gardening Shield for most points in the produce, preserves and baking section (excluding cloutie dumpling) along with Gayle Rand, who also won the Ella

Laing Cup for the best exhibit in that section and The Caol Community Council Trophy for best in baking.

Mary Anderson won the Neil Drummond Trophy for best cloutie dumpling. Mo Mason won both the Café Chardon Crystal Vase for the most points in the floral art section and the Provident Personal Credit Cup for the best exhibit in that section.

Little Learners Nursery won the Lochy Salver for the school with most points. Thanks were given to Charlie Milne who travels from Oban each year to help judge the entries, Carron MacKinnon for running the raffle, and of course Lynne Hunter and Martyn Calam for organising the show.

Owner of SuperJam, Mr Doherty started his business at the age of 14 after being taught how to make jam in his grandmother's kitchen in Scotland. At 16, he presented his brand to Waitrose and went on to become the youngest supplier to a major supermarket. Fraser was recently awarded a MBE 'for services to business' by Her Majesty The Queen. Ideas week starts November 14.

## Hearing scheduled

THE next hearing regarding a judge from Fort William charged with drink driving and possession of a knife will take place next month.

The case against Richard Twining Sidgwick, 71, from Mileston Hill House was presented in his absence in Fort William sheriff court on Monday (August 14) at a notional trial. The court also heard that Sidgwick has recently been hospitalised.

The former QC previously appeared on May 12 after registering 110 milligrams of alcohol in a 100mg breath sample at his home the previous evening.

The legal limit in Scotland is 22.

Sidgwick was also charged with failing to identify the driver of the vehicle when requested to do so at 8.30pm at his house on May 11, and being in possession of the knife at Fort William Police Office on the same day.

A notional trial has been scheduled for September 14 and bail has been continued.

## Ideas week

LOCHABER Chamber of Commerce has announced Fraser Doherty as the after dinner speaker for Ideas Week 2016.

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# Business goes extra mile to kit kids out for school

CHILDREN across Lochaber returned to school this week and local organisations have been trying to reduce the stress and expense a new term can bring, writes *Monica Gibson*.

Lochaber School Bank (LSB) was set up to help families who are struggling to kit their kids out for school.

The bank, at Loco Motif Bodyart tattoo parlour in Caol, relies heavily on donations and receives new and nearly new clothes and accessories which it passes on to those in need.

Donna Darbrough, who helps run the bank with friend Carol Anne Campbell, explained: 'We noticed on Facebook last year that there are a lot of people struggling with the cost of getting the kids ready to go



Carol Anne Campbell of Lochaber School Bank sorts through the boxes of clothing donated by LEAP.

back to school. We had a stall in the town centre last year and then people started making donations.

'People have been so kind with their donations and luckily Carol Anne had some space in

her tattoo parlour to store the clothes and our shelves are quite full.'

The mum of three added: 'We are open throughout the year and have helped 18 children from referrals which we mainly

get from Women's Aid. We have also got in touch with the schools now asking for referrals and we are in the process of seeing if we can get charitable status so we can buy new items as well as second hand things.'

Via its page on social media, the bank also lets followers know of great deals and promotions which might help save pennies.

Last Thursday (August 11) they took to Facebook to thank a local embroidery business for their particular donation.

In a post they wrote: 'Wow, what can I say? Popped over to LEAP as Helen said she had some stuff for us but didn't expect this. Two big boxes of school jumpers, t-shirts, socks and a load of school bags, and

loads of boxes of shoes! So amazing, thank you both so much.'

Davie Duncan, who runs Lochaber Embroidery and Printing (LEAP) with partner Helen said: 'We just like to pay it forward. At the end of the day it's nice to be nice.'

He added: 'We gave polo shirts in the colours of most of the schools around here, hoodies and sweatshirts, socks pants. Just the kind of things that sometimes people need and can't get for whatever reason.'

'Even for people with jobs the cost of uniforms and all that goes with it quickly adds up.'

Mr Duncan is a commercial diver by profession. The couple started up LEAP two years

ago when their circumstances changed after noticing an open in the market.

Mr Duncan said: 'With the way the oil industry is at the minute I found myself out of work. Helen is a retired police constable, she had to retire through ill health but she had enjoyed doing the embroidery before just as a hobby.'

'We decided 'let's invest' and there's not really a similar business in the area so we thought if we could work to sort out the local schools, clubs and uniforms then that would keep us going.'

'We're not exactly making a big profit but we're providing a service - it's a community thing really.'

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## Viewpoint

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Road safety is an issue that is on most people's minds, particularly at this time of year when the volume of traffic on our roads doubles if not triples due to the amount of holidaymakers visiting Argyll and the islands for the day or for longer.

For our towns, villages and businesses that depend so much on holidaymakers to earn a living it is great news, but the extra traffic has its downfall.

Police have just launched a road safety campaign three weeks earlier than the rest of the country after new figures showed an increase in the number of people killed

or seriously injured on Argyll and Bute's roads. Those figures only back up what many of us already know.

The A83, A82, A85 and the A816 will be among roads patrolled by safety group partners including Police Scotland over a four-week local rural roads safety initiative.

While the campaign is good, there is a responsibility on us to drive safely and respect other road users.

It can be frustrating travelling behind caravans and so-called Sunday drivers, but no-one's life is worth cutting five minutes off your journey.



## Days gone by – Woolworths staff dance, Oban, 1979

This week's flashback photo was submitted by Mary Tindall of Oban and features staff from the former Woolworths store in Oban at their staff dance in 1979. Back row: Marjorie MacKinney; Denis Heggarty and Mary Currie. Middle: Derick Munro; Heather ?; Shirley Glass; Sandra Brown, kneeling; Mary Tindall; Doreen Birse and Willie Power. Front: Hugh MacNeil, unknown; Lorna Munro; Joan ?; Eileen Welsh; Christine MacMillan; Karen Morrison; Pauline Welsh and Alan Munro. Digital versions of flashback photos for *The Oban Times* can be sent to editor@obantimes.co.uk or prints sent to The Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Anyone who wishes a print returned should include a stamped-addressed envelope.

### Glasgow Letter

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### World Championship success

MORE than 35,000 people attended the World Pipe Band Championships last Saturday on Glasgow Green – including more than 230 pipe bands and around 8,000 pipers and drummers.

Winners in the Grade One competition were Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band from Northern Ireland who were named World Pipe Band Champions for 2016. Inveraray and District finished second and St Laurence O'Toole from the Republic of Ireland were third.

I'm sure many readers of the Glasgow Letter will be delighted to hear of the success of the Glasgow Skye Association Pipe Band who came fifth overall in the Grade Two competition – which was won by Johnstone Pipe Band – and whose drummers were named Grade 2 drumming Champion of Champions.

Fifteen nations were represented at 'The Worlds', including bands from Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, England, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Switzerland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Belgium, the Netherlands and, of course, Scotland.

There were moments over the weekend when it must have felt as if all 35,000 revellers were congregated inside the Park Bar, which is extremely busy for 'The Worlds' every year.

Lomond and Clyde Pipe Band, who came third in Grade Two and who are sponsored by the pub, staged a full day of piping in the bar on the Sunday.

I dare say there were a few sore heads on the Monday. I was away from Glasgow all weekend and I think I have missed out big style.

### Musicians help Rona celebrate 80th birthday in style

RONA LIGHTFOOT celebrated her 80th birthday in style with a sold-out ceilidh at The National Piping Centre last Friday night entitled Rona Lightfoot's 80th Birthday Bash.

The line-up for the ceilidh contained some of the world's finest pipers, musicians and Gaelic singers including Kathleen MacInnes, Julie Fowles, Sineag MacIntyre, Mairi MacInnes and, of course, Rona herself.



A cracking birthday cake to go with a great celebration of Rona Lightfoot's 80th.

The Glasgow Uist and Barra Association took to social media to thank Piping Live and the staff at The National Piping Centre, as well as Rona MacDonald, for their effort in putting on the event.

Looking at the photographs on Facebook, it is clear everyone enjoyed themselves and that there was a brilliant atmosphere.

As Sineag MacIntyre, who sings with the Urban Teuchters, wrote on Facebook, it was particularly amazing for a west coast ceilidh in Glasgow that it only ran over time by an hour and a half! I'm sure those who attended the evening could have kept the party going long into the night.

A similar evening with a slightly different cast of musicians will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral in Inverness on September 2 as part of the Blas festival. If the Queen can have two birthday celebrations each year, then why not Rona Lightfoot? She is Gaelic royalty after all!

### Pub scene

**Islay Inn:** Friday August 19: Twist of Fate. Saturday August 20: Gunna Sound. Wednesday August 24: Quiz Night. **Park Bar:** Friday August 19: Scott Harvey. Saturday August 20: Iain Angus MacLeod. Sunday August 21: Martainn Skene.

### SNH not behind plan to re-introduce lynx

Sir, I would like to correct some inaccuracies in the letter to the editor from Iain Thornber in your August 4 edition.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is not behind any proposal to reintroduce lynx, although if a proposal was submitted to us we, as the licensing authority, would have to consider the application.

Lynx is a large cat by European standards and eats deer and may take smaller livestock such as sheep. But there are no records of wild lynx attacking people in Europe, although the authorities in Devon were understandably keen to ensure the safe return of a captive zoo animal.

We, together with a consortium of agricultural, conservation and land management interests, have drawn up a code of practice for reintroductions that covers anything from plants to large mammals.

This code is unique in European terms and ensures actions in Scotland are very carefully considered where there may be any form of harm. The code is available online. If Mr Thornber would like to look at it, he will see that we and our partners actively promote consultation with local people, among many other safeguards.

**Andrew Bachell, Director of Policy and Advice, Scottish Natural Heritage.**

### Named person scheme ruled unlawful

Sir, It is now official: the draconian 'named person scheme' drawn up by the menacing and undiscerning Scottish Government is completely unlawful.

The recent, and unanimous, ruling of five judges in the Supreme Court, against this silly and contemptuous piece of legislation, is nothing less than a victory for common sense. While most ordinary people across Scotland already knew this proposed law was wrong, we now all formally know it is wrong, wrong, wrong.

And just in case the Scottish ministers at Holyrood, who devised this 'big brother' spying scheme, are still asleep

let them now hear what the Supreme Court judges are loudly telling them: it is 'wake up and dump your ridiculous proposals'.

In other words, the whole plan has either to be ditched forever or completely overhauled – and no wonder.

In reaching their decision the panel of five Supreme Court judges claimed Scotland has been saved from a totalitarian curse.

Their words make for deeply disturbing reading, when they said: 'The first thing that a totalitarian regime tries to do is to get at the children, to distance them from the subversive, varied influences of their families, and indoctrinate them in their rulers' view of the world.'

These words are not only numbing and shocking, they are also downright scary. The judges wisely, and rightly, added: 'Within limits, families must be left to bring up their children in their own way.'

How thankful we ought to be that the SNP-led Scottish Parliament are not allowed to appoint a 'named person' to monitor each and every child in Scotland.

One really wonders what sinister and secret agenda our socialist, out-of-touch-with-the-people, Government in Edinburgh had up their sleeve with this grotesque Marxist policy. What we do know about their so-called 'named person scheme' is that it is sinful and intrinsically wicked. Shame on them for imagining it up in the first place.

What a miserable indictment on them also for thinking that Scotland's parents are just not 'good enough' at raising their own children. It is these very politicians who are not 'good enough' for Holyrood and who need beside them – more than anyone else – some professional 'named guardian' to help them properly and sensibly run Scotland.

**Donald J Morrison, Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.**

### Call to help children suffering from cancer

Sir, This September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and we are asking your readers to take on the £170 challenge to make a real difference to the lives of children with cancer.

### Social media

A NUMBER of stories in last week's Oban Times caught readers attention with them taking to Facebook to make their voices heard.

Conel pensioner Ann Colhart's distress after a planning mistake led to a house being built too close to her property prompted **Jack Low to write:** 'anywhere else in Britain the builder would have been made to pull it down', while Margaret Menassa said: 'If she was at fault it would be pulled down at her expense so why is it different here?'

The ongoing saga of the rig grounded off the Isle of Lewis had **Bill Gray commenting:** 'Why did this rig need to have 70,000 gallons of diesel on board

anyway as it was being towed - who authorised this hazard?'

**Donald Morris said:** 'At least we have billions spent on Trident which is useless. Better together?'

And following the fears raised over Eader Glinn, north Argyll's only authority-led nursing and care home, being 'on a list' for 'discussions' in regard to its future a number of readers got in touch.

**Ann-Marie Sinclair said:** This is a fantastic home, amazing staff and care providers'

**Christine Macdonald said:** 'You have got to be joking!!! Such a happy place!! What next?'

### Beachd Ailein

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CHAN e càil ùr a th' ann dha seirbheisean poblach a bhith a' seachnadh àrachas ach a-mhàin na dh'fheumas a bhith aca gus còraichean a' mhòr-shluagh a dhion.

Tha cuimhne agam sin ionnsachadh is mi air obair-samhradh cuide ri Roinn Àiteachais an Rìghaltais a' tomhas raointean choire air bhunntata ma choinneamh thagraidhean airson uireasbhaidhean fàs sil.

Chaidh innse dhomh nan stadadh poileas mi le car 'an department' gum faodainn innse dhaibh nach robh àrachas àbhaisteach air a' chàr, leis gur ann leis an Rìghaltas a bha e. Bhon uairsin tha mi air còmhraidh caochladh uairean ri luchd-gnothaich a th' air innse dhomh gun robh iad air sgar a cheannach àrachas ioma-chuimseach air lethid làraidhean mòra oir gun robh e na bu shaoire dhaibh inneal a chall, agus tè ùr a cheannach, gach bliadhna neo dhà seach làn-àrachas a phàigheadh orra gach bliadhna.

Cha robh iad ach a' ceannach àrachas a bheireadh dhaibh dìon nam buaileadh iad cuideigin eile. Tha fhios againn uile gum bheil àrachas daor

a cheannach co-dhiù 's ann air tagh neo carbad neo rud eile, agus ged a tha sinn ga phàigheadh, tha sinn an dòchas nach bi feum againn air tagradh a chur thuige. 'S e saorsainn inninne a th' ann agus dìon air rudan a tha luachmhor agus deatamach dhuinn. Bhiodh e nàdarra gun suilicheamaid an aon seòrsa feallsanachd a bhith aig an Rìghaltas a thaobh tearainteachd sgìrean a tha e fhèin a' comharrachadh mar làraich shònraichte a thaobh maise agus nàdar, gun iomradh air beòshlàint an t-sluaigh a tha a' còmhnaidh anns na sgìrean sin.

Ach chan ann mar sin a tha a thaobh nam bàtaichean-slaodaidh a chaidh an stèidheachadh mu thuath, a' leantainn air molaidhean an rannsachaidh air long-bhriseadh an t-soithich Braer ann an Sealtainn ann an 1993. Ghàrraich an tubaist sin cladaichean nan eileanan sin fad bhliadhnaichean le còrr air ochdad mìle tunna ola. Thuir an Morair Donaldson gum bu chòir na molaidhean a chur an gnìomh gun bhacadh air sgàth cosgais, agus chaidh dà bhàta an stèidheachadh air ceann a tuath Alba is a dhà aig ceann a deas

£170 is the grant children and young people's cancer charity CLIC Sargent gives to families when a child is diagnosed with cancer.

As well as the often devastating emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis, the resulting financial impact can be huge – costs go up and income often goes down. Our £170 grants provide help to cope with immediate costs – such as petrol, household bills and parking – to stop cancer costs spiralling.

In 2015/16 CLIC Sargent was able to provide £1.1 million in grants. With your help we can continue providing this practical support to ease the financial burden of childhood cancer.

There are lots of ways you can take on the £170 challenge. Maybe you could harness the Power of Cake and hold a baking competition or cake and coffee morning? Why not keep it simple with a collection or dress-down day at work or school? Or you could make a bold move and take part in our Big Buzz event by shaving or cutting your hair.

We'd love to see as many people as possible taking on the £170 challenge in September. To find out more about fundraising for children with cancer, contact peter.logie@clicsargent.org.uk or ring 01463 713080.

Look out also for iconic buildings lit up in gold on September 1 as well to raise awareness of childhood cancer during September.

To find out more about CLIC Sargent visit www.clicsargent.org.uk

**Peter Logie, CLIC Sargent, Area Fundraising Manager, North of Scotland.**

### Rain is not a pain to Oban cinema

Sir, I want to thank all the people who have visited Oban Phoenix Cinema in the last few weeks.

While everyone else is complaining about the rain, we at the cinema are delighted because it is helping our community-owned venture to thrive.

So enjoy the wee bit of sunshine while it lasts – it is a thank you from the all the 'stars' in heaven for the support people have given the cinema.

**Louise Glen-Lee  
Convener  
Oban Phoenix Board of Trustees.**

On a more positive note, Scottish Slate Islands Heritage Trust's recent celebrations to honour local benefactor Isobelle Smith encouraged many to write.

**Agustí Cruz said:** 'The museum was one of the jewels of our holiday stay in Seil.'

**Penny Cole told us:** 'It's such a great museum – really interesting and you can ask for extra info from the knowledgeable volunteers who run it.'

**While Clare Rice said:** 'Fabulous small museum! Looked after with enthusiasm and love – and it shows! We really enjoyed our visit (thanks to Jim!).'

Ailean Caimbeul

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## Oban-based scientists assist crisis response

CONFIRMATION that diesel has begun leaking from the stranded Transocean Winner platform, which ran aground on the Isle of Lewis last Monday, has sparked concern over the likely destination and environmental impact of the oil spill, writes Dr Keri Wallace, of the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

Scientists from SAMS are providing ongoing expert input into the response process for the crisis.

At the time of writing, the exact quantity of diesel oil leaked off Lewis was still unknown but the make-up of the substance being released, already tells us quite a lot.

Marine diesel is usually broken up into tiny droplets by wind and wave action, and moved away from the spill-site by ocean currents within a day or less. For this reason there is seldom any oil to physically recover from the water's surface. The tiny oil droplets dispersed throughout the body of water don't just disappear. They tend to stick to small particles floating in the seawater, before eventually sinking and settling-out on the seabed.

Images of thick black oil slicks are not usually associated with spills of marine diesel such as this. Instead diesel oil is not sticky or viscous, and at the coast is washed off the shore-

line quickly by waves and tidal currents. Where the fuel does penetrate into coastal soils or sands it is naturally degraded by microbes in one to two months.

Diesel is commonly regarded as one of the most toxic types of fuel oil, capable of killing most marine life that comes into direct contact with it. In open water however, diesel spills are usually dispersed so quickly that few fish and birds are affected. This is particularly the case in exposed coastal locations such as those found around the Western Isles.

It is the location and unique circumstances of each diesel leak that determine which specific environmental impacts are most likely. For example, consequences can be serious where diesel is trapped and concentrated in coastal areas or where prevailing conditions transport the fuel into nesting bird colonies, fish farms or areas of conservation importance. For this reason it is important for emergency oil spill responders to understand exactly how dispersed diesel spills will be moved by currents and tidal flows around the site.

Oceanographers at SAMS have expertise in oil spill trajectory modelling and are currently providing ocean forecasts to Marine Scotland Science, the central co-ordinators of the crisis response.

# Salvage team on board rig to assess recovery options

A SALVAGE team have begun a full assessment of an oil rig grounded on the Isle of Lewis, writes *Ellie Forbes*.

The Transocean Winner rig was carrying 280 metric tonnes of diesel when it ran aground at Dalmore last Monday (August 8).

Eight experts managed to board the rig on Sunday after bad weather stopped the planned operation on Friday August 12. An additional six people joined the team on Monday and that number looked to increase to 15.

Smit Salvage confirmed that the two diesel oil tanks are intact and plans are now in place to transfer the fuel, a total of 137 metric tonnes, via pumping systems to other tanks above the water.

The Maritime and Coast-guard Agency (MCA) said: 'We understand that a maximum of 53 metric tonnes has leaked. This has dispersed and there is no evidence of pollution based on the current reports that we have.'

An underwater survey is being carried out to identify the safest way to refloat the rig.

MCA said: 'An AugustaWestland AW139 helicopter is now based in Stornoway to support the operation.

'A zone of 300 metres remains



The team aboard the stranded rig will now make a full assessment so a more detailed salvage plan can be put in place.

in place around the rig covering the sea and air, which means no drones will be permitted in the area, providing a safe working area for the salvage team to work in.

The Western Isles Emergency Planning Co-ordinating group met on Monday to discuss the ongoing issue.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'As previously indicated, the Transocean Winner oil rig is expected to be at Dalmore for some time.'

'The SOSREP and Transocean are now inviting the local community to a special public information meeting to be held tonight (August 18) at 8pm in Carloway Community Centre.'

Calls for a second emergency towing vehicle to be reinstated are growing following an inaugural meeting of MPs and MSPs across the region on Monday (August 15).

MSP Kate Forbes, MPs Drew Hendry and Angus MacNeil, joined others in writing to MP Chris Grayling. The letter read: 'The recent incident involving the Transocean Winner oil rig clearly demonstrates how utterly inadequate and unacceptable the current emergency provision north of the Border is.'

Hugh Shaw, the secretary of state's representative for maritime salvage and intervention, said: 'Once the assessment is under way, we'll have a much better idea of what we are dealing with, so a more detailed salvage plan can be put into place.'

## Transport forum to meet MSPs

LOCHABER transport forum is planning to meet with MSPs.

The forum will get together with SNP MSP, for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, Kate Forbes on tomorrow (August 19) and Conservative MSP for the Highland and Island Donald Cameron on Monday August 22.

Forum member, Benny MacDonald said: 'The meetings are a chance to bring the MSPs up to date with issues which have been lingering for a long time, coupled with new rail issues since the ScotRail contracts started April 15. We hope the MSP's can support us and push for the improvements we're looking for.'

## Duo are 'winging it' to Skye

A GUITAR duo hoping to 'capture the imagination' will be performing across Skye next month.

Formerly known as 'winging it', Adam Bulley and Chas MacKenzie will be showcasing their new album on Friday September 9 at the Red Roof Gallery, at The Old Inn, Carboist on the 10 at the Elgol Village Hall on the 11.

## Autism Group raise £807 towards activities Group's cafe fundraiser is a piece of cake



Members of the Lochaber Autism Support Group took over the café at Fort William railway station on Sunday to fundraise.

THE LOCHABER Autism Support Group (LASG) raised £807.78 by holding a coffee morning in the café in Fort William Railway Station on Sunday (Aug 14).

This is the third annual coffee morning the group has held to raise funds for trips and treats for the children.

The group is made up of parents of autistic children. There are currently 17 children in the group, nine of whom are on the autistic spectrum. The other children are their siblings.

The group meets on the morning of the first Saturday of every month in the Salvation Hall for the children to play and learn new social skills while the parents can have a cup of tea and chat with others parents

in a similar situation. Amie Wallace, chairperson of the support group said: 'We have a coffee morning once a year. The café doesn't open on a Sunday so we get to use it. Dave and Brian who run it are very good to let us take over.'

'The money raised goes towards buying stuff for the children or to take them on trips that they wouldn't normally get to do as it can be quite difficult.'

'We also have sensory equipment for them. 'We all run the support group together, there's no input from professionals, we do it all ourselves.'

Father Donald MacKinnon of St Mary's church encouraged his parishioners to donate the price of a cup of coffee if they were unable to attend

on the day. The church raised £124.52 towards the total which the group are very grateful for.

Every year the local branch of McDonalds chooses a local charity to support, and in the last year they chose to help the Autism Support Group.

Mrs Wallace said: 'We were very lucky to have McDonald's support; they ran a raffle for us.'

The group are looking to taking the children on a trip on the steam train and also trying to get instruments for music therapy.

They are always on the lookout for new members and for activities to help the children and for them to enjoy.

For further information visit the LASG Facebook page.

## Talent sought for open mic session

LOCAL talent is sought for an open music sessions in Glencoe.

The music evening will take place in Boots Bar at the Clachaig Inn on Sunday (August 21) from 9pm and all musicians, from twangers, strummers, and part-time whistlers are welcome to play along.

## Consistent exam results praised

ANOTHER year of consistent exam results in the Western Isles has been welcomed by the local authority.

2016 results show 963 candidates sat exams at Higher level and an increase in the percentage of A-C passes to 81.2 per cent.

Across the authority, there was a 86.94 per cent pass rate for 3,216 exam papers entered.

A spokesman for the committee said: 'The authority appreciates the hard work of teaching staff and pupils and would also like to thank the administrative staff in schools for their diligence in the processing of SQA data.'

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## Success for Lomond School pupils

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A number of Lomond School pupils – along with parents and staff – attended the Palace of Holyroodhouse on July 7 to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards.

The prestigious awards are presented to young people who complete all sections of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme, which includes an expedition and five-day residential trip. The award is recognised and highly regarded by universities and employers.



Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, presents the award to the school's principal, Johanna Urquhart, centre, with teacher Mrs Nicola Harwood.



The school was also recognised for its participation in the awards over the years.

Johanna Urquhart, principal, said: 'Lomond School's location means that there is a particular emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is, without doubt, a significant feature and we have enjoyed great success carrying out expeditions both locally and abroad.'



# Arena

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## Salen's spirit is key to success

THE ISLE of Mull's annual agricultural show has been described as one of the highlights of the farming calendar, and this year was no different, writes David McPhee.

Waterproofs and umbrellas may have been needed, but it didn't stop locals and visitors alike making their way to Salen Show last Thursday.

As always there was something for everyone, whether

a climbing frame for the children, a burger and a beer for the adults or a series of competitions for the farmers to showcase their animals.

Iain MacKay's highland heifer was crowned the overall cattle champion after winning its three-year-old class and taking the highland championship.

Mr MacKay of Torloisk Farm said: "The class was very strong and I am very pleased to have

won in a very strong show of cattle like that."

Even the rain couldn't dampen his spirits. He added: "It's been a very good day despite the weather. It can rain all it likes now."

The Bartlett family also tasted some success on the day, albeit surprisingly. They were visiting

the island on holiday and decided to enter their five-months-old whippet in to some competitions. In her

first show, Willow was crowned the best puppy and received a second for best small dog.



Jamie McLean of Knoch Farm holds his prize sheep, which was crowned the black face champion.

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Jeff from Mull just after his sheep was crowned the tup champion.

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Lily Howell, from Mull, with her prize-winning pet. Cait, 4, won the non-working Collie competition.

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The Mull and Iona Pipe Band entertain the soaked crowd. 17\_t34SalenShow09.



Umbrellas and waterproofs were needed for this year's show. 17\_t34SalenShow10.

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Two young boys prepare to crash into one another.

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Paddy the porpoise being held by Jenny Hampson, left, and Zoë Stevenson of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust. 17\_t34SalenShow04.



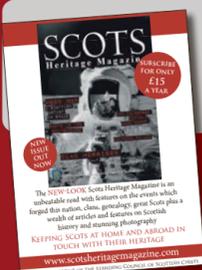
Volunteers, including Morvern the clown, who were raising money for Mull Musical Minds.

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Meet 13-year-old Cuillin, who came third in the spaniel class. 17\_t34SalenShow02.

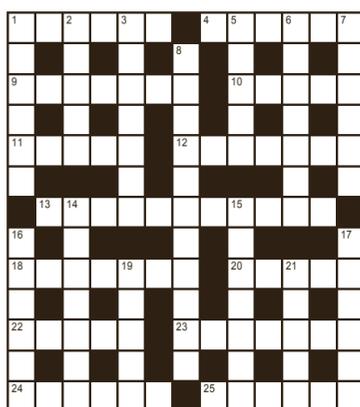
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The first leg of the USS Enterprise's five year mission takes them into uncharted territory. There the Enterprise is nearly destroyed and strands Kirk and his crew on a remote planet with no means of communication. Kirk must then work with the elements to reunite his crew and get back to Earth.

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## Paying tribute to departed friends

The premature passing of friends, family and those close to us is a difficult but sadly common aspect of life and touches all of us at some stage.

In recent weeks singer Maggie MacDonald and Piper Donald Campbell passed away and two years ago last week, Oban's star Highland Dancer Eilidh MacInnes died aged just 44. Many wonderful tributes and obituaries have been written about all of them, but the following are just three anecdotes that are part of the richness of memory and show the calibre of their respective characters. It was a great privilege to have known them and all have left us before their time. The accompanying song lyrics are on a similar theme.

### Maggie MacDonald 17/11/52 – 26/07/16

After last year's Three Music Festival I was dropping friends down at the ferry. Nick and Jane Ferguson while fit, are no spring chickens and they had a fair amount of baggage, so I was keen to find someone I knew with a vehicle going aboard that would take their bags – and perhaps themselves. I spotted Maggie and her husband John "Hearach" in a large camper van and I remember thinking at the time how absolutely perfect a match for both the practicalities and personalities. Nick was then the chairman of Sky UK Ltd and he and his wife are full of fun, interest, intellect and good humour – just like John and Maggie. Introducing two sets of friends in an unplanned situation like this is highly enjoyable when you know that they will instantly click. They did, and as I walked away I could hear the conversation and hilarity beginning! A few days later Nick emailed to say what an amazing couple John and Maggie were. And he was right.



### Donald Campbell 03/05/54 – 09/08/16

In 1997 I had an entry audition for the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and as part of this I had to play a set of tunes on the bagpipes. I had not been piping long and was inexperienced with the set-up and tuning of the bagpipe. Accordingly, the night before the big day, my best friend Edward Campbell took me to see his cousin Donald in Glasgow to help prepare both myself and the pipes. When I struck up the pipes, Donald with great style gave a long sentence of unprintable expletives to describe the sound. After trying various remedies, he decided that my reed and chanter were not good enough to use the next day. Only pipers will understand the magnitude of generosity shown next. Donald took the chanter and reed out of his own pipes and then spent the evening matching them with my drones. The sound of the pipes and my playing was infinitely improved and the following day I passed the audition – thank you Donald. Turn to page 8 for tribute.



### Eilidh MacInnes 18/05/70 – 09/08/14

Since we opened the Skipinnish Ceilidh House in Oban, Eilidh had danced with us and provided dancers from The Eilidh MacInnes School of Dance. She was always totally professional, totally organised and always performed beautifully. She was absolutely passionate about dancing and this clearly passed on to her pupils who always reflected her example in performance and professionalism. At the end of July 2014 Eilidh phoned me to check future dates and to give details of who would be performing right up until the end of the season. This was unusually far in advance even for Eilidh but all she said was she might not be contactable sometimes. Less than a fortnight later she had passed away. It is a mark of the commitment to her pupils and her profession and of her conscientiousness as a person that even in the circumstances, she made sure that everything was in place for her work to carry on beyond her own lifetime.

## Before My Time

I must be gone and sail away and pass like morning mist  
A fond farewell beneath the grey this is my parting kiss  
I have no wish to lay the blame – the world has fickle ways.  
The time it never stays the same, I'm thankful for our days.

Chorus

You'll maybe just remember as the days of Autumn come  
When the High tides of September reflect the evening sun  
And the weeping of the Ocean, resounding from the bay  
Carries waves of past emotion from before I was away

Life and love it doesn't last and travel through we go  
Parts of us become the past, the rivers always flow;  
The landscape where we live and die, forever will endure.  
We are but strangers passing by. Shadows on the moor

I'm ready for the unknown way, whatever may prevail  
My mark is made, I've had my stay, my ship can lift the sail  
My being will forever yearn to wait a longer while  
But I'll be waving from the stern, and leaving with a smile

A sea to cross, a thousand miles, a realm I do not know  
On every wave I'll feel your smile, as winds of hope they blow  
And if I gain the promised place, and reach the pearled pier  
I beg that by almighty grace, you'll one day join me here

But if eternal journeys mean we never meet again  
Be glad for golden time there's been, we had our heaven then.  
And when you want to feel my soul, my voice will still be strong  
Just listen to the ocean roll and hear me in my song.

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## Bodach

In this series, *The Oban Times'* resident Bodach (Gaelic: old man and, by experience, often a storyteller) looks through archive material for articles and pictures that preserve moments from the past. There is always a back story – and sometimes a future one.



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### Fishing boats, boats for fishing: quotas, marine protection and life

IN THE early years of the 21st century some of Scotland's fishermen were encouraged to decommission their boats. This was an exercise to protect fish stocks by limiting the number and capacity of vessels in commercial fishing operations. It seemed like a drastic measure at the time: the European Union insisted on perfectly serviceable boats being broken up, rather than sent to other parts of the world or used for purposes other than fishing. Owners were compensated, and skippers and crews moved to work on larger boats, found work ashore or retired.

The majority – more than 60 per cent – of the UK's total catch is landed at Scottish ports, many of them in remote rural or island locations and often fishing has been the mainstay of employment. Uncertainty, legislation, bureaucracy and restriction in one form or another have beleaguered the industry in recent years and the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) has had particularly harsh consequences for the Scottish cod, haddock and whiting fisheries in Scotland. All countries in the European Union with fisheries have exclusive rights out to a six-mile limit and a 12-mile limit for some parts of the coastline effectively blocking foreign vessels from fishing in inshore waters, but not out to the 200-mile limit of territorial waters which can be fished by boats from other states.

The CFP may have been unpopular, but research by the Marine Conservation Society and the University of York

in 2010 indicated that the decline in fish stocks in UK waters occurred before the policy was introduced, and that many fish stocks have grown since 2002. Even cod is recovering and could become a sustainable fishery within a year. The practice of discarding unwanted catches is being phased out and national and species quotas adjusted to achieve sustainability of all stocks by 2020.

Fishing quotas for individual boats are not determined by the EU. The total catch limits are decided by the European Council of Fisheries Ministers, but each member state is responsible for making allocations across the fishing fleet.

The prospect of the UK leaving the EU presents the fishing industry with further uncertainty.

There is no guarantee that the UK will have control over fish stocks because most commercial species move around a great deal, including in and out of a close cluster of Exclusive Economic Zones. Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom will still have to share catches with foreign vessels or face prohibition on fishing in the waters of remaining member states.

Today, one fifth of the fish caught by UK boats is landed in other parts of the EU, including the Republic of Ireland. Four-fifths of the combined UK catch is exported to countries in the European Union.

At the beginning of the 20th century, 2.5 million barrels of herring a year were exported to the continent, much of the

catch coming from the drifters and ring-netters operating in Loch Fyne. Today there is almost no domestic market for herring but the popularity of mackerel on the continent tempted some fishermen to under-report landings.

This led to prosecution by the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency, now Marine Scotland, and quota reductions were imposed in recompense.

The number of boats fishing for cod and haddock has halved in the last 20 years, and much of the Scottish fleet is now engaged in fishing for nephrops, better known as langoustine or scampi; lobster and various species of crab.

Significant landings are made by smaller boats fishing in the waters off the West Coast.

Some traditional grounds are affected by Marine Protected Area (MPA) designation which imposes restrictions on certain types of commercial fishing activity depending on the habitats and species under protection.

The recent closure of two of Scotland's large fish processing plants is understood to be an industry response to falls in whitefish stocks and difficulties in recruiting and retaining processing workers in sparsely populated, isolated communities.

These challenges, combined with an ever-decreasing number of people employed in the industry inevitably have an impact on the availability and the price



of fish so consumers face uncertainty too.

The sustainability of stocks and the outcome of renegotiating territorial rights have never been more important for the future of Scotland's fishing industry and the many communities that depend upon it.

## Summer dining Lochaber

### Baywater Restaurant

RELAUNCHED last year, The Arisaig Hotel's restaurant Baywater, now has a new lease of life.

Owner Josh Kingswood bought the hotel in 2013 and with a new chef and a fresh menu the hotel has been fully restored.

New chef Robert Birrell, who started in March this year, has created a versatile menu whether you want tea or coffee with a home-baked biscuit, scones or cakes, a snack, a hearty lunch, or a relaxed evening meal.

Bringing some great new seasonal dishes to the restaurant, chef Robert uses locally sourced produce as well as baking his own bread, oatcakes, biscuits and cakes.

Changes are made to the menu every few days based on the best ingredients available at the time.

The most popular dish on the menu is sole stuffed with a langoustine and salmon

mousse, which gets rave reviews from all the customers.

Also on the menu at the moment is foie gras and ham hock terrine.

Evening meals can be enjoyed in the Baywater restaurant from 6.30 - 8.30pm, everyday apart from Tuesdays.

You can also enjoy a meal in The Crofters Bar which is open everyday from 11:30am till late.

One of only a few pubs in Arisaig, The Crofters Bar offers a variety of dishes, from fresh scallops, to the very popular, half lobster supper.

In the bar every Friday night is live traditional music sessions from local bands.

The Arisaig Hotel will also be taking part in the upcoming Mallaig food festival, where chef Robert will be doing a demonstration during the day, showing people how he hot smokes his own salmon.



## Grandfather one of first to di

A CENTURY ago the Battle of the Somme was raging in northern France, and this week we look at how another Argyll family was hit by one of the bloodiest struggles of the First World War.

The British forces' aim was to relieve their French allies at Verdun and weaken the opposing German army, but they were unable to break through enemy lines. It led to a brutal five-month battle of attrition on a 15-mile front, which left one million dead and wounded on all sides.

The 141 days of horror had begun on July 1, 1916, when 100,000 British soldiers were sent over the top to attack the German trenches. But the day was a disaster: the Germans had weathered seven days of artillery fire, and mowed down British troops with machine-gun and rifle fire. It was the bloodiest day in the British army's history.

One of the 19,240 British soldiers to die on the Somme's first day was Francis Howard Lindsay, grandfather of Colin Lindsay-MacDougall, current Laird of Lunga Estate near Craobh Haven.

Born on March 9, 1876, Francis was a Cambridge graduate and examiner with the Scottish Education Department. Unlike many in his family, he was not attracted to a military career, but when the call-up came, he served as a captain, then a major, in the 14th Battalion London Scottish Regiment.

Few details are known about how the 30-year-old died at the Somme, and nor is there a known grave to visit, but he is commemorated beside many board colleagues on the Thiepval Memorial, and at a memorial at St Andrews House in Edinburgh. Francis was not the only casualty in his family, which, like many others, was devastated by the First and the Second World Wars.

In 1910, Francis Lindsay had married Helen MacDougall, whose father, Lt Col Stewart MacDougall of Lunga, and only brother, Major Iain MacDougall, an adjutant in the Grenadier Guards, also fell in action early in the First World War.

Francis's brother, James Lindsay, survived the Somme, and the Great War, after being wounded in 1917. However, his two sons, Michael and Harold ('Harry'), perished in the Second World War – Michael aboard the Royal Navy battlecruiser HMS Hood, sunk in 1941, and Harry in 1944, fighting up through Italy into Germany. Francis's other brother, Michael, had been killed in the Boer War in 1900.

Francis Lindsay and Helen MacDougall's son, John, took on the surname Lindsay-MacDougall, inherited Lunga and married Sheila Spot, who gave birth to their two children, Colin and Cecilia Anne. Sheila's father James, and uncle Ivan, had died fighting in Belgium in 1914.

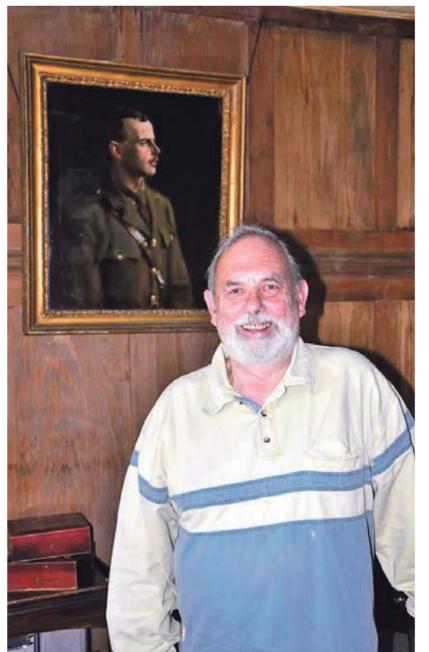
John Lindsay-MacDougall of Lunga became a major in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders during the Second World War, and luckily avoided capture in Singapore and Dunkirk, then fought through North Africa onto Sicily, but died from his wounds in a German prisoner of war camp in 1943.

'The impact was universal in Scotland,' reflected John's son, Colin. 'There was not much landowners could do but go fight in the army. Large amounts of the estate went with them, and they died in just the same numbers.'

'The women, after the war, talked of all the men as tragic heroes, without bringing them to life. I don't think they knew how to handle it, because it was on such a scale. Both families felt so guilty for leading so many from the estate and wiping out a whole generation.'

'My father, I knew almost nothing about until someone told me. He was known as "the camel" because he had a funny running movement, and as "lean and frugal Lindsay-MacDougall". It's a shame we don't have more stories about Francis Lindsay. He was reluctant to be involved in the militarism of the rest of his family, but that's what happens in war. It does teach us what an inflammable world we live in.'

Colin, speaking to *The Oban Times* on his 77th birthday, added: 'Stewart MacDougall was killed virtually on his 65th birthday. My ambition was to live beyond 65 – and I've made it.'



Colin Lindsay-MacDougall and a portrait of his grandfather Francis Howard Lindsay.

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# Powerful lesson at POW show

This year marks 100 years since the River Leven Prisoner of War (PoW) Camp and the Caolas-na-con Conscientious Objector Camp opened near Kinlochleven, writes Katie Carabine.

A group of five people came together to form a commemoration group to hold an event to mark this centenary on Saturday (August 13).

The centenary event began with a performance of a moving First World War-themed play, *Home Fires, Broken Sons* by Argyll Theatre Company, Three Wee Crows.

There was also an exhibition of photographs and information about the two camps and scale models of the Nisan Huts.

Two paintings were unveiled that were painted by Historic Scotland Artist Iona Leishman. These were specifically commissioned for Kinlochleven and this event, and were part-funded by the Rotary Club of Lochaber.

Rotary Club President Paula Ross said: 'We are a pan-Lochaber club and we welcome requests for assistance for community events in all parts of Lochaber. We have supported many good causes in Kinlochleven including the local boxing club and we have regular interaction with the high school in terms of our youth activities programme.'

'We had no hesitation in agreeing to support this important event and look forward to a great

community day. Events like this align strongly with Rotary's aim of promoting worldwide peace. The club was particularly impressed by the intention that the artwork by Iona will act as a mark of 'remembrance of the compassion, kindness and generosity of the villagers of Kinlochleven' and we were very happy to support this aspect of the event.'

Some Kinlochleven High School pupils had a display of studies of the camps and food-tasting based on recipes made from war-rationed food.

Iain McNicoll, treasurer of the commemoration group said: 'It was a fantastically successful day, it far exceeded our expectations. There were more than 300 people there.'

'The play by the Three Wee Crows was fantastic, we were quite amazed because the theatre in Kinlochleven has 126 seats and they were all filled and people were standing, with another 50 or so outside.'

'The Three Wee Crows said they have never played to such a large audience in the whole time they have been performing together.'

'The three teens who put on a play as well, highlighted well the fact that the prisoners in the POW camp were treated much better than those in the Conscientious Objectors. Again, for this play there was standing room only.'

'Visitors snapped up the booklets we produced for the event,

and also ordered prints of the commissioned paintings. It's been a lot of hard work over the last 18 months but the whole day was incredibly successful and the feedback we've received has been highly positive.'

Mike Fairman, the group's chairman said: 'This is a brilliant event to be involved in. The camps form an important part of South Lochaber's history and people are very passionate about the subject. We have had interest from all over the country via our Facebook page, as well as some brilliant information for those living more locally.'

Avril Watt, local historian and prominent group member said: 'I became interested in the German Prisoner of War camps many years ago as I was fascinated in how the German prisoners were accepted into the community as sons of German parents who had been conscripted into the war just like our own sons, fathers, uncles and cousins were. The German prisoners were looked after as our own. Many British prisoners of war were not as lucky and suffered terrible conditions. I think this fact is an important one to remember, as well as projects that the prisoners completed while here.'

The exhibition will continue running for the next couple of months in the Leven Centre.

All pics by Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.



Visitors discuss the plans and detail of the POW camp model.



Model maker Roger Evans from Port Appin spent almost a year carefully constructing a scale models of the POW Camp and an individual barrack hut which were on display at the exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of POW's arriving in the village.

## Cowal Highland Gathering

With around 23,000 people visiting each year, Cowal Highland Gathering is getting ready to welcome the world back to Dunoon between 25-27 August.

Renowned for its unique atmosphere, world-class competitions, magnificent Highland setting and spine tingling Salute to the Chieftain, Cowal Highland Gathering is a great family day out.

Showcasing Scotland's finest traditions and sports, including pipe band competitions where bands strive to win the oldest pipe band trophy – the prestigious Argyll Shield, visitors will also find fiercely contested heavy athletics. This year teams from Scotland, Iceland and Germany will do battle to see which nation has what it takes to lift the Cowal Heavy Athletics title.

Cowal Highland Gathering is also home to the World Highland Dancing Championships, and this year organisers are preparing to welcome an incredible 684 dancers, the highest number of entrants ever recorded to Dunoon. Many of these dancers will travel thousands of miles to take part, with compet-

itors arriving from as far afield as the USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Once again organisers are building on the range of family entertainment on offer. The great news is that the thousands of people expected to flock to Dunoon stadium on Gathering Saturday (27 August) can do it all. They'll be able to sample everything without missing out on anything!

Despite the range of attractions being bigger and better than ever before, visitors will have ample opportunity to schedule their day so as to take in everything there is to see.

The success of last year's Gathering, which introduced a fantastic array of additional entertainment to complement the more traditional highland elements, has ensured the event will once again offer something for everyone, whatever their age. With an emphasis on family fun, the attractions on offer will entertain the young and young at heart! New for this year, Ferret World mixes fun and education before the ferrets go head to head

in a race! And, following its success last year the Favours and Flavours tent is back to showcase the best of Scotland's food, drink and crafts. The Xtreme Stunt Team will be on hand to wow the audience with two wheeled tricks, back by popular demand Artie will have younger visitors singing along with his Tartan Tales, Glasgow Science Centre's presents Disgusting Digestion, and if that wasn't enough the Cowal Kid's Entertainment Tent makes a return with magic shows, puppet shows, face painting and much more!

Of course the traditional events remain the foundation with a wealth of attractions to choose from – from highland dancing and piping to heavy athletics, wrestling and top ceilidh music.

This year's Cowal Highland Gathering runs from Thursday August 25 – Saturday August 27.

For information or to book tickets, please visit the Gathering's website at [www.cowalgathering.com](http://www.cowalgathering.com) or contact the event office by emailing [info@cowalgathering.com](mailto:info@cowalgathering.com) or phoning 01369 703206.

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IF THE idea of camping calls to mind images of a mouldy tent, a leaky air mattress and muddy clothes, then you haven't been introduced to the joys of glamping. Glamping – or luxury camping – is seeing strong growth in the UK as some holidaymakers stick closer to home for their vacations. Glamping fascinates more and more people who would otherwise not be interested in camping holidays. It has become especially popular with families and the over-65s, but more and more, couples, and even solos, are discovering how fabulous a camping trip can really be. Maybe you are a holidaymaker who loves nature, but does not want to buy your own camping equipment. Today's glamping accommodations range from luxury bungalows, lodge tents and original sleeping quarters such as tree houses, yurts, circus wagons, barrel cabins and tipis. These luxurious forms of accommodation are no less well-appointed than hotels. Whirlpools, double beds, cook-

ing areas and one's own bathroom are just some of the features that make glamping relaxing for newcomers to camping, or those just looking for a better way. So why is glamping often a better option for a holiday than regular camping, or even a break at a hotel? There are several reasons. First, it's all about nature. Glamping sites on the West Coast are located in some of the most breath taking landscapes in the world. Almost nothing stands between you and a mountain view, seaside or verdant glen. Scientific studies have shown time after time that experiencing nature yields measurable mental benefits and may reduce the risk of depression. And children benefit from nature in so many ways, from enhanced cognitive abilities to improved self-discipline. Glamping is a sustainable way to enjoy a holiday, as they are often eco-friendly. Good for you, good for the planet – it's a no brainer. Glamping is also great for truly getting away from your workaday

routine. Imagine a week without making busy schedules, constantly checking emails and returning phone calls and text messages – just you and your loved ones relaxing in a beautiful setting. Listen to the birds chirping, feel the wind blow through your hair and get back to what is really important. You can tell stories around a campfire as you toast marshmallows, spot wildlife and take long walks together, simply enjoying each other's company. Compare that to a city break, with a long list of tourist attractions to hit, dinner reservations to make and crowds to fight. After a glamping holiday, you won't have that feeling of needing a holiday from your holiday. A glamping trip can recharge your soul, soothe your spirit and give you precious memories that will last a lifetime. So if you love nature but hate the idea of roughing it, why not give it a try and join the thousands of British holidaymakers who have discovered the future of camping... glamping.

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## Buying property with a partner

Today's housing market means many more people are deciding to jointly buy property and share mortgage repayments. This allows people to pool their financial resources, but can also lead to problems if the relationship ends for any reason.

### Here are some options for people looking to buy a house together:

Essentially you are entering into a business relationship and so should have a contract drawn up which protects both of your interests. There are two common types of joint ownership that you should consider - 'beneficial joint tenants' and 'tenants in common'.

Beneficial joint tenants have no pre-defined shares in the property and in the event of the death of one of the partners the house will pass automatically to the co-owner irrespective of their will.

Tenants in common each own a pre-defined share of the property and when it is sold the net proceeds are split accordingly. Your share of the property can also be bequeathed in your will according to your wishes. The obligation of each partner is detailed in a 'deed of trust' which records details such as ownership, contributions and financial obligations. A deed of trust can also include whether a participant can enforce an 'order of sale', forcing the property to be sold against the wishes of other partners.

Ultimately, both of you are liable to the bank for the debt and if one person leaves or cannot pay their share, the other must bear full responsibility. Clearly defining your financial obligation and commitments from the beginning will cut down on stress and uncertainty and allow you and your partner the peace of mind to enjoy your new home.

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The big question is whether or not this is good for the housing market. It certainly should be, with some home owners on trackers already seeing the lower rate being passed on by their lender and the expectation that those on fixed rates can choose from even better deals when they come to remortgage.

This all points to good news for first time buyers, or does it? Lower interest rates and prices falling are certainly good news for first time buyers. But those first time buyers, regarded as the lifeblood of the housing ladder, need to save for a deposit. Lower interest rates will hit savers, including those saving for a deposit to buy a house. Borrowers also remain subject to the rigorous affordability checks introduced in the Mortgage Market Review (MMR), which prevent lenders from advancing significantly more loans to first time buyers.

So the winners will be remortgagers and those on tracker rates, but those most in need, the first time buyers, will continue to find conditions challenging from a financial perspective. As a result, landlords are looking at expanding their portfolios with increasing demand in the rented sector, higher rents and better returns investing in property than keeping savings in the bank.

As a result of all these recent changes, we have seen an increase in enquiries from people looking to invest in rental property. If you are looking for advice, I would be delighted to chat with you. Please feel free to call me on 01631 569466.

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<p><b>Pulpit Road, Oban</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Storey End Terrace</li> <li>3 Bed / 1 Bathroom</li> <li>Located in Popular Residential Area</li> <li>Excellent Condition</li> <li>Ideal Family Home</li> <li>EPC - D58</li> </ul> <p><b>IOIRO £170,000</b></p> <p>54 Pulpit Road - This two storey end terrace located in the popular Pulpit Hill area of Oban boasts spacious rooms and the practical layout make this an ideal family home. The ground floor accommodation comprises a large lounge leading to the dining room and then kitchen at the rear of the house.</p>	<p><b>Glenfuran, Tobermory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detached bungalow</li> <li>3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms</li> <li>Close to golf course</li> <li>Excellent rental potential</li> <li>Large garden</li> <li>Rural location close to town</li> <li>EPC Rating - C (72)</li> </ul> <p><b>IOIRO £230,000</b></p> <p>Glenfuran sits in a secluded hamlet of only 4 properties on the outskirts of Tobermory. Built in 2001 the property comprises large lounge, open plan kitchen diner, utility room, spacious hallway, family bathroom, three well-proportioned bedrooms with one en-suite shower room.</p>	<p><b>Duncraggan Road, Oban</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detached Victorian Villa</li> <li>3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms</li> <li>Elevated situation above Oban Bay</li> <li>Large decking with views across Oban Bay</li> <li>Extensively renovated throughout</li> <li>EPC Rating - D</li> </ul> <p><b>IOIRO £340,000</b></p> <p>The Knoll - A beautiful detached Victorian villa with stunning views across Oban Bay. The property retains many of its original features and has been renovated to a high standard by the current owner. On the ground floor, the generous reception rooms to the front are bright spaces, bathed in natural light owing to the large sash windows and high ceilings.</p>	<p><b>Polfearn House, Taynuilt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Floor Flat</li> <li>1 Bedroom / 1 Bathroom</li> <li>Lovely views</li> <li>Rural, quiet location</li> <li>EPC Rating - C (68)</li> </ul> <p><b>FOR SALE OR TO LET IOIRO £75,000</b></p> <p>A well proportioned one bedroom flat which enjoys views of Loch Etive. The flat is accessed via a communal carpeted stairwell and comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The lounge and kitchen boast large windows where you can enjoy views over fields to Loch Etive and the hills beyond.</p>

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## Port Ellen crofter reigns supreme at Islay Show



Neil MacDonald of Bunnahabhain won overall beef champion and reserve champion of champions, with Jack MacDonald, 13.



Neil MacDonald and his reserve champion of champions.



The Clan cycle stunt team entertained the crowds at Islay Show.

**SANDY NEIL**  
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'WILL somebody with a tractor please report to the secretary's portacabin: we have a stuck ice-cream van.'

So began the 170th annual Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Show, on a rainy Thursday last week, on clatchy fields by Islay House, Bridgend. 'There are umbrellas for sale,' the tannoy continued, 'or, as we call them on Islay: modes of transport.'

But thousands turned up undaunted in well-worn waterproofs, sheltering only in the heaviest downpours in tents and horseboxes.

'It's nice to see the show so busy,' reflected cattle exhibitor Stewart Young of Craigns Farm, Gruinart. 'We thought it was going to be dead. But spirits are high.'

'We're having a surprisingly good day,' agreed association secretary Roberta MacNeill: 'We've just had one or two disasters with tents, with the wind last night. But we've had a good turnout.'

Competitor numbers and the livestock standard were high too, many told *The Oban Times*, such as Tony Rozga of Kilmey, Ballygrant, who won best Texel.

'There were five of six champions in the Texel class,' Mr Rozga said: 'Islay is getting a really good name for sheep and cattle. It's getting stronger, and there are younger exhibitors coming in. There's a competitive buzz.'

'The quality of Highland cattle on Islay is always extremely good,' agreed Highland cattle judge Angus MacKay of Achngoull, Inveraray: 'The first and second in any class would stand well in any show in Scotland.'

Belted Galloways were exhibited for the first time in many years, with first prize for a Galloway calf going to young handler Zack Glover, 14, of Cladville, Portnahaven, and second to his brother Angus. Training was tough in the cow with calf class too, their father Will recalled: 'We were trying to train four, but two couldn't do it: they were just trying to eat us.'

Meanwhile, pets corner drew an impressive menagerie: Isabel and Michael the alpacas from Port Charlotte, Buffy the African green parrot, Woody, Flora and Fawna the Indian runner ducks, and Ellie the lop-eared rabbit – which won the public vote. Ellie's delighted keeper, 10-year-old Bowmore Primary School pupil Kimberley Stewart, planned a reward of mint and yoghurt drops, and decorating her cage with rosettes. 'The kids love judging the animals themselves,' said organiser Arlene MacFadyen, whose donkey, 'Titch', came first in the donkey class – first out of one.

Elsewhere, there was more entertainment from the Gaelic choir, Highland dancers, and The Clan, Scotland's Cycle Stunt Team. The crowd gasped as one cyclist jumped over the frontman's head, before another landed between his legs – safely.

One stallholder, Islay and Jura's Local Health and Well-being Network co-ordinator Gill Chasemore, thought: 'It's the quietest it's ever been. It's such a shame because everyone has worked so hard.'

great to see the people who made it. It's the Dunkirk spirit! It's not bad weather – just bad clothes.'

'Islay's a terrific show,' reflected Greig Gillespie of Campbeltown: 'It's the best island show in Scotland.' Greig was helping to show a Bluefaced Leicester reared by Duncan Currie of Ballachlaven, which won champion in its class.

The champion of champions cup was awarded to Port Ellen crofter John Campbell, farm manager of Ardtalla Estate, for his Blackface gimmer. 'I'm delighted, because I've been showing for 50 years, and that's the first time I've won for a gimmer,' he said, before celebrating with a cup of tea. 'It's been hard work for everybody. I've been luckier than most.'

'It's been a horrendous amount of work,' confirmed one of the association's 30 office bearers, Roberta MacNeill: 'The turnout for setting up was great – we had a lot of help. Thanks to judges, stewards and volunteers. Thank you all so much.'



Tony Rozga and his champion Texel.



Hazel Mackay of Gruinart picked up the A&P McEachern Trophy for her best pedigree puppy, called Heidi.



Catherine MacTaggart of Uiskenbuie, Bridgend, won best vintage vehicle other than a tractor, with her 1969 Morris Minor 1,000.



Gladioli grown by Tony Archibald of Bowmore won best exhibit in the flower and vegetable section. 'I'm a retired farmer, so I like to grow things,' the former oyster and sheep farmer said, pointing proudly at his winning tomatoes and cured onions.



Exhibitors, left to right, Islay and Jura well-being co-ordinator Gill Chasemore, Addaction's Sandra MacIntyre, Islay High School youth worker Amy Dunnachie and Argyll and Bute TSI's Petra Pearce.

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Left to right: Gemma MacLean and Ruki, a Kiwi sheep-dog called a New Zealand Huntaway, who came second in the puppy class; Fiona McGill from Oxford and Daphne the English setter, who came second in the sporting breed category; Lackie, a German shorthaired pointer belonging to Rhona Barnett from Lochgilphead, took best pedigree sporting dog and best dog in show; Mac the German wirehaired pointer, belonging to Rob Walker and Harris of Crinan, came third in the sporting class; and Herman van der Stap of the Netherlands, with his Icelandic shepherd, Tur, which came second in non-sporting breeds.



Ronan Campbell, 11, left, and his grandfather John Campbell of Port Ellen, hold the Blackface gimmer crowned champion of champions.



Zack Glover with a Belted Galloway cow and calf.



The champion Suffolk, belonging to Isobel McMillan of Eorrabus Farm, Bridgend, with Calum McLellan. 15\_134islayshow best suffolk sheep



PC Peter Findlay and Inspector Julie McLeish pose beside the winning heifer in calf, any breed, reared by Stewart Young of Craigs Farm, Gruinart.



'Lucy' and Morven Brown, 12, from Loch Gruinart, won the Don MacFarlane Memorial Trophy for reserve champion horse.



Kimberley Stewart and champion pet, Ellie the lop-eared rabbit.



Jordie Rountree, 6, won the Robert Shaw Memorial Trophy for best sheep, under 18 class.



Liz Cuninghame of Neriby Farm, Islay, won cups for best bouquet and lady's spray.



Rhianna Hayes, 16, of Gruinart won the Islay, Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Association Shield for the best riding horse, with her steed, Ted.



Left to right, Kerry Baker, Professor Steven Mithin, Alexander Millar and Dr Darko Maricevic manned a stall promoting the Islay Heritage project, and encouraged islanders to help them explore Islay's 12,000 years of inhabited history. 15\_134 Islay Show - Islay Heritage.

## Trophy winners

Champion of champions: John Campbell; Reserve champion of champions: N and J MacDonald; Blackface sheep: James MacTaggart Perpetual Challenge Cup Awarded by the MacTaggart Family, Kintra: Champion Sheep in Crofters Classes: John Campbell; Crofters Cup for Winner of Group of 3: Crofters Only (Class 9): Alan Orr; Dunseed Challenge Cup: Champion Blackface: John Campbell; The Sir John MacTaggart Perpetual Challenge Cup: Champion Blackface Sheep bred by Exhibitor: John Campbell; The Campbell of Jura Perpetual Challenge Cup: Champion Blackface Female bred by Exhibitor: John Campbell; The Smuall Perpetual Challenge Cup: In memory of the late Messrs A and W McEachern, for Best Male Blackface Sheep: Alan Orr; The Anderson Perpetual Challenge Cup Presented by the Anderson Family in memory of father and grandfather Moss Anderson: Best Blackface Gimmer: John Campbell; The Rhinns of Islay Cup: Best Ewe with lamb/lambs at foot: Alan Orr; Leicester sheep: The AB Grant Cup: Champion Leicester Sheep: Duncan Currie; Texel and Beltex X: Dunns Trophy donated by Soil Fertility Agr For Best Texel and Beltex sheep: Tony Rozga; SUFFOLK SHEEP: The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Suffolk Sheep: Isobel McMillan; Aileen Whyte Memorial Shield: Isobel McMillan; Any other breed of sheep: Foreland Perpetual Cup presented by D Doyle Foreland Estate for Best Sheep other than Blackface, Suffolk or B/L: Morven, Maggie and Eion Brown; prime lambs: The Kilchoman Cup presented by the late Iain Campbell: for best pen of prime lambs any breed: Donald MacCormick; Overall sheep: Wilsons Fuels Ltd Trophy for Champion: Sheep Overall, £75 cash presented by Sir John MacTaggart Ardtalla Estates, £35 presented by United Auctions, Scotmin voucher of £25: John Campbell; £25 special prize for Reserve sheep presented by Ralph Bova: Duncan Currie. Beef cattle section: Galloway: Kinnabus Tray presented by The Late Commander JRC Montgomery RNJP, Kinnabus for Best Galloway or First Cross Galloway bred by Exhibitor: Zack Glover; Schroder Cup presented by The Late HKB Schroder of Dunlossit: G and M Porter; Highland: The MacTaggart Cup presented by HT DE Vere Clifton of Kildalton for Champion Animal Highland Section: Ceannacroic Farm, Dunlossit; Rennie Trophy for best yearling Heifer (Native): Ceannacroic Farm, Dunlossit; The Donnie Shaw Memorial Trophy for best Highland Heifer: Ceannacroic Farm, Dunlossit; Highland females trophy presented by A and S Cameron for best pair of Highland Females: Ceannacroic Farm, Dunlossit; Schroder Trophy for best Highland Calf: Ceannacroic Farm, Dunlossit; GW Reid special prize of £50 for

Champion Highland: Ceannacroic Farm; Leonie Fane special prize 1 £15, 2 £10, 3 £5, for classes 47-51: Ceannacroic Farm; Commercial classes: Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Caledonian Marts Stirling for best spring born suckled calf: N and J McDonald; Kilchiaran Cup presented by the late Neil MacLellan for the best heifer showing no broad teeth: N and J McDonald; Hamilton Bros Tankard for Champion Suckled Calf: N and J McDonald; Perpetual Challenge cup presented by Shell and BP Scotland: for best pair of calves: Angus MacMillan; GW Reid special prize of £50: for Champion beef: N and J McDonald; overall beef: Cairnmore Cup presented by JAW Morrison: for Best Animal in Beef Section: N and J McDonald; Jim R Calder Memorial Trophy: Competitor with most points in Beef Section: G and M Porter; Special prize of £50 each to winners of classes 59 and 60 by British Limousin: Angus MacMillan and N and J McDonald; Special prize of £75 for overall beef champion by Sir John MacTaggart: N and J McDonald; Special prize of £50 for overall beef champion by GW Reid Accountants: N and J McDonald; Scotmin voucher of £25 for overall beef champion: N and J McDonald; Special prize of £25 for reserve beef champion by Ralph Bova: Firm of T Epps. Under 18 class: Robert Shaw Memorial Trophy for best sheep, entered in Show in their own name: Jordie Rountree; £15 by Ralph Bova for best young handler: Robbie Brown; J MacMillan Memorial Trophy best beef animal: Angus MacMillan; In under 18 class entered in own name £15 By Ralph Bova for best young handler: Jack McDonald; John MacGillivray Memorial Trophy for best stockperson with 6 months full time employment prior to the show: John Rountree. Highland ponies and other ponies section: The Donald MacGregor Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Donald MacGregor for Best Highland Pony entered by owner: Gibson Campbell; Perpetual Challenge Cup awarded by T Caskie Esq, Glasgow, for Best Riding Pony, any age, excluding Highlands: Natalie Logan; The Duart Cup Perpetual Challenge Cup Presented by Sir Charles H M McLean Bart, KT, KBE, Duart Castle, Isle of Mull: for Best Pony in Show: Gibson Campbell; The Don MacFarlane Memorial Trophy: for reserve champion horse: Morven Brown; Islay Jura and Colonsay Agricultural Association Shield for Winner of Best Riding Horse: Rhianna Hayes; Iain Martin Crawford Memorial Trophy for Champion Horse/pony in show: Gibson Campbell; Dawson Perpetual Cup for best Horse/Pony Shown in hand: Gibson Campbell; Events: The Ellister Cup presented by Jane Dawson: for best young rider under 16 years: T and H Roxburgh; The Hardie memorial trophy for best young

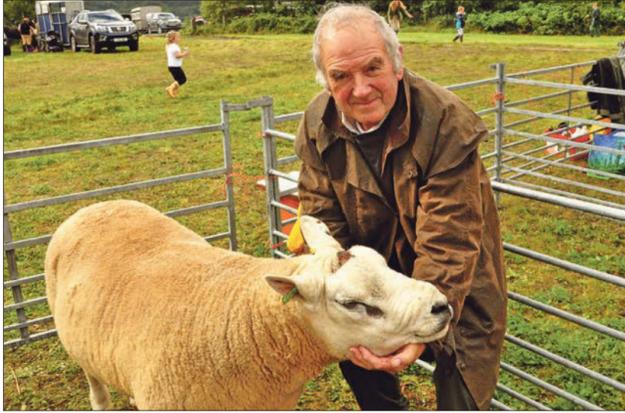
rider 12 years or under: Calum MacKay; Special prize of £75 for Champion horse/pony by Sir John MacTaggart: Gibson Campbell; Special prize of £25 for reserve champion by Ralph Bova: Morven Brown. Other awards: The McGibbon Cup: Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by J Ross McGibbon, Glasgow: Overall Championship in Section I - XI: Alan Orr; The James MacKillop Perpetual Challenge Cup for Crofter or Smallholder having the largest number of points over sheep, cattle and horse sections: Alan Orr; Jim Kerr Memorial Trophy for reserve overall show champion: John Campbell; Glasgow Islay Association Cup for Champion Animal at Show: John Campbell. Horticultural section: The Seumas MacKillop Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best Hand Bouquet of Flowers grown or made up by Exhibitor: Liz Cuninghame; Islay and Jura Gardeners Club Trophy for Best Lady's Spray: Liz Cuninghame; The James T Christie Memorial Cup for Sweet Peas: Celia Todd; Logan Shield for Best Shallots Classes: Pat Orpin; Logan Shield for Best Carrots Classes: M and J Logan; Logan Shield for best onions classes: Jack Adamson; The Silver Cup presented by the remaining Members of Islay Horticultural Society for the competitor gaining largest pointage throughout the Section: Pat Orpin; The John MacNeill Memorial Trophy for most points in Vegetable Section: Pat Orpin; Dugald MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for Dahlias in classes: Mairi Carmichael; Rose Bowl in Memory of Flora McLellan presented by her family for Winner of Roses class: M and J Logan; Finlay MacMillan Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit in class 127/128: A and P McEachern; Minnie MacTaggart Perpetual Cup for the Best Fuchsia: A and P McEachern; Cup presented by Mairi Porter for best geranium: Pat Orpin; Tankard presented by Mairi Porter for best exhibit Class 166: Mairi Porter; Mavis Spears Memorial Trophy: Most Points in Flower Section: Pat Orpin; Thomas Shaw Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Show, Special prize of £75 for best exhibit in flower/vegetable by Sir John MacTaggart: T and J Archibald. Dog section: Port Askaig Cup for Best Dog presented by The Spears family for best dog in show plus £30: Rhona Barnett; A and P McEachern Trophy presented to best pedigree puppy: Hazel MacKay; Coullabus Cup for Winner of Best junior handler: Isla Gale; Keills Cup for winner of best pedigree sporting dog: Rhona Barnett; Islay Book Festival Trophy for best pedigree non sporting dog: Hazel MacKay; Duffie and Roberta MacNeill shield for best any variety cross breed dog: Maureen Baker; Kay Rowland Cup for best Labrador in show: Emily Bignal. Best Vintage Tractor: Roy Redman; Best Vintage vehicle other than tractor: Catherine MacTaggart.

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Angus MacColl's three year-old sheep won first prize in the Texel category.  
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David Wright with his Champion cow, who was also crowned champion of champions at the show. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Champion Cow 01



Champion of the Highland category at last weekend's Sunart and District Agricultural Show. 21\_F34 Sunart\_highland cow 01

## Strontian show field packed with entries

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AFTER a week of bad weather, the skies brightened on Saturday (August 13) as people gathered to take part in the Sunart and District agricultural show. The Strontian show field was packed with competitors and onlookers celebrating the 66th anniversary of the annual show. This year was the first for new secretary Nikki Robertson who joined a team of volunteers that make the show possible. She told *The Oban Times*: 'The show is very important to the community, everyone always

looks forward to the day. The community always pulls together for the show and there is so much work that goes on behind the scenes that people don't always realise. 'Our volunteers meet once a month to organise the show. They do everything on the day, from cutting the grass to putting the animal pens up.' President Alison Wright, who has been involved with the games for almost 20 years, was excited for another year of the well-loved show. Coming from a farming background, Mrs Wright knows how important these shows are.

She said: 'My father worked on a farm and my husband and son have been breeding and showing cattle pretty much all their life.' And it was son David and husband Robert who stole the show on Saturday, with their 900kg cow being crowned champion of champions. A family affair, it was also daughter Krystie Wright's first year as treasurer. Mrs Wright said: 'We do really well with entries. People come from all over to participate. The horse show is an open competition so people travel from Mull and Salen.

'But we also want people to see that the show isn't all about agriculture. There are lots of different skills involved in the day.' In addition to cattle, sheep and horses, a number of stalls were also present on the show field. Lochaber Environmental Group were there, as were Crown Vets and Mull Pipe Band. Mrs Wright continued: 'We are very well supported with good sponsorship.' Teaming up with High Life Highland, the show also put on a mini highland games for children.



Show convenor Claire Cameron with president Alison Wright and her daughter Krystie who is committee treasurer. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Committee 01



Orla MacLennan and Caroline MacPhail with their horses at the Sunart show. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Horses 01



Champion sheep at the show. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Champion Sheep 01



Kerry McGilvery, 14, from Mull with her champion horse. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Champion Horse



People take part in the horse show on Saturday morning. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Horse Show 01

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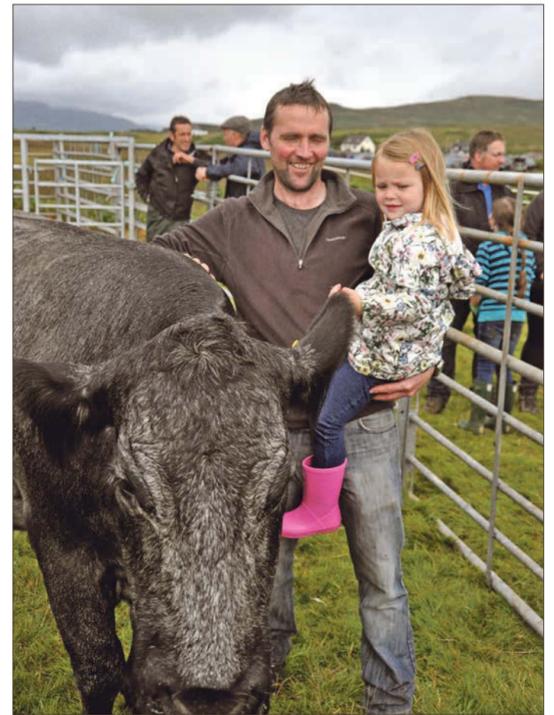
Mull pipe band performing at the show on Saturday. 21\_F34 Sunart\_pipe band 01



Competitors get ready for the sheep judging to begin. 21\_F34 Sunart\_Sheep 01



Enjoying the late afternoon sunshine at Bunessan Show on August 6. 15\_134bunessan03



Heidi Poulton is held by her grandpa Euan Dougall beside her prizewinning cow in calf. 15\_134bunessan02



Youngsters enjoy the craft stall. 15\_134bunessan06



Reay and Riona Whyte enjoyed the show and won the hamper. 15\_134bunessan01



Champion of champions Denwyn Myfanwy, ridden by Orla MacLennan from Aros Mains. 15\_134bunessan05

## Bunessan Show results 2016

Livestock Cattle - Peter Kane Memorial Challenge Cup (c) Cross Cow, calf at foot: John MacInnes; Dian MacDonald Memorial Challenge Cup (c) One year old cross heifer: John MacInnes; A MacCallum Memorial Quaich (o) Best young heifer: John MacInnes; D MacInnes Challenge Cup (c) Cal Mart Special Prize (o) Cross bred calf: John MacInnes; Calum MacDougall Memorial Challenge Cup (c) Calf born after 1st Dec: M Poulton/E Dougall; Bunessan Challenge Trophy (c) Yearling cross bullock N/A; Dr D MacInnes Challenge Silver Trophy (c) Best group of cow and two followers: M Poulton/E Dougall; R MacKinnon Memorial Challenge Trophy (c) Best Butchers Animal: M Poulton/E Dougall; M MacDonald-Clark Memorial Challenge Cup (c) Best cross animal at show: M Poulton/E Dougall; Col. and Mrs Lacey Challenge Cup (c) Best cross animal bred by exhibitor: M Poulton/E Dougall; Kintyre Animal feeds Tankard (o) Champion open cross animal: M Poulton/E Dougall; Bunessan Show Challenge Cup (c) Best animal in cross and dairy sections: M Poulton/E Dougall; P D Knight Shellfish (o) Pure bred champion: Molly Dougall; Bert Leitch Memorial Challenge Trophy, presented by Bunessan Show For champion cow with calf at foot, from classes 16, 9 and 37: M Poulton/E Dougall; Clydesdale Bank Cup (o) Most points in cattle sections: M Poulton/E Dougall; R and S Challenge Cup (o) Overall cattle champion: M Poulton/E Dougall; Reay Brill Challenge Cup (o) Reserve overall cattle champion: M Poulton/E Dougall; Blackface Sheep - N MacFadyen Memorial Shield (c) Ram lamb bred by exhibitor: A Prentice; Ardanish Cup Presented by E F Proctor (c) Best Ewe from classes 47 and 48: J Campbell; Scoor Challenge Cup Presented by R Keville (c) Gimmer: J Campbell; P Lamont Challenge Cup (c) Ewe Lamb: J Campbell; J MacRae Memorial Challenge Quaich (o) Ewe Lamb: A MacColl; V Hardwick Challenge Trophy (c) Group of Blackface: J Campbell; Challenge Rose Bowl (c) Best milk ewe gimmer and ewe lamb bred by exhibitor: J Campbell; Silver cake basket (c) Best milk ewe gimmer and ewe lamb bred by exhibitor N/A; Lachie MacFadyen Memorial Challenge Quaich (c) Best ewe with lamb/lambs at foot: S Fisher; J Glaiser Challenge Trophy (c) Female Champion - Blackface: J Campbell; Lachlan MacLean Challenge Trophy, presented by Bunessan Show (o) Female Champion - Blackface: D and J MacLean; V Hardwick Memorial Challenge Cup (c) Male Champion - Blackface: A Prentice; Lt Col W M Gordon Silver Challenge cup (c) Supreme Blackface Champion: A Prentice; J and C Campbell Challenge Cup (o) Supreme Blackface Champion: D and J MacLean; M and U Campbell Challenge Cup (o) Reserve Blackface Champion (opp sex to champion): D and J MacLean; Cheviot Sheep - John MacFadyen Memorial Challenge Cup (o) Supreme Cheviot Champion: R MacDougall; Coirc Bheinn Challenge Cup (o) Reserve Cheviot Champion - opposite sex of champion (o): R MacDougall; Sheep other than blackface or Cheviot - Beach Forest Challenge Cup (o) Best non-blackface group: A C MacColl; G and H Grant Challenge Cup (c) Pair of fat lambs: Molly Dougall Tiraghoil Challenge Cup Presented in memory of Mrs Betty Lyall Campbell (c) Tiraghoil Challenge Cup Female champion - non blackface: A C MacColl; Same Tractors Challenge Cup (c) Champion non-blackface: Messrs MacNeil; Scottish Wool Growers Shield (o) Champion non-blackface: A C MacColl; Bunessan Challenge Cup (c) Smallholders N/A; Pennyghael Award (o) Most points in Cattle and Sheep Sections: M Poulton/E Dougal; Bank of Scotland Cup (o) Champion of Champions: Orla MacLennan; Theresa Wade Memorial Challenge Trophy, presented by Bunessan Show, (o) For most points in sections 1-8 (aged 20 or under): Callum MacDougall; B and M Norquay Challenge Cup (o) Most points in Young Farmers Sections (over 16 years): S Fisher; Bunessan Show Young Farmers (o) (under 16 years): Cameron MacInnes; Bunessan Show Challenge Cup (c) Best Homebred Sheep (Young Farmers): Callum MacDougall; Dogs - A MacGillivray Challenge Cup Champion Collie: A Taylor "Bud"; Chris Jones Memorial Challenge Quaich First Local Gun Dog: J Taylor "Dris"; Steven Grant Memorial Challenge Cup Working Terrier: "Geordie"; Anderson Banks Cup Best Dog in Show: J Taylor "Dris" Horses and Ponies - Keel Row Trophy Tack and Turnout: Olivia Sexton; Alistair MacDougall Trophy Best Lead rein showing: Taylor Dawson; Victoria Frances Sloss Memorial Cup 13.2 and under showing: Gemma Cameron; Jeanie Gibson Memorial Cup: Orla MacLennan; Argyll Arms Trophy 14.2 and over showing: Kerry MacGillivray; Alex Cameron Shield Overall Showing Champion: Orla MacLennan; Lauren Cameron Special Prize Best lead rein rider: Taylor Dawson; Beadoun Agri Trophy Best Novice Rider: Gemma Cameron Bank of Scotland Quaich Best Open Rider: Ali Garvey; Ross of Mull Pony Club Trophy Best Pony Club Horse/Pony: Taylor Dawson; Catherine MacDonald Trophy Lead Rein show jumping: Taylor Dawson; James Fisher Trophy Novice Show jumping: Camrie MacLennan; Aileen Clark Trophy Intermediate show jumping: Olivia Sexton; Marilyn Fisher Trophy Open show jumping: Chloe Reade; Scoor Cup Overall Horse Show Champion: Taylor Dawson Horticulture - ROMIOG Trophy Basket of Organic Produce: St Columba Hotel; Lady Freeman Memorial Challenge Cup Basket of eight Varieties of Vegetables: Argyll Hotel; ROMIOG Cup 3 Dessert Fruit: Croft 13B; Cakebreads Challenge Trophy 3 Heads Hydrangea: R Burgess; Calum Morrison Challenge Cup Most points in Vegetable Sections: Argyll Hotel; Carswell Challenge Trophy Most points in Flower Sections: Lorna MacDougall; Alex Campbell Memorial Challenge Cup Best exhibit vegetable sections: St Columba Hotel; Neil and Isa MacKinnon Memorial Challenge Cup Runner up in flower Sections: R Burgess; Island Gardens Challenge Trophy Best Exhibit flower sections: Joan Knight; Industrial - Ann Thomson Memorial Cup Chocolate sponge: W MacMannaway; Mrs May MacCorquodale Quaich 3 Oatcakes: N Todd; Mrs I Miller Shield 3 Drop scones: S Campbell; Mrs Flora MacCallum Memorial Quaich Clootie Dumpling: C MacDonald; Stein Challenge Cup Most points in baking: M Todd; Miss Betty Logan Memorial Challenge Cup Best exhibit baking sections: R MacCallum; Barrington Cup Most points in preserves: M Todd; Mrs Nora Greenhalgh Memorial Quaich Best exhibit in preserves: E MacLean; Miss Kate MacFadyen Memorial Challenge Cup Best exhibit in knitting: M Todd; Mrs D Shuttleworth Cup Most points in needlework: Christine MacDonald; Harper-Nelson Challenge Trophy Most points in needlework and baking: M Todd; Children - Zena Rosier memorial Challenge Cup Soft Toy P1-7: Janey MacLellan; Fidden Quaich Best exhibit crafts P1-3: Cara McBain; Fiona MacKinnon Memorial Challenge Cup Most points crafts P4-7: Claudia MacDougall; McFarlane Shearer's Tankard Pets Corner N/A; Sunshine Cup Tallest sunflower: Elena Cameron; Mrs E Fisher Cup Most points for local schoolchild under 7: Rory MacDougall; Daisy Scott Challenge Cup Most points local primary school children: Rory MacDougall; MacKellar Challenge Trophy Most points children S1-S4: Amelia MacDougall; Arts and Crafts Peter Halcrow Memorial Quaich Best exhibit in crafts: B Humphries; Bunessan Challenge Trophy Best stick: A Soames; Ardanish Weavers Trophy: R Jeffree; George Campbell Memorial Cup Torr Mor Hill Race: J MacFadyen; Special Prizes United Auctions Best sheep at show: A C MacColl; United Auctions Best cattle animal at show: M Poulton/E Dougall; Jackson Bros, Master Butcher Best Pair of Fat Lambs at Show (from classes 51, 69 and 80): Molly Dougall; G MacKellar Local runner up in vegetable sections: St Columba Hotel; G MacKellar Local runner up in flower sections: R Burgess; Mrs L Degnan Novelty Cake: M Todd; Mrs J Knight Most points crafts S1-4: Amelia MacDougall; Mrs M MacCallum Most points baking S1-4: Arianna MacLellan; The Ferry Shop Most points crafts P1-3: Rory MacDougall; Mrs S MacKeand Most points baking P1-3: Rory MacDougall; Children's Cross Country: U8 U11 U14; Primary School Shinty N/A; Jodie Lawson Memorial Trophy Runner Up Local Child in Cross Country Race: Jack Birket; Bunessan PTA Local Winner of Cross Country Race: Iain MacCallum.

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## Organisers look forward to welcoming large crowd to popular Killin event

KILLIN and District Agricultural Society's annual show will be held on Saturday August 20.

The sheep judging always attracts a large quality entry and starts at 8.30am.

The cross sheep judge this year is John MacDougall, while the Blackface breed is in the hands of Douglas Willison Junior.

There is also a Swaledale section for the first time at the show, setting the pace as the only venue outwith the Highland Show to exhibit this hardy breed in Scotland.

The Swale Society is sponsoring the section and thanks go to the society for promoting the hardy Swale. Judge for this breed is John Burton

of Connonish. The cattle sections will be in the hands of Roddy Kennedy and it is hoped the return of the local hardy cross breeds will be well-supported after a self-imposed absence last year to allow the park surface to firm up after drainage and landscape work.

The vintage tractors always draw admirers and questions from the many interested visitors. The judge for 2016 is Bob Allan.

The parade will leave Dochart Bridge at 12.30pm, led by the Comrie Pipe Band, followed by the fancy dress participants and a selection of vintage tractors. Afternoon entertainment in the ring features many of the regular events traditional to

the Killin Show. A new feature is a falconry display, which will fill two slots and these magnificent birds, reared in captivity, will thrill the spectators with their swift flights and obedience to commands.

The Family Triple Challenge, children's races and the Terrier Race will bring the show ring to life as everyone cheers on the entrants. The three class dog show and bonny baby competition are always popular, as is the display of Highland dancing and with the shearing demonstration there is something for everyone.

The day is not complete without the food hall, which opens around 8am and the bar at 11am. There will be a good selection of stands, both

business and charity, for visitors to browse. The exhibition of floral, horticulture, crafts, baking, produce and preserves in the McLaren Hall is a must. It is open tomorrow evening (August 19) to view the competition results and on show day from 11am.

At 5pm Matt Stevenson will auction off donated goods from the hall in the marquee, so don't miss the chance of bagging a prize lot.

On Saturday evening, from 8pm, ceilidh music will bring show day to a close, together with a hog roast to save anyone going away unfulfilled.

The chairman and organising committee look forward to seeing a large crowd enjoying this long-established Killin event.

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We are currently looking to identify an exceptional aquaculture manager with strong leadership skills and technical experience to undertake the role of Seawater Area Manager covering our 12 farms on the North Mainland and Skye. This role is to provide effective knowledgeable support to the farms along with complete budgetary and oversight responsibility. The role will also be responsible for the Health and Safety of employees.

Reporting to the Seawater Manager the successful candidate will require to demonstrate an aptitude for managing and motivating personnel and to have achieved farming success through the success of others. Strong planning as well as the ability to problem solve along with a high tolerance to ambiguity are just some of the attributes required for this post. In addition, applicants should have a high degree of computer literacy as well as hold a full driving license and be prepared to undertake significant travel as required.

In return the successful candidate will benefit from a salary package befitting the significance of this role, including bonus, company vehicle and the opportunity to develop their career within Marine Harvest.

If you have the drive, commitment and enthusiastic personality that is required for this senior role, please apply in writing stating your reasons for applying and your relevant skills and experiences to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, Stob Ban House, Glen Nevis Business Park, Fort William, PH33 6RX by Wednesday 31st August 2016.

Informal enquires can be made to David MacGillivray, Seawater Manger, Mobile 07786 336833, E-mail [david.macgillivray@marineharvest.com](mailto:david.macgillivray@marineharvest.com)



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**THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (NORTH BALLACHULISH TO SOUTH OF FORT WILLIAM) (40MPH AND 50MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2016**

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they have made the above Order under section 84(1)(a) and 124(1)(d) of, and paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a).

The effect of the Order is as described in the Oban Times and West Highland Times dated 19th November 2015, and in the Edinburgh Gazette issue number 27642 dated 20th November 2015. The Order comes into force on Monday 22nd August 2016.

A copy of the Order as made, the relevant plan and the Revoked Order may be inspected free of charge until 23rd September 2016 during normal business hours at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF; Fort William Library, Airds Crossing, High Street, Fort William, PH33 6EU and Kinlochleven Community Library, Riverside Road, Kinlochleven, Argyll, PH50 4QH. 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>.

**J J MORAN**

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



**Proposed Division of a Croft by Owner-occupier Crofter**

Mrs Alexandra Duncan is applying to divide the croft at 2 & 4 Shielfoot, Ardnamurchan & Sunart into two separate crofts to be known as Croft 2 Shielfoot and Croft 4 Shielfoot.

If you consider you have a relevant interest in this application, you may submit comments in writing to the Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or email [info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk](mailto:info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert.

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

**CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING DIRECTION ISSUED**

1 & M MacEachen  
2 Toigal, Arisaig & Moidart  
0.118 ha - Site for a dwelling house  
67559  
Conditions: 2, 3b, 4

**Conditions**

- (2) To provide a site for a dwellinghouse
- (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.

**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**

Iain James Boyle has registered his croft 21b Carnach, Glencoe, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by April 25, 2017

Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is A0912

**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**

Stephen McDonach has registered his croft, 17 & 18 Anaheilt, Ardnamurchan and Sunart on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by March 30, 2017

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**PLANNING**

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 - 13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae 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](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/02144/PP	Change of use of opticians to residential accommodation	16 Charlotte Street, Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA42 7DF	Sub Post Office Port Ellen
16/01971/MFF	Expansion of fin fish farm to comprise 10 x 80 metre cages and increase in extent of moorings	Port Na Mine Fish Farm (Etive 3) Inverawe Taynuilt Argyll	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02055/LIB	Internal and external alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter	Tigh An Truigh Hotel Clachan Seil Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4DZ	Sub Post Office Balvicar
16/01749/PP	Installation of new door and screen	Kilchrenan Inn Kilchrenan Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HD	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02116/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and garages	Land North East Of Cuan House Cuan Ferry Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4RB	Sub Post Office Balvicar
16/02064/PP	Alterations and change of use of first floor restaurant storage into bedrooms for letting purposes.	Cottage Restaurant Main Street Bowmore Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA43 7JJ	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay
16/02042/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage and formation of new vehicular access (amendment to planning permission reference 14/02629/PP)	Land South of Kentallen Farm Aros Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
16/02090/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank (redesign and relocation of dwellinghouse approved under 10/00761/PP)	Land East of Fasgadh Kirkton Taynuilt Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02122/PP	Erection of outbuilding and erection of detached garage	Land At Former Sawmills Site (Plot 5) Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HY	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02156/PP	Alterations and erection of decking to NLB depot building	Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses Gallanach Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4LS	Oban Area Office
16/02158/LIB	Alterations and erection of decking to NLB depot building	Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses Gallanach Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4LS	Oban Area Office

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. 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. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (ROUTE A816 LOCHGILPHEAD TO OBAN ROAD)(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) (NO.2) ORDER 2016**

On Monday 15th August 2016, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle at a speed exceeding 30mph on the length of road specified in the schedule below.

The restrictions imposed by this order are required due to an increase in vehicle activity whilst upgrading works are ongoing at Tullich Treatment Plant. The reduced speed limit will be in operation when indicated by signs, from 0000 hours on 8th September 2016 until 2359 hours on 8th September 2017 or until the works are complete, whichever is the earliest.

**SCHEDULE - TEMPORARY 30 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION**

That length of the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road, extending from a point 30 metres or thereby south of the centreline of McCaig Road (at the termination of the existing 30mph speed limit) in a generally southerly direction to a point 173 metres or thereby north-west of the centreline of the Auction Mart Access Road (UC130), a total length of 880 metres or thereby.

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**

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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
16/01837/PIP	Development Site	opposite Spean Crescent, Spean Bridge	Proposed housing development
16/03105/FUL	Land 165M East of Finuary Farm, Lochaline, Morvern		Erection of house, installation of septic tank and soakaway
16/03377/FUL	The Slipway, Annat Pier, Corpach, Fort William		Erection of Steel frame, PVC Fabric Clad Boat Shed, new slipway (800 ton capacity with 4 rail system) and improvements of existing slipway
16/03459/FUL	Old Railway Embankment South of Daylesford, Banavie, Fort William		Erection of house and detached garage
16/03524/FUL	Land 120M North of Ardloch House, Gairloch, Spean Bridge		Formation of serviced house site
16/03525/FUL	Grounds of Caman View, West Tirindrish, Spean Bridge		Formation of serviced house site
16/03570/FUL	Land 15M NE of Glenuig Community Shop, Glenuig		Siting of temporary building on vacant land for use as a visitor centre displaying information on the history and heritage of Moidart

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

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**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**  
Mrs Jessie Cameron has registered her croft 207 Acharacle (Burbank), Ardnamurchan & Sunart on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.  
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by the 10th May 2017.  
Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C2965.

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**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**  
Emma Beveridge has registered her deemed croft 4 Keil common grazings (share), Benderloch, Ardhattan & Muckairn on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.  
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 26th April 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C2898.

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**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**  
Emma Beveridge has registered her croft 4 Keil, Benderloch, Ardhattan & Muckairn on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.  
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 26th April 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C2906.

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**Jeremy Clarkson names "Extremely Exciting" Mercedes-AMG GT S one of his top 10 cars**

THE Mercedes-AMG GT S has been named by Jeremy Clarkson as one of his top 10 cars in *The Sunday Times Driving*.

The TV presenter, who will soon be fronting new Amazon Prime show, *The Grand Tour*, described the GT S as "extremely exciting" in his official road test in *The Sunday Times*.

Clarkson noted: "Behind all the racing paraphernalia and the Mercedes-Benz suede and silicone, this is a modern-day muscle car. You sense this when you drive it. It feels raw. Much more raw than any of the other cars you can buy for this sort of money. It feels – how can I

put this? – extremely exciting." The GT range launched a new generation of performance engine from Mercedes-AMG: a 4.0-litre V8 unit which produces at least 462 hp and can propel the vehicle to reach 62 mph from standstill in four seconds (510 hp/3.8 seconds for the GT S).

At the 2016 Goodwood Festival of Speed, Mercedes-AMG unveiled a new, even more powerful version of the GT, the GT R, with an output of 585 hp and the ability to sprint from 0 to 62 mph in 3.6 seconds.

The Mercedes-AMG GT and GT S are on sale now priced from £98,195. To find your nearest retailer, visit [www.Mercedes-Benz.co.uk](http://www.Mercedes-Benz.co.uk).

**Fastest Selling Used Cars revealed by CAP HPI**



AUTOMOTIVE data experts cap hpi have revealed the fastest-selling used cars based on the latest market sales data.

Philip Nothard, consumer and retail specialist at cap hpi, said: "Looking at the data from the number of used cars advertised in the UK we are able to identify the best-selling makes and models and how quickly they are being snapped up."

"The key positive for the used market to take from this is that there is strong appetite for used vehicles, particularly convertibles, executives, lower medium cars, MPVs, Superminis and SUVs, with an average selling period of just two days."

The data examines sectors in the used car market analysing everything from city cars and coupe cabriolets to large executives to sports and supercars.

According to cap hpi, the fastest selling cars in the various car sectors are:

Vehicle Sector	Make & Model
City Car	Fiat 500 Hatchback
Convertible	BMW 3 Series Convertible
Coupe Cabriolet	207 Coupe Cabriolet
Electric	Vauxhall Ampera
Executive	Audi A5 Coupe/Diesel Coupe
Large Executive	Jaguar XJ Diesel
Lower Medium	Mitsubishi Carisma
Luxury Executive	Bentley Continental GT
MPV	Mercedes Viano Diesel
Sports	Audi TT
Supercar	Lamborghini Murcielago Coupe
Supermini	Ford Fiesta
SUVS	VW Tiguan (08-11)
Upper Medium	BMW 3 Series Coupe



**Cammish is Scotland bound as Carrera Cup heads to Knockhill**

PORSCHE Carrera Cup GB championship leader Daniel Cammish returns to Knockhill in Fife for rounds 11 and 12 and will be hoping to repeat his double race-winning feat of 2015.

The Leeds-based driver enjoyed a close battle last year with 2014 champion Josh Webster, both drivers pushing each other hard at the front of the field, leaving the rest trailing. By his own admission, the 1.3-mile, nine-turn circuit nestled in the countryside north of Dunfermline, is not one of his strong circuits. Despite this, Dan has a very impressive track record at Knockhill, having won three races at the track during his dominant Formula Ford campaign in 2013 in addition to his two 2015 Carrera Cup wins.

The stated aim, however, is to win and Dan will be doing his best to continue his

winning streak in the Nationwide Crash Repair/PPG sponsored car. He currently leads the championship standings by 20 points over nearest rival Dino Zamparelli. With 10 rounds gone and six remaining, Dan will be hoping to add to his seven wins this year with more victory trophies this weekend.

"There is a Carrera Cup group test on Tuesday then we will just go from there," said Dan. "We did well there last year. It's not a circuit that suits my style but we've got a new class of drivers this year, different people to race against, no Josh (Webster), no Mike (Meadows) so we'll have to see if these guys are as good as they were. It's one of those that I just have to get to and just do the best job I possibly can. I did it last year and I came away with two wins."

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Rounds 11 and 12 will take place on Sunday 14 August at 10.15am and 3.40pm respectively, with live coverage of round 12 on ITV4.

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**PALMER - MACLEOD** - Alan and Rebekah are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Orlaith, on August 14, 2016. First grandchild for Tom and Morag Palmer, Portree, Isle of Skye and for Ivor and Anne MacLeod, Bunessan, Isle of Mull. Huge thanks to the Oban midwife team and staff at the Royal Alexandra Maternity Unit, Paisley.

**DEATHS**

**BISSET** - Colin Gothard Bisset passed away suddenly on July 29, 2016, on the Isle of Mull, aged 44 years. Loving partner of Anne, beloved son of Dr John and Morag Bisset, Eccles, dear brother of Kenneth and devoted dad of Sophie, New Zealand. Forever in our hearts.

**CAMERON** - Peacefully at Lynn of Lorne Care Home, Benderloch, on Sunday August 7, 2016, aged 82, Elizabeth, a beloved mother, sister and aunt. Funeral took place on Friday August 12.

**FORREST** - Sheila. Peacefully, at Abbeyfield Nursing Home, Ballachulish on August 11, 2016, aged 90 years. Much loved sister of Erick and the late Helen, Morag and Vera, beloved aunt of Michael, Kathleen, Andrew, Robin and Fiona. Great-aunt of Jenni, Emma, Gabrielle and great-great-aunt of Isla, Ben and Bonnie. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday August 30, 2016 in St. Munda's Parish Church, Ballachulish; thereafter a private cremation will be held. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Abbeyfield Nursing Home can be given at the church door or forwarded to John McLellan Funeral Directors, Dudley Road, Fort William.

**MACKENZIE** - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on August 12, 2016, Iain, beloved husband of Rachel, much loved dad to Helen, Margaret and Iona and loving papa to Scott, Calum, Jordan and Rachel.

**MACLACHLAN** - Flora née Gunn. Peacefully in her 85th year at the Belford Hospital, Fort William on Thursday August 11, 2016, a much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be sorely missed. Funeral service will take place at Ballachulish Parish Church at 1pm on Friday August 19, followed by interment at Duror Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

**MACQUARRIE** - Peacefully at home on August 11, 2016, surrounded by her family and in her 90th year, Theresa (née MacQueen), beloved wife of the late Iain MacQuarrie, a dear sister, aunt and great-aunt. Sadly missed.

**McCLOUNNAN** - Peacefully after a short illness, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on August 4, 2016, aged 65, Margaret (née Macdonald), much loved mum of Stewart and David, a dear sister, aunt and friend to many.

**NICOLSON** - Margaret Nicolson (née Beaton) passed away peacefully with her family by her side in Sydney, Australia on Wednesday August 10, 2016, aged 83. She was a loving widow of Alasdair, dear loving mother of Susan, Fiona and Sheila and proud grandmother to Dane, Kayley, Jett and Skye. Sorely missed by all the family.

**ROBERTSON** - Peacefully at North Argyll House, Oban on August 11, 2016, in her 95th year, Dr Katherine May Robertson OBE (Kate), beloved wife to the late Rev Lindesay Robertson MBE, loving mum to Fiona and Catherine. Funeral will take place from Kilniver Parish Church, Kilniver on Tuesday August 23, 2016, at 12.30 pm., thereafter to Kilniver Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers for Child Survival in Malawi.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACCALLUM** - The family of the late Rev. Norman Donald MacCallum would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the support, kindness and many expressions of sympathy they received following the sad loss of Norman. Thanks also to those who paid their respects at the services in St. John's Cathedral, Oban and St. John's Church, Ballachulish. Our thanks to all who cared for Norman, including the staff at Lorn Medical Centre and St. John's Hospital, Livingston, as well as the ambulance staff Jason O'Connell and Laurie Cameron. Many thanks to Ian MacInnes of D&A Munn undertakers for very efficient funeral arrangements. Sincere thanks to the Rt. Rev. Kevin Pearson, the Rt. Rev. Martin Shaw, Norman Nicholson, the choir of St. John's Cathedral and piper Fergus Carmichael for their contribution to the comforting services in Oban and Ballachulish. The family would also like to thank the Isles of Glencoe hotel for catering arrangements. Barbara, Malcolm and Mairi would finally like to thank everyone who donated £1238.80 to Glasgow Children's Hospital (Yorkhill) and St. John's Hospital, Ward 19A, Livingston.

**MEMORIAMS**

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**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of a dear auntie Tootsie, (Sarah), who died August 16, 1989. Silent thoughts of times together. Hold memories that will last forever. - Catherine, Kenneth, Margaret and families.

**CRUICKSHANK** - Flora, died August 22, 2013, a much loved Mum. Another year has passed since you were taken. Gone but not forgotten. - Catherine x

**CRUICKSHANK** - Our beautiful Nanna Flora, Kind was your nature True were your ways We treasure our memories For the rest of our days All our love - Mark, Karen, Laura and families xxx

**CRUICKSHANK** - In loving memory of our dear dad Duncan and seaniar, who passed away August 15, 2015. Quietly remembered every day Sadly missed. - Duncan, Margaret, Emma, Mhairi and families. xxxxx

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**MACKAY** - In loving memory of our mum Alison, who died August 20, 2012. No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts you're always there Also remembering our dad Bill, died April 28, 2010. - Alison, Caroline, Billy and families.

**PENROSE** - In loving memory of my beloved husband Jackie, who died August 20, 2015. Close in my heart you will stay Loved and remembered every day - Jean

You will always live on in the hearts and minds of the loving family you left behind. - Marion and family

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**PENROSE** - In loving memory of Jack, brother-in-law and uncle, sadly missed. - Peter, Marion and family.

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**ROBERTSON** - In memory of my dear wife Heather, who passed away August 17, 2007. Behind a smile there's many a tear For ones we loved and lost so dear

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**£20,000 prize fund available for churches in national competition**

IT IS NOT too late for churches in Scotland to enter a national competition and win a top prize of £10,000 or five runner-up prizes of £2,000 each. The competition, which aims to find the best community engagement initiatives run by churches, however big or small, is still open for entries until the end of this month. The significant £20,000 prize fund has been put forward by insurance company Ecclesiastical, which specialises in insuring some of the most iconic and unique buildings in the UK, including churches. Churches across the

country have rushed to enter their projects into the competition since its launch in May, but there is still time for more churches in Scotland to come forward with their initiatives and make sure they are in the running for the prizes. The competition titled 'Reaching out, inviting in - churches helping communities' is open to Anglican churches in the UK, and sets out to find ideas and initiatives that have helped local communities. Churches can enter any activity they have organised in the past 12 months, so the initiative doesn't have

to be currently active. For example, it can be an ongoing campaign or a one off community outreach project. The entries must be clearly aimed at supporting, helping or reaching out to local communities (not primarily for fundraising). Applications for the competition are available online at [www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp) where you can also read the full terms and conditions. Applications must be received by August 31, 2016 with winners being announced at an award ceremony in London on November 9, 2016.

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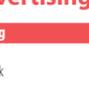
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**Thought for the week**

Isaiah 56.3 "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

ONE of the great prayers in the Episcopal Church which we sometimes use in our Morning Services is the Confession. It allows us to prepare ourselves and to make a clean breast of all the things that separate us from God. One phrase in the prayer always strikes me. "We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep..." Here in Argyll, we are used to lost sheep. Ewes or lambs on the road or on the wrong side of a fence bleating anxiously and wandering this way and that. Sometimes we are like that. We have all done it. We forget about the God who created us; we forget to treat our

neighbour as we ourselves would like to be treated; we go down paths of self-indulgence; we give way to physical temptations of every sort; we walk past injustices to our fellow beings; we help in the destruction of our planet. Our walk through the paths of life can often be pleasant. There are green pastures and quiet moments but sooner or later we turn away to our own ways which can often be dark. If we are to go onwards and upwards we need a guide: someone who can take our selfish and unloving ways and heal us from them so that we can reach the sunlit fresh uplands of the soul where we can see the wider view.

A prayer I know in English and Gaelic sums all that up :  
*Gin trèoraich am Buachaille Mòr sinn gu, tro slighean làbach Nach 'eil gun lóintean uaine 's uisgeachan tha citiùn, Dirichidh sinn gun tuigse gu bàrran nan beanntan biùh-bhuàn*  
*Far a bheil na gaoithean fionnar 's an t-sealladh gòirmhor. Let the Great Shepherd lead and by winding ways, not without green pastures and still waters, we shall climb insensibly and reach the tops of the everlasting hills, where the winds are cool and the sight is glorious.*

AMEN  
J.M.M.

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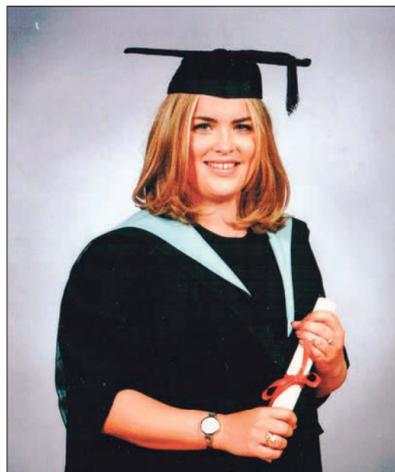
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# Ten out of ten as Oban Saints dump Argyll rivals

'We pressed high up the park and never let their defence settle on the ball'

Oban Saints 10  
Campbeltown Pupils 0  
SAFL Premier Division

TWO goals on his competitive debut for youngster Daniel Croarkin put the icing on the cake for Saints manager Alex Craik as he watched his charges put ten past Argyll rivals Campbeltown Pupils at Glencruitten last Saturday afternoon.

An Argyll Derby had all the makings of a tricky opening day fixture for Saints, however the home side received a major boost when injuries and holidays forced Pupils to name a virtually unrecognisable line-up.

Only four players remained from the corresponding fixture last season with the absence of Gary Grumoli, Pupils top scorer for the past eight seasons, a significant omission.

Saints welcomed back Willie Gemmell and Dean Smith to the squad that narrowly lost out in the Argyll and Bute Cup the previous week. Also making a welcome return was skipper Marc MacCallum missing through injury since the D&K Lafferty Cup.

Marc won the toss of referee Jimmy Litster's coin and elected to kick off attacking the railway end. Glencruitten had successfully passed an early morning pitch inspection and was in remarkably good condition given the recent heavy rain which continued to fall before

eventually clearing away after the opening 10 minutes.

Saints made a sluggish start and survived a scare in the fifth minute when the visitors almost punished some docile defending at a free kick. Paul Kerr was penalised for a foul on Ryan McConnachie 30 yards from goal and slightly right of centre. Pupils took the free kick quickly sending Martin McCallum tearing off up the right wing and catching the Saints defence asleep. McCallum sent a dangerous cross into the box which was turned goalward and cleared off the line before Ryan Gilchrist fired the loose ball narrowly wide of Thomas McCulloch's left hand post.

Saints were eventually awoken from their slumber by some stern words from the sidelines from Gaffer Craik. They tested Robert Coffield in the Pupils goal for the first time in the eighth minute. Craig MacEwan flicked on a Willie Gemmell pass into the path of Donald Campbell who sent in a looping right foot shot from 22 yards to which Coffield got both hands pushing the ball over his crossbar.

Ross Maitland had two chances within a minute firstly being foiled by a finger tip save by Coffield after cutting in from the right and firing a low shot across the keeper. Secondly making poor contact with an effort from 16 yards screwing

## Football

his shot wide with Coffield caught in no man's land.

The Saints pressure finally bore fruit in the 17th minute when Craig MacEwan stooped on the six yard line to head home a Ross Maitland cross from the right. Ross was the provider again in the 23rd minute picking out Donald Campbell in the box to slot past Robert Coffield to make it 2-0.

Saints experienced midfield triumvirate of Myles McAuley, Paul Kerr and Willie Gemmell were totally dominant in the middle of the park allowing Willie to use his excellent passing range to good effect. A raking ball from Willie started the move for Saints third goal in the 25th minute sending Craig MacEwan towards the bye-line wide on the right. With an exquisite touch Craig pulled the ball down and looped a cross into the six yard box for Ross Maitland to knock into the roof of the net with his left foot.

Saints added a fourth in the 31st minute from a corner kick on the right won by Donald Campbell. Ross Maitland found the head of David McArthur with another good delivery with the Saints full back unlucky to see his powerful downward header stopped on the line by Grant Grant. Myles McAuley won the ball from the Pupils defender and laid it back to Donald Campbell who thumped an emphatic finish into the net from seven yards.

The movement of the Saints front three had the Pupils defence chasing shadows and almost immediately from the restart only a well timed last ditch tackle from Keith Mitchell prevented Donald Campbell from adding to the scoring after a perfectly weighted through ball from Craig MacEwan had Donald bearing down on goal.

Saints' incessant pressure told just two minutes later when Scott Maitland made a driving run into the box passing up a shooting opportunity in favour of a lay off to Donald Campbell. Donald cracked a shot off Robert Coffield's left hand post and with the Pupils defence all at sea Craig MacEwan was on hand to roll the rebound into the net for goal number five.

In a quieter spell leading up to the interval Martin McCallum demonstrated his shooting ability fizzing a free kick inches wide of Thomas McCulloch's right hand post before referee Litster blew for half time.

The Gaffer withdrew Myles McAuley, David McArthur and Craig MacEwan giving substitutes Daniel Croarkin, Fraser



Ross Maitland, who had a great game for Saints on the right flank leaves Alan Glendinning in his wake.



Donald Campbell is congratulated by Myles McAuley, Paul Kerr, David McArthur, Ross Maitland and Craig MacEwan after the Saints striker had scored his third goal of the game.

The visitors managed to keep the Saints attack at bay for only nine second half minutes before Donald Campbell completed his hat-trick. Ross Maitland made a devastating run on the right leaving two defenders trailing in his wake and flighting over another excellent cross to the back post where Donald Campbell climbed well against Grant Grant to head back across Robert Coffield and into the postage stamp corner.

Coffield was powerless to stop Craig MacEwan from completing the second hat-trick of the day when Craig made a near post run to glance Ross Maitland's corner from the right inside the far post for Saints seventh.

A rare loose finish from Donald Campbell after beating the offside trap was a let-off for the beleaguered Pupils defence. However, that was only a brief stay of execution before Donald and Ross Maitland took their respective goals and assists totals to four in the 62nd minute. Donald got the better of Shaun Grumoli at the back post to divert a cross from Ross high into the net putting Saints eight goals up with 28 minutes still to play.

Despite being totally outplayed the visitors never gave up and Saints central defensive pairing of Marc MacCallum and Dene Cassells had to maintain their focus to preserve their precious clean sheet.

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MacFarlane and Dean Smith a twenty five minute opportunity to influence proceedings which they were to grab with both hands.

Shortly after entering the fray Daniel Croarkin made a good block on the edge of his own box to block a shot from Martin McCallum who had been the visitor's most potent goal threat throughout.

As the match briefly threatened to boil over Keith Mitchell found his way into referee Litster's notebook for a late challenge on Paul Kerr and was closely followed by Dene Cassells after a spot of retribution on the Pupils skipper.

Mr Litster quickly brought things under control before Saints once more increased the pressure on the Pupils goal. All three Saints substitutes were involved in the build up for the ninth goal with Daniel Croarkin finishing off the move showing good strength on the ball to force his way into the box and calmly slot past the Pupils keeper from ten yards.

Young Daniel made it a dream debut double in the 88th minute heading a Donald Campbell cross from the left high into the net to complete the scoring and send Saints into double figures.

Referee Jimmy Litster, who successfully kept the lid on a highly competitive Argyll derby, ended the agony for Pupils allowing only a bare minimum of stoppage time before blowing the final whistle.

Despite the emphatic scoreline full credit must go to the



Saints skipper Marc MacCallum congratulates young Daniel Croarkin on scoring his second and his team's tenth goal against Campbeltown Pupils.

depleted Pupils team who kept plugging away all afternoon and will hope to be back to full strength before their next two extremely daunting fixtures against St Joseph's and East Kilbride.

Manager Alex Craik was delighted with the performance of his team. He said: 'Despite a sluggish start we played some great stuff today. Some of the inter-passing and running

off the ball was excellent and everybody worked really hard for each other. We pressed high up the park and never let their defence settle on the ball. I know they weren't at full strength but I'm sure they will turn the corner when they get their full squad back.'

Next up for Saints is a visit to face newly promoted Motherwell Thistle at Wishaw Sports Centre, kick-off 2pm.

## Duncan wins 'down the line' shoot

THE DAY, which started bright, ended in heavy rain but luckily the last line of shooters just beat the weather.

The competition took the form of two rounds of 25 clay targets using the club's 'down the line' trap.

This trap launches the clay targets randomly within a fixed lateral arc and variable height range.

There was a talented field of

visiting guns who took the top four places in the senior competition. However, there was no visiting opposition for the club's junior members who gave a good account of themselves.

### Possible maximum

Duncan MacColl, from Lorn Clay Target Club, took the Pontin Cup with a score of 145 points from a possible maximum of 150 points.

One point behind was Alan

Brown from Bute in second place.

There was a tie for third place with 141 points between Roy Hornall, Glasgow and William McDermott, Bute. The final place went to Donny MacPhail from Glendaruel and Colintrava Gun Club with 140 points.

It is very rewarding to see the progress of the club's juniors. It takes nerve to stand in a line

## Shooting

with seasoned shots as there is no variation in the standard of targets for juniors.

The top junior score of 141 points and the A F Whyte Cup went to Archie McBride. This score would have earned him third equal in the senior competition.

Second and third places went to Craig McKay and Neil Lamont with 103 and 97 respectively. Ryan Stewart, a new member, shot 66 points.

The Pool Shoot is used as a warm up for the main competition. Four stands are used and the shooter has a pair of clays at each stand. These targets are difficult to hit and re-entry is allowed.

On Saturday there were 71 attempts to hit all eight targets and it was junior Craig McKay who had a clear round and took the cash prize.

Clay target shooting is a great sport for all age groups. Visit the website [dunoonand-district-ctc.com](http://dunoonand-district-ctc.com), for more information.



Prizewinners, left to right: Ryan Stewart, William McDermott, Alan Brown, Duncan MacColl, Roy Hornall, Craig McKay, Archie McBride and Donny MacPhail.



Andrew and Kyle with the Open Pairs trophy.

## Andrew and Kyle lift the silverware

OBAN Bowling Club's Open Pairs was held on Saturday (August 13).

Thirty pairs took part, with entries from Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Dumbarton, Clydebank and Old Kilpatrick joining teams from Oban.

Two visiting teams had survived the quarter finals and they were drawn against two home teams. The Lucas brothers from Old Kilpatrick ended the hopes of Anne and Neil MacDougall

## Bowls

meanwhile the experienced pairing of Alistair Craig and George Annan from Ardrishaig were fighting a losing battle against the Oban duo of Andrew Forbes and Kyle Ross.

In the end the trophy remained in Oban with Andrew and Kyle coming out on top this year.

# McPhee struggles in Austria

CONNEL'S John McPhee endured a weekend to forget at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria, with minimal position changes resulting in a 24th place finish in the Moto3 World Championship round in Austria.

Having qualified in 29th position, McPhee's struggles continued in Sunday's bright and dry conditions despite being promoted a place ahead of the race following the exclusion of Italian Romano Fenati by his Sky VR46 team.

But Racing Steps Foundation-backed rider McPhee was unable to make further significant progress when the lights went out; his Peugeot-badged Mahindra struggling with horsepower deficit to its rivals, particularly on the circuit's uphill sections and long straights.

Having come out on top of an early tussle with the fellow Mahindra of Marcos Ramirez, McPhee set his sights on the Sky

## Moto3

VR46 / KTM of Andre Migno with less than 0.1 seconds separating the pair at times.

The battle between the pair prevented any further progress up the field with Adam Norrodin pulling clear by over 10 seconds, while Ramirez's deficit to the duo also fell into double figures in the closing laps.

With the number of laps falling, the order remained stationary until McPhee managed to finally grab the place past Migno on the final lap to grab an eventual 24th place, with his Peugeot Saxoprint team-mate Albert Arenas finishing 22nd on his debut.

Leopard Racing's rookie Joan Mir scored victory from pole position, with championship leader Brad Binder second. The Honda of Gresini Racing's Enea Bastianini took third following the final lap tussle for position.



John McPhee, No 17, in action during the Austrian Grand Prix. Photo: Bonnie Lane

## Golf News



### Killin

GENTS Open: Saturday 6 August Scratch: The Davies Trophy: 1 Cameron Milne (Glencruitten) 69 BIH; 2 Clark Riddick (Southernness) 69; 3 Stephen Brown (Bridge of Allan) 72

Handicap: The Melia Quaich: 1 Archie Hogg (Kenmore) 63 BIH; 2 Alan MacPhee (Glencruitten) 63; 3 John Plunkett (Glencruitten) 64

Longest Drive: Category 1 (9th only) - C Milne (Glencruitten); Category 2 (7th only) - Graham Herd (Killin)

Nearest the Pin: Category 1 (8th and 17th) - G Anderson (Leven Thistle); Category 2 (5th and 14th) - S Gow (Glencruitten); All in two (6th only) - A MacPhee (Glencruitten)

The Wee Claret Jug: (Best Local Overall) - Lee Douglas 65.

### Tobermory

GENTS: August Medal - 1 Graham Davidson 72-07-65; 2 Tom Nunn 78-12-66; 3 Calum MacLean 83-16-67.

### Glencruitten

GLENCRUITTEN stood up remarkably well considering the rainfall leading up to the Open - a testament to the skills of Dougie MacIntyre and green staff.

Phillip Murphy won the Glencruitten Open on Saturday with a score of 63. David McCuish was second on 64, and Cameron Milne third on 67.

In the Chrysler-Sunbeam Trophy Alan Jamieson was the winner with a score of 73 - 12 = 61 (bih) from Andrew McHardy, and Graham McColl took third place with a score of 67 - 4 = 63. Alan Jamieson also had a hole in one at the 17th.

Duncan Forgieve won the Wellpark Trophy with a score of 78 - 17 = 61. Graham Darling was runner up with a score of 80 - 18 = 62.



## Lorne lose out in Dundee

Harris Academy	17
Oban Lorne	7
Pre-season fixture	

OBAN Lorne made the long trip to Dundee on Saturday to take on Caledonia Division 1 side Harris Academy RFC.

The Green Machine were joined on the journey by 2xv players from Argyll and Bute RFC who were taking on another Dundee side, Panmure RFC, with that game also being held at Harris Academy's Elliot Road ground.

An impressive squad of 34 players travelled on the day despite several key players missing due to injury and work commitments.

Unfortunately Oban Lorne failed to build on the previous weekends home win against Garioch RFC as they went down 17-7 against a well organised and forwards dominated home team.

Oban were left frustrated they could not make the game more of a contest as they squandered several opportunities to score while pressurising the home

tyline. On six occasions the men in Green failed to score from a five metre lineout against a stubborn defence. Coach Corrie Louw will be looking to sharpen up his teams attacking options ahead of the start of the team's West Division 1 opener in two weeks time.

Tommy Sutherland scored Oban's only try of the day from close range, with the conversion coming from Serum Half Finlay Carmichael.

Despite the loss Oban are in a confident mood looking ahead to the new season. With key players such as Craig Wright, Corrie Louw, Lorne MacLachlan, Struan Smith, Cammy Smith, Dave McCabe and Dom Ma all missing in the weekend's loss these players will be a welcome addition back to the squad over the coming weeks.

The Oban side are back in pre-season action this Saturday when they make another long journey to take on North Berwick RFC. North Berwick finished second in East Division 1 last season and will be looking for another strong campaign

under the command of head coach and former Scotland captain Jason White. White is assisted in his role at the club by fellow former Scotland International Nathan Hines who is also part of Scottish Rugby's National team coaching staff.

The first league fixture for Oban Lorne will be on Saturday August 27 at home to East Kilbride, KO 3pm at Glencruitten.

Oban Lorne's new website will be launching soon - www.obanlorne.co.uk

### Panmure 45 Argyll and Bute 7

Argyll and Bute RFC joined Oban Lorne in their trip to Dundee on Saturday to take on Caledonia Division 2 side Panmure RFC, who are based in Broughty Ferry.

Despite a good first half showing Argyll eventually went down 45-7 in what was a valuable 80 minutes for the players involved.

Argyll and Bute kick off the 2016/17 season away to Glasgow East RFC on Saturday 27th of August.



## New kit for Lochnell youngsters

The choice of where to go for pre-match meals was made easier for Lochnell Football Club after their latest sponsorship deal was agreed. Oban's Little Bay Cafe stepped in to provide a set of strips for the North Connel Club which have been proudly worn recently in the Oban Primary Football League. Proprietor Robert McKay is pictured with some of the players outside the Stafford Street Cafe.

## Oban sisters play in Super Series

### Bowls

THE REGIONAL draws for the Scottish Super Series 2016 have been announced and young bowlers are seizing the opportunity to play.

With more than 800 entries the Scottish Super Series is already proving to be the way forward for the sport as the competition entries include young guns and experienced world class champions alike.

Two of the youngest entrants are just 12 and 13 years old.

Sisters Kirsty and Emma Gargan of Oban Bowling Club have entered together in the pairs discipline and are amongst a number of young bowlers who will play in regional qualifiers on August 22 and 23.

## Oban sports groups urged to get involved in national project

ARGYLL and Bute Council is encouraging sports clubs and organisations in Oban and Lorn to register their interest if they want to get involved in a national Community Sports Hub (CSH) project.

Not only are Community Sports Hubs a great place to share ideas, they also increase the profile for sport and clubs in the community along with providing professional support from Active Schools, Sports Development and Scottish Governing Bodies.

### Key programmes

The hubs are lottery-funded and are one of sportscotland's key programmes which support local sports clubs to play their

part in a world class sporting system. They focus on sustainable, community-led approaches that get clubs working together to develop welcoming, safe and fun environments for sport.

If you would like to become involved in this exciting project please register your interest by emailing Jillian Gibson, Community Sport Hubs Officer, at jillian.gibson@argyll-bute.gov.uk or calling 01631 567892.

There will also be an opportunity to find out more about Community Sport Hubs at a meeting on Tuesday August 23 at 7pm in the McCaig Suite, Corran Halls.

The council's policy lead for community and culture,

### Sports hub

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'This is a great opportunity for like-minded sports people to work in partnership, to share their resources and expertise and become stronger together.'

### Opportunities

'Community Sport Hubs offer a wide range of opportunities and encourage more people to become active. They engage the local community and promote leadership as well as offering a wide range of sporting opportunities. I hope that people of Oban and Lorn make the most of this opportunity and register their interest.'



Prizewinners at the recent Glencruitten Open. Left to right: Phillip Murphy, Alan Jamieson and Duncan Forgieve.

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### Camanachd Cup – semi final

#### Kinlochshiel 1 Newtonmore 2

Newtonmore are through to the Camanachd Cup Final after they beat Kinlochshiel 2-1 in their 4.05pm throw up at the Bught Park.

Jordan Fraser returned for Kinlochshiel after missing the previous weekend's league win over Kyles Athletic. Newtonmore's Jamie Robinson and Andy MacKintosh both recovered from knocks and both started.

Newtonmore opened with the wind advantage but Kinlochshiel made a bright start with Keith MacRae and then Jordan Fraser threatening the Newtonmore goal early in the contest.

Norman Campbell needed treatment after 10 minutes. He took a knock following a Finlay MacRae challenge which saw the two full centres lock horns. Campbell was able to continue but he was moved to full forward with Jamie Robinson going to full centre and Neil Stewart dropping back to wing centre.

'Shiel had a grip of the midfield and Oliver MacRae flicked on a high Gordie MacDonald ball

from the right before shooting low past the keeper's left post.

Paul MacArthur was booked by referee Deek Cameron on 15 minutes for a comment made after playing the ball forward from midfield.

Newtonmore's first real chance came a minute later as Chris Sellar strode forward, but he tugged the ball past 'Shiel goalie Scott Kennedy's right post.

There was an opportunity for 'More a minute later when Neil Stewart played the ball in from the right.

Jamie Robinson pushed the ball into the heart of the 'Shiel defence, where it was missed by the back-line, and Norman Campbell surged forward to the left of the 'D' and took a touch before flicking the ball to the keeper's right. But Scott Kennedy was wise to it and he forced the ball away for a corner on the 'More left. Norman Campbell took Paul MacArthur's corner in the air but steered it wide of goal.

As much as Kinlochshiel dominated the opening 15 minutes, Newtonmore were coming more and more into the game and when Norman Campbell lofted a ball forward midway through the first half, David Falconer looked favourite to clear the danger but he missed his hit.

Glen MacKintosh took advantage but Scott Kennedy moved quickly across his goal to keep the ball out with his feet at his left post at the expense of a corner.

Kinlochshiel were forced to make a change on 25 minutes when defender Conor Cormack suffered a serious hand injury which will require surgery. John Don MacKenzie came on in his place.

'Shiel's Mark MacDonald had to scramble the ball away for a corner after a dangerous Chris Sellar run and the irony of the earlier injury to Norman Campbell was that the men from the Eilan looked a better unit with Jamie Robinson at full centre and Campbell at full forward.

Evan Menzies was next to go close as he played a one-two with Norman Campbell before running in on goal. But he wasn't able to get any force in his shot, under pressure from John Don MacKenzie.

The west coast side returned on the offensive and an Oliver MacRae shot went wide of goal following a 'Shiel set-piece after Steven MacDonald was penalised for barging Jordan Fraser in the back.

Kinlochshiel were moving the ball around nicely and when Gordie MacDonald set up Finlay

MacRae around 22 yards from goal, his shot rose just over the top.

It was Newtonmore who would take the lead on 39 minutes.

Evan Menzies closed down a clearance on the Newtonmore left before playing the ball to Norman Campbell. Campbell moved away from goal before drifting the ball in to Glen MacKintosh who took it down with his back to goal. MacKintosh made just enough space to shoot high towards the goal and although Scott Kennedy got a stick to the ball, he couldn't keep it out of the net.

Scott Kennedy had to move smartly to flick a low Chris Sellar shot from the right away for a corner as the contest moved into the closing stages of the first half.

Sellar went close again before his side took their 1-0 lead into the break.

Kinlochshiel had the breeze in their favour in the second half but it took a superb Scott Kennedy save just under his bar to keep out a Norman Campbell drive on 54 minutes after Paul MacArthur had played the ball forward from midfield.

Owen Fraser saved with his feet from John MacRae and MacRae went even closer with a low drive across goal from the resultant corner. Owen Fraser then saved with his feet again, this time from Oliver MacRae. Newtonmore made a couple of changes just short of the hour mark as Drew MacDonald and Ackie MacRae took over from Norman Campbell and Chris Sellar.

David Falconer needed treatment after a midfield collision before Glen MacKintosh took an Evan Menzies pass and shot into the side-netting.

Newtonmore doubled their lead on 68 minutes. A Neil Stewart shot from a Jamie Robinson pass was deflected for a corner.

Ackie MacRae sent in the corner from the right and when the ball broke to Neil Stewart, he sent a low strike into the net, despite Scott Kennedy's attempts to keep the ball out with his feet.

Kennedy then saved well with his hand from Glen MacKintosh after the 'More hit-man held off John Don MacKenzie and cut in from the left.

Play quickly switched to the other end and a John MacRae shot flashed wide after a quick break forward on 71 minutes.

A hurried Keith MacRae snapshot a couple of minutes later lacked power and the Kirkton side knew they needed to score next.

'Shiel came within a whisker of pulling a goal back on 77 minutes. John MacRae found Jordan Fraser and his shot took a deflection off man of the match Steven MacDonald before spinning just past the post.

The Kinlochshiel goal was coming and it arrived following a set-piece a minute later. Oliver MacRae scooped the ball ahead of Keith MacRae, who lost his marker, and sent a low strike into the net from just inside the 'D' to make it 2-1.

Newtonmore immediately made their third change as Fraser MacKintosh took over from Jamie Robinson.

Kinlochshiel continued to press but Newtonmore used their experience to see out the closing stages, although they did have a couple of late scares. First, Finlay MacRae broke down the right and played a one-two with John MacRae but his ball into the 'D' was bundled away for a corner at the back post by Rory Kennedy. Duncan 'DA' MacRae took over from Jordan Fraser before the corner was taken and, when it was, Owen Fraser got his legs behind a Keith MacRae effort at his left post.

Kinlochshiel will rue not



Kinlochshiel's Keith Macrae and Newtonmore's Andy Mackintosh in a tussle for the ball during last Saturday's Camanachd Cup semi final at Bught Park, Inverness. Photo: Neil Paterson

scoring when they were dominant early in the match. Conor Cormack's enforced substitution was another blow.

Newtonmore now await the winners of this coming weekend's semi final meeting between Oban Camanachd and Lochaber at Taynuilt Sports Field.

### Strathdearn Cup – semi finals

#### Lochcarron 4 Skye Camanachd 2

(after extra-time)  
Lochcarron reached the Strathdearn Cup Final with a 4-2 win over the Skye Camanachd second team after two hours of shinty in their semi-final tie at Battery Park.

Nick Dalgety got Lochcarron off to the best possible start with a goal in the opening minute.

Ross Gordon equalised on 28 minutes and the same player put the islanders 2-1 ahead four minutes into the second half.

A second Nick Dalgety goal on 64 minutes tied the contest for a second time.

With no further scoring, referee Scott McNeil took the tie into extra-time. It was Lochcarron who went back in front through Sean MacCuish on 95 minutes and Peter MacKenzie made it 4-2 a minute from the end of an exciting clash.

#### Glenurquhart 2 Kingussie 1

The Glenurquhart second team will play Lochcarron in the Strathdearn Cup Final after they beat the Kingussie second team 2-1 at Blairbeg.

Kingussie made a strong start and their forwards saw plenty of the ball during the first five minutes of the tie.

Glenurquhart came back into it with Stuart Reid at full centre getting to grips with the game.

It was first blood to the 'Glen' on eight minutes when James MacPherson collected a pass from Callum Smith and, from 15 yards out, his low shot went into bottom corner of net to make it 1-0.

There was further delight for the home support on 12 minutes when James MacPherson ran some distance juggling the ball on his caman.

MacPherson let the ball drop before almost losing it in a chal-

lenge. He recovered though to strike a low shot from the same position as his opening goal with the ball ending up in same corner of net.

Just before half hour mark, Kingussie moved Ronald Ross from buckshee back to full forward where he was well marked by Glen full back Paul MacKintosh.

With five first half minutes remaining, James MacPherson had the ball in the net once more but, to Glenurquhart's frustration, referee Willie MacDonald blew for a foul on Rory Fraser.

Ronald Ross didn't appear at the start of second half after limping during the latter stages of the first half.

Kingussie pulled a goal back on 81 minutes after a period of constant pressure. The Kings' centre line were feeding the forwards and the Glen defence were struggling to keep the visiting forwards away from goal. The ball fell to the alert Roddy Young who sent a strike through a packed defence to make it 2-1. Just 30 seconds later, a fierce back-hand shot from Ronald Ross, who had returned to the field of play, was excellently saved with his hand by Cameron MacLennan.

Unlike his earlier spell in attack, Ronald Ross was now finding plenty of space and he sent a number of powerful shots on target, producing some fantastic saves from Cameron MacLennan in the 'Glen' goals. One particular back-hand rocket a minute from time resulted in the best save of all which had the 'Glen' support on their feet cheering their keeper.

There was late drama when referee Willie MacDonald awarded Kingussie a penalty after consulting with his goal judge. Prolific scorer Kevin Thain stepped forward but his powerful strike went wide of Cameron MacLennan's left hand post.

His performance during a busy final 15 minutes made Cameron MacLennan a candidate for man of the match although Drew MacLennan at half back was also excellent whilst James MacPherson's two goals made the difference.

The 2016 Strathdearn Cup Final between Lochcarron and the Glenurquhart second team is scheduled for Saturday September 10.

### Marine Harvest Premiership

#### Skye Camanachd 1 Lochaber 2

Lochaber took the points in their relegation battle with Skye Camanachd, winning 2-1 at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree.

Skye Camanachd were missing brothers Steven Morrison and Danny Morrison who were at a family wedding.

Lochaber's Danny Delaney served a one-match suspension for passing through the disciplinary points threshold.

Neil MacDonald gave Lochaber the lead on 22 minutes but an Iain Nicolson goal on 62 minutes drew the sides level.

The winner came from Lochaber's Ben Delaney when the ball deflected into his path with five minutes remaining.

Lochaber now move out of the league's second relegation spot at Skye's expense. Skye are a point behind eighth-placed Lochaber but they have two games in hand, starting with a trip to Balgait this coming weekend to play Lovat.

The big games keep coming for Lochaber and they are now just days away from this weekend's Camanachd Cup semi-final meeting with Oban Camanachd. Lochaber boss Ally Ferguson said, 'We are looking forward to playing Oban Camanachd in the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup. We know and expect it will be a hard-fought match. Oban Camanachd are a good side and their league position tells you so. 'I don't think either team goes into this tie as clear favourites as both sides have been doing well this season, with the odd slip-up or blip along the way. There is evidently not a lot between the teams. We go into this match with no injury or suspension worries.'

#### Kyles Athletic P Oban Camanachd P

The match between Kyles Athletic and Oban Camanachd was postponed as the pitch at Tighnabruach was ruled unplayable.

The cancellation meant an unexpected free Saturday for Oban Camanachd ahead of this weekend's Camanachd Cup semi final against Lochaber at Taynuilt Sports Field.

Oban Camanachd manager

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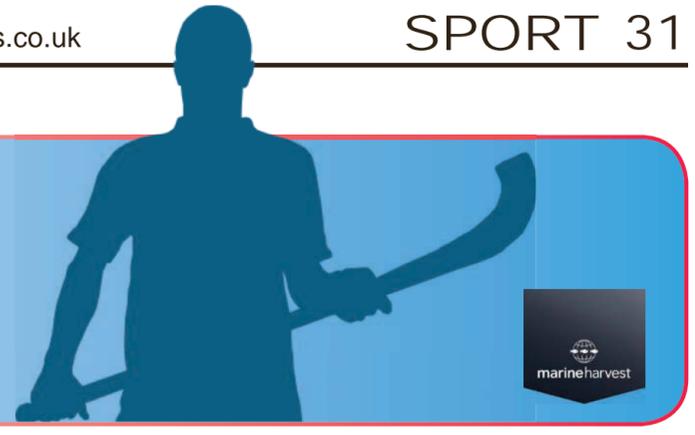


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## Camanachd Cup Macaulay Cup MacTavish Cup Celtic Society Cup

## Sutherland Cup Balliemore Cup Strathdearn Cup Bullough Cup

Iain Hay wasn't too disappointed the game was off. 'We arranged a good training session instead,' he said. 'We are without the suspended Garry Lord for the semi final which is a pity as we'd otherwise have a full squad to choose from, as long as there are no injuries in training during the week.'

'Oban Camanachd haven't made it through to a Camanachd Cup final for 15 years. Back then, we lost to Kingussie in Glasgow. The last time Oban Camanachd won the Scottish was in 1996 so the boys have the chance to make a name for themselves. We are just concentrating on the semi-final though. We know it's going to be hard and we'll hopefully get a big support through to Taynuilt for what's sure to be a good game.'

Throw up is at 4.05pm and Lachie Wood is the match referee. The match will be broadcast live on BBC Alba from 4pm.

### Marine Harvest National Division

#### Kilmallie 4 Inveraray 1

Kilmallie scored three times in the last five minutes to beat Inveraray 4-1 in their noon throw up at the Canal Parks.

Both teams were short of players and had their squads tested.

Kilmallie's Craig MacIsaac served the final match of a three game ban. Jordan MacPhee started a two-match suspension following his red card against Glasgow Mid Argyll last weekend.

Duncan Rodger was booked in that match which triggers a one-match suspension so he will sit out Kilmallie's next outing which is scheduled to be a league meeting with Caberfeidh at Castle Leod at the start of September. He also missed this encounter as he was on holiday. Liam Cameron was also missing.

Inveraray captain Allan MacDonald was also serving the second match of a three-game ban. MacDonald should complete his suspension against Ballachulish this coming Saturday so he will be eligible to play in the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final against Kinlochshiel at Mossfield on Saturday September 3.

David Robertson was working, Ally Munro was injured and Douglas Dando and Nicolas Crawford were on holiday. Euan McMurdo lined up alongside Ally MacDonald in the half back positions.

This was a game of two halves with Inveraray controlling the first 45 minutes before Kilmallie

took charge in the second half.

Lewis MacNicol had a great game on the wing for Inveraray and put them ahead on 41 minutes.

Kilmallie made changes at the break and levelled on 52 minutes following a long run from Liam MacDonald which ended when he ran along the bye-line and coolly slotted the ball past Scott MacLachlan to make it 1-1.

And that's the way it stayed until the dramatic final 5 minutes. Liam MacDonald got his second on 85 minutes to put Kilmallie in front for the first time in the game. Brian Mackay made it 3-1 on 78 minutes and if that wasn't enough, youngster Callum MacDougall, who scored for the Kilmallie seconds in the day's earlier game, made it 4-1 a minute from time.

#### Glasgow Mid Argyll 3 Inverness 0

Glasgow Mid Argyll beat Inverness 3-0 at Yoker.

Mark Bain was banned for GMA and he will also miss this coming Saturday's league clash with Caberfeidh at Castle Leod.

Inverness forwards Charlie MacDonald and James Cameron both served one match bans as their bookings in the league win over Ballachulish a fortnight ago took them through the disciplinary points threshold.

Craig Anderson put GMA ahead on 12 minutes with the only goal of the first half.

Calum McLay struck twice in the second half - on 67 and 77 minutes - to round off the 3-0 win.

GMA are two points behind leaders Kilmallie with a game in hand.

#### Beaulieu 4 Caberfeidh 1

Fifth-placed Beaulieu beat fourth placed Caberfeidh 4-1 in their 3pm throw up at Braeview Park.

Conor Ross gave Beaulieu an early advantage with goals on eight and 21 minutes but Jamie MacKintosh pulled a goal back for Cabers three minutes later.

Second half strikes from Robbie Brindle on 52 minutes and Marc MacLachlan on the stroke of full-time gave Beaulieu both points.

Beaulieu are now a point behind Caberfeidh but they have a game in hand.

### Marine Harvest North Division 1

#### Newtonmore 9 Fort William 1

The Newtonmore second team were back in league action as they defeated the Fort William

second team 9-0 in their 1.30pm throw up at the Eilan.

This fixture was originally postponed when the Fort were unable to raise a team meaning they forfeited two points. Craig Ritchie gave the home side a tenth minute lead and Iain Robinson added a second on 20 minutes. Craig Ritchie got his second on 42 minutes to make it 3-0 but the real goal-glut came in the second half.

David Cheyne got in on the act on 49 minutes with Craig Ritchie completing his hat-trick on 59 minutes and David Cheyne getting his second a minute later to make it 6-0.

Craig Ritchie added a seventh on 65 minutes before young Victor Smith gave the Fort something to cheer about on 71 minutes.

A rare Kenny Ross goal on 83 minutes and a fifth from Craig Ritchie a couple of minutes from time made the final score 9-1.

The sides are scheduled to meet again this coming weekend at An Aird.

The Newtonmore seconds are now just two points behind league leaders Strathglass and have a couple of games in hand.

#### Beaulieu 0 Lovat 4

The reserve team derby between the Beaulieu and Lovat colts was a noon throw up at Braeview Park.

Beaulieu were along usual lines with Kyle MacDonald in goals, Rodger Cormack full back and Martin Davidson at wing forward.

With no first team game, Lovat had Danny Kelly at full centre, Mark Kelly at buckshee back, Scott MacKenzie at wing back and Graeme MacMillan at half forward.

Lovat started the game strongly and, on five minutes, Graeme MacMillan's strong running saw him carry the ball some distance and his shot on the run went just past Kyle MacDonald's left hand post.

Then, at regular intervals, shots from Graeme MacMillan, Fraser Gallacher and occasionally James Fraser were either just wide or were well saved by the Beaulieu keeper.

When Beaulieu did manage to get the ball to their forwards, Martin Davidson seemed to be their main goal threat.

A really good double save from Kyle MacDonald on 10 minutes - first with his feet from Fraser Gallacher and then with his stick from the re-bound as Graeme MacMillan flicked the ball goalwards.

Beaulieu had a great chance to go in front when referee Andy MacLean awarded them a penalty.



Lochaber's Finlay MacDonald and Kenny Loads from Inverness in a race for the ball during last Saturday's North Division Two match at Bught Park, Inverness. The spoils were shared in a 3-3 draw. Photo: Donald Cameron

There was a scramble inside the 'D' when a shot, which initially looked to be going wide, took a wicked bounce and keeper Ronan MacMillan lost his footing as he tried to play the ball away. The ball was eventually played up the park. But the goal judge flagged to penalise a Lovat defender for a kick and referee MacLean pointed to the penalty spot. Martin Davidson stepped up to take the spot-hit and although he didn't get his full force behind the ball, Ronan MacMillan made a good stop to keep his team on level terms.

Kyle MacDonald was standing between Lovat and an opening goal but it came on 40 minutes when Graeme MacMillan scored a poacher's goal as he tapped home a re-bound. Fraser Gallacher on 58 minutes and Thomas Fraser on 64 minutes had Lovat 3-0 to the good.

Jonathon Janczak rounded off the 4-0 win five minutes from time.

Lovat's Cameron MacMillan was brought on late in the game and was unlucky not to be amongst the goals.

Lovat didn't have it all their own way though and it took a couple of outstanding saves from goalie Ronan MacMillan to keep Beaulieu at bay.

Before Inveraray could even take a breath, they found themselves 2-0 behind. This time it was Ally McKerracher on target with 20 minutes played.

Another McKerracher goal on 27 minutes made it 3-0 and pretty much put the game to bed. The goal of the game came on 36 minutes when Askew and MacMillan did well in the middle of the park to gain possession and some excellent link up play from MacKechnie, McKerracher and Carmichael set up Scotland U21 international Daniel Madej who coolly slotted the ball past MacPherson to make it 4-0 at half time.

Oban Celtic scored two more goals in the second half. Ally McKerracher completed his hat trick on 58 minutes and Fraser MacMillan scored on 66 minutes to make the final score 6-0 to the Oban side.

After the match, Oban Celtic manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'This was another strong performance from our boys today. That's 28 goals scored whilst only conceding once in our last four games. So we are peaking at the right time of the season which is pleasing. We have three games left to play and three more points from these remaining matches will see us over the finishing line.'

Ewan MacKinnon goal counted for Inverness whilst Findlay MacDonald, Keith Neville and Stuart Matheson were all on target for the Spean Bridge side.

#### Boleskine 2 Caberfeidh 2

Boleskine and the Caberfeidh second team shared the points in a 2-2 draw at Smith Park.

The home side led 2-0 at half-time thanks to goals from Finlay MacKenzie on 22 minutes and Jamie Matheson a couple of minutes later.

Robbie Sehar halved the difference three minutes into the second half and that's the way it stayed until five minutes from time when Stuart Krzyzanowski scored to make it 2-2 to earn 'Cabers' a point.

#### Kilmallie 4 Lewis Camanachd 3

The Kilmallie colts edged out Lewis Camanachd 4-3 at Canal Parks.

Ross MacKenzie gave Kilmallie the lead in the opening minute only for Kenny Murray to level on eight minutes.

Callum MacDougall on 15 minutes and a second from Ross MacKenzie on 35 minutes made it 3-1, although a Donald Lamont goal a minute before the break reduced the deficit at the interval.

Ally Lamont drew Lewis level five minutes after the re-start but the winning goal came 15 minutes from time with Kilmallie's Donnie MacRae on target.

### Marine Harvest South Division 2

#### Tayforth 9 Glasgow Mid Argyll 1

Tayforth go two points clear at the top of Marine Harvest South Division 2 after they defeated the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team 9-1 in their noon throw up at Levenhall Links.

Orsten Gardner grabbed a hat-trick, Brendan Duggan and Ewan Menzies got doubles whilst Conor Sweeney and Finlay Stark got the others. A Steven Thomson own goal was GMA's only consolation.

#### Dunoon Camanachd P Aberdour P

The 1pm throw up between Dunoon Camanachd and the Aberdour reserves, scheduled for Strachurmore, was postponed on Friday afternoon because of an unplayable field.

### Fixtures

**Camanachd Cup Semi Final**  
Lochaber v Oban Camanachd  
Lachie Wood  
at Playing Field, Taynuilt.  
Throw up 4pm

**Marine Harvest Premiership**  
Kingussie v Kyles Athletic  
Innes Wood  
Kinlochshiel v Glenurquhart  
John Angus Gillies  
Lovat v Skye  
Evan MacRae  
Newtonmore v Fort William  
David Mitchell

#### Marine Harvest National Division

Bute v Beaulieu  
Robert Baxter  
Caberfeidh v Glasgow MA  
Calum Girvan  
Inveraray v Ballachulish  
Ronnie Campbell

#### Marine Harvest North Division 1

Beaulieu v Kingussie  
Graham Cameron  
Fort William v Newtonmore  
Andy Maclean  
Glenurquhart v Lovat  
Neil Ferguson  
Skye v Kinlochshiel  
Martin MacLean

#### Marine Harvest South Division 1

Lochside Rovers v Kyles Ath  
Willie MacDonald - noon  
Oban Celtic v Aberdour  
Scott McNeil. 2.30pm

#### Marine Harvest North Division 2

Inverness v Boleskine  
Callum Duff  
Kilmallie v Lochcarron  
John Matheson  
Lewis v Strathspey  
Iain Kennedy  
Lochaber v Glengarry  
Brian MacKay

#### Marine Harvest South Division 2

Dunoon v Tayforth  
Alan Harrison  
Glasgow MA v Kilmory  
Ewan MacDonald

(Throw ups 2pm unless stated)

### Womens Camanachd Association

**Sunday August 21**  
**Marine Harvest  
North Div 2**  
Glengarry v Strathspey  
Glenurquhart v Lovat  
Inverness v Strathglass

#### Marine Harvest South Division 2

Cowal & Bute v Ardnamurchan  
Fort William v Dunadd  
Glasgow MA 2nd v Lorn

### Results

**Saturday August 13**  
**Camanachd Cup  
semi final**  
Kinlochshiel 1-2 Newtonmore

#### Strathdearn Cup semi finals

Lochcarron 4-2 Skye  
Glenurquhart 2-1 Kingussie

#### Marine Harvest Premiership

Kyles Ath P-P Oban Caman  
Unplayable field  
Skye 1-2 Lochaber

#### Marine Harvest National Division

Beaulieu 4-1 Caberfeidh  
Glasgow MA 3-0 Inverness  
Kilmallie 4-1 Inveraray

#### Marine Harvest North Division 1

Beaulieu 0-4 Lovat  
Newtonmore 9-1 Fort William

#### Marine Harvest South Division 1

Inveraray 0-6 Oban Celtic

#### Marine Harvest North Division 2

Boleskine 2-2 Caberfeidh  
Inverness 3-3 Lochaber  
Kilmallie 4-3 Lewis  
Strathspey 1-4 Aberdeen Uni

#### Marine Harvest South Division 2

Dunoon P-P Aberdour  
Unplayable field  
Tayforth 9-1 Glasgow MA



Glenurquhart's Paul MacIntosh and Kingussie's Roddy Young in action during the Strathdearn Cup semi final at Blairbeg Park, Drumnadrochit, last Saturday which Glenurquhart won by the odd goal in three. Photo: Donald Cameron.

## Oban side on Camanachd Cup semi-final duty this weekend

OBAN Camanachd's game against Kyles Athletic due to be played at Tighnabruich last weekend was called off on the Saturday morning due to an unplayable pitch.

The focus now turns to this Saturday when they play Lochaber at Taynuilt Playing Fields for a place in the shinty's blue riband competition – the Camanachd Cup final.

This is arguably the most important game for the club since that memorable day in Inverness 20 years ago when against the odds Oban Camanachd won the cup defeating the all conquering Kingussie 3-2 in a remarkable final.

### Good form

The Oban team who lie in second place in the Marine Harvest Premiership are on a good run of form this season under the direction of team manager Ian Hay who, apart from long-term injuries to Ian Campbell and Keith MacMillan and the suspended Gary Lord, has a full squad to choose from.

Lochaber defeated Skye last week to ease their relegation worries. The team have shown good form in this competition defeating Kingussie and Kyles on their way to the semi-final.

The game will be a closely



Oban Camanachd pictured after winning the Mod Cup last year. The red and blacks will be hoping to go on and lift the Camanachd Cup in the final at Fort William on September 17 but they have to overcome Lochaber in the semi-final at Taynuilt on Saturday first. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

contested encounter, with the league meetings earlier this season ending in a 1-1 draw at Spean Bridge and Camanachd winning 2-1 at Mossfield Stadium.

The game will be televised by BBC Alba with a 4.05pm throw up as both teams contest the

right to play Newtonmore in the final at An-Aird in September after the Badenoch team defeated Kinlochshiel by 2-1 in the other semi final.

Commented team manager Ian Hay: 'Our last appearance in a Scottish Cup Final was in 2001

when we were beaten 2-0 by Kingussie.

### Wonderful experience

'I played in that game myself and although we ended up losing it was a wonderful experience and I will be telling the players that and what it means to the club to

get to the final and for shinty in general in Oban.'

Manager Ian Hay has chosen the following players for the semi-final: Gavin Stobbart, Willie Neilson, Gary MacKerracher, Scott McKillop, James MacMillan, Ross MacMillan, Ian

### Shinty

MacMillan, Andrew MacCuish, Daniel MacVicar, Malcolm Clark, Robert Alexander, Scott MacMillan, Lorne Dickie, Daniel Cameron, Aidan MacIntyre and David Lafferty.

## Argyll and Bute Sports awards

ARGYLL and Bute Council has launched its new Sports Awards for 2016.

This is an opportunity to recognise and reward the efforts of our volunteers, athletes and clubs in Argyll and Bute.

Nominations can be completed online or sent by email and you can find all the information at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sportsawards)

We are looking for nominations in the following categories:

- Youth Coach
- Active Schools Volunteer
- Community Coach
- Club of the Year
- Service to Sport
- Sporting Achievement of the Year

The winners will be announced at 2pm on Friday September 9 and you can watch it all at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sportsawards)

Winners will receive their awards at in their own club environment.

Closing date for nominations is Friday September 2

## Tough draw for Saints in Scottish Football

OBAN Saints have been given a difficult away tie in the first round of the Scottish Amateur Cup. They have been paired with old rivals Finnart, who used to play in the SAFL but moved to the Caledonian League this season. The match is scheduled to be played on Saturday September 3 at Glasgow Green Football Centre.

The Oban side received a bye in the first round of the West of Scotland Cup but have been drawn away to Petershall Villa from Airdrie in the second round. This tie is scheduled for Saturday October 22.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results:  
Premier Division – Oban Saints 10, Campbeltown Pupils 0;  
Premier Division 2B – Paisley 7, Tarbert 0.

Next Saturday's fixtures:  
Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils v St Joseph's FP;  
Motherwell Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier 2A – Millerston v Lochgilphead Red Star;  
Premier 2B – Tarbert v Port Glasgow.

## Taynuilt boys in West of Scotland volleyball squad

FIVE boys from Taynuilt have been selected as part of the West of Scotland Volleyball team.

Trained by Jana Baird and Pete McCracken, they have been part of the Lorn Volleyball Club, firstly through Play Sport at Atlantis Leisure and then subsequently as part of an after school club at Oban High School. Finn Charlton further trains with the adult volleyball club at Atlantis Leisure.

To be considered for selection the boys, Finn Charlton, Daniel Baird, Ellis Hunter, Alasdair Lilley and Sorley Innal, firstly went along to four, day-long training sessions run by the West of Scotland team manager where they were put through their paces along with other players from Inverness down to the Borders.

From the training sessions Finn, Daniel and Ellis were selected as part of the main squad of 12 players and Alasdair and Sorley were selected as reserves.

Last weekend the boys undertook a day of training with the team and then on Sunday took part in a friendly training tournament with the East Scotland Boys team.

Next weekend will see the boys in St Andrews, with the West Boys team for two days of intense training with the East Boys team, and the East and

### Volleyball

West Girls Teams. On September 1 Finn, Daniel and Ellis will fly down to Loughborough to take part in the School Games 2016 where they will join with around 1,600 other young sports stars taking part in 12 different sports.

The School Games aims to re-enforce the experience of the Olympics and Para-olympics with both opening and closing ceremonies and has a strong track record of providing a springboard for athletes at national level with several school games alumni being part of the London 2012 GB teams.



Four of the Taynuilt boys who have been selected for the West of Scotland volleyball squad.



The volunteers pictured before last Sunday's big clean-up and maintenance day.

## May the Rugby Force be with you

OBAN Lorne RFC fully embraced Scottish Rugby's RBS Rugby Force Initiative on Sunday by organising a club clean-up and maintenance day at the Glencruitten Clubhouse.

More than 30 volunteers turned up on the day to complete a number of cleaning and general maintenance tasks.

Work completed included the painting of the downstairs hall-

### Rugby

way, window cleaning, clearing of trees and scrub in car parking and pitch side, filling potholes, deep cleaning of clubhouse interior, fixing broken floodlights, maintenance on guttering and clubhouse roof, painting of exterior wood and a clear out of old and unused equipment.

### Standing area

In addition to this, work also started on a new spectator standing area for match days.

Oban Lorne were very fortunate on the day to have the support of two local businesses who donated the use of machinery to use for the event.

The club would like to thank Oban's Build Base branch and M. Kerr Roofing & Roughcasting for their generosity towards the event that has made a huge difference to the clubhouse and grounds.



The Glencruitten chain saw massacre! Murray Hamilton gets stuck in to some of the undergrowth at the side of the pitch



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Temperatures 13°C to 19°C.

Friday Cloudy  
Winds moderate east south easterly  
Temperatures 13°C to 18°C.

Weekend Sunshine and showers on Saturday  
Cloudy on Sunday  
Winds light east south easterly  
Temperatures 12°C to 18°C.

**TIDAL INFORMATION**

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday August 11, 2016** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm							
Thu	05.39	3.8	11.49	0.7	18.01	4.0	** **	**	Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Fri	00.11	0.7	06.12	3.9	12.25	0.5	18.35	4.1	Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Sat	00.51	0.6	06.43	3.9	13.03	0.4	19.09	4.1	Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Sun	01.30	0.5	07.17	3.9	13.43	0.4	19.46	4.1	Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Mon	02.11	0.6	07.55	3.8	14.26	0.6	20.26	3.9	Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Tues	02.55	0.7	08.36	3.6	15.13	0.8	21.10	3.6				
Wed	03.44	0.9	09.24	3.3	16.07	1.0	22.04	3.3				

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### Lessons of war brought home

This year marks 100 years since the River Leven Prisoner of War Camp and the Caolasnacon Conscientious Objector Camp opened near Kinlochleven. Last weekend, the culmination of a commemoration group's work to mark the centenary came to fruition and was hailed a success. Turn to page 15 for full story.



### TIMESLINE

#### Plans for new student halls

PLANS have been submitted for new student accommodation in Fort William. The site of the former St Mary's RC Primary School on Fassifern Road has been earmarked for the 40 unit development and car parking. CityHeart Ltd has submitted plans to the Highland Council, which would form the second phase of student accommodation in the town. The Chester-based company recently completed student housing at An Aird which has been handed over to West Highland College UHI and will open for students in September.

#### Town celebrates new pontoons

FORT William's pontoons will be officially opened next month. Fiona Hyslop, minister for culture tourism and external affairs, will lead the proceedings on Monday September 5 at 12.30pm at the waterfront. The event is being organised by Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company (FWMSC) which wants to celebrate the regeneration of the shoreline ahead of the arrival of the *Boudicca* cruise ship on September 28. FWMSC is inviting anyone interested in performing in Cameron Square on the day of the opening to get in touch.

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# Sentence deferred on executive

A FORMER fishing executive who stole from his Lochaber employer was told the matter is 'in his hands' if he wants to avoid serious punishment. John Hermse from Argus Lodge, Wards Road, Elgin, pleaded guilty to taking £1,116.09 which belonged to Mallaig and North West Fisherman's Association (MNFWA). The 59-year-old had previously pleaded not guilty to embezzling around £7,000 but admitted theft of the lesser amount at Fort William Sheriff Court on Monday (August 15). The court heard Hermse was initially employed as MNFWA secretary on a part-time basis and that some time later his job title changed to chief executive. As part of his employment, Hermse was given a company credit card to use

for his own expenses, including travel costs to help carry out his day-to-day tasks. The wrongdoing in question took place between April 29, 2010 and October 5, 2013 during which time Hermse used the company card to make two personal transactions. Sheriff Sukhwinder Gill outlined to the court that one transaction amounted to £148.49 from Toolstation for tools including pliers and side cutters. A second payment of £967.20 was for the renewal of a patent for prawn boxes which Fiscal Ross Carvel described as being 'plainly not for the benefit of his [Hermse] work'. During the hearing it was also explained Mr Hermse earned a salary of around £38,000 from MNFWA.

At the same time he worked for a scallop association, receiving a further £12,000. Despite being labelled as a part-time role, Advocate Barry Smith told the court Hermse would often end up working 30 hours a week, including evenings and weekends. He described Hermse's role as onerous and extremely stressful. There was an administrative assistant on hand but otherwise Hermse 'was charged with running almost all aspects of the business'. Mr Smith added: 'He further tells me he was given limited support by the association and at times was travelling up to 30,000 miles per annum. Mr Smith said Hermse had also had to deal with the misappropriation of

£80,000 of association funds by a former chairman. He added: 'It is helpful for the court to understand the somewhat lax or casual nature of the financial arrangements with the association. He tells me it would be usual for him to use his own funds for association matters and recover the funds at the end of the month.' The court heard work pressures combined with the ill-health of his wife who suffered from epilepsy and deteriorating eye sight among other ailments began to take its toll on Hermse and around this time the couple moved to Moray. Mr Smith went onto say Hermse is no longer employed by the association and that the theft had come to light during an audit fol-

lowing complaints over his conduct. He added: 'There were questions over Hermse's continued ability to do the job and that meetings had been missed. There was an exchange of views and the employment ceased.' A civil case regarding the termination of Hermse's contract is ongoing and was referenced by Sheriff Gill in the difficulty she had in deciding how to resolve the case. During her summary she told Hermse if the money is repaid there may be no further action or there could be a community payback order as a direct alternative to a fine or custodial sentence. In deferring sentencing for three months to allow Hermse to pay back the money, she added: 'I am leaving the matter in your hands.'

## Corpach fights 'bonkers' situation

A PETITION has been set up by a local committee in a bid to fix a 'bonkers situation' and take ownership of a car park, writes Monica Gibson. Kilmallie Community Centre (KCC) is described as being located in the 'heart of Corpach' and is owned by the KCC committee. Over the past few years, the committee has received funding to upgrade the centre and this year won a Keystone Award for the successful management of a community building. Despite their best efforts, the car park surrounding the centre has fallen into disrepair.

The committee tried to get funding to bring it up to standard but hit a stumbling block after investigations showed it belonged to the Highland Council. Sarah Kennedy, a director of the committee, said she has been in talks with the council about the situation for some time. She said: 'No-one knew who owned it. I had to go to the land registry and pay for them to do a search and then it turned out the land belonged to the council. I said to them 'well seeing as you own it, can you fix it?' and they said 'no'. 'I understand the council is

strapped for cash but that's why we wanted to help and thought it might want it out of its hair.' The council confirmed to *The Oban Times* that it owns the car park and said the board which is in charge of asset management was happy to offer a 99-year lease on it, but that they felt it was important the council remained a stakeholder in the site due to the value to the community. Mrs Kennedy explained the problem with long-term leases is that the committee cannot receive funding for something it doesn't own. The committee has now launched a petition that al-

ready has 90 signatures from locals and visitors to the centre. She added: 'It just seems bonkers that we own the community centre and grounds, but not the car park. 'We are trying to show that the wider community cares about this issue and we think the petition will help our case, so it's really important that as many people as possible sign it. 'So far there are around 90 signatures which I don't think is bad for a little centre in Corpach.' To find out more about the petition visit Kilmallie Community Centre or call 01397 712663.

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## Councillor's shock at lack of discussion over island air service

'ASTONISHING and abysmal.' Those were the words of a Western Isles councillor on hearing the news that Barra and Vatersay were to be 'left out' of an island air service consultation, writes *Ellie Forbes*.

Donnie Steele, councillor for Barra and South Uist, Vatersay and Eriskay, told *The Oban Times* of his shock at the decision to 'completely ignore the communities of Barra and Vatersay' in the public consultations.

Consultation events on inter island air services were held in the Western Isles last night, with another tonight (August 18).

Mr Steele said: 'There is a huge disconnect between Stornoway and the outlying communities. There is only one return flight a day for three days a week, and it's effecting the communities.'

'There has been no explanation of why the people of Barra have been completely neglected.'

'The further south you go from the Stornoway/Broadbay area the worse it [air services] gets. The decision to cut the number of flights from Stornoway to Benbecula was bad, but the decision to scrap all flights from Barra to Benbecula was scandalous.'

'Humza Yousaf the minister for transport and the islands will be contacted about this latest fiasco.'

A Comhairle, Western Isles, spokesman, said: 'It was agreed by the comhairle that consultation and engagement as part of the review would include public meetings in Stornoway and Benbecula, seeking feedback on current and potential future service delivery issues.'

'As part of this process, the external consultants were also asked to engage and consult with all elected members and the Association of Uist Community Councils, Northbay Community Council and Castlebay and Vatersay Community Council.'

'In addition, the comhairle continues to look at further ways, in collaboration with other key stakeholders, including Logannair, to enhancing connectivity between Barra and Glasgow consistent with the views and preferences previously expressed by the community in Barra.'

Ahead of the meetings, Councillor John Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's chairman of transportation and infrastructure said: 'For those of us living in island communities we all have experience, either directly or indirectly, of our air services and the impact they have. I warmly welcome these consultation events and would encourage the public to take this opportunity to make their voices heard as part of this work.'



Ruby Clark won best in show for her bird box, left, and above, All the prize-winners with their trophies.

# Caol's gardeners put on 'bloomin' marvellous show

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DESPITE the recent wet weather, there was a fair turnout at the Caol Gardening Show on Saturday (August 13).

The success was testament to the hard work by organisers Lynne Hunter and Martyn Calam, who announced this would be their last show.

This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the pair have organised the event, taking over when the Caol Horticultural Society could no longer do it. They announced this would be their last year of organising the event and that they were 'taking a back seat' and looking for 'fresher blood to keep the show going'.

This year's event saw exhibits

across a range of category, from flowers and vegetables, to handicrafts and baking. There were also several classes for children of all ages to enter into.

Lynne Hunter, one of the organisers of the show, said: 'It's been an interesting show. There's been some surprises and some not-surprises. There's been some new faces and some not so new.'

Eddie Hunter, who was back in the area for the weekend, was asked to present the trophies and medals. Pay Houghton had a very successful day. She won the Alistair MacMillan Shield for most points in the vegetable sections; the gardening trophy for best flower in show (her Gladiolus) and the CSS Trophy for most points in the show.

Ms Houghton said: 'I'm surprised we've got anything at all because the weather has been so bad. I'm delighted though, the standard is so high.'

Ruby Clark was a joint winner of the Fred White Trophy for most points in the children's class, along with Ryan Rowsell. She also won the McTavish's Kitchens Crystal Bowl for best exhibit in show for her bird box.

Vic MacPherson won The Cabin in Garden Centre Crystal Bowl for most points in classes 4-16 (flowers excluding roses, dahlias, fuchsias and pot plants). He also took home the William Brown Shield for the best leek exhibit, the Caol Community Council trophy for best vegetable and The Caol Gardening Show Trophy for most points in the flower and vegetable sections.

Logan Spence won the Ben Nevis Distillery Quaich for the giant vegetable section and the Mrs Cochrane Memorial Cup for best rose. He was also the joint winner of the Margaret Cameron Memorial Salver for the most points in the fuchsia section along with Lorna Ungeod-Thomas.

Mrs Ungeod-Thomas also won the Gardening Salver for most points in the plant pot section and The George Watt Cup for the best plant pot exhibit. Amanda Spence won the Highland Council Trophy for best exhibit in the arts and crafts section.

She was the joint winner of the Gardening Shield for most points in the produce, preserves and baking section (excluding cloutie dumpling) along with Gayle Rand, who also won the Ella

Laing Cup for the best exhibit in that section and The Caol Community Council Trophy for best in baking.

Mary Anderson won the Neil Drummond Trophy for best cloutie dumpling.

Mo Mason won both the Café Chardon Crystal Vase for the most points in the floral art section and the Provident Personal Credit Cup for the best exhibit in that section.

Little Learners Nursery won the Lochy Salver for the school with most points. Thanks were given to Charlie Milne who travels from Oban each year to help judge the entries, Carron MacKinnon for running the raffle, and of course Lynne Hunter and Martyn Calam for organising the show.

## Hearing scheduled

THE next hearing regarding a judge from Fort William charged with drink driving and possession of a knife will take place next month.

The case against Richard Twining Sidgwick, 71, from Mileston Hill House was presented in his absence in Fort William sheriff court on Monday (August 14) at a notional trial. The court also heard that Sidgwick has recently been hospitalised.

The former QC previously appeared on May 12 after registering 110 milligrams of alcohol in a 100mg breath sample at his home the previous evening.

The legal limit in Scotland is 22.

Sidgwick was also charged with failing to identify the driver of the vehicle when requested to do so at 8.30pm at his house on May 11, and being in possession of the knife at Fort William Police Office on the same day.

A notional trial has been scheduled for September 14 and bail has been continued.

## Ideas week

LOCHABER Chamber of Commerce has announced Fraser Doherty as the after dinner speaker for Ideas Week 2016.

Owner of SuperJam, Mr Doherty started his business at the age of 14 after being taught how to make jam in his grandmother's kitchen in Scotland.

At 16, he presented his brand to Waitrose and went on to become the youngest supplier to a major supermarket.

Fraser was recently awarded a MBE 'for services to business' by Her Majesty The Queen. Ideas week starts November 14.

# Business goes extra mile to kit kids out for school

CHILDREN across Lochaber returned to school this week and local organisations have been trying to reduce the stress and expense a new term can bring, writes *Monica Gibson*.

Lochaber School Bank (LSB) was set up to help families who are struggling to kit their kids out for school.

The bank, at Loco Motif Bodyart tattoo parlour in Caol, relies heavily on donations and receives new and nearly new clothes and accessories which it passes on to those in need.

Donna Darbrough, who helps run the bank with friend Carol Anne Campbell, explained: 'We noticed on Facebook last year that there are a lot of people struggling with the cost of getting the kids ready to go



Carol Anne Campbell of Lochaber School Bank sorts through the boxes of clothing donated by LEAP.

back to school. We had a stall in the town centre last year and then people started making donations.

'People have been so kind with their donations and luckily Carol Anne had some space in

her tattoo parlour to store the clothes and our shelves are quite full.'

The mum of three added: 'We are open throughout the year and have helped 18 children from referrals which we mainly

get from Women's Aid. We have also got in touch with the schools now asking for referrals and we are in the process of seeing if we can get charitable status so we can buy new items as well as second hand things.'

Via its page on social media, the bank also lets followers know of great deals and promotions which might help save pennies.

Last Thursday (August 11) they took to Facebook to thank a local embroidery business for their particular donation.

In a post they wrote: 'Wow, what can I say? Popped over to LEAP as Helen said she had some stuff for us but didn't expect this. Two big boxes of school jumpers, t-shirts, socks and a load of school bags, and

loads of boxes of shoes! So amazing, thank you both so much.'

Davie Duncan, who runs Lochaber Embroidery and Printing (LEAP) with partner Helen said: 'We just like to pay it forward. At the end of the day it's nice to be nice.'

He added: 'We gave polo shirts in the colours of most of the schools around here, hoodies and sweatshirts, socks and can't get for whatever reason.'

'Even for people with jobs the cost of uniforms and all that goes with it quickly adds up.'

Mr Duncan is a commercial diver by profession. The couple started up LEAP two years

ago when their circumstances changed after noticing an open in the market.

Mr Duncan said: 'With the way the oil industry is at the minute I found myself out of work. Helen is a retired police constable, she had to retire through ill health but she had enjoyed doing the embroidery before just as a hobby.'

'We decided 'let's invest' and there's not really a similar business in the area so we thought if we could work to sort out the local schools, clubs and uniforms then that would keep us going.'

'We're not exactly making a big profit but we're providing a service - it's a community thing really.'

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## Oban-based scientists assist crisis response

CONFIRMATION that diesel has begun leaking from the stranded Transocean Winner platform, which ran aground on the Isle of Lewis last Monday, has sparked concern over the likely destination and environmental impact of the oil spill, writes Dr Keri Wallace, of the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

Scientists from SAMS are providing ongoing expert input into the response process for the crisis.

At the time of writing, the exact quantity of diesel oil leaked off Lewis was still unknown but the make-up of the substance being released, already tells us quite a lot.

Marine diesel is usually broken up into tiny droplets by wind and wave action, and moved away from the spill-site by ocean currents within a day or less. For this reason there is seldom any oil to physically recover from the water's surface. The tiny oil droplets dispersed throughout the body of water don't just disappear. They tend to stick to small particles floating in the seawater, before eventually sinking and settling-out on the seabed.

Images of thick black oil slicks are not usually associated with spills of marine diesel such as this. Instead diesel oil is not sticky or viscous, and at the coast is washed off the shore-

line quickly by waves and tidal currents. Where the fuel does penetrate into coastal soils or sands it is naturally degraded by microbes in one to two months.

Diesel is commonly regarded as one of the most toxic types of fuel oil, capable of killing most marine life that comes into direct contact with it. In open water however, diesel spills are usually dispersed so quickly that few fish and birds are affected. This is particularly the case in exposed coastal locations such as those found around the Western Isles.

It is the location and unique circumstances of each diesel leak that determine which specific environmental impacts are most likely. For example, consequences can be serious where diesel is trapped and concentrated in coastal areas or where prevailing conditions transport the fuel into nesting bird colonies, fish farms or areas of conservation importance. For this reason it is important for emergency oil spill responders to understand exactly how dispersed diesel spills will be moved by currents and tidal flows around the site.

Oceanographers at SAMS have expertise in oil spill trajectory modelling and are currently providing ocean forecasts to Marine Scotland Science, the central co-ordinators of the crisis response.

# Salvage team on board rig to assess recovery options

A SALVAGE team have begun a full assessment of an oil rig grounded on the Isle of Lewis, writes *Ellie Forbes*.

The Transocean Winner rig was carrying 280 metric tonnes of diesel when it ran aground at Dalmore last Monday (August 8).

Eight experts managed to board the rig on Sunday after bad weather stopped the planned operation on Friday August 12. An additional six people joined the team on Monday and that number looked to increase to 15.

Smit Salvage confirmed that the two diesel oil tanks are intact and plans are now in place to transfer the fuel, a total of 137 metric tonnes, via pumping systems to other tanks above the water.

The Maritime and Coast-guard Agency (MCA) said: 'We understand that a maximum of 53 metric tonnes has leaked. This has dispersed and there is no evidence of pollution based on the current reports that we have.'

An underwater survey is being carried out to identify the safest way to refloat the rig.

MCA said: 'An AugustaWestland AW139 helicopter is now based in Stornoway to support the operation.'

'A zone of 300 metres remains



The team aboard the stranded rig will now make a full assessment so a more detailed salvage plan can be put in place.

in place around the rig covering the sea and air, which means no drones will be permitted in the area, providing a safe working area for the salvage team to work in.

The Western Isles Emergency Planning Co-ordinating group met on Monday to discuss the ongoing issue.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'As previously indicated, the Transocean Winner oil rig is expected to be at Dalmore for some time.'

'The SOSREP and Transocean are now inviting the local community to a special public information meeting to be held tonight (August 18) at 8pm in Carloway Community Centre.'

Calls for a second emergency towing vehicle to be reinstated are growing following an inaugural meeting of MPs and MSPs across the region on Monday (August 15).

MSP Kate Forbes, MPs Drew Hendry and Angus MacNeil, joined others in writing to MP Chris Grayling. The letter read: 'The recent incident involving the Transocean Winner oil rig clearly demonstrates how utterly inadequate and unacceptable the current emergency provision north of the Border is.'

Hugh Shaw, the secretary of state's representative for maritime salvage and intervention, said: 'Once the assessment is under way, we'll have a much better idea of what we are dealing with, so a more detailed salvage plan can be put into place.'

## Transport forum to meet MSPs

LOCHABER transport forum is planning to meet with MSPs.

The forum will get together with SNP MSP, for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, Kate Forbes on tomorrow (August 19) and Conservative MSP for the Highland and Island Donald Cameron on Monday August 22.

Forum member, Benny MacDonald said: 'The meetings are a chance to bring the MSPs up to date with issues which have been lingering for a long time, coupled with new rail issues since the ScotRail contracts started April 15. We hope the MSP's can support us and push for the improvements we're looking for.'

## Duo are 'winging it' to Skye

A GUITAR duo hoping to 'capture the imagination' will be performing across Skye next month.

Formerly known as 'winging it', Adam Bulley and Chas MacKenzie will be showcasing their new album on Friday September 9 at the Red Roof Gallery, at The Old Inn, Carboist on the 10 at the Elgol Village Hall on the 11.

## Autism Group raise £807 towards activities

# Group's cafe fundraiser is a piece of cake

THE LOCHABER Autism Support Group (LASG) raised £807.78 by holding a coffee morning in the café in Fort William Railway Station on Sunday (Aug 14).

This is the third annual coffee morning the group has held to raise funds for trips and treats for the children.

The group is made up of parents of autistic children. There are currently 17 children in the group, nine of whom are on the autistic spectrum. The other children are their siblings.

The group meets on the morning of the first Saturday of every month in the Salvation Hall for the children to play and learn new social skills while the parents can have a cup of tea and chat with others parents

in a similar situation. Amie Wallace, chairperson of the support group said: 'We have a coffee morning once a year. The café doesn't open on a Sunday so we get to use it. Dave and Brian who run it are very good to let us take over.'

'The money raised goes towards buying stuff for the children or to take them on trips that they wouldn't normally get to do as it can be quite difficult.'

'We also have sensory equipment for them. 'We all run the support group together, there's no input from professionals, we do it all ourselves.'

Father Donald MacKinnon of St Mary's church encouraged his parishioners to donate the price of a cup of coffee if they were unable to attend

on the day. The church raised £124.52 towards the total which the group are very grateful for.

Every year the local branch of McDonalds chooses a local charity to support, and in the last year they chose to help the Autism Support Group.

Mrs Wallace said: 'We were very lucky to have McDonald's support; they ran a raffle for us.'

The group are looking to taking the children on a trip on the steam train and also trying to get instruments for music therapy.

They are always on the lookout for new members and for activities to help the children and for them to enjoy.

For further information visit the LASG Facebook page.



Members of the Lochaber Autism Support Group took over the café at Fort William railway station on Sunday to fundraise.

## Talent sought for open mic session

LOCAL talent is sought for an open music sessions in Glencoe.

The music evening will take place in Boots Bar at the Clachaig Inn on Sunday (August 21) from 9pm and all musicians, from twangers, strummers, and part-time whistlers are welcome to play along.

## Consistent exam results praised

ANOTHER year of consistent exam results in the Western Isles has been welcomed by the local authority.

2016 results show 963 candidates sat exams at Higher level and an increase in the percentage of A-C passes to 81.2 per cent.

Across the authority, there was a 86.94 per cent pass rate for 3,216 exam papers entered.

A spokesman for the committee said: 'The authority appreciates the hard work of teaching staff and pupils and would also like to thank the administrative staff in schools for their diligence in the processing of SQA data.'

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## Road safety campaign launched early

POLICE have launched a road safety campaign three weeks earlier than the rest of the country after new figures show an increase in the number of people who have been killed and seriously injured on roads in Argyll and Bute.

This week, Argyll and Bute Road Safety Group launched a four-week local rural roads safety initiative in advance of a national campaign which is due to take place between September 5 and 11.

The A83, A82, A85 and the A816 will be among roads patrolled by safety group partners including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the council Road Safety Unit.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Area Commander for Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Oban, Lorn and the Islands said: "This [increase] causes real concern and the group is working hard to try to prevent such accidents occurring."

"As part of our response we will be engaging in a number of activities in an effort to influence driver behaviour and keep our roads safe."

"There will be an increased police presence at priority locations with officers using speed detecting equipment, patrolling in unmarked vehicles and engaging with drivers to give road safety advice."

"There will also be young driver events, biker first aid training and car seat safety initiatives."

"However, there is also a responsibility on road users to ensure their own safety by not engaging in dangerous driving activity such as speeding, mobile phone usage or overtaking without safe clearance."

# Exciting discovery could rewrite Iona's history

EXCLUSIVE  
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THE SITE of a potential prehistoric village has been found on the island of Iona close to the site of the primary school.

Pottery, flints and other prehistoric materials found during the archaeological dig could redefine the history of the world-famous island and take its history back more than 2,500 years.

The items unearthed, and believed to be five times older than the settlement of St Columba's time in 563 AD, were made during excavation works for the building of an extension to the island's primary school. A two metre wall protecting the village was also discovered.

Archaeologists from across Scotland and throughout the world have taken an interest in the findings and are now waiting for various dating and classification processes to take place to understand them.

An archaeological team have discovered two different periods of building on top of the original village mound of more than 1,000 years, and a previously unknown extension to the medieval vallum, or wall, has all been found in a shallow ditch next to the school.

The extent of the wall may rewrite experts' understanding of the way in which the community on the island in 600 and 700 AD worked together.

But the finds may also prove the history of the island is much more complex in its significance to spirituality than the foundations of Celtic Christianity.

Due to the constraints of the



The archaeological teams have discovered two different periods of building on top of an original village mound

site, the finds will be recorded, samples removed and the site then covered over with concrete, with remains being preserved and stored.

The archaeological work has been carried out by Dr Clare Ellis of Argyll Archaeology

Ltd. Calling the finds 'hugely interesting', Dr Ellis said she was keen to get back onto the site later in the year when sewage tanks were due to be fitted.

Dr Ellis continued: 'A later vallum on Iona was to separate the religious community of the

island from the rest of the island. It is likely that the vallum boundary was built in the 7th century. This is much later than the earlier prehistoric finds.'

'The remains of a turf bank with a cobble base can also be clearly seen.'

'This bank is on the same alignment as the ditch, though it is notable that it has been cut by the ditch, indicating that it pre-dates this feature.'

'It seems very likely that the turf bank and ditch are early medieval in date, perhaps 7th or 8th century, and may represent the remains of an unknown monastic boundary, while the underlying soils appear likely to date from the late Bronze Age or Iron Age.'

'What is most exciting to me is that the lines of the property that exist now are very similar to the property lines that existed more than 2,000 years ago.'

Archaeologist Hugh McBrien, of statutory body West of Scotland Archaeology, said he was 'excited about the finds on Iona'.

Mr McBrien said: 'When finds like this come along it allows the past to speak to us. There are no written records, of course, so all we have to go on is what is in the ground.'

'It seems likely this is an ecclesiastical vallum for the main abbey or one unknown about.'

'When we find something unexpected, as in this case, we have to stop and reconsider what we previously understood about the site.'

'What is becoming clear is that when the ice sheets rolled back off Scotland some 10-12,000 years ago the Mesolithic hunter gatherers moved onto the islands and followed the retreating ice.'

'What we now have on Iona is evidence that people lived on the island, created boundaries and set up communities long before the lands were 'discovered' by St Columba.'

## TIMESLINE

### Hospital beds 'reconfigured'

FOUR beds in Lorn and Islands hospital are being 'reconfigured' as 'short-term assessment beds'.

The four beds have been medical beds, on ward B.

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said it was reconfiguring the acute medical unit to build on the services that are currently provided to patients from the hospital.

A spokesman for the HSCP said: 'The introduction of these assessment beds will provide an opportunity for patients to spend more time with the hospital's medical, nursing and other associated professionals without the need to be admitted to the hospital.'

### SAS says response times improving

THE SCOTTISH Ambulance Service says it responds to life-threatening calls within seven minutes within the Oban area.

The assurances were given after a woman waited for more than one hour for an ambulance outside the Caledonian Hotel, in Oban.

A spokesman for the Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'Staff rosters at Oban are at full establishment and there are currently no vacancies.'

'Response times in the area continue to improve and the average response for potentially life-threatening calls is around seven minutes.'

The spokesman also said there was no shortage of staff in the town.



## Gaelic gathering

A GATHERING will be held in Oban this weekend for people and groups interested in the development and promotion of Gaelic across Argyll and the islands.

Hosted by Argyll and Bute Council, the event will take place in the Corran Halls, Oban, this Saturday (August 20) from 10am until 4pm.

Gaelic has a rich tradition and a strong future in Argyll, with many people involved in a wide range of activities in their communities and their businesses to raise awareness and celebrate the language.

For further information and/or to register for the event, please contact Laura Macdonald at laura.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

## Surfs up on Tiree

BLACKHOUSE Watersports Tiree are the hosts of this year's 'Gathering Of The Clans' surfing event, organised by the Scottish Surfing Federation.

The competition is expected to have around 60 competitors, including under-14s champion Ben Larg, 11, from Tiree and under-16s competitor Finn MacDonald,

15, also from Tiree. Gathering Of The Clans will be held from Friday August 26 to August 29, and 40 local club members are expected to compete in the team event over the four days.

Ben Larg and Finn MacDonald will compete at the ISA World Junior Surfing Championship in São Miguel, Azores Islands, Portugal, on September 17 along with surfing instructor Andrew Roberts, who will be competing in the under 18s category.

## Jobs fair success

ARGYLL MP Brendan O'Hara said he was 'delighted' with the success of the Jobs Fair held in Lochgilphead's Community Centre on August 11.

The event attracted many employers and jobseekers.

Afterwards, Mr O'Hara said: 'It's been a great way for employers and jobseekers to meet in a relaxed environment.'

'And I am delighted to report employers were able to fill some of their vacancies from people they spoke to on the day.'

Mr O'Hara hopes the jobs fair will become an annual event.

He said: 'I look forward to more of these events in Lochgilphead and throughout Argyll and Bute.'

## Pledge to farmers

FARMING unions from across the UK say it is essential all devolved governments guarantee that treasury funds are spent on agriculture as agreed by the UK government.

Following the announcement by Chancellor Phillip Hammond that the government would commit to agricultural funding until 2020, the four union presidents pledged to continue their joint lobbying to promote the importance of UK food and farming against a backdrop of intense competition for public spending post Brexit.

NFU Scotland President Allan Bowie said: 'We know each devolved administration is facing significant spending pressure.'

However, the Chancellor has been clear. He expects each of the devolved governments to use the money for agriculture.

'This is the clear intention for which the money has been guaranteed.'

In addition, UFU President Barclay Bell said: 'The UK Government's guarantee means that farmers are able to continue to fulfil their role of providing high quality food, produced to exacting welfare and environmental standards.'

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## Group hits out at wind farm report

MOUNTAINEERING Scotland has refuted a 'meaningless' report that concluded wind farms had no effect on tourism jobs.

The study by consultants BiGGAR Economics said wind farms do not discourage holidaymakers and 'puts to bed the myth' that the sight of turbines damages tourism.

But the council for mountaineers, climbing and hill walking enthusiasts has hit back claiming major weaknesses in the report make it irrelevant to the debate over constructing wind farms in mountain areas and wild land.

Dave Gordon, Mountaineering Scotland's director for landscape and planning, argued the BiGGAR report ignores the importance of location when measuring the effect of wind farms and uses sample areas that could fail to show very real effects.

Dr Gordon said: 'This report assumes all wind farms are equal and will have the same effect on tourism, but that's obviously not the case. In areas where the landscape is a major factor in attracting tourism our own surveys have shown that people are deterred by the presence of wind farms. These areas are not included in the BiGGAR report.'

# Youth work charity set to close after funding slashed

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A CHARITY helping young people in Argyll into work could close, with the loss of 16 jobs, if Argyll and Bute Council can't help save it following national funding cuts.

Over the last 25 years Argyll Training has offered vocational training programmes for young people who face barriers to employment, helping to find them work experience and jobs in more than 300 companies.

Argyll Training's Peter Darling said the organisation helps on average 35 to 40 young people a year, adding: 'A lot of youngsters just need that first step on the ladder. At least three quarters go into apprenticeships and employment.'

But recent funding cuts have brought the charity to crisis point. With its reserves depleted and no money in the budget for additional places, it had to close its centres in Rothesay and Campbeltown in the last 12 months, leaving only those in Oban, Dunoon and Greenock.



Trainee Rachael Thomson with Argyll Training's Peter Darling.

Mr Darling added that 'there's a very strong possibility' of all of its 16 staff being made redundant.

Managing director Fraser McCowan told the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee in the Corran Halls on Wednesday last week: 'Come September we will not be able to continue in our present form. We're not trying to make money, we're just wanting to cover the costs of delivering a service. If we do not continue, the chances of

someone else coming in will be remote. Once it goes, it's gone.'

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee unanimously supported a motion asking Argyll and Bute councillors to consider Argyll Training's 'critical' position 'as a matter of urgency' at their meeting today (August 18).

The letter states: 'At this time a number of staff have taken voluntary redundancy and all remaining staff (16) have taken salary reductions and are subject to 90 days' notice of redun-

dancy. The company's offices in Campbeltown and Rothesay have been closed.'

The letter explained Argyll Training has been placed in a 'critical' position due to a 42 per cent funding cut in the Scottish Government's Employment Fund for 2016/17, equivalent to losing 70 places, and by 'the cessation of the Department for Work and Pensions programmes (i.e. Mandatory Work Activity and Community Work Placement contracts) with no extension of provision until Welfare to Work activity is devolved to Scotland as of April 1, 2017.'

The motion continued: 'It is of key concern that if Argyll Training ceases to trade, then Argyll and Bute will, in effect, be left with little or no Employment Fund provision. This will have a significant impact on the support that can be offered to our vulnerable young people in terms of providing them with the necessary skills and qualifications to aid them into employment, including the opportunity to become a modern apprentice.'

'The loss of quality training jobs and the key role they play in rural employability will have a huge impact on Argyll and Bute's economy which continues to be affected by depopulation. 'To date, the council has been actively lobbying the UK and Scottish governments on the devolution of Welfare to Work Programmes to Scotland.'

'In particular, a focus has been given to the provision of employability services in rural/remote and island areas. However, previous lobbying activity has not been successful in reversing the funding decision. 'The council is asked to make representations to the Scottish Government to work together to develop realistic options for the continuation of this proven and valuable service.'

Oban North and Lorn councillor Julie McKenzie told the meeting: 'We're on a really short timescale before September if we're going to do anything to save Argyll Training. There is nothing in place if this goes. This is a problem that will affect the whole of Argyll and Bute.'

## Village aims to discourage overtaking

PLANS are afoot to discourage drivers overtaking on the A816 through Kilmelford, writes Sandy Neil.

Kilninner and Kilmelford Community Council heard last week that Argyll and Bute Council had monitored 1,400 vehicles travelling on the long, straight stretch through the village – a 30mph zone – over a 24-hour period, and recorded an average speed of 31.8mph, according with Police Scotland's measurements.

The speed was 'relatively low', argued Jim Smith of Argyll and Bute Council's roads and amenity services, and furthermore 'shows the 30mph speed limit is by and large being respected'.

He told the meeting, held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday August 9, that 85 per cent of traffic did not exceed 38.5mph.

However, community council chairman Nigel Mitchell said: 'The problem is overtaking on that straight. We want to try to stop that.'

Mr Smith advised against suggested speed bumps and white lines prohibiting all overtaking, but praised the efficacy of flashing 30mph signs, which can be toured around Argyll villages at a lower cost. The community councillors asked Mr Smith to report back on the cost, so an application might be made to the Carrraig Gheal Community Wind Farm Benefit Fund.

## Parsley the cat's celebrity status ensures he still has the upper paw

AFTER his rise to fame through the pages of *The Oban Times*, Parsley the cat is 'just as adventurous as ever' according to his owner Fiona Campbell-Smith, writes Naimh Adams McGilp.

Last week saw the cat's fame increase with an appearance on STV news last Friday.

Parsley has also been in various newspapers and magazines since *The Oban Times* revealed the feline's ambitions for stardom earlier in the year.

Parsley was just eight months old when he went on his first adventure and as any cat-owner would be, Fiona was desperate to find him. The first time he went missing she panicked and reported it to the town's vets. She later found out he had been all the way up to the viewing tower on Pulpit Hill.

Now aged two the cheeky chap has been spotted all over Oban and made quite a name for himself locally, and internationally.

After being asked how Parsley is coping with his celebrity status, Ms Campbell-Smith said: 'He's exhausted, he's sleeping an awful lot. He's been quite good recently, not staying out too late – ever since his TV appearance he's



Ready for his close up... Parsley makes a visit to Dawn McBay in St Saviour's beauty salon, a mere 1.5 cat miles from his home.

calmed down a little bit. I don't think it'll be for long, though.'

Parsley usually covers between five and six kilometres a day, which means he is on a special high-calorie diet because of the

amount of energy he's using up. Last Sunday he only covered two and a half kilometres, which Fiona said was a 'quiet day for him.'

However, Fiona thinks he's becoming more adventurous.

She said: 'He's growing in confidence, he now knows exactly where he's going. It's amazing. 'I used to think he wasn't that bright, but he really is. He knows the whole town.'

One of Parsley's main routes is through Jacob's Ladder, where he tackles all 144 steps.

Now that Parsley is well-known, people are pleased to see him when he's out and about. However, Fiona worries that he's less safe now as a celebrity cat than he was before as people are now less concerned about him being in places he shouldn't be.

Parsley receives many messages everyday from fans using their cats as online aliases in order to communicate with him.

Fiona thinks it's lovely that people with busy lives have a little time and love to spare for Parsley.

When asked if the fame has gone to his head, Fiona replied: 'Parsley was famous even before he was famous.'

'In his head, he's always been the best cat in the world.'

In their house, Fiona says she and Parsley are equals, but she does admit that 'maybe he has the upper paw'.

## Argyll MSP angered over partnership chief's failure to answer questions

AN MSP has accused the boss of the newly-formed health and social care organisation in Argyll and Bute of being 'skilful' in not replying to his questions, writes Louise Glen.

The email spat comes after Michael Russell MSP asked Christina West, chief officer at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to be accountable to the public after news that two care homes were marked for closure before the community consultation was completed.

Ms Christina West wrote to Mr Russell last week.

She said: 'The HSCP have carefully considered the difficult decisions to progress the urgent transformation of health and social care.'

'As part of proceeding with the redesign of these services, in line with national policy, the HSCP have directed that there will be full public involvement and engagement with users, stakeholders and the public as we progress implementation of our new model over the next three years.'

'As stakeholders we will keep MSPs and elected members apprised of our process for involving and engaging with the users of services and the public. This will include meetings with those stakeholders and my office will be in touch in due course.'

Mr Russell said: 'I have the greatest of admiration for your skills and this is a skilful reply not least because it answers questions I didn't ask, but in so doing fails to answer the ones I did.'

'Your answer seems to imply that consultation after decisions are made will be the norm going forward.'

Mr Russell asked for the decision to close Thomson Court and Struan Lodge nursing homes to be immediately revoked.

He continues: 'I am asking the HSCP to review the governance of the organisation to ensure that such a flawed process cannot be repeated – in other words when closures decisions are made they are announced as such and are preceded by consultation, not followed by consultation.'

## Christmas lights cash

CHRISTMAS lights funding has been protected for the next three years to the tune of £300,000.

Claiming the money was important in attracting people into Argyll towns, a council committee agreed last week that community groups will be allocated cash from the central pot.

Councillor Ellen Morton, spokeswoman for roads and amenity services, said: 'Last year we helped community groups secure almost £1million of funding. We are confident we can help groups form, constitute and take on the running of the lights.'

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## Partners unveiled for Argyll Enterprise Week

A WIDE range of partner organisations have signed up to take part in Argyll's first Enterprise Week, with a huge array of free support on offer.

Argyll Enterprise Week is a new initiative, debuting in Oban on the October 31-November 4.

Hosted in partnership by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the week of activities aims to inspire, inform and connect businesses, social enterprises, communities and entrepreneurs from across the area and beyond.

Access to funding is a key theme, with DSL Business Finance, Argyll and the Islands LEADER, crowdfunding Growth Deck, SJ Noble Trust, Scottish Edge, Business Gateway and angel investor Investing Women Angels all delivering sessions to explain the funding they can offer to businesses and how to apply.

Central to the week will be a business support fair which will showcase the wide range of support available. More than 25 organisations will be on hand to outline the support they offer, including Scottish Development International, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Argyll College, Interface and the council's planning and regulatory services.

Networking events throughout the week will be facilitated by Women Enterprise Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses, InspirAlba and The Oban Times.

Digital, innovation and internationalisation support will be provided through workshops from DigitalBoost and HIE's specialist teams.

David Smart, Head of Special Projects for Highlands and Islands Enterprise commented: 'We are delighted to be working with such a wide range of enthusiastic partners. Argyll Enterprise Week will demonstrate the strength and depth of support available, with our partners focusing on offering practical support to help enterprise flourish in Argyll and the Islands. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in enterprise to get involved with what is going to be an exciting week.'

A focus on key sectors is supported by partners including Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, Scotland Food and Drink and Craft Scotland. The event programme will be published at the end of August, when the activities will open for bookings.

For more information visit [www.hie.co.uk/argyllenterpriseweek](http://www.hie.co.uk/argyllenterpriseweek) or call 01546 604555.



Photographs clockwise from top left: Ellie MacNiven and, behind, Emma Roxburgh, of Oban Lorne Ladies Rugby Club demonstrate the bungee run 15\_T34 Fun Day - bungee run; Robbie Dewar, 3, celebrates with his auntie Caroline Reardon and cake in the clubhouse, after winning a coconut at the shy 15\_T34 Fun Day - cake; Two year-old Paloma from Oban met Mickey and Minnie Mouse at the fun day 15\_T34 Fun Day - mice; Ellie MacNiven and Emma Roxburgh are in the zone 15\_T34 Fun Day - skill zone; Left to right, 13-year-old Arran from Dunbeg poses behind his stall with Abbie, 5, and Sophie, 7, from Oban. 15\_T34 Fun Day - sponge; 11-year-old Declan Thomson from Oban knocks off his first of two coconuts 15\_T34 Fun Day coconut.

# Oban Masonic Lodge hosts fun day helping raise thousands for charity

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A WEEKEND fun day organised by Oban's Masonic Lodge has so far raised £5,215 for two charities.

Saturday's fun day, run by Oban Commercial Lodge No. 180, sported games such as a bungee run strewn with lollipops, beat-the-goalie, and even an old fashioned coconut shy, alongside craft and burger stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting, and a generous raffle.

Sporadic downpours at times cleared the field at Oban Lorne Ladies Rugby Club on Glencruitten Drive, with hundreds of adults and children diving for cover in the clubhouse during the afternoon, but the play quickly resumed.

Three teams from the Oban and Taynuilt Masonic Lodges also competed in a football tournament, won by Taynuilt's Lodge St Moden No. 985.

All the attractions and tickets raised money for the Lodge's two chosen charities: the Special

Baby Care Unit Endowment Fund at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, and the St Andrews University Alternative Format Suite, which produces audio books and Braille prints for students with special needs, thanks to one paid and 50 volunteer members of staff.

One of the fun day's organisers, Kenny Pearson, said the event follows a successful fun day five years ago, which raised thousands of pounds for the Oban Hospice, and he hoped this year's would do the same

for the Special Baby Care Unit. He said: 'My son was born earlier this year and he needed a lot of treatment, which spurred me on to ask the lodge if we could put an event on again this year.'

Mr Pearson was joined by fellow organisers, Scott and Karen MacAllister, whose son Rian, a former Oban High School pupil and talented student at St Andrews University, tragically died last year aged 21.

Rian, who was blind due to a condition called optic nerve hypoplasia, had just graduated

with a degree in mediaeval history and Middle East studies. Karen explained: 'The St Andrews University Alternative Format Suite made a huge difference to his life - it made work accessible. It was really crucial to Rian's university life.'

Speaking on Saturday afternoon, Scott added: 'So far the day's raised £3,000, which will be split between the two charities.'

'There's still the ceilidh this evening, so we're hoping to raise more.

'The community and the Masonic Lodge have been fantastic and very supportive.'

The Oban Commercial Lodge's Right Worshipful Master, Brother Kenneth Stewart, praised 'everybody's 'excellent effort', and 'the large number of quality donations, and people who came out to support, despite the weather'.

The fun continued at a ceilidh in the Masonic Lodge on Albany Street, Oban, with music by George Noble Disco, and Kenny Pearson and friends.

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**Success for Lomond School pupils**

A number of Lomond School pupils - along with parents and staff - attended the Palace of Holyroodhouse on July 7 to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards.

The prestigious awards are presented to young people who complete all sections of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme, which includes an expedition and five-day residential trip. The award is recognised and highly regarded by universities and employers.

The school was also recognised for its participation in the awards over the years. Johanna Urquhart, principal, said: 'Lomond School's location means that there is a particular emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is, without doubt, a significant feature and we have enjoyed great success carrying out expeditions both locally and abroad.'

Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, presents the award to the school's principal, Johanna Urquhart, centre, with teacher Mrs Nicola Harwood.

## South Lochaber Thistle get off to a winning start

**United Glasgow** 1  
**South Lochaber Thistle** 2  
**West of Scotland League**

SOUTH Lochaber Thistle marked their first ever competitive

game with a 2-1 victory over United Glasgow at Glasgow Green last Saturday. The team, started by Alan 'Spud' Gray and Daniel Mackintosh just three months ago

### Football

looked organised and energised for their inaugural season.

They started the game brightly and any early nerves were put to bed on 14 minutes when Daniel Mackintosh set up Dave Forbes, who from fully 30 yards struck the ball into the top left hand corner of the net.

Thistle continued to dominate the game with Ewan Maclean and Lewis Morrison both causing the United Glasgow full backs no end of problems with their movement and direct running.

Going in at half time 1-0 to the good, Thistle changed to a 4-4-2 formation for the second half which led to an even more dominant performance with both Daniel Mackintosh and Paul McFatrige unlucky not to extend their lead.

A great diagonal ball from Dave Forbes was received by man of the match Ewan Maclean whom from 20 yards on the angle cheekily chipped the



Newly-formed South Lochaber Thistle photographed before their first competitive league game at Glasgow Green last Saturday.

Photos: Alba Photos



South Lochaber's Danny Mackintosh in action against United Glasgow last Saturday.

outrushing keeper to make it 2-0 to Thistle.

As the game came down to the final 10 minutes a goal line clearance from Kieran Lopez and a crucial tackle by Alan Gray kept the opposition at bay. However an 88th minute own

goal meant no clean sheet for the new team but that wasn't enough to dampen their spirits as they emerged with all three points.

After the game manager Alan Gray was proud of his boys saying: 'Being that we didn't exist

three months ago, to get to our first game is amazing, all the hard work on and off the park has all been worthwhile and hopefully we can kick on from here and continue to improve as the season continues.'

Thistle's next game is on

Wednesday August 24 when they travel to take on Helensburgh.

Starting line up v United Glasgow: Hunter, K Lopez (Hancar 90), Gray, Rodger (capt), Duncan, S Lopez (Wilson 70), Mackintosh, Forbes, Morrison, Maclean, McFatrige (Tot 60).

## Ex-players come back to haunt Fort William

**Buckie Thistle** 4  
**Fort William** 2  
**Highland League**

FORT WILLIAM headed east last Saturday to face top of the table Buckie Thistle.

The Jags started the season well, winning their first three games and scoring 18 goals into the bargain.

They strengthened their team considerably during the summer, most notably with the signing of ex-Fort favourites John Mcleod and Sam Urquhart.

Despite the home side having most of the early play, it was the Fort who were to take the lead. Adam Porritt's free-kick made it 1-0 to the visitors on the half hour mark.

The Fort held on till half-time, but just 60 seconds into the second half the home side levelled.

John Mcleod fired home from the spot after Fort keeper Dougie MacLennan was penalised.

Minutes later and it was 2-1 to Buckie with Sam Urquhart in the right place to head home.

But the Fort hung in and got their reward when Liam Taylor fired home to make it 2-2.

The home side then upped their game and got their reward with two late strikes through Drew Copeland and Chris Angus making the final score Buckie Thistle 4 Fort William 2.

The Fort play Keith at home next Saturday (August 20).



Anne Bowman presents Kilmallie team captain Martin Stewart with the new strip. Anne also presented a sponsorship cheque to club chairman Alastair MacIntyre

## New sponsorship deal and playing kit for Kilmallie Shinty Club

KILMALLIE Shinty Club received new strips and sponsorship from Bowman skip hire and waste haulage company at the weekend.

Anne Bowman, wife of the late Ewen Bowman, who

passed away suddenly in March this year, presented team captain Martin Stewart the new strip on Saturday (August 13).

Mr Bowman, with the family business, had been the sponsor of the Kilmallie Shinty Club

### Shinty

and the Camanachd Referee Association for some years.

Alastair MacIntyre, chairman of Kilmallie Shinty Club, said: 'Everybody at Kilmallie Shinty Club is delighted that the Bowman family are continuing to support Kilmallie and continue the relationship which has been in place for over 30 years.'

Mrs Bowman also presented Mr MacIntyre with a sponsorship cheque for the club.

A spokesperson for the Bowman family said: 'We have been supporting Kilmallie for 30 years and the family are delighted to continue supporting them.'

Mr MacIntyre, added: 'We are honoured that Mrs Anne Bowman has agreed to take up the position of president of the club.'

After the presentations, Kilmallie went on to play Inveraray whom they beat 4:1.



The Ben Nevis Distillery nominated pairs bowling competition held at the Fort William Bowling Clubs Green at Inverlochty, with a close fought final in which (left to right) Keith Brannagan and David Weir came out on top with a seven to six end win to runners up Lyn Donald and Kevin Douglas.

Photo: Anthony MacMillan Photography

## Nevis Range defeat Ballachulish to win their first-ever trophy

**Nevis Range** 4  
**Ballachulish** 3  
**Kinloch Shield Cup Final**

NEVIS Range lifted their first ever trophy in a pulsating final on Sunday (August 13).

Ryan Wilson and Martin Munro gave Nevis Range a 2-0 lead within the first 15 minutes.

Ballachulish responded with a Ross MacLean goal before Martin Munro replied again for Nevis Range.

Just before half time Eric Tott made it 3-2, and Paul MacParlane levelled in the second half.

Man of the match, Ballachulish goalkeeper David Dunlop, pulled off several great saves as the final looked to be heading for a penalty shoot out. With five minutes remaining Andrew MacLean scored the winner to reward manager Donald MacNeil's hard work in keeping his team going over the last few years.

**Mallaig** 8  
**Tekkerslovakia** 0  
**Duthie Cup Final**

TEKKERS again struggled to field a full team which turned the game into a one-sided affair.

Ross Douglas again was the match winner with five goals. Bradley Flannigan, Jamie MacGregor and Neil Cameron were the other scorers to give Mallaig their third trophy.



## Robert bowls them over to win singles title

John Rogan, right, who has been sponsoring the Lochaber Singles Bowls competition for the last 26 years, presents the trophy to the winner Robert Hunter. Runner up was Eddie Downs. John took part in the competition and reached the semi finals. The competition was held at the Fort William Railway Bowling Club Green at Inverlochty. Photo: Anthony MacMillan Photography

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Weekend Outlook	Sunshine and showers on Saturday Cloudy on Sunday Winds light east south easterly Temperatures 12°C to 18°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 11, 2016** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Thur	05.39	3.8	11.49	0.7	18.01	4.0	** ** *	**
Fri	00.11	0.7	06.12	3.9	12.25	0.5	18.35	4.1
Sat	00.51	0.6	06.43	3.9	13.03	0.4	19.09	4.1
Sun	01.30	0.5	07.17	3.9	13.43	0.4	19.46	4.1
Mon	02.11	0.6	07.55	3.8	14.26	0.6	20.26	3.9
Tues	02.55	0.7	08.36	3.6	15.13	0.8	21.10	3.6
Wed	03.44	0.9	09.24	3.3	16.07	1.0	22.04	3.3

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