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### Islay woman dies after swine flu

AN ISLAY woman has become the sixth person to die in Scotland after suffering from swine flu.

Shocked islanders were unaware that anyone on the island had the illness or indeed had been hospitalised because of the condition, and were saddened to hear the news.

The 59-year-old woman, from Bowmore, who died on Monday morning, was admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley on August 8 and is said to have had a serious underlying medical condition before contracting the flu.

A spokesman for NHS Highland confirmed that the woman had died and that her family did not want any further details to be released at this time.

#### Sympathy

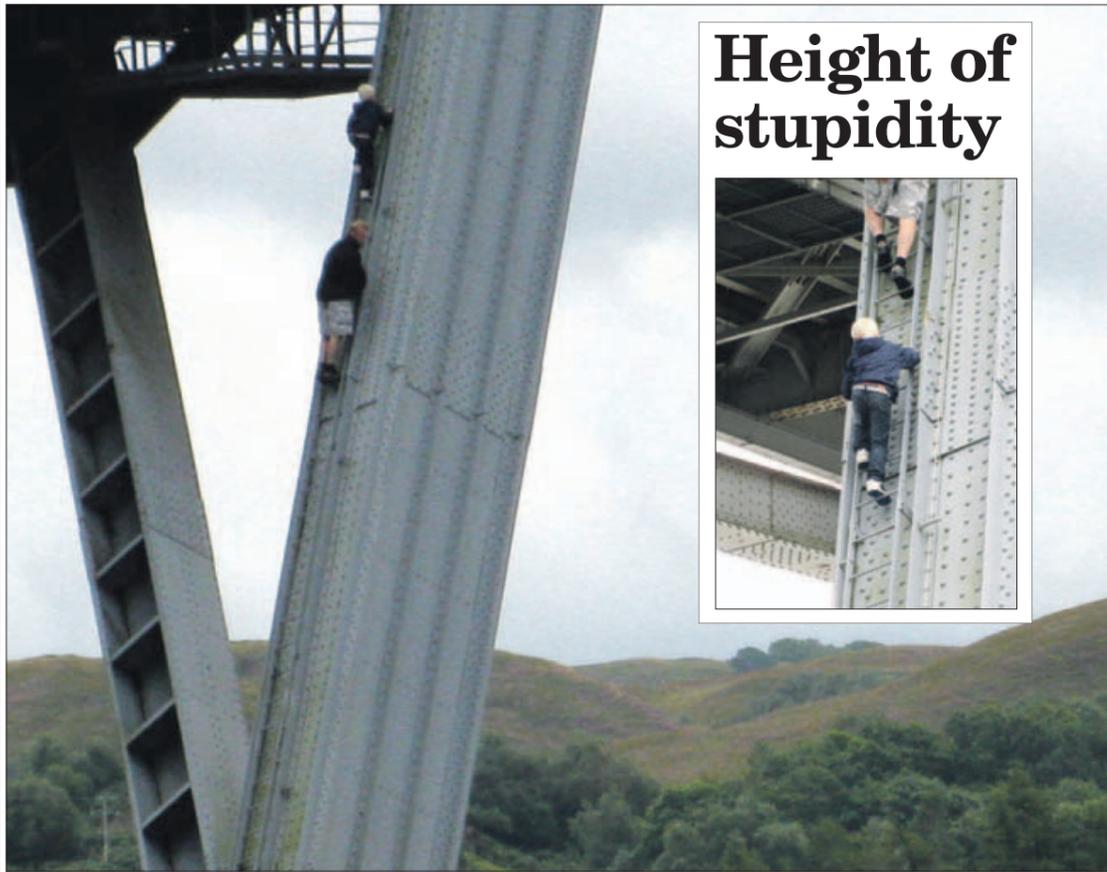
Scottish health secretary Nicola Sturgeon expressed her sympathy and stressed the virus remained mild in most cases.

She said: 'As we have seen in previous cases, this patient was suffering from underlying health conditions and her death should not cause alarm among the general population.'

'Fortunately in the vast majority of cases, most people have fairly mild symptoms and make a full recovery within a week.'

Ms Sturgeon said it was important to get help as quickly as possible if there were reasons anyone might be at greater risk.

Experts are warning that there could be a surge in infections in autumn when flu viruses traditionally start to circulate more widely.



The youngster and an adult make the ascent of the 100-foot high Connel Bridge after a short time spent on the pontoon in Loch Etive. Inset: the child climbs below the adult without anything to break a fall.

### Height of stupidity

**'I can't believe anyone would let a child do this....'**

A SHOCKED man watched in horror as a child descended from the 100 foot high Connel Bridge at the weekend – without a harness or safety gear. He said: 'I was so shocked and stunned to see the child coming down the bridge that I swore out loud.'

#### Falling

'After the death of the boy falling from a bridge in Glasgow at the weekend I

can't believe anyone would let a child do this without a harness or safety gear – it is purely irresponsible. This boy was with two adults – he was only eight or nine – the water below was in full spate and if he had slipped from the ladder he would have died.'

**Thieves' £8,000 raid on shop**

A SHOP in Dunoon has been raided by a gang of thieves who made off with £8,000 worth of jewellery.

Two rings, one worth £7,000, was taken from jewellers 'Myriad' in the

town's Argyll Street at around 4pm on Friday. Police are now urging other shop owners in Argyll to be on their guard.

Detective Sergeant Douglas Wilson explained: 'Two

coming down those ladders.' A spokesman for Strathclyde Police said: 'It is irresponsible to allow anyone to climb on a bridge, at any time.'

'There were no incidents recorded with us. We will be keeping a particular eye on the bridge.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland said: 'This is

extremely irresponsible and dangerous behaviour.'

'External areas of the bridge should never be accessed by anyone other than trained personnel and anyone doing so is putting their life at risk.'

'We will be looking at additional measures to deter access to these areas of the bridge in the future.'

A woman was among a gang of four involved. Anyone with any information is asked to please contact DS Wilson on 01369 763000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Games need you!

### Plea to Argyll residents

OBAN residents are being urged to support the town's Highland games today (Thursday) to help ensure its future.

'It is a wonderful day, and a very important event for the town, but if we have another bad day like last year, we would have to question whether the Argyllshire Gathering could carry on,' games steward Charles Williamson MacDougall warned this week.

#### Loss

'Attendance was half what it usually is last year because bad weather nearly everywhere else in Scotland put people off coming. That resulted in a significant loss.'

'Sponsorship and trade stands are also down a third this year.'

'We need people to turn out in their numbers to break even.'

'The Oban Games is the town's biggest annual event, yet we receive no financial support from Argyll and Bute Council – unlike Cowal Games – and we rely entirely on the work of volunteers.'

'Losing the games would have a big knock-on effect with the local economy.'

It understood that Dunoon's Cowal Games, which run over four days this week, receive many thousands of pounds in backing from the council.

A number of events, such

as the hill race, are not in this year's Oban programme as a cost cutting exercise though it is hoped they will be reinstated in the future.

Neil Horne, games secretary for the past 25 years, said moving the Argyllshire Gathering from a Thursday to a Saturday was not really an option because of clashes with other key dancing, piping and heavy events.

He added: 'We receive invaluable help from council ground staff at Mossfield, but financial support is also essential – not just for Oban but all the other smaller games like Taynuilt, Tobermory and Kilmore. Even £500 to £1,000 would make a big difference to them.'

#### Heritage

'The council has to decide if Oban Games is important to tourism. The colour, excitement and music of a games are a huge part of our heritage and a unique experience for visitors to Scotland. It's a great day out.'

Tom Smith, a hill runner from Connel, said: 'It is really disappointing that the hill race has been cancelled. It is a dramatic and key part of most games, but I will be there to support the track races.'

Argyll and Bute Council was unavailable for comment.



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### Instructors driven mad by investigation delay

DRIVING instructors are still waiting for the outcome of an investigation into a contract granted to wife of the Oban High headmaster Peter Bain – almost four months after making a complaint about it.

Back in April, Oban High's management team offered a contract to the town's newest driving school, Pass It On, run by Teresa Bain, albeit for expenses only. The eight established driving instructors in the town were annoyed at being left out and instantly offered their services free.

But Argyll and Bute Council bosses say that head of education Douglas Hendry is

still investigating the Pathways Project – and the outcome has been delayed because of the school holidays.

A spokesman from Oban and Lorn Driving Instructors Association said: 'We have been left hanging on for four months to hear the outcome of this investigation. We were due to get a reply on July 7, then again on August 3 – but have not heard a thing. Not even our MSP can get an answer.'

'We offered our services free and we feel as though we have had it flung back in our face – by not even bothering to respond to us.'

'As we predicted, back in May,

we have all started to suffer financially. Last year, at this time, we had 30 or 40 pupils each and this year only a few sixth year pupils have come forward for lessons. We think they have all been waiting to find out if they have been selected for the Pathways Project.'

'We are taking legal advice about the unfair competition this contract has given the head teacher's wife. By allowing one company it looks like she is an approved provider, and that would be clearly unfair.'

Councillor Isobel Strong, Argyll and Bute's spokeswoman for education, said: 'I have asked for this investigation to

be completed as a matter of urgency.'

When asked why driving instructors, who had offered their time free on the project, were still not allowed to take part, a council spokeswoman said: 'The investigation is ongoing. It has taken longer than we would have anticipated or wished, due to the summer holidays.'

'The director of community services will be responding to the driving instructors in the very near future.'

Oban and Lorn Driving Instructors Association is launching a petition to have a full investigation into the matter.

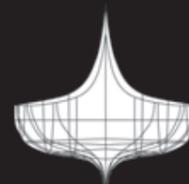
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## Skye gears up for Scottish food fortnight

FOOD producers and restaurateurs on the Isle of Skye are throwing open their doors to celebrate Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight from September 5 to 20.

The island already actively promotes how top chefs in local eateries insist on local produce, delivered from croft gate to plate across Skye and Lochalsh via the Skye Food Link van.

Lady Claire Macdonald, the two-week foodfest's patron, owns the Kinloch Lodge Hotel in Sleat and is noted for her passion for sourcing quality locally produced food.

She said: 'The fortnight grows in meaning and importance year on year, raising public awareness of top quality of foods, from fish and shellfish to vegetable and soft fruits to artisan cows, goats and sheep milk cheeses - not to mention highlighting traditional production methods, from baking to fish smokery.'

## Gaelic cash confirmed

MINISTER for Gaelic Michael Russell met Highland Council leader Michael Foxley in Inverness on Tuesday to confirm a £3.5m funding package to boost Gaelic provision in the region.

The new investment means the council will shortly be identifying suitable sites for the establishment of stand-alone Gaelic schools in Portree and Fort William, costing a total of £14m.

A further Gaelic medium school in north Skye, possibly at Staffin, could follow, Councillor Foxley told *The Oban Times*.

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Shepherd Steven Cameron from Aberchalder, Invergarry, with possibly the youngest member of the crowd on Saturday - his six month-old daughter Lexie. 10\_f35lochaber06

## Relief as Lochaber Show breaks even

LOCHABER Agricultural Society has expressed its relief that its 2009 show has broken even financially.

Organisers were facing calamity on Friday after six days of heavy rain turned the field at Torlundy into a quagmire.

But the weather relented just in time and dry, sunny conditions held

throughout Saturday to provide a fine day for visitors and exhibitors.

Show secretary John Weller told *The Oban Times* incessant rainfall in the days before the show had put a few people off coming.

Attendance, however, was only slightly down on last year's 1,500 crowd, he said, and £400 less taken

at the gate was more than offset by savings and extra donations totalling £600.

'I think we've just about broken even, although we have not got the final figures yet,' said John. 'We are just so relieved.'

See page 14 for full Lochaber Show report and pictures.

# Lochaber wind farm vote sparks anger

LOCHABER is to have its first wind farm - thanks to the votes of councillors who live outside the area.

At a packed public meeting in Kilmallie Hall on Tuesday afternoon, Ross, Skye and Lochaber planning and appeals committee voted 6-3 to approve Edinburgh-based North British Wind Power's bid to build four 400-foot turbines above Loch Eil on Drumm Fada.

The result provoked an angry reaction from local politicians, incensed that despite widespread public opposition and the views of Lochaber elected members, councillors from Ross, Lochalsh and the Black Isle unanimously backed the developer. Caol and Mallaig councillor Bill Clark, seconded by Provost of Lochaber Allan Henderson and backed by Fort William and Ardnamurchan member Donald Cameron, opposed the plan on noise pollution and visual impact grounds.

Black Isle member Isobel MacCallum, seconded by Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh colleague Isabelle Campbell, supported

By **STEPHEN NORRIS** moved approval. The 3-1 Lochaber vote against and the 5-0 non-Lochaber vote in favour incensed Councillor Clark, who has been behind moves to restore planning independence to Lochaber.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'Councillors from outwith Lochaber have made this decision on behalf of the Lochaber area. It's an appalling failure of local democracy.'

Councillor MacCallum countered: 'We value local information when deciding on planning applications, but there are occasions when members from outwith the area are able to be more objective than local members.'

Overwhelming opposition to the plan - 85 representations against compared to only 14 in favour - was reflected in the hall. A string of local people spoke out against the wind farm, while only one, Ronnie Mainland from Corpach, argued in favour.

Partnership executive director John Hutchison struck a sombre note when he claimed the turbines would 'visibly overshadow' people visiting the graves of their loved ones at Kilmallie Cemetery. He said: 'Highland Council should really treat this area with the utmost respect and should not be considering this development.'

Mr Hutchison told *The Oban Times* after the verdict: 'I can understand how councillors furth of Lochaber can think that way because other parts of the Highlands have wind turbines. But for Mr Shaw to say these wind turbines enhance the local area - I find that a completely inappropriate observation.'

Welcoming the decision, NBWP managing director Andrew Shaw told *The Oban Times*: 'If we are going to have wind farms in Lochaber, this is the best place to have them.'

Mr Shaw confirmed construction would start 'the year after next'. He added: 'We are not planning any extension to the four turbine development.'

## Transport Scotland postpones A82 closure until next year

By **STEPHEN NORRIS** TRANSPORT Scotland (TS) has bowed to public opinion on a controversial plan to close the A82 at Fort William for major road repairs and postponed the work until next year.

TS had planned to shut the A82 over a 3km stretch from Seafield south to Heron Bay from 8pm to 6.30am, except Friday and Saturday, with the £400,000 contract starting on September 27, but Highland Council wanted an October 26 start and an overnight closure of 10pm to 6am to minimise disruption to tourism businesses

and shift workers. Both sides tried to find a compromise, but differences could not be overcome and TS decided to pull the plug on the work for this year.

A TS spokeswoman said: 'Transport Scotland has identified and discussed with The Highland Council (THC) a number of different options for delivering this necessary improvement which is located in a very challenging environment.'

'However, it is clear from those discussions that it is difficult to reach a compromise that best meets the needs of the local community while ensuring

the work is carried out effectively. We consider therefore that the best option available is to postpone the works until next year in order to bring forward a solution that is acceptable to all parties.'

'As part of that process we will develop our plans in full consultation with Highland Council and the local community. In the meantime, the road will continue to be monitored and any defects noted by the public should be reported to the 24 hour customer helpline number on 0800 0281414.'

When *The Oban Times* broke the story

two weeks ago, a furious public reaction ensued on potential losses to the local economy. The Royal National Mod runs from October 9 to 17, and many Lochaber accommodation providers are booked up for the event.

A82 Partnership campaign co-ordinator John Hutchison welcomed the news but called for an urgent start to works elsewhere.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'I'm very pleased that there will be no closure this year.'

'It's time to reassess the job and how it

should be done. Hopefully they will come up with a better approach next year.'

'But I would very much have preferred to have seen some attention given to the subsidence at the Gleaner garage on North road.'

'That's been a long standing problem for years.'

Councillor Donald Cameron said he looked forward to the consultations.

'There were so many issues surrounding this that it did need a longer lead in time for the community to be consulted properly,' he said.

**RWE npower renewables**

**Raera Wind Farm plans go on show**

RWE npower renewables is working towards developing a wind farm at Raera Forest, 8km south of Oban, near to Loch Melfort.

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## Father and son drowned

TWO HIGHLANDS and islands communities are in mourning after the deaths of a Poolewe father and son on Loch Maree.

Michael Madders, aged 52, and his seven-year-old son Daniel, from Bridgeview, drowned after their kayak capsized in choppy seas off the Wester Ross village on Sunday.

Margaret Young, headteacher at Poolewe Primary where Daniel was a pupil, said the community would miss terribly a 'polite, happy and enthusiastic wee boy'.

Mr Madders, a committed environmentalist, lived for many years in Islay at Carnduncan, near Loch Gorm. Carl Reavey, editor of the island's community newspaper *The Ileach*, said: 'Mike was a very learned and respected man. There's a real feeling of shock on Islay.'

## Walker dies

A MAN in his fifties fell 800 feet to his death on 4,080ft Aonach Beag, Lochaber, on Tuesday.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team located the victim in Corrie Gusachan. The body of the man, believed to be from the east of Scotland, was recovered from the mountain by a RAF helicopter.



Jessie MacKenzie, left, and Les-Ann Cundiff with a floor standing display in the church porch.

## Lochcarron blooms with flowers

LOCHCARRON blossomed for three days last week as hand-crafted floral displays bedecked the Church of Scotland inside and out.

The Lochcarron Community Flower Festival, which ended on Saturday, also saw the front along the loch in full bloom

with half barrels planted with flowers.

The final day saw Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band march along the village street to pipe everyone into the village hall for lunch to herald the start of a fund-raising day.

The event, run by a small

committee and Lochcarron Gardening Club and now in its third year, was 'very successful', co-organiser Joy Moran told *The Oban Times*.

'The theme for this year was homecoming and it's really created a great sense of community spirit.'

## Adventure trips to Rockall criticised

A 'MAD' adventure trip to the volcanic mound of Rockall will go ahead despite the best advice of emergency services.

Three summer trips next year run by island bagger Andy Strangeways, to sleep on the island that lies more than 280 miles from Oban, may cause 'a nightmare' for emergency services.

Kenny Devine of Oban Coastguard said: 'There are umpteen people that travel to the island every week in the summer - but you cannot land on the island. People have to jump into the freezing cold sea and then pull themselves onto the rock. Some of my colleagues have described these trips as madness. The rock is in the jurisdiction of the UK emergency services, so if we are called to the mound then we would need to go

Tom MacClean, the only man



Andy Strangeways who will be running pleasure trips to Rockall next summer.

to live on the island for 40 days, speaking on the BBC Coast programme said: 'I broke my arm when I jumped off the boat to land on the island. It is quite a dangerous place to stay.'

'There is a bit of madness involved in making a journey to Rockall. I am sure it must cause a nightmare for emergency services.'

A spokesman for the Scottish

Ambulance Service said: 'If there was an emergency at Rockall we would ask the Coastguard to assist. We do not have boats and I doubt that the helicopter could land on the island.'

But Andy Strangeways, the self-styled *Island Man*, is unrepentant. He said: 'Only four people have ever slept on Rockall. I intend to be the

fifth, the second to do so alone and possibly the first without shelter. For only the second time in history, I am also offering members of the public landing trips onto Rockall.'

Mr Strangeways uses the isolation of the island as a selling point for his tourist expedition trips. 'Rockall is more than 180 miles from the nearest land, the sea state can change in minutes, and as it lies outside the air sea rescue zone, all these conditions combine to make it the most difficult island in the world to sleep on.'

'I want to raise my Yorkshire Flag on top of Rockall.' RSPB Mull officer David Sexton said: 'So long as there was no disturbance to nesting seabirds, then good luck to him, but given the size of the rock it would be difficult not to cause a problem. He needs to consult carefully with SNH.'

## Calling time on Argyll pubs and off-licences

ANY pub or off-licence that does not submitted details of its designated premises manager to Argyll and Bute Licensing Board before August 31 will not be able to legally sell alcohol.

New legislation requires all those who sell alcohol to not only have a premises licence but also a designated premises manager, who is required to have a personal licence.

'The issue is not whether individuals have actually received their new personal licences by September 1, as there is some leeway in this regard,' explained Councillor Daniel Kelly, chairman of the Argyll and Bute board.

'Those who have gained the necessary licensing qualification and applied for their personal licence by August 31 will be able to continue trading after that date.'

'However, they must meet that August 31 deadline for submitting details of the designated premises manager, or they will no longer be legally allowed to sell alcohol.'

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 becomes law on September 1.

## Good report card for Easdale Primary

EASDALE Primary School has gone to the top of the class after receiving a positive report from government inspectors.

The Seil island school, which has 37 pupils and 10 nursery children, was praised for motivating children in the nursery and in the early classes, the care and welfare provided by staff, teamwork amongst staff and good links within parents and the community.

Argyll and Bute Council's education spokeswoman, Councillor Isobel Strong, praised everyone at Easdale and in the nursery class.

She said: 'This is a good report, and I congratulate all those who work so hard to make the school what it is - pupils, staff, parents and the wider community.'

'The inspectors have highlighted several areas in which other schools across Scotland could learn from Easdale.'

One of these is in its success in developing children's citizenship skills through working together on environmental and community projects.'

## Churches broken into

TWO churches have been broken into in Dunoon and police are appealing for any witnesses.

Sometime between August 12 and 13, the Scottish Episcopal Church in Kilbride Road and St Mun's Church in Brandon Street were both broken into.

Cash was stolen from St Mun's church and a safe was moved but left within the church.

Police at Oban CID are appealing for any witnesses, who may have seen something suspicious in these two streets at the time, to contact Dunoon Police Station on 01369 763055 or Oban CID on 01631 510500.

# Drugs claimed four lives in Argyll last year

THERE were four drug-related deaths in Argyll and Bute last year, a fall of more than 100 per cent from the record nine deaths recorded in 2007.

However Argyll seems to be bucking a national trend which saw drug-related

deaths rise by more than a quarter in the last year.

Figures released by the Registrar General for Scotland showed that there were 574 drug-related deaths in Scotland in 2008, 119 more than in 2007.

Men accounted for out of

five of the deaths.

Heroin was present in 32 per cent of the cases and benzodiazepines, such as Diazepam, were present in 63 per cent of cases.

Lochaber MSP and minister for community safety, Fergus Ewing, said the current

strategy of helping people recover from drug addiction would continue.

He said: 'It's a long-term problem with no single solution. That is why we must continue to take action to tackle this issue now and for the long-term.'

Dr Roy Robertson, chairwoman of the National Drug Related Death Forum said: 'The forum is very aware of the importance of understanding ways of reducing drug-related deaths and has identified three possible ways to do this - stopping people getting involved with drugs in the first place, especially those who inject; preventing ongoing damage with effective treatment and helping drug users stop their damaging behaviour altogether.'

# Taxi owners' anger after criminal given licence

TAXI owners have asked council officials to look at the way it grants licences to drivers with criminal convictions.

A letter shown to *The Oban Times* from nine licensed drivers in the town claims that Argyll and Bute Council has issued a licence to a convicted criminal - and that is damaging to their businesses.

The letter from Oban drivers Robert Gibson, James Brown, David Allison, Michael Wardrobe, Mary MacAulay, Ian Duff, A Robertson, John MacIntyre and Murray Young said: 'We are extremely concerned about the damage done to our reputations if you grant licences to people with

criminal convictions.

'A recent licence, granted to someone with dishonesty convictions, has brought us all into question - our customers are now asking us if we have criminal records. We understood that police checks made when we applied for a licence was to stop this sort of situation occurring.'

'We request that the council rescind its decision to grant this, or any other licence, to a convicted criminal.'

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'This issue was discussed by the legal and protective service committee last month, and the decision taken was that the individual in question was a fit and proper person to hold a

licence. There is no policy on granting taxi licences to people with criminal convictions. The committee assesses each case on its merits, hears the views of all parties and makes a decision on that basis.'

'A licence might be reviewed if the police draw our attention to something relevant to an individual's function as a taxi driver of which we were previously unaware, or if we receive a complaint which after investigation we judge should go before committee.'

'A licence would be removed from an individual if the committee feels, for whatever reason, they are no longer a fit and proper person to hold it.'

## Freak accident kills Islay man

THE FUNERAL took place on Tuesday of an Islay man killed in a freak accident in the Pacific islands.

Danny MacMillan, aged 47, died while on holidaying in Tonga on August 6 as he was travelling on an inter-island ferry service. Up to 70 people may have drowned.

The popular gardener and scientist was raised on the farm at Ballmartin, Islay with his father Matthew and mother Mary and brothers Andrew, Alan and the late Iain and Matthew, before moving to New Zealand.

Danny's mother Mary said: 'We are devastated by the loss of our son.'

'Danny had lived in New Zealand for 18 years. He

went there to work as a scientist and had decided to make his life there.

'Danny had a few jobs in New Zealand including working as an animal embryo-biologist, then with adults with learning disabilities before becoming a gardener.'

'He had made many friends in New Zealand. They have sent us pictures of a wee memorial service they held for him in Christchurch, New Zealand, last week.'

It is understood that Danny was heading from Tonga's capital to a small outlying island.

He was the first person to be identified by search and

rescue staff - thanks to a wallet found on his body.

Eye witness Pau Tupou told a news station: 'The disaster happened in little over a minute after a big wave hit the ship and water came onto the deck and poured inside.'

'I think that cargo may have moved to one side of the ship when the wave hit.'

Although there has been no official cause given for the sinking of the 39-year-old Japanese built ferry, first indications are that a freak wave moved the cargo which in turn unbalanced the ferry.

Danny's funeral took place on Tuesday at the Round Church, Islay.

Danny is predeceased by brothers Iain and Matthew.



Inspector Neil Wallace is leaving Oban Police Station to take over the inspector's post at Lochgilphead. 07\_135ae101

## Fond memories for Oban inspector

WITH less than two years to go until retirement, Inspector Neil Wallace's career will go full circle when he leaves Oban Police Station and returns to Lochgilphead next Monday.

Inspector Wallace has been an Argyll policeman his whole career, having been brought up in Ardrishaig.

The 47 year old said he had fond memories of his time in the Oban area.

'The best thing has been the staff I have worked with,' he said. 'They have been really supportive as well as being excellent police officers.'

'I think the town has some great partnership

working between the police, councillors and other agencies. We would always work together, rather than blame each other for things.'

The inspector highlighted alcohol-related anti-social behaviour at weekends as the biggest problem for police in Oban but added that a lot was being done to combat it, including the formation of the town's Anti-social Behaviour Group, which he chaired.

He highlighted the high number of road deaths in the area as a constant concern but singled out the air crash at Scammadale in April 2007, where three people

died, as the most difficult single incident he had to deal with because of the logistics involved.

Inspector Wallace will be succeeded at Oban by Inspector Julie Edward, who currently works in East Kilbride.

Oban South and the Isles councillor Roddie McCuish said: 'Inspector Wallace will be a miss to Oban as he was always very approachable and sympathetic to people's needs.'

'He engaged well with members of the public and councillors and I hope that Inspector Julie Edward will do the same.'

## Future of Argyll air services discussed

THE FUTURE of air services in Argyll and the rest of the Highlands and islands was under discussion last week at a special workshop in Oban.

Consultants Laurie Price and Alan Cooke, from Mott MacDonald, which has been commissioned by HITRANS and ZetTrans (Shetland) to carry out the review, gave an idea of their remit and its objectives before hearing views from those interested in air services in Argyll.

Following on from the discount air scheme for flights from the islands and other changes in 2003, Mr Price said that he and his colleague were looking at how these have met the national and regional transport strategies.

The review is also looking ahead to the Scottish government's next spending review, options for improving services, the needs for air services and its infrastructure through to 2022 and will make recommendations to the two regional transport authorities.

The pair have already been to Dingwall, Kirkwall, Sumburgh and Lerwick and were on their way to the Western Isles after Oban.

Issues Already a number of issues have cropped up including the fact that none of the small airplanes being used on routes to and from the Highlands and islands and Shetlands are being manufactured any more and while other planes are available there are regulatory problems with using them.

They are also looking at the air service assets in the region, from airports owned by different public authorities to public agencies using their own aircraft including the coastguard, Scottish air ambulance, fishery protection and Royal Mail and how and where they are used; seats on flights being block-booked by public agencies such as the NHS, preventing potential tourism opportunities; a lack of marketing to promote the flights to tourist destinations; the effect of the recession on flights; the use of flights for freight; and operational issues and routes.

The Mott MacDonald review is due to be presented to the HITRANS and ZetTrans boards in October.



A group of Oban High sixth-year pupils in their new school uniforms.

## Smart response to new Oban High School uniform

ALMOST every pupil at Oban High School wore the new uniform when doors opened after the summer break.

Despite a number of concerns from parents about the blanket change of uniform, it was an almost 100 per cent turnout of pupils in the new black and

white ensemble.

Angus Scott, head boy, said: 'We have been very impressed by the number of pupils who have taken up the new uniform.'

For the first time since we have been at the school almost every person is wearing school uniform and it looks very

smart. There were only 14 out of 1,209 not in uniform today.'

Head girl Lisa MacKenzie said: 'Many parents have said how good it is to see everyone wearing the same uniform for once, and local businesses have commented on how much the image of Oban High pupils

has been improved by this new uniform. We would like to say well done to everyone and we hope that they continue to wear their new uniforms.'

A text message sent to all parents said: 'Excellent turnout of pupils in new uniform, well done and thanks.'

## Road delays warning

A TEMPORARY traffic management system is in place on the A83 at Minard today (Thursday) and tomorrow. Scottish Water is in the process of a major mains water project and has warned that there could be delays between 8am and 6pm. Convoy systems and changes to the frequency of existing lights will be in place.

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OAP pulled woman's hair

AN ISLAY pensioner who pulled a woman's hair and threatened her with violence appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week. William McNab, aged 69, of 74A Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen, admitted committing the offences on the island on June 28. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for one year for McNab to be of good behaviour.

Iona permit concerns unfounded

CONCERNS from Iona residents about the growing number of car permits for the car-free island seem to be unfounded. A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council, which issues the permits, said: 'So far for 2009 we have issued 18 permanent and 254 temporary permits, for one-off use or deliveries. In 2008 we issued 25 permanent and 354 temporary permits.'

Friendly advice

A YOUNG Islay woman was put on probation for 18 months when she appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week. Lucie Evans, aged 20, of 10 Bruach Gorm, Port Charlotte, had previously admitted assaulting a constable in the execution of his duty on March 13 this year at her home and also assaulting a second constable when she spat in his face. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said that Evans now appeared 'to be going down the right track' and warned her: 'choose your friends with care'.

# Gardeners' hard work jeopardised by flooding

Heavy rainfall and trapped debris cause Oban burn to overflow

By MARIAN MILLER

LYNNSIDE community garden at Dalintart, Oban, was again flooded after several days of heavy rain and debris caused the burn at the back of Miller Road to burst its banks.

Volunteer at the community garden Margaret Powell-Joss, whose house overlooks the garden and burn, said it was the fifth time the garden had flooded since October last year.

'The bad thing is that much more rain has been forecast for the next few days and it remains to be seen how much of the produce, the potatoes especially, that Graham Scott has so diligently put into the ground will pull through without rotting,' she said last week.

This is the first season the garden has been cultivated since the plot was made available to volunteers by Argyll Community Housing



Debris is blocking culverts and the burn.

Association (ACHA) and cleared by Argyll and Bute Council's employability team. It has around 20 beds with a mixture of flowers, plants and produce, such as potatoes, sugarsnap peas, corn and courgettes, which are given to people in the area in return for a donation.

Margaret said: 'The employability team last year did a big clean out of the burn and lifted three skips of stuff from a very short section.'

'I have been in this summer while it was low and lifted out three bin bags of stuff.'

**Rubbish**  
'The problem is people are throwing stuff into the burn; people just seem to see it as a rubbish dump.' She said debris was washed



The community garden and lane leading to Dalintart Drive flooded last week.

down from upstream but because of a narrow culvert under the footbridge on Dalintart Lane and a concrete slab which lowers the height of the opening, a lot was getting stuck and stopping the water from flowing freely.

A council spokeswoman said: 'Some of the recent rainfall has been extremely intense and flooding has occurred in a number of locations. This has been exacerbated by some high tides. We will inspect this

watercourse as soon as possible and, if necessary, have debris removed.' It is the council's responsibility to clear debris from watercourses where failure to do so would result in flooding of more than one non-agricultural property.

High hopes for Arrochar and Tarbet

IT IS a case of fingers crossed for the Argyll communities of Arrochar and Tarbet this week as they await the decision on the Scottish village of the year awards.

The judges from the competition paid a two-hour visit to the villages last Thursday where they heard locals demonstrate why their village is a special place.

Having already taken the title of Central regional winner in the competition and £2,000 for community investment, Arrochar and Tarbet now stand a chance of winning a further £7,000.

The awards are designed to allow Scotland's rural communities to promote their success and achievements, share best community practice and demonstrate initiatives towards sustainability.

Communities are judged on four categories this year: people, business, sustainability and communication.

Arrochar and Tarbet will face stiff competition from Isle of Eigg in the Western Isles and Forth in Lanarkshire.

Big day for new marina

THE FIRST phase of Scotland's most prestigious marina was due to be officially opened by Jim Mather MSP, minister for enterprise, energy and tourism yesterday (Wednesday).

Portavadie Marina is a £45 million complex on the former oil-rig construction yard site by Loch Long. The site remained a blot on the landscape for more than 30 years before being turned into a state-of-the-art, deep water, 230-berth marina with an award-winning restaurant and holiday accommodation.

## £400,000 facelift for remote station made famous in Trainspotting



Trainspotting star Ewan McGregor on the tracks at Corroun Station, the remotest in the country. The platform is undergoing its first facelift in 120 years.

THE REMOTE west highland railway station made famous in the hit film Trainspotting is undergoing a £400,000 facelift.

Corroun station, the highest in the United Kingdom and inaccessible by any public road, is to get a new platform – its first replacement since the 19th century.

The station is one of the busiest because of its popularity among hill-walkers and cult-film watchers. And the station's

fame grew when Renton, played by Ewan McGregor, and his pals enjoyed an alcohol-fuelled day in the countryside in the cult film.

**Difficult**  
Andy Docherty project manager for Network Rail told *The Oban Times* why building the new platform may be rather difficult. He said: 'It's a project we have to do in the summer months, because the winters can be pretty harsh up there. We also have the issue of

transporting all of our plant and equipment to the site, all of which will have to come up by rail.'

This includes 4,000 timber sleepers, anti-slip platform panels and a three-ton mini excavator.

'We've done work on some fairly isolated stations before but never before where there has been no public road access.'

'Thankfully though, we have come to an agreement with the owners of the estate

to use a private access road to get our staff to the station – it's pretty wild though and they'll have to cross fords and streams along the way, so it's a little unusual.'

'We've issued the men with Avon Skin So Soft, to get rid of the midgies, as it seems to be the best way to keep the biting insects away.'

The station will continue to operate during the seven-week project, which is being undertaken in two phases starting last week.

## Graduations



Jillian Macdonald

GRADUATED from Edinburgh University with a BEd (Honours) in Primary Education. Jilly is a former pupil of Lochnell primary and Oban high schools. She is the daughter of John and Jenny Macdonald, North Connel, and sister to Robbie.



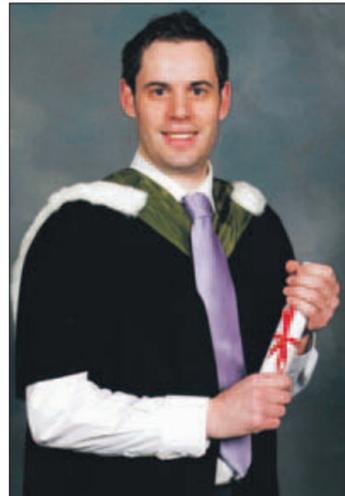
Theresa Wade

GRADUATED with Honours in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (BVMS) from Glasgow University. Theresa, from the Ross of Mull, was educated at Bunessan primary and Oban high schools and is the daughter of Mary and Trevor Wade.



Christopher Dixon

GRADUATED from the University of Dundee with a BSc (Honours) First Class in Renewable Energy. Chris's family home is in Benderloch and he is a former pupil of Oban High School.



Christopher MacPherson

GRADUATED from Edinburgh University with a Biological Science Degree with Honours in Genetics. Christopher is the son of James and Sandra MacPherson and a former pupil of Ballachulish primary and Kinlochleven high schools.



Emma Ann Gordon

GRADUATED from Durham University with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Combined Arts. Emma, formally from Tobermory, Isle of Mull, now from Kerrera, is the daughter of Ann and the late Nick Gordon, Tobermory, and step daughter of Roddy MacEachen, Kerrera. She is a former pupil of Tobermory Primary School and Strathallan School, Perth.



Stuart Cameron

GRADUATED from Edinburgh University with a Bachelor of Education (Music). Stuart is the son of John and Margaret Cameron, Lochside, Fort William. Stuart has taken up a teaching post at Hillpark Secondary School, Glasgow.



Islay Innes

GRADUATED with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Psychology from Glasgow University. Islay, a former pupil of Rockfield primary and Oban high schools, is the daughter of Murdo and Fiona Donn, Oban.



Claire Cameron

GRADUATED from Heriot Watt University with a degree in Economics and Business Law. Claire is the youngest daughter of Maureen and Huntly Cameron, Inverloch, Fort William.



Joe Spence

GRADUATED from the University of St Andrews with a BSc (Honours) in Physics. Joe is the eldest son of Liz and Alistair Spence, Craobh Haven, and is a former pupil of Lochgilphead High School.



Mairi MacLean Linton

GRADUATED from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, with a BSc Honours in Nutrition. Mairi is the daughter of Jean and the late Robert MacLean Linton and granddaughter of the late Andrew and Annie Linton, Connel.

Lorn Lines



ORGANISERS of the annual Taynuilt Summer Ceilidhs have handed out their largest donation yet to Lorn charities.

A series of eight ceilidhs throughout the summer raised £1,600, boosted this time by proceeds from a special one-off Clan MacIntyre ceilidh last year.

At the final summer ceilidh last Thursday, cheques were handed out at Taynuilt Village Hall to four of the 12 charities and groups to benefit.

The main recipient, Royal National Mod 2009, was granted £500.

Robin Banks, chairman of the Mod's organising committee, collected the cheque, saying: 'We are very grateful for this money. We estimate that it takes £250,000 to run a Mod but people in this area have been very generous and have helped towards that total greatly.'

Other groups and charities to benefit are: Coisir Ceann an Tuirc (£100); Feis Latharna (£50); Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival (£100); Lorne Junior Fiddlers (£50); Oban High School Pipe Band (£100); Oban Pipe Band (£50); Taynuilt Gaelic Choir (£100); Taynuilt Village Hall (£200); Comunn Gaidhealach an Obain (£100); Oban Hospice (£200); Taynuilt Primary School Gaelic Choir (£50).

The winter ceilidhs will commence on October 3 with the pre-Mod ceilidh.



Taynuilt ceilidh organisers present cheques to representatives from four charities. 07\_135chq01

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OBAN High School is appealing for former pupils to help them decorate the walls in the school's reception area.

The school has pictures of former head teachers but now is looking for pictures of former sixth form pupils, either on their own, in groups or involved in activities, to add to its photos.

The idea is to add some interest to the walls of the entrance for both pupils and visitors to the school.

The school says it will copy any photos sent or handed in and return the originals to their owners.

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ARDUANE Garden Support Group is holding a public meeting on Wednesday September 9.

The group has successfully negotiated with The National Trust for Scotland to keep the garden open at Arduane, after it was threatened with closure earlier this year.

Organiser John Stannard said: 'The meeting will update the community on the group's progress to date.'

'We want to form a committee and involve as many people as possible in keeping the garden open.'

The meeting will take place at Kilmelford Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are invited.

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Residents and fellow staff at the Lynn of Lorne care home bid a fond farewell to retiring senior nurse Mary-Ann. 16\_134ya01

RESIDENTS and staff at Benderloch's Lynn of Lorne care home raised a glass to retiring senior nurse Mary-Ann Cullen.

Marjory Bathgate, nursing manager for the Argus Care Group which manages the home, spoke fondly of Mary-Ann's contribution during the past 17 years she has worked there. She said: 'When she came to start she thought she would give it a week. Thankfully she has lasted a lot longer than that.'

'We will all miss her very much, her organisational skills and her efficient, caring manner. We will all be very sad to see her go.'

Mary-Ann, who is originally from Barra, is looking forward to spending more time on the island as well as with her family and shopping. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a little something towards her shopping trips and a bowl by colleagues.

Pay for repairs to property or go to jail, warns sheriff at Oban court

AN OBAN man 'teetering on the edge of a custodial sentence' has been ordered to pay more than £1,100 to his victims.

At Oban Sheriff Court, Andrew McKenzie, aged 28, of Flat 3/1, 19 High Street admitted charges of breaking the window

of Reflection's Hairdressers, 18 High Street on March 8, while on bail and damage to a door at 20H Shuna Terrace on March 14.

Deferring sentence for three months, Sheriff Douglas Small

said: 'Come back to court in three months and prove that you have paid your victims the money for their repairs.'

'You are in a precarious position - teetering on the edge of a custodial sentence.'



Julie Dougans is delighted to receive a cheque from young fundraisers Sophie, centre, and Carlyn. 08\_134mob01

Youngsters raise hundreds for Shopmobility

TWO generous 12 year olds have spent their summer holidays raising much-needed funds for an Oban charity.

The pair, Carlyn MacDonald and Sophie Mossman, came up with the idea of a fundraising bingo night for Shopmobility. With teenage friends

Shelley McCuish and Nicola Lopez, they organised the whole night and persuaded local businesses to donate a bumper pile of raffle prizes. The evening raised £234 for the charity's coffers and the young fundraisers gave a big thankyou to all who supported the event.

Shopmobility treasurer Julie Dougans said: 'It really is amazing to me that these girls have put all this together for themselves. I'm really proud of them.'

The girls have well and truly caught the charity bug and plan a sponsored walk in the near future.

Teenager to pay victim compensation after Campbell Street assault

220 hours' community service and probation as alternative to jail

AN OBAN teenager who admitted delivering a sustained attack to a football supporter's head was ordered to pay £600 to his victim.

Video evidence shown to Oban Sheriff Court last week showed Craig Hendry, aged 19, of 3 Glenshellach Terrace embrace, then fight with a man on March 15 - the afternoon of a Rangers v Celtic match.

CCTV footage of the incident, on Campbell Street, showed Hendry approach a man to embrace him. Hendry then returned to the victim, forcing him to the ground and repeatedly hitting and kicking him to his head.

The victim was taken to Lorn and Islands Hospital where staff noted that he had severe swelling to his head.

Defence agent Sandy Mitchell said: 'My client had drunk too much and in his alcohol-induced state

approached this football supporter and gave him a hug.

'Things were amicable until the victim made a racist remark to Hendry. He then ran back to the victim and threw him to the ground. A fight ensued.

'Hendry has been making every effort to control his drinking and is remorseful for what has happened. He has apologised to the victim.'

Sheriff Douglas Small told Hendry: 'Because this seems to have been provoked by a racist remark and the victim was not seriously injured I will place you on probation for one year - otherwise I would have imprisoned you for this attack.'

'You are being given a last chance to prove yourself. I am sentencing you to pay a compensation order and to serve 220 hours community service - this is a direct alternative to custody. You must not offend again.'

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**Lismore**

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**Homecoming Week**

CONSIDERING the population of the island - approximately 180 - Lismore's contribution to Homecoming 2009 was both enormous and astonishing.

The minibuses provided by Mrs Yeoman, Glensanda, to meet the ferries were busy and all the events well patronised and organised with high quality guests and performers.

It became a mini festival showcasing Lismore's spirit and talent. The sustained effort put in by members of Comann Eachdraidh on the organising committee - Jennifer Baker, Donald Black, Margaret Black, Laura Gloag, Bob Hay, Barbara McDougall and an army of voluntary helpers - was never obvious and everything flowed like clockwork.

The goodwill generated will draw visitors to the island for a long time to come.

**Opening concert**

AT THE end of the opening day and after a delicious meal in the hall, visitors and locals were treated to a fine display of Scottish talent, much of it local.

Ronald Black opened with stirring piping and Katy Crossan, a splendid host, welcomed performers and audience in Gaelic and English.

Davie Garret, pipes, Murray Willis, accordion, and Colin Black, guitar, who together play as Balaich Lios Mor - the Lismore Boys - got the evening off to a foot-tapping start followed by Sarah Campbell singing and accompanying herself on the keyboard with harmonies provided by her sister Mairi.

Oban Gaelic Choir, under its talented conductor Sileas Sinclair, performed songs from Ballachulish, Mull and Lismore, and Chris Small read his beautiful poem *The Migrants* describing swallows coming and going from their homeland. Mod gold medal winner Mary Catherine MacNeil from Barra, a member of the Oban choir, sang movingly and the first half ended with *The Cast*, Mairi Campbell on voice, viola and fiddle and her husband Dave Francis on guitar. Mairi and Dave are no strangers to the island as Mairi is a descendant of Bachuil and Balimakillichan



Councillor Elaine Robertson, left, with the prizewinners, from left: Duncan MacGregor, Gregor MacKinnon, Nan MacIntyre, Janet Parish, Julie Beamish, Peggy MacIntyre, Janice MacEachen and Moira McIntosh.

**Winners 'blooming' happy at Avich and Kilchrenan Horticultural Show success**

DUNCAN MacGregor had a successful day at the annual Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council Horticultural Show, winning four trophies.

The show, held in Kilchrenan Village Hall on Saturday August 15 was voted a great success, despite the inclement weather.

The winners were: Best Collection of Vegetables, Most points in Vegetable

Classes, Three Individual Roses and Best Vegetable Garden - Duncan MacGregor; Most points in Baking Classes and Adult Art - Moira McIntosh; Most points in Flower Classes - Nan MacIntyre; Six Sweet Peas - Janet Parish; Best exhibit of Eggs - Anne Pascoe; Best Baking Exhibit - Peggy MacIntyre; Celebration Cake - Janice MacEachen; Best

Cottage Garden - Gregor MacKinnon; Best Formal Garden - Julie Beamish. Baking Classes for Children: Four Iced Cupcakes - Kitty Cugley; Decorated Gingerbread Man - Megan Nicolson. Children's Classes: One Decorated Vegetable in the form of an animal - Ross Christie; Painting of a Bowl of Fruit - Kitty Cugley; Poem of 'A Day in School' - Henry Cugley.

Livingstones and has been coming here all her life.

With every number they moved, amused and thrilled the large audience and they ended the first half with their beautiful and wistful *Smile or Cry*, an exquisite combination of voice, viola and guitar.

After tea and home-baking the second half had items from Sileas Sinclair on the box, Morag MacNeil and Graham Campbell, also from the choir, singing, and an entertaining spot from Lachlan MacDonald who sang native Gaelic songs and did a hilarious stand up comedy slot. The concert ended with *The Cast's* wonderful version of *Auld Lang Syne* made famous when used in the film *Sex and the City*.

**Walking Theatre**

A HIGHLIGHT of the week was Argyll's award winning Walking Theatre Company in a production with Lismore

Youth Theatre which linked the week's events by performing every day.

Written by the indefatigable and inspiring Sadie Dixon-Spain it centred on the Carmichaels of Lismore who the audience 'met' in 1745 as men are being sought for the Battle of Culloden.

As everyone walked through the land and the generations towards the now abandoned weaving village of Portcharran, they met various movers and shakers who would sweep the very ground from under the families who were cleared in the in the 1850's.

Visitors and descendants of Liosach's were moved and impressed by this clever dramatic use of the land which tells its own silent story in the many deserted townships such as Portcharran.

**Homecoming Service**

THE REV Dr Roderick Campbell welcomed a

packed Lismore Parish Church to the Homecoming Service on Sunday inviting everyone to consider what homecoming meant.

During the service greetings were read from Australia, Canada, the USA and one from New Zealand, which John Livingstone read in Maori, from his son Iain in Auckland. Homecomers whose forbears had left Lismore also took part: Gaye Strange from Brisbane read from the Old Testament and William Black from Ontario read from the book of Revelations. Lachlan MacDonald, a Liosach, read the gospel in Gaelic and English and Mary MacDougall, also a Liosach, sang *Amazing Grace* in Gaelic. After the service the congregation enjoyed a meal in the grounds of the wee manse laid on by members of the guild and church.

**Tour of graveyard**

ONCE the meal was over

to Canada, started this interesting afternoon with a talk on 'The Exodus from the Highlands and Islands to Canada: push, pull and opportunity', giving the Canadian perspective and telling the audience how it differed from accounts written by Scottish historians.

She pointed out that many of those who went to Canada paid their way and along with those who were cleared from their land often prospered but, as she said, we do not know about those who did not do well.

Freya McCracken, a PhD researcher from Aberdeen University, told the audience how she is piecing together the lives of those emigrants through their letters which, although a patchy history in places, was nevertheless interesting as letters revealed ordinary daily lives, their joys and their sorrows.

Freya is interested in hearing from anyone who may have letters from emigrants stashed away and asks that they contact the museum on 01631 760030 for details.

Robert Hay and Laura Gloag both spoke about how the museum was gathering the stories of Liosachs through the ages which was a growing resource for all those seeking their roots. The afternoon finished with a moving song from *The Cast* - Mairi Campbell and Dave Francis - based on letters from home to those who are far away.

**Ceilidh dancing**

IN PREPARATION for the closing ceilidh dance on Friday night, many people took advantage on Tuesday evening of ceilidh dancing instruction on offer from Mairi Campbell and her trio.

With patience and perseverance Mairi and Dave put many who were strangers to the dances, through their paces with the help of Ann Livingstone who teaches country dancing on the island.

**Islay**

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**Book festival**

LORD George Robertson of Port Ellen is well known on Islay, but how many people have had the chance to hear him talk about how he started out; born at the local police station and ending up at the White House?

At this year's Islay Book

Festival, on September 5 and 6, he will tell how it was and also talk about his abiding love for Islay, as illustrated in his book of photographs.

The festival always tries to interest a wide range of readers, and this year politics are included for the first time. Hamish Macdonell, Political Editor of *The Scotsman*, is in the unique position of having reported on the Scottish Parliament since its inception 10 years ago.

For anyone who has ever wondered about politicians and what goes on at Holyrood this is their chance to ask someone who knows.

Andrew Nicoll's *The Good Mayor* is an unusual romance that won the Saltire Prize for fiction and aproved a chart-topper in Australia. Why should a book,

although popular here, be so feted in other places?

This year's festival takes place at Port Ellen Primary School. For more details visit [www.islaybookfestival.co.uk](http://www.islaybookfestival.co.uk).

**Islay Jazz Festival 2009**

THIS year's Black Bottle Islay Jazz Festival will take place at varied venues around the Isle of Islay from September 11 to 13.

A highlight of the programme is an opening duo of new commissions to be performed at Finlaggan, the seat of the medieval Lordship of the Isles.

The final programme will be posted on [www.islayjazzfestival.co.uk](http://www.islayjazzfestival.co.uk) this week.

**Kyleakin to Kyle swim attracts 11 brave souls**

THE ANNUAL Kyleakin to Kyle swim was held on Saturday August 15.

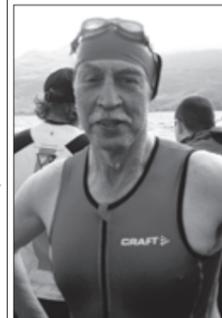
The swim was in doubt up to the last minute as a result of wet and windy weather. However at around 2.30pm 11 brave souls, seven women and four men, entered the water at Kyleakin.

Winner was Glen Steer in a record time of nine minutes 43 seconds; second was last year's winner Walker Brierley in 10 minutes 38 seconds and third was Cathie Kitson-Jones Plockton, in 12 minutes 50 seconds. Glen and Walker, both scots who work in London, came up specially for the swim.

The race is organised by Lochalsh Leisure Centre.



Winner Glen Steer and second placed swimmer Walker Brierley.



Hugh MacQuarrie from Plockton.



Cathie Kitson-Jones who finished third.

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**Dunoon policeman honoured**

A POLICEMAN from Sandbank, Dunoon, has been recognised for his outstanding service as a Ministry of Defence officer.

Sergeant Alan MacNab, aged 46, was presented with a long service and good conduct medal by Chief Inspector Sandy Stewart, head of divisional headquarters operational support.

Chief Inspector Stewart said: 'To complete 22 years of unblemished service is certainly something worth recognition. Alan is highly thought of by his colleagues at HM Naval Base Clyde and the breadth of his experience and professionalism are well known.' He joined the MoD police in 1986 and is married with three children.

**Play time cash up for grabs**

ARGYLL and Bute's MSP is urging community organisations involved with children aged 5-13 years to think about applying to a new fund announced by the Scottish government.

Running over two years, a £4 million fund for a 'Go Play' programme to improve play opportunities, is being made available through charity Inspiring Scotland in partnership with the Scottish government.

'Voluntary groups in Argyll and Bute and elsewhere will be able to submit funding bids from mid-September, with support available for regional bodies, small scale grassroots community organisations and medium and large scale charities,' said Mr Mather.

'I would urge local organisations to visit the Inspiring Scotland website and seek information on how the programme could benefit them.'

Send your community news to The Editor, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4NL, or email [editor@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:editor@obantimes.co.uk)

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## Eleven rescued as Skye rivers swell

POLICE are warning of the dangers of crossing swollen rivers as a total of eleven people, including five children, were rescued in three separate incidents on the Isle of Skye on Sunday following torrential rain.

Between 12.45pm and 4.15pm on Sunday, August 23 three separate mountain rescues were co-ordinated by police and Skye Mountain Rescue Team.

In the first incident a female walker was assisted after injuring a knee whilst walking along the north shore of Loch Sligachan between Sligachan Campsite and Peinchorran. She was taken to Portree Hospital but her injury is not believed to be serious.

A second incident occurred on the same path between Sligachan and Peinchorran when a party of six, including three children became trapped by swollen rivers.

Skye Mountain Rescue Team members walked the party to safety. They were taken to Portree Hospital as a precautionary measure.

A third rescue followed a report that two adults and two children were stranded by rising rivers near the Fairy Polls, Glenbrittle, Isle of Skye.

Skye Mountain Rescue Team traced the party and assisted them to safety. None of the party required medical treatment.

Police are taking this opportunity to remind the public of the dangers when crossing rivers.

Sergeant Richard Baird, based at Portree, warned: 'There are very few bridges on the footpaths in Skye and even short periods of heavy rain can cause rivers to rise rapidly, often making them uncrossable.'

'Check the weather forecast before you go out and if necessary cut short your walk or amend your plans. Crossing swollen rivers is extremely dangerous and should not be attempted.'

## Police tactics to cut accidents on A82 under scrutiny

TACTICS being used by police to cut accidents on the A82 will come under scrutiny at a meeting next week.

Traffic cops are currently operating safety cameras on long straights at the White Corries and north of the Kingshouse Hotel above Glencoe in a drive to cut speeding on the vital trunk route.

But Highland Council leader Michael Foxley says posting safety cameras where overtaking is easy and safe will lead to more crashes as frustrated drivers take risks trying to overtake elsewhere.

Dr Foxley accepts motorists will often exceed

60mph to pass slower vehicles between Bridge of Orchy and Glencoe, but says improved traffic flow is the result.

Now the Fort William and Ardnamurchan councillor is to pursue the issue at the Northern Safety Camera Partnership (NSCP) strategy group meeting in Inverness on Wednesday, through the council's representative, road chief Richard Guest.

Councillor Foxley, who spoke out on the issue at a council committee meeting last month, said: 'It emerged that these speed cameras are located at straight sections of road, where safe overtaking is

common, because they require 300-500m of straight line to operate.

'It was acknowledged that accidents rarely take place on these sections, but on the more twisty hazardous sections. The solution is to use hand operated speed cameras at the hazardous sections and remove them from the long safe straights. This will be taken up within the next meeting of the Camera Safety Partnership of which Highland Council is a member.'

A Northern Constabulary spokesperson told *The Oban Times*: 'Highland Council were fully

supportive of us trying this route strategy. If Dr Foxley has any concerns he can put them through Mr Richard Guest.

'I appreciate what he is saying, but the bottom line is if you overtake you should still be driving within the speed limit to ensure you have nothing to worry about from speed cameras. If you have to break the speed limit in order to overtake you are putting yourself and other road users at risk.'

The NSCP comprises representatives from the emergency services, Highland Council, the Scottish Government and the courts service.



Atlantic connection: Emily with Portree Primary School pupils.

## Isle of Skye visit leads Nova Scotia woman to first Gaelic teaching job

A NOVA Scotia woman is about to start her first teaching job in the Canadian province - thanks to a visit to the Isle of Skye.

Emily MacKinnon, aged 23, a native of Ainslie Glen, Cape Breton, and a graduate teacher from St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, will next month begin teaching Gaelic at St Andrew's Consolidated School in Antigonish County.

Emily, who learned Gaelic through her grandmother before completing a Gaelic Methods course in Mabou, Nova Scotia, spent several

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weeks in Portree primary with fellow Nova Scotia student Megan O'Handley testing out her Gaelic skills with primary four and five pupils and staff.

Her time at the school, where science and maths is taught in Gaelic, gave Emily an invaluable benchmark on her language skills - although the pupils' proficiency in Gaelic caught her by surprise.

She said: 'I thought that I had a lot more Gaelic than I did and when I got

over there I thought, 'wow, I'm really not as fluent as I thought I was. Of course it was a different vocabulary too, they were doing science and math and I didn't know how to do subtraction in Gaelic at all. I just knew how to converse with old people. The kids were all really helpful too.'

She added: 'It was amazing. I didn't even know such a place existed. It seemed like everybody I met knew some Gaelic.'

Portree primary head teacher John Finlayson told *The Oban Times* the exercise had been of great benefit to

both Canadians and Scots. He said: 'I think it was a good experience for them and for us. The kids enjoyed having them and I would say that their Gaelic competency was very good. They would probably be able to teach through Gaelic medium in Scotland.'

'All in all, they were two very nice and capable young ladies.'

Emily also attended a Gaelic immersion course at the Highland Village in Iona, Nova Scotia. At St Andrew's, she will also take after-school Gaelic language classes at the school.



## Lochalsh pipe band sports smart new uniform

Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band had a fine day recently sporting its new uniform at Lochcarron and Kyle. The band was formed in November 2007 when Niall Stewart, schools piping instructor for South Skye and Lochalsh, organised a meeting for pupils and parents. The band is self-funded and is actively fund-raising and appreciates all the support it has received from the local community.

## New views for walkers

WALKERS on the Great Glen Way are enjoying spectacular new views of Loch Ness after a tree harvesting operation near Fort Augustus.

Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) completed a programme of tree harvesting earlier this year between Invermoriston and Fort Augustus during which several large Douglas fir trees, some weighing more than three tonnes, were removed. The new views are a welcome by-product in time for the start of the autumn walking season.

## Prospective buyers see round new homes

PROSPECTIVE homebuyers got the chance to look round ribbon on the new 18-flat scheme for Achintore Road. Five of the new homes are available to eligible applicants under a new shared equity scheme, in which the Scottish Government buys an initial 40 per cent stake in the home to help first time buyers.

Local MP Charles Kennedy helped Mary Slater, mother of developers Holme Park Scotland Limited's boss Ken, cut the

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## More community service for Fort man

A FORT William man has been ordered to perform an extra 30 hours of work in the community after ignoring an order imposed by a sheriff.

Alexander Kenneth Watson, aged 26, of 11 Lundavra Road, admitted failing to fulfil community service on July 11. Watson was ordered to do 100 hours of work in the community at Inverness Sheriff Court on February 12 for breaching the peace.

Fort William Sheriff Court heard Watson told his social worker to return the order to the court and that the sheriff would 'do nothing' about his case.

**Serious**  
Sheriff Douglas Small asked Watson: 'Do you expect me to do nothing about it?' Watson replied: 'I am very sorry, I didn't think it was that serious.'

Defence agent Hamish Melrose said: 'It was a misunderstanding.

He thought that as he had been given paternity leave from his work that he also had paternity leave from community service.'

Ordering Watson to complete an extra 30 hours on top of the 25 hours he had still to complete, Sheriff Small said: 'On this occasion I will not send you to custody because you have expressed your contrition in court.'

'But I warn you, if you step out of line again you will go to prison.'

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The seventh annual Glencoe and District flower show put on a fine showing of flowers and vegetables on Saturday. The show, in Glencoe village hall, saw Duror primary school taking part for the first time this year, which made the large children's section keenly contested. Miss Jean Henderson made the annual trip from Skye to present the prizes to the winning exhibitors. Pictured above are some of the winners with their trophies.

## Water bosses defend 'arrogance' claim

SCOTTISH Water has been accused of acting arrogantly by pressing ahead with a sewerage scheme which has been rejected by the local community and planning councillors.

Nairn MacArthur, chairman of Nether Lochaber Community Council, says he is worried Scottish Water is laying sewerage pipes from Glencoe to Ballachulish - despite Scottish ministers having yet to rule on the utility's appeal against the refusal.

South Lochaber communities united against the plan and were overjoyed when Ross, Skye and Lochaber area planning committee earlier this year threw out the plan for six septic tanks and associated equipment between Loch Leven and the A82 at Ballachulish Bridge.

Scottish Water appealed to the Scottish Government, triggering a public inquiry at the Onich Hotel. Last week it emerged a bungle by civil servants saw the inquiry report temporarily published online - before environment minister Roseanna Cunningham had made her decision.

Mr MacArthur has read the report, which he says finds against Scottish Water.

He told *The Oban Times* that at a meeting between Scottish Water representatives and Lochaber councillors on Monday August 10, the company said that as it was putting in fresh water pipes across Loch Leven at

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Ballachulish Bridge, they would install sewerage pipes at the same time.

Mr MacArthur said: 'This is just indicative of their arrogance. Right through this procedure they have thought that they can ride roughshod over everyone.'

'However I am a little bit apprehensive because what if they have been told just go ahead and do it? That would mean the whole appeals process was a waste of time and money. If that's not the case then Scottish Water throughout this whole procedure have wasted a lot of public money.'

Local councillor Bren Gormley said: 'They are still thinking about taking the waste water pipes across to north Ballachulish but they do not have planning consent to expand the plant there to take the extra capacity.'

**Insensitive**  
'I was gobsmacked. I could not believe my ears that they were being so crassly insensitive. While the whole matter is still sitting on a Scottish minister's desk they were going ahead as if everything was hunky-dory.'

'At each and every stage the way they have related to the community has been absolutely abysmal. They have caused all sorts of mayhem in Glencoe and distressed the community.'

Scottish Water will lay three pipes in the loch simultaneously, including a waste water pipe and an

extension to an effluent dispersal pipe into Loch Linnhe from North Ballachulish to save money.

Kevin McCreath of Scottish Water said: 'It makes sense to lay all these sub-sea pipes at the same time to keep costs down and minimise inconvenience to the communities and the environment. The waste water pipe is required as Scottish Water needs to improve water quality in the sensitive shellfish waters of Loch Leven.'

'Whatever the outcome of the appeal, the discharges from Glencoe and South Ballachulish have to stop. To ensure the necessary improvements in water quality in Loch Leven, waste water will have to be transferred away from the area to a new treatment works with clean effluent dispersed into Loch Linnhe from the new dispersal pipe extension.'

**Ben clean-up**  
VOLUNTEERS from the John Muir Trust have removed rubbish from Ben Nevis and laid a new section of path near Steall Falls in Glen Nevis.

Nevis Conservation Officer Sarah Lewis and four volunteers managed to collect four bags worth of rubbish from the area and tidy up the summit cairns.

Volunteer co-ordinator Sandy Maxwell and eight volunteers built the new path near the wire bridge in Steall meadow.

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## Oifigear ùr Coimhearsnachd

Tha am prògram leasachaidh coimhearsnachd, LEADER Innse Gall, air neach obrach làn-thìde fhastadh a bhios stèidhichte ann an Uibhist.

Bidh an t-oifigear coimhearsnachd Donna NicMhathain, a tha stèidhichte ann am Baile a' Mhanaich, a' toirt taic dha buidhnean ionadail gus pròiseactan a leasachadh a dh' fhaodadh a bhith freagarrach airson maoinachaidh LEADER.

Tha a' Bh NicMhathain, a thadhaileas gach mìos cuideachd air muinntir Bharraigh, airson cluinntinn bho bhuidhnean a tha feumach air taic maoinachaidh.

Thuirtean Comhairliche Eàirsidh Caimbeul, cathraiche bhuidheann ghniomh ionadail LEADER Innse Gall: 'Mholainn do bhuidhnean a tha den bheachd gum faigheadh iad buannachd bho airgead maoinachaidh LEADER fios a chur gu Donna.'

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## Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cur fàilte air làn-thasgadh sna sgoiltean Gàidhlig

Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig air fàilte a chur air an naidheachd bho Mhinistear na Gàidhlig, Michael Russell, gum bi Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a' faotainn buannachd bho riarachadh de £1.5 millean airson solar ann an sgìre na Gàidhealtachd a mheadhadh.

Bidh an tasgadh ùr bho Mhaoin Calpa Sgoiltean Gàidhlig a' cruthachadh barrachd àiteachan ann am foghlam Gàidhlig air feadh na dùthcha agus bidh Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a' comharrachadh làraich fhreagarrach a dh' aithghearr airson sgoiltean Gàidhlig fa leth a stèidheachadh ann am Port Rìgh agus sa Ghearasdan. Bheir am maoinachadh seo cead don Chomhairle adhartas a luathachadh air na pròiseactan sin.

Thuirtean Art MacCarmaig, Cathraiche Bhòrd na Gàidhlig: "Tha mi a' cur fàilte air an naidheachd bho Mhicheel Russell ann an-uiridh a thaobh riarachadh de £1.5m de mhaoin calpa a thaobh Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a chuideachadh gus sgoiltean Gàidhlig fa leth a stèidheachadh anns a' Ghearasdan agus ann am Port Rìgh. Tha Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd ri moladh airson stèidheachadh dà sgoil

Ghàidhlig ro 2011 a bhith mar aon de na prìomh phròiseactan ann taobh a-staigh a' Phlana mhath Gàidhlig aca, agus tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig air a bhith a' cur taic ri oidhirpean bhuidhnean de Chomann nam Pàrant anns an dà sgìre gus na sgoiltean sin a chur air bhonn.

"Aig àm nan coimhearsnachd reachdail a chaidh a chumail san dà sgìre an-uiridh, rinn am Bòrd am beachd soilleir gum biodh feum air barrachd sgoiltean Gàidhlig fa leth ma tha sinn a' dol a thogail ginealach ùr de luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig. Tha am beachd seo ann an co-chòrdadh ri

## Comhairle ùr dha Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba

Tha croitear agus seann mhaighstir sgoile gus Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba (SNH sa Bheurla) a chomhairleachadh air beachdan ionadail às dèidh dhaibh fhastadh mar chomhairliche as na h-Eileanan Siar.

Tha Iain MacFhionghain aithnichte sna h-eileanan tron obair fhoghlaim aige agus tro bhith an sàs ann an croitearachd, Gàidhlig agus Eaglais Shaor a' Bhac. Bheir Mgr MacFhionghain, a bha na eòlaiche tìre 's tìdsear sna h-Eileanan an Iar bho 1966-2007, comhairle leantainneach dha SNH gus dearbhadh gum bi an obair aca co-ionnan ri beachdan na coimhearsnachd.

Na dhreuchd teagaisg, ghluais e bho bhith na thidsear clais, gu bhith na mhaighstir sgoile 's na cheannard sheirbheisean foghlaim le uallaichean dealbhaidh.

Tha Mgr MacFhionghain, a tha a' fuireach ann an Leòdhas, cuideachd na Iar-cheannard de roinn Uchd-mhacachd Chomhairle nan Eilean; Ceannard Bòrd Taice Còmhaidh; na eildear san Eaglais Shaor; na Cathraiche den chompanaidh earranta Beathaichean Leòdhais; na chroitear, agus fileanta ann an Gàidhlig.

Thuirtean Mgr MacFhionghain gu bheil e na amas dha dearbhadh gum bi dualchas nàdarra againn ma thathas airson gum bi stòras leantainneach aig a' ghinealach a tha romhainn.

"Tha mi toilichte an dreuchd seo a ghabhail air sgàth 's gun creid mi gu bheil beachdan muinntir an àite aig cridhe a' chomhairleachaidh nuair a bheir e buaidh air beatha nan croitear agus muinntir nan Eilean Siar. Tha mi air iomadh bliadhna a chur seachad ag obair gus an soirbhidh òigridh nan eilean seo agus tha mi den bheachd nach eil an obair ùr seo diofraichte.

"Bhon eòlas foghlaim agam sna h-Eileanan an Iar agus bho fhoghlam cruinn-eòlais air feadh an t-saoghal, tha e follaiseach gu bheil ùidh aig an òigridh ann an cùisean àrainneachd. Tha dualchas nàdarra nan eilean na bhuannachd dhan ghinealach seo 's an ginealach ri thighinn agus 's e dùbhlán dearbhadh gum dèilig sinn ris mar stòras leantainneach."

Thuirtean Manaidsear SNH sna h-Eileanan an Iar Dàibhidh Mac'IlFhinnein: "Tha eòlas mionaideach aig Iain mun dualchas cultarach is nàdarra againn a thuilleadh air eòlas pròifeiseanta 's pearsanta bhon a bhith a' fuireach 's ag obair sna h-Eileanan an Iar airson iomadh bliadhna.

"Tha Iain air leth freagarrach gus beachdan na coimhearsnachd ionadail a chur an ceil agus tha fios agam gum obraich e gu dìcheallach gus am bi beachdan ionadail nam pàirt de phròiseactan 's planaichean obair SNH sna h-Eileanan an Iar."



Thèid am maoinachadh a chleachdadh gus croitearachd tràidiseanta a bhrosnachadh ann an sgìrean coltach ris an tè seo ann an Uibhist a Tuath.

## Dòighean croitearachd traidiseanta air am brosnachadh airson a' mhachair

Bidh dòighean traidiseanta croitearachd 's tuathnachas sna h-Eileanan Siar air am brosnachadh ann am pròiseact ùr le luach £2 mhillean, le trì obraichean ùra na chois.

Tha machair na h-Alba cudromach air feadh an t-saoghail leis gu bheil na beathaichean seo air a' dhol à bith ann an iomadh ceàrnaidh eile den Roinn Eòrpa.

dòighean treabhaidh ùra, agus brosnachadh buadhail leithid toradh amoch no feamainn a chleachdadh mar thodhar.

Thuirtean croitear Uibhisteach Ena NicDhòmhnaill: "Tha e na bhriseadh dùil dhomh nach fhaic mi adagan eòrna air a' mhachair mar a' b' àbhaist 's daoine a' ceannach tochar an àite feamainn a chleachdadh. Tha mi a' cur fàilte air a' mhaoinachadh ùr seo 's an dòchas gun dèilig iad ri cùisean nan croitearan 's gun cuidich iad ri siostaman ùra a chur air dòigh a bheir deagh bhuaidh oirme uile.



## Beachd Ailein

Gu bitheanta tha faireachadh ann gum bheil riaghailtean dealbhachaidh nam bacadh air leasachaidhean eacanomaigeach, ach tha gu cinnteach feum air cothromachadh a chumas ceannsal air tionnsgalan a chuireadh sgrios air iomadh ceàrnaidh mhaiseach agus a mhilleadh sochairan luchd-còmhnaidh an àite. 'S e co-dhùndh doirbh a th' aig na h-oifigearan sin bho àm gu àm, agus ge b' e cò an taobh a thèid am moladh aca cha riarach iad a h-uile duine ach gu fortanach tha Comhairlichean air chothrom beachdan na coimhearsnachd a chur a dh' ionnsaigh chò-dhùndh.

Ach tha dà choimhearsnachd daonnan a' nochdadh as na deasbadan sin, an fheadhainn a tha beò ann an saoghal as am bheil feum aca air cothroman cosnadh agus feadhainn a tha a' sìreadh fois ann am fàsach dhùthchail nach atharraich. Gu mì-fhortanach 's iad an fheadhainn a choisinn an cuid airgid ann an àite eile agus a rinn an dachaigh air an dùthaich a tha rim cluinntinn nas trice agus a bheir ri linn sin buaidh air na thachras. Chunnacas sin as an Aodann Bhàn as an Eilean Sgitheanach far an deach maill bhliadhnaichean air tuath-gaoithe agus fear na dhà eile a' dol air adhart gun dragh cha mhòr rin taobh.

Bho chionn còig bliadhna fichead, an dèidh mòran strì, fhuair croitear à Deimhidh faisg air Inbhir Nis cead tuath a stèidheachadh air Loch Nis faisg air Duras airson siol bhradan àrach. Tha cuid a-nise ag òigheach gum bheil seo a' cur mi-shealladh air an sgìre, ach chan eil cus aithne ga thoirt dha cosnadh. Tha rud eadar ciall is caothach agus feumaidh daoine a thuinginn nach eil coimhearsnachd gu bhith ann as aonais chosnaidhean agus dha leasdanas air Comhairlichean, agus an cuid oifigearan, deanamh cinnteach gun ceadach iad na cothroman airson sin a leigeil air adhart.

Aig an aon àm tha dleasdanas cuideachd air Comhairlichean na goireasan as fhearr a thoirt dhan t-sluagh agus tha ceistean mòra mu thimcheall cionnas a chaidh cead dealbhachaidh a dhiùltadh dha ASDA ann an Inbhir Nis fad bhliadhnaichean agus an ire mhath an cead fhèin aig TESCO! Tha e na annas buileach a-nise gum bheil oifigearan a' feuchainn ris an tuilleadh maille a chur air cùisean.

Thuirtean manaidsear leasachaidh nam poileasaidh Caroline Tolan: "Gu ruige seo, tha sinn a' bruidhinn air telebhisean is rèidio Gàidhlig a bhith ann dha euslaintich agus a' dearbhadh ma sgrìobhas daoine thugainn ann an Gàidhlig gum freagairt sinn ann an Gàidhlig no Beurla.

Tha sinn a' sìreadh beachdan air a' phlana tron làrach-lìn againn (www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk). Faodar cuideachd beachdan a chur thugainn air a fòn no ann an sgrìobhadh.

"Tha sinn cuideachd a' coimhead air buidhnean beaga deasbad a chur air dòigh ma tha feum ann air an son.

"Faodar am beachdachadh a bhith annan Gàidhlig no Beurla.

"Bi an co-chomhairleachadh air a' Phlana a' dùnadh air an 22mh den Dàmhair."

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Chaidh maoinachadh a thrusadh bhon Aonadh Eòrpach, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba (SNH) agus an RSPB gus machraichean Innse Gall a dhion far am faighear croitearachd traidiseanta agus pailteas eunlaith tearc.



Ena NicDhòmhnaill

Tha seo a' fàgail chùisean air leth freagarrach dha eòin thearc leithid dròghainn, cathagan dhearg-chasach agus gealagan-bhuachadh. Tha a' mhachair cuideachd na dhachaigh dha 16, 000 càraid eòin mar adhan agus gulmagan agus biastagan leithid seilleanan.

Obraichidh a' phròiseact le croitearan agus tuathnachas gus taic a chur ri dòighean croitearachd sàbhailte. Thèid airgead a chur gu sònraichte mu choinneamh innealachd ùr, comhairle agus taca gus coimhead air cùisean mar feùrachd gheadh agus

## Plana Gàidhlig airson SNS air Ghàidhealtachd

Tha Seirbhis Nàiseanta na Slàinte air Ghàidhealtachd a' dealbhadh plana Gàidhlig a-rèir Achd na Gàidhlig aig Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

Thèid am plana, le beachdan air na b' urrainn dhan bhuidheann a dhèanamh gus cleachdadh na Gàidhlig a bhrosnachadh agus euslaintich aig am bheil Gàidhlig a fhrithealadh, gu co-chomhairleachadh air a' cheathramh latha air fhichead den Lùnastal.

Thuirtean manaidsear leasachaidh nam poileasaidh Caroline Tolan: "Gu ruige seo, tha sinn a' bruidhinn air telebhisean is rèidio Gàidhlig a bhith ann dha euslaintich agus a' dearbhadh ma sgrìobhas daoine thugainn ann an Gàidhlig gum freagairt sinn ann an Gàidhlig no Beurla.

Tha sinn a' sìreadh beachdan air a' phlana tron làrach-lìn againn (www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk). Faodar cuideachd beachdan a chur thugainn air a fòn no ann an sgrìobhadh.

"Tha sinn cuideachd a' coimhead air buidhnean beaga deasbad a chur air dòigh ma tha feum ann air an son.

"Faodar am beachdachadh a bhith annan Gàidhlig no Beurla.

"Bi an co-chomhairleachadh air a' Phlana a' dùnadh air an 22mh den Dàmhair."

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Mull Lines



MULL Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)'s Lifeboat Day saw hundreds of people turning out in glorious weather to enjoy themselves.

Visitors were treated to a helicopter exercise in the bay, and trips aboard both the lifeboat vessel, Elizabeth Fairlie Ramsey, and a 1950s Barnett class lifeboat. The ever-popular raft race was won narrowly by Ruby and William Howard and Zac Martin in a very stylish hand-made wooden canoe.

Ian Stevens, lifeboat operations manager, said: 'It was a brilliant day - a real community event with scores of local people taking part and hundreds of visitors and spectators.'

'Thanks very much to everyone who contributed to the success of the day - we raised more than £4,500.'



**HOT ON** the heels of children's TV programme Blue Peter's visit to Mull over the summer, another TV crew have visited recently to film the island's famous white-tailed eagles. BBC's series Deadly 60 with presenter Steve Backshall worked with RSPB's Mull officer Dave Sexton to get some dramatic footage of these spectacular birds. The programme will highlight the dramatic wildlife and scenery of the area to a wide family audience.

The series travels the world to see the top predators and on Mull they captured something very special. With the help of new wildlife and fishing boat business Mull Charters of Salen, the crew filmed an adult sea eagle coming down to fish off the back of the boat, Lady Jayne, owned by Martin and Judith Keivers.

Sea eagles often follow fishing boats in Scotland and Norway and their hunting skills when snatching fish off the surface are a huge attraction for photographers and birdwatchers to experience. The 'Deadly 60' programme will be shown next year but to experience a similar boat trip yourself this summer you can do so by calling Mull Charters on 01680 300 444.



TOBERMORY Community Fire Station held its annual car wash day on Saturday August 15. Organisers were delighted with the support. Willie Hume Tobermory watch commander said: 'It was a fantastic day. A shed load of cars and a few vans came along, dirty, and left sparkling.'

The magnificent sum of £494.95 was raised which will be sent to the Firefighters' Charity.



A DUTCH barge lost its steering off the coast of Mull last week. Oban lifeboat was launched to go to the 15-metre Melenok's aid, just off Duart Castle. When the lifeboat arrived, the fault had been repaired by the barge crew but the lifeboat escorted the barge through the Lismore lighthouse/Lady Rock channel until she was on course for her destination at Dunstaffnage Marina.



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Pothole campaigner gives up court battle

A POTHOLE victim by potholes. But because of the stress the cases was causing to his 'physical and mental health' the roads campaigner has decided to withdraw from proceedings.

In a letter to the council, he said: 'I can prove that the council do not fix all the potholes within the timescales they say they do.

'I know of at least two other people on Seil who have incurred tyre and wheel damage of around £600. Neither of them have claimed because of the trauma that going to court causes.'

Mr Campbell continued: 'I can't afford to lose £700 worth of damage to my car but my physical and mental

health comes first.'

A statement from the council said: 'In order for a claimant to make a successful claim, they must prove that the damage was caused by the council being negligent. This involves answering questions such as how long the pothole has existed and whether or not the council

was aware of it etc.

'Inspections are carried out according to the council's roads maintenance and asset management plan. The timescales vary depending on the classification of the road - anything from every two months for our highest classification roads to once a year for our minor roads.'

Quick action helps island

WITHOUT the quick thinking of two Seil men a sinking yacht at the slipway to Easdale may have left islanders stranded.

On Monday morning the Polar Bear with one sailor, a visitor to the area, aboard was heading out to Oban from Ellenabeich, on Seil when it cut too fine to the port and seriously damaged the vessel.

As the yacht was sinking, Tony Hill, of Sea.fari Adventures, and ferryman Alan MacFadyen came to the rescue.

Community police officer Jeremy Moore explained: 'If it hadn't been for the quick thinking of these two men then the island may have been blocked for some time. The keel was completely in the water. It was thanks to the islanders' intervention that they managed to re-float the boat and get it to the breakwater.'

Extra GP for Jura

JURA GP Murray Grigor is drafting in another doctor to share the workload at the surgery. Frank Teunisse is going into partnership with the resident GP and will start in the post next Tuesday.

Retired - but not leaving the nest

WHEN police officers on Mull leave their jobs - it seems they do not fly far from the nest.

Police constable Finlay Christine, aged 49, who has been at the heart of the island's wildlife conservation, and retired in July after 30 years' service in Strathclyde police, has decided to stay on Mull and set up a wildlife tour company.

It is a far cry from when he was pounding the streets of city-centre Glasgow, dealing with some of the heaviest criminal gangs, before moving to Mull in the 1990s.

The officer, who has received many awards and prizes for his work with sea eagles on Mull, is a regular speaker at conservation and wildlife conventions - he has become something of an authority on the giant raptors.

It was in the 1990s that PC Christine started a lookout

By LOUISE LEE

scheme for birds on the island. From that small beginning, and a number of willing volunteers, it developed into the full Mull Eagle Watch.

PC Finlay said: 'Mull Eagle Watch has been part of an exciting career with Strathclyde Police. I remember considering taking this job and thinking that it would be quieter than the city - but it's not. There are different policing issues here on Mull. I have enjoyed the island and its people.'

'The Mull Eagle Watch has been so successful because of the dedication and commitment of the many people who volunteer on the project. It is interesting to think that I came here at the same time as some of the first sea eagles.'

Partner in preventing wildlife



Police constable Finlay Christine and Sergeant Angela MacDonald at the reception held to thank the officer for his 30 years' service with Strathclyde Police. He is holding a photograph of one of the sea eagles he has helped to save, presented to him by Mull Eagle Watch Partnership.

crime, RSPB Mull officer Dave Sexton said: 'On top of all his many other duties as a police officer Finlay devoted much of time to ensuring the island's wildlife was safe too.'

'We will all miss him in this work but I have a feeling he will

still be playing a role when the next Mull Eagle Watch season starts next year.'

The Oban Times understands that Mr Christine may be putting pen to paper and writing a book about his exploits on Mull.

Islay anger at silos decision

PORT Ellen residents have reacted angrily to a decision by councillors to let Diageo erect two new silos at the Islay maltings plant, on the same spot where one collapsed last November.

Six families had to be evacuated from their homes in Bayview after one silo collapsed, causing 800 tonnes of grain to spill into their gardens.

Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee met last Wednesday and passed a recommendation that the drinks giant be allowed to replace the silos in the desired

spot, albeit with a powder coating to add stability.

However, the only Islay based councillor on the committee failed twice to persuade his colleagues to carry the matter on to a public enquiry, pointing to the six letters of objection and a 98-signature petition expressing opposition to the planning application. Bayview landlord Argyll Community Housing Association also objected to the plans.

Niall Colthart, who lives at Bayview, next to Port Ellen Maltings, said: 'It was purely by the luck of God when it fell

down that no-one was killed or injured. How can they justify putting the silos back there?'

Islay-based councillor Robin Currie, who sits on the planning committee, twice put forward motions to carry the decision to a public enquiry but gained no support.

He told The Oban Times: 'I understand how important distilling is to the island but we seemed to be putting more weight on what Diageo does, rather than hearing the concerns of the people and that really disappointed me.'

'With so many people objecting the least we could

do was hear their concerns first hand. We always hear so much from the council about community engagement but when it comes to critical things like this, they haven't engaged at all.'

The planning committee imposed a condition that Diageo produces a report recommending the best boundary for the site.

A spokeswoman for Diageo said: 'We are fully committed to delivering a solution and have shared the detailed design work undertaken to demonstrate how we intend to resolve current issues.'

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The Tobermory toilets which were opened again earlier this month after being closed nine months ago by Argyll and Bute Council. ©S5tob002

**Honesty has not been the best policy for Mull toilets**

TOILETS on an island main street have re-opened - but users are not being very 'honest' about spending a penny.

Nine months after the toilets were closed by Argyll and Bute Council for being surplus to requirement - they reopened three weeks ago with an honesty box in place for users.

But it seems desperate visitors using the loos have, so far, caught Convenient Tobermory, the voluntary group running the loos, short in their plans to upgrade the dismal-looking facility.

Councillor Gordon Chalmers, chairman of the group, said: 'We introduced honesty boxes in the loos to raise cash to improve the toilets. But first indications are that this is not working - as we have raised very little money over the past fortnight.'

'When we took over the loos they were in a poor state of affairs. We need to update them and install equipment

such as coin-operated locks to create the income necessary to maintain the toilets.'

'It is time for the people who have lent moral support to getting the toilets up and running - to work out what they can contribute in real terms to make sure they stay open.'

The toilets were closed by the council after a new facility was opened at the harbour - meaning that people had to walk further to relieve themselves.

**Tensions**

Mr Chalmers said: 'When the toilets closed, local businesses were inundated with requests from people to use their loos. There were tensions in the town about the loss of what was considered a vital facility in the middle of the town.'

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**Aliens in the Attic** CERT 'PG'  
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC, co-scripted by one of the writers of Madagascar and the Academy Award(r)-winning Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were Rabbits, is an

adventure/comedy about kids on a family holiday who must fight off an attack by knee-high alien invaders with world-destroying ambitions-while the youngsters' parents remain clueless about the battle. Overall a watchable family adventure but its relentlessly family-friendly approach means that it's more likely to appeal to kids than adults.

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The battle of the sexes heats up! Abby (Katherine Heigl) is a romantically challenged TV producer whose search for Mr Perfect has left her hopelessly single. She's in for a rude awakening when bosses team her with chauvinistic Mike (Gerard Butler) whose hard-edged theories on relationships ('the ugly truth') may help her find love. It's surprisingly sharp and sassy, this romcom for grown-ups is like many a romantic dalliance - the thrill of the chase is more fun than the catch.



**Scone Palace is the crowning glory for Runrig**

Scone Palace is the venue on Saturday. Runrig are the band and lead singer Bruce Guthro, is the man.

The Nova Scotian lead singer loves the big event as do the founder members of the Highland Super group, Calum and Rory MacDonald. Over the years the band has developed into the finest live act Scotland has to offer. Competition has been tough and after original lead singer Donnie Munro left to pursue his political, academic and solo career, the band had to be reinvented. The pinnacle of the Munro era was the Loch Lomond gig of which spawned the brilliant 1988 live album - 'Once in a Lifetime.'

Twenty years on, with a new front man in the form of Guthro, the band came together again in the Highlands, this time in Drumnadrochit, a new chapter was completed, and in persistent rain almost 18,500 folk came to the party to celebrate.

Two years on, this weekend at Scone, we meet again with a fantastic supporting line up that makes for another very special day and night. The Peatbog Faeries, Blair Douglas and his fantastic band which features Kathleen MacInnes, King Creosote and Fred Morrison back the main event - Runrig themselves of course.

Another chance for all to shine - and at the home of Earls of Mansfield, the seat of the Stone of destiny on which the Kings of Scotland were crowned. This will be another diamond in Runrig's crown.

Tickets are still available at £35 each on www.seetickets.com and a weekends camping is available in the palace parklands costs just £15.

**Turning tide for the Boat Band**

The recent jaunt, overseas to Iona, gave me the chance to review the Boat Bands latest album release.

Once you get to Mull, the hour-long Bowman bus bonus to Fionnaphort needs a soundtrack. I got wired in, pressed the iPod into service and off we went with 'Take me over the tide.' It is very apt title given the two ferry journeys to get to paradise that is Iona.

The new CD celebrates the old and very early Boat Band days of 1989/1990.

You see back then the Boat Band had gathered at Wendy's shed in order to get some music recorded for the inaugural tour.

That done, the band set sail in an old Admiralty wooden launch from Glasson Dock, Lancashire and headed north and west to plunder the Scottish isles audiences in return for great concert of live tunes and the aforementioned music on cassette to take home. The routine, when touring on the old boat that gave the band its name, was to head for 'a likely looking harbour' set anchor, and ready themselves to get ashore where a handy pub was spied and a gig would be secured. The opening number would be a rousing tune to get the audience onside, would usually be a jaunty Cajun ditty - and the evening was underway. It's a formula

that has stood the test of time and 20 years on - the music remains very strong. Nautical jigs, a sprinkle of disaster songs (always a mainstay of the folk tradition - a good concert can be judged by the body count!) and a lament at the lack of fish caught on the journey to Mull - are just some of the highlights of this great double album.

The Mishnish Bar in Tobermory, a favourite Boat Band haunt, is celebrated with a trio of tunes that set the feet tapping.

Our journey north on the Craignure - Tobermory leg of our trip to the isles was again to be on one of Bowman's finest coaches. This offered the chance of an unexpected, but fantastic guided tour, by way of an informative commentary which we were treated by our driver. And this on a service bus!

We arrived in Tob ready for a dram in the Mish. Well, it's traditional! You just can't beat Mull and Iona for the 'staycation', you know.

The Boat Band will be welcomed back!

**Lau spark the arc!**

My schedule did not allow a visit to Belladrum for the Tartan Heart Festival this year, due to the afore mentioned visit to Iona. My spy from Banchoy, however, reports that Lau, The Treacherous Orchestra, Seth Lakeman and the Saw Doctors topped her list of stars.

The Seil Island fiddler, Aiden O'Rourke and his gang who make up Lau have a crackin' new album out - called Arc Light. Twice winners of the Radio 2 folk awards for best group, Lau, have been all the way round the world on the back of that early success.

Two top tracks from the new album, if you just want a quick downloaded taster, are Horizontigo and Dear Prudence - the latter is the Lennon and McCartney penned Beatles favourite. Lau comprising Orcadian songwriter Kris Drever on guitar and Martin Green on the box who add the sparkle to O'Rourke's great fiddle.

If you don't catch them this weekend, at Pencilaitland's Winton Festival, it will be December before they return to Scotland and you get the next chance.

In the meantime, a tour of England, then the continent, and on to Japan will keep the boys busy.

**Nashville anthems**

Chris Scruggs new album, Anthem, is a belter - great tracks in the countryesque style - the best for me is 'it ain't right' but all are worthy - with great piano and stomping guitar signatures.

'Its best described as Psychedelic Western Swing,' Chris assured me when we spoke last week.

The Nashville based songwriter has captured the Americana Western sound that is so loved by Scots and Irish country fans and so he ought to do really well on this side of the Pond.

Scruggs is part of the famous country music dynasty from the USA. He spent his formative teenage years in the down in England with his mother Gail Davies - herself a great in music terms - so it's no surprise that the music genes shine through.

**Campbell Cameron**



Karen King, front left, accepts a cheque from Gavin Nicol, Caroline Mossman, Charles Andrew, Malcolm MacDonald and Kathleen MacDonald of Enable. 15\_135hos01

**Bag packing raises funds for hospice**

VOLUNTEERS who spent a day packing bags at Oban's Co-operative supermarket have handed over the money raised to the town's day hospice.

A total of £368 was collected by clients and staff of Enable, a charity supporting people with learning disabilities, and the

funds will help pay for palliative care, pampering and respite for carers.

Karen King, manager of the hospice, gave a big thank you to the Enable team and all those who supported their bag-packing day.

She said: 'It will help with the constant upkeep and running of

the place. Without the support of local people and business this charity would not be able to provide the service.'

Karen added the hospice needs more volunteers, particularly drivers, each Monday and anyone interested can contact her on 0778 941 408.

**Royal National Mòd stars to appear in Caithness**

IN THE lead up to the Royal National Mòd which will be hosted in Caithness in 2010, the local branch of An Comunn Gaidhealach continue their series of ceilidhs taking place in various locations with a ceilidh in Mey Village Hall this Saturday August 29, at 7.30 pm.

Guest artistes are gold medalists Nina MacKellar from Moray and Alasdair Whyte from Mull.

Born in Elgin, Nina MacKellar won the Gold Medal in Dunoon in 1996. He has been competing at National Mòds since childhood and recently graduated from Glasgow University with a first class honours degree in Celtic Civilisations and Gaelic following on from a year's study at the Gaelic college, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye.

all over the world.

Her father, the late Donald MacDonald held various managerial posts at a number of distilleries in Islay and Speyside. Nina has three of a family and has been singing in Gaelic since the age of eight. Her appearance in Caithness is part of a come back to the stage as a singer having recovered from the anxiety of a torn vocal cord four years ago.

Alasdair Whyte is 22 years of age and won the Gold Medal in Dunoon in 1996. He has been competing at National Mòds since childhood and recently graduated from Glasgow University with a first class honours degree in Celtic Civilisations and Gaelic following on from a year's study at the Gaelic college, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye.

**Taynuilt hosts last ceilidh of the season**

THE LAST ceilidh of the summer in Taynuilt hall was filled to capacity.

Fear-an Taigh Robin Banks kept the evening running smoothly and he opened with piper Ewen Dewar who also played for Anna Smith an Isla Sinclair dancer.

Malcolm Clark, a young Oban lad gave a selection of Gaelic and English songs while Paddy Shaw on accordion and Libby Shaw on piano provided music for dancing as well as playing a variety of set tunes.

Angus Smith Mod Gold Medalist accompanied himself on guitar and sang some of his own compositions, while Maurice Duncan, a fiddle maestro and musical virtuoso, entertained an appreciative audience.

Taynuilt Gaelic Choir, with conductor Ann Barlow, lived up to their high reputation with songs from last year's Mod as well as this year's new pieces.

During the evening cheques from Meur Chruachan An Communn were presented to Oban Hospice, Taynuilt Hall, Taynuilt Gaelic Choir and The Oban National Mod Committee.

Peter Henderson gave a vote of thanks and a truly enjoyable evening closed with Auld Lang Syne.

**Seil Village Hall fundraiser**

IT WAS another successful day at Seil Village Hall when a craft fundraiser raised £1,475 for the school and island's sports hall.

And organisers were delighted with the turn out. Richard Wesley said: 'We raised £1475 to be shared between Easdale Primary School and the Seil Island Hall Sports and Amenities Group.'

'This was another successful event run in the new Seil Island Hall.'



Face painting proved popular at the event at Seil Island Hall

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Having met for the first time that evening artists Vega and Alex Gourlay sit beneath their work and get to know each other. 15\_t35kraa01

## Artists share the limelight in exhibition

TWO artists, who will be familiar to any regular visitors to Kranenburg Fine Art in Oban's Stevenson Street, are sharing a space between the two of them for the first time.

Alex Gourlay, from Port Appin, who is also known for his architectural designs locally, has 21 landscapes from both the Western Isles and closer to home and the Corbière region of south-west France in the exhibition.

His landscapes capture the clarity of the light on the Western Isles, where he often is to be found in the early summer and the warmth of the Mediterranean light in the south west of France.

This year he also paid a visit to St Kilda while out on the Western Isles.

The exhibition is the culmination of two years' work, with some of his other paintings in galleries around the country.

Previously head of design at BBC Scotland, Alex now runs Port Appin Studio along with his wife, Midge, a textile artist and teacher whom he met while they were both at Glasgow School of Art.

The mysteriously named Vega, who preferred not to reveal her 'real' name, confessed to signing her paintings after a boat for which she and her partner have a great

love; indeed Vega has also turned her hand to boat building.

Vega travelled widely after doing a fine art degree at Leeds University, including Africa, France, Spain and Ireland as well as living on Mull but is now firmly rooted in Lewis, where she learned to sail.

Vega's paintings, particularly her seascapes, have been described as having a Turneresque quality to them and in this series of 34 paintings she captures the vastness of the skies on the Western Isles as well as the characteristics of the animals that roam free on the islands. The exhibition runs until September 12.



Bishop Martin Shaw retires next month.

## Last chance to hear bishop in concert

THE FIRST concert of the season for the Oban Music Society is on Sunday in St John's Cathedral at 4pm.

This will be a family occasion tinged with sadness as it will be the last opportunity to hear Bishop Martin Shaw in concert before his retirement next month.

He is being joined by his daughter, Madeleine, and son-in-law Eamonn Mulhall, and together they will be giving a song recital with a programme which will include works by composers ranging from Brahms and Britten to Finzi and Flanders and Swan.

Madeleine Shaw, mezzo-soprano, has had a spectacular career as a professional singer recently with the English National Opera with whom she has sung in Salzburg, Berlin and Lucerne. She and Eamonn were married in Oban in June.

Eamonn was trained at the Royal College of Music and is much in demand internationally as a tenor, both in oratorio and opera.

## Appin dancer picks up community award

A HIGHLAND dancer is the first young person to receive a new award for outstanding achievement in her community.

Appin Community Trust set up the prize as they felt the successes and contribution of young people in many communities did not get the attention they deserve.

Eilidh MacKay was presented with the new trophy at the Appin Show, in recognition of her contribution to Highland dancing and her success in competitions since the age of five.

David Dunlop of the trust said Eilidh's success had been tremendous. In future years, the award could be given to a young person who has achieved in sport, school or serving their community.



Proud mum Tricia MacKay with Eilidh, the first winner of the Appin Community Trust trophy for outstanding achievement by an Appin young person.

## Plenty of attractions at Islay Air Show

A REPLICA Spitfire and a biplane doing aerobatics were among the attractions at the 12th annual Islay Air Show.

Islay Airport, owned and operated by Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL), opens its doors each year to visitors to fly or drive in as part of a fundraising effort for island charities and in particular the Museum of Islay Life.

The day was formally opened by Lord Robertson of Port Ellen and this year among those providing the displays above the ground were two Yak 52s, a Messerschmitt, a 2/3rds replica Spitfire and a biplane.

### Visitors

Leading fire fighter Neil Colthart said that around 30 planes flew in on the day from Perth, Leuchars and Ayrshire as well as 500 visitors through the doors on the ground.

'We had about 75 movements throughout the day,' said Neil.

A Puma helicopter from RAF Aldergrove in Northern Ireland was on the ground for visitors to look at as well as emergency services from around the island and airport as well as a number of planes of different sizes.

### Second World War planes featured alongside modern-day craft.



A Puma helicopter.



A colourful biplane.



## From the Caribbean to Oban...

THE Azamara Journey dropped anchor in Oban Bay over the weekend. The 700-passenger cruise ship operated by Azamara Cruises, sails between the Caribbean and the Mediterranean and north Europe. Passengers and crew disembarked on Sunday to enjoy the sights locally, despite the inclement weather. 15\_t35azamara01



Participants in the Prince's Trust course who spent part of their visit to Oban collecting litter along the shoreline.

## Visitors clean up shoreline

WHILE many come to Oban to admire the seafront, a group of young people from Glasgow spent part of their visit collecting litter from the bay.

The group, who are taking part in a 12-week course run by Clydebank College and the Prince's Trust, joined with Greg Long from Oban Youth Hostel and Julie Fairbrass, manager of the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB). They cleaned up a

stretch of shoreline from Oban Bay to the war memorial.

Julie Fairbrass said: 'These volunteers were directed to the GRAB Trust by Oban's Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre and I believe this has shown a great willingness for partnership working not only with local Oban groups, but groups out with the area that want to help keep our environment clean and safe.'



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## Talks smooth over A82 closure problems until another day

THE NEWS that Transport Scotland (TS) will not be closing the A82 at Fort William in September or October this year for major road repairs will be greeted with relief throughout the west coast.

The decision to suspend the work until a yet-to-be-agreed-date next year is a victory for both the process of consultation and for common sense.

There is no doubt that the £400,000 worth of repairs to the carriageway are badly needed, but the TS roadworks proposal to close a three-kilometre section south of Fort William between 8pm and 6.30am, with no practical alternative route, would result in chaos at a time when many local accommodation providers are fully booked with competitors travelling to the Royal National Mod in Oban.

It will be claimed that no-time is the right time to close a major road network, however, the whole issue of closing the A82, regardless of where or when, proves how important the route is to the west coast and adds considerable weight to the many who call for a complete upgrade to this transport artery thus ridding us of the 'patch when possible' policy.

## Glasgow Letter

### More Piping Live

THE PIPING International Festival, or Piping Live as it has become known, would not, although it has many sponsors, be possible without the support over the years of Glenfiddich.

It was appropriate therefore that the Pipes and Strings Concert, in the Strathclyde Suite, should start with the Glenfiddich Piping and Fiddle Champions for 2009. First up was Gordon Walker who set the high standard for the evening. Later in the week he led Mauchline Pipe Band to third position in Grade 2 at the 'Worlds', an extremely creditable performance.

All the way from Buckie was fiddle champion Raymond Jappy and on this occasion he was accompanied by Alan Kitchen, who is well known to Central Scotland audiences, on keyboard. This good quality light music was to continue when Wendy Stewart, playing the harp, and piper Gary West took to the stage. Their choice and arrangements of music, for instruments and vocals, was superb and they were followed by Bonnie Rideout from Maine, USA, who you will recall played in the Battlelines and Barlines concert I wrote about last week. Bonnie is steeped in pibroch and it was a privilege to hear her play them on the fiddle.

To bring the concert to a close Iain Morrison from Lewis, accompanied by Mark Duff and Pete Harvey, displayed his skills on the pipes and with his vocals. All of the formal evening concerts I have written about were compered by Fergus Muirhead, who was also busy during the day in George Square, and on the Friday evening he had the pleasure of introducing Fred Morrison and friends to a packed Strathclyde Suite.

After a day of torrential rain there could be no better tonic than a concert with Fred Morrison. Homebound, Thomas Zoeller's band was given the task of setting the tone for the evening. His band, which included Cheyenne Brown and Allan MacDonald, was in great form playing a wide variety of material, including Indian tunes.

From playing piobaireachd earlier in the week Allan displayed his great versatility playing different types of pipes.

Next up was Paddy Keenan. What a performer! Great tunes, great music and, of course, terrific craic.

There is little to say about Fred Morrison that has not been said before other than that he seems to get better and better, if that is possible. With less talking than usual because of pressure of time, it meant the audience was treated to more music and for the encore Paddy joined Fred and his band on stage. What a way to finish the formal concert programme of Piping Live.

The weather prospects for the following day at the 'Worlds' were not too promising as witnessed by

a stallholder seen rescuing his boxes of ghilie brogues which were sailing in puddles but the day brightened up to match the high standard of piping on show.

Grade 1 gets most of the publicity but well done to Inveraray and District which won Grade 2.

Piping Live is a week of music within the city which attracts many visitors and with so much happening, much of it free, it is a great opportunity for Glasgow residents to witness some of our best exponents of traditional music. Make sure you keep the week free in 2010.

### St Kilda Day

SPONSORED by Homecoming Scotland, Proiseact Nan Ealan has organised a St Kilda Day on Saturday August 29.

All day in Kelvingrove Art Galleries and Museum there will be an exhibition and from 12 noon repeated until 3pm Iain MacRae and Davy Walker will bring 19th Century letters from St Kilda to life.

Later on at the Centre for the Contemporary Arts, Sauchiehall Street, there will be The Island Tapes, an emotional journey of the senses with songs from Alyth McCormack at 8pm and then at 10pm there will be a ceilidh with singing and dancing to celebrate St Kilda.

### Glasgow Islay Association

THE SENIOR citizens dinner and ceilidh will take place in Westerton Hall, Bearsden, on Friday September 4 at 6.45pm.

If you wish to attend, please telephone Janette MacArthur on 0141 812 5150.

### Charity concert

THE CONCERT in memory of Calum MacArthur, scheduled to take place on Saturday September 5, has been cancelled.

### Diary dates

**Thursday August 27:** Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in The Square, 8pm, North Sea Gas.

**Friday August 28:** Tolbooth, Stirling, Summer Sessions, 7pm.

**Saturday August 29:** St Kilda Day - see above.

**Tuesday September 1:** Eric Bogle, Old Fruitmarket.

**Wednesday September 2:** Gerry and Donal O'Connor, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm. Glasgow Argyll Association EGM, St Columba's Church, 7pm.

**Thursday September 3:** Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in The Square.

**Saturday September 5:** Ali Bain and Phil Cunningham, Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate, 7.30pm.

**Pub scene**

DEOCH 'n Dorus will play in Park Bar on Saturday and Sunday with the Burns Brothers on Friday.

'The Keelies' will be in the Islay Inn on Friday with the Jolly Beggars on Saturday.

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



## The Oban Times in the Bolivian Andes

Rob MacCallum, mountaineer from Oban, reads *The Oban Times* at 17,000 feet in the Bolivian Andes. Rob and his team climbed the mountain in the background - Cerro Condorir, 18,500 feet - a few days later. We would like readers to send in flashback photographs and photographs of *The Oban Times* being read in far flung places. Please send prints to *The Oban Times*, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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### Gaelic education

Sir,  
I read your article 'Call for urgent rethink on Gaelic education'.

To claim 'Gaelic medium education is potentially divisive and ignores English-speaking children keen to become Gaelic speakers of the future' is ridiculous.

My children attend Gaelic Medium Education (GME) at Condor Primary School.

As stated by Councillor Hamish Fraser, there is a serious lack of Gaelic speaking teachers available for existing GME units and schools so how are you going to provide Gaelic education to all children in all schools?

Gaelic education should be a choice for parents, and I agree there is not enough access for children in some areas to have the option to attend GME.

As for the comment 'children who go to a school with Gaelic medium almost resent each other, they really don't speak', then perhaps it is the way teachers and head teacher of that establishment treat the two mediums of the school.

At Condor, children from the English classes

are involved with the Gaelic Choir, folk band and other school groups. The children work side by side and are all friends in the playground and outwith the school. Both sections of the school are involved and very knowledgeable about their history, roots and culture.

Perhaps Ann Stewart, the councillors and council officials who have concerns about the way GME is working should visit Condor Primary School in Cumbernauld and see how a very successful and high achieving school is run.

Until recently it was run for many years by Catherine Johnston, originally from Islay.

**Carole Henderson, Cumbernauld.**

### Memories

Sir,  
Born in 1946 in Paisley, I lived in Oban with my family (five sisters) throughout the 1950s. My father, Roderick Campbell (born in the Hebrides) was the headmaster at St Columba's Primary School.

We emigrated to British Columbia, Canada in 1960 and my father died very suddenly, only three years after our arrival here.

I am writing because I would very much like to hear from anyone in Oban who

remembers my father and who has a story about him that I could share with my children - they unfortunately did not have the benefit of knowing him; my own memories are limited.

For anyone who recalls my family, I'm happy to tell you that my mother May (accomplished fiddle player, harpist, Mod competitor and, as I recall, an enthusiastic member of the Strathspey and Reel Society) is now 90 years old, going strong and still driving her Smart Car in our home community of Mayne Island.

Finally, how lovely it is to be able to visit Oban on Google Earth and to read *The Oban Times* online - like coming home!

**Carol Campbell, 521 Abbott Road, Mayne Island, BC, Canada.**

### Happy memories

Sir,  
Your feature 'My Village' brought back many happy memories.

When I was appointed 'Heidie' of Tighnabruich Primary School in the late '70s, I quickly discovered that 'education' was to be a two-way process as far as pupils and villagers were concerned. A frightening

scream from my wife, while working in the garden, brought howls of laughter from passing pupils when the 'horrible snakes', curled in the rockery, turned out to be slow worms.

Milk was supplied to the school by a local farm; indeed some of the children rose quite early and completed a 'morning's work' before the start of their school day.

As an experienced teacher, I was aware that tricks would be played on 'Sir', particularly on April 1.

The daily ritual of the 'school milk' started at 10.30am, by which time all the usual schoolboy pranks of 'April Fools' had been exhausted, or so I thought.

Jim came forward to tell me that the milk was 'off', as did Jean. I dismissed such a suggestion with full authority. A few minutes passed, a knock to my door: 'Mrs Nicholson says there is something wrong with the milk.' Miss Jones arrived with a similar view. It was put to me by John that I should taste it myself, as Jean had also said it was 'off', and it came from her farm. As soon as I tasted it, the whole school - 86 pupils - shouted 'April Fool!'

School days there will always be remembered with great fondness.  
**Tom Irvine, Dunoon.**

## Islay Letter

### New bowling trophy

A NEW trophy has been presented to Port Ellen Bowling Club by Professor Sir William Stewart, the former Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government, in memory of his son John who died suddenly and unexpectedly two years ago.

The day before John died he spent a happy day with his family at Port Ellen playing fields and this prompted Sir William to donate the trophy. It also commemorates the donor's father, another John Stewart, and there is a further connection as Sir William, on summer holidays during his student days, did seasonal work as a greenkeeper at the bowling club.

The new trophy was first competed for earlier this month at the mixed doubles match which attracted bowlers from throughout the island and beyond to the Port Ellen green. After a hard fought contest the new trophy was won by Alec Smith, Port Weymss, and John MacNeill Junior, Port Ellen. Runners-up were Port Ellen's Zena MacMillan and Annie Anderson, Bowmore. It is planned that the match will become an annual fixture.

The island airport at Gleneigadale opened in 1935 and was taken over by the RAF during the Second World War. It passed into the control of Coastal Command in 1944 and more than 1,300 service personnel were stationed there.

### Airport open day

DRY WEATHER greatly pleased the organisers of the 12th annual air show and open day which attracted several hundred spectators to the island airport on Saturday.

This was an action-packed afternoon which featured aerial displays, mock

rescue and fire fighting demonstrations by the coastguard and voluntary firemen, as well as static displays where one could view, among others, an RAF Puma helicopter, BE200, PC12 and Chipmunk aircraft. For those with their feet firmly on the ground a display of vintage cars and tractors sufficed.

Charity and trade stalls reported brisk trade, the parachutists from Strathallan impressed as did the award winning Islay Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Nigel Morris.

Equally impressive were the appearances by the aerially acrobatic Spitfire, Messerschmitt, YAK52 and the World War 1 bi-plane. The event, in aid of the island museum at Port Charlotte, celebrated the airport's history since its first recorded flight in 1938, and a photographic exhibition, with emphasis on the World War 2 period, proved a high point of interest.

A steady stream of lucky winners for an air trip round the island boarded Mr Bruno Schroder of Dunlossit's private jet throughout the afternoon and this venture also had the backing of Sir John MacTaggart of Ardmore.

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### Golden wedding

EVERYONE joins with me in offering our congratulations to the distinguished Modgold medallist Donald MacLeod and his wife Catherine (Katie) who celebrated 50 years of happy marriage on August 20.

The 'golden couple' were married in Portmahaven Parish Church by the Rev Archie Lamont and both continue to live in their native village. Everyone wishes them many further happy years together. Meal ar naidheachd.  
**Hugh Smith, 4 Flora Street, Bowmore, Islay, PA43 7JX. Tel: 01496 810658.**

## A VIEW FROM THE TOWER

By McCAIG



### Might is not always right

ALONG with many others I have never believed Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed al Megrahi was the eminence grise behind the planting of the massive bomb that blew up Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988.

By their verdict in the Libyan's appeal against conviction, five Scottish judges were saying this slightly built man was the sole person for killing almost 300 people. It didn't stand up and never has from the first moment Megrahi was charged. Even Guy Fawkes had accomplices!

But although there others implicated none have ever been convicted.

Are we surprised that he protested his innocence but wasn't believed? For me, one of the telling features of the trial was Dr Jim Swire, who has dedicated his life to establishing who was really behind planting the bomb on the aircraft on which his daughter Flora died. She is buried in Portree cemetery and the family has strong connections with Skye.

I know it sounds illogical that if Dr Swire was completely convinced that Megrahi was innocent then he was innocent.

But Dr Swire is so focused on this one crime that he has been long regarded as the man who would eventually establish the truth. I certainly would not trust the FBI to do so.

Unfortunately, this body has been so corrupted in the last decade and more that no-one would believe its testimony without massive corroboration, and that is not forthcoming.

I'm surprised Barack Obama, the US President, has allowed himself to become involved as he should be above accepting pressure from the 'hang and flog' gang of the Bible-belt who still adopt the old Scots system of barbarism. 'If they are charged with a capital offence, they are probably guilty, therefore the electric chair should be their last brief home.'

Post World War Two Britain adopted this dreadful policy. We are still finding out about people who were hanged in Britain who were not guilty but were said to be so by a police force which wanted a clear-up rate that was exemplary.

I often think that those who still scream 'hang 'em' as a guilty verdict in a particularly brutal murder trial comes through have never experienced that cruel scene when the trial judge does don the black cap to pronounce the verdict in the time-honoured words that state the verdict, the method of execution and the date

thereof. It is a horrible time for everyone concerned and was regarded by many of the judges as something that they never wished to perform even if the accused were Peter Manuel who seemed to revel in the fact he was a murderer.

Let's hope the brouhaha over the handling of the al Megrahi appeal dies down quickly and the world regains a sense of proportion to the last days of a terminally ill man.

### Do you want a swine 'flu injection?

THIS is a question I'll be facing fairly shortly as I am in one of the first categories to be offered it - at least, so the Scottish Health Service says - but I know, despite the Scottish Executive trying to kid us it is compulsory it is not, and I don't and won't have to have it.

Why am I so insistent it's not for me?

This column was probably the first Scottish weekly to question whether the vaccine had been properly tested and within 24 hours of 'A View From The Tower' appearing I was supplied with a copy of a book giving the technical facts of it not being adequately tested.

It has only been under scrutiny for a few months instead of years.

Who in their right mind would accept such a vaccine? I'll take my chance.

Anyway, those who are beyond the three-score-years-and-ten are said to have a natural immunity to the H1N1 virus.

Currently, I would advise anyone who shares my doubts and those of a large portion of the medical profession to take a rain check before agreeing to be vaccinated.

If anything goes wrong don't say you weren't warned!

### Lack of political correctness

I NEVER cease to be amazed that Jim Mather, Minister of Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, replies to my adverse criticism in this column.

If you are the Minister responsible for an event which is being criticised you don't reply yourself - you get a minion, or a party hack, to do it for you.

The Homecoming event at Holyrood was too expensive and badly organised, except for the march itself up the Royal Mile.

But don't worry, I'm sure it will be better next time.

McCaig

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## Argyll's accident rate continues to rise

LAST WEEKEND saw a further series of road traffic accidents in north Argyll following on from the spate of traffic accidents the previous week.

On Friday August 21 at 12.30pm Oban police received reports of a car on its roof on the A816 near Kilmelford.

The three occupants of the car from the Dunfermline area escaped injury when the car went up an embankment and overturned on to its roof.

On the same day at 5.05pm on the A85 near the turn off to Inverawe Smokehouse, a car and motorhome were in collision with each other. No-one was injured and the drivers exchanged details.

A motorcyclist was taken to Belford Hospital in Fort William on Friday August 21 after being involved in a collision with a car at the junction of the A82 and A85.

The 42-year-old man from Fife had suffered concussion and a fractured spine after his Suzuki motorcycle collided with the car at around 2.30pm but his injuries were not thought to be life-threatening.

The road was closed and a diversion put in place via Ballachulish for a couple of hours.

On Saturday August 22 at 11.30pm, while picking up a fare at the Widemouth Frog, a taxi driver's car and another vehicle were involved in a collision.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal relating to this incident.

## Oban's sensory garden to be officially opened

AFTER seven years of hard work, the official opening of Oban's new community sensory garden will be held on Monday, August 31 at 6pm.

Individuals and businesses which have supported the garden have been invited to attend the event at the Corran Esplanade site.

A new Friends group is also to be set up to help with regular maintenance of the garden.

Anyone interested in joining can contact the Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre on 01631 569545.

## Marine science festival books 10 days at Dunstaffnage

A TEN-day marine science festival is to run in the Oban area next year thanks to a £15,000 grant from the Scottish Government.

The festival, to be run by the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS),

aims to bring together local businesses, organisations and agencies with marine scientists to create an exciting programme of events for both locals and visitors.

The festival could include

a two-day fair for primary and secondary pupils, lectures and debates, drama and music performances, art exhibitions and workshops, nature walks and beach cleans.

A steering committee is

being set up to organise the community involvement and decide on the final programme of the event which is due to run in May 2010.

Professor Laurence Mee, Director of SAMS, said:

'This science festival will be the first of its kind in this area, bringing together world-class scientists, businesses, local families and schoolchildren, as well as early-season visitors. 'We are aiming for a

festival that genuinely celebrates the powerful, fascinating and rich marine environment Oban is so defined by in a spirit of exploration, observation, respect and sustainable management.'



Mr and Mrs Hanspeter Schweizer-Grossbacher, who were the 10,000th visitors to the Hope MacDougall Collection Museum, with volunteer Fraser MacDonald.

## Oban collection museum reaches 10,000th visitor milestone

IT has been a busy summer for the tourism trade in Oban and one mark of this is the number of visitors through the door of the Hope MacDougall Collection Museum.

### Two months

Volunteers for the collection have been manning the former Martin jeweller's shop in George Street since early June and on the first day had 496 visitors.

But it only took two months for the 10,000th visitors, Mr and Mrs Hanspeter Schweizer-Grossbacher from Basel, Switzerland, to cross the threshold, proving not only how busy Oban has been but also the huge interest there is in the Hope

MacDougall Collection of social artefacts.

Coll MacDougall, chairman of the Friends of the Hope MacDougall Collection, said: 'The Hope MacDougall Collection is such a superb record of life in Oban and rural Argyll that we knew it would be popular with locals and visitors, but we never imagined we would hit the 10,000 visitor mark in just two months. We are now rapidly heading for the 15,000 mark.'

'We have been overwhelmed with support for the museum to be a permanent feature in the town.'

'In response to visitor's requests we set up a petition for a permanent museum

which has now attracted hundreds of signatures.

'It is difficult to know where to go from here: we would love to open again somewhere in Oban next year but we realistically have to be able to staff it.'

'The volunteers have been marvelous but it is too much to expect them to run the whole show. To take it forward does require a paid person.'

One of the long-standing volunteers is taking a sabbatical from the collection.

Catherine Gillies first became involved when she met the late Hope MacDougall in 1996, going on to be a trustee and then developing documentation,

exhibition and education projects for the trust and then for Dunollie as a whole.

The Hope MacDougall Collection launched her into museum work and, together with Dunollie, has inspired her to take her professional curator's qualifications at St Andrews University this coming academic year.

She hopes to return to Oban with new skills in place next summer, and will be continuing to work at a distance for both Dunollie and the Hope MacDougall Collection in the meantime.

The museum will remain open until after the Royal National Mod in October but is only on a six-month lease.

## Police teams respond to local consultation

### Tackle drug dealing, speeding motorists and anti-social behaviour

NEWLY-formed policing teams in Oban, Lorn and the Isles have been told to tackle drug dealing, speeding motorists and anti-social behaviour, following a public consultation.

The results of the consultation highlighted the public's main concerns in the area and will be the initial focus of the formalised community policing teams. Teams have been set up according to the two electoral wards: Oban North and Lorn and Oban South and the Isles. Oban's incoming inspector Julie Edward will head up both teams.

According to Strathclyde Police the new team structure will allow for more foot and cycle patrols. Community officers will attend more public meetings and each team will have direct phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Stephen House said: 'I want my officers to be visible and accessible in their area working with local people to provide policing services which are effective and inclusive and meet the demands of all the communities we serve.'

The Oban North and Lorn community policing team will cover most of North Argyll, including Connel, Dalmally, Taynuilt, Barcaldine, Appin and Lismore. The police

constables for the area are: Danny McBeth, David Paterson, Greg Bryce, Carly MacCallum and Stevie McAleer.

The Oban South and the Isles team will cover an area south of Oban as far as Kilmelford, as well as the islands of Kerrera, Colonsay, Seil, Luing, Easdale, Mull, Tiree and Coll.

The team consists three police constables on the mainland: Caroline MacArthur, Jeremy Moore and Emma Campbell, and a further six police officers covering Mull, Tiree and Coll. They are: Sergeant Angela MacDonald, PC Donald McCuish, PC Neil Walker, PC Ian Young and PC Stephen Brown on Mull and PC Kevin Harrison covering Tiree and Coll.

Current Oban Inspector Neil Wallace said: 'The community policing teams will make every effort to pro-actively prevent and detect the issues highlighted by our communities.'

'The teams will not work in isolation but will continue to work in partnership with agencies such as Oban Licensed Trade Association, housing associations, Argyll and Bute Council, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Oban and Lorn Community Safety Forum and Oban anti-social behaviour group.' For more information on the community policing plan visit strathclyde.police.uk.

## Minister to visit Tiree pupils

CHILDREN'S Minister Adam Ingram was due to drop in on pupils at Tiree High School yesterday and today (Thursday).

The Minister for Children and Early Years was also due to be given a tour of the island by a group of school children and meet Argyll and Bute councillors.

Mr Ingram is interested in learning more about Tiree's teaching and learning methods.

'Curriculum for Excellence is all about learning and teaching that encourages and motivates our young people while meeting their individual needs,' he said.

'On a small island community such as Tiree, this is all the more apparent as approaches taken can reflect the unique local environment as well as taking advantage of smaller class sizes.'

## Beach bash for recycling group

A group promoting recycling on Islay and Jura will be focusing on clean beaches to celebrate their 10th anniversary this Saturday.

Recycle Jura and Islay Group (REJIG) will be joined by members of Argyll and Bute Beach Forum for a day of walks, talks, an art competition and short films made by Port Ellen school children.

The free events will be based at Ionad Chalum Chille Ile, the Columba Centre, Bowmore Islay.

## Toxins cause closure of Mull loch

LOCH Scridain on the Isle of Mull has been closed to shell fishing because of high levels of naturally occurring algal toxins.

Two other lochs, part of Loch Fyne and Loch Striven, have already been closed and West Loch Tarbert was closed to shell fishing at the same time as Loch Scridain.

Eating shellfish taken from areas with high levels of algal toxins can pose a risk to health and notices to warn the public have been posted along loch shores while Argyll and Bute Council monitors the situation.

## Coll Community Council urges islanders to vote in referendum over village hall sale

A REFERENDUM is to be held on Coll to ask islanders if they agree to the village hall being sold to raise funds for the new community centre An Cridhe.

Coll Community Council has asked the Electoral Reform Society to carry out the ballot, which was sent out last week.

Community council secretary Eileen Strange said

the ballot would ask everyone on the Electoral Register on the island if they thought the community council should sell the hall and use the money raised towards a multi-use building planned for the whole community including a community-run bunkhouse as an income source.

Ms Strange said that no discussions had taken place

at the community council about who the building might be sold to and any further developments depend on the outcome of the ballot.

'If it is in favour of being sold, it will be discussed at an open public meeting and it would go on the open market,' she said, adding that an up-to-date valuation would be needed.

Development Coll is in the process of raising £2.5 million to build the multi-functional centre and received £825,000 from the Big Lottery in May, a commitment of £50,000 from Argyll and Bute Council and £20,000 from the Green Energy Trust, with building work expected to start in spring next year.

## Primary ones start their first school days



Above - Barcaldine Primary School has one new pupil 16\_135schbar01

Left - Eight pupils have joined Mrs Douglas at Kilninner Primary School. 16\_135schkil03



Lochgilthead P1s enjoy their first week at school. This year there are 32 P1s joining teacher Elizabeth Lees and Jane Reynolds. 06\_135schloch01



Taynuilt Primary School's primary ones take a break from their classroom to have their picture taken in the sunshine for The Oban Times. 16\_135schtay01

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Open blackface champion was this fine ewe from Tom Nelson, Glengorm, Mull shown by stockman Angus MacColl. 10\_03tochaber03



Any other breed champion was this texel tup from Angus MacColl, Fannmore, Mull. 10\_03tochaber05



Local blackface champion was a shearing tup from John Nudds, Torr na Faire, Morvern. 10\_03tochaber04

**LOCHABER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW RESULTS**

Cattle Classes - Open Local Class 21 Highland bull any age, 1 Mr James Gillyray, Mull. Class 23 Highland heifer born in 2008, 1 D Schuster, Glenkinglass Fold, 2 and 3 Mrs J Y Nelson, Achnacloch, Connel. Class 24 Highland heifer born in 2007, 1 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Class 25 Highland heifer born in 2006, 1 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Class 28 any pedigree cow not Highland, 1 Ewen Campbell, Camaghael. Class 30 any pedigree calf not Highland 1 and 2 Malcolm & Chris Cameron, Strone Farm, Banavie, 3 Ewen Campbell. Class 3 cross breeding beef cow not Highland/pedigree 1 David Wright Snr, Greenacres, Clovallon, Ardgor, 2 Malcolm & Chris Cameron, 3 Donald Campbell, Camaghael. Class 32 cross breeding beef heifer not Highland/pedigree 1 David Wright Snr. Class 34 cross in-calf heifer 1 David Wright Snr. Class 35 cross cow with calf at foot 1 David Wright Snr, 2 Donald Campbell, 3 Malcolm & Chris Cameron. Class 36 cross beef calf bullock born 01.09.08 - 30.11.08 1 A Smith, Aberchaldar, Invergarry. Class 37 cross beef calf bullock born 01.12.08 - 28.02.09 1 Donald Campbell, 2 David Wright Jr, Woodend, Clovallon, Ardgor. Class 38 cross beef calf bullock born on or after 01.03.09 1 A Smith, 2 Malcolm & Chris Cameron. Class 41 cross beef calf heifer born after 01.03.09 1 A Smith, 2 David Wright Snr, 3 A Smith. Class 42 cross matching pair of calves 1 A Smith. Class 43 cross groomed calf show by under 16 years 1 David Wright Jr.

Trophy results  
Mary Maclean Bature Cup - Reserve Champion Highland: Mr & Mrs Schuster. Miss E. Weir - Champion Highland Animal: Mr & Mrs Schuster.  
Royal Bank Of Scotland Cup - Best Pedigree Animal (Outwith Highland): M & C Cameron. Ewen Macpherson Cup - Best Cross Calf Bred In Lochaber: Andy Smith. Archibald Carmichael Memorial Trophy - Best Charolais Calf Bred In Lochaber: Andy Smith. The Mr & Mrs Jock Carmichael Cup - Best Cross Cattle Exhibit Bred In Lochaber: Andy Smith. Major Macdonald Cup - Best Beef Calf: Andy Smith. British Alcan Cup - Best Breeding Beef Cow (Highland, Pedigree & Cross): D Wright Snr. Bank Of Scotland Cup - Best Female Bred In Lochaber (Highland, Pedigree & Cross): Andy Smith. West Highland Estates Office Cup - Best Crofters Animal: D Wright Snr. NFU Salver - Best Animal Bred In Lochaber Out With Champion And Reserve (All 1st Prize Winners Bred In Lochaber): D Wright Snr. Inverloch Castle Cup - Reserve Champion: M & C Cameron. Hon Wills Cup - Supreme Champion: Andy Smith.

Blackface sheep  
Class 51 ram, two shear and over 1 T Nelson, Glenorm, Isle of Mull. Class 52 shearing tup 1 John Nudds, Torr-Na-Faire, Morvern. Class 53, shearing tup bred by exhibitor 1 K&J Mathieson, Milton of Aberarder. Class 54 tup lamb 1 Norman MacPhail, Woodside, Mull. Class 55 ewe which must be in milk 1 T Nelson. Class 56 gimmer born in 2008 1 John Nudds. Class 57 ewe lamb, K Johnston, Garthbeg, Inverness. Class 58 home bred group one male any two

females K&J Mathieson. Class 59 pair of prime blackface lambs (only shown in this class) 1 Paolo Berardelli, Great Glen Cattle Ranch.

Local trophies  
Glen Gloy Cup - Best Tup Lamb: J Nudds. Dr Van Voss Cup - Best Ewe in Milk: J Nudds. Braeroy Cup - Best Gimmer Bred In Lochaber: J Nudds. Major Macdonald Cup - Best Ewe lamb: J Nudds. Glenfintaig Trophy - Best Pair of Prime Blackface Lambs: P Berardelli. Alistair MacKenzie Memorial Cup - Best Local Homebred Group: J Nudds. Ben Nevis Auction Mart Cup - Local competitor with most points: J Nudds. Welcome Foundation Shield - Best Sheep Bred In Lochaber: K Mathieson. Outwith Champion and Reserve: A MacGillivray with a ewe. Lochiel Estate Cup - Local Reserve Champion Blackface: J Nudds. Major Macdonald Cup - Local Champion Blackface (all local 1st prize winners to compete): J Nudds.

Open trophies  
Laggan Farms Trophy - Open Best Homebred Group - K & J Mathieson. Bidwells Shield - Open Reserve Champion Blackface: T Nelson with a ewe. Ian Macrae Memorial Cup - Open Champion Blackface (all Open 1st prizewinners to compete) - T Nelson with an aged ram.

Class 60 NCC purebred tup shearing or over 1 Stewart J Grant, Ullapool. Class 61 NCC purebred tup lamb 1 S J Grant. Class 62 NCC purebred ewe in milk 1 S J Grant. Class 63 NCC purebred gimmer 1 Anne MacDonald, Arisaig. Class 64 NCC purebred ewe lamb 1 A Smith & Co, Aberchaldar, Invergarry.

Cross sheep trophies. West Highland Oil Cup - Best Pair of Prime Cross Lambs: M & S Cameron with pair cross Suffolk lambs. Highland Livestock Services Cup - Reserve Champion Cross Sheep: M & S Cameron. Glen Gloy Cup - Champion Cross Sheep: M & S Cameron. North Country Cheviot Sheep Trophies 2009. Achnasaul Bowl - Champion Cheviot: Stewart Grant. Keil Cup - Reserve Champion Cheviot: A Smith & Co.

Any Other Breed Sheep Trophies. David Macdonald Trophy - Best Tup Lamb Any Other Breed: William Currie. Millennium Shield - Reserve Champion Any Other Breed: Audrey Macdonald. Alistair MacDougal Cup - Champion Any Other Breed: Angus MacColl.

Horse and pony classes  
Class 1 Highland Eild mares four years and over 1 Julia Whitaker, Heather of Glenshian. Class 2 Highland geldings four years and over 1 Maria MacGillivray, Irvine of Forglenn. Class 3 Highland geldings & fillies two and three years old 1 Richard Watters, Rose of Sunny Nuek. Class 4 working Highland in harness 1 Ewen Ballantyne, Achilles of Acham. Class 5 Highland pony ridden 1 Gillian Macrae, Isabella of Muck. Class 9 tack and turnout 1 Lewis Fergusson, Durris Fair Wind. Class 10 lead rein 1 Daisy Fergusson, Deben Anastasia. Class 11 mountain and moorland in hand 1 Lewis Fergusson, Durris Fair Wind. Class 12a mountain and moorland ridden under 14.2hh 1 Jessica Wilkie, Morlich. Class 12b mountain and moorland ridden over 14.2hh 1 Cheryl Frith, Ristol Corrine. Class 13 part bred mountain and moorland (inc part-bred Highland) ridden 1 Lyndsey Sharp, Andy. Class 16 fancy dress 1 Anna Berardelli, Tascha Jodis.



Overall champion in the horse section was Cheryl Frith from Strontian on Ristol Corrine, a 10-year-old Welsh section 'D' mare. 10\_03tochaber11



Jodie Robertson, aged 20, from Lochaline, was popular for bringing her five-month-old Jack Russell Kayla to the show. 10\_03tochaber02



Ronnie Campbell from Bohuntine shows how it should be done with the hand shears, at the age of 81. 10\_03tochaber15



Cross sheep judge Duncan Forbes, from the Black Isle, in deep thought. 10\_03tochaber01

# Weather relief for Lochaber show

WHATEVER Lochaber Agricultural Society Show organisers did last Friday afternoon to persuade the weather gods to relent certainly did the trick for the big event.

Four days of unremitting rain saw the showfield at Torlundy running with water, but Saturday dawned bright and clear for the 2009 show - and stayed that way for the whole day.

Conditions underfoot were surprisingly good for the crowd and exhibitors, who turned out in good numbers in the sunshine to enjoy a fine day out in the picturesque surroundings above the River Lochy.

In a strong sheep section, Morvern's John Nudds claimed an armful of trophies in the local sections, but it was Tom Nelson, Glengorm, Mull, who took the open section championship with a three-crop ewe by a ram from Dykeloan, Kilsyth.

'She was champion on Mull and reserve at Strontian, so she's been pretty consistent,'



Supreme cattle champion was a five-month-old Charolais cross heifer from Andy Smith, Aberchaldar. 10\_03tochaber14

stockman Angus MacColl told *The Oban Times*.

Mull's run of success continued when Angus MacColl of Fannmore took the best any other breed title with his three-shear texel tup, Mont Blanc, bred by Camwell-Laird of Biggar.

Supreme cattle champion was a five-month-old

Charolais heifer from Andy Smith, Aberchaldar, who runs a small suckler cow herd along with 2,000 ewes on the hills above Loch Oich.

In a strong horse section, the judges picked Ristol Corrine, a 10-year-old Welsh section 'D' mare, ridden by Cheryl Frith from Strontian.

Reserve was Amanda Fergusson, Lochaline, with her nine-year-old Welsh section 'A' pony, Durris Fairwind. Lochalsh ponies were well represented, with entries from Glenshiel Highland Ponies and Lochalsh Highland Ponies.

Speaking *The Oban Times* on Monday, show secretary John Weller said the decision was taken on Friday afternoon to go ahead with the event - come hell or high water.

He said: 'The weather meant some livestock entants cancelled and a few stallholders pulled out, but the businesses that did support the show all made a few bob and had a good time.'

'I think the numbers were about the same as last year, so if we break even I'll be happy. We had a lot more small sponsors this year, which made a big difference, so thanks to them and all who contributed to the show - it was a great team effort all round.'

**APPIN SHOW RESULTS 2009**

Senior Baking:  
3 Pancakes: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Rosemary MacCormick, 3 Ali MacLeod; 4 Girdle Scones: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Brenda MacLeod, 3 Mary MacColl; 3 Cheese Scones: 1 Rena Cameron, 2 Margaret Massey, 3 Rosemary MacCormick; Pleated White Loaf: 1 Jessie Gilkes, 2 Alison MacCorquodale, 3 Neil Carmichael; Chocolate Sponge (with filling): 1 Rena Cameron, 2 Rosemary MacCormick, 3 Jessie MacKenzie; Clotie Dumpling: 1 Rosemary MacCormick, 2 Rena Cameron, 3 Brenda MacLeod; 3 Empire Biscuits: 1 Linzi Allward, 2 Betty Jackson, 3 Neil Carmichael; Mini Quiche (max 6ins): 1 Neil Carmichael, 2 Fay Carmichael, 3 Ali MacLeod; 3 Savoury Muffins: 1 Dougal Thomson, 2 Alison MacCorquodale, 3 Ali MacLeod; Sultana Cake: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Moira Thomson, 3 Jessie MacKenzie; Individual Desert in a ramikin: 1 Moira Thomson, 2 Rosemary MacCormick, 3 Alison MacCorquodale; Cream of Mushroom Soup: 1 Fay Carmichael, 2 Ellen MacCorquodale, 3 Moira Thomson. Best Exhibit: Dougal Thomson.

Junior Baking:  
3 Butterfly Cakes: 1 Craig MacCorquodale, 2 Kathryn Henderson, 3 Jennifer Henderson; 3 Savoury Biscuits: 1 Jennifer Henderson, 2 Kathryn Henderson, 3 Liam Jackson; Victoria Sponge (filling only): 1 Kathryn Henderson, 2 Cameron Allward, 3 Jennifer Henderson; 3 Treacle Scones: 1 Kirsty MacCormick, 2 Mikayla Cameron, 3 Liam Jackson; Banana

Loaf: 1 Geordie Irvine, 2 Aimee Macdonald, 3 Jennifer Henderson; 6 Peppermint Creams: 1 Cameron Allward, 2 Jennifer Henderson, 3 Kirsty MacCormick. Best Exhibit: Geordie Irvine.

Jams and Eggs:  
Jar Marmalade: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Moira Thomson, 3 Ellen MacCorquodale; Jar Raspberry Jam: 1 Ellen MacCorquodale, 2 Moira Thomson, 3 Betty Jackson; Jar Strawberry Jam: 1 Alison MacCorquodale, 2 Fay Carmichael, 3 Moira Thomson; Jar Blackcurrant Jam: 1 Margaret Massey, 2 Eileen Carmichael, 3 Alison MacCorquodale; Jar Redcurrant Jam: 1 Moira Thomson; Jar Lemon Curd: 1 Betty Jackson, 2 Ellen MacCorquodale, 3 Brenda MacLeod; Jar Chutney: 1 Ann Calvert, 2 Margaret Massey, 3 Alison MacCorquodale; 6 Eggs (any colour): 1 Sandy Carmichael, 2 Gitta Salvarli.

Art and Photography:  
A painting in oils: 1 Grace MacLeod, 2 Jennifer Henderson; A painting in watercolour: 1 Margaret Rayworth, 2 Paul Hart; A picture, any medium: 1 Paul Hart, 2 Linda Thomson, 3 Michelle MacDonald; A Drawing, trees: 1 Grace MacLeod, 2 Margaret Rayworth; Mounted Photograph, reflections photo max 6x8ins: 1 Mary Gregory, 2 Linda Thomson, 3 Malcolm Knolnson; Unmounted Photograph, at play photo max 6x8ins: 1 Mary Gregory, 2 Linda Thomson, 3 Cameron Allward.

Moira Thomson; Knitted Socks: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Jessie Bryson, 3 Moira Thomson; Crochet Bag: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 Alison MacCorquodale; Embroidered Item: 1 Pat Wyeth-Webb, 2 Brenda MacLeod; Machine Sewn Peg Bag: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 Linda MacLeod; Item in Hand Sewing: 1 Brenda MacLeod; Scented Sachet: 1 Kirstine MacCorquodale, 2 Linda MacLeod, 3 Brenda MacLeod; Baby Card: 1 Alison MacCorquodale, 2 Linda MacLeod, 3 Kirstine MacCorquodale; Item in any Craft: 1 Roger Evans, 2 Brenda MacLeod; Pat Wyeth-Webb. Best Exhibit: Roger Evans.

Junior Handicrafts:  
Pre-School: Junk Model (max 18x18): 1 Abi MacCorquodale, 2 Ben MacCorquodale, 3 Eva MacColl. Up to 6 years: Paper Flowers, 3: 1 Ewan MacCormick, 2 Donnhall Aonghas Colthart, 3 Marsali Colthart; Collage, Cottage Garden A4: 1 Sasha Gunn, 2 Marsali Colthart, 3 Elliot Emslie; Paper Mache, Maracas: 1 Ewan MacCormick, 2 Donnhall Aonghas Colthart. 7 to 11 years: Paper Mache, A Piggy Bank: 1 Katie MacCorquodale, 2 Craig MacCorquodale, 3 Eilidh MacCormick; Get Well Card: 1 Katie MacCorquodale, 2 Eilidh MacCormick, 3 Kirsty MacCormick; Decorated Box: 1 Iona Emslie, 2 Hannah May Smith, 3 Craig MacCorquodale; 12 to 16 years: A Mobile: 1 Jason Smith, 2 Robert Todd; Photograph in Hand Made Frame: 1 Aimee Macdonald, 2 Robert Todd; Poster for Local Band, A4: 1 Robert Todd; A Cockrell: 1 Kirsty and Isla MacCormick, 2 Eilidh and Euan MacCormick, 3 Iain Fergie

MacLeod.  
Root and Grain:  
3 White Potatoes: 1 Suzie Hutchison, 2 B Lander, 3 Peter Cameron; 3 Coloured Potatoes: 1 Donald Campbell, 2 R Campbell, 3 Suzie Hutchison; Yellow/Swede Turnip: 1 B Lander, 2 Wylie Turnip; 1 B Lander; 3 Stumpy Carrots: 1 Gilkes, 2 B Lander; 3 Long Carrots: 1 Gilkes, 2 B Lander; 3 Beetroot: 1 Gilkes, 2 Rhona Dunn, 3 Fiona Hutchison; 6 Runner Beans: 1 Acham, 2 Gilkes, 3 Fiona Hutchison, 3 Courgettes: 1 Rhona Dunn, 2 Christine Hart; Round Cabbage: 1 Suzie Hutchison, 2 B Lander, 3 Acham; Conical Cabbage: 1 B Lander, 2 Christine Hart, 3 Fiona Hutchison; 3 Leeks: 1 Suzie Hutchison, 2 Gilkes, 3 Peter Cameron; 3 Onions (plants): 1 B Lander, 2 Peter Cameron; 3 Onions(sets): 1 Gilkes, 2 Peter Cameron, 3 Fiona Hutchison; 6 Shallots: 1 Acham, 2 Gilkes, 3 B Lander; 6 Pods Peas: 1 B Lander, 2 Suzie Hutchison, 3 Fiona Hutchison; Broad Beans: 1 Suzie Hutchison, 2 Gilkes, 3 Acham; Cauliflower: 1 Suzie Hutchison; Lettuce: 1 Suzie Hutchison, 2 Christine Hart; 3 Tomatoes (with stalks): 1 Rhona Dunn, 2 Betty Jackson, 3 Robert Colthart; Display box of 6 different veg: 1 Gilkes, 2 Suzie Hutchison. Best Exhibit: Acham.

Flowers:  
1 Gladiola: 1 B Lander, 2 Fiona Hutchison, 3 Rosemary MacCormick; 4 Pom Pom Dhalias: 1 B Lander, 2 Fiona Hutchison; 4 Cactus Dhalias: 1 B Lander, 2 Fiona Hutchison; 4 Roses: 1 Fiona Hutchison; Single Rose: 1 Ellen MacCorquodale, 2 Fay Carmichael, 3 Linda MacLeod;

4 Marigolds: 1 Christine Hart, 2 Donnhall Aonghas Colthart, 3 Marsali Colthart; 9 Sweetpeas: 1 J Gilkes, 2 B Lander, 3 Donald Campbell; 6 Pansies: Alan Colthart; Flowering Pot Plant: 1 Marsali Colthart, 2 B Lander, 3 Midge Gourlay; Foliage Pot Plant: B Lander, 2 Midge Gourlay. Best Exhibit: J Gilkes.  
Floral Art:  
A Nursery Rhyme with accessories max 18in: 1 Linda MacLeod, 2 Kirstine MacCorquodale, 3 Pat Wyeth-Webb; Christmas Wreath, fresh greenery: 1 Kirstine MacCorquodale, 2 Grace MacLeod, 3 Linda MacLeod; Pat Wyeth-Webb; In a Mirror Compact: 1 Linda MacLeod, 2 Pat Wyeth-Webb, 3 Kirstine MacCorquodale; 'Summertime': 1 Linda MacLeod, 2 Kirstine MacCorquodale, 3 Grace MacLeod. Best Exhibit: Linda MacLeod.  
Cattle:  
Hill cow, in calf or in milk: 1 A MacGillivray, 2 A MacGillivray, 3 A Colthart; Heifer Calf, born Sept to Dec 08: 1 D Macdonald; 1st in nos 2 & 3: D Macdonald; Bullock Calf, born 2009: 1 E McGilvray; Heifer Calf, born 2009: 1 E McGilvray, 2 E McGilvray, 3 A McGilvray; 1st in classes 5 & 6: 1 E McGilvray, 2 E McGilvray; Cattle Champion; 1st in 1, 4 & 7: E McGilvray, 2 D Macdonald.  
Champion: Claddich, Highlander; Reserve: E McGilvray, Cross Cattle.  
Highland cattle:  
Tordarroch Cup: Bull any age 1 Cnoc Lodge, 2 Tordarroch, 3 Ormsary; Ardbahan Shield veteran cow 1 Ormsary; Achnacloch Centenary Salver cow in calf or milk 1 Shenaville, 2 Cladich, 3

Ormsary; Loch Melfort cup heifer born 2006 1 Torosy, 2 Glen Strae, 3 Isle of Bute; Heifer born 2007 1 Cladich, 2 Ormsary, 3 Glen Strae; O'Hara Cup yearling born 2008 1 Isle of Bute, 2 Achnacloch, 3 Shenaville; Royal Bank of Scotland cup calf born 2009 1 Cladich, 2 Ormsary, 3 Isle of Bute; Creagan Cup group of three 1 Glen Strae, 2 Isle of Bute, 3 Cladich; Cnoc Millennium Cup Highland champion Cladich, Bature Cup reserve Ormsary; Appleyard Landrover Trophy longest distance travelled Isle of Bute; Best stockman Tom Semple (Cladich).  
Sheep:  
Blackface Ram lamb 1 Messrs Troughton Ardachy, 2 JH Weir Invernahyle, 3 D MacCorquodale; Shearing ram home bred 1 D Cameron Inion, 2 AM Buchanan, 3 JH Weir; Shearing ram home reared 1 W MacLeod Lurginish; 2 Shear ram 1 Messrs Troughton; Aged ram 1 W MacLeod; Cameron Cup home bred male Messrs Troughton; 1 Pr Wedder lams 2 D Colthart Achnacroe; Johnny Cameron Memorial Shield Best male 1 Messrs Troughton; Ewe in milk 1 JH Weir, 2 W MacLeod, 3 D Cameron; Gimmer in milk 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 D MacCorquodale, 3 D Cameron; Gimmer 1 Messrs Troughton, 2 D MacCorquodale, 3 JH Weir; Ewe lamb 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 W MacLeod, 3 Messrs Troughton; Cameron Cup female bred by exhibitor 1 D MacCorquodale; 2 D MacCorquodale; McGregor Cup group 3 females D MacCorquodale; 1 male Messrs Troughton; Ewe with lamb 2 W MacLeod; Appin show cup blackface female

champion 1 D MacCorquodale; 2 D MacCorquodale; Blackface champion Messrs Troughton; Reserve Donald MacCorquodale. Pure breeds other than Blackface male 1 A MacKellar, 2 B Napier, 3 A MacGillivray; female 1 A MacKellar; ewe lamb 1 B Napier, 2 D Cameron; 3 A MacKellar; Champion pure bred A MacKellar.  
Cross sheep  
Ewe 1 Kerry Colthart; Gimmer 1 J Carmichael; Ewe lamb 1 A MacGillivray, 2 A MacGillivray, 3 J Carmichael; Pair prime lambs 1 A MacGillivray, 2 D Colthart, 3 R MacColl; Pet lamb 1 Kerry Colthart; cross champion A MacGillivray.  
Best overall female sheep A MacKellar; Best overall male Messrs Troughton; Overall sheep champion Messrs Troughton.  
Trophies:  
Young Farmers' Cup (most points senior baking) Rosemary MacCormick; Sutcliffe shield (Runner up senior baking) Barbara Carmichael; Appin Agricultural Club Cup (Best exhibit senior baking) Dougal Thomson; MacDonnel Quach (best clotie dumpling) Rosemary MacCormick; Appin Agricultural Club Cup (most points junior baking) Kathryn Henderson; Sutcliffe cup (runner up junior baking) Jennifer Henderson; Salon Madge cup (most points jams and eggs) Moira Thomson; Madge's cup (most points floral decoration) Linda MacLeod; Gunns Garage Cup (Best exhibit floral art) Linda MacLeod; Invernahyle cup (most points roots and grain) Douglas Gilkes; Hutchison cup (most points flowers) B Lander; Yeaman rose bowl (best exhibit

root and grain/flowers) Acham; Glenleack Trophy (novice with most points root, grain, flowers) Rhona Dunn; MacRae Cup (most points junior handicrafts) Brenda MacLeod; SWRI plate (best exhibit senior handicrafts) Roger Evans; junior handicrafts preschool Abi MacCorquodale; up to 6 years Ewan MacCormick; 7-11 years Katie MacCorquodale; 12-16 years Robert Todd; Quach best exhibit junior handicrafts Abi MacCorquodale; Quach best coltie Shian, Jones; Beaton Cup best pet dog Tara Houston; Beaton Cup Champion dog Shian, Jones; Football juniors Benderloch, Football skills Appin; Community Trust Plate Eilidh MacKay; A Scott Rae Cup (hill cow in calf or milk) A MacGillivray; Airds Cup (calf born 2008) D Macdonald; Ardrut cup (calf born 2009) E McGilvray; Cameron Cup (home bred male Blackface sheep) D Cameron; MacCormick; Sutcliffe shield (runner up senior baking) Barbara Carmichael; Appin Agricultural Club Cup (Best exhibit senior baking) Dougal Thomson; MacDonnel Quach (best clotie dumpling) Rosemary MacCormick; Appin Agricultural Club Cup (most points junior baking) Kathryn Henderson; Salon Madge cup (most points jams and eggs) Moira Thomson; Madge's cup (most points floral decoration) Linda MacLeod; Gunns Garage Cup (Best exhibit floral art) Linda MacLeod; Invernahyle cup (most points roots and grain) Douglas Gilkes; Hutchison cup (most points flowers) B Lander; Yeaman rose bowl (best exhibit

# Growth in vegetables at Oban and Lorn Horticultural Society event



Billy Hay, who won the trophy for most points in the show, with his carnations which won the best vase of cut flowers. 15\_135flower01

ONE of the finest displays of flowers and particularly vegetables for years adorned the tables at this year's Oban and Lorn Horticultural Society Show.

More tables had to be set up in Glencruitten Church Centre to accommodate the impressive array of vegetables, while the hall was positively lit up by the colourful display of cut flowers and pot plants.

Show president Ronnie MacKillop said: 'I can't remember in 40 years of the show, putting up three boards for the vegetables and we had to put more tables out.'

Hector MacKenzie who once again took home *The Oban Times* Challenge Trophy but nipping on his heels this year was Billy Hay of Nant Drive in Oban, who has won a few trophies for his flowers in the past, but this year decided to give the vegetables a go and came second in the collection as well as picking up a few firsts elsewhere for both vegetables and flowers.

Lismore ferryman Billy did not go home empty-handed though, as he won the Challenge Cup for most points in all classes in the show.



For the first time in memory, three boards were needed for this year's Oban and Lorn show. 15\_135flower02

### Rain

'It might be a combination of more people being interested in growing vegetables and a warm spring with lots of moisture in the ground and plenty of rain recently.'

'But I am impressed at how well the flowers have done because this must be the wettest two days before a show in 40 years!'

### Hard work

'I like growing things,' said Billy, 'but it's hard work getting it all together for the day.'

Alongside the flower show, Oban in Bloom judges were out looking at the gardens around town and, for the first time, a trophy was given to the best garden for tenants of Argyll Community Housing Association called the ACHA Cup, which was won by Mr Russmussen and Mrs MacNeil.

## North Connel could wilt without new chairman and secretary

NORTH Connel and District Horticultural Show celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year – but it might be the last if a new chairman and secretary cannot be found for next year.

The show is a popular event in the Victory Hall in Benderloch and always well-attended by locals keen to see who has won and sample the teas, coffees and homebaking.

Chairwoman Fiona Anderson said: 'It is a lot of responsibility and a lot of work goes into it.'

'We are all keen to continue but the secretary and myself are resigning and none of the committee are prepared to take it on. We all lead such busy lives these days.'

She said that the committee hoped to have some kind of event but quite what it would be was not known yet.

'We have the plant sale in spring and everyone loves that and we don't mind doing it.'

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative mugs were on sale at this year's show – but they could become a collector's item if the show does not go on.

It began after a meeting in North Connel Village Hall one evening in 1958 when Ross Robertson suggested to the late Donald Morrison that they should organise a horticultural show for the next year for the four communities in the district, based on the Oban show which had already been going 16 years.

Miss B Partridge, Barcaldine, agreed to be secretary and held the post for 22 years. *The Oban Times* was one of the first organisations to donate a cup after being approached by Mr Robertson, which is given to the winner of the most points in the horticultural section.

# Flower shows in full bloom



The golden jubilee committee for North Connel and District Horticultural Show, with chairwoman Fiona Anderson holding one of the original trophies, *The Oban Times* Cup. 15\_15ncflower01



Prize winners and trophy winners from Oban and Lorn Horticultural Society Show and Oban in Bloom.



Brothers Rory and Euan Dods won first and second prizes in the children's classes.

## Kilniver and Kilmelford defy wet weather

IT WAS the wettest day of the summer, yet the folks of Kilniver and Kilmelford turned out in their droves for the summer festival of flowers, vegetables, jams, baking and crafts.

But it was a new garden that won out at the end of the day. Antoinette Mitchell of Barochreal, Kilniver, who only started her garden four years ago, was the overall winner – taking the coveted Kilchoan Cup.

Kilmelford and Kilniver Annual Show 2009 prize winners:

Dalton Trophy: Antoinette Mitchell; BP Trophy: Antoinette Mitchell; Melfort Farm Trophy: Georgina Dalton; The Cullfail Trophy: Georgina Dalton; Arduine Craft Trophy: Antoinette Mitchell; Fish Farm Trophy: Jenny Moody.



Prizewinners at the Kilmelford and Kilniver Summer Festival included, from left, Douglas Campbell, Antoinette Mitchell, Georgina Dalton, Madeline Roberts and cake baker supreme Jenny Moody. 16\_135kil02

Children's classes: Melfort Hotel Trophy: Kirsty McIntyre; Melfort Club Trophy: Madeline Roberts; Melfort Festival Winner: Antoinette Mitchell; Kilchoan Cup (Overall): Douglas Campbell.

### 15 Years Ago

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#### Oban has best camp site

OBAN has a feather in its tourism cap this week – the best Camping and Caravanning Club site in Scotland. This prestigious award given by the club has gone to its Barcaldine site, and promises to see figures visiting the site soar next season.

The wardens, Bob and Eileen Chapman are thrilled that the site has won. They have been working for the Club for five years and have been at Barcaldine for two.

The site is in the old walled vegetable garden for Barcaldine House, and can take up to 75 tourers. It is also unique amongst Camping and Caravanning Club locations in that it has its own bar, and that specialises in malt whiskies.

Mrs Chapman told *The Oban Times*: 'We were delighted to hear the site had won.'

#### Suddenly it's raining students

THE HEAD teacher at Lismore's small school did not know what had hit her last week when her school roll more than doubled overnight. Instead of six children, Mrs Freda Macgregor now has 14. She said: 'It is a clutch of five

blond-haired boys who have come into the entry class and sitting around their school table, they are almost indistinguishable from one another.'

They include twins four-and-a-half year old Lorne and Douglas MacDougall of Bailuachraich Farm – the children of the school's Gaelic teacher – who were the first twins to be born on the island for 60 years.

The other boys in primary one are Eoghan Black, Lamont MacGillvray and Sam Woods.

And it may not be long before the pupils have a brand new playpark and adventure playground within the school grounds. Their project over the coming months is to design it.

#### New blueprint for Oban traffic

FREE on-street parking in Oban town centre is to disappear under sweeping new traffic provisions for the town now available for public scrutiny.

Under the plan there will be much stricter control of the loading or offloading of vehicles, currently a frequent cause of traffic congestion, and several new one-way systems are to be created to improve traffic flow.

Parking charges would apply over the whole town centre, extending from Jays at the top end of George Street as far as Combie Street and including Shore Street and Albany Street and the lower part of the School Brae at Rockfield.

The charge would be 30p an hour with a maximum stay of two hours. Explained a senior engineer: 'We want what on-street parking there is to be available to shoppers and not to commuters.'

On-street parking would be controlled by means of scratch cards, available from local shops. For a charge of £50 a year, special permits will entitle town centre residents to park as near as possible to their homes without limit of time.

#### One year young

RESIDENTS of Dunmar Court and Lynn Court have been helping Oban's new Co-op superstore celebrate its first anniversary.

On Monday, members of the homes were presented with a cake by Oban Co-op assistant manager Brian MacLeod and John MacDonald of the Nevis Bakery.

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17 Not travelling straight (7)

20 Issues (8)

21 Labour (4)

22 Plenty (6)

23 Light-footed (6)

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1 Put in stitches (6)

2 Rounds (4)

3 Wrestle...with yourself? (7)

4 Muscle (5)

5 Someone who takes care of things (8)

6 The other half (6)

12 Money being taken, as is the law (8)

14 Food (7)

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18 Long food! (6)

19 Clearheaded (5)

21 Matching (4)

### Last Week's Solution

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## Lambs up £13.72 on year in Tiree

UNITED Auctions held their annual lamb sale on Tiree when 4,876 sheep, plus 124 cattle were sold.

An excellent offering of quality lambs were shown in good bloom and sold to all the regular mainland buyers attending this sale. Cattle also sold at keen rates.

Lambs sold to £70 per head for Suffolk; olk crosses from 2/15 Balevullin and to 186 pence per kilo for

Texel:el crosses from 6 Balevullin. The overall average for the lambs recorded a rise of £13.72 on the year.

Yearling store bullocks sold to £790 and 192pence per kilo for Charolais crosses from Garraphail whilst Aberdeen Angus cross heifers from Middleton Farm sold to £775 and Simmental cross heifers from 10 Crossapol sold to 199 pence per kilo.

Cast cows from Croish sold to £945.

## Dalchirla Texels top Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 7093 prime sheep including 5318 lambs averaging 145.1p and 1775 ewes and rams at Stirling last

Thursday when lambs sold to £75 for Texels from Dalchirla and £70 for Suffolks from East Lumbennie.

# Dalmally looks forward to hosting a record show year

ORGANISERS of the Dalmally Show are preparing for what could be a record year, with a bumper number of entries received so far.

The agricultural show, on September 5 at the Dalmally Mart Park has attracted competitors from as far afield as Germany, with increased entries of cattle, sheep, poultry and handicraft. Nimbler candidates

appear to have been busy developing their creative talents, with particular interest in Home Industries classes, such as knitting and sewing.

After a successful change of location last year, the poultry tent looks set to be one of the most popular destinations, with an even greater range and number of birds on show.

And the show will be making its own Continental: tribution to the Homecoming celebrations, with highland dancing and community exhibitors marking the occasion, as well as a performance from the Inveraray and District Pipe Band - rounding off their successful season close to home.

Visitors will also have the

chance to learn about a new technology that could allow them to produce their own electricity from a local burn. Free Flow Hydro will be visiting the show for the first time to provide information and free equipment.

Susan McLaughlin, Secretary of Dalmally Agricultural Society, believes technology may have Continental:ributed to

enthusiasm for next month's show.

'We were able to put extra information online this year, so more people have been able to find out about what there is to do,' she said. 'Last year's show was such a success, we hope that people will spread the word and come back to see that this year will be better than ever.' Although entries for most

categories have now closed, it's not too late for children and dogs who can enter on show day. Categories for young people include a decorated T-shirt in the Primary 35 category, an edible necklace for Primary 12s, and a picture of mum for preschoolers. More details available at <http://www.lochawe.com/community/dalmallyshow.htm>.



Alistair MacCallum has been working on the Ardkinglas Estate for 50 years. His first granddaughter Amy will be there at the Dalmally Show to see him pick up his long service award from the Royal Highland Agricultural Society. 08\_135a101

## Alistair celebrates a half century at Ardkinglas

A FORMER shepherd and farm manager, who has worked on the same Argyll estate for half a century, is to be honoured at this year's Dalmally Show.

This month Alistair MacCallum celebrated his fiftieth year working on Ardkinglas Estate at Cairndow, and at this year's Dalmally Show will be honoured with a long service award by the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.

**Third generation**  
Alistair is the third generation of his family to work for the owners, the Noble family, after leaving school in 1959 and starting work as a shepherd.

A native of Glen Fyne, Alistair has never worked anywhere else but Cairndow, and for no-one else but Ardkinglas Estate.

When the estate was split in the 1960s Alistair became head shepherd with responsibility for the flock of Blackface sheep.

When the factor retired Alistair then became farm manager, a post he held until retiring in 2004 when the estate farm became a contract farm.

He continues to work on the estate and is particularly successful taking visitors on guided walks round the policies.

Jean Maskell of Ardkinglas Estate said: 'From an early age Alistair had a great love of the outdoors and of mother nature.'

'For him to have left school and worked at an indoor job would have been unthinkable.'

'Going to school at Kilmorich Primary in Cairndow and Inveraray Secondary was deemed 'a necessary evil' by Ali and studying for exams was unheard of.'

Alistair played shinty for Inveraray Juniors and has been curling for Cairndow since he was 15 years old.

Jean added: 'Alistair's ability to spot an eagle at a great height, where exactly she nested, where fox holes were on every hill on the estate, which pools on the River Fyne were best to fish, where to cast to catch a salmon or sea trout, which hill to take a Noble family guest to so that they could shoot a red deer stag or hind, are all the things that have been admired by many over the years.'

'No doubt some of this knowledge could have been learned from his gamekeeper father but an awful lot of it Ali learned from his own experiences in the great outdoors.'

In March this year Alistair and Christine, his wife of 40 years, became proud grandparents when son Stuart's wife, Anne Marie, gave birth to a lovely baby girl.

Jean said: 'Alistair has been and still is an excellent neighbour and friend to many. He is always ready and willing to help, especially motorists who have broken down near Clachan.'

## Dingwall prime sale meets rising trade

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 77 prime cattle and 495 prime sheep at Dingwall.

Prime bullocks averaged 173.7p (+6.2p) and sold to 186p per kg twice for a 505kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Wester Craighlands, Fortrose, to Rhinds of Elgin, Elgin, and a 590kg Limousin cross from Udale, Poyntzfield, to Greens Fine Meats, Grantown on Spey, and £1,271.00 for a 820kg Charolais cross from Easter Sheep Park, Balblair.

Prime heifers averaged 174.8p (+1.3p) and sold to 189p per kg for a 485kg Belgian Blue cross from Pithogarty, Tain, to John M. Munro Ltd, Dingwall, and £1,174.50 for a 675kg Limousin cross also from Pithogarty, to Woodhead Brothers, Turriff.

New season lambs averaged 144.0p (+1.5p) and sold to 154.4p per kg for 39kg Texel crosses from Kinnahaird Farm, Contin, and £68 for 50.5kg Texel crosses from Pithogarty, Tain, to John M. Munro Ltd, Dingwall.

Prime ewes averaged £50.14 and sold to £76 for a Texel cross ewe from Forsie, Thurso.

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## Lismore lambs sell well at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 4,286 store lambs and feeding sheep at their second sale of the season at Oban Livestock Centre when all classes of lambs were keenly bid for but would be slightly easier on the week with the overall sale average set at £47.10.

Store lambs sold to a top of £61 for a pen of Suffolk and Texel lambs

from A McColl, Ballinmackillichan, Isle of Lismore and J McCormick, Balnagown, also from Lismore.

Feeding ewes sold to £80 for Texels from Bert Leitch Lagganulva, Isle of Mull.

The 2,057 Texel cross lambs averaged at £48.28 while Suffolk cross lambs averaged £49.26 and Cheviot cross lambs averaged £40.12.

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Texel: £60.50 Ballygrundle;

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Ewes

Texel: £64 19 East Hynish, Tiree; Mule £63 Achnaba; Continental: £60

Kinlochlaich; Texel: X £60 Achnaba; Beltex: £47 Laganulva; Blackface: £38.50

Aird; BlackfaceX: £38 Invernahyle; Cheviot: £36 Park.

**TIREE United Auctions**

Lambs

SuffolkX: £70.00 - 2/15 Balevullin £68.00 - Braeside £65.50 - 6 Barrapol £65.00 - 2/15 Balevullin £63.50 - 10 Crossapol £63.00 - 6 Crossapol £62.50 - Hillcrest, 2/15 Balevullin and Whitehouse £62.00 - Gott, 2/15 Balevullin and 10 Balevullin £61.00 - Druimasaidh £60.50 - Sandaig and Skipinnis £60.00 - Braeside and Hillcrest £59.50 - Garraphail £59.00 - Lochphuil, 4 Kilkenneth and 5 Cornaigbeg £58.50

- 4 Kilkenneth £58.00 - Salum, 6 Balinoe and 2/15 Balevullin £57.50 - 6 Crossapol, 2 Heylipol, 15 Crossapol and 6 Barrapol £57.00 - 4 Heanish and Hillcrest £56.50 - Sunnyside, Druimasaidh, Sandaig and Croish £56.00 - Heylipol Farm £55.50 - Salum, Carnan and 3 Kenovay £55.00 - Druimasaidh and 10 Crossapol £54.50 - Gott and 8 Balevullin.

TexelX: £68.50 - Druimthraich £68.00 - Croft-house £67.50 - 6 Barrapol £66.50 - Ardmay £66.00 - Sunnyside £65.00 - 6 Barrapol £64.50 - Cnoc Gorm and Hynish (E Cameron) £64.00 - 2/15 Balevullin £63.00 - 6 Crossapol, Druimthraich and 1 Kilkenneth £61.50 - 6 Balinoe and Benview £61.00 - Hillcrest and Ruag £60.50 - Hillcrest £60.00 - 6 Balevullin and Deobedal £59.50 - Heylipol Farm, 9 Barrapol and 10 Balevullin £59.00 - Sandaig £58.50 - 2 Kilkenneth, 6 Barrapol, 3 Middleton and 8 Kilmoulaig £58.00 - Hillcrest, Vaul, Sunnyside and 6 Balevullin £57.00 - Croft-house £56.50 - 6 Barrapol £56.00 - 3 Middleton, Hillcrest and 1 Kilkenneth £55.50 - 5 Balemartine and Druimthraich £55.00 - Heylipol Farm £54.50 - 7 Kilkenneth and Benview.

Cheviot: £59.50 - 3a Caolis £58.50 - Hough £55.50 - Druimasaidh £54.50 - 8 Barrapol CrossX: £55.50 - Salum £53.50 - No4 Gott BeltexX: £63.50 - 2 Kilkenneth £62.00 and £61.00 - Ruag £60.50 - Braeside £57.50 - 2 Kilkenneth

**Prices per kilo**

SuffolkX: 182p - 8 Balevullin 174p - Scarinish Farm 171p - Heylipol Farm 169p - 8 Balevullin 166p - Croish 165p - Lochphuil and 8 Kilmoulaig 163p - 8 Balevullin 162p - Scarinish Farm 156p - Lochphuil and Carnan 155p - Sunnyside 154p - Salum 153p - 6 Crossapol, Hillcrest, 4 Heanish, Carnan and Garraphail 152p - 4 Kilkenneth, 2 Heylipol and 8 Balevullin 151p - 8 Balevullin 150p - Dunbeag, Heylipol Farm, 8 Kilmoulaig and 4 Kilkenneth.

TexelX: 186p - 6 Balevullin 161p - Druimasaidh 160p - 3 Middleton, 6 Balevullin, 5 Kilmoulaig, Hillcrest and Ruag 158p - 6 Balevullin 157p - Hillcrest, Vaul and 6 Balevullin 156p - Hillcrest 154p - Croft-house 153p - Middleton Farm 150p - Lochphuil, Garraphail, 10 Balevullin and 1 Kilkenneth.

Cheviot: 150p - Carnan 147p - Croish and Scarinish Farm

BeltexX: 174p - Ruag 173p - Braeside 172p - Ruag 169p, 162p and 155p - 2 Kilkenneth.

**Bullocks**

CharolaisX: £790 and £635 - Garraphail £610 - 2/15 Balevullin £590 - Garraphail.

British BlueX: £540 - Garraphail

LimousinX: £705 - Garraphail £685 - 1 Kenovay and Garraphail £660 - Sunnyside £645 - 1 Kenovay £630 - 7 Kilkenneth £595 and £570 - Garraphail £560 - Hillside.

SalerX: £675, £635, £610, £605(3) and £585 (5) - 2/15 Balevullin.

SimmentalX: £710 (2) and £695 - 10 Crossapol £690 and £685 - Lochphuil £655 (2) - 10 Crossapol £630 - Lochphuil £585 - 10 Crossapol £580 and £575 - Lochphuil.

**Heifers**

Aberdeen AngusX: £775 - Middleton Farm £565 - Garraphail

LimousinX: £675 - 1 Balemartine £635 - Hillside £620 - 1 Kenovay £615 - Hillside £600 - 1 Balemartine £590, £580 and £570 - 1 Kenovay £565 - 7 Kilkenneth £565 and £555 (2) - Garraphail £535 - 7 Kilkenneth £525 - 1 Kenovay.

SalerX: £570 (4), £565, £550 (2) and £525 - 2/15 Balevullin.

SimmentalX: £690(2), £600, £595, £590, £580(2) - 10 Crossapol £560 and £530 - Lochphuil.

**Cows**

£945 - Croish £885 - Lochphuil £805 - Croish £755 - Hough.

**Prices per kilo**

CharolaisX: 192p and 165p - Garraphail

LimousinX: 191p - Garraphail 190p - 7 Kilkenneth 189p - 1 Kenovay 184p - Hillside 183p - Sunnyside and Garraphail 182p - 1 Kenovay and Garraphail.

SalerX: 188p (5) and 185p(5) - 2/15 Balevullin.

SimmentalX: 199p - 10 Crossapol 193p, 190p, 186p and 183p - Lochphuil 182p (2) and 178p(2) - 10 Crossapol.

**Heifers**

LimousinX: 190p - 7 Kilkenneth and 1 Kenovay 186p - 1 Kenovay 185p - Garraphail 180p - Hillside.

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**MacLennan - Islerdemir**  
 Gemma MacLennan and Ramazan Islerdemir, both of Fort Augustus, were married on board *The Royal Scot*. The couple held a reception in The Moorings Restaurant, Fort Augustus. Photograph by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



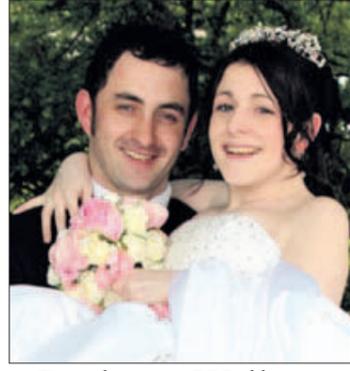
**Cameron - Adams**  
 Clair Cameron and Chris Adams of Fort William were married in Duncansburgh Macintosh Church by the Rev Donald MacQuarrie. The couple held a reception in the BA Sports and Social Club. Photograph by The Write Image.



**Relph - Roalfe**  
 Vera Relph and Michael Roalfe were married at the Isle of Eriska Hotel. They celebrated their marriage with a meal with close friends. Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg.



**Armour - Beaton**  
 Claire Armour and Neil Beaton were married at Lochgilphead Registry office. They held their reception at the Cairnbaan Hotel. Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg.



**Beckett - Wallace**  
 Amie-Louise Beckett, of Lundavra Road, Fort William, and Jason Wallace, Lochail Villa, Corpach, were married at The Moorings Hotel, Banavie. The couple also held their reception there. Photograph by Claire Abernethy.



**Campbell - Hendry**  
 Eilidh Campbell of Tiree and Martin Hendry of Clackmannan were married on Tiree.



**Weber - MacKenzie**  
 Monika Weber and Ali MacKenzie, both of Greenbank Cottage, North Ballachulish, were married at Fort William Registry Office. Photograph by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



**Anderson - McQuaker**  
 Fiona Anderson and Stuart McQuaker, from Campbeltown, were married at the town's Highland Parish Church. The couple held a reception at Peninver Village Hall. Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg.



**Cameron - Watson**  
 Mary Cameron and James Watson, both of Inverness, were married in the Crown Court Hotel, Inverness. They also held their reception there. Mary is originally from Oban and James is from the Black Isle.

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#### PLANNING

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be:

Examined at Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging on to the Council's Website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and clicking on online planning applications.

Written comments for the following applications may be made to Planning Services, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR by the 17th September 2009 for the following list of application for planning permission.

- Ref No: 09/01166/PP  
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association  
Proposal: Erection of 16 Flats and 20 Terrace Houses  
Site Address: Gleshellach Road, Gleshellach, Oban.
- Ref No: 09/01158/PP  
Applicant: Mr A P Blackhall  
Proposal: Erection of 2.5 kilowatt wind turbine on 6.5 metre high mast  
Site address: The Old Steading, Scarinish, Isle Of Tiree, Argyll And Bute, PA77 6TN
- Ref No: 09/01160/PP  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs A Hall  
Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse  
Site address: Or Na Mara, Gallanach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4PD

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilthead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

An extant list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Council's website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

A weekly list of applications which can be viewed at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilthead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's website.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess)

Representations will be copied to the applicant. Comments on any earlier applications cannot be taken into account.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF BLASTING OPERATIONS

#### BRECKLET FOREST, GLENCOE

Notice is hereby given that Forestry Civil Engineering will be conducting Blasting Operations at Brecklet Forest, Glencoe on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2009. The operations are in connection with new road line construction. Firing times will be between the hours of 0900 and 1630 on both days.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Forestry Civil Engineering, Millpark Road, Oban, Argyll or telephone 01631 566155.

### Proposed Assignment of a Croft

Ms N MacInnes crofter is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to assign the tenancy of the croft at Archchaivaig, Uisken, Bunessan, Isle of Mull, Argyll to Robert G Cameron of 132 Kilmallie Road, Caol, Fort William.

If you have any objection to the proposal you may submit representations in writing or by some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3EQ by 24 September 2009 specifying your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

## ARGYLL & BUTE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**Craignure Village Hall, Mull**  
**4 Sept 2009 11.00am - 1.45pm**

**Question and Answer Session**  
**between 1.45pm - 2.15pm**

**All of which is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
28 October 2009 - Tarbert Village Hall

For further information/copy of the agenda and papers for the meeting please contact David Ritchie, Communications Manager, Tel: 01436 655040; Email: [davidritchie@nhs.net](mailto:davidritchie@nhs.net)

The papers will also be made available on the Argyll & Bute section of NHS Highland's website: [www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk)

Argyll & Bute CHP is one of four CHPs within NHS Highland and manages acute, primary, community health and mental health services across Argyll & Bute

**"WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003"**  
**WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005 ("the Regulations")**

"Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the regulations, that an application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Lakeland Smolt Limited for authorisation to carry out a controlled activity, namely:

- 1) A variation of existing CAR licence CAR/L1000329 to include the discharge of the in-feed medication emamectin benzoate for the treatment of sea-lice infestations at Furnace Hatchery, Furnace, Argyll. The variation will also incorporate the conditions of existing CAR licence CAR/L1000329.

"Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting the reference number CAR/L1000329:

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

"A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) or by prior arrangement at SEPA's Lochgilthead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilthead, PA31 8TA.

"Written representations received within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made there will be included in the register a statement indicating that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request."

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- 1) Abstraction of 43200m<sup>3</sup> per day from Abhainn Shalachain at NGR NM 6197 4821 from 1 January 2010
- 2) Impoundment of water within the Abhainn Shalachain at NGR NM 6197 4821 from 1 January 2010.

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address: The Registry Department, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9XB, quoting reference number CAR/L1059967.

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### NOTICES UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

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

Written comments should be made to the Area Planning and Building Standards Manager at this office within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
09/00305/FULLO	Land 100m South of Torbeag House Muirshearlich Banavie	Erection of house, garage and 3 letting units	Corpach Post Office (14 Days)
09/00331/FULLO	Lochaber High School Camaghall Fort William PH33 7ND	Erection of energy centre	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

**Area Planning and Building Standards Manager, Ross, Skye & Lochaber:**  
**Dafydd Jones, Highland Council, Fulton House, Gordon Square, Fort William, PH33 6XY**  
**Tel: (01397) 707015 Fax: (01397) 707022 e-mail: [planning.lochaber@highland.gov.uk](mailto:planning.lochaber@highland.gov.uk)**

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**BIRTHS**

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**MARRIAGES**

**FIRTH - McCracken**  
The marriage of Magnus to Laura took place on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Church of Scotland Corran Esplanade, Oban.  
A wonderful day was had by all.

**DEATHS**

**BARLOW** - Peacefully with dignity at home in Glenrothes, on August 17, 2009, Sandra (née Cameron) aged 59, elder daughter of Flora and the late Alasdair (Brocher). Loving wife to Bobby, dear mother of Ross, Tommy, Kelly-Anne. A devoted grandmother and a much loved sister of Gregor, Allan and Kirsty.

**CAMPBELL** - Suddenly on Sunday, August 23, 2009, Dugan aged 74 years, youngest son of the late John and Euphemia, and dear brother of late Iain, Calum, Ali, Danny, Helen, Lily and Flossie. Sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service in St John's, Port Ellen, Islay on Saturday 29 at 11.30 and thereafter to Kilnaughton Cemetery.

**MACDONALD** - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on Monday, August 24, 2009, in her 83rd year, Sheila, beloved wife of Robin, much loved mother to Anne, Fiona and Glenn, devoted gran to Maria, Richard, Cian, Morgan and Ryan. Will be sadly missed. Memorial service to be held on Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 7pm at the Church of Scotland, Glencairn Road, Oban. Funeral service will take place on Monday, August 31, 2009, at 1pm from Salen Church, Isle of Mull, thereafter to Pennygown Cemetery.

**MACLELLAN** - After a long illness patiently borne, at home with his family on Sunday August 23, 2009, Donald (Donnie) MacLellan, aged 73 years, of 3a Angus Terrace, Oban, beloved husband of Morag, much loved father to Peter, Andrew and Alick and a loving granddad to Martin, Ross, Arianna, Millie and Janey.

**MACLELLAN** - Peacefully at St Margaret's Hospice, Clydebank, on August 12, 2009, Mary, dearly loved sister and aunt. Sadly missed. R.I.P.

**MACMILLAN** - Janet passed away peacefully on August 21, 2009, surrounded by her family at Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow, Janet MacMillan of Aberfoyle, formerly of Islay, aged 86 years. Much loved wife of the late Neil MacMillan, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and mother-in-law who will be very sadly

missed. Funeral service at Falkirk crematorium on Thursday, August 27, at 11.30am. Donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Society.

**MACMILLAN** - Tragically as the result of a ferry accident off Tonga on August 6, 2009, Danny, aged 47 years, dearly loved eldest son of Matthew and Mary (Ballmartin, Islay) and dear brother of Andrew, Alan and the late Iain and Matthew. Will be sadly missed. Interred in Bowmore, Islay on August 25.

**ROWLEY** - Peacefully, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, Nina (née Kennedy), of Spencer Crescent, Carnoustie (formerly of Coll), beloved wife of the late Leslie, much loved mum of Alasdair and Fiona, a dear mother-in-law of Peter, a devoted and much loved granny of Flora and Hamish, and a dear sister of Sheila. Funeral service in Dundee Crematorium on Friday, August 28, 2009, at 2p.m. to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Marie Curie will be received at the Crematorium.

**SUTHERLAND** - Peacefully at Abbeyfield, Ballachulish on Saturday, August 22, 2009, Margaret, aged 84, beloved wife of the late Neil Sutherland, Ballachulish, dearly loved mother, granny and great granny. She will be sadly missed.

**TONG** - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban on August 22, 2009, Alec Tong aged 87 years. Husband of the late Iris Tong, beloved father, father-in-law, granddad and great-granddad. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral Service to be held at Salen Parish Church, Isle of Mull on Thursday August 26, 2009, at 12 noon. Thereafter to Pennygown Cemetery.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GRAINGER** - Rena, Jonathan, Alison and Tom would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the extremely kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, emails and phone calls received following the sad loss of their husband and father, Ian Granger. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and carers in Bunesan and Acharacle and Bobby Corson of Mallaig for the funeral arrangements. We would also like to thank all those who came to pay their last respects at the church and graveside. More than £500 has been collected for the Wyresdale Children's Home in Nepal.

**MACLEOD** - The family of the late Donald A MacLeod would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their support and great help during Donald's illness. Grateful thanks to Dr Ward and doctors from Mid Argyll Community Hospital, district nurses, health specialists, Argyll and Bute Home Carers, Marie Curie nurses and Crossroads. Also thanks to doctors and nurses from Oban, Gartnavel and the Southern General Hospitals. Special thanks to Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for his help and for his personal, comforting services at Ardriahgaig and Kilmuir, Mrs Bruce, Organist, Roddy MacDonald and staff for efficient and caring funeral arrangements; the Grey Gull Ardriahgaig and the Royal Hotel Portree for excellent catering. The family are grateful for all the expressions of sympathy received and thank all who attended the churches at Ardriahgaig and Kilmuir, Skye and who went to the graveside. Sincere thanks for the very generous donation of £2100 for Motor Neurone Disease and Marie Curie Nurses.

**MACLELLAN** - The family of the late Mary would like to thank Dr Guy and staff at St Margaret's Hospice, Clydebank, for their loving care of Mary. Fr Lawlor, St Peters Glasgow, Fr Crichton, St Peters Daliburgh, Cooperative undertakers, Glasgow, Neil MacIntyre, Uist, Archie Walker and cemetery workers, Borrodale Hotel for catering, Gilbert for singing, Gerald, Angusina and Rhoda. Thanks to Mary's friends and neighbours for cards and flowers and all those who attended both services and graveside and generously donated £278 for St Margaret's Hospice.

**THOMSON** - Valerie, Kenneth, Fergus, Alison and all the family would like to thank most sincerely all those friends, relatives and colleagues of Valerie's, past and present, for their kind expressions of sympathy and to those many hundreds of people who paid their last respects at the services in Glasgow and Portnahaven.

Our thanks to the Revs. Donald Michael Macinnes, John Coutts and Steve Fulcher for the beautiful services, to Joy Weightman, Duncan Macdonald and Alasdair Macmillan and to the Kirk Sessions of St Columba and Portnahaven Churches. Our thanks are also due to Strathclyde Police, especially PC Alan Gibson, to the Scottish Ambulance Service and to the two doctors who attended Valerie at the roadside following her accident. Many thanks to Jonathan Harvey's staff and to Tilly Macmillan, Mary Galbraith, Donald McComb and Donald-Iain Brown for practical help in Glasgow, and to Maureen MacKinnon, Anne Maclean, Jean Reid, Eileen Mackenzie and all the ladies of the Rhinns for all they did in Islay. Over £3,000 has been raised for CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children.

Moran taing dhuibh uile.

**WHYTE** - Cita, Ralph and Mary would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, cards and telephone calls following our sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. Ken Hunter for his comforting service, to staff of A & B Hospital, Lochgilphead for the very good care they took of Alfie, and also to Catriona of Hamish Hoey & Son whose assistance was most appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. A final thanks to all who contributed to the collection of £953.89 which will be split between Alzheimers Scotland and The North Argyll Carers Centre.

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**MACDONALD** - Precious memories of Lena a much loved mum and granny. Forever in our hearts. Always in our thoughts. - John, Donald, Kenneth and families.

**MACKENZIE** - Patricia, Inveraray and Perth. August 27, 2007. In memory of a much loved Mum. - Ann.

**MACKINNON** - In loving memory of my daughter-in-law, Eileen, who died August 27, 2001. Loved and remembered always. - Mam.

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**MURRAY** - Remembering with love Cathie (Catriona), a dear mother and gran, who died August 27, 2008, also Tommy a great dad and shennie, who died October 21, 2005. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. - Inserted by Christine, Cameron and Ruaraidh.

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**God's holy unchanging word**

2 Timothy 4:2-5 "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

God's Holy, unchanging word.

Down through the history of the Jewish nation and the Christian Church people have tried to alter or add onto or misinterpret God's Holy word.

As early as Deuteronomy we find this written "You shall not add to the word which I

command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

We are warned in 2 Corinthians not to tolerate heresy. We can all identify with these words from Proverbs "Every word of God is pure. He is a shield to those who put their trust in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

Strong words which we ignore at our peril.

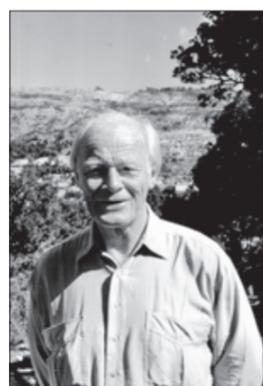
The passage in 2 Timothy it is headed Godlessness in the last days. Sounds a bit like our nation and the world which has sadly also strayed into our Churches today.

We should remember that Paul, that experienced and veteran Christian soldier wrote this letter to the church chiefly to council, correct and exhort to the narrow way.

Bill Harvey  
Interim Moderator  
Iona linked with Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon and the Ross of Mull

**Tribute**  
**David Hector MacNeill**

NEARLY everyone who had the joy of encountering David would agree that he was truly the greatest character they ever met. Generous, friendly, approachable, charming, lovable, modest, funny, entertaining, kindly, intelligent and often outrageous, sometimes exasperating. The last months of his life when he had to cope with serious illnesses brought out another worthy aspect of his character when he showed himself to be a man of extraordinary courage. It was surely very fitting that his obituary notice referred to "a long illness bravely and humorously borne"



David MacNeill was born in Inverness. He was only 67 when he died—youth by today's standards. He was educated at Inverness Royal Academy, Edinburgh Academy and Trinity College, Dublin. He was admitted as a solicitor in Scotland in 1973 and was a depute Fiscal in his home city of Inverness before coming to Oban in 1981 where he became the town's first full time Procurator Fiscal. In 1989 he set up his own private practise in the town and he quickly acquired a large number of loyal clients over a wide area.

He once said that he could not work unless he was under pressure which meant that the submission of such forms as he thought necessary were frequently left to the very last minute. It was not unusual for him to handwrite the accounts demanded by the Legal Aid Board and then drive down to Edinburgh in the middle of the night to present his handiwork in person to the officials involved.

David's stamina was simply amazing; it was all part of his zest for life. On one occasion he joined some friends very early in the morning to go to Fort William to climb Ben Nevis. He had only just returned from a social night out in Glasgow but still managed to be the first and by the time his friends caught up with him after the climb he was already in the pub halfway through his second pint.

He specialised in court defence work where his skills were both admired and envied by his colleagues. His entry into court was like the moment when a great actor goes on stage and to hear him pleading with that distinctive and sonorous tone was akin to listening to a good actor delivering his lines except that David was creating his words as he went along. Not that that was a problem for him because spontaneity and improvisation were part of his skills.

Nothing seems to have changed in the MacNeill character. He was a social animal from the start. A lifelong friend tells of how David had "lemonade running straight out of the taps" at the family home by putting a year's supply of his Mother's cremola foam into the water tank. And then, while studying in Dublin and becoming concerned that he was neglecting his studies by socialising too much, he decided to shave his hair which he hoped would make him want to stay in. But the ploy did not work and such was the adulation of his friends that many copied his new fashion.

He had a burning passion for justice always ready to help those in need without judging and his help often went beyond just the solicitors role—giving a prisoner in Barlinnie a toothbrush against all the rules, for example. He was determined to protect people from state oppression. A young nurse once went to David with some hesitation because "It was probably a trivial matter but not for me. Far from dismissing me, David gave the impression that I was the only person he had to attend to and that I was his most important client" Those were signs of a truly good man.

It is hard to imagine David in the Army but he was part of the territorials for a time which ultimately became something we here have much to be grateful for. The story goes that on one exercise he led a disastrous attack on the Island of Coll which was followed by a memorable ceilidh and that it was that experience which created his great love for these parts and so to Oban.

On one memorable occasion David was smoking on a MacBraynes ferry immediately below a "no smoking" sign and was observed by a steward who had obviously received David's help in the past. Knowing that there was no way David could be stopped the steward approached him saying "Hold on, David, while I fetch you an ash tray".

Unusually for a businessman, David was not in the least bit interested in making money that being another part of the MacNeill charm and warmth. He loathed petty rules and regulations and frequently treated them with total disdain.

David married Liz in Inverness on 24 August 1974 and was idyllically happy in a marriage that lasted more than 34 years. Our thoughts go out to Liz whose loss cannot be measured.

The gap that David leaves behind will never be filled. Some of the fun has gone out of life.

Duncan Durbin and Graeme Pagan

**Mary Leitch McLaine M.A.**

MARY Leitch McLaine was always known as 'May' McLaine to her friends and literally thousands of pupils of Oban High School. She died peacefully July 23 after a short illness in the Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban only two days short of her 98th birthday.

She had outlived all her relatives, but is remembered with affection by her countless pupils and friends whom she acquired in her long life.



May was 'Old Oban'. Born in Drimvargie Terrace in 1911, she went to Rockfield School and Oban High before going to Glasgow University for her degree in geography, English and history. When she graduated in 1933 teaching places were very scarce, so she had to accept the post of 'itinerant teacher' in Argyll. Between 1934 and 1939 she served in 21 postings at 18 different mainland and island schools. This gave her the unique chance to meet, and know, hundreds of primary school pupils and their families in their home locations, so that when she became a permanent teacher in 'The High' in 1939 she began to meet them again as 'old friends'.

her efforts she invariably received more than she sent out.

In 1958 she was appointed woman adviser and later became assistant rector and acted as depute rector between rectorial appointments. In all she served under four rectors and at her retirement in June 1974 she was described as being 'the longest serving and the best loved' teacher who would be remembered for her 'serenity of spirit, generosity and gaiety of temperament'. She really enjoyed her retirement, travel and membership of the business and professional women's associations.

Increasing physical disabilities forced her to leave 'Glenorchy' in Rockfield Road, her home for more than 80 years, to go into North Argyll House in 2005. There she was well cared for, happy and delighted to receive visits, cards and letters from all over the world.

May's memory for her pupils was remarkable and remained-crystal clear to the end of her life. They all seemed to be fitted into a three dimensional framework. They were very much individuals but she remembered them in the context of where she first met them, their brothers and sisters, parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and, before she retired in 1974, as fathers and mothers of new pupils, then eventually as grandparents of new pupils.

She made great efforts to keep in touch with her pupils and teaching associates, of whom she had dozens. She was a prodigious writer of cards and letters. Even when she was 93 years old she was writing more than 100 Christmas cards, most with a little added note or comment, but despite all

Her funeral service was in Oban Free High Church on July 30, where she and her family had worshipped for generations. It was very well attended and dignified as would become her, as was her interment in her family grave in Pennyfuir. Afterwards close friends, and those who had travelled far to the service, met for refreshments in the Manor House Hotel, which had been her favourite place to meet friends and dine for many years.

She will be much missed by many.

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# STORE your BOAT this WINTER



WITH another season nearly over boat owners everywhere are starting to plan their laying-up and winter storage.

For many it has been a great boating season, particularly the early part of the summer. However, with increasingly autumnal weather and strong winds some owners are already out on the hard.

If you overwinter in a boat yard booking space early is vital since there is a growing demand for boat storage throughout the west coast. A list of work to be carried out including routine servicing over the winter should be drawn up and discussed with the yard manager prior to storage.

Factors influencing the decision on where you store will include location, whether undercover or outside, facilities and cost. Undoubtedly there are huge advantages in being undercover allowing work in all weathers. Some boatyards also offer a period of undercover use within the winter package. Check what facilities are on offer at each yard.

Pressure washing the hull on lift out is extremely beneficial and many yards offer this inclusive of the lift out service. The topsides should be washed to remove the season's dirt and there is a range of hull protection waxes to protect over the winter months. This is a good time to check for any dam-

age on the boat, mast and general equipment and plan any repairs. If you are unsure about anything get an expert to advise you.

For those slipping their own boat ensure the trailer and all equipment is roadworthy, check out tides and have a contingency plan in case anything goes wrong.

**Cover**

Many owners like to cover their boat when it is wintered outside but make sure it's well secured, allow for ventilation and check out for chafing at regular intervals. Make sure your cradle, trailer or support legs are in good condition.

As a rule all boat equipment that won't be used during the winter should be removed from the boat including berth cushions. A dehumidifier and heater are a great boon if they can be installed to keep the interior dry particularly if owners use the boat when it's ashore over the lay-up period. Check with the boatyard that you can hook up to power. If removing equipment it should all be thoroughly cleaned, checked over for any damage and then stored in a well-ventilated place. Labelling for easy retrieval next season can be a help. Remove all electrical/electronic equipment that is not needed onboard over the winter. The interior of the boat can then be washed down including lockers and bilges and any painting or varnishing carried out if conditions allow.

Leave all lockers open to allow air to circulate. Cookers and sea toilets should be cleaned and seacocks serviced for next year. Check the condition of all fittings and make a job list of items required for next season.

**Safety equipment check**

Do a thorough check on lifejackets, harnesses and safety gear before storing - particularly life jacket gas bottles - renew anything that looks suspect. Then partially inflate to check for leaks and keep inflated over the winter. Keep up to date on safety upgrades. Remember your life could depend on the condition of equipment. Keep your flare packs ashore under dry conditions and replace when out of date. The RNLI is happy to help in inspecting safety gear and does a free safety check on your boat - so this is well worthwhile getting done.

An authorised centre should service life rafts. After cleaning, dinghy tenders should be stored partially inflated and any repairs carried out. Your boat name and sail number can be painted on for safety and security. Oars and other

ancillary equipment should also be washed down and varnished as required in preparation for next season.

**Winterise engines**

It is important to use a qualified gas engineer to inspect gas systems on board to test they're up to safety standards. Boat batteries can be removed if not required and put on a trickle charge. Flush the water tank through with a water sanitizer and leave according to instructions. Either empty or completely fill the diesel tank to prevent condensation building over the winter. Engines, both inboard and outboard must be winterised so book the yard's engineer to do this if you don't undertake it yourself.

This is the time to overhaul deck gear that has been hard at work during the season. Check blocks and service winches. Remove anchors and chain over the bow and store anchors on a pallet with the chain belayed. Check all standing and running rigging and renew if needed. Look at your insurance policy and keep rigging up to date - insurance may be invalid if not. In addition check all masthead instrumentation when the mast is down. Wash warps, sheets and halyards in fresh water to remove salt and store hanging.

**Sails**

This is a good time to order new sails if needed, since many sail makers offer special autumn deals. Sails need to be cleaned and checked for wear and tear. Local sail makers offer cleaning as well as repair services and even storage. When storing your own it is preferable to roll, hang or lay them flat without creasing in a dry area away from rodents. Sail lofts are always on hand to give advice on all aspects of sail requirements and maintenance.

Over the winter make an inventory of where everything on the boat is stowed to be kept aboard next season. This is also a useful check list for noting what needs renewed or repaired for next season and dating each item replaced. Good preparation will make fitting out next year much easier.

Above all ask advice from your local boat-yard operator, service engineer, chandler or sail-maker if there's anything you're unsure about.

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Shinty fixtures

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Saturday August 29, 2009

**Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Semi-final**  
Kingussie v Kyles Athletic at Ballachulish  
Charles Young

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**  
Glenurquhart v Oban Camanachd  
Derek Cameron  
Fort William v Bute  
Colin MacDonald  
Inveraray v Glenorchy  
Robert Baxter Jnr  
Newtonmore v Lochaber  
David Mitchell

**Marine Harvest North Division One**  
Inverness v Beaulieu  
Russell Ross  
Kinlochshiel v Caberfeidh  
John Macleod  
Lovat v Strathglass  
Jock Matheson  
Kilmallie v Lochcarron  
Calum Duff

**Marine Harvest South Division One**  
Inveraray v Tayforth  
George O'Rourke 12 noon  
GMA v Oban Celtic  
Ted MacDonald

**Marine Harvest North Division Two**  
Fort William v Lovat  
Daniel MacRae 12 noon  
Glenurquhart v Newtonmore  
Graham Cameron 12 noon  
Kilmallie v Caberfeidh  
John Angus Gillies 12 noon  
Kinlochshiel v Glengarry  
Ronnie Campbell 12 noon

**Marine Harvest South Division Two**  
Aberdour v Glenorchy  
Euan Pearson  
Taynuilt v Kyles  
Billy Wotherspoon 12 noon  
Bute v ColGlen  
Dougie Cameron  
GMA v Ballachulish  
Duncan Kerr

**Marine Harvest North Division Three**  
Lochbroom v Kincaig  
Neil Ferguson  
Inverness v Strathglass  
Donald MacRae 12 noon  
Lochaber v Beaulieu  
Innes Wood  
Lochcarron v Boleskine  
Graham Irving

Results

Shinty

**MacPhee and Partners Macaulay Cup Final**  
Inveraray 4 Kingussie 3

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**  
Kyles 1 Oban Camanachd 2  
Bute P Lochaber P  
Ft William 0 Newtonmore 3

**Marine Harvest North Division One**  
Lovat 3 Kilmallie 2  
Caberfeidh 4 Inverness 0  
Beaulieu 3 Lochcarron 2  
Kinlochshiel 3 Strathglass 2

**Marine Harvest North Division Two**  
Kinlochshiel P Newtonmore P  
Fort William P Caberfeidh P  
Lovat 8 Kilmallie 2

**Marine Harvest North Division Three**  
Lochaber P Boleskine P  
Inverness 1 Lochbroom 2  
Lochcarron 0 Aberdeen Uni 2  
Strathglass 1 Beaulieu 2

**Marine Harvest South Division One**  
GMA P Inveraray P

**Marine Harvest South Division Two**  
Ballachulish P Glenorchy P  
Kyles Athletic P Bute P  
Aberdour 9 Strachur 5

# 'To win against this side means an awful lot to us' 'Array's long wait is over

'Disputed' penalty opens the scoring in Macaulay final

THEY had to endure five losing finals to Kingussie in order to savour success but, on Saturday, Inveraray finally overcame the Badenoch giants to retain the Macaulay Cup 4-3.

The pre-match stats suggested Davie Macpherson's Royal Burgh outfit were up against it. The closest they had ever come to victory against Kings since this trophy began was a 4-2 loss back in 1970.

Again, it looked as if the records would have the name: Kingussie, written beside the date: 2009, when a Ronald Ross hat-trick had the Speyside outfit 3-1 up at the interval.

That was until relentless Inveraray pressure eventually told, in a come-back which will be recalled fondly in Inveraray for years to come. The celebrations at the end on an impressive Mossfield Park surface were the joys of a team who had suffered so much at the hands of Kingussie.

'To win against this side means an awful lot to us,' said manager Macpherson, who rattled off the previous score-lines, including painful defeats like 8-1 and 6-3.

'The thing is, the boys thoroughly deserved it. At half-time, I didn't feel we were out of the game. But the comeback was amazing.'

Despite heavy rain which threatened to swamp the Mossfield car park, the ground staff had the playing surface looking lush for action. Indeed, if the pitch is as good for September's Homecoming Camanachd Cup final, it will be a credit to Oban and to shinty.

Inveraray's fears about the threat posed by Ronald Ross were founded in the first half

Shinty  
MacPhee and Partners  
Macaulay Cup Final  
Inveraray 4 Kingussie 3

when the marksman, invited back into the Scotland training squads, struck three. The first was a controversial penalty which TV evidence proved was unjustified. Ross dispatched the award and went on to grab another with a shot which squirmed beneath keeper John MacKenzie's boots.

Garry MacPherson, a shining light for Inveraray, inspired his team with a 25 yard effort which sailed into the roof of the net but when MacKenzie blocked a Paul Gow shot, the ball spun into the air and Ross stayed cool to lob it back into the net with a cute volley.

At half-time, Inveraray must have wondered what they would have to do to find a way past the brilliant Andrew Borthwick in the Kingussie goal. Whatever it was, they found it. Macpherson sent a low shot through a ruck of players after the break and Inveraray went on the hunt of an equaliser.

They got it through a Scott Robertson strike on the turn and the decision to push Robertson further forward was vindicated with both the goal and a terrific performance.

Kingussie now faded out of the game while Inveraray grew in strength and there was final irony when Ronald Ross lost the ball deep in his own half and Grant Griffin rifled a low shot into the net with minutes left.

Inveraray's long wait was over.



That winning feeling - Inveraray celebrate after retaining the Macaulay Cup at Mossfield Stadium on Saturday. Picture - John MacTavish

## Newtonmore top of Premier after victory at Fort William

NEWTONMORE moved to the top of the Premier Division with a convincing 0-3 victory in front of a big crowd at Fort William.

With the home side having now lost five league games on the trot, the scoreline far from reflected 90 minutes during which the visitors dominated long periods of the game but struggled to find a way past Fort keeper Scott McNeil who was in inspirational form.

McNeil made numerous outstanding saves during an opening 45 minutes when his teammates were seldom seen out of their own half.

With the blustery wind effectively locking the home side in their own half, Fort William were fortunate to reach the interval without losing a goal, but that changed early in the second-half when Danny MacRae lashed home a deserved opening goal.

Fort William tried hard to get a grip of midfield but they repeatedly gave away needless fouls which affected momentum.

Shinty  
Scottish Hydro Premier Division  
Fort William 0 Newtonmore 3



MacRae then netted again to give the visitors a cushion and they continued to move the ball in quick diagonal plays to deny the home side much-needed possession.

Newtonmore's third goal raised some controversy after referee Charles Young opted to play advantage when Glen Mackintosh and Adie Robertson clashed wide on the right - Jamie Robinson ran on to the loose ball and knocked it

goalward - keeper Scott McNeil, assumed that the whistle had blown and allowed the ball to drop into the net - but no whistle had sounded and the goal stood.

This Saturday, both teams are back in league business. Fort William are at home to Bute in a repeat of their recent Camanachd Cup semi-final tie, with Fort manager Drew McNeil looking for the same result.

Newtonmore, who have not won a national league title since 1985 and have never won the Premier Division, have the opportunity to stretch their lead at the top of the table with a home tie against Lochaber, but with Lochaber keen to avoid the relegation dog-fight in the league basement, they will be no easy opponents at the Eilan.

Newtonmore manager Norman MacArthur said: 'We haven't lost a league match this season and that is the way it has to stay right to the last minute of the last game.'



The penalty that never was - Ronald Ross trips over his own feet, clearly outside the penalty area, with defender Andrew McMurdo nowhere near him. Ross opened the scoring from the resultant penalty. Picture - John MacTavish

Shinty leagues

Premier Division	
Newtonmore	11 7 4 0 42 13 18
Kingussie	10 7 2 1 41 14 16
Glenurquhart	15 7 2 6 28 29 16
Kyles Athletic	14 6 3 5 35 32 15
Fort William	14 7 1 6 34 30 15
Oban Camanachd	12 7 1 4 22 20 15
Lochaber	12 4 3 5 18 30 11
Inveraray	11 4 1 6 22 25 9
Bute	10 2 3 5 15 20 7
Glenorchy	15 0 2 13 9 51 2
North Division 1	
Skye	14 9 1 4 34 20 19
Caberfeidh	13 9 0 4 25 18 18
Kilmallie	12 8 0 4 44 28 16
Lovat	9 6 2 1 23 9 14
Beaulieu	13 6 1 6 26 26 13
Strathglass	9 5 0 4 31 14 10
Kinlochshiel	9 4 1 4 21 22 9
Inverness	12 1 1 10 5 47 3
Lochcarron	11 0 0 11 7 32 0
South Division 1	
Lochside Rovers	11 9 1 1 42 19 19
GMA	9 6 1 2 34 14 13
Kilmory	9 6 0 3 23 17 12
Oban Celtic	9 3 2 4 25 29 8
Inveraray	9 3 1 5 24 30 7
Ballachulish	11 2 1 8 23 35 5
Tayforth	10 2 0 8 17 44 0
North Division 2	
Glenurquhart	14 12 2 0 56 11 26
Kingussie	15 11 1 3 57 24 23
Fort William	12 9 1 2 47 13 19
Lovat	14 8 0 6 45 35 16
Glengarry	13 5 2 6 29 30 12
Skye	15 5 2 8 32 46 12
Newtonmore	13 5 1 7 27 39 11
Kilmallie	13 3 0 10 17 48 6
Caberfeidh	13 2 0 11 24 60 4
Kinlochshiel	10 1 1 8 14 42 3
South Division 2	
Taynuilt	11 11 0 0 54 12 22
Strachur	13 7 1 5 31 27 15
Aberdour	14 7 0 7 43 45 14
Kyles	8 6 1 1 26 8 13
ColGlen	13 5 2 6 23 32 12
Bute	11 4 1 6 23 21 9
GlasgowMid Argyll	12 3 3 6 27 38 9
Glenorchy	10 3 2 5 18 16 8
Ballachulish	12 1 0 11 13 59 2
North Division 3	
Lochbroom	16 12 1 3 61 21 25
Beaulieu	15 12 0 3 61 14 24
Aberdeen U	17 11 2 4 58 27 24
Lochaber	16 11 0 5 76 34 22
Boleskine	13 6 1 6 30 26 13
Strathglass	13 6 0 7 48 44 12
Inverness	13 4 1 8 23 48 9
Lochcarron	12 4 0 8 18 38 8
Ardnamurchan	14 2 0 12 17 73 4
Kincaig	13 0 1 12 11 78 1

Oban win at Tighnabruaich

OBAN Camanachd held onto a single goal advantage for the majority of the second-half at Tighnabruaich to emerge with two valuable points from a tough away fixture against Kyles.

With both teams showing changes, Oban opened the scoring after five minutes through Ian MacMillan but Kyles were level again within another five minutes when Duncan Kerr equalised.

On 27 minutes, Oban Camanachd regained the lead after Lorne Dickie, making his first-team debut, fired his side into a lead they were to defend for the rest of the match. Kyles mounted sustained pressure on the

visitor's defence but found young goalkeeper Robert Dunning in outstanding form with two great saves.

The second-half proved a challenge for Oban as Kyles searched in vain for an equaliser, with Dunning again proving his worth.

Oban Camanachd lost team captain Danial MacIntyre to injury but held out for the remainder of the 45 minutes to snatch a very valuable Premier point.

This Saturday, Kyles will re-play their Scottish cup semi-final against Kingussie at Ballachulish, with injured player Roddy MacDonald expected to take the field wearing a protective face mask.

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## Life's a breeze round Shuna

Winds gust to 25 knots in island race

BREEZY conditions made for a fast circumnavigation round Shuna last weekend with Donald Philips and his Moody 335 *Whigmaleerie* the first keelboat home in this annual Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club Pursuit Race.

Numbers held up this year with 49 keelboats and Flying Fifteens competing although the usually strong dinghy entry was missing, perhaps due to a poor forecast.

With the wind gusting to 25 knots the Flying Fifteens

opting to go south-about Shuna, the direction of sail for this race being optional. The Flying Fifteen fleet was led by Ali MacLeod's *Fia* with David Attwood's *Okey Dokey* second and Craig Galbraith's *Fjunky Monkey* third.

The fleet was split into three keelboat handicap classes and a Flying Fifteen class for the main Round Shuna Pursuit, each boat leaving according to handicap time.

First across the line in Class 1 was Bill Bergius with *Northern Whistler* closely followed by Colin Crawford's *Nimrod* with *Shadowfax* third.

Class 2 was won by Donald Philips with *Whigmaleerie* as the first keelboat over the line with Brian Wiseman's *Sorr of Appin* second and Alan Gent White's *An Sulair* third. Colin Hibbert won Class 3 with *Hot Toddy* helmed by Colin Currie second and Andrew Manson's *Dark Islander* third.

The best performance of the weekend was awarded to Oban's Colin Crawford with Ali MacLeod taking the Flying Fifteen trophy for

the best performance of the weekend.

Ian McNair, commodore of Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club said it had been an excellent weekend, greatly supported by the Oban and

Craignish clubs. 'There was great support for the Flying Fifteen Class and we hope the FF Association will put it in the calendar for 2010 to have a great turn out of Fifteens.'

Today (Thursday) sees the

last two races in the third aggregate series, leading to the Frostbite Series over the following six weekends to close the dinghy sailing season.

However sailors might want to keep their diaries free for the weekend of August 29 to 30, which is the Oban town dinghy regatta.

A good turnout is again anticipated for the six race series.

**Results**

**Race no.119**

**Gillespie Trophy**

1 *Payback* Laser

Steven Forteith

2 *ZZAAPP* Laser Radial

Andrew Chapman

3 *Krabby Patty* Laser

Tim Bleazard

4 *Wavelength* Laser 4.7

Jamie Chapman

**Race no.117 F yacht**

1 *Nimrod* Dehler 34

Colin M. Crawford

2 *Shadowfax* First 31.7

Billy Forteith

3 *Tangle o' the Isles* Sigma 33

Joey Gough

4 *Amber Haze* Sigma 33

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**Race no.118 S Yacht**

1 *Hot Toddy* Sadler 25

Alison Chadwick

2 *Torranan* Albin Cumulus

Toby Sherwin

3 *Michael the Minion* SK 700

(modified) David Crisp

## Biggest turnout of season for dinghies

18 take part in Gillespie Trophy race

**Sailing**

EIGHTEEN dinghies took part in this year's Gillespie Trophy race, the biggest turnout this season so far at Oban Sailing Club.

On the day a good force four to five wind meant a very fast race with some exciting off-wind sailing on show.

However, the conditions did mean that three of the youngest sailors found the conditions just a bit too exciting and were forced to retire early.

The good news was that the remaining 15 boats in the race sailed the full three lap course.

**Topper**  
The strong breeze during the race favoured the Lasers of varying rigs with the first Topper, sailed by Amy Kincaid, managing a respectable fifth place overall.

The Gillespie trophy this year however went to Steven Forteith who won in a full rig Laser from Andrew Chapman sailing in a Radial rig.

Third was Tim Bleazard in a full rig with Jamie Chapman in his 4.7 rig in fourth place.

Today (Thursday) sees the



Whigmaleerie - the first keelboat home in the Round Shuna Pursuit Race and winner of Class 2.



Prizewinners pictured with Ian McNair, right, commodore of Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club.

## Tides

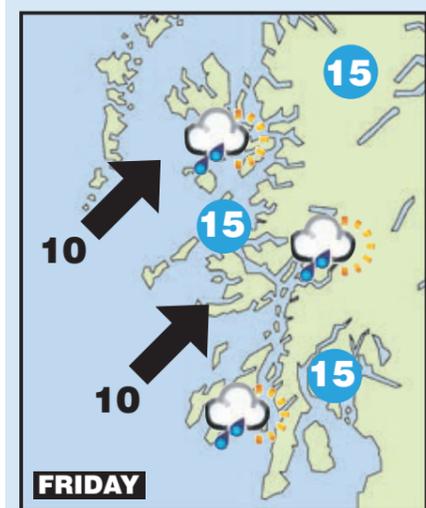
Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, August 27, 2009 are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
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Fri 05.11	1.8 10.50 2.9 17.27 1.9 22.53	2.6
Sat 06.24	1.9 13.18 2.8 18.42 2.1 ***	**
Sun 03.19	2.6 08.16 1.9 14.50 2.9 21.09	2.0
Mon 04.08	2.8 09.32 1.7 15.40 3.2 22.08	1.8
Tues 04.18	3.0 10.17 1.4 16.14 3.4 22.43	1.5
Wed 04.34	3.3 10.53 1.2 16.46 3.7 23.12	1.3

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardershaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

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**Thursday**  
Moderate to heavy rain is forecast throughout the day. Winds light to moderate south-westerly. Temperatures 7°C to 16°C.

**Friday**  
Cloudy and blustery with showers or longer spells of moderate to heavy rain. Winds moderate westerly. Temperatures 7°C to 15°C.

**Weekend Outlook**  
A mixture of bright spells and moderate showers. Winds moderate north-westerly. Temperatures 8°C to 16°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**  
Oban to Barra/South Uist - Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above  
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

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## Sparta stung as Saints hit high-scoring form

**Football**  
GLENCASTLE Sparta were the visitors to Glencruitten in this premier division league game, but unfortunately for the Glasgow side they found Saints in top form.

It took Saints only six minutes to open the scoring when a planned move from a throw-in saw Alex Craik on hand to hammer the ball home from close range.

The home side increased their lead on the half hour mark with another planned move when Craig MacEwan made a run to the back post, outjumping the Sparta defence to head the ball home.

Craig should have netted another goal eight minutes later when he went on a mazy run but he shot straight at the keeper who saved with his legs. This was a tremendous run from the young striker and if he had showed a bit more composure he would

have scored a tremendous goal.

In the second half the home side weathered early pressure and scored the vital third goal through Sean Ford.

The fourth goal came in the 74th minute when Donald Campbell converted a penalty after he was sent sprawling in the box. Manager Iain Jackson said: 'We've scored nine goals in our first two games, but just as important we've kept two clean sheets. We're not getting carried away by the good start to the season, we'll be keeping our feet firmly on the ground.'

Saints play away to old rivals Greenock HSFP on Saturday.

stiff resistance and their own tendency to try and force things. Oban's new coach Corrie Louw will be happy overall with two wins in their first competitive games.

**Experience**  
The blend of experience in the front row and back row worked well alongside the younger second rows and backline.

In a game which ended 31-5 for the Oban side, Mull had their moments but were unable to control the ball at

key moments in attack and found the pace and strength of the much bigger Oban team too hard to handle.

Mull did much the same to a very young Lochaber team and although they ran up 27 points Lochaber, who scored seven, made them work very hard for every point.

Some of Mull's younger players are showing great promise and improving with every game. They should be a real asset to the Mull team

## Tom seals 10k race win

**Athletics**

TOM Smith from Lochaber AC was a convincing winner of the Atlantis Leisure 10k road race on Sunday.

The Connell man was more than a minute clear of his nearest rival in a field of 62 competitors.

There were lots of local runners with representation also coming from Fort William, Glasgow, Dundee, Edinburgh and Uruguay.

**Results**  
**Male Senior**  
Tom Smith: 36.13

**Female Senior**  
Keri Page: 44.37

**Vet Male**  
John McLaughlan: 40.23

**Vet Female**  
Sharon Taylor: 51.10

**Super Vet Male**  
Hugh Laferty: 40.10

**Super Vet Female**  
Amelia Petre: 57.15

**Junior Male**  
Fraser Brydon: 44.13

**Junior Female**  
No competitors

**Tom Smith crosses the finishing line.** 15\_035atlan10k02



Tom Smith crosses the finishing line.

## Tournament win sets up Lorne for league opener

**Rugby**  
OBAN Lorne comfortably won their own trophy on Saturday after inviting Mull and Lochaber to take part in a XV-a-side tournament at Glencruitten.

Ian Hay and his team deserve much credit for the work done on the pitch during the summer as the playing conditions underfoot were perfect for rugby.

Oban, as expected by their higherleagueposition, proved too strong for both Mull and Lochaber, but in both games they had to overcome some

if they are able to continue to play for the island club.

Lochaber's very young and inexperienced team tried very hard in both games, with the forwards in particular taking the game to both Oban and Mull at times.

**Defend**  
Too often though they lost possession when in attack and were unable to defend the counter attack.

One of Lochaber's newer players from Poland suffered a nasty leg break in the first game and was taken to

hospital. Oban Lorne would like to send their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Oban eventually won the game quite comfortably by 43-0.

Oban Lorne play their first league game this Saturday away to Wigtownshire.

Coach Louw will be hoping for a good turnout at both training sessions this week.

That, and the two wins last week, should give them the best possible chance to start the new season with a win.

## Friendly win for under 13s

**Football**

OBAN Saints Under 13s played a friendly match against Lochgilhead at Oban Community pitch before the start of their Dumbarton Development League campaign which kicks-off this Saturday.

The Oban lads won an exciting game 4-2 thanks to goals from Alan Buchanan (2), Jamie Easton and Connor Howe.

Ewan Dudding scored both of Lochgilhead's goals.

Youth team fixtures this week: Clydebank BC v Under 13s; Under 15s v Dumbarton Rock; Johnstone Burgh v Under 19s.

## August medal on Islay

**Golf**

**Islay Golf Club Results**

**August Medal**

1 Donald Gillies 85-14=71

2 Charles Holyoake 76-5=71

3 John Ferguson 87-14=73

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**Lagavulin Quaich**

1 Nigel Carmichael 69pts

2 Jim Rozga 62pts

3 Iain MacCuaig 59pts

**Order of Merit 2009**

1 Charles Holyoake 190pts

2 Nigel Carmichael 179pts

3 Jim Rozga 177pts

## Tigers to take on wildcats

**Rugby**

THE Argyll and Bute Tigers under 15 team will be playing on Sunday at Huhenden, the home of Glasgow Warriors.

The game is against the Glasgow City Wildcats and is a national pathway match.

A coach will be leaving from the bus station at 9.30am on Sunday with room for parents and supporters.

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The Mull, Oban Lorne and Lochaber sides pictured at the Oban side's pre-season tournament.