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Patient sent home because hospital ran out of paper

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A MEDICAL procedure on a patient who was prepped and ready for treatment was cancelled because there was 'no paper in the printer'.

Two consultants and nursing staff had to stop the procedure and send a patient home because of lack of equipment in Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Iain MacIntyre, former Rotary president and businessman, said it is now time to think about privatisation of the NHS because the 'excellent staff' in Oban can no longer do their jobs.

Mr MacIntyre, from Oban, who lives with a heart condition, said: 'Last week I attended Lorn and Islands Hospital for Exercise Tolerance tests. Previously I had a heart monitor fitted to my chest and was informed at the time they were unable to give out spare stick-on pads for the sensors that are attached to my chest, as they are not allowed to carry sufficient stock. This threatening the whole exercise.'

'On the day of my procedure, I had two doctors, an observer and nurse in attendance.'

'My chest was shaved, pads were fitted, my blood pressure was read and the printer was started. It was at that late stage, for all in attendance to hear, the hi-tech printer tell us it was 'out of paper'.'

'A search of the room was undertaken followed by another look throughout the building but to no avail. There was no paper. My appointment was cancelled and the following appointments that had already been made. All

this disruption all for the cost of a ream of paper or two costing only a few pounds.

'How can such highly qualified dedicated people work in such conditions? Could a commercial concern afford such issues? How much do these type of issues contribute to the NHS's waiting list?'

Other readers have told of concerns at the lack of equipment for procedures at the hospital because staff have been told 'not to overstock'.

One reader said they were told by a staff member they were being sent to Paisley for treatment because there was no 'budget line' in Oban for such treatments which could have been easily performed by staff in the hospital.

NHS Highland manager Caroline Henderson said: 'I would like to apologise to the patients for their cancelled procedure and welcome the opportunity to meet with them and discuss any concerns they may have.'

'The incident was due to an administrative error in ordering paper, and not a result of NHS Highland's finances. I have conducted an internal inquiry and have put steps in place to ensure an incident like this doesn't happen again.'

Mrs Henderson added: 'As NHS Highland chairman David Alston has underlined, there is a greater need than ever to look at how health and social care services are provided. It is vital we address the balance of care in Oban and indeed across Argyll and Bute, supporting people to be looked after in their own homes and communities.'

Oban's Dee makes worldwide sporting history



Picture: Scottish Rugby/SNS

OBAN Lorne RFC president Dee Bradbury made history at Murrayfield national stadium on Saturday, when she was elected as the Scottish Rugby Union's (SRU) first female vice-president.

When the SRU's new president, Rob Flockhart, steps down in 2018, Dee will also become the governing body's first woman president since it was founded 145 years ago and the first female in the world to lead a 'tier one' rugby country.

She won a three-way election for the role by a margin of 25 votes, securing 98 votes

to Ian Barr's 73 and John Davidson's 25 at the SRU's annual general meeting.

Dee, a retired Oban police officer, said: 'My first reaction was delight the clubs have had the vision to support me in this role, and the second reaction was that I must go and phone my 85-year-old father which I did, and that was an immense moment.'

President Flockhart said Dee's appointment is 'fantastic for Scottish rugby and Scottish sport. It sends a message out that rugby really does encompass every part of society, men and women, boys and girls.'

Dee, a former pupil of Keil School, Dumbarton, is married to Nick and has two sons: Magnus, who plays for Edinburgh Rugby, and Fergus, a national age-grade prop.

The former multi-eventer represented Scotland and Great Britain in athletics and played representative netball, before taking up rugby while president of Oban Lorne RFC and secretary of Argyll and Bute RFC. She also represents Scottish rugby on Rugby Europe, the sport's European governing body, and the Women's Rugby Forum on the Scottish Rugby Council.

TIMESLINE

CalMac completes ferries contract

FERRY operator CalMac confirmed it signed the formal contracts with Transport Scotland and Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) on Monday to operate ferries and harbours on the west coast of Scotland.

CalMac was announced by Transport Scotland as the successful bidder for the Clyde and Hebridean ferry services contract in May, and it also won a separate, but linked, contract to deliver harbour operations at 24 ports on behalf of CMAL. This is the first time the ferry and harbour operations have been split in this way.

CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'Now that the contracts have been signed, we can start to share information with staff and customers about our ambitious plans to transform the experience of ferry travellers during the lifetime of the contract.'

Earth moves for islanders on Mull

A SMALL earthquake hit the Isle of Mull last Friday at lunchtime. The 1.9 magnitude tremor was logged by the British Geological Survey with the epicentre towards the south of the island.

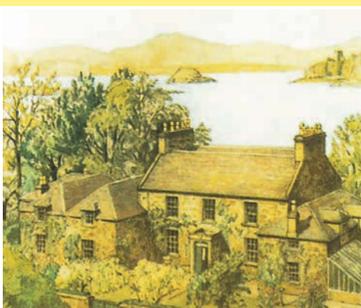
No cash aid to save training charity

ARGYLL and Bute councillors have been accused of 'paying lip-service' to pleas to save a charity which helps people to find work. Councillors last week, refused to provide financial aid to Argyll Training.

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Vote to fight hate crimes defeated

A PLAN to 'set an example by condemning hate crimes' was thrown out by members of Argyll and Bute Council during a free vote at a meeting last week.

Last Thursday's full council meeting saw 16 of the 30 members present oppose the motion and instead voted to take 'no action'. It has been confirmed the policy would have had no cost implications.

The largest group to oppose the policy was the SNP, on the same day as First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities across Scotland.

Three young people have since approached *The Oban Times* to say hate crimes towards them are carried out on a daily basis but they have given up on anyone listening.

Members of Oban's LGBTI community, as well as those with disabilities, have been disappointed with the council's lack of commitment to protecting their rights.

Councillor Kieron Green and veteran councillor Rory Colville wanted the policy to be introduced.

Mr Green said: 'The motion focused on racism and xenophobia and I was sure all members would oppose hate crime whether it is due to someone's

race, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

'As a council, we need to set an example by being seen to go the extra mile in condemning ... hate crimes, helping to support those who become victims of hate crimes and urging the public to report incidents.'

During the debate, Mr Green said he was shocked fellow councillors could not see 'the big picture'. He continued: 'Councillors didn't think there was a problem so did not want to emphasise it by supporting the motion.'

Last week, members of Oban's disabled community met MSP Michael Russell to plead for equal rights.

Oban woman Kerry McInnes said hate crimes had a daily impact on the lives of people with disabilities, and the meeting with the MSP was to raise concerns about the protection of those rights. She said: 'It is important that our MSPs and councillors listen to what we have to say. We talked about the impact these things have on all aspects of life.'

Leader of the opposition Councillor Sandy Taylor said SNP members had a free vote at the council meeting. He added: 'It was up to members to vote with their conscience.'

He said police records showed the number of cases reported were 'minimal'.

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Views sought on fishing with electricity

A CONSULTATION on proposals to amend legislation so that specified forms of electrofishing would be permitted for catching razor clams has been launched today.

The consultation is asking for views on whether the Scottish Government should seek a break from EU legislation that prohibits fishing with electricity.

All interested parties have been urged to contribute by September 30.

Cabinet secretary for rural economy and connectivity Fergus Ewing said: 'Marine Scotland has undertaken comprehensive research on the impact of electrofishing on the surrounding environment and the catch and has concluded that it is a relatively benign way of harvesting razor clams.'

'Electrofishing is currently illegal in Scotland and Marine Scotland Compliance has taken a range of measures to tackle this illegal activity.'

'Enforcement has proved to be very difficult and changes need to be made to either make it easier to enforce the current law or, if electrofishing is to be legalised, to ensure any electrofishing is undertaken safely and sustainably in a properly regulated environment.'

'We have now decided to consult on proposals to amend the current law to allow electrofishing to be a legal method for catching razor clams.'

'This is an issue that has evoked much interest and debate which is why I would urge all those with an interest, in particular fishermen and people in coastal communities where such fisheries might be conducted, to respond to the consultation.'

Joiner assaulted man at school

A THREE joiner has been fined £500 for assaulting a member of staff at the island's school.

On November 10 last year, Martin James Larg of The Two Harveys, 2 Balmartine, Tiree, pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting, swearing and uttering threats of violence, at Tiree High School on September 4, 2015.

The 42-year-old also admitted assaulting Neil Connor, who worked at the school, by striking him on the head.

Last Tuesday (August 16), Sheriff Anderson said: 'This was a serious matter involving a minor assault.' She fined him £500, to be paid within seven days.

Gamekeepers fire salvo over vital jobs

GAMEKEEPERS believe shooting jobs have never been more valuable to Scotland, yet the industry is missing out on valuable support made available to other industries.

Although prospects for grouse are mixed in some regions, the season that started on August 12 starts a wider country sports programme which supports 8,800 full-time jobs per year in remote and rural areas.

Scottish Gamekeepers' Association (SGA) chairman Alex Hogg believes that, with un-

certainty slowing Scotland's economy, this rich seam of employment has never been more important.

He says the SGA, which represents 5,300 gamekeepers, stalkers, river and land ghillies, wildlife managers and rangers, will be looking to work constructively with politicians to grow the vital rural industry.

He said: 'Compared to many other European countries, Scotland does not have an embedded hunting culture and chunks of the population don't

know the impact the shooting seasons have to the country, economically. The 2014 Value of Shooting report showed 8,800 full-time jobs relying on shooting.'

'Shooting jobs dwarf the growing music tourism market, creates as many jobs as our number one food export, the farmed salmon sector, and it will bring in more money than the Open Championship did at St Andrews in 2015.'

'There are real concerns for employment in rural Scotland

at the moment, particularly in oil and gas, so gamekeepers and their families want to see the industry grow.'

'We want to work with the Scottish Government to make sure hard-working people can continue to rely on these posts in future.'

Mr Hogg continued: 'Shooting, by its nature, will never be popular in everyone's eyes and the divisions in the countryside now can be negative.'

'As an organisation, we seek to make progress and look

forward. The industry has made significant strides in terms of best practice and regulation, today, is much tighter.'

'There are opportunities that remain to be developed that can increase Scotland's reputation, particularly in terms of premium game products like venison and we want to work towards that.'

'It is important the skilled workforce is retained and new opportunities for the future are explored with decision-makers.'

Hats off to volunteers at Tobermory Lifeboat Day

AFTER a week of wet and windy weather, the rain stayed away for Tobermory's Lifeboat Day.

The hardworking organisers of Tobermory RNLI's annual event were hugely relieved to awake on the morning of Sunday August 14 to find that the rain had finally stopped falling.

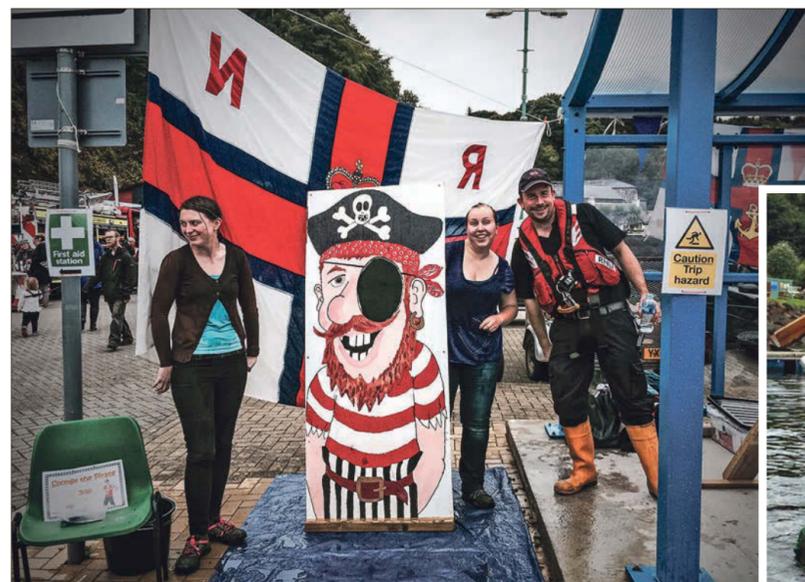
A few hours later, there were big crowds at the event being treated to a range of stalls, games and activities – and of course, the raft race which was won this year by the Tobermory Guides.

Even school children, who were no doubt dreading the new term starting in just a few days, had an opportunity to 'sponge the teacher' with local schoolteachers, Kirsty and Kirsten attempting to dodge the wet sponges being so enthusiastically thrown by some of their pupils.

During the final preparations the previous evening, the volunteer crew were called away to go to the assistance of a stricken yacht at the Bull Hole in the Sound of Iona.

The volunteer crew launched at 6.11pm to help the yacht, which was dragging its anchor and was unable to use its engine as it had overheated.

On arriving at the scene, the yacht had managed to get under way and was heading to the



shelter of Tinker's Hole.

The lifeboat escorted the yacht and once it was confirmed that it was securely at anchor and the skipper was happy, the volunteer crew headed back to Tobermory where the lifeboat was refuelled and made ready for service shortly after 10pm.

Following Lifeboat Day, Tobermory RNLI Coxswain David McHaffie said: 'We're

still gathering in the funds but we think that well over £4,000 was raised to help save lives at sea.'

'Thanks to everyone for their generosity and we hope you had as much fun as we did.'

'Thanks, too, to all the stall holders, businesses and individuals who so kindly donated prizes and things to sell, as well as to our colleagues from the Fire

Brigade and Tobermory Coastguard who attended with their equipment. Thanks also to our hosts, the Tobermory Harbour Association.'

'We're also grateful, yet again, to Alasdair McCrone and Alasdair Satchell for their witty and energetic commentary.'

'Finally, we'd also like to thank our RNLI shop volunteers who

The annual lifeboat day was a huge success in Tobermory, with a range of stalls, games and activities to keep everyone entertained.



took more than £700 on the day – and particularly our amazing fundraising branch who have been working and planning hard behind the scenes for many months to ensure that today was a huge success.'

Motorist is banned for dangerous overtaking

A MAN has been banned from driving for a year and fined £400 for a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre.

William John Smalley, 68, of 30 Lynn Court, Soroba Road, Oban, admitted the charge of dangerous driving on the A85 near Arrivain on December 16, 2015, when he overtook a

number of vehicles in the face of oncoming traffic.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16, that a witness travelling west along the A85 at 3.10pm saw an oncoming lorry with four or five cars behind it, when one of those cars pulled out to overtake.

'It became clear the car would not have time to complete the overtake,' Mr McGinty said. 'The witness braked and turned the car into the ditch, striking a snow pole.' As other vehicles also left the roadway to avoid a head-on collision, 'the driver completed the overtake, and carried on,' he said.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC asked: 'He didn't stop?'

'No,' Mr McGinty responded. A driver, he added, later caught up with the accused to record the registration number.

Defence agent Kevin McGinness said the 68-year-old pensioner, who had no previous convictions, was travelling to

a meeting in Edinburgh. 'He apologises for his driving,' Mr McGinness said.

Sheriff Anderson disqualified Smalley from driving from a year from August 16, and ordered him to re-sit a driving test.

He was also fined £400, payable at £80 per month.

TIMESLINE

Lewis broadband tests promising

THE REMOTE community of North Tolsta on the Isle of Lewis is the first in Scotland to test a new technology to increase the speed of fibre broadband over long phone-lines.

Around 20 households in the Outer Hebrides village have been identified to take part in the technology test – known as a proof of concept (PoC) – by Openreach, BT's local network business.

The technology, known as Long Reach VDSL, was deployed in the past few days and initial results are encouraging, with most households seeing significant increases in their fibre broadband speeds.

The village – popular with surfers thanks to its long, sandy beach – was chosen due to its remoteness and that fact its fibre cabinet supports a cluster of long lines.

Broadband speeds can reduce over significant distances and Openreach is keen to find a solution to that challenge.

Launch of online health project

A GROUND-BREAKING 'co-design' project helping people across Scotland develop their ideas for the future of GP online services began last Thursday.

The Scottish Government-funded project to assist in the setting up of innovative digital service prototypes is being run by the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) alongside co-design agency mHabitat.

Health secretary Shona Robison MSP said: 'We are committed to engaging with service users and seeking their participation in the design and delivery of public services.'

'We have a long-standing close-working relationship with the ALLIANCE and are delighted to be working with them and mHabitat on this exciting and innovative approach to transforming GP digital services.'

Link group calls for council's help

A GROUP demanding that a feasibility study is undertaken for a fixed link between Dunoon and the central belt has asked Argyll and Bute Council for political support.

The Cowal Fixed Link Group believes a road bridge spanning the Clyde would stem the decline it perceives is happening on the Cowal peninsula.

The group has asked the local authority to give formal support for the project.

Good progress on broadband roll-out but challenges remain

ROLL-OUT of broadband in Scotland is slightly ahead of target but work still needs to be started in harder to reach places, says a report published by Audit Scotland.

The Scottish Government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) are making good progress in widening access to high-speed broadband, but extending coverage to

rural areas remains a challenge. A spokesman for Audit Scotland said: 'The Scottish Government wants everyone in Scotland to be able to access the internet at any time and on any device, by 2020.'

'To help achieve this, BT was appointed to extend Scotland's existing fibre broadband network in 2013 at a cost of £412 million. Audit Scotland is

monitoring the progress of both the roll-out and the Scottish Government's digital infrastructure vision.'

Audit Scotland says that 2.2 million out of 2.6 million premises across Scotland had access to fibre broadband (86 per cent) by March 2016 – one per cent more than the Scottish Government's original target.

Assuming BT continues to

meet its contractual targets, the Scottish Government can expect to meet its 95 per cent coverage target by December 2017. But work has so far focused on easier to reach areas and the remainder of the roll-out will be more challenging.

While 26 of Scotland's 32 council areas have met contractual targets for fibre broadband coverage, the areas that remain

are rural or remote, and are likely to need more complicated and costly engineering solutions. Premises in rural areas also currently receive lower average speeds.

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland said: 'Fast, reliable internet access is increasingly essential for everyday life, so it's encouraging to see good progress being made

in rolling out fibre broadband. However, there is a lot still to be done by the Scottish Government if it is to achieve its vision of a world-class digital infrastructure, particularly in improving download speeds in rural areas. It's important that it continues to monitor the cost and progress of broadband roll-out so that these communities aren't excluded.'

In response, Fergus Ewing, minister for rural connectivity, said: 'We recognise that there is much more we can do at a Scotland-level to extend coverage, particularly to rural areas.'

'That is why we have made the commitment that 100 per cent of properties across Scotland will be able to access superfast broadband by 2021 and I will outline next steps later this year.'

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RAINBOW Childcare has proudly announced that it will be opening for business on Monday, September 5.

The new facility in the former church on Corran Esplanade will be managed by Jane Duffy, with area manager Caroline Greenan also based within the Oban centre to personally introduce Rainbow Childcare to all children and families across Argyll. Caroline said: 'Everyone at Rainbow is very excited about the opening of our second centre. We take great pride in our quality of provision and are looking forward to becoming a part of the Oban community.'

Rainbow brings more than 24 years' experience delivering high quality and flexible early learning and childcare.

Owner Jim Frew, fondly known as Papa Jim, added: 'I have always said that our centres are more than nurseries. We offer a home from home setting where everyone is valued. We are a family-run business meeting the needs of other families.'



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16 'vital' jobs workers are issued with formal redundancy notices

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ARGYLL and Bute councillors have unanimously backed a call asking them to lobby to save Argyll Training.

Since 1991 the 'vital' jobs training charity has helped over-16s facing barriers to employment 'reach their full potential' with vocational programmes, but recent funding cuts have brought it to crisis point.

At a meeting of Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee in the Corran Halls on August 10, managing director Fraser McCowan told councillors: 'Come September, we will not be able to continue in our present form. We're just wanting to cover the costs. If we do not continue, the chances of someone else coming in will be



Andrew Spence.

remote. Once it goes, it's gone.'

Following the meeting of the full council on August 18, an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are doing all that we as a local authority can do to support Argyll Training. However, the

financing of employability services is a national issue for which only the Scottish Government can provide a solution.

'The urgent motion agreed by the council at its meeting on Thursday was clear in its terms, with members unanimously agreeing that, following on from these lobbying activities, the chief executive would write to the Scottish Government and seek its assistance in developing realistic options for the continuation of the proven and valuable service Argyll Training provides.'

But SNP councillor Julie McKenzie accused the council of 'paying lip-service to the issue'.

She said: 'I would have liked to see the council taking a much bigger lead in bringing the key stakeholders to the table, but sadly there seems to be

little political will. There was no political will from the council to assist financially, so it's not looking good for the future of the service.'

The *Oban Times* asked Jill Millar, Oban's Argyll Training centre manager, if all 16 jobs at the organisation were at risk.

She replied: 'Yes. We've all been given a formal notice of redundancy from September 30. All staff.'

Councillor McKenzie added: 'The motion was an exercise in the council paying lip-service to the issue. Financial support is the key. It's a point of no return: if there's no intervention, Argyll Training will go to the wall.'

'This slashing of the employability fund has hit independent training services. The one-size-fits-all doesn't work. It costs remote services more, because

of the huge distances. These people deserve exactly the same service as the rest of Scotland.'

Oban's Homebase manager, Andrew Spence, said the store had given work experience to 20 young people through Argyll Training over the past 10 years, and employed five when jobs became available.

'It's giving people a chance to get into the workplace,' he said. 'It gives them a chance to get mentored and trained.'

His loss, he added, 'will have an impact for trainees and employers. Loads of companies have used Argyll Training: Homebase, Argos, Tesco, Bookers. It was risk free.'

If Argyll Training ends, he added, 'we would continue to recruit but we may not be in a position to take the risk with less fortunate people.'

Anita Carson, as a single mother of three, volunteered at Soroba Nursery in 1991 and enjoyed it so much she wanted to work there, but she could not afford the extra time or money to gain any qualifications.

Argyll Training helped fund and provide on-the-job training to get her a job and, 19 years later, she is still at Soroba Nursery, working as an early years careworker.

She said: 'It was a vital service for me because I wouldn't be sitting in this job without Argyll Training. I could still be on the dole.'

'I wouldn't have been able to get all the qualifications that have supported me for 20 years, and will do for 20 more.'

'It's terrible they're pulling the plug on this service.'

'It's so sad.'



Rebecca Hill entertained with her clarsach.

Ceilidh closes summer season

THE final ceilidh of the summer season at Taynuilt saw Oban High School pipers Emma Hill, Kate MacPherson and Gregor MacDonald start the proceedings with an amazing selection of rousing pipe tunes.

There were further enjoyable musical performances from Rebecca Hill on clarsach and three members of the Argyll Ceilidh Trailers – namely Morven MacFadyen Donald, Ross Christie and Ruaraidh Litster-Campbell.

Ailie Munro and Katie MacDonald represented the Isla Sinclair Dancers, and both girls produced impressive Highland dancing performances.

Lochawe singer Gregor Campbell gave a fine debut solo performance, while the Taynuilt trio of Helen Watt, Audrey Paterson and Davy Paterson (aka The Bum Notes) delighted the audience with some excellent singing in harmony.

Under conductor Audrey Paterson, Taynuilt Gaelic Choir's mixed and ladies choirs gave good accounts of themselves, while Fear an Taighe Duncan MacDonald kept the evening flowing smoothly.

Chairman selected

AS IT enters its final year in the run-up to the 2017 reappointment ballot, BID4Oban has turned to an old hand in Graeme Bass to guide its activities through this challenging period.

Graeme was chairman in 2015, when serious illness forced him to stand down. The change comes because Andy Spence – who has been deeply involved in and committed to the BID company since its inception almost six years ago – has been compelled by increasing business commitments to step aside from the position of chairman.



The missing bull returned of his own accord.

Missing Mull bull returns to farm ...but where he went remains a mystery

A BULL that went missing for more than three weeks has turned up and been found happily grazing with his cows.

A search had been mounted when Founder of Chapelton, which is owned by Richard de Klee of Auchnacraig at Lochdon on the Isle of Mull, first went missing. Everyone had given up hope of ever finding him.

Mr de Klee explained: 'We had so much help in looking for the bull. Our stockman was out looking, the Coastguard

helped, as did our neighbours and friends, and no-one could find him. We even put a drone up.'

'We also reported him missing to the police and the British Cattle Register.'

'So we were amazed when he finally turned up. He is four years old and we have had two successful crops from him.'

Mr de Klee's family have worked the farm at Lochdon for more than 150 years.

He said: 'He must have been hiding in a cave or something.'

Bagpipes are welcomed home to Kintyre

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A PIPING legend carried out a Campbelltown man's dying wish by bringing his beloved set of pipes back to his hometown.

Bob Worrall, from Canada, decided to return his pal Archie McGeachy's pipes to Kintyre after he died last November, following a long battle with cancer.

Archie, born in Campbelltown in 1932, wanted the set to be passed on to another young piper, just as they were given to him when he was 14.

Ian McKerral, Kintyre Schools piping instructor, was given the task to find a suitable heir and chose another 14-year-old with a passion for solo piping, Callum McKillop.

Ian said: 'I got a phone call from Bob about six weeks ago. He told me the story and tasked me with finding someone to have them.'

'I chose Callum because he is a committed up and coming solo piper, who happens to be the same age as Archie was when he received them.'

'I knew of Archie, particularly that he set up a band called Kintyre in Canada. He was well known in the Kintyre piping scene.'

Bob, a renowned player and tutor, was in Scotland providing commentary for the BBC's live streaming coverage of the World Pipe Band Championships. He came down to Kintyre to pass on the legacy last Tuesday afternoon.

He said: 'Archie's wife, Maura, asked me to find a suitable



Bob Worrall hands over the pipes to Callum McKillop, alongside Ian McKerral, and Archie McGeachy with his treasured pipes. 04_c34bagpipes01/04_c34bagpipes02

kid, and I assumed that'd be in Ontario. But the more I thought about it, I thought these pipes are from Campbelltown, so they should come home.'

'I was very good friends with Archie. He incessantly talked about his homeland and had a huge emotional attachment to the area.'

Archie's pipes, a vintage set of Hendersons, were a gift from a wealthy man back in 1946 after his family could not afford to buy him a set. He went on to receive tutoring from 'Dilly' Wilson, father of the celebrated John Wilson.

After competing in Scotland for many years, both solo and for the Clan MacRae Society

pipe band, he left for Canada in 1966 and joined the General Motors pipe band of Oshawa, Ontario. There he played with Bob and several other well-known players.

In a letter written by his wife Maura to Callum, she said: 'His beloved pipes are now coming home to Campbelltown, and I sincerely hope that you will enjoy playing them as much as he did.'

Callum, fresh from competing at the worlds as the 3A Kintyre Schools pipe band notched third place, said: 'I totally wasn't expecting it and it's a huge honour to keep carrying on the tradition. Of all the folk it could have been, I'm really happy to get them.'



Communities will be given say in how funds are spent

THE decision on how surplus money from CHORD regeneration budgets will be spent is to be left in the hands of Argyll and Bute Council area committees.

Following last week's meeting of the policy and resources committee, members agreed that any funds should be spent in the local area, with decisions on how the money is used being taken by local members.

The Campbelltown projects are now completed and came in well within budget, with a surplus of around £180,000. Similarly, the Helensburgh project finished with £650,000 left over.

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said:

'This decision comes directly from public consultation. People have told us they want more say in what happens in their local communities. We said in February that we would be working on ways to give more power to local areas and we are now delivering on that promise.'

'If there is a surplus when the Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon projects are completed, then the same rules will apply – the local area committees will decide how that money is best used for the benefit of local people. The money will support the original aims of the regeneration programme – improving our towns and creating jobs for the benefit of all.'



Councillor Dick Walsh.

Oban man faces jail for assault

A 24-YEAR-OLD Oban man is facing jail for an assault which broke the victim's jaw and resulted in surgery to insert a metal plate.

David Kyle Bruce, of Rock Haven, Glenmore Road, admitted assaulting the man at Station Road, Oban, by repeatedly punching him on the head, causing him to fall to the ground, and then kicking him on the head to his loss of consciousness and severe injury.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty

told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16, that the man was walking with his girlfriend along Oban sea front to the taxi stand on September 26, 2015, when he was approached by the accused and punched and kicked in the face. Bruce was identified by witnesses at the scene and detained the next day.

Mr McGinty said the complainant suffered 'abrasions and swelling to the forehead and the eye', and 'X rays revealed he had a badly fractured jaw'. Later he

required surgery to insert permanent metal plates.

'The injuries are not permanent, but he suffers pain,' Mr McGinty said.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until October 11 for a criminal justice social work report, and told Bruce: 'All options are open. A period of custody is uppermost in my mind. I do not want you walking away from here thinking you are not facing custody.'

His bail was continued.

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Bright Sparks scheme aims to develop and enhance STEM skills

THE Scottish Government has identified the need to increase the number of young people taking up careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). The STEMNET programme aimed to increase take up by recruiting STEM ambassadors to work with schools.

The Bright Sparks programme aims to develop and enhance STEM skills in Argyll and Bute. Kirsty Jackson-Stark delivers the programme in her role as education and skill development officer and is an approved STEM ambassador working with secondary school pupils across the region. ScottishPower Renewables in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council is funding Kirsty's post for three years from the community benefit fund distributed from ScottishPower Renewables' Beinn an Tuirc windfarm on the Kintyre Peninsula. This funding enables Kirsty to work with young people to:

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Driver is caught on camera

A MAN has been fined £200 and given six penalty points for careless driving near Barcaldine, which was videoed by an off-duty policeman.

Anthony Lyn Harris, of Druimnich, Glenborrodale, Acharacle, admitted driving carelessly on February 22 this year when he overtook a vehicle with a trailer on the A828 near the Scottish Sea Life Sanctuary, past an obscured junction towards a blind left-hand bend, and in the face of oncoming traffic. It caused an oncoming vehicle to take evasive action to avoid a collision.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16, that an off-duty police officer had recorded the incident with a dash-cam fitted on the car.

Harris, a 68-year-old retiree representing himself, told the court he had held a driving licence for 51 years, and Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC acknowledged: 'Your licence is clean.' Sheriff Anderson imposed six penalty points on Harris's driving licence, and a fine of £200.



Caroline Thomson.

Ex-NHS head dies in crash

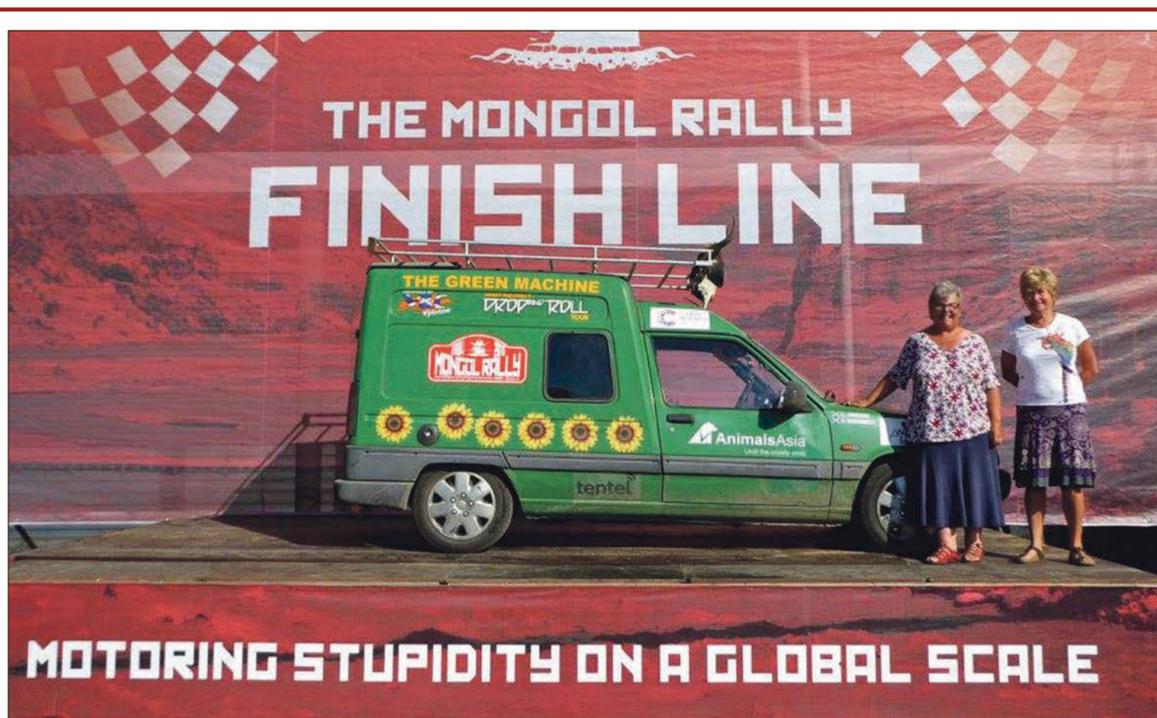
THE FORMER chairwoman of NHS Highland has died in a car crash, her family have said.

Caroline Thomson, OBE, a qualified nurse, chaired the board until 2004.

Her family said: 'We are so sad to have to announce that Caroline died in a car crash on Tuesday night.'

'As well as being a loving wife, mother and grandmother, Caroline was someone who devoted herself to serving the Highland community. She was particularly well known for her time as a board member and chair of NHS Highland and in the charitable sector.'

'We are heartbroken and we know that many of those whose lives she has touched will miss her deeply.'



Final stop: Kay Simpson and Anne MacAskill reach Mongolia after a 10,000-mile adventure.

End of the road for Gallivanting Quines

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THE Gallivanting Quines have completed their 10,000-mile Mongol Rally within a month, raising £7,500 for charity.

Kay Simpson from Oban and Anne MacAskill from Skye finished the race in Ulan-Ude, Siberia, last week in Kay's beloved 22-year-old 1200cc Renault Express van, nicknamed the Green Machine, ornamented by a giant horned yak's skull called Genghis.

The race started at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Saturday July 16, when 300 vintage cars and 800 participants did a lap of honour, and Kay, 70, and Anne, 68, were given awards for being the oldest racers. 'I've never been given an award for being old,' Kay said.

Anne, mum of stunt cyclist Danny MacAskill, posted their adventures on a blog and Facebook page, The Gallivanting Quines, first driving through Belgium on Sunday, Germany and Austria on Monday, across Hungary into Romania on Tuesday, Bulgaria on Wednesday, and Istanbul on Thursday. Anne wrote of Turkey: 'The driving has greatly improved (I don't mean Kay's) since I was last there with her in 1968. We may have hit a brick wall to get into Iran tomorrow as we do not have a carnet de passage. I am getting my goon and scarf ready.'

In Iran, the pair had to share



Anne cooks dinner at the roadside during their marathon rally.

their two-seater van with an official guide, Pouriya. 'We found Iranians charming,' Anne wrote. 'Iran involved a horrendous amount of sleeping policemen. There were plenty of living ones as well stopping us. Kay emerged after three days sitting in the back of the van like the Hunchback of Notre Dame. We got through some tolls without paying - they, like the policemen, were fascinated with Genghis.'

In Turkmenistan they celebrated Anne's 68th birthday on July 29 with a hotel and breakfast but Anne wrote: 'Kay [a retired vet] was worried the warm milk for her tea was from a cow with mastitis, but decided it was just dried stuff. Kay bought a fancy teapot - she needs tea to survive.'

Kay surrendered her unfinished bottle of gin at the Iranian border, and was delighted to restock the wine cellar in Uzbekistan. Her 'amazing driving' through Tashkent's Sunday market crowds, plus a bribe or two, got the pair into Kazakhstan, within 1,700km of the Russian border.

It went across 'endless steppe, horrendous roads', and, Anne wrote, 'the biggest potholes I have seen. We shall not be complaining about Scottish ones any more, even if one ripped my car's tyre before I came away. Kay had to change a fan belt on the van - she can turn her hand to anything.'

In just three weeks, they had reached Russia's border on August 5, but visa troubles delayed them for

a week. At this point they also heard Mongolia was charging rally teams \$4,000 to cross its border. 'We can not and will not pay that,' Anne wrote, but the time did give Kay the chance to put pen to paper. 'We are used to big Hondas, BMWs, Audis overtaking us,' Kay wrote, 'but today Anne's pride was dented when an old, bashed-up Lada overtook us.'

After reaching Russia on August 12, and the finish line in Ulan Ude on August 16, Anne wrote: 'We have travelled 16,705 kms, or 10,380 miles since we left Goodwood plus the 1,384 kms or 860 miles for Kay to get from Oban to Skye to collect me before we travelled south - and we are still on speaking terms.'

The faithful Green Machine was dispatched to Harwich via Estonia, while Kay and Anne flew back to London on Thursday.

However their adventures were far from over. 'Kay managed to lock herself into the bathroom of a Gatwick Airport hotel at about 3am,' wrote Anne. 'Fortunately she had forgotten to remove a Swiss army-style knife from her handbag and a rescue was effected.'

From Glasgow, the pair travelled home by bus, 'probably ready for our own beds', Anne said, 'but what an experience altogether.'

Anne is fundraising for Cancer Research UK and Wings for Life, funding spinal cord injury research projects, while Kay is fundraising for Animals Asia.

Men stole whisky from Tesco and Tyndrum worth thousands of pounds

TWO Lothian men have been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for shoplifting goods worth almost £2,500 from Tesco supermarket in Oban.

Both Kevin Magee, 45, of 30 Deerhill, Broxburn, and 42-year-old Iain Arthurs, who was living at the same address, pleaded guilty to stealing alcohol and groceries from the store at Lochavulin Drive, on July 23.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Oban Sheriff Court last Wednesday (August 17) that police had observed a silver Renault Megane driven by Magee in Oban town centre on July 23, with Arthurs in the back seat and two more passengers.

'Police became suspicious,' Mr McGinty said, and following checks, 'the vehicle was found to be involved in high-value thefts at supermarkets'.

He continued: 'The Renault Megane was found parked outside the Tesco supermarket.'

Officers 'saw both accused loading a large number of items from shopping bags into the back of the vehicle' and, when confronted, Mr McGinty said, 'the accused Magee said: "Fair enough. The motor's full of stuff".'

Mr McGinty continued: 'Arthurs made off, but was detained. The other two were nowhere to be seen.'

'The vehicle was full of premium spirits, mostly malt whiskies. Magee was cautioned and charged. He said: "It's not bad for a day's work".'

Mr McGinty said the goods, worth £2,478 in total, were recovered.

Magee also admitted a further charge of stealing three bottles of whisky from the Green Welly Stop in Tyndrum on July 3. Mr McGinty said Magee was caught on CCTV helping himself to the whisky, worth a total of £1,946, which was not recovered.

Defending Magee, solicitor Alistair Burleigh acknowledged 'there is a record' but added the 45-year-old unemployed steel fixer, by then living on his own, 'is anxious not to lose his private let tenancy. He does provide a lot of support to his wife and daughters'.

Laura McManus, defending Arthurs, asked Sheriff Ruth Anderson to afford him his liberty to comply with an existing drug treatment and testing order (DTTO).

She said: 'He is still stabilising on his DTTO and he has unfortunately become involved in this case on July 23. He has no further need to shoplift because he is on his DTTO.'

Sheriff Anderson said: 'Mr Magee, you have pled to two matters. Mr Arthurs you have pled to one matter. But I see no distinction.'

She sentenced each man to nine months' imprisonment, with Magee's starting on August 17, and Arthurs's backdated to July 25.

Sentence deferred over woman's 'violent behaviour'

AN OBAN woman could face a custodial sentence if she does not stop her 'drunken, violent behaviour'.

At Oban Sheriff court last Tuesday (August 16), Lorna Campbell, 51, was accused of acting in a threatening or abusive manner and causing fear and alarm at her home at 34b Soroba Road, Oban, on the evening of January 24, when she called 999 stating she was in possession of a knife.

Campbell pleaded guilty to the charge. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court she had threatened to hurt herself and police arrived to see her at the window.

Mr McGinty said: 'She said she would jump if police came anywhere near her. She was asked to put down the knife, which she did.'

Campbell was taken to hospital, Mr McGinty continued, but she became aggressive to police officers and ran off before being detained again. She continued to shout and swear.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson asked the court: 'How much has she cost the taxpayer with all her drunken, violent behaviour?'

Defending, Laura McManus said: 'What she really has to do is abstain from alcohol. That is at the root of her offending.'

'Everything has been tried,' Sheriff Anderson said, referring to Campbell's appearances on a 'regular, familiar and expensive basis'.

Sheriff Anderson deferred sentence for two months until October 11, and concluded: 'I am considering a custodial sentence, because somehow this has to stop.'

'You're a drunken nuisance, and you're costing a lot of money to this community.'

Duo damaged cars in drunken fight

TWO men have been handed compensation orders worth £1,266 for damaging two vehicles in a fight.

Twenty-nine-year-old Anouar Ben Said, of 2a Corran Brae, and Kyle McNeill, 18, of 34c Soroba Road, both Oban, admitted wilfully or recklessly destroying or damaging two vehicles while engaged in a fight in the town's Stevenson Street early in the morning of February 22.

McNeill, representing himself, acknowledged he was as drunk as Said but offered to pay more than 50 per cent of the damages. 'You're paying 50 per cent,' Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC replied: 'I'm making no distinction.'

Sheriff Anderson ordered Said and McNeill to each £633 for the damage to both vehicles. Both men were admonished of a further charge.

Said, who his defence agent Laura McManus said was a restaurant employee and a first-time offender, was also fined £100 for having an offensive weapon with him, namely a belt. Sheriff Anderson had reduced the fine from £150 after hearing that Said had pleaded guilty at the first opportunity.

Sheriff Anderson asked the pair: 'Do you really think this is time to stop drinking, if this is how you behave? It is very expensive.'

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Residents slam developments

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RESIDENTS and neighbours in the Glenshellach area of Oban say the density of housing and people with very few amenities is a 'deviation from Argyll and Bute Council's local plan'. But Argyll and Bute Council said the number of houses were in the housing allocation as part of the development of the area. Residents approached *The Oban Times* saying they had believed they had bought or rented their 'forever' homes but as the rate of development in the area continues they now believe it is more densely-packed than the guidelines laid down in both

Scottish Government legislation and in the local plan. Robert MacLean, who rents a home on the estate, said: 'I moved down here into a small house and I was delighted to be in the midst of all these new homes. But as time has gone on, I have stopped living in the country and started living in the middle of a tightly-packed estate. 'I suppose the traffic zooming through the area has also caused problems.' Mr MacLean was referring to traffic rerouted through the estate rather than using the top road which was blocked off with large stones some months ago. Another person, who didn't

want to be named, said: 'Houses in this area were limited to one-and-a-half storeys, as is the general condition throughout the area. 'All of a sudden the spaces for houses have now turned into a place for flats that will dominate the landscape and overlook our houses. It seems developers are able to do what they like. To me, it seems that what we have on this side of the road is becoming as densely-packed as the other side of the road in Soroba. 'The area at Glenshellach is of outstanding natural beauty on a landscape only available once. That landscape is slowly being eroded.' A spokesman for Argyll and

Bute Council said: 'A housing needs analysis was carried out and the results showed that more housing is needed in the Oban and Lorn area. As a result, the local development plan (LDP) identified areas throughout Oban and Lorn for housing development, two of which are in this part of Glenshellach. 'The LDP provides indicative figures of 11 properties in one of these areas and 90 in the other. The council has since received two planning applications for developments in these locations. The first application is for 18 properties – seven over what is identified in the LDP. The second application is for 24 flats; 78 have had planning

permission granted – this would result in an increase of 12. 'The housing provision numbers are indicative and in appropriate circumstances may be varied at the discretion of the planning authority. 'It is important that people are aware that no decisions have been made and these applications will be subject to our vigorous planning procedures. It is also vital that people know they can have their say on the applications and make their views heard.' Alastair McGregor, chief executive of ACHA, the organisation making the application for housing, said: 'ACHA has built 40 homes for affordable

rent in Glenshellach and we are currently building a further 17. 'The area is zoned for housing development and ACHA is committed to building new homes to meet the pressing housing need in Oban at the present time. The association does not believe its proposals put pressure on amenities or create unreasonable levels of density. The association submits planning applications which we believe are consistent with the local plan, including any reasonable amendments. 'Oban's people need accessible, affordable housing and the association will continue with its partners, Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government, to deliver this.'

£500,000 to keep roads open

AN EXTRA £500,000 has been made available for winter maintenance to keep 'roads moving' around Argyll and Bute. The extra cash was agreed at a recent meeting of the environment and resources committee when the winter maintenance arrangements were agreed for 2016/2017. Councillor Ellen Morton said: 'Despite the financial challenges the council faces, we recognise that winter maintenance is a vital service which is why we have, as we did last year, made an extra £500,000 available, meaning we have a budget of around £1,650,000 to keep Argyll and Bute moving during the winter months. 'With a robust winter maintenance policy again in place, a fleet of 40 vehicles, a salt stockpile approaching 15,000 tonnes and 12 road surface and weather monitoring stations, Argyll and Bute Council will be ready for winter. 'When freezing conditions are forecast, there are 31 priority routes which are pre-treated, or just over 750 miles of the road network - roughly equivalent to driving from Lochgilphead to Paris.'

New athletics event is off and running

OBAN'S first free weekly 5km Parkrun started on Saturday morning, with 90 runners from as far as Fife running from Ganavan Sands to Dunbeg. Parkrun, an international initiative, delivers parkland runs at around 800 locations in 11 countries every weekend, with more than two million registered runners worldwide. The run's aim is to improve health, fitness and well-being, and are coordinated by local volunteers, for runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities. The Ganavan Sands Parkrun will start at 9.30am every Saturday, and be timed so runners can view their results. Participants can register online on the Parkrun website, via the Ganavan Sands Parkrun page, and will be issued with a barcode, which they will need to bring with them to be timed on the day.



Some of the many runners who took part in Oban's first Parkrun.

The Ganavan Sands Parkrun's event director, Doreen Henderson, said: 'It's a run and not a race, and it is totally inclusive. The Parkruns have been really successful in other areas of the UK and we are really excited about starting this in Oban. Already 50

people have signed up to take part in the weekly runs, which is great news, and this cash from Scottish Sea Farms is helping to make it all possible. 'We were delighted to have 90 runners at the first run on Saturday August 20. A couple had driven from

Fife to run, a couple from Dundee came to Oban for their anniversary because of the run, and two families spent the weekend camping in order to run. We were amazed.' Ms Henderson thanked sponsors for funding the £3,000 start-up costs, in-

cluding the charity Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD), Oban Common Good Fund, West Highland Housing Association and Scottish Sea Farms, as well as Dunstaffnage Estate for letting runners use the path on its land.

Islay centre correction

IN LAST week's *Oban Times*, it was reported that community activists were swimming to raise money for the Mactaggart Leisure Centre on Islay because it had 'become run down and things aren't working as they once did'. In fact, the centre was completely refurbished to a very high standard between 2010 and 2012 thanks to £750,000 in funding. We apologise for the error.

Lewis, eight, rides 40 miles to help sick kids

LOOK out for Lewis and Kevin MacCuish on their bikes if you are travelling between North Connel and Fort William on Saturday. Eight-year-old Lewis plans to complete the 40-mile sponsored cycle with his dad Kevin on August 27 to raise money for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity 'because I want to help sick boys and girls from Scotland', he said. 'I was inspired by a boy I know who is battling cancer, and I wanted to do something to help people like him get better,' the Lochnell Primary School pupil wrote on his JustGiving fundraising page,

called 'Lewis cycles 40 miles'. 'I've been told that 40 miles is far for an eight-year-old to cycle, but I know I can do it with the help of my dad and all the kind people sponsoring me to complete it. Let's do it!' Lewis's page had raised £390 in its first two days, and he has raised a further £400 on a sponsorship form. 'It's a hell of a trek for him,' said mum Nicola, 'but he's a very fit wee boy. He's very excited - he can't wait.' One sponsor posted: 'What a wee star, good luck and enjoy it. Your old man will be puffin behind you so let him keep up!'



Gordon McNab, chairman of Rockfield plans, reviewing the sketches. 17_135rockfield2

Dream comes a step closer

A PUBLIC consultation saw the dreams of a community centre in the heart of Oban take one more step closer to becoming reality when drawings and other plans were revealed to the town last Saturday. Oban Communities Trust, which officially took over ownership of the former Rockfield Primary School in May 2015, has been working with architects to develop the space in the centre of the town.

Drunk pensioner is banned

A 67-YEAR-OLD Kilmore man found to be three times over the drink-driving limit has been fined and disqualified from the road. Police approached Francis Flannigan, of Kilmore, driving a car at 1.25am on June 25 on an unclassified public road between the A816 and the Barn Bar, Ledaig. Relaying the facts of the case, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16: 'The accused said he was giving his friend a

lift. Police smelled alcohol on his breath. He failed a breath test.' Flannigan was measured to have had 68 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, which exceeded the prescribed limit of 22 microgrammes per 100 millilitres. Asked if he had anything to say, Flannigan, representing himself, replied: 'I was very foolish.' Sheriff Ruth Anderson disqualified Flannigan from driving for 15 months, and imposed a fine of £200.

The famous 99p sale at Gordons Chemists



THE FAMOUS 99p sale is on again at your local Gordons Chemists with hundreds of your favourite top brand products flying off the shelves at just 99p. If money's a little too tight to mention at the moment, you can go on a spending spree at Gordons Chemists and still have change from a pound on all their 99p sale items. If you're styling your hair for a night on the town, you can hold your style in place with Fructis hairspray, and Herbal Essences shampoo and conditioner are perfect for giving your hair vibrancy, moisture and shine. Our baby range includes Johnson's Baby Powder and Pampers baby wipes at just 99p. We have a large household range of 99p products as well, including Parozone Bleach and Harpic Powerplus. Sanmex Fly and Wasp Killer is also only 99p. Sure Antiperspirant 75ml and L'Oreal Men Expert Deodorant 150ml are also less than a pound and so too are Nivea's 3in1 Gentle Cleansing Wipes. Not forgetting the sensitive shavers among us - Gillette's foam for sensitive skin takes the chore out of shaving with this bargain price. With nine stores across Scotland, the leading independent pharmacy chain is on your doorstep and you can also shop online at www.gordonsdirect.com. Become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gordonsdirect and follow us on Twitter @gordonsdirect.

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TAYNUILT pupil Megan Day has been crowned the Rotary Club of Oban's Young Speaker after winning its annual competition.

This event is open to primary six and seven pupils, and 13 youngsters took part representing Dunbeg, Lochnell, Rockfield, St Columba's and Taynuilt Primary Schools.

The young speakers are judged by members of Oban Speakers' Club and it was generally agreed that the standard was as high as in previous years, with the participants giving very good and, in some cases, exceptional presentations over a wide-ranging list of subjects.

Winner Megan spoke on 'The International Space Station and Tim Peake', with Murray Scott from Lochnell in second place talking about 'Refugees'. In third place was Sophie Houston, also representing Taynuilt, who spoke on the subject of the 'Zika Virus'.

In addition to the winners being awarded monetary prizes, all participants received a Rotary Dictionary for Life together with a personalised certificate confirming their participation in the event.

The evening was brought to a close by complimentary comments from the event organiser, Rotarian Iain MacIntyre, followed by Rotary president Ken Moncrieff.

Mallaig

EARLY bird tickets are now available for this year's Mallaig Festival.

The specially-priced weekend tickets for Fèis na Mara 2016 will be on sale until August 27 and are available by either visiting www.feis-na-mara.com or from either the Cornerstone, Steam Inn or West Highland Hotel in the village centre.

The festival will take place from October 7-9 and will feature traditional and modern Scottish music from bands, including the League of Highland Gentlemen and Federation of the Disco Pimp.

There will also be a number of ceilidhs being held for all the family during the festival at various locations around the Mallaig area.

Along with tickets, hoodies and T-shirts are available to pre-order on the Fèis na Mara website for a discounted rate.

North Uist

THE FIRST phase of the new North Uist school, Sgoil Uibhist a' Tuath, has been completed.

Contractors Robertson Group finished the work on time, on budget and to a 'high standard', with the building opening on August 15.

The school, which can accommodate up to 100 pupils, is set to cost just under £9.9 million, made up of £2.2 million from the Scottish Government and £6.6 million from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Councillor Catriona Stewart, chairwoman of education and children's services, said: 'I am delighted that this phase of the project has been completed. We are confident that staff and children will benefit from this excellent education facility which provides childcare, early years and primary education to the North Uist community in partnership with Saoghal Beag Nursery.'

It is also intended that the school will be a resource for community activities.

The official opening ceremony will be held later this year.

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COLL Community Centre, AN CRIDHE, is hosting a coffee morning this Saturday (August 27) between 10am and noon and a strawberry tea on Sunday (August 28). The time for the latter event is to be confirmed.

The events are being held to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Care.

Come along to eat cakes and join in with prize-winning activities on the Saturday morning or join fundraisers for something more sophisticated (adults only) on the Sunday.

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The making of *Singing for the Sea* on the coast of Sugar Sands, Northumberland, in 1993. Photograph: Artangel

Skye set to display new maritime artwork on loan from London

ATLAS Arts, which is based on Skye, has joined up with a London-based arts organisation to bring new artwork to the island.

The Artangel Collection at Tate will be on the island to show its film work from until October 1.

Presented in the unique setting of the sailing club in Portree, *Singing for the Sea* is a film installation by internationally-acclaimed artist Bethan Huws. It documents a group of eight female Bulgarian singers performing traditional songs on Sugar Sands,

Northumberland, on the edge of the North Sea.

The film was co-commissioned by Artangel in 1993 and now Artangel has collaborated with ATLAS Arts to bring the work to Skye as part of a broader project, *A Work for the North Atlantic*.

In addition to the film screening, *A Work for the North Atlantic* will encompass a newly commissioned artwork that will draw inspiration from the original film and its relocation to the Isle of Skye. Director of ATLAS Arts Emma

Nicolson said: 'We are thrilled to be collaborating with Artangel on this very special project.'

'Bethan Huws has been working internationally for the past 20 years so it is exciting for us to bring her work to Skye.'

Phoebe James, collection coordinator at Artangel, added: 'This is the first time an Artangel project has been shown on the Isle of Skye and we are very excited that *Singing for the Sea* will be seen by a new audience and opened up to fresh interpretation.'

Inn aims to boost green credentials

Arisaig

A SOUND of Arisaig business has been shortlisted in the VIBES 2016 awards.

Glenug Inn hopes to secure a win in both the management SME and micro-business award categories in recognition of its strong commitment to the environment.

The inn already holds a gold status from the Green Tourism Business Scheme and is described as Scotland's exemplar green inn.

Steve Macfarlane, director of Glenug Inn, said: 'It's always a challenge to do the right thing for the environment and even more so when we have to provide excellence in all we do for all our guests. We are delighted to have been shortlisted for VIBES 2016.'



The Glenug Inn, on the Sound of Arisaig, has been shortlisted for a VIBE award.



Members of Oban Pipe Band and the High School Pipe Band receiving their cheques from Oban Commercial Lodge members. 15_T35 Pipe Bands cheque

Lodge cash is music to Oban pipe bands' ears

OBAN Pipe Band and High School Pipe Band received a £250 donation each from Oban Commercial Lodge. The money will go towards the essential running costs for the bands, as they tour and compete this games season.

Oban High School Pipe Band's Nan Johnston thanked their sponsors, and explained where the money is needed.

She said: 'It's not just the equipment, such as uniforms, reeds, drones and drum skins - these are

just the visible things - but the administration costs too, such as travel. We have seven or eight competitions throughout the year, and it's £600 to £650 for a bus each time.'

Glynis Dewar, who helps run Oban Pipe Band, said: 'It'll be a big help to go towards the travel costs.'

'We do fundraising - soup lunches and quiz nights and we get donations, but it's a struggle.'

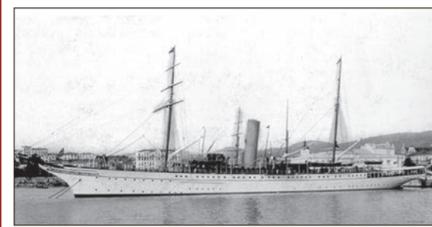
Her husband Alisdair, the pipe band's treasurer, added: 'We need around

£3,000 each year for travel alone, and that's not taking into account paying for the uniforms. Every donation is very welcome. Both bands are extremely grateful to the community for their support.'

The masonic lodge's junior warden Archie MacCulloch added: 'The pipe bands are a huge asset for the town. It's a worthwhile cause.'

Both Oban bands will be performing at the Cowal Highland Gathering from today (Thursday, August 25) until Saturday.

MORVERN lines



The 1,740-ton steam yacht *Nahma*. Photograph courtesy of G.L. Watson.

Floating palaces in Oban Bay

THIS summer many wonderful yachts have been seen passing through the Sound of Mull and at anchor around our coastline. I don't know which has been the most attractive but *Eos*, a three-masted Bermuda-rigged schooner and one of the largest private sailing yachts in the world, was definitely in a class of its own. I doubt, however, if she could match the *Nahma*, which spent several days in Oban Bay in the summer of 1900.

Termed at the time as the largest privately-owned steam yacht that had visited Oban, the *Nahma* belonged to Louise Goelet, widow of Robert Goelet (1841-1889), an American heir and businessman and a member of the prestigious New York Yacht Club.

The *Nahma* (Yard No 300) was designed by the renowned Scottish naval architect George Lennox Watson and built in 1897 by the Clydebank Engineering and Shipping Company. It is interesting to note that for all the USA's power and might at the beginning of the 20th century, her wealthy entrepreneurs were coming across to Scotland to have their floating palaces designed and built, saying much for the reputation the Clyde yards once enjoyed worldwide.

The *Nahma's* dimensions were 288.8ft in length, 37.7ft in breadth and 17.7ft deep. Her gross registered tonnage was 1,740. She had triple expansion, 4,250 horse-power, surface condensing engines giving her an overall speed of 17 knots. Her bunkers held about 600 tons of coal, which was just as well as she consumed upwards of 65 tons in a day's steaming. She carried a crew of 64.



One of *Nahma's* luxury cabins. Photograph courtesy of G.L. Watson.

During her stay in Oban, she was commanded by a Captain Harvey. Her chief engineer was an Oban boy, John Munro. He had no fewer than 24 assistants in the engine room, comprising four engineers, a boiler-maker, two electricians and 17 firemen [stokers]. The yacht had twin propellers with four main engines and 24 other engines, including an ice-making machine, where, it was said, ice and snow could be made even although the temperature in the engine room was over 100 degrees.

The chief steward was a James MacFarlane, also belonging to Argyll, and a number of the crew were Gaelic-speaking.

During the time the yacht spent at anchor in Oban Bay, Mrs Goelet and her son and daughter visited Dunstaffnage and Dunollie castles as well several other well-known local sights. The *Nahma* was eventually scrapped in 1930 in Natal, South Africa.

Another outstanding yacht which visited Oban in 1900 was the *Erin*, belonging to Sir Thomas Lipton, founder of the famous household store and Lipton's tea. A self-made man, merchant and yachtsman, he was often referred to as 'the King's grocer' on account of his friendship with King Edward VII and King George V, who both shared their interest in yachting with Lipton and enjoyed his company.

Built by Messrs Scott and Co at Greenock in 1896, the *Erin* had a length of 264ft, by 31 feet beam, with a depth of 18.5ft. She weighed 1,242 tons and was classed 100 A1 at Lloyds.

Her engines produced 2,500hp, and there were two boilers. Her onboard equipment also included refrigerating machinery and electric light. She had a crew of 60, commanded by a Captain Matthews. There were 11 state rooms on the *Erin* - dining-room, drawing-room, music room, smoking-room, business-room and so on - all of them luxuriously fitted and furnished by the famous Scottish cabinet-makers Wylie and Lochhead of Glasgow. Many of their walls were covered in beautifully designed silk.

In the drawing-room, a spacious apartment with a graceful dome of coloured glass, there were a number of objects of unique interest. One of these was a piece of silver plate associated with Lord Nelson of Trafalgar and gifted to Sir Thomas by the town of Portsmouth. Another was a large silver vase presented to Sir Thomas by his guests who were aboard his other yacht, the *Shamrock*, when she competed against the *Columbia* for the Americas Cup race in 1899. Round the walls were signed photographs of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Despite the *Erin's* opulent interior, during his brief holiday in Oban, Sir Thomas lodged at the Great Western Hotel on the Esplanade.

For many decades *The Oban Times* carried lists of yachts anchoring overnight in the bay during the summer season. Is there no-one locally interested in doing so again? It would make a fascinating historical record in the years to come.

Donald Sutherland, author of a lovely book, *Butt and Ben - A Highland Boyhood*, now sadly out of print, had this to say about regatta week in Oban in 1900: 'They [the 30 or 40 yachts in the bay] were all illuminated, and the fireworks were something worth seeing. Outside the bay, off the north end of the island of Kerrera, half a dozen battleships of the Channel Squadron lay at anchor contributing their own dinners, dances and searchlight displays. Today [1963] such a show might be found at Monte Carlo, but nowhere else in Europe.'

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Community rallies to help after death in A82 tragedy

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COMMUNITY spirit and a big helping of generosity brought Fort William together last week on a 'sad day for the town'. 'Good old Highland hospitality at it's very best,' were the words of Mairi MacDonald, who took to Facebook to praise the town's community spirit following a serious road traffic collision on Thursday (August 18) which closed the A82.

The accident involving a cyclist and a lorry happened around 5.15pm at the entrance to Jewson, and closed the main Fort William to Inverness road for almost seven hours.

The 58-year-old cyclist from the Czech Republic, who was on holiday in the area, died after sustaining serious injuries in the rush-hour accident.

Police Scotland said: 'We have full details of the lorry and driver. It was a Volvo heavy goods vehicle, not local to the area. A report of the circumstances has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

With traffic tailed back to the roundabout at Morrisons, the town pulled together to help those stranded in their cars.

The Nevis Centre stayed open, allowing people to use its facilities while the road remained closed.

Kenny McLaughlin, Nevis Centre manager, said: 'Our duty manager, Theresa MacDougall, called me around 9.20pm to say that the centre had been busy and suggested we keep it open for people who were stuck in their cars.'



The road was closed for around seven hours following the death of a cyclist after a collision with a lorry.

'Theresa, along with customer care assistant Kayleigh Gordon and bowling technician Jamie Doherty, offered to stay and work to keep the centre open. The guys put out free tea and coffee for people and said they would keep going until the milk ran out.'

'We stayed open until about 12.40am and a lot of people came in. It was really good of the guys who were working to stay to help the community like that.'

Dedicated ferry staff also

stayed on late to keep the Corran Ferry going.

A Highland Council spokeswoman said: 'We were still very busy at 9.15pm so decided to keep the ferry running until the road was reopened. Normally the last crossing is made at 10pm.'

'The ferry foreman, Donald Dixon, and crew members Allan McCowan, George Maitland and Steven Munro agreed this was the right thing to do in the circumstances. The boat was kept busy up until around 1am

when the road was re-opened.' Lochaber councillor Allan Henderson, chairman of the community services committee, praised the crew. He said: 'I'd like to thank the team for responding so quickly. Their efforts positively reflect their dedication to service delivery.'

Speeders Cabs were also on hand to try to help people get home.

Owner of the taxi company, Colin MacLean, told *The Oban Times*: 'We ran people along the back road at Inverlochty to the

green bridge and we had a taxi waiting at the other side to take them into Caol and one the opposite way but we only managed that a few times before the back road got blocked.'

'In the evening we managed to get one car operating in the town area.'

'It wasn't a huge help but we tried to provide as good a service as we could.'

A 54-year-old care worker from Ardgour, Dee Sunshine, joined the queue of traffic at around 9.45pm at the round-

bout near Morrisons. He said: 'I was trying to get to Caol for work on Thursday. The patient I was trying to reach is blind and has mobility problems so he needs care during the night.'

'When I joined the queue I had no idea what was going on so I called work to say I was stuck. They told me there had been an accident and that the road was likely to be closed for a few hours, so said to head home. I didn't get home until 11.45pm but thankfully we managed to get someone else out to my patient.'

'I thought to myself that someone should do something about the fact there is only one road in and out of the town, but people always say that so I just decided I would do it myself.'

Mr Sunshine decided to start a petition to build an alternative route from Fort William to Caol, Corpach and Banavie to ease the pressure of traffic through the roundabout at the A82-A830 junction from Fort William to Mallaig and Inverness.

'I got the petition off the ground and now I want to let people know about it so we can do something about this absolutely ridiculous situation.'

Within a few hours there were hundreds of signatures, and after just two days more than 1,000 people had signed.

Mr Sunshine said: 'I hope to reach about 5,000. I think then the Scottish Government will get involved.'

The petition can be signed by going to <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/build-a-road-from-fort-william-to-caol>.

TIMESLINE

Man faces trial over house fire

A MAN charged with attempting to burn down a house while its residents were inside will stand trial in the High Court next month. The incident is alleged to have taken place in Mallaig on October 27/28, 2015, and the man in question appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court in November last year. The Crown Office confirmed the case is scheduled for trial on September 28 at the High Court in Glasgow.

Sun shines on Glenfinnan games

VISITORS to the 2016 Glenfinnan Gathering were wished a 'memorable and imaginative day'.

Chieftain David Sedgewick said this as he opened the games, which took place last Saturday.

Dr Sedgewick also encouraged all of the more than 1,700 attendees to get involved in the various activities and enjoy themselves.

Full report, results and pictures on page 15.

New service for building standards

PEOPLE submitting building standards applications to the Highland Council will benefit from a new improvement to the council's digital service.

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West Coast shines at Food Awards Scotland

THE best in Scotland's food industry have been recognised. Last week saw a gathering of people representing various businesses come together in a celebration of the food industry. The Crowne Plaza, Glasgow, played host to the black tie celebration, which took place on August 15.

The awards celebrated and rewarded the very best in the Scottish food industry. Based on a public vote, the awards commend the talented individuals and businesses dedicated in delivering constant professionalism, amazing service and fantastic food to their customers. The Food Awards Scotland have been successful in the past and from

this success Creative Oceanic have also launched the Food Awards England, Food Awards Wales, Food Awards London and Food Awards Northern Ireland.

The ceremony welcomed more than 300 guests from across Scotland and was hosted by radio personality Gina McKie. With many accolades to be presented, ranged from Best Indian Establishment, Fresh Produce Provider of the Year and Meat Supplier of the Year to the much sought-after Restaurant of the Year.

Irfan Younis, of event organisers Creative Oceanic, commented: 'This is the third time that this ceremony has taken place in Scotland and it

was amazing to see so many people come out to support the nominees. The food industry is showing great signs of growth in Scotland, with some amazing food places being opened throughout Scotland over this past year. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners.'

There were four winners in the Argyll and Lochaber areas. Fresh Produce Provider of the Year went to JM Breckenridge (Oban); Hotel Restaurant of the Year, Central, and overall winner went to Stonefield Castle Hotel (Tarbert); Restaurant of the Year, North, went to The Laroach Restaurant and Bar (Ballachulish); Restaurant of the Year, Central, went to Hawthorn Restaurant (Benderloch).

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STONEFIELD CASTLE

Stonefield Castle has brought home to Tarbert the coveted Scottish Hotel Restaurant of the Year for the second year running, at the 2016 Food Awards Scotland. Anne MacDonald, Stonefield's general manager, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to retain our title for a second year. Praise must go to the entire Stonefield team who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards we have set ourselves. Head chef Peter Carey leads by example, and has a passion for food especially the wonderful local produce available on our doorstep.' The 36 room hotel and AA Rosette restaurant was also voted Top Castle Wedding Venue for Great Britain and Ireland 2015.

THE LAROCH RESTAURANT & BAR

This year's winner of Food Awards Scotland's Restaurant of the Year, North, is the Laroach Restaurant and Bar in Ballachulish on the shores of Loch Leven, just off the A82 and near historical Glencoe. Directors Trish Whyte and Allan Donald opened the family business in July 2015. Michelin Star chef Allan, previously a chef at a private members club in St Andrews, said: 'I'm delighted at winning the award. This recognition shows the hard work and dedication all the staff provide. As a main hub of the community, our aim is to provide a well-rounded product for families, and local, seasonal produce at its best.'

JM BRECKENRIDGE

The Scottish Food Award for Fresh Produce Provider of the Year has been won for the second time in a row by Oban's JM Breckenridge, run by the McDonald family, which has supplied quality, competitively priced fresh produce such as fruit and vegetables, herbs and dairy to the West of Scotland and the Highlands and Islands for 40 years. Building on its success, JM Breckenridge intends to grow its business in the Cowal and Dunoon area, and win the award for three years on the trot – the first company ever to do so – true to the company's motto, 'quality counts'.

I do, I do, I do, I do

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NOT EVEN the bad weather could dampen Anne Lamont's spirits as she married husband Billy for a second time.

'We couldn't have picked a worse day for it weather wise, but we were on top of the world - and nothing could have ruined it,' Mrs Lamont, 69, told *The Oban Times*.

Married for the first time in 1999, the Fort William couple's relationship broke down after five years as a result of Billy's drinking problem.

Mrs Lamont said: 'The first time round I just couldn't cope with Billy's drinking and I knew the only way to help was to separate.'

But, earlier this month, the couple rekindled their marriage with Mrs Lamont saying the day 'was lovely - I actually enjoyed it better than first one'.

The couple got back together in 2013 after years of separation, although they never lost touch.

Mrs Lamont said: 'I would go round to Billy's to check in on him and he would come round here, and we started going



Anne and Billy Lamont on their wedding day. The couple were married in the registry office Fort William on Friday August 12 - the second time they have been married. Anthony MacMillan Photography

out again in 2013.' But things quickly changed for the pair, when Mr Lamont was rushed to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness with a life-threatening condi-

tion. Mr Lamont, 75, said: 'My kidneys were failing and I had a problem with my heart.'

'My whole body was swollen as I had 11 litres of fluid inside

me. The doctors told me that I wouldn't make it through the night and I thought that was it. Anne stayed by my side the whole time, and that's when I

realised I had to propose - it was now or never.'

Mrs Lamont said: 'The doctors told me that it was touch and go, I hadn't realised how bad things

really were. So the next day my daughter and I went to the jeweller's and bought a ring.

'We brought it back, my daughter gave it to Billy and he proposed in front of all the nurses, and my daughter videoed the whole thing - it was great.'

Mr Lamont said: 'I wasn't sure I was going to make it so I basically proposed on my death bed. But I did, and I was out of Raigmore three weeks later.'

Mr and Mrs Lamont were married at the registry office in Fort William on August 12, and celebrated in the West End Hotel with 16 close friends and family.

Mrs Lamont said: 'My brother and his wife came from Glasgow to the wedding, and he gave me away, while my other brother was the best man and my daughter was my bridesmaid.'

Now back together in their house in Caol, the couple hope to eventually have a honeymoon abroad. Mrs Lamont said: 'We have an 11-year-old dog and we can't leave her, but once we get things sorted out we will go somewhere. We keep saying it would be great to get abroad so hopefully we can.'

TIMESLINE

Resurfacing work planned for A82

RESURFACING work began on a stretch on the A82 on Tuesday August 23.

A 1.2km section of the road near Auch Farm, north of Tyndrum, will benefit from £200,000 worth of improvements.

The work will take place between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. No work is scheduled for the weekends.

During working hours, a convoy system will be in use for the safety of road workers and motorists but this will be removed out of hours.

BEAR Scotland has said a 30mph speed limit will be implemented outwith working hours as drivers will be travelling over a temporary road surface.

Private road plan lodged at council

PLANS for a new private road for forest operations in Torlundy have been submitted to the Highland Council.

The construction of a 856-metre-long way will divert forestry traffic around the outside of Dornie Quarry.

The council received the application at the start of the month, but a decision is still waiting to be made on whether the road will be given the go ahead.

Council discusses congestion issue

WORSENING congestion on the A82 through Fort William has been discussed at a recent Highland Council business meeting.

It was said that 'strong concerns were expressed about the considerable queues of traffic building on the A82 to the north of the town, sometimes reaching to Torlundy' during the meeting on August 8.

A number of possible reasons for the queues were considered, including a seasonal increase in traffic, impact of new roundabout at Inverloch and delays being caused by HGVs at Nevis Bridge.

An urgent meeting with Transport Scotland and Bear Scotland has been arranged for September 19.

Police appeal for help after theft

POLICE in Fort William are appealing for information after a quantity of cabling was taken from a new school.

The materials were removed from Caol Primary site sometime between Tuesday August 9 and Monday August 15.

Anyone with information is urged to call 101 or go online at crimestoppers-uk.org or to call anonymously to 0800 555 111.

Butterflies make touching tribute to lost babies

BUTTERFLIES were released in Lochaber in memory of babies that families could not take home.

Specially-bred painted lady butterflies were set free in a poignant service organised by SiMBA last Saturday (August 20).

SiMBA works throughout the UK supporting families and friends who have been affected by the loss of a baby before, during or after the birth.

The event in Glen Nevis marked the second of eight releases designed to help bereaved families deal with their loss.

Susan Simpson, a Highlands ambassador for the charity, explained: 'The families who gathered together in mutual understanding shared their stories, shed tears and expressed awe and wonder at these magnificent creatures who awoke from hibernation in their boxes to fly off to a new life in the flora and fauna of Glen Nevis.'

According to Susan, the butterflies will spend the next few weeks in Glen Nevis before embarking on a migration to tropical Africa, taking with them the love of each family member who released them.

She added that scientific studies using radar have revealed that these tiny, fragile-looking creatures will travel an incredible 9,000 miles to make the return journey to Glen Nevis next year.

Leah Whyte, who runs the support group Lochaber for SiMBA, was also at the release. Leah got involved with the charity after losing her second child, Isya, last March.



Leah Whyte, SiMBA facilitator in Lochaber, and her son Yusuf with one of the painted lady butterflies. Pictures Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

She said: 'Saturday was a very sad day but a very helpful day. There were about 32 people who came, the sun shone and it was perfect. Hopefully, a lot of these people will be able to come to the groups and get continued support if they feel they need it.'

Leah, who also has a son called Yusuf, said she has had a lot of people messaging her about the

support group but saying they can't make it or don't feel ready to attend yet.

The 35-year-old added: 'I know what goes on at the meeting but a lot of people are unsure if they are going to meet a neighbour or someone they work with. I just need people to know that what happens at the group is confidential.'

'Sometimes we just sit and have coffee and talk

about our week but we do it through a mutual understanding.'

'I have a bond with these people in that our babies share the same cemetery. It's not a position I ever thought I would be in but I do believe we can help each other.'

SiMBA meets from 7pm to 9pm at the Hub on the third Monday of each month.



IN BRIEF

Series of lectures celebrates history

CELEBRATE local history by attending a series of informative talks in Fort William.

The Lochaber Local History Society will host talks and lectures at the Ben Nevis Hotel. This season there will be eight talks and speakers include Alasdair Roberts, Beryl Austin, Mick Tighe, Jim Lee, Richard Sidgwick and Dick Alderson.

Iain Rose will open the event on Thursday September 1, speaking about his researches into the court records of Fort William.

A season ticket for all the talks can be purchased and single tickets to attend each meeting are also available. The event will start at 8pm.

New bid to save swimming pool

A CRUCIAL meeting to discuss funding to help save a Lochaber swimming pool took place this week.

The Highland Council's resource committee met to decide the fate of an application by Mallaig Leisure Centre for £275,000. The centre has reached out to a number of organisations for funding of £1.1 million for the refurbishment and replacement of equipment which would enable it to continue as a community resource. See *The Oban Times* next week for a full report.

Action is urged to improve rural broadband connections

A CALL has been made for action to improve broadband connection speeds in the Highlands and Islands.

The area's Labour MSP, and her party's rural economy and connectivity spokesperson, Rhoda Grant, has said Audit Scotland's 'Superfast broadband for Scotland' progress update report published last week shows 'no surprises in the north'.

The report indicates that six council areas in Scotland are still to reach the target of 75 per cent coverage (70 per cent for the Western Isles due to remoteness and terrain). Five of these areas are within the Highlands and Islands, with Highland, Argyll and Bute,

Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles all behind on the target.

Commercial coverage in the north is limited and the report showed that mostly easy-to-reach areas have been the focus so far, again leaving many Highlands and Islands areas behind and requiring more complicated and expensive solutions.

Ms Grant said: 'The report highlights that speeds received in the north fall far below the average speed of 24mb/s, with around half of premises in the three islands council areas unable to receive 10mb/s. Some of my constituents would jump for joy if they were able to access anywhere near these speeds.'

'Of course concentrating on the easier-to-reach areas will show the projects are delivering well. The challenge for the government is now, and always has been, how it is going to deliver to Scotland's harder-to-reach areas.'

Ms Grant added: 'I am meeting Fergus Ewing, the cabinet secretary responsible for connectivity, next month and will be asking for these figures to be broken down within regions so we can see where the concentration of effort is producing results and where needs much greater attention. More focus also needs to be placed on community projects and Community Broadband Scotland's role within this.'

£8,000 cheat is fined just £100

A MAN who falsely claimed more than £8,000 in benefits was handed a fine of just £100.

Neil Holland Williams, from Keepers Cottage, Inverlair, Roy Bridge, received £8,160.15 from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) which he wasn't entitled to.

The 54-year-old appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court last Tuesday August 16 and pleaded guilty to failing to notify the DWP of a change in circumstances, particularly of his employment with Edinburgh Woollen Mills.

Representing himself, Williams told the court he had been suffering from health issues in 2014 which had left him

and his family in financial ruin and that he had applied for 'every benefit going' without success.

It wasn't until some time later that he received the funds from the DWP and that there was some confusion as to what he was entitled to, which prevented him from letting them know he was working.

The court also heard that Williams is now in different employment and has set up a payback order to the DWP for £30 per month.

Sheriff Ian Duguid questioned Williams on whether this was accepted by the DWP as it would mean he'd potentially be paying them back for the next 20 years at least.

Williams responded by saying yes and added: 'The best thing for me is to be in employment so I can pay everything back I owe.'

Williams also told the court this was his first offence and that he was an honest man.

Sheriff Duguid told Williams: 'The most significant part of this situation is that the taxpayer is reimbursed for the money that was taken from them.'

Sheriff Duguid stressed that ordinarily he would have fined Williams £150 but because he pleaded guilty he was entitled to a discount and brought the total fine down to £100.

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Last week more than half of council members in Argyll and Bute sat on their hands and voted against setting 'an example by condemning hate crimes'.

The reason the vote went the way it did, Councillor Sandy Taylor explained, was the number of cases reported to police was minimal. That is no doubt true, but what about all the unreported incidents? The young people bullied at school who remain silent because they fear making things worse or because they don't think anyone in authority will do anything about it? And

what about the abuse people endure because they are disabled or of a different race or religion?

Our councillors had the opportunity to stand up and be counted last week. While there appear to be minimal incidents of hate crime happening in Argyll and Bute, we want to ensure it stays that way and that people know we have no tolerance of such behaviour and we will act if we are made aware of incidents, no matter how small. Instead it sent the opposite message.

Last Thursday was an opportunity for council members to lead by example, and they fell at the first hurdle.



Days gone by – Transporting you back to Oban in 1959

This week's flashback photo was submitted by Iain Turner of North Connel. It was taken in 1959 and features staff from what we believe is Alexander's Coaches. If anyone recognises themselves, a family member or a friend, or has any more information about the photograph, please get in touch as we'd love to hear from you. Digital versions of flashback photos for *The Oban Times* can be sent to editor@obantimes.co.uk or prints sent to The Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Anyone who wishes a print returned should include a stamped-addressed envelope.

Glasgow Letter

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No need for an Indian summer in Glasgow

THAT great Irish band, the Saw Doctors, who are touring at present, recently released a song in which the singer hopes for an 'Indian summer' – to keep the seasonal spirit going into the autumn months.

At the end of every summer, there is always that slightly sad stage in the Highlands and Islands when one realises that all the local warm weather events of that year are over – the festivals, the agri shows, the Highland games, to name a few.

It is just as well that, at this point in the calendar, the opposite is true of Glasgow. Down here, we do not need to long for the continuation of summer because things are just beginning to get going.

My postman delivered a letter to my flat last week containing the syllabus for the Glasgow Skye Association's 2016/2017 season. That is always a sure sign that the nights are drawing in – and the ceilidhs down here will soon begin in earnest.

The Glasgow Skye Association have their usual extensive programme of events beginning with their opening concert on Saturday September 17.

All the other Highland and Island associations will also have many great evenings planned. Not to mention the annual gatherings, which are very special evenings.

Hence, the return of my Glasgow Letter's 'what's on' section, which will highlight those events over the coming months.

In Glasgow, we don't need to keep our fingers crossed for an Indian

From Small Lochs To Great Lakes
The Remarkable Story of a First World War Soldier,
Sailor, and South Uist Crofter



Donald MacDonald
Dòmhnall Ghilleasbuig Sorcha

All are welcome at the talk about Donald MacDonald's book.

summer. Highlanders in this city have plenty to look forward to over the winter.

Remarkable book promises a great deal

ONE such upcoming event is a talk about a remarkable book called *From Small Lochs to Great Lakes* on Thursday September 8.

The Gaelic Books Council and the Uist and Barra (Glasgow) Association will be joined for this evening by Peggy Imlach, daughter of the late Donald MacDonald – a remarkable character from South Uist.

Donald was over 80 when he metic-

ulously hand-wrote his own life story and Peggy took on the task of publishing her father's account in *From Small Lochs to Great Lakes*.

Peggy will talk about her father, who survived the First World War as a young soldier, was a remarkable mariner who sailed the Great Lakes of Canada, and a crofter from South Uist.

All are welcome to the Gaelic Bookshop on Mansfield Street at 7pm for what sounds like a very interesting evening indeed.

What's on

Tuesday September 6: Ceòl 's Craic AGM in the Glasgow Gaelic School.

Thursday September 8: From Small Lochs to Great Lakes, from Glasgow Uist and Barra Association, in the Gaelic Bookshop, Mansfield Street, 7pm-8pm.

Friday September 9: Clydebank Highlanders' Opening Ceilidh in the Napier Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday September 17: Glasgow Skye Association Opening Concert in the Crawford Hall, Beith Street.

Pub scene

Park Bar.
Friday August 26: Nicky McMichan.
Saturday August 27: Gunna Sound.
Sunday August 28: Nicky McMichan.

Islay Inn.
Friday August 26: Banned Name.
Saturday August 27: Penny Dogs.
Wednesday August 31: Quiz Night.

Decision on librarians is a disastrous one

Sir,
Argyll and Bute Council Education Service is now the only one in Scotland to start the new school year without providing professional school librarians in secondary schools.

This decision was made despite a high level of disagreement during the council's budget consultation process; despite testimony from pupils and parents about the valuable role played by school librarians in supporting youngsters' learning; despite protests from our MSP, MP, organisations such as the Scottish Book Trust, well-respected authors and despite a petition which has more than 2,000 signatories.

The campaign Supporters of Argyll and Bute School Libraries (SABSL on Facebook) continues to press for the reinstatement of school librarians.

Many councillors agree that this cut should not have been made. There is an opportunity to overturn this disastrous decision.

What's the current situation in your youngster's school? How can pupils make use of library resources? Who is there to support youngsters' independent reading and research? What are pupils missing most, without a school librarian?

If you know the answers to these questions, and if you are not happy about them, please contact your local councillors. You will find their details on www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/councillor_list.

Tell them what is really happening in schools and ask them to support a motion which will put school librarians back to work supporting young learners' education, wellbeing and life chances.

Jenny Des Fountain (on behalf of SABSL),
2 Creagan Villa,
Erray Road, Tobermory.

Misleading on named persons scheme

Sir,
Donald Morrison's letter (*The Oban Times*, August 18) about the named persons scheme is typical of many who choose to believe in hyperbole over substance.

There are multiple mistakes, misinterpretations and, most dangerously, attempts to mislead readers as to the nature and objectives of the scheme.

Why are some people willing to make up information about a scheme intended to make the lives of children safer? I think it's down to an aggressive conservatism. It's a mentality that cares more about shouting and getting its name in the letters pages than the reality.

On the factual matters, I have reason to be involved in child protection policies through my employment. I, along with others, have also had training sessions presented by experts. Most recently a former

police officer, now working in child protection in Highland, told us that in the deaths of Peter Connolly and Victoria Climbe, information sharing between agencies may have prevented these tragedies.

The serious case reviews of these deaths, both in England so independent of any Scottish influence, showed that had there been a coordinated effort to share information, which is the objective of the named persons scheme, these children may have been saved. That's all the scheme is: sharing of information where there is a concern. Nothing more.

Mr Morrison should hang his head in shame at his attempts to mislead people.

The Supreme Court did not claim that 'Scotland had been saved from a totalitarian cause'. Mr Morrison made that up. The scheme is not a 'named guardian' scheme. Mr Morrison made that up.

A good example of the attempts to put conservatism ahead of child safety is when Mr Morrison quotes part of the Supreme Court judgement but makes no mention of his quote being in reference to historical totalitarian regimes. You can check for yourself on the Supreme Court website.

I fully expect another poorly informed diatribe from Mr Morrison as he appears to love his name in print and is quite happy to put the safety of children second to his desire to see any change stopped. The first casualty is often the truth.

Donald Morris,
Drumdevan Road, Loch Àrdail,
Inverness.

Too many children need to be protected

Sir,
Donald J Morrison is too optimistic in believing children do not need defending from their parents.

Too often, social services, doctors or teachers are hoodwinked by parents with an agenda of sexual abuse or other cruelty, and children can be oppressed by fundamentalist religion and cults such as scientology that deny rational evidence or useful knowledge.

Childline is there, of course, for those who need to use it.

The named person scheme might fail because the person could be targeted with disinformation by parents.

I wonder if children were consulted at any point. Sometimes it's useful to be able to approach an adult who is not a relative.

Georgina Smith,
Kilchoan, Acharacle.

Residents can once again use footpath

Sir,
Permit me on behalf of Longsdale residents in Oban to thank the public-minded gentleman who widened the path connecting Longsdale with Dalriach Road.

Beachd Ailein

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BIDH SINN UILE aig amannan a' cuimhneachadh air ais le cianalas air àm òige, agus 's dòcha fiù 's le beagan aithreachais air sgàth rudeigin a rinn sinn neo nach d' rinn sinn agus an cothrom a-nise seachad.

Gu fortanach anns a' mhòr-chuid 's e cuimhneachain thlachdmhor a bhios againn nuair a sheallas sinn air ais, agus ma tha duilgheadas idir ann 's e dìth cuimhne air ainmean is làraich thachartasan. Ach nuair a thill mu leth-cheud againn gu Ostail Eilginn ann am Port Rìgh seachdain Disathairne seo chaidh, bha cuimhne na g'urachadh ann an dòigh a bha da-rìribh iongantach.

B' e saothair Mhurchaidh Pheutain a bha mar sgoilear uair a' fuireach an Ostail Eilginn, agus a thug a-rithist naodh bliadhna deug mar mhaor an ionaid, a chuir air dòigh an cothrom cruinneachaidh aig an Ostail seo. Bha an t-àm deatamach oir tha caochladh rudan air tachairt an lùib ostailean Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh a tha a' ciallachadh gun bheil mòran de sheann làraich ag atharrachadh gu ìre 's nach aithnichear tuilleadh iad

leis na seann sgoilearan. Tha mi a' creidsinn gur iomadh nighean aig an robh farmad ris na balaich a bha an Ostail Eilginn dìreach ri taobh na sgoile, is Ostail Mhairlead Charnegie nan nigheanan beagan cheudan shlat chun an iar, astar fada air latha fliuch! Feumar aideachadh cuideachd gun do chuir iomadach balach ann an Ostail Eilginn iomadh uair seachad a' beachdachadh air clicean gus faotainn faisg neo fiù 's a-staigh dhan an MC mar a theirte rithe.

Dh'fhosgail an MC ann an 1923 dha clann-nighean a dh'fheumadh fuireach air falbh bhon dachaigh-ean airson Sgoil Phort Rìgh a fhrithealadh, agus dhùin i am-bliadhna. Tha Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig ùr Phort Rìgh ga stèidheachadh air an làraich agus bho seo air adhart bidh balaich agus clann-nighean le chèile ann an Ostail Eilginn, seann ostail nam balach, a chaidh a leasachadh às ùr. Agus abair leasachadh! 'S gann a dh'aithnicheamaid an t-àite, is e a-nise nas coltaiche ri taigh-osta seach an seòrsa prìosan àite a b' aithne dha uimhir den fheadhainn

For some time now the path has been silting and narrowing down to accommodate only one pedestrian.

Mothers with buggies or prams have often been forced into mud avoiding oncoming lane-users and, on rejoining the path, sludge is left clinging to the wheels.

I have no wish to cause embarrassment by naming the person for the clean-up, only to say that his several days of work is much appreciated and has permitted myself and a friend to comfortably pass other lane-users without having to detour on tiptoes.

A big thank you, sir, on your observance to the situation but an even bigger one for doing something about it.

Name and address supplied.

Economic stimulus is very welcome

Sir,
In this period of economic uncertainty following the Brexit vote, the £100 million economic stimulus plan unveiled this week by the First Minister is very welcome.

If the objective is to stimulate employment, we would argue that investing in housing and smoothing the path for commercial and industrial building projects ought to be the Scottish Government's first priority.

Over the past 10 years, we have seen a dramatic shift in construction industry output, away from housing, commercial and industrial activity towards infrastructure, which accounted for almost 30 per cent of a record Scottish construction output of more than £14 billion last year.

At the same time, construction employment has declined from more than 235,000 in 2008 to 175,000 in 2015.

For the new plan to have maximum positive impact on business confidence and employment, any additional funding should be targeted towards housing as well as clearing obstacles to getting commercial and industrial building projects off the ground. In terms of policy, a good start here would be to reinstate business rates relief for empty industrial properties.

Vaughan Hart,
managing director,
Scottish Building Federation.

We are world-beaters thanks to team GB

Sir,
After team Great Britain has achieved its best Olympic result in more than a century, we can all take pride in our country's almost unbelievable medal haul and sporting prowess.

Out of the entire world our country has come second ahead of China. I would like to pass on my congratulations and thanks to all of team GB for showing that once again Great Britain is a world-beater when our United Kingdom works together as one.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Ailean Caimbeul

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High drama for holiday club

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KILMALLIE and Ardnamurchan Free Church ran their 12th annual holiday club earlier this month.

The club is run every year in the community during the last week of the summer holidays.

This year, the club was called *HMS Kilmallie* and had, as the name suggests, a nautical theme. It was attended by approximately 100 children and run by a team of around 50 volunteers.

The club was held each afternoon from 1pm to 3.15pm at two locations, with the younger children, from crèche age up to primary five in the Caol Youth Centre in Caol School, and the primary six and seven youngsters in the church.

A group of 25 older children attended evening bible study sessions throughout the week as well.

Reverend Chris 'Kiki' MacRae said this year's numbers were down on the usual attendance but he added that when the club started 12 years ago there were only 34 children.

Throughout the week the children were taught Bible stories and did crafts relating to the parables as well as drama and playing games. On Friday August 12, the children were invited to dress-up in costumes fitting the theme – sailors, pirates and so on – and there was a drama performance. The drama was based on a combination of the *Great British Bake Off* and *Master Chef*, with French and Glaswegian couples competing. Again there were underlying biblical themes and morals.



At the end of the week there was a thank-you barbecue which was attended by between 200 and 300 people. There was also a guest service on the Sunday after the club ended (August 14), where the children led the worship. Speaking about the week, Mr MacRae said: 'It's great. I want to see more. The response from parents was fantastic. They loved what we were doing and were delighted to bring their children along.'

He added that there were already plans for another holiday club during next year's summer holidays.

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Clockwise from main photograph: the children dressed up for the last day of the club; Anna MacRae, Louise Pescod and Christine MacAskill played judges in the drama show; Hannah Calder and Fergus Munro having fun in the show; and some of those performing show off their dance moves during the drama.

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Junior gardeners show their skills

THE LOCHABER Rural Education Trust (LRET) is holding its seventh annual junior gardening show tomorrow (Friday August 26).

The show will be open to all playgroups, nurseries and primary schools in Lochaber, and all exhibits must be brought to the trust at An Clachan between 9am and 1pm on the day.

The show will be open to the public from 4pm and the awards presentation will take place at 5pm.

All funds raised will go to support the Seed to Supper project and the work of the trust.

Further details and schedule of the show available by emailing info@lret.org.

Date set for local housing meeting

FIND out more about housing in Lochaber by attending an annual meeting. Lochaber Housing Association's (LHA) AGM will take place next Monday (August 29) in Caol community centre. The event will focus mainly on affording housing developments currently being worked on in the area. The meeting starts at 6pm.

Preparing to greet first cruise liner

FORT William Town Team is set to help welcome the first cruise ship to the harbour at the end of September.

The cruise liner is due to arrive on September 28 and will be the first to use the new pontoons.

The town team will help direct passengers and crew when they come ashore.

To give volunteers an idea of what's involved, there will be a short training session at the West Highland College from noon to 2pm on September 14.

John makes the news as town shop prepares to close doors

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AFTER 37 years in the business, Fort William newsagent John Steel is closing his doors.

Hyperhut, which Mr Steel, 63, opened in 1979, is set to close at the end of the month as customer numbers have dwindled to 'just a few'.

Speaking to *The Oban Times*, Mr Steel said: 'The newsagent has got a lot quieter over the years and I'm not making money any more.'

Mr Steel said a combination of factors had led to his decision to shut, with the main one being parking outside the shop at the West End side of the high street.

He said: 'With no parking wardens in Fort William, people are parking outside the shop for days on end, when really they are only allowed to park there for 15 minutes.'

'I have spoken to the council but people are just refusing to do anything about it. Business in the shop hasn't recovered since they took parking away a few years ago to extend the pavement in front of the business.'

'There are also no white lines painted on the road for parking, so even though there are five spaces, sometimes they are taken up by just three cars.'

Mr Steel also said that he struggled to pay for 'expensive deliveries' that he can no longer afford.

Hyperhut has been up for sale for some time now, but Mr Steel made the decision to try to sell just the premises after realising he could no longer afford to run the enterprise.

He said: 'I don't have a buyer for the shop yet, so I will need sort out what I am going to do with my stock, which is going to take a lot of preparation, but all that will come once the shop is closed.'

But it's not the end of the road for Mr Steel, who is already thinking about his next job. 'I am looking for another job for a couple years anyway.'

'I don't have a trade but I have put up with a lot in the shop over the years and I will pretty much do anything.'



John Steel outside his newsagent's shop Hyperhut, which is closing at the end of the month after almost 40 years in business. Anthony MacMillan Photography

Before opening his newsagent's 37 years ago, Mr Steel delivered milk and ran a hotdog van.

He said that his loyal customers were sad to hear the news of the shop's closure. 'Everyone has been really nice about the

whole thing. A lot of locals close by rely on me, especially in the bad weather, but sadly there just aren't enough customers left to allow me to stay open.'

Hyperhut will be closing for good on August 31.

Visiting hours extended across isles

NHS Western Isles recently announced new extended opening hours across their hospitals.

As support from family and friends, in the form of hospital visits has been widely recognised as a crucial part of recovery, visiting hours have

been extended to run from 11am to 8pm seven days a week.

There will be a degree of flexibility for visits outside these times, which should be discussed with the senior charge nurse.

Round-the-clock visitation

rights are available to parents seeing children in hospital, and dementia patients will have personalised visitation schedules to suit their individual needs.

NHS Western Isles also runs 'protected meal times' so patients will not be disturbed

by clinicians while they are eating. Families are welcome during these times to help with, or encourage, eating.

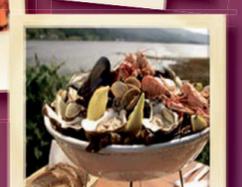
Approximate timings for meals are 8am-9am for breakfast, main meals from noon to 1pm, and evening meals from 5pm to 6pm.

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Blooming wonderful at Oban Horticultural Show

OBAN Horticultural Show was another blooming success with entrants from throughout the town and beyond.

From massive vegetables to tiny tomatoes, and from veterans of the class to newbies, the day brought out the great and the

good to the popular annual event.

Ken Munro won first prize in the bowl of flower heads competition, while seasonal favourite Hugh MacLeod was a wee man in comparison to his huge vegetables.

Ronnie MacKillop once again put on a fantastic show of blooms which led him to his first prize.

Money raised in an auction at the end of the day will be presented to a town charity later in the year.



Ronnie MacKillop showing off his prize-winning arrangements at the flower show on Saturday. 17_135flower7



Hugh MacLeod check out his winnings. 35flower4



Hugh MacLeod showing off his impressive collection of vegetables which came first in their class as well as winning best exhibit in the show. 17_135flower6



Cherry tomatoes were a popular entry. 17_135flower2



From left, Fiona MacKillop (treasurer), Neil John MacLean (judge), Fiona Morrison (vice-chairwoman) and Sharon Black (secretary). 17_135flower5



A young spectator reviews the vegetable collection. 17_135flower8



Spectators and competitors converse with the judge after the results have been decided. 17_135flower1

Dozens of pipers blow into Lochaber Gathering

THE PIPING elite travelled to Lochaber last weekend with their sights set on some 'coveted prizes'.

The Lochaber Gathering Festival of Piping took place in the Nevis Centre in Fort William on Saturday. The full-day event saw entrants from Europe, Canada, US and all around Scotland showcase their talents.

Organiser Allan MacColl explained the competition has grown tremendously since it was revived in 1995 and that he was encouraged by the large entry this year.

He added: 'There are over 50 pipers from all around the world here today to compete for some of the most coveted prizes on the circuit.'

Alongside the competitive aspect of the event, Robert Wallace who is the editor of *Piping Press*, held educational lectures.

According to Mr MacColl, Robert has lectured on piping greats and composing geniuses in previous years. Allan said the vice-president of the Piobaireachd Society planned to take a different approach this year and discussed the subject of 'professional judges of the great Highland bagpipe.'

At the close of the day, prizes were presented by councillor Allan Henderson. The representative for Caol and Mallaig said: 'It's hard to find funding to put these events on but the organisers have done really well. We had a boost from the Glenfinnan Gathering as I think a lot of people came here first and then went there and also the other way around. These events bring people to the area and it is really important they get the support they deserve. It's wonderful.'

Kirsteen, who helps organise the festival with her father, said the event has grown organically. 'It has been

a great day. The fact that we've had more than 50 competitors is just brilliant. The festival has grown itself – through word of mouth among locals and visitors and word of mouth from the pipers themselves. Last year we probably had around the same level of interest but in previous years there's only been maybe 20 or so, so we really are delighted.'

Allan MacColl extended his thanks to those who helped make sure the event ran smoothly. He said: 'Without this dedicated team, the event could not function and I am grateful for the hard work they put in. Finally, I would like to thank the staff at the Nevis Centre, the adjudicators and councillor Allan Henderson.'



PICTURE IAIN FERGUSON, THE WRITE IMAGE

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AN OVERNIGHT STAY FOR TWO AT FAIRMONT, ST ANDREWS INCLUDING BREAKFAST AND THE SAVOY AFTERNOON TEA WITH CHAMPAGNE

Set on a 520 acre estate with a unique coastal setting, Fairmont St Andrews encompasses the finest in local culture with luxury and elegance. Following a multi-million pound renovation of their public areas, Fairmont St Andrews are delighted to be launching The Savoy afternoon tea this September, bringing a taste of London to St Andrews. Situated in the heart of the hotel is the newly renovated Atrium Lounge – featuring a lighting sculpture by artist George Singer – where afternoon tea can be enjoyed this autumn. Guests can choose from a range of teas served with homemade finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, and a selection of indulgent seasonal cakes and pastries created by the hotel's Executive Pastry Chef.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question: **From which London hotel does the new afternoon tea at Fairmont St Andrews come?**

Room is subject to availability. The Savoy Afternoon Tea must be pre-booked in advance from 4 September and is subject to availability. Valid for one year. Other T&Cs will apply and will be listed in full on voucher.

To enter, send your answer, name, address, telephone number and email address to Competitions, Wyvex Media, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH5 2DL. Closing date is September 30, 2016. Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Wyvex Media, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Wyvex Media rules apply. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications.

malt OF THE month

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I have started to run two of the rooms in my home as an Air BnB. I've had people from all over the world who've come to stay for a day or two. Putting one German couple aside for the moment, everyone has taken an interest in whisky. They want to know four things: what distilleries to visit, what each bottle tastes like, a wee bit of history of each bottle and finally what is the peatiest one. They've even encouraged me to open most of the gantry up to them. So I decided that I would buy a bottle of a blend to stave off my diminishing supplies.

It has worked well so far. That was until my old friend Mr Rodney Bennet came to stay. He managed to open my Turus Mara from the Jura distillery and polish off a whole quarter of it. Mr Bennet has tried on a number of occasions to tempt us into drinking Welsh whisky. I am very biased about Scottish and Japanese whisky, and I couldn't see past them to be kind about it. Now back to the German couple, they had a fear of whisky. The man wanted to try something, but his partner, a beautiful and domineering woman, would simply not allow it. However, after they left I found a wee note from Simon to say how much he'd enjoyed the stay. He said next time he'd like to try some whisky. Maybe I'll keep a touch of that Jura Distillery Turus Mara to share with him.

Louise Glen

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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FINDING DORY | U | 123 MIN
Fri: 14:00, Sun: 15:00, Mon, Tue, Wed: 14:00, Thu: 16:30
3D: Sat: 12:00

Disney-Pixar's 'Finding Dory' reunites everyone's favourite forgetful blue tang, Dory, with her friends Nemo and Marlin on a search for answers about her past.

JASON BOURNE | 12A | 145 MIN
Fri: 16:30, Sun: 17:30, Mon, Tue, Wed: 17:00
Jason Bourne, now remembering who he truly is, tries to uncover hidden truths about his past.

KIDS CLUB: THE LORAX | U | 95 MIN
Sat: 11:30

Children's Classic. A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

NT LIVE: THE DEEP BLUE SEA | 12A | 150 MIN
Thu: 19:00

A flat in Ladbroke Grove, West London. 1952. When Hester Collyer is found by her neighbours in the aftermath of a failed suicide attempt, the story of her tempestuous affair with a former RAF pilot and the breakdown of her marriage to a High Court judge begins to emerge. With it comes a portrait of need, loneliness and long-repressed passion. Behind the fragile veneer of post-war civility burns a brutal sense of loss and longing. Terence Rattigan's devastating masterpiece contains one of the greatest female roles in contemporary drama.

PETE'S DRAGON | PG | 122 MIN
Fri: 14:15, 16:15, Sat: 14:30, 18:40, Sun: 12:30, Mon, Tue, Wed: 14:30, 16:15, Thu: 14:00, 16:45

Parent and Baby Screening: Tue: 11:30
Pete, following the death of his parents in a car crash when he was four, escaped to the forest and became best friends with a dragon, who raised him — but Pete and the dragon now face unprecedented threats to the way of life they've come to know and love. Remake of the 1977 film.

THE BFG | PG | 137 MIN
Silver Screening: Sun: 14:30

A girl named Sophie encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kind hearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because unlike his peers refuses to eat boys and girls. Based on the novel by Roald Dahl. Film directed by Steven Spielberg. Stars Mark Rylance, Rebecca Hall, Bill Hader.

SUICIDE SQUAD | 15 | 150 MIN
Fri: 19:15, 20:30, Sat: 17:15, 20:50, Sun: 17:00, 20:00, Mon: 19:45, 20:30, Tue, Wed: 20:00, 20:30, Thu: 19:00

A secret government agency run by Amanda Waller, named A.R.G.U.S. creates a task force comprising super villains, the "Suicide Squad". They are assigned to execute dangerous tasks in exchange for shorter prison sentences.

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS | U | 120 MIN
Sat: 16:30, Sun: 12:00, Thu: 14:30

Taking place in a Manhattan apartment building, Max's life as a favourite pet is turned upside down, when his owner brings home a sloppy mongrel named Duke. They have to put their quarrels behind when they find out that an adorable white bunny named Snowball is building an army of abandoned pets determined to take revenge on all happy-owned pets and their owners.

THE SHALLOWS | 15 | 106 MIN
Fri: 18:30, Sat: 20:00, Sun: 19:45, Mon: Tue: 18:30

A young woman who is dealing with the recent death of her mother is surfing on an isolated beach and gets stranded 20 yards offshore on a buoy. What lies between her and the shore is a huge great white shark.



Winners in the junior section, left to right, were Andrew Ferguson, Finlay Cameron, Robbie MacIsaac, Angus MacPhee, Archie Drennan and Finlay Frame. PICTURE IAIN FERGUSON, THE WRITE IMAGE



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Allan MacColl and daughter Kirsteen

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Summer event is a sensational success for kids

MOVING into high school is big step for youngsters, bringing both excitement and anticipation. For 12 years, the Summer Sensations programme, held at Atlantis Leisure Centre and Oban High School, has been helping children in P6 and P7 make an easier transition, with activities and confidence-building exercises in a fun and welcoming atmosphere that has been called 'the best two days of your summer'.

The two-day programme includes cool activities such as dance, swimming, roller skating, sports, arts and a visit to the Youth Café. While they are having fun, they are also helping make the first day of school easier on both them and their parents.

'Summer Sensations greatly aids the transition process for a number of reasons,' said Karen MacCorquodale, assistant Active Schools manager. 'Pupils get to meet others from different primary schools before they go to high school. They already know who is in their clan from the high school transition days in June, and Summer Sensations gives them a further chance to get to know their peers in an informal and fun setting. It also gives the children another chance to be in the high school building and get to know their way around, which can be daunting.'

This summer's programme, held on August 11 and 12, proved another success, with a record 112 students in attendance. 'Day one at Atlantis shows the kids what clubs they can go to at the centre and gives them a taster,' Karen said. 'Day two at the high school emulates the Oban High extra-curricular programme, and we were really grateful that two of the science teachers came in to do some archery sessions. So now the kids have had a go at archery and know the coaches. They've definitely recruited a few new S1s for the club. We also add in a few extra activities for variety, and Suzanne MacKenzie came in to do some cooking with the kids.'

According to Karen, the Summer Sensations programme highlights local partnerships as the community comes together to support these youngsters. In addition to Active Schools and Atlantis Leisure, other partners include Argyll and Bute Youth Services, Stramash, Oban Youth Café and sports development officers. It is supported by the primary and secondary schools, and the Health and Wellbeing Network helped to pay for accommodation at a hostel for pupils living on the islands.



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Highland Olympics – with better music!

SOUND has a compelling effect in evoking memory and nostalgic association. Few audio combinations merge to create as much impact on the senses as those of a Highland games. As you walk onto the field, your ears are filled with announcements over the Tannoy, athletes grunting with exertion, the happy sounds of friends re-acquainting, commentators introducing the competitors, dogs barking and the cheers and clapping of a lively crowd. Underpinning all this is the constant skirl of the pipes emanating from a multitude of simultaneously occurring sources – soloists tuning, soloists competing, pipe bands

tuning, pipe bands performing and the hardy provider of endless tunes for the Highland dancing. The overall effect is very powerful and hugely enjoyable.

Last weekend I was lucky to experience a double measure of this excitement from two of the most famous of such events, the Glenfinnan Gathering and the Crieff Highland Gathering.

On Saturday, Glenfinnan was basking in the August sun, its famous monument was looking majestic and if Bonnie Prince Charlie had arrived as he did in 1745 he would have been in for a great welcome. Luckily, the only rebellion this year involved a

friendly skirmish in the queue for Great Glen Game, the free samples of which were so incredibly tasty that stock sold out.

There were many musical highlights and the day opened with one of them – the beautiful voice of Margaret MacLellan from Acharacle lifting the field with the Jacobite song, Alasdair Mac Mhaighistir's *Oran don Phrionnsa (Song for the Prince)*. The piping competitions were of a very high standard with top players Willie MacCallum and Gordon Walker dominating. Rona Nicholson of Ardgour, who was playing for the Highland dancing, was also superb, giving the dancers just the

rhythm and bounce they needed. All round, a great day.

It was off to the Crieff Highland Gathering the next day for a Skipinnish gig in the Glen Turret tent organised by ex-Chilli Piper and now whisky industry superstar Stuart Cassells. We were lucky to catch most of the set from Breabach, who were on before us. They were absolutely fantastic and had the crowd mesmerised with the fine range of tunes and songs they delivered.

Crieff hosts the Scottish heavyweight championship and was traditionally the most hotly contested meeting in the heavy events calendar. It represented the

pinnacle of success for throwing legends like Arthur Rowe, Geoff Capes, Hamish Davidson, Grant Anderson and the unmatched Bill Anderson. Argyll was well represented this year with Lorne Colthart, originally from Appin, lifting the trophy for top Scottish athlete and achieving third place overall.

It is said that Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the modern Olympics, was greatly influenced in his work to revive them after he watched a Highland games exhibition in 1889. So the athletes and sports fans of Rio and the world owe a lot to the sporting culture of the Highlands.

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Ferries provide such vital links to remote and island communities

THE Cowal Fixed Link Working Group published its ambition for a bridge or tunnel to permanently connect the peninsula to west central Scotland. The people of Skye campaigned for decades for a bridge and it has undoubtedly brought generation-changing community benefits, but Skye is an island.

Cowal is connected to the central belt by road and by two year-round ferry services and a seasonal one; and to Kintyre and the Isle of Bute by two other ferry services. In fact, there is a heroic fleet of small ferries that serve and connect communities up and down the coast.

Since 1973, Western Ferries has operated the crossing between Hunter's Quay, Dunoon, and McInroy's Point, Gourrock, across the Firth of Clyde. Today there are four modern roll-on, roll-off ferries on the route. In 2011, David MacBrayne Ltd formed Argyll Ferries to operate two passenger vessels between Dunoon and Gourrock, utilising the linkspans formerly used by the Caledonian MacBrayne roll-on, roll-off service. A year-round passenger service is operated by Clydelink Ltd between Kilcreggan and Gourrock.

Caledonian MacBrayne provides vehicle ferry services on short routes between Colintraive, Cowal and Rhubodach, Bute; Tayinloan, Kintyre and Ardmish, Gigha; Portavadie, Cowal and Tarbert, Loch Fyne. A winter service operates between Tarbert and Lochranza, Arran, to complement the year-round connection between Lochranza and Claonaig in Kintyre. The company also sails on short routes between

Fionnphort, Mull, and Iona; Lochaline, Morvern, and Fishnish, Mull; Tobermory, Mull, and Kilchoan, Ardnamurchan, and between Oban and Lismore.

The vessels on these routes are mostly 'Loch'- or 'Island'-class double-ended roll-on, roll-off ships, many of which were built on the Clyde. Most of these vessels are fitted with cycloidal drive systems – vertical hydrofoil blades mounted on a rotating plate that can be adjusted to provide thrust in any direction. This system provides high manoeuvrability while maintaining shallow draught necessary for accessing slipways.

Argyll and Bute Council operates services between Cuan and Luig; Port Askaig, Islay, and Feolin, Jura; Ellenabeich and Easdale; Port Appin and Lismore; and a variety of private and community-run services connect Oban and Kerrera; Tayvallich and Jura; Mull and Ulva; and the Kintyre Express runs a scheduled service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle in Northern Ireland. These short crossings are a necessity for island dwellers and an adventure for visitors: bridges or causeways in some of these locations would affect the island experience, and in others would certainly introduce a measure of convenience to everyday life.

The Highland Council operates the famous ferry across Loch Linnhe from Corran to Ardgour on the Morvern peninsula – a crossing that knocks over an hour off the overland journey time. When the nearby Ballachulish ferry was replaced by the bridge in 1976, a sign at Corran read:

'This is not the Ballachulish Ferry.' Quirky, certainly, and as confusing then for some travellers as signs for Otter Ferry or Crinan Ferry are today.

Each service relies on capable crews who consider passenger safety an absolute priority. We are all capable of moaning and groaning when we are delayed for one reason or another, and prices on services unaffected by the Road Equivalent Tariff will always stimulate debate. Operating companies and crews face daily challenges from weather, machinery, costs, legislation and competition. The Highlands and Islands have an ancient tradition of moving people and cargoes around by boat and there remains a visceral appeal to this type of transport. Families and communities are held together by this fleet of wee ferries, and there is nothing quite so dispiriting as the sight of a disused pier or slipway.

The truth is that we rely as much on short crossings as we do on longer routes, and they have proved to be reliable and as sensitive to the needs of passengers that timetables allow. On one occasion, a helpful crew spotted my car barrelling down the hill in a desperate attempt to make the last sailing of the day, lowered the ramp and let me on. I know of similar demonstrations of customer service – expressions of local culture that could never be delivered by a bridge.



Summer dining Lochaber

The Loch Leven Hotel is all about hospitality

ITS menus offer the flexibility of dining from an evening dinner menu or from the informal bar menu. No matter which one you choose, the Loch Leven Hotel has selected the best local suppliers for their outstanding produce.

Brand new head chef, Jacob Cotton, has created imaginative menus with distinctive flair for everyone to enjoy.

The Loch Leven's new menu was launched last week and details can be found on its website. All items on the menu are available in the main restaurant as well as in the bar dining area.

Titled the Best Bar and Best Bar Dining in the Highlands by Scottish Hotel Awards 2016, the Old Ferry Bar at the Loch Leven Hotel welcomes its patrons with an enviable drinks list and mouth watering menu in unique and historic surroundings.

The well-stocked bar currently serves more than 60 malt whiskies and a wide selection of draught and bottled beers, with some local craft ales also available. Not to mention their carefully selected cocktail list.

The bar currently stocks more than 50 types of gin, but when owners Craig Innes and wife Noru discovered no where in the area produced local gin, they decided to make their own.

The couple are now embarking on a new venture to distil their own gin, bottling, labelling and marketing the products themselves.

Why not enjoy your bar meal or drink al-fresco on the loch view sundeck? Perched above the hotel's mature and vibrant gardens and overlooking the loch, relax and watch as yachts sail by and herons dip and dive in the loch.

Relax and enjoy the jovial atmosphere with staff and locals alike and cosy up by the open fire on colder days.

Children of all ages are welcome, as are well behaving dogs which are welcome in the bar and games room where you can also find a television, a pool table and some old-school Nintendo games!

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Oban family marks poignant anniversary with wreath ceremony

JULY marked a poignant centenary for the Pagan family of Oban: Graeme Pagan of Neaveaton, his son Gillies Pagan and grandson George Pagan – known, respectively, by their initials GHP IV, V and VI.

In 1914, Graeme's Uncle George, known in the family as GHP III, volunteered for active service the day after the First World War was declared. Two years later, on July 1, the Battle of the Somme began, a brutal five-month struggle of attrition on a 15-mile front which left one million dead and wounded on all sides. On July 30, 1916, while leading his Black Watch platoon against the entrenched German Army, Lieutenant George Hair Pagan was killed.

That day the Somme river was still in the far distance for the 7th Battalion of the Black Watch. Their immediate objective was the area around the river Ancre, specifically a small area of rising ground overlooking the approaches to the river. That notorious bit of land, about which books have been written, was known as High Wood. It was a vicious spot of French soil, where so many men were to die or be injured during the following 12 hours.

The Somme is a major river – and thus an obstacle to armies – running east to the English Channel, flowing through many towns with names well-known to the British, such as St Quentin, Peronne, Amiens and Abbeville, before it reaches the channel at St Valery-sur-Somme. Control of the area was a vital strategic objective for the Allies.

One of the Somme's tributaries is the Ancre, which flows past the town of Albert, famous for its bell tower, which was pretty much all that survived. Just north of Albert, the Ancre is overlooked by High Wood. 'High' is relative – for the armies of the First World War, any piece of ground giving a view over the surrounding area, and thus surveillance and firing positions, was of huge value.

So that was why Lt George Pagan found himself, on the evening of July 30, 1916, about to lead his platoon of Black Watch Jocks up the gentle slope towards the top of a small hillock in France, into the teeth of the ferocious opposition of well-equipped German troops.

No diaries or final letter, have survived, and the family can only guess what was going through George's mind – and the minds of his soldiers – as they waited for the whistle blast which would signal the start of what, for so many, would be their last ever action.

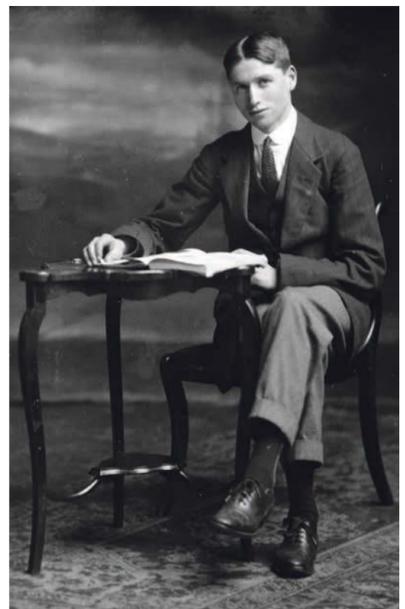
GHP III lies in the Commonwealth War Cemetery named Serre Road No 2, near Beau-

mont Hamel. He is not far from the High Wood battlefield, and close also to the huge memorial at Thiepval. On the walls are names of those lost whose bodies were never found, including those of men of the Black Watch.

At the Menin Gate in Ypres in Belgium, only a couple of hours drive north of High Wood, a moving daily ceremony of remembrance takes place at 8pm, as it has done every evening since November 11, 1929, except during the years of German occupation during the Second World War.

During the ceremony on July 30, 2016, exactly 100 years after the engagement, three members of the Pagan family laid a wreath in memory of GHP III, his niece proudly wearing his three medals. On their own, earlier in the day, they had also laid a wreath on his grave.

While the war of 1914-18 is still often referred to as the Great War, it was officially retitled the First World War in 1948, recognising its failure to be the 'war to end all wars'.



George Hair Pagan died leading a charge during the Battle of the Somme. Picture: DC Thomson

Sun stars at great Glenfinnan gathering

SUN-KISSED spectators enjoyed the Glenfinnan Gathering last weekend, marking the 70th anniversary of the games.

More than 1,700 people attended the historic gathering on Saturday. The event is scheduled every year on the closest Saturday to August 19 as it celebrates the gathering of the clans and the raising of the standard which is believed to have happened in the vicinity back in 1745.

Former GP David Sedgewick was the chieftain of this year's gathering. David officially opened the event with a moving speech in which he outlined the history of the Jacobites and the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie. He mentioned the links he personally felt with the games and their setting which, he said, boasts the rugged beauty of the hills and the enchantment of the loch.

David, who worked at the Belford Hospital in Fort William for more than two decades, added: 'I hope you all as competitors and spectators have

a memorable and imaginative day.' The event schedule was packed with races, dancing and piping. The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) also got in on the action by having a ceremony for the Glenfinnan Monument, which recently underwent a £170,000 refurbishment.

Kirsteen Neilsen, from the NTS, said: 'It is so important for such a historical structure to be looked after so that it can continue to stand for years to come. It really is something to be proud of.'

Professor Hugh Cheape, vice-president of the NTS, marked the re-opening with the cutting of a ribbon and after pipers and people dressed as Jacobites processed from the monument into the games field. Some carried banners emblazoned with the crests and names of various clans, including Cameron and MacDonald, which had been gifted by the creators of the 1946 film *Bonnie Prince Charlie*.

Neil MacLeod, games announcer, explained: 'The film-makers said to the people of Lochailort, "You have been so helpful how can we repay you?", to which the locals replied, "Can we have the banners?"'

The crowds at the games included locals and tourists who gathered on the grass verge of the field in the sun which

organisers say is extremely rare. Alastair Gibson said: 'Invariably it's a wet games - we are never usually this lucky and what a difference it makes. But people have come in their droves and we hope they can stay for the day and enjoy themselves as the community has put in a lot of effort.'

There were 21 stalls at the games, made up of local businesses and organisations. An unexpected contribution came from a former competitor who returned a trophy he won more than 20 years ago.

John McAllister was successful in athletics competitions at the gathering in successive years from 1974 through to 1980.

The trophy had moved up to Aberdeen with John and he recently found it in storage but was unable to get back to the area.

He said: 'I have very fond memories at these games. I've always thought about coming back but never had the chance until now.'

Jane Mitchell, secretary of the games, explained there is a prize fund of £3,300 every year and that the money made at each gathering is put towards organising the next one.

She summed up the event by saying: 'A super day in Glenfinnan. It was the sun that made it and kept everyone happy. A huge thank you to all involved.'



The men's track race was closely contested.



The heavyweight events are always a big hit with the spectators.



The wheelchair race was popular with contestants of all ages.



Highland dancers added colour to the Glenfinnan Gathering competitions.



The procession to the games field featured banners with the clan crests.

Results from the Glenfinnan Highland Gathering, held on Saturday August 20

Piping

Open Adult - Piobaireachd - 1 William MacCallum; 2 Darach Uraquhart; 3 p/m Gordon Walker; Marches - 1 Gordon Walker; 2 William MacCallum; 3 Peter Hunt; Strathspey and Reel - 1 William MacCallum; 2 Gordon Walker; 3 Graham Mullholland. Open Under 17 - Marches - 1 Maeghan Bielski; 2 Christopher Happs; 3 Archie Clark; Strathspey and Reel - Maeghan Bielski; 2 Christopher Happs; 3 Rona Nicolson; Piobaireachd - 1 Maeghan Bielski; 2 Christopher Happs; 3 Archie Clark. Local Under 17 - Marches - 1 Archie Clark; 2 Rona Nicolson; 3 Laura Robertson; Strathspey and Reel - 1 Archie Clark; 2 Rona Nicolson.

Highland Dancing

Adult - Fling - 1 Rachael Walker; 2 Darra Wood; 3 Laura Boyle; Strathspey and Reel - 1 Rachael Walker; 2 Melissa Fife; 3 Fiona Matheson; Swords - 1 Rachael Walker; 2 Laura Boyle; 3 Melissa Fife; Sean Truibhas - 1 Darra Wood; 2 Laura Boyle; 3 Rachael Walker; Schottische - 1 Rachael Walker & Laura Boyle; 2 Darra Wood & Melissa Fife; 3 Fiona Matheson & Isla Mac-

Kenzie; Hornpipe; 1 Rachael Walker; 2 Melissa Fife; 3 Laura Boyle; Jig - 1 Laura Boyle; 2 Rachael Walker; 3 Darra Wood. Open - 12-15 - Fling - 1 Isla MacKenzie; 2 Robyn Struthers; 3 Megan O'Donnell; Strathspey and Reel - 1 Robyn Struthers; 2 Isla MacKenzie; 3 Eilidh O'Donnell; Swords - 1 Isla MacKenzie; 2 Megan O'Donnell; 3 Eilidh O'Donnell; Sean Truibhas - 1 Isla MacKenzie; 2 Megan O'Donnell; 3 Robyn Struthers; Flora - 1 Isla MacKenzie; 2 Megan O'Donnell; 3 Robyn Struthers. Open - 8-11 - Fling - 1 Eva Collister; 2 Katie Taylor; Strathspey and Reel - 1 Eva Collister; 2 Katie Taylor; Swords - 1 Katie Taylor; 2 Eva Collister; Sean Truibhas - 1 Eva Collister; 2 Katie Taylor; Flora - 1 Katie Taylor; 2 Eva Collister.

Athletics

100 yards - 1 Tom Fowle; 2 Harry Geaves; 3 Aurelian Rodier; 200 yards - 1 Harry Geaves; 2 Aurelian Rodier; 3 Matt Waterston; 1/2 mile - 1 Harry Geaves; 2 Tim Barker; 3 Matt Waterston; 1 mile - 1 Harry Geaves; 2 Tim Barker; 3 Steve Sedgewick; Hill Race - 1 Harry Geaves; 2 Kier Robertson; 3 Aurelian Rodier; 16lb Hammer - 1 A

McPhail; 2 P Whitehead; 3 A Johnston; 22lb hammer - 1 A McPhail; 2 P Whitehead; 3 A Johnston; 16lb Ball - 1 A Johnston; 2 A Davidson; 3 P Whitehead; 22lb Ball - 1 A Johnston; 2 P Whitehead; 3 D MacDonald; Tossing the Caber - 1 Peter Whitehead; 2 A McPhail; 3 A Davidson; 28wt distance - 1 A McPhail; 2 A Johnston; 3 A Davidson; 56wt over the bar - 1 P Whitehead; 2 A McPhail & D Horne; Hop, Step, Leap - 1 Matt Waterston; 2 Tim Barker; 3 Harry Geaves; High Jump - 1 Scott Gibson; 2 Donald MacDonald; 3 Harry Geaves; Long Jump - 1 Harry Geaves; 2 Connor MacRae; 3 Xavier Davis; Junior 12-16 - 100 yards - 1 Ben Johnstone; 2 Jacob Molton; 3 Bjarne from Belgium; Long Jump - 1 Harry Letts; 2 Tim Mayer; 3 Ben Johnstone; High Jump - 1 Ben Johnstone; 2 Harry Letts; 3 George Watson; Hill Race - 1 Ben Johnstone; 2 Shane O'Rua; 3 Seamus MacFarlane; Under 12 - High Jump - 1 Darius Buwitt; 2 Yonny Ewers; 3 Max Boxshall; Under 12 - Long Jump - 1 Archie Clark; 2 Magnus Hextall; 3 Yonny Ewers; 1/2 Mile - Junior 12-16 - 1 Ben Johnstone; 2 Finlay Bamber; 3 Rebecca Johnstone.



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Benefits of energy-efficient windows

- Smaller energy bills.
- Smaller carbon footprint.
- More comfortable home: energy-efficient glazing reduces heat loss through windows and means fewer draughts and cold spots.
- Peace and quiet: as

well as keeping the heat in, energy efficient-windows insulate your home against external noise.

• Reduced condensation: energy-efficient glazing reduces condensation build-up on the inside of windows.

The costs and savings for energy-efficient glazing will be different for each home and each window, depending on its size, material and the installer you choose. Double glazing should last for 20 years or more.

To get a better idea of how much you could save by replacing your windows, use the Energy Saving Calculator on the Glass and Glazing Federation's website, developed in conjunction with the Energy Saving Trust.

How energy-efficient glazing works

Double-glazed windows have two sheets of glass with a gap in between, usually about 16mm, to create an insulating barrier that keeps heat in. This is sometimes filled with gas.

Triple-glazed windows have three sheets of glass, but aren't always better than double-glazed windows. To choose the most energy-efficient window look for the BFRC rating.

Energy-efficient windows come in a range of frame materials and styles. Performance criteria vary according to the following:

- How well they stop heat from passing through the window.
- How much sunlight travels through the glass.
- How little air can leak in or out around the window.

What to look for

- Glass
- The most energy-efficient type for double glazing is low emissivity (Low-E) glass. This often has an invisible coating of metal oxide, normally on one of the internal panes. This lets in light and heat but cuts the amount of heat that can get out.
- Gaps between the glass
- Very efficient windows might use gases

such as argon, xenon or krypton in the gap between the sheets of glass.

- Pane spacers
- These are set around the inside edges to keep the two panes of glass apart. For maximum efficiency, look for pane spacers containing little or no metal – often known as 'warm edge' spacers.

Frame materials

For all frame materials there are windows available in all energy ratings.

- uPVC frames last a long time and may be recycled.
- Wooden frames can have a lower environmental impact, but require maintenance. They are often used in conservation areas where the original

windows had timber frames.

- Aluminium or steel frames are slim and long-lasting, and may be recycled.
- Composite frames have an inner timber frame covered with aluminium or plastic. This reduces the need for maintenance and keeps the frame weatherproof.

Energy rating

Some window manufacturers show the energy efficiency of their products using an energy-rating scale from A to G. The whole window (the frame and the glass) is assessed on its efficiency at retaining heat. The scheme is run by the British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC). Visit BFRC for more information.



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Ground source heat pumps

Ground source heat pumps (GSHPs) use pipes which are buried in the garden to extract heat from the ground. This heat can then be used to heat radiators, underfloor or warm air heating systems and hot water in your home.

A ground source heat pump circulates a mixture of water and antifreeze around a loop of pipe, called a ground loop, which is buried in your garden. Heat from the ground is absorbed into the fluid and then passes through a heat exchanger into the heat pump. The ground stays at a fairly constant temperature under the surface, so the heat pump can be used throughout the year.

The length of the ground loop depends on the size of your home and the amount of heat you need. Longer loops can draw more heat from the ground, but need more space to be buried in. If space is limited, a vertical borehole can be drilled instead.

The benefits of ground source heat pumps

- Could lower your fuel bills, especially if you replace conventional electric heating
- Could provide you with income through the government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)
- Could lower home carbon emissions, depending on which fuel you are replacing
- No fuel deliveries needed
- Can heat your home as well as your water
- Minimal maintenance required

Unlike gas and oil boilers, heat pumps deliver heat at lower temperatures over much longer

periods. During the winter they may need to be on constantly to heat your home efficiently. You will also notice that radiators won't feel as hot to the touch as they might do when you are using a gas or oil boiler.

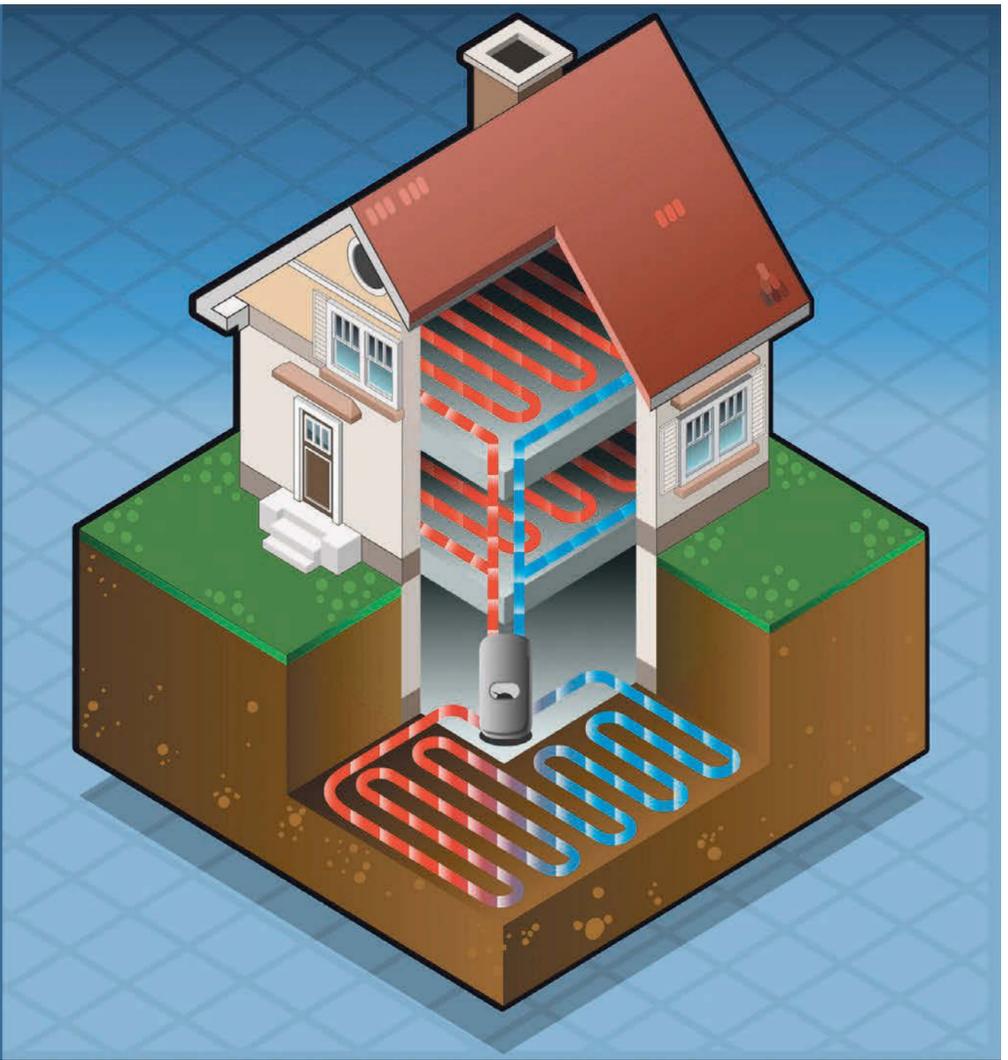
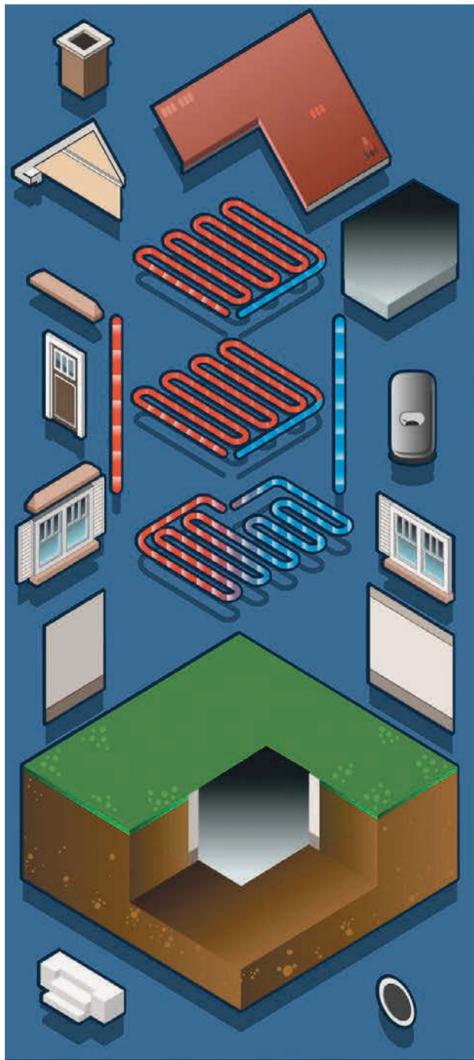
Air source heat pumps are usually easier to install than ground source as they don't need any trenches or drilling, but they are often less efficient than ground source heat pumps. Water source heat pumps can be used to provide heating in homes near to rivers, streams and lakes.

Find case studies and examples of homeowners who have installed a ground source heat pump using our Green Homes Network.

How do ground source heat pumps work?

Heat from the ground is absorbed at low temperatures into a fluid inside a loop of pipe (a ground loop) buried underground. The fluid then passes through a compressor that raises it to a higher temperature, which can then heat water for the heating and hot water circuits of the house. The cooled ground-loop fluid passes back into the ground where it absorbs further energy from the ground in a continuous process as long as heating is required.

Normally the loop is laid flat or coiled in trenches about two metres deep, but if there is not enough space in your garden you can install a vertical loop down into the ground to a depth of up to 100 metres for a typical domestic home. Heat pumps have some impact on the environment as they need electricity to run, but the



heat they extract from the ground, the air, or water is constantly being renewed naturally.

Is a ground source heat pump suitable for me?

To tell if an air source heat pump is right for you, there are a few key

questions to consider:

- Is your garden suitable for a ground loop? It doesn't have to be particularly big, but the ground needs to be suitable for digging a trench or a borehole and accessible to digging

machinery.

- Is your home well insulated? Since ground source heat pumps work best when producing heat at a lower temperature than traditional boilers, it's essential that your home is well insulated

and draught-proofed for the heating system to be effective.

- What fuel will you be replacing? The system will pay for itself much more quickly if it's replacing an electricity or coal heating system.

Heat pumps may not be the best option for homes using mains gas.

- What type of heating system will you use? Ground source heat pumps can perform better with underfloor heating systems or warm

air heating than with radiator-based systems because of the lower water temperatures required.

- Is the system intended for a new development? Combining the installation with other building

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• Speak to a specialist in your area

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• Learn from your neighbours by visiting homes in your area

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• Find out about the financial support on offer to help you install renewables systems

You could get an interest-free loan of up to £10,000 from the Scottish Government to help you install a domestic renewables system or connect to a district heating scheme powered from a renewable energy source.

As well as saving money on your fuel bills you can also receive payments for the renewable energy your system produces. The Feed-In Tariff (FIT) scheme pays you for the

renewable electricity generated from technology like solar PV panels and wind turbines. The domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) pays you for the renewable heat generated from heat pumps, biomass (wood) boilers and solar water heating.

Find the right installer by using the Renewables Installer Finder tool

The Renewables Installer Finder tool on our website can help you choose the right installer for you. Search for MCS certified installers operating in your area, read customer reviews and ratings, find out more about installers and their experience of installing renewables systems and search for special offers on products or services.

Tip: insulate

Before you install, make sure your home leaks as little heat as possible by topping up your insulation and draught-proofing if you need to.

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Hydro Power

Hydro technology uses running water to generate electricity, whether it's a small stream or a larger river.

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The benefits of hydro systems

• Cut your electricity bills
A hydro system can generate 24 hours a day, often generating all the electricity you need and more.

• Be paid to generate energy

If eligible, you'll get payments from the Feed-in Tariff for all the electricity you generate, as well as for any surplus electricity you sell back to the grid.

• Cheap heating and hot water

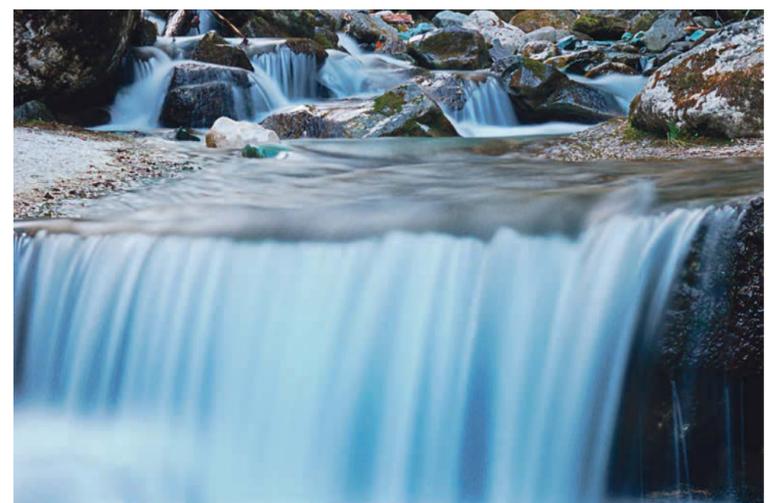
A hydro system may generate more electricity than you need for lighting your home and powering your electrical appliances – so you can use the excess to heat your home and your hot water too.

• A cheaper option for off-grid homes

Installing a hydro system can be expensive, but in many cases it's less than the cost of getting a connection to the National Grid if you don't already have one.

• Cut your carbon footprint
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The benefits of solar electricity

- Cut your electricity bills. Sunlight is free, so once you've paid for the initial installation, your electricity costs will be reduced.
- Get paid for the electricity you generate. The UK government's Feed-in Tariff scheme pays you for the electricity you generate, even if you use it.
- Sell electricity back to the grid. If your system is producing more electricity than you need, you can sell the surplus back to the grid through the Feed-in Tariff scheme.
- Cut your carbon footprint. Solar electricity is green renewable energy and doesn't release any harm-

ful carbon dioxide or other pollutants. A typical home solar PV system could save over a tonne and a half of carbon dioxide per year – that's more than 30 tonnes over its lifetime.

How do solar panels (PV) cells work?

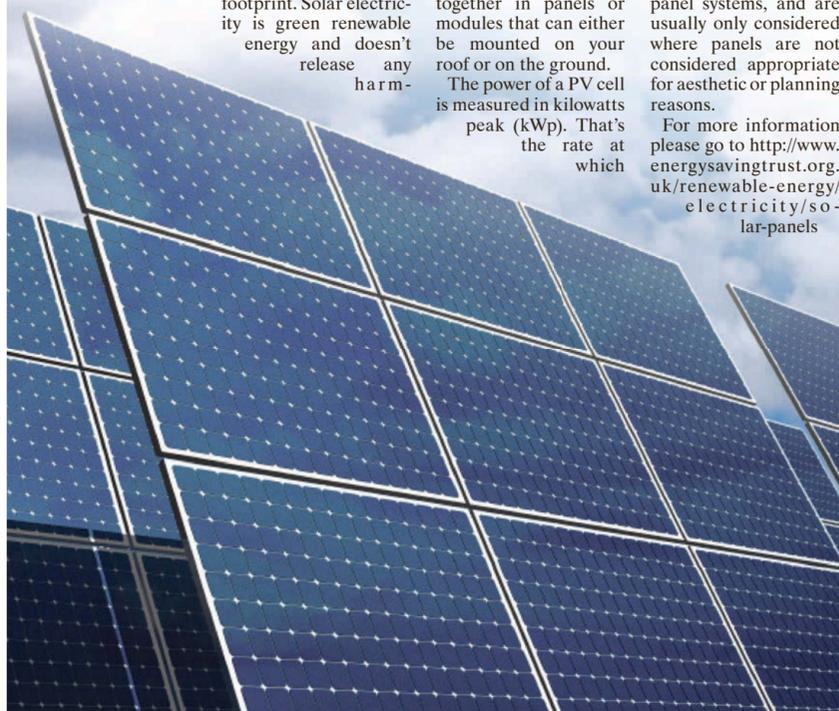
PV cells are made from layers of semi-conducting material, usually silicon. When light shines on the cell it creates an electric field across the layers. The stronger the sunshine, the more electricity is produced. Groups of cells are mounted together in panels or modules that can either be mounted on your roof or on the ground. The power of a PV cell is measured in kilowatts peak (kWp). That's the rate at which

it generates energy at peak performance in full direct sunlight during the summer. PV cells come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Most PV systems are made up of panels that fit on top of an existing roof, but you can also fit solar tiles.

Solar tiles and slates

Solar tiles are designed to be used in place of ordinary roof tiles. A system made up of solar tiles will typically cost about twice as much as an equivalent panel system. Solar tile systems are not normally as cost-effective as panel systems, and are usually only considered where panels are not considered appropriate for aesthetic or planning reasons.

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Hundreds flock to the Killin show

KILLIN Agricultural Show attracted a good crowd of 800 visitors and locals at Breadalbane Park on Saturday.

No cattle class featured this year to preserve the state of the park but that did not stop an impressive showing in the blackface and cross sheep classes, and, for the first time, Swaledale sheep.

Killin sheep farmers have used the hardy swale to cross the blackface ewe for some years, and there are a good number of their offspring in local flocks and some of the pure blood.

This was the first show the Swaledale Sheep Breeders' Association has sponsored outside the Royal Highland Show, and organisers hope this will slowly expand in future.

'The numbers will never get huge to beat the blackface class,' committee member Alex Stewart said, 'but they were delighted by the entries. It's quite a thing for a small country show.'

A renowned Swaledale follower, John Burton of Connonish Farm, judged the first classes. John was also the judge of the first Swaledale classes at the Royal Highland Show 40 years ago, so it was fitting he agreed to apply his knowledge to the Killin entries. Best of the newly introduced Swaledale classes was a six-year-old tup from Tullich Farm, Glenlochay, reared by Finlay MacAskill.

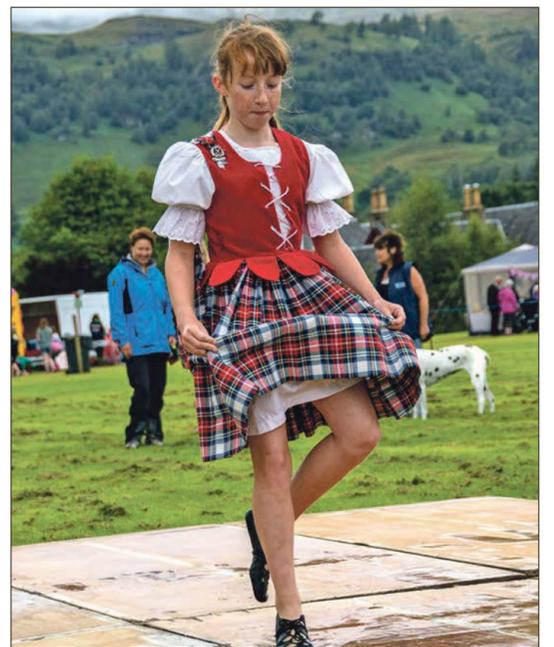
The blackface section yielded the champion of champions, a home-bred gimmer from Messrs McLarty's Glen Tarken flock near St Fillans, after several minutes' debate by the three sheep judges. A Texel gimmer from the McDiarmid family,

Shenlarich, was the best of the other breeds.

The entertainment featured a dog show, bonny baby show and the triple challenge and terrier race. This year the extra attraction was a falconry display by Paul Finnigan from Connel, who brought a selection of raptors, all bred in captivity. One of the hawks enjoyed his freedom a little too much and took some persuading to return to the field.

The show organisers thanked the sponsors, stall-holders and visitors. The end of day hog roast and ceilidh music rounded off another great Killin Show.

Results.
Best Lamb: Caledonian Marts Commission Voucher: Glentarken; Best Sheep (opp sex to Champion) Reid & Robertson £10: Glenample; Stockman showing best animal: Bayer Sheild: Alistair McKenzie; Shepherd's Class: Jimmy Elliot Memorial Trophy: Robert Campbell; Best Natural Ewe: Braes of Ardeonaig Cup: Glentarken; Best A ged Tub: The Ram's Horn Trophy: Glenample; Sheep other than Blackface: Champion Cross Sheep: Bovain Cup: Shenlarich; Reserve Champion Cross Sheep: Reid & Robertson £10: Shenlarich; Best Pair Prime Lambs: Caledonian Marts Commission Voucher: Shenlarich; Pair Lambs out of BF Ewe: Lix Toll Prize: Tulloch Mhor; Pair of Lambs out of a cross ewe: Shenlarich; Wool Section: Champion: J & W Greig Lts Cup; Meggernie. Horticultural and Home Crafts: Handicraft Cup: James Gerry; Photography Cup: Photography Quaic: Donna McKenzie and Grace M MacKechnie; Homecraft Cup: J W Christie Esq Cup: Ann Watson; Baking Cup: The Bunty MacGregor Cup: Elizabeth Woods; Produce Cup: Mairi Stewart Trophy: Glenda Mardon and Mayumi Paterson; Vegetable Cup: Hamish MacGregor Cup: Mayumi Paterson; Flower Cup: The McNicol Cup: Mairi Hunter; Floral Art Cup: The Christie Jug: Cathie Reid and Jean Faichney; Gils Cup: Tessa McDiarmid; Boys Cup James Gerry; WRI Salver: Killin Craft Group.



The sun shone on the Killin Show at the weekend. Pictured, top left, are Comrie Pipe Band entertaining the hundreds of people who were there. Top right, Buzz Lightyear and an accomplice looked great as they took part in the fancy dress parade. Second top left is the champion of champions, a blackface gimmer from Messrs McLarty's Glen Tarken flock near St Fillans. Second top right is a fine example of the skills on show in the Highland dancing competition. Above right, Finlay MacAskill of Tullich Farm won the new Swaledale sheep section with a six-shear tup. Above centre is the Judging the junior section. Above left is Sandy Taylor of Ardeonaig demonstrating how to shear a sheep. Far left are some of the entrants in the brilliant fancy dress parade. And, left, the sheep were the real stars of the show.

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Home wins and sunshine help make Appin Show 2016 one to remember

WITH a large number of visitors, a packed afternoon programme and a host of local winners, this year's Appin Show demonstrated why it is one of the most popular on the circuit.

The large number of visitors to the event at Tynribbie Croft was partly down to the glorious weather, which came as a welcome surprise to an organising committee braced for the forecast rain.

Caroline Henderson, who this year succeeded Brenda MacLeod as show secretary, said: 'A lot of people have been giving the committee fantastic feedback on this year's show and I think the weather helped make it a great event. We have such a hard-working core of committee members and volunteers who make this happen and I would personally like to thank Lorna Paterson and Fiona Wallace, with whom I shared the secretary's role.'

Children's races, a mass Orcadian Strip the Willow and a display from Oban Pipe Band helped to create a party atmosphere, and celebrations were certainly in order after local exhibitors took the top prizes in the agricultural sections.

Champion of champions was an April-born Limousin cross Belgian heifer called Tasty Ribs, from Dougie MacDonald, Tyree. Although based in Benderloch, Dougie's stock is kept in Port Appin.

Tasty Ribs, shown by Dougie's son, Dougie junior, was up against the champion sheep, a blackface gimmer from James Henry Weir, Invernahyle, Appin. James Henry, the show's president, missed the morning of the show as he had been competing at the Scottish National

Sheepdog Trials in Stranraer but returned in the afternoon to news of his victory.

There was further Appin success when Sydney and Maureen O'Hara of Cnoc Lodge claimed the Highland cattle crown for the first time with their eight-year-old cow Cannach 27th of Achnacloich, brought out by stockman Iain McKay.

Cannach 27th of Achnacloich, sired by Aonghas of Torloisk and out of Cannach 20th of Achnacloich, was shown with an April-born calf at foot, Cannach 2nd of Cnoc. Exhibitors in the Highland cattle classes praised the quality of the stock on show, claiming that, outside of the Royal Highland Show, Appin had arguably the best quality Highland cattle show in the country. A list of nine exhibitors on the day included highly-decorated folds such as Mottistone, Cladich, Tordarroch and Leys Castle.

Appin Agricultural Show committee vice-chairman Fraser McLauchlan said: 'I thought there was a very high standard of stock throughout the competitions and even when numbers were low in some classes, the quality was still exceptionally high.'

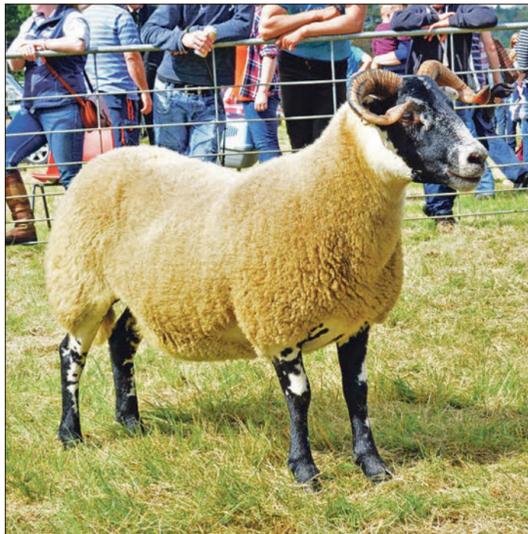
A well-attended Highland dancing competition saw 30 dancers compete for a number of trophies, with Appin girl Eva MacColl, 10, named best local dancer.

There was also a large number of entries in the baking, floral, art, photography and handicrafts sections, and in the dog show. Ferret racing and a Clydesdale horse display drew in the crowds, as did the wide range of sideshows, from vintage tractors to bouncy castles.

Full results next week.



Clockwise from left: The Highland dancing champions with judge Sheila Anderson, Dunoon; cross sheep champion was a mule ewe lamb from Calum MacGillivray, Stroncribbh, Lismore (Calum has recently taken on the tenancy of the croft next door to his father, Archie, at Achuaran); the champion of champions title went to an April-born Limousin cross Belgian heifer from Dougie MacDonald, Tyree, Benderloch (Dougie, left, is pictured with commercial cattle judge James Hunter and Dougie MacDonald junior); the Orcadian Strip the Willow in full swing; a band of accordion players formed to play for a mass Orcadian Strip the Willow; Oban Pipe Band, led by pipe major Euan Dewar, helped pull in the crowd; champion local dancer was 10-year-old Eva MacColl from Appin; Maureen and Sydney O'Hara of the Cnoc Lodge fold, Appin, pictured with stockman Iain McKay and the Highland cattle champion Cannach 27th of Achnacloich (it was the first time the fold had won the top prize at its home show); champion sheep was a blackface gimmer from James Henry Weir, Invernahyle, Appin.



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Uncharted Territory

The impact on all aspects of the property market following the EU referendum have been wide ranging, and navigating the complex issues can be a challenge.

The Government's announcement last week that the current Farm Subsidy regime would continue for a further four years has given farmers and landowners a window in which to try and mitigate the probable significant reduction in the Farm Subsidy regime.

If one looks at the politicians who are charged with negotiating Brexit, their political views do not auger well for a farming system that is predicated upon subsidies.

The previous regime which was jealously protected by French and Southern European countries, gradually evolved over the years and was never

really thrashed out or explained within the popular press.

The nation's obsession with funding the NHS and other sacred cows will probably not extend to farming.

Whilst nothing is certain at present, it would seem unlikely that small village shops and other non-agricultural rural businesses as well as underprivileged city dwellers will stand idly by and see significant payments made to the agricultural sector which would never normally be considered in a free market economy.

New Zealand removed subsidies and by all accounts the agricultural sector has thrived

and it would seem more than likely that in upland areas such as Argyll any future payments to farmers and landowners will be in the form of grants for conservation rather than subsidies for farming.

It is against this background that we are working with a number of clients on strategic plans to diversify away from agriculture and in to other profit centres.

Just because a farm is rural does not mean it cannot be a well-run diversified business incorporating activities that have no relationship to agriculture.

The Renewable Energy sector has in the last few years

benefited from significant subsidies and whilst we have been working with clients on hydro and wind power we are now beginning to work with clients on anaerobic digestion, energy barns and off-grid solutions.

Off-grid is one of the most exciting and potentially lucrative areas, particularly for private house developers which as yet has not seen its full potential realised due to the lack of battery capacity. If Elon Musks Giga factory in Nevada eventually produces batteries that are cost effective and have significant storage power, the opportunities, not only for the rural population, but also urban population, are significant.

Our Agricultural Department is currently working with clients on imaginative micro farming strategies to examine their current farming enterprise and hone it down in a manner that focuses on the pure profit element of the enterprise, that gives the farmer direct access to the market which will enable them to have greater control over, not only their turnover, but also their costs.

In these uncertain times where it is likely that banks will start charging customers for holding their money it is of paramount importance that secure income streams are harnessed.

The private rented sector continues to show strong demands

although rental growth is somewhat static on the west coast. The potential catastrophic impact of the current proposals under the proposed Private Tenancy legislation are yet to be fully realised with many landlords potentially withdrawing from the market, thus depriving those particularly in rural areas of affordable rural housing.

There has been a considerable upturn in the demand for mobile phone mast sites with several negotiations ongoing. The operators now enjoy many of the same rights as the utilities providers and entering in to a lease with them requires care. It could be a very long term

commitment over which the landlord has very little control.

Many of the taxation benefits associated with self-catering properties have been removed and the market is becoming more and more demanding. The practicalities of day to day management continue, however many of our clients are benefitting from booking.com, Airbnb and other such sites which help drive bookings to their properties.

In these and in many other areas, we are working with clients to develop a coherent strategy for these uncertain times and would be delighted to discuss ideas with clients both old and new.

Lochaber Show

Saturday August 27
Inverloch Castle Farm
9.30am

For a fun day out for all the family this weekend, the Lochaber Agricultural show and family fun day is the place to be.

This year sees the 119th show take place on Saturday August 27.

Run by the Lochaber Agricultural Society, the show is a particular highlight of the Lochaber Calendar with typically more than 1,500 locals and visitors attending and taking part in various competitions. will take place in Inverloch Castle Farm, in Happy Valley, Torlundy by kind permission of Ewen Campbell.

The gates open at 9.30 for the livestock, handicraft and stock judging.

Farmers come from all over the Highlands and Islands to enter their animals in a range of competitions.

Prizes will be given in the horse and pony section for both Highland and other breeds, and for lead rein and also ridden animals.

There are hen and cockerel classes including for young handlers.

In the cattle section there are a wealth of prizes for Highland cattle, bulls, cows, calves, pedigree and cross-breeds.

There are also competitions for both blackface and other sheep across many classes.

In the handicraft tent, the home baking prizes are awarded for traditional staples such as cloutie dumpling and scones, as well as more exotic items such as French macarons. The recipe class this year is for cheese and onion scones.

In the produce and preserves section, prizes are available for eggs, various jams and

even for homemade wines and gin.

There are a variety of knitting classes, including baby clothes, knitted toys and shawls.

Handicraft classes include photography, cross stitching as well as more unusual items such as hot water bottles and carved wooden sticks.

If floral art is your thing, there are plenty of prizes up for grabs here too, for floral arrangements, and a corsage class.

For gardeners there are floral and produce classes for all sorts of plants, fruits, vegetables and herbs.

There is a whole section for honey and other bee-related products including honeycomb, honey cake and also beeswax candles.

For the youngsters there are a whole host

of classes for all ages from playgroup right up to primary seven.

All handicraft entries must be in the tent by 10.30am on the day of the show.

The afternoon entertainment will be opened by the Lochaber Schools Pipe Band.

There will be the Highland Dancing and sheepdog herding demonstrations as well as a variety of sheep-shearing techniques shown.

A bird of prey display will be a highlight, along with the popular pet parade and fancy dress horse parade.

Terrier owners will also be able to enter their dogs for terrier racing.

Teas, coffees and other refreshments including burgers and hotdogs will be available.

There will be activities for children to enjoy throughout the day as well as the main ring events. These will include tug-of-war contests, of which there will also be adult contests.

There will also be Argocat rides and Segways. Aside to all of this, there will be a wide variety of trade, charity and have-a-go stalls.

John Weller one of the organisers of the show said: 'We are hoping for another good show this year. Last year was very wet and so the turn-out was slightly down. Much of it depends on the weather.'

'The stock entries are looking good for this year though and it's good that the local farmers still seem to be interested in coming to the show. That's the main thing for us really.'

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Surveyors predict rise in Scottish house prices

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) said demand for property continued to outpace supply last month. This was despite a rise in the number of homes coming on to the market. The growth of interest in the Scottish property market bucked the trend across the rest of the UK. Demand for homes in the UK fell back for the first time in over a year, which RICS attributed in part to uncertainty over next month's European Union referendum. The latest RICS UK residential market survey found sales remained steady across Scotland last month, with growth in activity expected to continue. A net balance of 36 per cent more respondents predicted an increase in Scottish property sales over the next quarter. More surveyors also said they expected prices to rise over the next three months. RICS in Scotland director Sarah Speirs said: 'We are seeing a welcome increase in properties coming on to the market and we hope this

will continue in coming months. However, as demand also continues to grow, this supply will not meet market needs and we call on the newly-elected Scottish government to make the increase of housing supply across all tenures a priority.'

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Will Banham, of Bell Ingram's Oban office, said: "Scotland is famous for its castles but it is rare that any island castle comes onto the open market. The fact that this Castle combines the character of a fine Georgian manor house with a spectacular outlook over a white sandy beach, makes this restoration opportunity truly exceptional. This is not a project for the fainthearted, but this fine building has a fascinating history and really does offer buyers the chance to create a unique holiday home or lifestyle business." EPC Rating D59.

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Buy-to-let investors set to see period of lower borrowing costs

The news that the Bank of England has lowered the base interest rate in the UK to 0.25 per cent last week was a shock to the country, but as the UK seeks to boost its own economy through a lower rate of interest, the knock-on effect could be a good one for the private rented sector.

According to experts, the lower interest rate will mean that there could be higher levels of stock across the market in months to come, as investors in buy-to-let properties enjoy a much cheaper entry price to rental properties. Lower interest means cheaper mortgage repayments and many landlords who perhaps held off purchasing before the Brexit decision will now be looking to change their tactics.

Peter Williams, executive director of the Intermediary Mortgage Lenders Association (IMLA), believes that an era of ultra-low rates is one that will be a reality in the British property market for some time to come.

'While some think a rate cut could adversely affect sterling, the Monetary Policy Committee feel there is a clear need to boost spending, borrowing and business investment which they will also hope to achieve through a complementary asset-purchase programme,' he said.

'Lower for longer is good news for consumers, who will reap the benefits of strong mortgage affordability. Borrowers on tracker deals will see a reduction in their monthly payments, and remortgagers will be well-placed to tap into attractive deals,' Mr Williams added.

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The Scottish Salmon Company
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THOMAS TELFORD CORPACH MARINA MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Telford Corpach Marina, (c/o Caol Regeneration Co. Ltd., 31 Kilmallie Road, Caol, Fort William PH33 7BZ) plans to hold a pre-application consultation event regarding a proposed licensable marine activity at Corpach (E: 209451 N: 776666). The activity consists of the installation of pontoons to enable Marina Construction.

Further information, can be obtained concerning the proposed Marina Construction from: Arch Henderson LLP, 142 St Vincent St, Glasgow, G2 5LA. The pre-application consultation event will be held at 1530 - 1830 on Thursday 6th October at: Kilmallie Community Centre, Station Road, Corpach, PH33 7JH.

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed Marina Construction can do so by writing to the prospective applicant at: glasgow@arch-henderson.co.uk,

Or by post to Arch Henderson LLP, 142 St Vincent St, Glasgow, G2 5LA, no later than 20th October 2016. Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If Thomas Telford Corpach Marina submits an application for a marine licence to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the application.

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FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT

Mrs Jessie Cameron has registered her croft 207 Acharacle (Burnbank), Ardnamurchan & Sunart on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by the 10th May 2017.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C2965.

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

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION - DRAFT MASTERPLAN FOR MALLAIG HARBOUR Town and Country Planning (Development Planning)(Scotland) Regulations 2008

Mallaig Harbour Authority (MHA) has prepared a draft masterplan for Mallaig Harbour. This is the subject of this public consultation.

The purpose of the masterplan is to provide a structured framework for the physical development and transformation of Mallaig Harbour over the next 20 years. It is intended that the masterplan will be incorporated into the emerging West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan as Supplementary Guidance.

In order to inform the masterplan, MHA is undertaking a programme of stakeholder and community consultation to ensure that relevant community views are taken into account. **You are invited to view and comment on the draft masterplan, and can do so through the following methods:**

Hard Copy (Public Deposit): the draft masterplan will be on deposit at Mallaig Library and Access Point, West Bay, Mallaig, from 30th August until 4th October 2016, during normal opening hours.

Web: the draft masterplan will be available on www.mallaig-harbour.com from 30th August until 4th October 2016 for public viewing.

Drop-in sessions: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th September 2016 (Mallaig and Morar Community Centre, West Bay, Mallaig). Come along and find out more about the draft masterplan, with the masterplan delivery team and MHA representatives. Drop-in session times:

• **Thursday 15th September:** 10.30am to 12.30pm; 2pm to 4pm; 6pm to 8pm

• **Friday 16th September:** 10.30am to 12.30pm

Public Meeting: Friday 16th September 2016 at 2pm (Mallaig and Morar Community Centre, West Bay, Mallaig). There will be a presentation on the draft masterplan.

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposal should do so in writing no later than the 4th October 2016. Comments should be submitted in writing:

• By email to info@mallaigharbourauthority.com

• By post to Robert MacMillan, Mallaig Harbour Authority, Harbour Offices, Mallaig, PH41 4QB.

If you have any queries about the public consultation, or difficulty accessing the draft masterplan, please contact Robert MacMillan at Mallaig Harbour Authority as above or by telephone (01687 462154).

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk> or electronically at your nearest Service Point. You can find your nearest Service Point via the following link https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a_to_z

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
16/03440/FUL	Land 60M West of The Parade Open Space, The Parade, Fort William	Replace existing shed with a new shed
16/03516/FUL	Site 475M NW of Cliff Cottage, Lochailort	Modification to existing marine fish farm - Atlantic Salmon: linked feedpipes and additional walkway
16/03527/FUL	Highwinds, Torlundy, Fort William	Erection of house
16/03541/FUL	Am Maoi, Isle of Muck, Mallaig	Variation or removal of condition - Keeping the existing white feed pipes in place
16/03549/FUL	Land 140M East of Millburn, Inverie, Knoydart	Formation of 9 individual serviced house sites
16/03550/FUL	Otterburn, Monument Park, Strontian, Acharacle	Erection of house and garage
16/03632/FUL	Ardno House, Lettermore, Ballachulish	Change of use of garage to form artist studio & office
16/03685/FUL	West Highland College Carmichael Way, Fort William	Siting of a modular building
16/03686/FUL	Land 145M NE of Carnoch Hill, Glencoe	Expand car parking area

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 - 13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochligthead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

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

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/02190/PP	Erection of replacement shed	30 Shore Street Port Wemyss Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA47 7ST	Sub Post Office Portnahaven
16/02200/PP	Erection of dwelling house and installation of Bio-disc treatment plant	Land at Former Sawmills Site (Plot 4) Taynuilt Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02085/AMSC	Approval of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 relative to planning permission in principle reference 14/02329/PPP - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 3 Land North East of Scalliste Farm Craignure Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA65 6BA	Sub Post Office Craignure
16/02154/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of private drainage system and formation of vehicular access	Plot North of Achnacree Bay North Connel Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Connel
16/02188/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 13/01371/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and the installation of a septic tank)	Plot 3 Deerview Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HP	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
16/02056/PP	Alterations, erection of extension, Victorian walkway and smoking shelter	Tigh An Truiseil Hotel Clachan Seil Isle of Seil Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4QZ	Sub Post Office Balvicar
16/02192/PP	Demolition of extension and erection of replacement extension	1 The Dairy Flora Street Bowmore Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA43 7JX	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay

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Marion and Duncan MacInnes of North Ballachulish who were married in Greenock on August 24, 1956 celebrated their anniversary with a lovely lunch at the Laroch Restaurant with their family.

Flora Bell (Lola)

Would like to thank everyone who gave her cards, gifts and flowers. Also to all who called in to make her 100th birthday very special.

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BIRTHS

HARRISON – Ewen and Livvy are delighted to announce the arrival of Finlay Michael, a brother for Callan, on August 17. A grandson for Janice and Donald Harrison, Hazelbank, Taynuilt.

ENGAGEMENTS

GEMMELL - MILTON - Mr and Mrs William Gemmell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Catriona Louise to Nicholas Alistair Milton, son of Mrs Angela Milton and the late Mr Sandy Milton. Both families are delighted.

MARRIAGES

HRABALKOVA - McCUISH - On Saturday August 13, 2016 in the Czech Republic, Lenka, second eldest daughter of Petr and Zorka Hrabalkovi, Prague to Michael Donald, youngest son of Roddy and Marian McCuish, Oban. Many thanks to all who travelled far and wide on this wonderful occasion.

GOLDEN WEDDING

HENDERSON - CARTER - At St Conan's Kirk, Lochawe, on August 27, 1966 by the late Rev. Dr. MacLeod, Duncan to Catherine, Silver Firs, Inverawe, Taynuilt.

DIAMOND WEDDING

CALLANDER – Nigel to Janet on September 1, 1956 at Kilmorich Church, Cairndow, by Rev James H. Kerr.

DEATHS

BLAIR - Kate MacKinnon, née Kennedy. Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital Paisley on August 21, 2016. Kate, in her 104th year, beloved wife of the late Robert, a loving and much loved aunt. Funeral service, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited, at St. Machar's Ranfurly Church, Bridge of Weir on Wednesday August 31 at 12.30 pm thereafter to Linn Cemetery, Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow at 2.00pm.

DRUMMOND - Peacefully at home, on August 20, 2016, in his 70th year, Charles, beloved husband of Wilma, dear father of Craig and much loved grandpa of Michael and Calum. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Funeral service will take place at Dunbeg Parish Church, Dunbeg, on Friday August 26, 2016 at 1.00 p.m. Thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery.

FORREST - Sheila. Peacefully, at Abbeyfield Nursing Home, Ballachulish on August 11, 2016, aged 90 years. Much loved sister of Erik and the late Helen, Morag and Vera, beloved aunt of Michael, Kathleen, Andrew, Robin and Fiona. Great-aunt of Jenni, Emma, Gabrielle and great-grand-aunt of Isla, Ben and Bonnie. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday August 30, 2016 at 1pm in St. Munda's Parish Church, Ballachulish; thereafter a private cremation will be held. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Abbeyfield Nursing Home

can be given at the church door or forwarded to John McLellan Funeral Directors, Dudley Road, Fort William.

MACINNES - Peacefully at Uist and Barra Hospital, on August 13, 2016, aged 81 years, Peggy, (Eriskey), beloved wife of the late Roddy, very dear mum, granny and great-granny, sadly missed, forever in our hearts. RIP.

OWEN - Peacefully at Abbeyfield Care Home, Ballachulish on Thursday August 17, 2016, aged 95 years, Jean a beloved mum, gran and great gran.

WALKER - Peacefully at Forth Valley Royal Hospital on August 21, 2016, Annie Rennie, in her 99th year, beloved wife of the late Johnnie Walker, (late of The Star Bar and Port Customs Bar, Stirling), loving mother of Tom, dear mother-in-law of Eileen, loving gran of Carol and Kevin and great-gran of Jack and Ryan. Funeral service at Callander Kirk on Wednesday August, 31 at 11a.m. and thereafter to Kippen Cemetery to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACINNES - The family of the late Peggy MacInnes, Eriskey would like to say a big thank you to all family and friends for their expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls and for all the kind donations taken to the house after Peggy's sad passing. We would also like to thank Fr Donald and Fr Seamus for the beautiful Requiem Mass and for their continued support. Neil MacIntyre for his very professional service, the gravediggers, altar servers, readers and pipers. We would also like to thank the hospital staff who cared so well for mum in her final week and Fiona, Macmillan nurse for her help and guidance. Your kindness has helped us through this very sad time.

MACQUARRIE - The family of the late Theresa MacQuarrie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy they received following the sad loss of Theresa. Grateful thanks to the staff of Easdale Surgery for their excellent care and thanks to the Carr Gomm carers for their frequent visits. Sincere thanks to the Rev. Bill Gray for his graveside service, to all who attended at Kilchattan Cemetery and to Hamish Hoey and Sons, undertakers, for their efficient funeral arrangements. The family very much appreciated the excellent catering by the ladies of Cullipool Hall Committee.

MEMORIALS

CAMPBELL - Flora Jane. Fond memories of Auntie Jean who passed away August 27, 2014. - The Henning family

CARMICHAEL - In loving memory of our dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Mary Logan, who died August 24, 1996.

Forever in our hearts, always in our thoughts. - Inserted by Irene, Donald, Nigel and family, Islay and Glasgow.

HAY - In memory of our dear

and much loved husband and dad Billy, who died August 27, 2015 aged 52. A year of sadness and joy tears and celebrations

Through all of these you have been missed. Also our dog Glen who died September 11, 2015 Together forever.

- Love Danielle. Sean. Ryan and Iona xxxx

HAY - Treasured memories of Billy, a dearly loved son, brother and uncle who died August 27, 2015.

Thinking of you every day, with love and happy memories. - Mum, Catherine, Stephen and Calum

MACDONALD - Treasured memories of Alistair, a devoted husband and father, who passed away on August 18, 2001.

The many things you did for me In your kind and loving way Give me memories to treasure As I think of you each day.

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

No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts you're always there. - Iain, Deirdre and Mhairi.

MACLEAN -Bibs. A smile we shall always remember A voice we shall always recall A love we shall treasure forever Of a wife and mum who was dear to us all. Loved and remembered always. - Billy and family xx.

MACLELLAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, Donald (Donnie), who died August 23, 2009. A loving husband, dad, granddad and uncle. No morning dawns No night returns

Without a thought of you You always had a smile to share Time to give, time to care Never selfish and always kind These are the memories you left behind.

- Inserted by his loving wife, Morag and family, Oban.

MACLEOD - Treasured memories of our dear dad, gramma and great-gramma Hugh, who died August 28, 2013, also remembering our mum (Lottie) who died March 9, 1993. There is a face before us, A voice we'd love to hear A smile we will always remember Of a dad we loved so dear. Forever in our hearts dad.

- Rita, Johann, Morag, Ian and all their families.

MACPHERSON - In loving memory of our dear mother Carrie who passed away, September 2, 2011 and our dear father Ewen who passed away August 30, 2013. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper for you to hear that we'll always love and miss you and wish that you were here.

- Love always Ewen, Lorraine and family

MACPHERSON - Precious memories of our dear father Ewen who passed away August 30, 2013 and our mother Carrie who passed away September 2, 2011.

Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. - All our love David, Sara and family.

MACPHERSON - Peggy. In loving memory of a dear mum and granny who passed away August 29, 2015.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. - Love Robert, Donna, Mark, Arlene, Molly and Sophie xxxx

MACPHERSON - Fond memories of my dear friend Peggy who passed away on August 29, 2015.

Forever in my thoughts - Catherine

McGRATH - Precious memories of our dear mum and shen, Margaret, Achaleven Farm, who died August 23, 2006. The hardest thing in life to bear Is to want your mum and she's not there

So forgive me Lord if we still weep For a mum we loved and longed to keep

The sorrow we feel we can't explain The ache in our hearts will long remain - Your loving children and grandchildren xxx

Also loved and remembered our shen and grampa xxx

McPHERSON - In loving memory of my dear mum Peggy, who died August 29, 2015.

She was a mother so very rare Content in her home and always there

On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests God bless you mother, you were the best.

- Lots of love Elaine and Sandy

McPHERSON - In loving memory of my dear wife Peggy, who died August 29, 2015.

An empty place no-one can fill I miss you now and always will A prayer, a tear, are all I can give These you will have as long as I live.

- Love Ian

OWEN - In memory of our dear dad and grandpa who passed away on August 25, 1997.

Forever in our thoughts and prayers. - Tom, Lily, Elizabeth and families.

SIMPSON - Remembering my dad Ian who died so suddenly on August 12, 1987. Always in my thoughts. - Mary.

SINCLAIR - Alasdair. Remembering a dear brother and uncle Alasdair, who died on August 25, 2015 in his 90th year.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. - From Cathie and family, Tiree and Glasgow

STEWART - In loving memory of my dear son Cameron (Rusty), who passed away suddenly August 27, 2014. Loved and remembered every day. - Mum.

STEWART - In loving memory of a dear brother and brother-in-law Cameron (Rusty), who was suddenly taken away August 27, 2014. Forever in our thoughts. - Margaret and Jon.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Obituary - Duncan Currie MacIntyre

DUNCAN Currie MacIntyre was born on the July 14, 1943 in Campbeltown. He was the first child of Mary and Archibald (Baldy) MacIntyre and following his birth went to live with his parents and grandparents at Lagganbuie, on the shores of Loch Feochan, on the outskirts of Oban.

He was the eldest of six children and was followed by Iain, Catherine, Betty, Mary and Susan.

As a young boy, Duncan moved to Oban with his parents where the family made their home in Miller Road.

What followed were many years of happiness as a Miller Road boy along with summers spent back at Loch Feochan salmon fishing or visiting relatives on the island of Barra. He took great interest in his island heritage and remained enthusiastic about the culture and the Gaelic language throughout his life.

He was educated at St Columba's Primary School and then Oban High School. Although Duncan enjoyed his studies he left school at the age of 16 having missed several months of school due to ill health which had been caused by a ruptured appendix.

Upon leaving school, Duncan joined MacDonald's Woollen Mill and the following year, he enrolled to go to Borders College in Galashiels to study textiles.

He spent the next four years in Galashiels and embraced life in the Scottish Borders, particularly enjoying the area's love of rugby and the common ridings.

During his time as a student in Galashiels he would often travel to Edinburgh on the train for a quick half pint in Deacon Brodie's bar on the Royal Mile before going to Easter Road to watch Hibs.

He would continue to support the Hi-bees throughout his life and recently seeing them win the Scottish cup filled his heart with joy. During his time at college Duncan won many prizes for his work and on his return to MacDonald's Mill his efforts were rewarded when he became the Production Manager.

It was when he returned to Oban that he was to meet the love of his life, Rosemary Mackay.

They became engaged and together they purchased their first home. The home they bought was Lagganbuie, on the shores of Loch Feochan and Duncan found himself back where he had started off as a child.

Duncan and Rosemary married in Edinburgh and they were delighted to welcome a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth and then their son Alexander Currie, who completed their family. Duncan was a dedicated family man who ensured that Lagganbuie was the most beautiful home filled with love and warmth.

Shortly after buying Lagganbuie, the Mill closed and Duncan changed career. He joined the Prudential and became the 'Man from the Pru'. Duncan's work with the Prudential took him all around Argyll and beyond to the Western Isles which deepened his love for this part of Scotland and developed a greater understanding of the people who lived there.

Duncan had always had a strong interest in politics, so when he took early retirement from the Prudential it seemed fitting that he should combine his interests in people, the area he loved and politics to stand for local councillor. He was duly elected and so opened a new and impassioned chapter of his life.

During his time as a local councillor for Oban and North Lorn, he was acknowledged for taking hard decisions that always put Oban, Argyll and the Islands first and was recognised for being diplomatic in his approach, a thoughtful representative and above all a friend. One of the highlights of his political career was to represent the people of Oban at a commemorative ceremony marking the bi-centennial anniversary of Oban becoming a burgh in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal.



Throughout his life Duncan strived to play an active part in many aspects of the community. He was a member of many charities, clubs and groups, caring greatly about the people and town of Oban and wider Argyll. He volunteered his time wherever possible but in particular he worked tirelessly behind the scenes at the Argyllshire Gathering Annual Games in Oban ensuring its success for a number of years. This work was recognised recently when he was given the honour of being invited as a full member of the Argyllshire Gathering.

However, without doubt, the focus of Duncan's charitable nature was to the game of shinty and specifically to his beloved Oban Camanachd Club. Duncan had an affiliation with the club for 55 years and although he did not pull on the famous red and black jersey, on many occasions he showed his unwavering commitment within the roles of committee member, secretary, treasurer, vice-president and finally president. His proudest moment was in 1996 when as president of the club, Oban Camanachd defeated Kingussie 3 - 2 at Inverness to win the Camanachd Cup for the first time in 58 years.

Duncan remained a devout Catholic throughout his life and was a recognised member of the congregation at St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

His faith was at the centre of his life and directed his thoughts and actions. He made several pilgrimages at different points in his life.

These included journeys to Iona, Knock and Rome, where he received the sacrament of Holy Communion from Pope John Paul II. However, it was following his invitation and investiture to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem that he achieved a lifelong ambition and made the journey with members of his family to the Holy Land.

Duncan Currie MacIntyre was a man of the people. He was genuinely interested in everyone he met and keen to know their story. He will be greatly missed for all that he offered. His words of wisdom, support and encouragement are not just a loss to his family, but to everyone who met him.

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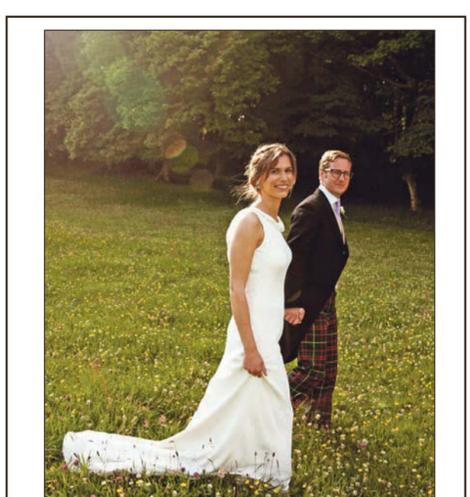
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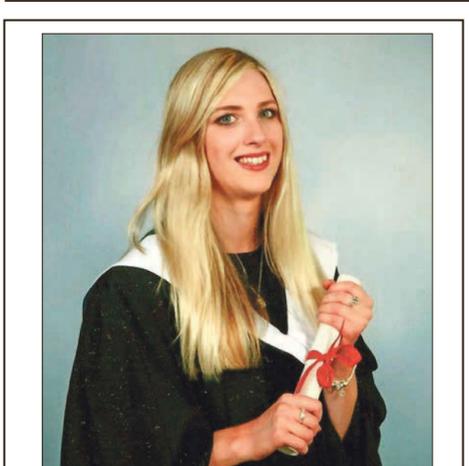
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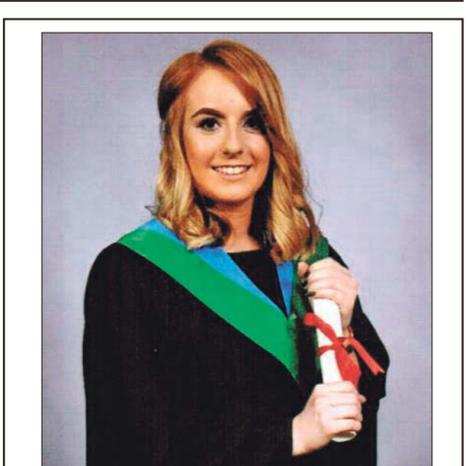


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On Saturday 25th June 2016 at Ulva Church, Isle of Ulva, Kiloran, daughter of Jamie and the late Mrs Philli Howard of Ulva, to Charlie, son of David and Channie Kennard of Bridport, Dorset. A very special and happy day shared by family and friends from far and wide.

GRADUATION



Jessica May Fletcher
Graduated with BSc (Hons) Dietetics, First Class, from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. Jessica May is the elder daughter of Donald and Rosemary Fletcher, Persabus, granddaughter of Josephine and John Hyde, Caol Ila and the late Arra and Valinda Fletcher, Persabus. Jessica May is a former pupil of Keills Primary School and Islay High School.



Natalie Christina Meehan
Graduated with First Class Honours Degree in Psychology from Glasgow Caledonian University. Daughter of Fiona Elder and Jim Meehan, Inverness. Granddaughter of Cathie Elder (Fort William) and Inverness and Betty Meehan and the late Jimmy (Red) Meehan, Drogheda, Ireland. Natalie is a former pupil of Gaelic Unit Central Primary School and Millburn Academy, Inverness.

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Saints snatch a draw from the jaws of victory

'It was a point away from home but it felt like a defeat'

OBAN Saints conceded two sloppy goals inside a minute right at the end of last Saturday's first ever league encounter with Motherwell Thistle to gift their hosts an unlikely share of the points. Second-half goals from Craig MacEwan and Donald Campbell, added to Willie Gemmell's first-half opener, had the visitors coasting towards victory until the late rally from the Premier Division new boys stunned their more experienced guests.

Manager Alex Craik stuck with 10 of the starting line-up from the previous week's demolition of Campbeltown Pupils with the only change being Jamie Graham coming in at left back to replace holidaymaker Scott Maitland.

Keeping their places on the bench were Daniel Croarkin, Fraser MacFarlane and Dean Smith, who were joined by the returning Craig Campbell and Matthew Kelly.



Saints' secretary David Buchanan has a chat with old friend and Scotland manager Bruce McNaught, who was an interested spectator at Saturday's game.

As was the case against Campbeltown Pupils, Saints were slow to get started with the hosts having the better of the early exchanges.

The Jags' front pairing of Ombeni Ruhanduka and Mark Begg were showing good movement and giving the Saints' back four plenty to think about. Begg could possibly have done better in the 15th minute when he peeled away from Marc Maccallum to meet a William McMaster cross from the right but could only place his volley from 15 yards over the crossbar.

Saints took the lead in the 18th minute when Ross Maitland finished off a good move through the middle by holding the ball up well on the 18-yard line and rolling a short pass into the path of Willie Gemmell, who fired a shot into the bottom corner of the net from 25 yards.

Four minutes later Paul Kerr tried his luck from a similar distance and was unlucky to see his powerful shot deflected over the crossbar with the keeper well beaten.

Willie Gemmell was unlucky when he spotted Paul Aiton off his goal-line and successfully lobbed the goalkeeper only to see his effort hit the top of the crossbar and bounce behind for a goal kick.

Saints looked to be getting into their stride now with Donald Campbell heading inches wide after beating Stuart Hunter to a Craig MacEwan cross from the left and Ross Maitland seeing another dangerous cross from the right turned behind for a corner.

At the other end, Antony



Craig MacEwan flicks on Dean Smith's corner to put Saints 2-1 in front

Mitchell came in from the left wing to carve out a 29th minute chance, catching out David McArthur and Marc Maccallum before shooting narrowly wide of Thomas McCulloch's right-hand post.

Two minutes later Dene Casells found himself caught in two minds on the halfway line, eventually standing on the ball and being robbed of possession by William McMaster. The Jags' midfielder drove at the heart of the retreating Saints defence but with four players in support decided to go for goal himself. Thomas McCulloch advanced to narrow the angle and made an excellent save, smothering McMaster's shot from 18 yards.

In the final minute of the half Donald Campbell blazed a Ross Maitland cutback over the crossbar from 18 yards after a Willie Gemmell pass had set Ross off on another run down the right wing.

Impossible as it may sound, Saints made an even slower start to the second half than the first with the hosts forcing two corners in quick succession, the first of which being won almost immediately from Saints' kick-off. Saints defended the corners and, after some vocal encouragement from the touchline, forced their own first corner of the second half in the 50th minute.

Craig MacEwan flicked on a long Thomas McCulloch clearance and harried Jags' left back Scott Watson into knocking the ball behind. Ross Maitland's outswinger from the right was

knocked down by Dene Casells to Donald Campbell who saw his first time shot blocked on the goal-line by Scott Watson. Craig MacEwan was first to the loose ball but sent his effort high over the crossbar.

The hosts drew level in the 67th minute when Ombeni Ruhanduka peeled off the shoulder of Marc Maccallum and tucked a neat finish beyond Thomas McCulloch at his near post.



Donald Campbell and Stuart Hunter.

With 15 minutes remaining, Dean Smith entered the fray to replace Ross Maitland and had an almost instant impact on proceedings. Dean's perseverance forced a corner kick on the right, starting a period of pressure leading to Saints' second goal in the 77th minute with Craig MacEwan making a near-post run and, with the outside of his right boot, flicking Dean Smith's cross into the net by finding the gap between keeper Paul Aiton and

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full back Scott Watson guarding the back post.

Donald Campbell then clipped a ball into the box, finding Craig MacEwan in a good position. But, under pressure from Stuart Hunter, Craig was unable to get the ball properly under control and the chance was lost.

An 85th minute lob from Dean Smith almost caught Paul Aiton off his line but the Jags' keeper managed to get finger tips to Dean's effort to deflect the ball over the crossbar.

Dean was in the thick of the action again just one minute later when he was hauled down in the box by Stuart Hunter, earning Saints a penalty kick and the Thistle defender a yellow card. Donald Campbell emphatically hammered home the spot kick to give Saints a two-goal advantage going into the last four minutes of the match – and that really should have been game over.

Manager Alex Craik replaced Myles McAuley and Craig MacEwan with youngsters Daniel Croarkin and Fraser MacFarlane. The young Saints substitutes had no time to settle as the home side pushed forward looking for a way back into the game.

Thistle substitute Christopher McEwan got a run on Saints' left back Jamie Graham in the 90th minute, beating him on the outside and sending a low cross into the box to which Ombeni Ruhanduka was quickest to react, lashing a right foot shot past Thomas McCulloch. Saints were rocking now and

Football

switched off again immediately from the restart again allowing Christopher McEwan too much space this time to measure a diagonal ball to the left flank looking for Antony Mitchell.

The Thistle man appeared suspiciously offside. However, Mr Smith, under scrutiny from a Scottish Football Association referees' assessor, waved play on, allowing Mitchell to send a cross into the box where a pack of Thistle players were waiting. Chris McEwan got the vital touch, sending the home bench into raptures of joy and having the polar opposite effect on the Saints bench.

There was barely any time left on the watch and Mr Smith blew for full-time almost immediately after the restart, leaving Saints to reflect ruefully on two dropped points. Full credit to hosts Motherwell Thistle who kept plugging away right to the end for which they deserved their share of the points.

The Saints manager was gutted after the game. Alex said: 'We didn't play all that well. Credit to Motherwell, they are a decent side but we should be experienced enough to hold onto a two-goal lead with only a couple of minutes to go. I suppose it was a point away from home but it felt like a defeat.'

This Saturday the Oban side will be hoping to get back to winning ways when they take on Inverclyde at Glencruitten. Referee is John Scott and the match will kick-off at 2pm.



Glencruitten

MARTIN Rae won the Terry Ng Trophy at Glencruitten on Saturday with net scores of 58, 64 = 122. Donald McGill was runner-up with scores of 59, 67 = 126. In third place were Donald MacLean and Dale Robertson with scores of 130.

On Saturday the first round of the Cameron Trophy takes place and on Sunday the second round of the Cameron Trophy along with the President's Prize.

Robert MacIntyre has received an invitation to play in the Challenge Tour in Ireland in two weeks and has been picked to represent Scotland as part of a three-man team in the Eisenhower Trophy which takes place in Mexico in September.

Tobermory

MEN'S Section: Highland Games Cup – 1 Calum MacLean 41 points; 2 Richard Inglis 37 points; 3 Ewan MacCrone 35 points.

GENTS' nine-hole stableford – 1 Calum MacLean 20 points; 2 Scott Paterson 19 points; 3 Ewan MacCrone 15 points.

Islay

LAGAVULIN Quaich played Sunday August 21 – 1 I Shaw 39+34=73 pts; 2 D Livingstone 33+34=67 pts; 3 R Shaw 31+5+36 pts.

Medals for young Argyll athletes

Athletics

YOUNG athletes from Argyll excelled at the Scottish age group championships held over the last two weekends at Grangemouth winning three gold and three silver medals. Finbar Dunne from Oban was outstanding in the Under 15s throwing events winning gold with a bit to spare in both the shot putt and discus recording distances of 13.75metres and 42.73metres.

Finbar's older brother Paddy won a silver medal for an impressive second place in the Under 17s javelin throwing 58.49metres.

Jilly Lefebvre, from Kilmichael Glassary won gold in the under 13s high jump clearing a new PB of 1.46metres. Jilly cleared every height on first attempt and narrowly failed at 1.50metres. Another Mid Argyll athlete Jodie Robertson jumped to a new PB in the Under 15s triple jump recording 9.55metres to finish fourth.

Grace Thompson from Oban won a silver medal in the Under 15s discus throw with a 28.18metres effort and was also placed highly in the high jump and triple jump.

The Campbell brothers from Glenbarr did well with Gregor winning silver for his second place in the Under 13s 1500metres in a time of 4minutes 45.6 seconds while Cameron reached the final of the Under 15s 1500metres finishing in eighth place in 4minutes 40.4seconds.

BJJ

OBAN BJJ classes continue as normal with four boys entering the ADCC tournament at the SECC this coming Sunday, August 28. This Saturday the club's monthly seminar will be held from noon until 2pm and is open to all.

The beginners' classes on a Friday have proven to be a good addition to curriculum with focus on the basics of position and movement. All levels of fitness and ability are welcome.

For information, contact Coogie on coogiepots@gmail.com.

Kyokushinkai Karate

The annual beach training session and barbecue took place last Saturday, and a report on that will be in the next column.

Training continues towards the world tournament in Japan later this year, along with the British Open on October 1 in London.

The next grading test takes



place in December with at least two members of the club attempting to gain their black belts. Anyone attempting this has to demonstrate everything in the syllabus up to that point along with breaking demonstrations and full contact fighting. The test for those students attempting this takes about five hours.

Anyone interested in learning this style of karate should contact Iain Rodger on 07584 166542 or iain@ikku.co.uk.

Shukokai Karate

Argyll martial arts classes are back this week in Oban and Inveraray. Classes are in Oban High School at 6.30pm on Thursday nights and Inverary

in the Nicol Hall at 6.30pm on Fridays. New students are always welcome.

Anyone with an interest in attending the classes should contact Kenny Gray on kenny.gray@btinternet.com or 07884 183905.

Kickboxing

Senshi Do kickboxing fighter profile.

Name: Kaitlyne MacLeod.

Age: 15.

DOB: 18/8/01.

Years Training: seven.

Grade: 1st Dan Black Belt (Kaitlyne is the only junior to have been allowed to sit the full senior 1st Dan test which comprises three hours' hard training followed by 30 one-minute

continuous full contact fights).

Favourite technique: spinning back kick.

Favourite combination: low kick to thigh, jab, right cross.

Best tournament result to date: first in clicker and second in full contact.

Ambitions: to win an open full contact tournament.

Anything you want to say? 'I've been doing kickboxing since I was eight and it was one of the best choices I ever made. I love my sport and hope to keep progressing and follow in Craig McLachlan's footsteps and represent my country in a world tournament.'

Training continues as usual, Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm for juniors, 7.30pm to 9pm for seniors; Sundays 11am to noon for juniors, noon to 1.30pm for seniors and Sharon's women-only session at 2pm.

For more information, contact Wullie Rodger on: shihanwill@gmail.com.



Kaitlyne MacLeod receiving her second place trophy at the international full contact event in Glasgow.

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SHINTY

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Red-and-blacks to face Newtonmore in Camanachd Cup final

Camanachd Cup – semi final

**Lochaber 2
Oban Camanachd 4**
Oban Camanachd are through to the 2016 Camanachd Cup final after they defeated Lochaber 4-2 in their action-packed semi-final at Taynuilt Sports Field.

This 4.05pm throw up was broadcast live by BBC Alba and the Taynuilt pitch was in excellent condition.

Lochaber attacked from the start. Neil MacDonald played in Shaun Nicolson who broke down the left wing before checking back and Oban Camanachd full back Gary McKerracher did well to deflect Nicolson's shot away for a corner.

It didn't take Oban Camanachd long to go on the offensive and an Andrew MacCuish shot from the right went high into the side-netting.

Shaun Nicolson took down a long Kevin Ferguson from the left and he held off a challenge from Willie Neilson before fizzing a shot just wide.

However, it was Oban Camanachd who took the lead seconds later. David Lafferty forced a corner on the Oban right, which was taken by Scott MacMillan. The ball fell for Andrew MacCuish and his shot took a deflection off a Lochaber defender, wrong-footing keeper Callum MacDonald, to give the Oban side a 1-0 lead with eight minutes played.

Andrew MacCuish was proving to be a handful and the Lochaber defence scrambled away a Scott MacMillan free-hit from the right under pressure from MacCuish.

The Lochaber support held their breath when a Callum MacDonald goal-hit went straight to Daniel MacVicar but the goalie redeemed himself by saving with his legs.

Lochaber equalised on 18 minutes. Shaun Nicolson took a quick free-hit from wide on the right. He picked out Ben Delaney, who had his back

to goal. Delaney made just enough space to turn and he beat the keeper on his left side with a powerful drive to make it 1-1.

Oban Camanachd's response was instant though and Andrew MacCuish took down a Lorne Dickie cross from the right and squeezed the ball past the keeper from inside the D to make it 2-1 with 20 minutes on the clock.

A superb turn from Andrew MacCuish created a shooting chance but Lachie Campbell just managed to deflect the ball away for a corner.

Play quickly switched to the other end and Lochaber had



Oban Camanachd's Andrew 'Papa' MacCuish celebrates one of his two goals.
Photo: Neil Paterson

a chance to equalise on 29 minutes. Neil MacDonald collected an attempted clearance on the Oban right and he juggled the ball on his caman and burst into the D where he went down under a challenge from Willie Neilson. Referee Lachie Wood pointed to the spot after consulting with goal judge Graham Irving. However, Gavin Stobbart reacted quickly to save Ben Delaney's low spot-hit with his feet.

Lochaber continued to press and Shaun Nicolson came close to a leveller with a shot from the right following a Brennan MacDonald shy from the same side.

The Lochaber goal somehow survived on 37 minutes when Daniel MacVicar saw his initial shot saved by a diving Callum MacDonald and, although MacVicar got onto the rebound, his effort came off the post before being eventually scrambled away.

Oban Camanachd finished the half on the attack and they took their 2-1 lead into the break.

The red-and-blacks extended their lead on 48 minutes. This time Andrew MacCuish turned provider as he picked up possession on the left and played a great cross to the edge of the D where Daniel MacVicar allowed the ball to run across his body before slamming it past a helpless Callum MacDonald to make it 3-1.

Lochaber made a double switch on 54 minutes as they tried to win back the midfield area. Barry MacDonald and Stuart Callison came on for Brennan MacDonald and Pat Toal.

The Mossfield men had one foot in the final on 57 minutes when they made it 4-1. Andrew MacCuish found Daniel MacVicar down the Oban left. Lachie Campbell slipped and MacVicar darted away and found Daniel Cameron. There seemed little danger as Cameron went for goal but his back-hand shot sneaked past Callum MacDonald at his left post.

As the tie approached the hour mark, there was a booking for Aiden McIntyre for kicking out at Barry MacDonald.

Lochaber reintroduced Pat Toal for Kevin Ferguson on 61 minutes. Ferguson had to come off after taking a blow to the face which left him with a cut cheek.

Lochaber showed that they weren't going down without a fight as they made it 4-2 on 66 minutes. A great Neil MacDonald run from the left saw him flick the ball past an advancing Gavin Stobbart and the ball came back off the post but Ben Delaney bundled the rebound over the line for his second goal of the afternoon.

Oban Camanachd made their first change as Malcolm Clark took over from Scott MacMillan on 68 minutes.

Lochaber went on to have a period of pressure without overly troubling Gavin Stobbart in the Oban goal and when Oban returned to the attack, they looked to feed the ball to Daniel MacVicar at every opportunity.

Iain MacMillan was introduced in place of Willie Neilson with 13 minutes remaining.

Andrew MacCuish came close to completing his hat-trick when Daniel MacVicar flicked a ball from the right into his path but his shot was deflected for a corner.

Both teams made changes as Kevin Ferguson came back on for Pat Toal and Robert Alexander took over from Aidan MacIntyre and then Danny Delaney replaced Neil MacDonald as the tie moved into the closing stages.

Oban Camanachd were seeing out the closing stages and, with three minutes remaining, Barry MacDonald was yellow-carded for a challenge on Andrew MacCuish.

A searing strike from substitute Robert Alexander rose over the ball following an Oban corner on the left.

Gavin Stobbart had to race



Oban Camanachd's Daniel Cameron takes a tumble over Lochaber's Danny Delaney during last Saturday's Camanachd Cup semi-final at Taynuilt which the Oban side won 4-2. Photo: Neil Paterson

from his goal in stoppage time to get to a Shaun Nicolson through ball ahead of Ben Delaney.

Scott MacMillan came on for Daniel Lafferty as Oban Camanachd defended a late free-hit which was cleared thanks to a superb Gary McKerracher tackle.

It was the final incident of a thoroughly entertaining contest and it is Oban Camanachd who are through to their first Camanachd Cup final since 2001, a competition they last won in 1996, and they will play Newtonmore at An Aird on Saturday September 17 for shinty's biggest prize. The sides have yet to meet this season with their league encounters likely to take place after the final.

Andrew MacCuish was named BBC Alba man of the match by shinty pundit Gary Innes.

Manager Ian Hay said: 'This is a deserved reward for the players and the coaching staff of Paul Kersley, Fraser Inglis and Alex MacVicar for the hard work they have put in during the season. We look forward to the final but before that we want to consolidate our league position. Although we have no game for a fortnight we will continue to train hard for what will be a fantastic end to the season for the club.'

Marine Harvest Premiership

**Newtonmore 6
Fort William 0**
It was top versus bottom at the Eilan as Newtonmore beat Fort William 6-0.

Conor Jones gave Newtonmore the lead on the half-hour mark with the only goal of the first half.

Jamie Robinson on 53 minutes and Neil Stewart a couple of minutes later made it 3-0, while a Norman Campbell double on 68 and 89 minutes gave the champions their 11th win in 12 league fixtures.

It was a result which officially relegates Fort William to the Marine Harvest National Division next season.

**Kinlochshiel 3
Glenurquhart 0**

Kinlochshiel warmed up nicely for their forthcoming Artemis MacAulay Cup final appearance with a 3-0 win over Glenurquhart at Kirkton.

'Shiel started well and they put the Glen defence under a lot of pressure and keeper Stuart MacKintosh pulled off early saves from Keith MacRae and Oliver MacRae.

Keith MacRae put 'Shiel ahead on 24 minutes when he finished off a well-worked move from the left. Gordie MacDonald played a quality chip over the Glen defence and MacRae was on hand to send the ball past the helpless keeper from 15 yards out.

Kinlochshiel went 2-0 ahead on 40 minutes. Duncan 'Ach' MacRae darted out to the left touchline where he managed to square the ball back to Oliver MacRae and he smashed a shot over the keeper's head and into the net.

'Shiel made the stronger start to the second half and they hounded the Glen defence with wave upon wave of attacks. They extended their lead on 56 minutes when Jordan Fraser sent 20 yard pile-driver past a helpless Stuart MacKintosh to make it 3-0.

the win lifts Kinlochshiel into second place in the league, ahead of Oban Camanachd on goal difference although the Kirkton side have played a game more.

**Lovat 3
Skye Camanachd 1**

Two late goals from Greg Matheson and Euan Ferguson gave Lovat a 3-1 win over their opponents at Balgait.

Lovat were without twins Craig and Martin Mainland but Ryan Ferguson returned after missing the defeat to Kyles in his team's last outing. Drew Howie also made a welcome return after a period out through injury and he started at full back with Daniel Grieve going to buckshee back. Lorne MacKay was also back and he started on the bench.

Skye had brothers Steven and

Gannon had made another save.

Skye responded well and they equalised on 77 minutes. Will Cowie's initial shot was saved by Stuart MacDonald but Cowie manage to retrieve the rebound and fire low into the bottom corner of the net to make it 1-1.

Lovat regained the lead on 81 minutes when Greg Matheson capitalised on a slip in the Skye defence and he made no mistake, scoring to make it 2-1. Skye made positional changes in an attempt to draw level for a second time with Steven Morrison joining the attack, Will Cowie going to full centre and Neil MacVicar going to full back.

A Jordan Murchison rocket from 20 yards out went narrowly wide on 84 minutes.

With Skye pressing, Lovat broke away and, in the final minute, Euan Ferguson was afforded too much time and space at the edge of the D and he scored at the second attempt. Keeper Gannon got his foot to the ball but it spun into the net to make it 3-1.

Callum Cruden was the pick of the Lovat players, turning in a very good performance at full centre. Defender John Gillies had an excellent game for Skye against the lively Kevin Bartlett but some terrific goalkeeping from Jamie Gannon made him the obvious man of the match.

**Kingussie 2
Kyles Athletic 4**

Three goals in the final 15 minutes gave Kyles Athletic a 4-2 win over Kingussie at the Dell.

Callum Miller was the unlikely scorer of Kyles' opening goal on 18 minutes.

However, two goals from two youngsters either side of the break put the Kings in front. Roddy Young made it 1-1 on 37 minutes with James Falconer giving them the lead a couple of minutes after the restart.

Kyles' talisman Roddy MacDonald made it 2-2 with 15 minutes remaining to set up an exciting conclusion.

Kyles won the day though as Scott MacDonald on 81 minutes and Sandy MacKenzie on 87 minutes made it 4-2 and the Tighnabrauch side stay fourth in shinty's top division.

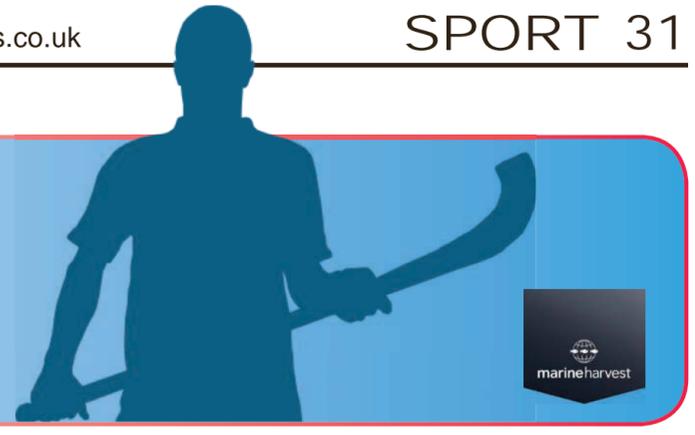
Marine Harvest National Division 1

**Inveraray 5
Ballachulish 0**

Third-placed Inveraray recorded a routine 5-0 win against bottom side Ballachulish at the Winterton.



Camanachd's Gary MacKerracher makes a vital stop during the semi-final. Photo: Neil Paterson



Camanachd Cup Macaulay Cup MacTavish Cup Celtic Society Cup

Sutherland Cup Balliemore Cup Strathdearn Cup Bullough Cup

Inveraray captain Allan MacDonald completed his suspension so he will be eligible to play in the Artemis MacAulay Cup final against Kinlochshiel at Mossfield on Saturday September 3. David Robertson was back in the side.

Douglas Dando and Nicolas Crawford also returned although they started on the bench alongside player/manager Ruairidh Graham but all were given a good run out. Inveraray under-17 player Robert Wood was given a start in defence, gaining some valuable experience.

Eoin Fyfe missed out for Ballachulish as he served a one-match ban for his sending off against Inverness in Balla's last game. John MacDonald started at full centre although he did move to full forward later in the match.

Grant Griffin gave Inveraray the lead in the opening minute and they never looked back. David Robertson doubled their advantage on 12 minutes and a Lewis Montgomery goal on 20 minutes made it 3-0 at the break.

A second from Grant Griffin a couple of minutes after the restart and a Lewis MacNicol effort 10 minutes from time completed the 5-0 win.

Inveraray lost Ally MacDonald to an eye injury which later required nine stitches.

Alan Clark had a fine game at full back for Balla and, not for the first time, Scotland under-17 keeper Cameron Sutherland made some great saves in the visitors' goal.

There were no bookings in a match which was well policed by veteran referee Ronnie Campbell.

Bute 1 Beauly 1

Bute and Beauly shared the points in 1-1 draw at the Meadows.

Ryan MacKay and Jack MacDonald were free to play for Beauly but both will miss the team's trip to Glasgow to play GMA at the start of September through suspension. Ben Clarke gave Bute the lead after just five minutes. Clarke fought to win possession before hitting a quick shot into the top corner of the net, catching the keeper off-guard, for what was a superb goal.

However, Beauly levelled 15 minutes from time when Conor Ross scored to ensure they returned home with a point.

Caberfeidh 0 Glasgow Mid Argyll 0

Glasgow Mid Argyll and Caberfeidh couldn't be separated, drawing 0-0 at Castle Leod.

Mark Bain was banned for the visitors and Finlay MacMillan will miss their next match, against Beauly through suspension.

There were few real chances in this game. Cabers' full centre Craig Morrison was the pick of the players on show, controlling the match for spells.

This was GMA's game in hand on league leaders Kilmallie who top the table by a point. Both teams have four matches remaining, including a meeting at Yoker next month. Third place Inveraray are only behind GMA on goal difference although they only have two fixtures remaining. Cabers are three points off top spot with three games to go, while Beauly are four points off the summit with four games to go.

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Fort William 0 Newtonmore 6

The Fort William colts and the Newtonmore colts met for the second successive Saturday, this time at An Aird. Newtonmore were convincing 9-0 winners at the Eilan last weekend and they were always in control in this encounter, running out 6-0 victors.

David Cheyne bagged a first half hat-trick with goals on 16, 23 and 29 minutes to leave the visitors 3-0 ahead at the break.

Duncan Gorman on the hour mark and Iain Robinson just three minutes later made it 5-0 before David Cheyne got his fourth goal of the afternoon on 78 minutes to make it 6-0.

Newtonmore go top of the table ahead of Strathglass on goal difference and they have a game in hand on the Cannich side.

Beauly 3 Kingussie 3

The Kingussie reserves came from two goals down to draw 3-3 with the Beauly reserves at Braeview Park.

Beauly led 2-0 at the break thanks to goals from Lee Dunbar after seven minutes and Jamie MacLennan after 37 minutes.

Kingussie's Ruairidh Anderson halved Beauly's advantage a minute into the second half. However, a second strike of the afternoon from Lee Dunbar made it 3-1 with 69 minutes played.

Kingussie never gave up though and two late goals earned them a share of the points. Barrie Dallas made it 3-2 on 80 minutes and, with just five minutes remaining, Ronald Ross found the back of the net to make it 3-3.

Skye Camanachd 4 Kinlochshiel 2

The Skye Camanachd seconds beat the Kinlochshiel seconds 4-2 in their derby meeting at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree.

A James Pringle goal on the half-hour mark gave Skye the lead. The goal involved the three Skye youngsters in attack as Ruairidh MacLeod released Ross Gordon down the Skye right. James Pringle allowed Gordon's cross to run across his body before thumping the ball into the net.

Just five minutes later, referee Martin MacLean penalised 'Shiel defender Corran Campbell for a kick just inside the D and David Grant sent the spot-hit low into the net to put Skye 2-0 ahead at the break.

Skye made a terrific start to the second half when substitute Connor Gilpin ran onto a great Calum Gibb pass to score with his first touch of the game a minute into the second half. 'Shiel's Neil Fraser pulled a goal back on 50 minutes when Jonnie MacAskill played the ball down the left channel and Fraser's finish on the run gave Skye keeper Ryan Morrison no chance.

Kinlochshiel midfielder Jonnie MacAskill was sent off following a midfield challenge on John Angus MacInnes.

Kenny MacLeod made it 4-1 on 78 minutes when he took a touch to control a John Angus MacInnes pass before scoring. Steven Isles collected a Scott MacLean pass and sent a shot high into the net four minutes

ago.



Lochside Rovers' hat-trick hero Lewis Buchanan races past Kyles Athletic's Max Carr during the South Division One match at Ganavan. Photo: Neil Paterson

from time to make the final score 4-2.

Glenurquhart 8 Lovat 4

The reserve team derby between Glenurquhart and Lovat at Blairbeg produced 12 goals with the home side taking the honours.

The game was a personal triumph for Glen's James MacPherson who scored five times. He netted on eight and 17 minutes to get his side off to a great start.

Jamie Buchan pulled a goal back on 19 minutes but Cairn Urquhart on 24 minutes and Daniel MacKintosh on 35 minutes made it 4-1.

Dylan MacCulloch added another Lovat strike on 42 minutes only for James MacPherson to complete his hat-trick a minute before the break to make it 5-2.

Fraser Gallacher made it 5-3 on 52 minutes but MacPherson on 64 minutes and Callum Miller on 71 minutes stretched Glen's lead to 7-3.

Bailey MacKay netted for Lovat on 80 minutes but, with five minutes remaining, MacPherson, who started the scoring, finished it as he made it 8-4 with his fifth.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Aber Celtic 7 Aberdour 2

Oban Celtic are within touching distance of the Marine Harvest South Division 1 title after they beat nearest challengers Aberdour 7-2 in their 2.30pm throw up at Ganavan.

The Oban side built up a four-goal first-half advantage. Neil Carmichael opened the scoring on nine minutes and Iain MacKechnie made it 2-0 on 21 minutes.

Ally McKerracher continued his recent good scoring run with a brace on 23 and 31 minutes to make it 4-0 at the break.

Daniel Madej added a fifth a minute after the restart while Lee Askev made it 6-0 on 55 minutes.

Goals from Alister Shaw on 65 minutes and Roddy MacColl on 80 minutes cut the deficit but a second strike from Iain MacKechnie just four minutes from time sealed the 7-2 win.

The victory means Oban Celtic have all but clinched the Marine Harvest South Division 1 title and promotion to shinty's Marine Harvest National Division. Oban Celtic and Aberdour each have two matches remaining. Aberdour can still equal Oban Celtic's current 19-point tally if they win both their remaining fixtures. However, Celtic have a much better goal difference and a point form their last two games – away to the Kyles Ath-

letic second team on Saturday September 10 and at home to the same opponents a fortnight later – will guarantee the title in Kenny Wotherspoon's first season in charge.

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Boleskine's Reece Munro and Matthew Ross from Inverness in action during last Saturday's North Division Two match. Photo: Donald Cameron

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**Kilmallie 3
Lochcarron 8**
Lochcarron gunned down the Kilmallie second team, winning 8-3 at the Canal Parks. Aaron Sandison, Callum MacDougall and Jamie MacEachan all counted for the home team with a Nick Dalgety hat-trick, doubles from Alan MacKay and Liam Arnott and a Crisdean Finlayson goal counting for Lochcarron. Lochcarron stay second in the table, behind leaders Aberdeen University who weren't in action.

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Ballachulish to host Caol Cup

THE annual Caol Cup match between the North under-21 and their South counterparts takes place at the Jubilee Park, Ballachulish, on Saturday with a 2.30pm throw up.

Last year the North regained the trophy defeating the South 3-2 in a thrilling encounter. With nine of last year's North players in coach Calum MacLeod's squad, they will be looking to retain the trophy. However, South Coach Iain McDonald will have other ideas.

Scotland under-21 international manager Alan MacRae said: 'The Caol Cup is an exciting climax to the selection process for players in the North and South areas and it brings together the best players of that age group, head to head in a very competitive challenge.'

'The players involved were nominated by their clubs, assessed while playing club shinty, invited to trials and selected following competitive friendlies. I am sure that the match will produce an entertaining afternoon of shinty, and I know that both teams, under the guidance of Iain McDonald (South) and Calum MacLeod (North) are determined to bring the cup home and secure the bragging rights for this year.'

'The fixture is the final part of selection for the Scotland under-21 team that will compete against Ireland at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday October 22, so the players will have the opportunity to bring success for their respective areas as well as achieving personal recognition of being selected for their country.'

North U21 Callum MacDonald, Lochaber Rory MacKeachan, Kingussie Duncan MacKinnon, Lochaber Michael MacKenzie, Lovat Euan Lloyd, Glenurquhart Blair Morrison, Caberfeidh Ewen Campbell, Beauly Innes Blackhall, Kilmallie Craig Morrison, Caberfeidh Rory MacGregor, Kingussie Danny Kelly, Lovat Barry MacDonald, Lochaber Will Cowie, Skye Oliver MacRae, Kinlochshiel Neil Stewart, Newtonmore Calum Morrison, Beauly Charlie MacDonald, Inverness	South U21 Scott MacLachlan, Inveraray Andy MacDonald, Oban Celtic Ross MacRae, Kyles Athletic Ross MacMillan, Oban Ryan Gillies, Taynuilt Ally McKerracher, Oban Celtic Jamie MacVicar, Col Glen Jack Mitchell, Aberdeen Kyle Macmartin, Kyles Athletic Michael MacKinnon, Oban Celtic John McNulty, Glasgow MidArgyll Fraser Watt, Inveraray Lewis Montgomery, Inveraray Daniel MacVicar, Oban Camanachd Daniel Madej, Oban Celtic Angus Thorburn, Aberdour. Cameron Sutherland, Ballachulish Arran Dunn, Bute Manager – Iain McDonald Trainer – Davie McVey
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Fort William referee Iain Kennedy will take charge of the match.

Jamie Matheson on 24 minutes and Jimmy MacKenzie on 36 minutes gave them a two-goal lead.

Ewen MacKinnon, a Camanachd Cup winner with Skye Camanachd in 1990, pulled a goal back shortly after and although Inverness, with Ruairidh MacKay shining at buckshee back and Matthew Ross doing likewise at full centre, tried hard for a second half leveller, Boleskine took the points.

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Fixtures

**Saturday August 27
Caol Cup – under-21
representative match**
North U21s v South U21s
Iain Kennedy
2pm throw up at Ballachulish.

**Marine Harvest
North Division 2**
Aberdeen Uni v Kilmallie
Andy MacLean
1.30pm throw up at Farr.

**Women's Camanachd
Association
Marine Harvest
Challenge Cup final**
Lovat v Strathglass
Deek Cameron
1.00pm throw up At An Aird,
Fort William.

**Valerie Fraser
Camanachd Cup final**
Lochaber v Skye
Evan MacRae
3.00pm throw up at An Aird,
Fort William.

**Camanachd Association
youth fixtures**
**Thursday August 25
National under-14
development trophy**
Host club Lochcarron
Kinlochbervie v Ardnamurchan
Glangarry v Lochcarron
Glangarry v Kinlochbervie
Ardnamurchan v Lochcarron
Kinlochbervie v Lochcarron
Glangarry v Ardnamurchan

**Friday August 26
Phase 2 of the North of
Scotland U14 leagues**
Kinlochshiel v Caberfeidh
Strathglass v Lochaber
Inverness v Beauly
Lovat v Kilmallie

**National under-14
competition
– MacMaster Cup
semi-finals**
Fort William v Skye
at Craighard Park, Invergarry
Oban Camanachd v Kingussie
at An Aird, Fort William.

**Saturday August 27
Marine Harvest under-17
development league – W J
Cameron Trophy**
Lovat v Inveraray
at Ballachulish throw up
11.00am.

Results

Camanachd Cup semi-final
Lochaber 2-4 Oban Caman

Marine Harvest Premiership
Kingussie 2-4 Kyles Athletic
Kinlochshiel 3-0 Glenurquhart
Lovat 3-1 Skye
Newtonmore 6-0 Fort William

**Marine Harvest
National Division**
Bute 1-1 Beauly
Caberfeidh 0-0 Glasgow MA
Inveraray 5-0 Ballachulish

**Marine Harvest
North Division 1**
Beauly 3-3 Kingussie
Fort William 0-6 Newtonmore
Glenurquhart 8-4 Lovat
Skye 4-2 Kinlochshiel

**Marine Harvest
South Division 1**
Lochside Rovers 4-3 Kyles Ath
Oban Celtic 7-2 Aberdour

**Marine Harvest
North Division 2**
Inverness 1-2 Boleskine
Kilmallie 3-0 Lochcarron
Lewis 0-1 Strathspey
Lochaber P-P Glangarry
Lochaber unable to field a
team, points to Glangarry.

**Marine Harvest
South Division 2**
Dunoon 0-11 Tayforth
Glasgow MA P-P Kilmory
Glasgow MA unable to raise a
team, points to Kilmory.

Magic McPhee scores maiden GP victory in Czech Republic

CONNEL'S John McPhee produced an outstanding wet weather display to take his maiden grand prix race victory – despite horrendous conditions in the Moto3 World Championship round at Brno in the Czech Republic.

Having provisionally qualified in 11th place the previous day, the Racing Steps Foundation-backed rider was handed an overnight boost of two grid slots after penalties were handed out to a pair of riders ahead who were adjudged to have ridden too slowly.

With weather conditions far different on race day as rain lashed down, McPhee sent an

early warning signal to the rest of the field, going quickest in the pre-race warm-up session by almost half a second.

His overnight promotion moved McPhee to the back of the second row of the grid, and the Scot wasted no time in joining the leading group.

The lack of power and straight-line speed of McPhee's Peugeot-badged Mahindra in dry conditions was negated by the wet weather, with rainfall worse than in the warm-up and he progressed up to sixth place by the end of the opening lap which became fourth place after the fourth tour.

McPhee was soon among a

Moto3

tight battle between the Aspar/Mahindra of Jorge Martin, championship leader Brad Binder (Red Bull/KTM) and Estrella Galicia 0,0/Honda machine of Aron Canet. The group was also wary of wet weather specialist Khairul Idham Pawi (Honda Team Asia/Honda) who had already vaulted to fifth place from his P29 start.

McPhee opted to stick with the Red Bull/KTM of Binder, passing race leader Martin and the pair began to pull away by over two seconds from Spaniard Martin who became embroiled in a battle with Canet who then crashed out of the race.

With Pawi up to third place, Binder increased his pace, stretching his lead to McPhee by over 1.5 seconds, setting the fastest lap of the race and the first rider to lap the 3.3-mile circuit by under 2m 22 seconds.

McPhee responded by pulling out his own advantage to Pawi by over five seconds before Binder crashed out of the race on the exit of turn one with five laps remaining.

A lap later, McPhee's only remaining competition – Pawi – also crashed out, leaving the fellow Mahindra of Martin more than eight seconds behind.

Despite a moment in which he was almost thrown off the bike with three laps remaining,



The champagne flows as John McPhee celebrates winning his first Moto3 world championship race at Brno in the Czech Republic. Photos: Bonnie Lane

McPhee held on to cruise to his first world championship grand prix race victory.

'To win a grand prix race was my dream before I even entered world championship racing,' McPhee said. 'It's the best feeling ever and I must say thank you to Mark Keen, Peter

Ball and all at the Racing Steps Foundation.

'I had the same momentum six laps into the race as I did with three to go. I knew the rain was coming. We were pulling away from the rest of the field and I decided to sit on Binder's tail. I let Binder go and saw him go

down which was unfortunate for him.

'I thought that it was now my chance. I couldn't see my pit board though. I didn't realise that the gap was up to 12 seconds. I thought it said 1.2 seconds. I just kept my concentration and I'm elated with the win.'



A delighted John McPhee after the race.

Saints defender in Scotland trial match before game against the Auld Enemy

Football

OBAN Saints defender Scott Maitland has been included by Scotland manager Bruce McNaught in a 29-man squad for a full-scale trial match at Lesser Hampden on Sunday in preparation for a friendly game against England, also at Lesser Hampden, on Sunday September 4.

The game against England will be an encounter to savour before both countries head abroad for the intermediate round group stage of the UEFA Regions Cup.

Scott was in the Scotland squad that qualified from the tournament's preliminary round after wins over Estonia and Sweden and a draw against host nation Lithuania.

The Scotland team will be travelling to Malta in October for the intermediate round where they will face France, Ukraine and hosts Malta in Group 1, while England will be making their way to Romania to take on Russia, Serbia and the hosts in Group 3.

Everybody at the club wishes Scott the best of luck in the upcoming games.



Scott Maitland in action for Scotland against Sweden in the UEFA Regions Cup.

News from Oban Bowling Club

Bowls

SMALL in number but high in quality, this week's Sunday tournament, the George Main Trophy, produced one of the season's closest finals, with an extra end being required to settle the destination of the silverware.

The two teams who had emerged from a very closely contested group stage were the eventual runners-up, Patrick Freytag, Janet Campbell and skip Helen MacLean, who just failed to match the winning triple of skip Maureen Goldie, Richard Baldwin and Margaret MacLean.

Both Oban Bowling Club pairs of Kirsty and Emma Gargan and Donna and Helen MacLean have qualified for the Scottish Super Series pairs final stages to be played at Kelvingrove in Glasgow this weekend.



Maureen Goldie, Richard Baldwin and Margaret MacLean.

Oban Lorne get the new season up and running

OBAN LORNE have a tough start to the season as they host East Kilbride this Saturday at Glencruitten.

The teams have not faced each other for a number of years with East Kilbride just being relegated at the end of last season from National Division 3. The visitors will provide one of the toughest tests of the season for Oban Lorne, with EK expected to be pushing for promotion straight back to the National Leagues.

Oban will be in a confident mood ahead of the match with encouraging training numbers throughout pre-season and a number of new faces joining the club to bolster the team. Notably number eight Connor MacDougall has joined the club which will help ease the pressure on head coach and player Corrie Louw.

Despite the introduction of some promising new players the team this weekend is expected to be without twins Cammy and Struan Smith due to work commitments and second row Lorne MacLachlan due to injury.

Kick-off is 3pm at Glencruitten with a large home crowd expected to support the team.

ARGYLL and Bute RFC play their first game of the season away to last season's last-placed side Glasgow East RFC on Saturday.

Argyll will be hoping to build on last season's fourth-placed finish. The team is made up

Rugby

of mainly Oban 2XV players but welcomes any players from throughout Argyll and Bute who want to play the game.

Saturday's game kicks off at 3pm with the venue still TBC.



Oban Lorne player/coach Corrie Louw.

Arrows fly during Western Meeting at Ardmaddy Castle

FITTINGLY, the 10th anniversary shoot of the Ardmaddy Castle Western Meeting took place on August 14 when 10 society members competed not only for the Saigheadan Latharna (The Lorn Arrows) but also for two stunning burr oak trophies that Duaine Wylie had kindly made to mark the occasion, and were awarded as one-offs to the ladies and gents overall winner.

The shoot took place on Lon a'Chuspair, the ancient archery field of the MacDougalls, and was hosted, in excellent shooting weather, by Lorn Longbows.

Local longbow archers Sean O'Byrne (Barcaldine), Duaine Wylie (Connell) and Martin Ward (Bonawe) took first, fourth and sixth places, respectively.

Thanks must go to Charles Struthers for the use of the ancient field, Duaine Wylie for setting the field and supplying the beautiful trophies and Martin Ward for organising the scoresheets.

Results of the Ardmaddy Castle Western Meeting Western Round. Ladies awards: most hits

Archery

– Elizabeth Normand 53 – 215 – 4 and Saighead Latharna, silver medal; highest score Eileen Bilby 43 – 154 – 3 and bronze medal; most golds – Jo Manuel 29 – 115 – 3 and bronze medal.

Gents awards: most hits – Sean O'Byrne 84 – 420 – 9 and Saighead Latharna, silver medal; highest score – Kim Manuel 84 – 384 – 5 and bronze medal; most golds – John McKellar 67 – 285 – 7 and bronze medal.

Other awards: Kim Manuel won the A G R Binnie Memorial Trophy for being the first archer to score three arrows in the same colour in the same end. One inner gold was scored by John McKellar.

Results of the Mixed Western Round

	Hits	Score	Gold
1 Sean O'Byrne	84	420	9
2 Kim Manuel	84	384	5
3 Bosco Hazard	75	327	5
4 Duaine Wylie	69	309	6
5 John McKellar	67	285	7
6 Martin Ward	63	245	2
7 Jim Bilby	55	223	2
8 Elizabeth Normand	53	215	4
9 Eileen Bilby	42	154	3
10 Jo Manuel	29	115	3

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

Football

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils v St Joseph's FP, postponed; Motherwell Thistle 3, Oban Saints 3; Premier 2A – Millerston 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 9; Premier 2B – Tarbert 1, Port Glasgow 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – East Kilbride v Campbeltown Pupils; Oban Saints v Inverclyde; Premier 2A – Lochgilhead Red Star v Houston; Premier 2B – East End United v Tarbert.

Oban Saints' youth fixtures

Youth football

DUMBARTON Riverside v Under 13s; Tass Thistle v Under 14; Under 15s v Dumbarton United; Port Glasgow Boys v Under 16s; Under 17s no game.

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FRIDAY

Stop Press: New pontoons recently installed by North West Marine at Kyle Lochboisdale for visiting yachts

TIDAL INFORMATION
Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday August 25, 2016 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour) BST)

Date	am	pm	Ardrishaig	Campbeltown	Crinan	Islay Port Ellen	Lochboisdale	Mallaig	Portree	Tobermory	Dover
Thu	04.42	1.2	10.23	3.1	17.13	1.3	23.20	3.1	-5.35	+0.25	
Fri	05.51	1.4	11.52	2.9	18.29	1.5	***	**	-5.30	+0.55	
Sat	01.23	3.0	07.07	1.5	13.58	3.0	20.00	1.5	-0.47	+0.16	
Sun	02.53	3.1	08.26	1.4	15.19	3.2	21.32	1.4	2.00	+5.30	
Mon	03.56	3.3	09.33	1.2	16.06	3.4	22.29	1.2			
Tues	04.39	3.5	10.24	1.0	16.39	3.7	23.12	1.1			
Wed	05.11	3.6	11.08	0.8	17.12	3.9	23.49	0.9			

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

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Community rallies to help after death in A82 tragedy

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COMMUNITY spirit and a big helping of generosity brought Fort William together last week on a 'sad day for the town'.

'Good old Highland hospitality at its very best,' were the words of Mairi MacDonald, who took to Facebook to praise the town's community spirit following a serious road traffic collision on Thursday (August 18) which closed the A82.

The accident involving a cyclist and a lorry happened around 5.15pm at the entrance to Jewson, and closed the main Fort William to Inverness road for almost seven hours.

The 58-year-old cyclist from the Czech Republic, who was on holiday in the area, died after sustaining serious injuries in the rush-hour accident.

Police Scotland said: 'We have full details of the lorry and driver. It was a Volvo heavy goods vehicle, not local to the area. A report of the circumstances has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

With traffic tailed back to the roundabout at Morrisons, the town pulled together to help those stranded in their cars.

The Nevis Centre stayed open, allowing people to use its facilities while the road remained closed.

Kenny McLaughlin, Nevis Centre manager, said: 'Our duty manager, Theresa MacDougall, called me around 9.20pm to say that the centre had been busy and suggested we keep it open for people who were stuck in their cars.'



The road was closed for around seven hours following the death of a cyclist after a collision with a lorry.

'Theresa, along with customer care assistant Kayleigh Gordon and bowling technician Jamie Doherty, offered to stay and work to keep the centre open. The guys put out free tea and coffee for people and said they would keep going until the milk ran out.'

'We stayed open until about 12.40am and a lot of people came in. It was really good of the guys who were working to stay to help the community like that.'

Dedicated ferry staff also

stayed on late to keep the Corran Ferry going.

A Highland Council spokeswoman said: 'We were still very busy at 9.15pm so decided to keep the ferry running until the road was reopened. Normally the last crossing is made at 10pm.'

'The ferry foreman, Donald Dixon, and crew members Allan McCowan, George Maitland and Steven Munro agreed this was the right thing to do in the circumstances. The boat was kept busy up until around 1am

when the road was re-opened.' Lochaber councillor Allan Henderson, chairman of the community services committee, praised the crew. He said: 'I'd like to thank the team for responding so quickly. Their efforts positively reflect their dedication to service delivery.'

Speeders Cabs were also on hand to try to help people get home.

Owner of the taxi company, Colin MacLean, told *The Oban Times*: 'We ran people along the back road at Inverlochty to the

green bridge and we had a taxi waiting at the other side to take them into Caol and one the opposite way but we only managed that a few times before the back road got blocked.'

'In the evening we managed to get one car operating in the town area.'

'It wasn't a huge help but we tried to provide as good a service as we could.'

A 54-year-old care worker from Ardgour, Dee Sunshine, joined the queue of traffic at around 9.45pm at the round-

about near Morrisons. He said: 'I was trying to get to Caol for work on Thursday. The patient I was trying to reach is blind and has mobility problems so he needs care during the night.'

'When I joined the queue I had no idea what was going on so I called work to say I was stuck. They told me there had been an accident and that the road was likely to be closed for a few hours, so said to head home. I didn't get home until 11.45pm but thankfully we managed to get someone else out to my patient.'

'I thought to myself that someone should do something about the fact there is only one road in and out of the town, but people always say that so I just decided I would do it myself.'

Mr Sunshine decided to start a petition to build an alternative route from Fort William to Caol, Corpach and Banavie to ease the pressure of traffic through the roundabout at the A82-A830 junction from Fort William to Mallaig and Inverness.

'I got the petition off the ground and now I want to let people know about it so we can do something about this absolutely ridiculous situation.'

Within a few hours there were hundreds of signatures, and after just two days more than 1,000 people had signed.

Mr Sunshine said: 'I hope to reach about 5,000. I think then the Scottish Government will get involved.'

The petition can be signed by going to <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/build-a-road-from-fort-william-to-caol>.

TIMESLINE

Man faces trial over house fire

A MAN charged with attempting to burn down a house while its residents were inside will stand trial in the High Court next month. The incident is alleged to have taken place in Mallaig on October 27/28, 2015, and the man in question appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court in November last year. The Crown Office confirmed the case is scheduled for trial on September 28 at the High Court in Glasgow.

Sun shines on Glenfinnan games

VISITORS to the 2016 Glenfinnan Gathering were wished a 'memorable and imaginative day'.

Chieftain David Sedgewick said this as he opened the games, which took place last Saturday.

Dr Sedgewick also encouraged all of the more than 1,700 attendees to get involved in the various activities and enjoy themselves.

Full report, results and pictures on page 15.

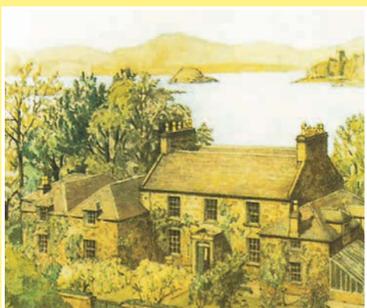
New service for building standards

PEOPLE submitting building standards applications to the Highland Council will benefit from a new improvement to the council's digital service.

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CalMac announces new routes

NEW ROUTES and amendments to timetables have been announced by CalMac but decisions about the controversial Mallaig to Armadale service are still to be made.

Having received feedback from various communities, CalMac has announced its winter schedule with several changes to the timetable for 2016/17.

CalMac said that to improve reliability on services to Lochboisdale, South Uist, it plans to run a single sailing per day, three times a week to Mallaig and two services per week to Oban.

A new Barra to Oban route and changes to services from

South Uist to the mainland are also among the alterations.

Drew Collier, CalMac's operations director, said: 'We recognise there have been real community concerns about weather-related reliability on the Lochboisdale to Mallaig route in previous winters. After listening to the community on South Uist, we have come up with a solution we are confident will increase overall resilience.'

'Altering the service to one sailing per day will give us more flexibility in adverse weather, increasing overall reliability to Mallaig, while offering two sailings per week to Oban gives people extended travel options.'

The company was unable, however, to confirm any decision with regards to the Mallaig to Armadale service – the route which caused upset after the *MV Coruisk* was redeployed to serve Oban to Mull. CalMac said ongoing discussions with the Sleat Transport Forum (STF) means winter sailings on this route have still to be finalised.

Rob Ware, secretary for STF, had discussions planned with CalMac, MPs and the transport minister yesterday and today (Thursday). He says the forum has asked for a minimum of one sailing in the morning on the route and two in the afternoon at the

start of the winter but that its main focus was on finalising the timetable for summer 2017 and whether or not the *Coruisk* will return.

Mr Ware added: 'We are awaiting final options for the winter service and awaiting the summer service as well. We are going in to the meeting predominantly to talk about the future instead of the past. This year is done and there is no point in having an inquest.'

Mr Collier added: 'As always, balancing the timetable needs of the communities we serve is always a challenge with the resources we have.'

Go to www.calmac.co.uk/calmac-winter-timetables.

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NOT EVEN the bad weather could dampen Anne Lamont's spirits as she married husband Billy for a second time.

'We couldn't have picked a worse day for it weather wise, but we were on top of the world - and nothing could have ruined it,' Mrs Lamont, 69, told *The Oban Times*.

Married for the first time in 1999, the Fort William couple's relationship broke down after five years as a result of Billy's drinking problem.

Mrs Lamont said: 'The first time round I just couldn't cope with Billy's drinking and I knew the only way to help was to separate.'

But, earlier this month, the couple rekindled their marriage with Mrs Lamont saying the day 'was lovely - I actually enjoyed it better than first one'.

The couple got back together in 2013 after years of separation, although they never lost touch.

Mrs Lamont said: 'I would go round to Billy's to check in on him and he would come round here, and we started going



Anne and Billy Lamont on their wedding day. The couple were married in the registry office Fort William on Friday August 12 - the second time they have been married. Anthony MacMillan Photography

out again in 2013.' But things quickly changed for the pair, when Mr Lamont was rushed to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness with a life-threatening condi-

tion. Mr Lamont, 75, said: 'My kidneys were failing and I had a problem with my heart.'

'My whole body was swollen as I had 11 litres of fluid inside

me. The doctors told me that I wouldn't make it through the night and I thought that was it. Anne stayed by my side the whole time, and that's when I

realised I had to propose - it was now or never.'

Mrs Lamont said: 'The doctors told me that it was touch and go, I hadn't realised how bad things

really were. So the next day my daughter and I went to the jeweller's and bought a ring.

'We brought it back, my daughter gave it to Billy and he proposed in front of all the nurses, and my daughter videoed the whole thing - it was great.'

Mr Lamont said: 'I wasn't sure I was going to make it so I basically proposed on my death bed. But I did, and I was out of Raigmore three weeks later.'

Mr and Mrs Lamont were married at the registry office in Fort William on August 12, and celebrated in the West End Hotel with 16 close friends and family.

Mrs Lamont said: 'My brother and his wife came from Glasgow to the wedding, and he gave me away, while my other brother was the best man and my daughter was my bridesmaid.'

Now back together in their house in Caol, the couple hope to eventually have a honeymoon abroad. Mrs Lamont said: 'We have an 11-year-old dog and we can't leave her, but once we get things sorted out we will go somewhere. We keep saying it would be great to get abroad so hopefully we can.'

TIMESLINE

Resurfacing work planned for A82

RESURFACING work began on a stretch on the A82 on Tuesday August 23.

A 1.2km section of the road near Auch Farm, north of Tyndrum, will benefit from £200,000 worth of improvements.

The work will take place between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. No work is scheduled for the weekends.

During working hours, a convoy system will be in use for the safety of road workers and motorists but this will be removed out of hours.

BEAR Scotland has said a 30mph speed limit will be implemented outwith working hours as drivers will be travelling over a temporary road surface.

Private road plan lodged at council

PLANS for a new private road for forest operations in Torlundy have been submitted to the Highland Council.

The construction of a 856-metre-long way will divert forestry traffic around the outside of Dornie Quarry.

The council received the application at the start of the month, but a decision is still waiting to be made on whether the road will be given the go ahead.

Council discusses congestion issue

WORSENING congestion on the A82 through Fort William has been discussed at a recent Highland Council business meeting.

It was said that 'strong concerns were expressed about the considerable queues of traffic building on the A82 to the north of the town, sometimes reaching to Torlundy' during the meeting on August 8.

A number of possible reasons for the queues were considered, including a seasonal increase in traffic, impact of new roundabout at Inverlochty and delays being caused by HGVs at Nevis Bridge.

An urgent meeting with Transport Scotland and Bear Scotland has been arranged for September 19.

Police appeal for help after theft

POLICE in Fort William are appealing for information after a quantity of cabling was taken from a new school.

The materials were removed from Caol Primary site sometime between Tuesday August 9 and Monday August 15.

Anyone with information is urged to call 101 or go online at crimestoppers-uk.org or to call anonymously to 0800 555 111.

Butterflies make touching tribute to lost babies

BUTTERFLIES were released in Lochaber in memory of babies that families could not take home.

Specially-bred painted lady butterflies were set free in a poignant service organised by SiMBA last Saturday (August 20).

SiMBA works throughout the UK supporting families and friends who have been affected by the loss of a baby before, during or after the birth.

The event in Glen Nevis marked the second of eight releases designed to help bereaved families deal with their loss.

Susan Simpson, a Highlands ambassador for the charity, explained: 'The families who gathered together in mutual understanding shared their stories, shed tears and expressed awe and wonder at these magnificent creatures who awoke from hibernation in their boxes to fly off to a new life in the flora and fauna of Glen Nevis.'

According to Susan, the butterflies will spend the next few weeks in Glen Nevis before embarking on a migration to tropical Africa, taking with them the love of each family member who released them.

She added that scientific studies using radar have revealed that these tiny, fragile-looking creatures will travel an incredible 9,000 miles to make the return journey to Glen Nevis next year.

Leah Whyte, who runs the support group Lochaber for SiMBA, was also at the release. Leah got involved with the charity after losing her second child, Isya, last March.



Leah Whyte, SiMBA facilitator in Lochaber, and her son Yusuf with one of the painted lady butterflies. Pictures Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

She said: 'Saturday was a very sad day but a very helpful day. There were about 32 people who came, the sun shone and it was perfect. Hopefully, a lot of these people will be able to come to the groups and get continued support if they feel they need it.'

Leah, who also has a son called Yusuf, said she has had a lot of people messaging her about the

support group but saying they can't make it or don't feel ready to attend yet.

The 35-year-old added: 'I know what goes on at the meeting but a lot of people are unsure if they are going to meet a neighbour or someone they work with. I just need people to know that what happens at the group is confidential.'

'Sometimes we just sit and have coffee and talk



about our week but we do it through a mutual understanding.

'I have a bond with these people in that our babies share the same cemetery. It's not a position I ever thought I would be in but I do believe we can help each other.'

SiMBA meets from 7pm to 9pm at the Hub on the third Monday of each month.

IN BRIEF

Series of lectures celebrates history

CELEBRATE local history by attending a series of informative talks in Fort William.

The Lochaber Local History Society will host talks and lectures at the Ben Nevis Hotel. This season there will be eight talks and speakers include Alasdair Roberts, Beryl Austin, Mick Tighe, Jim Lee, Richard Sidgwick and Dick Alderson.

Iain Rose will open the event on Thursday September 1, speaking about his researches into the court records of Fort William.

A season ticket for all the talks can be purchased and single tickets to attend each meeting are also available. The event will start at 8pm.

New bid to save swimming pool

A CRUCIAL meeting to discuss funding to help save a Lochaber swimming pool took place this week.

The Highland Council's resource committee met to decide the fate of an application by Mallaig Leisure Centre for £275,000. The centre has reached out to a number of organisations for funding of £1.1 million for the refurbishment and replacement of equipment which would enable it to continue as a community resource. See *The Oban Times* next week for a full report.

Action is urged to improve rural broadband connections

A CALL has been made for action to improve broadband connection speeds in the Highlands and Islands.

The area's Labour MSP, and her party's rural economy and connectivity spokesperson, Rhoda Grant, has said Audit Scotland's 'Superfast broadband for Scotland' progress update report published last week shows 'no surprises in the north'.

The report indicates that six council areas in Scotland are still to reach the target of 75 per cent coverage (70 per cent for the Western Isles due to remoteness and terrain). Five of these areas are within the Highlands and Islands, with Highland, Argyll and Bute,

Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles all behind on the target.

Commercial coverage in the north is limited and the report showed that mostly easy-to-reach areas have been the focus so far, again leaving many Highlands and Islands areas behind and requiring more complicated and expensive solutions.

Ms Grant said: 'The report highlights that speeds received in the north fall far below the average speed of 24mb/s, with around half of premises in the three islands council areas unable to receive 10mb/s. Some of my constituents would jump for joy if they were able to access anywhere near these speeds.'

'Of course concentrating on the easier-to-reach areas will show the projects are delivering well. The challenge for the government is now, and always has been, how it is going to deliver to Scotland's harder-to-reach areas.'

Ms Grant added: 'I am meeting Fergus Ewing, the cabinet secretary responsible for connectivity, next month and will be asking for these figures to be broken down within regions so we can see where the concentration of effort is producing results and where needs much greater attention. More focus also needs to be placed on community projects and Community Broadband Scotland's role within this.'

£8,000 cheat is fined just £100

A MAN who falsely claimed more than £8,000 in benefits was handed a fine of just £100.

Neil Holland Williams, from Keepers Cottage, Inverlair, Roy Bridge, received £8,160.15 from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) which he wasn't entitled to.

The 54-year-old appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court last Tuesday August 16 and pleaded guilty to failing to notify the DWP of a change in circumstances, particularly of his employment with Edinburgh Woollen Mills.

Representing himself, Williams told the court he had been suffering from health issues in 2014 which had left him

and his family in financial ruin and that he had applied for 'every benefit going' without success.

It wasn't until some time later that he received the funds from the DWP and that there was some confusion as to what he was entitled to, which prevented him from letting them know he was working.

The court also heard that Williams is now in different employment and has set up a payback order to the DWP for £30 per month.

Sheriff Ian Duguid questioned Williams on whether this was accepted by the DWP as it would mean he'd potentially be paying them back for the next 20 years at least.

Williams responded by saying yes and added: 'The best thing for me is to be in employment so I can pay everything back I owe.'

Williams also told the court this was his first offence and that he was an honest man.

Sheriff Duguid told Williams: 'The most significant part of this situation is that the taxpayer is reimbursed for the money that was taken from them.'

Sheriff Duguid stressed that ordinarily he would have fined Williams £150 but because he pleaded guilty he was entitled to a discount and brought the total fine down to £100.

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High drama for holiday club

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KILMALLIE and Ardnamurchan Free Church ran their 12th annual holiday club earlier this month.

The club is run every year in the community during the last week of the summer holidays.

This year, the club was called *HMS Kilmallie* and had, as the name suggests, a nautical theme. It was attended by approximately 100 children and run by a team of around 50 volunteers.

The club was held each afternoon from 1pm to 3.15pm at two locations, with the younger children, from crèche age up to primary five in the Caol Youth Centre in Caol School, and the primary six and seven youngsters in the church.

A group of 25 older children attended evening bible study sessions throughout the week as well.

Reverend Chris 'Kiki' MacRae said this year's numbers were down on the usual attendance but he added that when the club started 12 years ago there were only 34 children.

Throughout the week the children were taught Bible stories and did crafts relating to the parables as well as drama and playing games. On Friday August 12, the children were invited to dress-up in costumes fitting the theme – sailors, pirates and so on – and there was a drama performance. The drama was based on a combination of the *Great British Bake Off* and *Master Chef*, with French and Glaswegian couples competing. Again there were underlying biblical themes and morals.



At the end of the week there was a thank-you barbecue which was attended by between 200 and 300 people. There was also a guest service on the Sunday after the club ended (August 14), where the children led the worship.

Speaking about the week, Mr MacRae said: 'It's great. I want to see more. The response from parents was fantastic. They loved what we were doing and were delighted to bring their children along.'

He added that there were already plans for another holiday club during next year's summer holidays.

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Clockwise from main photograph: the children dressed up for the last day of the club; Anna MacRae, Louise Pescod and Christine MacAskill played judges in the drama show; Hannah Calder and Fergus Munro having fun in the show; and some of those performing show off their dance moves during the drama.

TIMESLINE

Junior gardeners show their skills

THE LOCHABER Rural Education Trust (LRET) is holding its seventh annual junior gardening show tomorrow (Friday August 26).

The show will be open to all playgroups, nurseries and primary schools in Lochaber, and all exhibits must be brought to the trust at An Clachan between 9am and 1pm on the day.

The show will be open to the public from 4pm and the awards presentation will take place at 5pm.

All funds raised will go to support the Seed to Supper project and the work of the trust.

Further details and schedule of the show available by emailing info@lret.org.

Date set for local housing meeting

FIND out more about housing in Lochaber by attending an annual meeting. Lochaber Housing Association's (LHA) AGM will take place next Monday (August 29) in Caol community centre. The event will focus mainly on affording housing developments currently being worked on in the area. The meeting starts at 6pm.

Preparing to greet first cruise liner

FORT William Town Team is set to help welcome the first cruise ship to the harbour at the end of September.

The cruise liner is due to arrive on September 28 and will be the first to use the new pontoons.

The town team will help direct passengers and crew when they come ashore.

To give volunteers an idea of what's involved, there will be a short training session at the West Highland College from noon to 2pm on September 14.

John makes the news as town shop prepares to close doors

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AFTER 37 years in the business, Fort William newsagent John Steel is closing his doors.

Hyperhut, which Mr Steel, 63, opened in 1979, is set to close at the end of the month as customer numbers have dwindled to 'just a few'.

Speaking to *The Oban Times*, Mr Steel said: 'The newsagent has got a lot quieter over the years and I'm not making money any more.'

Mr Steel said a combination of factors had led to his decision to shut, with the main one being parking outside the shop at the West End side of the high street.

He said: 'With no parking wardens in Fort William, people are parking outside the shop for days on end, when really they are only allowed to park there for 15 minutes.'

'I have spoken to the council but people are just refusing to do anything about it. Business in the shop hasn't recovered since they took parking away a few years ago to extend the pavement in front of the business.'

'There are also no white lines painted on the road for parking, so even though there are five spaces, sometimes they are taken up by just three cars.'

Mr Steel also said that he struggled to pay for 'expensive deliveries' that he can no longer afford.

Hyperhut has been up for sale for some time now, but Mr Steel made the decision to try to sell just the premises after realising he could no longer afford to run the enterprise.

He said: 'I don't have a buyer for the shop yet, so I will need sort out what I am going to do with my stock, which is going to take a lot of preparation, but all that will come once the shop is closed.'

But it's not the end of the road for Mr Steel, who is already thinking about his next job. 'I am looking for another job for a couple years anyway.'

'I don't have a trade but I have put up with a lot in the shop over the years and I will pretty much do anything.'



John Steel outside his newsagent's shop Hyperhut, which is closing at the end of the month after almost 40 years in business. Anthony MacMillan Photography

Before opening his newsagent's 37 years ago, Mr Steel delivered milk and ran a hotdog van.

He said that his loyal customers were sad to hear the news of the shop's closure. 'Everyone has been really nice about the

whole thing. A lot of locals close by rely on me, especially in the bad weather, but sadly there just aren't enough customers left to allow me to stay open.'

Hyperhut will be closing for good on August 31.

Visiting hours extended across isles

NHS Western Isles recently announced new extended opening hours across their hospitals.

As support from family and friends, in the form of hospital visits has been widely recognised as a crucial part of recovery, visiting hours have

been extended to run from 11am to 8pm seven days a week.

There will be a degree of flexibility for visits outside these times, which should be discussed with the senior charge nurse.

Round-the-clock visitation

rights are available to parents seeing children in hospital, and dementia patients will have personalised visitation schedules to suit their individual needs.

NHS Western Isles also runs 'protected meal times' so patients will not be disturbed

by clinicians while they are eating. Families are welcome during these times to help with, or encourage, eating.

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Patient sent home because hospital ran out of paper

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A MEDICAL procedure on a patient who was prepped and ready for treatment was cancelled because there was 'no paper in the printer'.

Two consultants and nursing staff had to stop the procedure and send a patient home because of lack of equipment in Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Iain MacIntyre, former Rotary president and businessman, said it is now time to think about privatisation of the NHS because the 'excellent staff' in Oban can no longer do their jobs.

Mr MacIntyre, from Oban, who lives with a heart condition, said: 'Last week I attended Lorn and Islands Hospital for Exercise Tolerance tests. Previously I had a heart monitor fitted to my chest and was informed at the time they were unable to give out spare stick-on pads for the sensors that are attached to my chest, as they are not allowed to carry sufficient stock. Thus threatening the whole exercise.'

'On the day of my procedure, I had two doctors, an observer and nurse in attendance.

'My chest was shaved, pads were fitted, my blood pressure was read and the printer was started. It was at that late stage, for all in attendance to hear, the hi-tech printer tell us it was 'out of paper'.

'A search of the room was undertaken followed by another look throughout the building but to no avail. There was no paper. My appointment was cancelled and the following appointments that had already been made. All

this disruption all for the cost of a ream of paper or two costing only a few pounds.

'How can such highly qualified dedicated people work in such conditions? Could a commercial concern afford such issues? How much do these type of issues contribute to the NHS's waiting list?'

Other readers have told of concerns at the lack of equipment for procedures at the hospital because staff have been told 'not to overstock'.

One reader said they were told by a staff member they were being sent to Paisley for treatment because there was no 'budget line' in Oban for such treatments which could have been easily performed by staff in the hospital.

NHS Highland manager Caroline Henderson said: 'I would like to apologise to the patients for their cancelled procedure and welcome the opportunity to meet with them and discuss any concerns they may have.'

'The incident was due to an administrative error in ordering paper, and not a result of NHS Highland's finances. I have conducted an internal inquiry and have put steps in place to ensure an incident like this doesn't happen again.'

Mrs Henderson added: 'As NHS Highland chairman David Alston has underlined, there is a greater need than ever to look at how health and social care services are provided. It is vital we address the balance of care in Oban and indeed across Argyll and Bute, supporting people to be looked after in their own homes and communities.'

Oban's Dee makes worldwide sporting history



Picture: Scottish Rugby/SNS

OBAN Lorne RFC president Dee Bradbury made history at Murrayfield national stadium on Saturday, when she was elected as the Scottish Rugby Union's (SRU) first female vice-president.

When the SRU's new president, Rob Flockhart, steps down in 2018, Dee will also become the governing body's first woman president since it was founded 145 years ago and the first female in the world to lead a 'tier one' rugby country.

She won a three-way election for the role by a margin of 25 votes, securing 98 votes

to Ian Barr's 73 and John Davidson's 25 at the SRU's annual general meeting.

Dee, a retired Oban police officer, said: 'My first reaction was delight the clubs have had the vision to support me in this role, and the second reaction was that I must go and phone my 85-year-old father which I did, and that was an immense moment.'

President Flockhart said Dee's appointment is 'fantastic for Scottish rugby and Scottish sport. It sends a message out that rugby really does encompass every part of society, men and women, boys and girls.'

Dee, a former pupil of Keil School, Dumbarton, is married to Nick and has two sons: Magnus, who plays for Edinburgh Rugby, and Fergus, a national age-grade prop.

The former multi-eventer represented Scotland and Great Britain in athletics and played representative netball, before taking up rugby while president of Oban Lorne RFC and secretary of Argyll and Bute RFC. She also represents Scottish rugby on Rugby Europe, the sport's European governing body, and the Women's Rugby Forum on the Scottish Rugby Council.

TIMESLINE

CalMac completes ferries contract

FERRY operator CalMac confirmed it signed the formal contracts with Transport Scotland and Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) on Monday to operate ferries and harbours on the west coast of Scotland.

CalMac was announced by Transport Scotland as the successful bidder for the Clyde and Hebridean ferry services contract in May, and it also won a separate, but linked, contract to deliver harbour operations at 24 ports on behalf of CMAL. This is the first time the ferry and harbour operations have been split in this way.

CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'Now that the contracts have been signed, we can start to share information with staff and customers about our ambitious plans to transform the experience of ferry travellers during the lifetime of the contract.'

Earth moves for islanders on Mull

A SMALL earthquake hit the Isle of Mull last Friday at lunchtime. The 1.9 magnitude tremor was logged by the British Geological Survey with the epicentre towards the south of the island.

No cash aid to save training charity

ARGYLL and Bute councillors have been accused of 'paying lip-service' to pleas to save a charity which helps people to find work. Councillors last week, refused to provide financial aid to Argyll Training.

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16 'vital' jobs workers are issued with formal redundancy notices

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ARGYLL and Bute councillors have unanimously backed a call asking them to lobby to save Argyll Training.

Since 1991 the 'vital' jobs training charity has helped over-16s facing barriers to employment 'reach their full potential' with vocational programmes, but recent funding cuts have brought it to crisis point.

At a meeting of Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee in the Corran Halls on August 10, managing director Fraser McCowan told councillors: 'Come September, we will not be able to continue in our present form. We're just wanting to cover the costs. If we do not continue, the chances of someone else coming in will be



Andrew Spence.

remote. Once it goes, it's gone.'

Following the meeting of the full council on August 18, an Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'We are doing all that we as a local authority can do to support Argyll Training. However, the

financing of employability services is a national issue for which only the Scottish Government can provide a solution.

'The urgent motion agreed by the council at its meeting on Thursday was clear in its terms, with members unanimously agreeing that, following on from these lobbying activities, the chief executive would write to the Scottish Government and seek its assistance in developing realistic options for the continuation of the proven and valuable service Argyll Training provides.'

But SNP councillor Julie McKenzie accused the council of 'paying lip-service to the issue.'

She said: 'I would have liked to see the council taking a much bigger lead in bringing the key stakeholders to the table, but sadly there seems to be

little political will. There was no political will from the council to assist financially, so it's not looking good for the future of the service.'

The Oban Times asked Jill Millar, Oban's Argyll Training centre manager, if all 16 jobs at the organisation were at risk.

She replied: 'Yes. We've all been given a formal notice of redundancy from September 30. All staff.'

Councillor McKenzie added: 'The motion was an exercise in the council paying lip-service to the issue. Financial support is the key. It's a point of no return: if there's no intervention, Argyll Training will go to the wall.'

'This slashing of the employability fund has hit independent training services. The one-size-fits-all doesn't work. It costs remote services more, because

of the huge distances. These people deserve exactly the same service as the rest of Scotland.'

Oban's Homebase manager, Andrew Spence, said the store had given work experience to 20 young people through Argyll Training over the past 10 years, and employed five when jobs became available.

'It's giving people a chance to get into the workplace,' he said. 'It gives them a chance to get mentored and trained.'

His loss, he added, 'will have an impact for trainees and employers. Loads of companies have used Argyll Training: Homebase, Argos, Tesco, Bookers. It was risk free.'

If Argyll Training ends, he added, 'we would continue to recruit but we may not be in a position to take the risk with less fortunate people.'

Anita Carson, as a single mother of three, volunteered at Soroba Nursery in 1991 and enjoyed it so much she wanted to work there, but she could not afford the extra time or money to gain any qualifications.

Argyll Training helped fund and provide on-the-job training to get her a job and, 19 years later, she is still at Soroba Nursery, working as an early years careworker.

She said: 'It was a vital service for me because I wouldn't be sitting in this job without Argyll Training. I could still be on the dole.'

'I wouldn't have been able to get all the qualifications that have supported me for 20 years, and will do for 20 more.'

'It's terrible they're pulling the plug on this service. 'It's so sad.'



Rebecca Hill entertained with her clarsach.

Ceilidh closes summer season

THE final ceilidh of the summer season at Taynuilt saw Oban High School pipers Emma Hill, Kate MacPherson and Gregor MacDonald start the proceedings with an amazing selection of rousing pipe tunes.

There were further enjoyable musical performances from Rebecca Hill on clarsach and three members of the Argyll Ceilidh Trailers – namely Morven MacFadyen Donald, Ross Christie and Ruaraidh Litster-Campbell.

Ailie Munro and Katie MacDonald represented the Isla Sinclair Dancers, and both girls produced impressive Highland dancing performances.

Lochawe singer Gregor Campbell gave a fine debut solo performance, while the Taynuilt trio of Helen Watt, Audrey Paterson and Davy Paterson (aka The Bum Notes) delighted the audience with some excellent singing in harmony.

Under conductor Audrey Paterson, Taynuilt Gaelic Choir's mixed and ladies choirs gave good accounts of themselves, while Fear an Taighe Duncan MacDonald kept the evening flowing smoothly.

Chairman selected

AS IT enters its final year in the run-up to the 2017 reappointment ballot, BID4Oban has turned to an old hand in Graeme Bass to guide its activities through this challenging period.

Graeme was chairman in 2015, when serious illness forced him to stand down. The change comes because Andy Spence – who has been deeply involved in and committed to the BID company since its inception almost six years ago – has been compelled by increasing business commitments to step aside from the position of chairman.



The missing bull returned of his own accord.

Missing Mull bull returns to farm ...but where he went remains a mystery

A BULL that went missing for more than three weeks has turned up and been found happily grazing with his cows.

A search had been mounted when Founder of Chapelton, which is owned by Richard de Klee of Auchnacraig at Lochdon on the Isle of Mull, first went missing. Everyone had given up hope of ever finding him.

Mr de Klee explained: 'We had so much help in looking for the bull. Our stockman was out looking, the Coastguard

helped, as did our neighbours and friends, and no-one could find him. We even put a drone up.

'We also reported him missing to the police and the British Cattle Register.

'So we were amazed when he finally turned up. He is four years old and we have had two successful crops from him.'

Mr de Klee's family have worked the farm at Lochdon for more than 150 years.

He said: 'He must have been hiding in a cave or something.'

Bagpipes are welcomed home to Kintyre

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A PIPING legend carried out a Campbelltown man's dying wish by bringing his beloved set of pipes back to his hometown.

Bob Worrall, from Canada, decided to return his pal Archie McGeachy's pipes to Kintyre after he died last November, following a long battle with cancer.

Archie, born in Campbelltown in 1932, wanted the set to be passed on to another young piper, just as they were given to him when he was 14.

Ian McKerral, Kintyre Schools piping instructor, was given the task to find a suitable heir and chose another 14-year-old with a passion for solo piping, Callum McKillop.

Ian said: 'I got a phone call from Bob about six weeks ago. He told me the story and tasked me with finding someone to have them.'

'I chose Callum because he is a committed up and coming solo piper, who happens to be the same age as Archie was when he received them.'

'I knew of Archie, particularly that he set up a band called Kintyre in Canada. He was well known in the Kintyre piping scene.'

Bob, a renowned player and tutor, was in Scotland providing commentary for the BBC's live streaming coverage of the World Pipe Band Championships. He came down to Kintyre to pass on the legacy last Tuesday afternoon.

He said: 'Archie's wife, Maura, asked me to find a suitable



Bob Worrall hands over the pipes to Callum McKillop, alongside Ian McKerral, and Archie McGeachy with his treasured pipes. 04_c34bagpipes01/04_c34bagpipes02

kid, and I assumed that'd be in Ontario. But the more I thought about it, I thought these pipes are from Campbelltown, so they should come home.

'I was very good friends with Archie. He incessantly talked about his homeland and had a huge emotional attachment to the area.'

Archie's pipes, a vintage set of Hendersons, were a gift from a wealthy man back in 1946 after his family could not afford to buy him a set. He went on to receive tutoring from 'Dilly' Wilson, father of the celebrated John Wilson.

After competing in Scotland for many years, both solo and for the Clan MacRae Society

pipe band, he left for Canada in 1966 and joined the General Motors pipe band of Oshawa, Ontario. There he played with Bob and several other well-known players.

In a letter written by his wife Maura to Callum, she said: 'His beloved pipes are now coming home to Campbelltown, and I sincerely hope that you will enjoy playing them as much as he did.'

Callum, fresh from competing at the worlds as the 3A Kintyre Schools pipe band notched third place, said: 'I totally wasn't expecting it and it's a huge honour to keep carrying on the tradition. Of all the folk it could have been, I'm really happy to get them.'



Communities will be given say in how funds are spent

THE decision on how surplus money from CHORD regeneration budgets will be spent is to be left in the hands of Argyll and Bute Council area committees.

Following last week's meeting of the policy and resources committee, members agreed that any funds should be spent in the local area, with decisions on how the money is used being taken by local members.

The Campbelltown projects are now completed and came in well within budget, with a surplus of around £180,000. Similarly, the Helensburgh project finished with £650,000 left over.

Councillor Dick Walsh, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said:

'This decision comes directly from public consultation. People have told us they want more say in what happens in their local communities. We said in February that we would be working on ways to give more power to local areas and we are now delivering on that promise.'

'If there is a surplus when the Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon projects are completed, then the same rules will apply – the local area committees will decide how that money is best used for the benefit of local people. The money will support the original aims of the regeneration programme – improving our towns and creating jobs for the benefit of all.'



Councillor Dick Walsh.

Oban man faces jail for assault

A 24-YEAR-OLD Oban man is facing jail for an assault which broke the victim's jaw and resulted in surgery to insert a metal plate.

David Kyle Bruce, of Rock Haven, Glenmore Road, admitted assaulting the man at Station Road, Oban, by repeatedly punching him on the head, causing him to fall to the ground, and then kicking him on the head to his loss of consciousness and severe injury.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty

told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16, that the man was walking with his girlfriend along Oban sea front to the taxi stand on September 26, 2015, when he was approached by the accused and punched and kicked in the face. Bruce was identified by witnesses at the scene and detained the next day.

Mr McGinty said the complainant suffered 'abrasions and swelling to the forehead and the eye', and 'X rays revealed he had a badly fractured jaw'. Later he

required surgery to insert permanent metal plates.

'The injuries are not permanent, but he suffers pain,' Mr McGinty said.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until October 11 for a criminal justice social work report, and told Bruce: 'All options are open. A period of custody is uppermost in my mind. I do not want you walking away from here thinking you are not facing custody.'

His bail was continued.

Advertorial

Bright Sparks scheme aims to develop and enhance STEM skills

THE Scottish Government has identified the need to increase the number of young people taking up careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). The STEMNET programme aimed to increase take up by recruiting STEM ambassadors to work with schools.

The Bright Sparks programme aims to develop and enhance STEM skills in Argyll and Bute. Kirsty Jackson-Stark delivers the programme in her role as education and skill development officer and is an approved STEM ambassador working with secondary school pupils across the region. ScottishPower Renewables in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council is funding Kirsty's post for three years from the community benefit fund distributed from ScottishPower Renewables' Beinn an Tuirc windfarm on the Kintyre Peninsula. This funding enables Kirsty to work with young people to:

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Residents slam developments

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RESIDENTS and neighbours in the Glenshellach area of Oban say the density of housing and people with very few amenities is a 'deviation from Argyll and Bute Council's local plan'. But Argyll and Bute Council said the number of houses were in the housing allocation as part of the development of the area. Residents approached *The Oban Times* saying they had believed they had bought or rented their 'forever' homes but as the rate of development in the area continues they now believe it is more densely-packed than the guidelines laid down in both

Scottish Government legislation and in the local plan. Robert MacLean, who rents a home on the estate, said: 'I moved down here into a small house and I was delighted to be in the midst of all these new homes. But as time has gone on, I have stopped living in the country and started living in the middle of a tightly-packed estate. 'I suppose the traffic zooming through the area has also caused problems.' Mr MacLean was referring to traffic rerouted through the estate rather than using the top road which was blocked off with large stones some months ago. Another person, who didn't

want to be named, said: 'Houses in this area were limited to one-and-a-half storeys, as is the general condition throughout the area. 'All of a sudden the spaces for houses have now turned into a place for flats that will dominate the landscape and overlook our houses. It seems developers are able to do what they like. To me, it seems that what we have on this side of the road is becoming as densely-packed as the other side of the road in Soroba. 'The area at Glenshellach is of outstanding natural beauty on a landscape only available once. That landscape is slowly being eroded.' A spokesman for Argyll and

Bute Council said: 'A housing needs analysis was carried out and the results showed that more housing is needed in the Oban and Lorn area. As a result, the local development plan (LDP) identified areas throughout Oban and Lorn for housing development, two of which are in this part of Glenshellach. 'The LDP provides indicative figures of 11 properties in one of these areas and 90 in the other. The council has since received two planning applications for developments in these locations. The first application is for 18 properties – seven over what is identified in the LDP. The second application is for 24 flats; 78 have had planning

permission granted – this would result in an increase of 12. 'The housing provision numbers are indicative and in appropriate circumstances may be varied at the discretion of the planning authority. 'It is important that people are aware that no decisions have been made and these applications will be subject to our vigorous planning procedures. It is also vital that people know they can have their say on the applications and make their views heard.' Alastair McGregor, chief executive of ACHA, the organisation making the application for housing, said: 'ACHA has built 40 homes for affordable

rent in Glenshellach and we are currently building a further 17. 'The area is zoned for housing development and ACHA is committed to building new homes to meet the pressing housing need in Oban at the present time. The association does not believe its proposals put pressure on amenities or create unreasonable levels of density. The association submits planning applications which we believe are consistent with the local plan, including any reasonable amendments. 'Oban's people need accessible, affordable housing and the association will continue with its partners, Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government, to deliver this.'

£500,000 to keep roads open

AN EXTRA £500,000 has been made available for winter maintenance to keep 'roads moving' around Argyll and Bute. The extra cash was agreed at a recent meeting of the environment and resources committee when the winter maintenance arrangements were agreed for 2016/2017. Councillor Ellen Morton said: 'Despite the financial challenges the council faces, we recognise that winter maintenance is a vital service which is why we have, as we did last year, made an extra £500,000 available, meaning we have a budget of around £1,650,000 to keep Argyll and Bute moving during the winter months. 'With a robust winter maintenance policy again in place, a fleet of 40 vehicles, a salt stockpile approaching 15,000 tonnes and 12 road surface and weather monitoring stations, Argyll and Bute Council will be ready for winter. 'When freezing conditions are forecast, there are 31 priority routes which are pre-treated, or just over 750 miles of the road network - roughly equivalent to driving from Lochgilphead to Paris.'

New athletics event is off and running

OBAN'S first free weekly 5km Parkrun started on Saturday morning, with 90 runners from as far as Fife running from Ganavan Sands to Dunbeg. Parkrun, an international initiative, delivers parkland runs at around 800 locations in 11 countries every weekend, with more than two million registered runners worldwide. The run's aim is to improve health, fitness and well-being, and are coordinated by local volunteers, for runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities. The Ganavan Sands Parkrun will start at 9.30am every Saturday, and be timed so runners can view their results. Participants can register online on the Parkrun website, via the Ganavan Sands Parkrun page, and will be issued with a barcode, which they will need to bring with them to be timed on the day.



Some of the many runners who took part in Oban's first Parkrun.

The Ganavan Sands Parkrun's event director, Doreen Henderson, said: 'It's a run and not a race, and it is totally inclusive. The Parkruns have been really successful in other areas of the UK and we are really excited about starting this in Oban. Already 50

people have signed up to take part in the weekly runs, which is great news, and this cash from Scottish Sea Farms is helping to make it all possible. 'We were delighted to have 90 runners at the first run on Saturday August 20. A couple had driven from

Fife to run, a couple from Dundee came to Oban for their anniversary because of the run, and two families spent the weekend camping in order to run. We were amazed.' Ms Henderson thanked sponsors for funding the £3,000 start-up costs, in-

cluding the charity Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD), Oban Common Good Fund, West Highland Housing Association and Scottish Sea Farms, as well as Dunstaffnage Estate for letting runners use the path on its land.

Islay centre correction

IN LAST week's *Oban Times*, it was reported that community activists were swimming to raise money for the Mactaggart Leisure Centre on Islay because it had 'become run down and things aren't working as they once did'. In fact, the centre was completely refurbished to a very high standard between 2010 and 2012 thanks to £750,000 in funding. We apologise for the error.

Lewis, eight, rides 40 miles to help sick kids

LOOK out for Lewis and Kevin MacCuish on their bikes if you are travelling between North Connel and Fort William on Saturday. Eight-year-old Lewis plans to complete the 40-mile sponsored cycle with his dad Kevin on August 27 to raise money for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity 'because I want to help sick boys and girls from Scotland', he said. 'I was inspired by a boy I know who is battling cancer, and I wanted to do something to help people like him get better,' the Lochnell Primary School pupil wrote on his JustGiving fundraising page,

called 'Lewis cycles 40 miles'. 'I've been told that 40 miles is far for an eight-year-old to cycle, but I know I can do it with the help of my dad and all the kind people sponsoring me to complete it. Let's do it!' Lewis's page had raised £390 in its first two days, and he has raised a further £400 on a sponsorship form. 'It's a hell of a trek for him,' said mum Nicola, 'but he's a very fit wee boy. He's very excited – he can't wait.' One sponsor posted: 'What a wee star, good luck and enjoy it. Your old man will be puffin behind you so let him keep up!'



Gordon McNab, chairman of Rockfield plans, reviewing the sketches. 17_135rockfield2

Dream comes a step closer

A PUBLIC consultation saw the dreams of a community centre in the heart of Oban take one more step closer to becoming reality when drawings and other plans were revealed to the town last Saturday. Oban Communities Trust, which officially took over ownership of the former Rockfield Primary School in May 2015, has been working with architects to develop the space in the centre of the town.

Drunk pensioner is banned

A 67-YEAR-OLD Kilmore man found to be three times over the drink-driving limit has been fined and disqualified from the road. Police approached Francis Flannigan, of Kilmore, driving a car at 1.25am on June 25 on an unclassified public road between the A816 and the Barn Bar, Ledaig. Relaying the facts of the case, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday, August 16: 'The accused said he was giving his friend a

lift. Flannigan was measured to have had 68 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, which exceeded the prescribed limit of 22 microgrammes per 100 millilitres. Asked if he had anything to say, Flannigan, representing himself, replied: 'I was very foolish.' Sheriff Ruth Anderson disqualified Flannigan from driving for 15 months, and imposed a fine of £200.

The famous 99p sale at Gordons Chemists



THE FAMOUS 99p sale is on again at your local Gordons Chemists with hundreds of your favourite top brand products flying off the shelves at just 99p. If money's a little too tight to mention at the moment, you can go on a spending spree at Gordons Chemists and still have change from a pound on all their 99p sale items. If you're styling your hair for a night on the town, you can hold your style in place with Fructis hairspray, and Herbal Essences shampoo and conditioner are perfect for giving your hair vibrancy, moisture and shine. Our baby range includes Johnson's Baby Powder and Pampers baby wipes at just 99p. We have a large household range of 99p products as well, including Parozone Bleach and Harpic Powerplus. Sanmex Fly and Wasp Killer is also only 99p. Sure Antiperspirant 75ml and L'Oreal Men Expert Deodorant 150ml are also less than a pound and so too are Nivea's 3in1 Gentle Cleansing Wipes. Not forgetting the sensitive shavers among us – Gillette's foam for sensitive skin takes the chore out of shaving with this bargain price. With nine stores across Scotland, the leading independent pharmacy chain is on your doorstep and you can also shop online at www.gordonsdirect.com. Become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gordonsdirect and follow us on Twitter @gordonsdirect.

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Fort lose out to Keith in close encounter at Claggan Park

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Football

FORT William went into this game hoping to get their first points of the season, and at half-time it was looking like it was going to happen.

The Fort almost opened the scoring in the 11th minute, when Adam Porritt's stunning 30-yard effort was deflected just over the bar.

Keith's Donald Fraser then proceeded to produce an outstanding piece of skill before striking the bar from the edge of the box.

The home side opened the scoring on the half-hour mark when debut boy Colin MacLean fired home a stunning effort from the right-hand side of the box.

However, the visitors equalised 10 minutes into the second half. Courtney Cooper fired

home from 20 yards despite the best efforts of home keeper Dougie MacLennan.

Keith took the lead in the 78th minute when Kris Duncan scored and, just minutes later, it was 3-1, Luke Barbour firing home from the spot.

The Fort were awarded a penalty of their own in the 89th minute after Michael Ellis was brought down in the box, and Scottie Davidson scored his second goal of the season.

Despite some late pressure the visitors held on to claim the points with a narrow 3-2 win.

Saturday sees Fort William travel to take on Formartine United who sit in fifth place in the Highland League with nine points from four games played.

This will be a difficult trip for the Lochaber side but manager Ally Ewen is hopeful his team can cause an upset.



Fort's Scott Davidson fires the ball past Keith keeper Daniel Bell from the penalty spot in the 89th minute.



Fort's Adam Porritt, left, Daniel Highet and Iain Foggo, close down a goal attempt by Keith's Luke Barbour, although he did go on to score his side's third goal. Photo: Alba Photos

News from Fort William Golf Club

MEN: Royal Bank Cup August 13 and 14 - 1 Steven Jamieson 151 (76+75); 2 Nick Hough 161 (80+81); 3 Ian Robertson 167 (81+86).

Neil Hardie Cup August 20 - 1 Frank Sweeney 39 points (BIH); 2 Paddy MacPherson 39 points (BIH); 3 Steven Jamieson 39 points.

Ladies: Captain's Prize August 21 - 1 Iona Cameron net 69 (88-19); 2 Ann Lovatt net 69 (95-26); 3 Kay Jarram net 71 (95-24).

Juniors: JR Junior Masters August 14 - 1 Scott Lawrie net 60 (69-9); 2 Lorne Ross net 66 (68-2); 3 Callum Dingwall net 69 (95-26).

Opens: Fort William senior 12-hole open August 19 - men: 1 Iain Robertson 27 points; 2 George Band 23 points BIH; 3 Frank Sweeney 23 points; ladies: 1 Iona Cameron 24 points; 2 Hazel Cameron 22 points; 3 Ann Lovatt 17 points.

NRF Open August 21 - 1 Nick Hough 42 points (BIH); 2 Ronnie MacDonald 42 points (BIH); 3 Brian Gillespie 42 points.

Donnie MacLean six-a-sides Youth shinty

THE annual under-14 Donnie MacLean sixes are being held on Sunday September 4 at Spean Bridge Shinty Club, starting at 11am, earlier than previously advertised.

The tournament is free of charge and there will be hot drinks and snacks available from the clubhouse on the day.

If you would like to enter a team, contact Aeleen Campbell on aeleen.campbell@hotmail.co.uk or 07760 155313 before Wednesday August 31, the very last day for entries.

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Joe Toal Sixes - rescheduled date Shinty

IN 1982, Joe Toal was playing for Lochaber Camanachd against Fort William when he died suddenly during the game at the age of just 25. Each year Lochaber Camanachd Club hold a six-a-side tournament in honour of his memory and dedication to the club.

Lochaber invite all clubs to put forward a team or two for the 2016 tournament, which will take place at Lochaber shinty pitch on Sunday September 18 starting at noon.

The tournament is free of charge and there will be hot drinks and snacks available from the clubhouse on the day.

To enter, contact Aeleen Campbell at aeleen.campbell@hotmail.co.uk or on 07760 155313 before Wednesday September 14, the very last date for entries.



Lochaber Ladies will take on Skye in the Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup final this weekend at An Aird, Fort William.

Lochaber Ladies in cup final action this weekend

THIS weekend sees the highlight of the women's shinty calendar.

The Lochaber Ladies shinty team will take on Skye this Saturday in the final of the Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup, while Strathglass will also play local rivals Lovat in the Challenge Cup.

Held at An Aird on Saturday (August 27), this will be the first time Lochaber Ladies have reached the final in their nine-year history, having narrowly missed out the past few years in the semi-finals.

Popularity

Women's shinty is rapidly gaining in popularity in the area and Lochaber have benefited from an influx of players.

This has allowed the squad to be able to enter two separate teams this year in National

Division 1 and the Development League.

Despite struggling in recent years after moving up to National Division 1, the ladies are now flourishing.

Lochaber's development team have all but won their league, with one round of competition to play.

The first team narrowly missed out on the league title to Skye.

En route to the final, Lochaber convincingly beat Aberdeen 6-0, with Skye beating Badenoch and Strathspey 5-1.

If encounters in the league are anything to go by, both games should be highly competitive matches.

Rebecca Masson, Lochaber captain, said ahead of the final: 'We are looking forward to the final. Of course there will

Women's shinty

be nerves in the lead up to the game but that's only natural.

'The whole squad has really come on so much this year and there is excellent team spirit among us all. We have had some excellent performances and results in the league this year so hope to replicate that in the final. We have shown we are capable of beating everyone in our league this season so we must go out and give it everything we have.'

'It's great for the area to have a local team playing in final in Fort William. It would be great to have a big local support behind us.'

Strathglass v Lovat will kick off at 1pm, and Lochaber Ladies will play Skye at 3pm.

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Thursday Light rain showers
Winds light south south easterly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

Friday Light rain showers
Winds moderate south westerly
Temperatures 11°C to 15°C.

Weekend Cloudy on Saturday
Light rain showers on Sunday
Winds light south south easterly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

FRIDAY

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday August 25, 2016 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour) BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	04.42 1.2 10.23 3.1 17.13 1.3 23.20 3.1	
Fri	05.51 1.4 11.52 2.9 18.29 1.5 *** *	
Sat	01.23 3.0 07.07 1.5 13.58 3.0 20.00 1.5	
Sun	02.53 3.1 08.26 1.4 15.19 3.2 21.32 1.4	
Mon	03.56 3.3 09.33 1.2 16.06 3.4 22.29 1.2	
Tues	04.39 3.5 10.24 1.0 16.39 3.7 23.12 1.1	
Wed	05.11 3.6 11.08 0.8 17.12 3.9 23.49 0.9	

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)