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### Islay GPs get full support

AN ISLAND community has stood behind its over-worked GPs who have decided to opt out of emergency cover as a 'last resort'.

GPs on Islay currently provide out of hours cover on a rota basis but, with long-term vacancies at the island's three surgeries, say they have insufficient resources with which to continue.

The GPs indicated their intentions to Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) at the end of July, simultaneously requesting a review of the service and offering to work on a resolution, neither of which have been taken up.

Instead, a letter, which at least one of the GPs was unaware of, was sent to patients last Wednesday to discuss future out of hours services to be provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS 24.

Port Charlotte GP Dr Grace Gibson, who along with Port Ellen's Dr Angus MacFaggart, has decided to opt out, told *The Oban Times*: 'This is the most difficult decision I have had to make in my career and goes against every fibre of my belief in general practice but we have given everything and cannot go on. This decision is a last resort. We have tried to engage with the CHP for months because we believe the best way to provide out of hours care is through GPs, given adequate resources.'

Islay Community Council has backed the doctors' decision and, along with Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, will approach health minister Nicola Sturgeon to request an independent review of health care on Islay.

Although the GPs must serve three months notice before ending their out of hours commitments - subject to approval by the NHS Highland Board - the CHP letter sent to patients last week informs patients that the changes won't come into effect until May 1, 2013, suggesting the GPs could be made to work on until then.

The CHP says it will arrange drop-in events on the island 'to provide more information regarding this decision' and to discuss an alternative service.



Oban motorsport superstar Susie Wolff and her documentary film-making brother David Stoddart returned to Park Primary School, Oban last week to film part of a BBC television documentary which traces Susie's rapid rise from junior karting to Formula One motorsport. For more see Page 3.

### Planners hit by scammers

#### Argyll and Bute Council website is target of pranksters

THERE are fears for the integrity of Argyll's planning system after internet scammers sent false emails to those commenting on planning applications.

Offensive responses were received by a woman on the Isle of Mull who had been trying to submit a comment in support of an application.

She received replies initially from the email address [service-desk@cabinetoffice.org.uk](mailto:service-desk@cabinetoffice.org.uk) and subsequently from [service-desk@argyll-bute.org.uk](mailto:service-desk@argyll-bute.org.uk).

The emails claimed to be from council staff, service desk assistant Hamish Cockburn and supervisor J White.

The victim of the scam, who is from Tobermory said: 'I couldn't believe the responses I was getting, it said it was from the service desk. I didn't look too closely at the email address.'

'It was very personal and it was very offensive. They asked me why I was sticking my nose in. If my friend hadn't phoned the council we would never have known.'

Some of the emails even claimed the woman's comments had to be translated into Gaelic before they could be dealt with.

It stated: 'It may be some time before a response is received as we first need to translate your email to Gaelic in order for the relevant planning officer, Mr. MacDhùghail to read it.'

'Unfortunately, while he speaks English, he insists that all correspondence be received in Gaelic. Our next translation slots are in around three weeks, though if you'd like to arrange for a translation privately, I can of course pass this on to him directly.'

Another email claimed the

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woman's 'attitude explains precisely why people are moving to the cities, where the views of outsiders are welcome.'

It continued: 'Doing otherwise leaves a stagnant and curmudgeonly core, who, once deceased, leave a deserted village or town.'

Argyll and Bute Council has also become the victim of a fake website set up in their name using a very similar web address.

The page has no reference to the council but contains material that some may find offensive.

A council spokeswoman said: 'Argyll and Bute Council's official online presence is located at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).'

'It is important to emphasise that only email messages which originate from the domain name [argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:argyll-bute.gov.uk) can be considered as legitimate correspondence.'

'People who wish to contact the council using email should ensure that the address used ends only in [@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:argyll-bute.gov.uk) to avoid confusion.'

The spokeswoman added the council is 'aware of other websites which use similar names' but these have 'no connection whatsoever with the council'.

The council also says it is restricted in what legal action can be taken against the owners.

### Parking project targets problems

MOTORISTS blocking off roads in Oban through irresponsible parking are being targeted in a joint campaign by the town's police and fire services.

The month-long Think Before You Park safety initiative, which begins this week, is in response to community concerns that fire engines cannot get down streets because of obstructive parking by residents. These drivers will be given a leaflet advising them about safe parking during the campaign but thereafter will be issued with fines.

Oban Fire Station commander Martin Hill said: 'In some local streets vehicles are being parked in a fashion that could cause an obstruction to emergency vehicles responding to incidents.'

'Clearly, any potential delay in our operational response has to be taken extremely seriously.'

### Inveraray asks Historic Scotland for £1 million restoration grant

EIGHT buildings in Inveraray, have been listed in a bid for £3 million of funding to restore and maintain the famous town's built heritage.

In an application to Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), Argyll and Bute Council identified eight buildings deemed 'priority projects'.

The buildings are: Relief Land, Arkland, the former Temperance Hotel, Chamberlains House, The Avenue Arch, the former school and community hall, and the court house.

A successful CARS bid would also see improvements to a number of buildings not

included in the bid, with home and shop front repair grants available for individuals carrying out small works.

Calling on Historic Scotland for a £1 million grant, the council will be required to match fund the project, attracting other streams of funding, whilst Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will make funds available to invest in its own housing stock.

If the funding bid is successful, it could bring to an end months of worry for residents of Relief Land, who face a bill of more than £25,000 each for repairs to the listed building, partly owed by ACHA.

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Frances O'Hagan, of Inveraray Regeneration Group said: 'Obviously we have to wait to see if the bid is successful but for the moment it is quite reassuring for them because there is a possibility that if CARS is successful they will get the financial support to do the repairs and maintenance needed to their homes.'

Explaining everyone in the Royal Burgh had made an effort to create a robust funding bid, Mrs O'Hagan said: 'Everybody has worked hard to get this even

after the council decided to go ahead and appoint consultants ZM architecture. People are still going to meetings, collecting signatures, they did all they could to help the architects to get the bid done.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'There has been strong community support for submission of the bid and the project as a whole. The council appreciates the continued support of the community and key partners such as ACHA.'

A decision is expected early next year, with Historic Scotland carrying out visits to all towns that have submitted bids, in the coming months.

### Mull woman turns baking into award winning business

A YOUNG MULL woman renowned for her homebaking has been named Argyll's top young entrepreneur.

Arlene Robbie, who launched Arlene's Coffee Shop in Craignure last year, was crowned Argyll and Bute's young entrepreneur of the year by the Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT).

The award, which recognises successful business people, is Arlene's second award since opening her island coffee shop 14 months ago.

The 23-year-old, who turned her passion for baking into a business, was awarded the community and economic impact award in the Moffatt Travel and Tourism awards.

Speaking to *The Oban Times*, Arlene said: 'I feel overwhelmed; it

has not sunk in yet.'

Explaining her business has grown beyond all her expectations, Arlene said: 'I have got three to four part-time staff in the summer and two in the winter so it gives others a job.'

Taynuilt businesswoman Leonie Woolf was also recognised for her achievement in establishing Art & Sea, a business that customises kayaks with graphic designs.

The 20-year-old was named Argyll runner-up after capitalising on a gap in the market for boat graphics.

Leonie, a fine arts graduate, said: 'I am getting orders from all over the world,' she added.

Arlene will go on to represent Argyll and Bute in the national finals of PSYBT entrepreneur of the year. For more winners see Page 5



Arlene Robbie, right, and Leonie Woolf with their PSYBT awards at Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead.



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**Lorn Lines**

THE GROUP behind a plan to upgrade the community playpark at Atlantis Leisure has begun a community survey to help gauge public opinion on how it should look. The Oban Community Playpark group has invited those with an interest in a new playpark to complete the survey, which is running until September 21. To access the survey visit [surveymonkey.com/s/Obanplaypark1](http://surveymonkey.com/s/Obanplaypark1)



'Northern Fire' won Bob McCulloch the Alba Cup.

THE ANNUAL exhibition from Oban Art Society got off to a flying start last week with the quality of artwork higher than ever. The event, which runs until September 8, had an opening party last Friday. Those gathered were addressed by Sona Campbell, a long time member and contributor to the show. Exhibits at the show include sculpture, jewellery and cards as well as the usual paintings in various media. This year's winner of the Alba Cup was Bob McCulloch with his abstract 'Northern Fire'. The cup is awarded each year to a painting which receives the most votes. The exhibition has so far been well attended and organisers say sales have been 'very encouraging'. The show is open from 10.30am until 6pm, except on Saturday when it closes in the afternoon.

SCHOOL pupils in Oban will learn all about living with dyslexia soon as the Dyslexia Scotland roadshow visits the town. The roadshow, to be held in the Corran Halls, will see a variety of speakers and exhibitors explaining what it is like to have the condition and what you can do to help. The event, on Tuesday, September 11 from 2pm until 8pm, will also have a range of resources, books and materials on display. Special topics during the day include 'What is Dyslexia' between 4.30pm and 5.30pm and 'Dyslexia in the Workplace' between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.



Swordfighting, impromptu acting and the occasional piece of Shakespearean dialogue was the order of the day - for the audience - at a performance of Macbeth at Dunollie. The Walking Theatre Company's production of the Scottish play enjoyed a captivated audience in a performance that showed off the best of Oban's cultural hub as well as the work of England's most celebrated playwright. Audience members are pictured showing off their swordfighting skills during Friday's performance.

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**Mull hosts island energy conference**

'Resilience and innovation' event

A MAJOR energy conference aimed at island life is to be held on the Isle of Mull later this month. The event, titled resilience and innovation: the islands challenge, is being organised by the Scottish Islands Federation (SIF). Issues such as available grid connection and EU policy for islands are among the topics for debate at the conference to be held in Craignure Village Hall. There will also be discussions about cutting edge developments in the use of marine algae as a fuel source. The free event, on September 21, will be attended by MSP Michael Russell and MEP Alyn Smith, who will be chairing a panel discussion. Islanders wishing to attend must register at [www.scottish-islands-federation.co.uk](http://www.scottish-islands-federation.co.uk) or email [contact@scottish-islands-federation.co.uk](mailto:contact@scottish-islands-federation.co.uk). Limited bursaries are available to help with travel costs for those coming from distant islands.

**Oban mobile hair stylist wins top award**

AN OBAN hair stylist has been named the best in Scotland after picking up a prestigious award in Glasgow. Clare Ashford, who runs a mobile hairdressing business, was nominated for women's stylist of the year by her clients. The Scottish Hair and Beauty Awards then got in touch to invite Clare, 34, to a ceremony in Glasgow on August 19 as one of only four finalists in Scotland. She said: 'I was up against quite a lot of other salons for the award and I was quite surprised when I got the phone call to say I was a finalist. 'When they announced the winner I couldn't believe it, I wasn't expecting to win at all. I am really over the moon.' Clare, who also owns a salon in Leeds, moved to Oban in June to be closer to family. She has been a hairdresser for seven years and attributes this award to her clients who took the time to vote. She added: 'You had two months to get people to vote for you. My clients were really good. I have had emails since congratulating me on the award. 'I have been really busy since I moved to Oban.'



Clare collects her award.



Race organiser Gus Brydon handed over a cheque for £1,800 Oban Lifeboat's operations manager Billy Forteith, as the crew look on.



Competitors start the race from Oban Bay. Picture - Stephen Lawson



The winner of the championship trophy for the second year running was Calum Urquhart, Inverness. Picture - Kevin McGlynn

**Record sea kayak race entry raises funds for Oban lifeboat**

A START list of 52 kayakers took part in the biggest Oban Sea Kayak Race to date. The round Kerrera race - the only sea kayak race in Scotland - was won by Calum Urquhart from Inverness for the second year in a row, ahead of Cornwall's Mark Peters. However, there was a good local performance from Oban's Jonny Eldridge in sixth place overall. The race, held on August 25 from Oban Bay, also raised £1,800 for RNLI Oban, the biggest total donated to the lifeboat station in the three years the sea kayak race has been running. Gus Brydon, a member of the 10-strong organising committee, presented the cheque to a grateful Oban Lifeboat operations manager Billy Forteith last Friday. Gus said: 'Everyone enjoyed the event and the weather was fantastic. A lot of the competitors went away with big smiles on their faces and they have promised to bring more people back with them. 'I would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and those who provided sponsorship.' Categories this year in the race included men's and women's single sea kayak, men's and women's senior single sea kayak, men's double sea kayaks and men's ocean surf ski. Kenny Fraser of Hawick, who placed first in the men's senior category, was third overall, while the fastest woman on the day, Kate Duffus from Ardfern, was 11th overall. Patrick Winterton and Dean Dunbar from Oban won the men's double sea kayak race. In other local results, Oban's Adam Richards was 15th in the men's single sea kayak with Glencoe's Andrew Harpur five places behind. Stuart Nicolson, Ballachulish, and John Coyle, Mull, were 22nd and 23rd respectively in the section. Alice McPhie, Oban, was second behind Kate Duffus in the women's single sea kayak, while Gill Barnsley was third in the senior women's race. Of the 13 competitors in the men's senior single sea kayak section five were from Argyll or Lochaber. Tony Hammock, Gus Brydon and Colin McWilliams of Oban were joined by Fort William's Barry McStay and Terry Muirhead-Smith of Inveraray.

**Free gym 'treatment' sparks heated debate**

A BACKLASH has arisen against proposals to give free use of leisure facilities to recovering alcoholics and drug addicts in Argyll. Readers of *The Oban Times* took to our Facebook page to express their disgust at the plans, approved by Argyll and Bute Council two weeks ago. The pilot project will be open to those in formal treatment or recovery programmes at Argyll and Bute's 26 drug and alcohol treatment services. Broadcaster and former British Lion John Beattie gave a toast to The Game and the reply came from Alan Lawson, president of the Scottish Rugby Union and former Scottish international. Bill Nolan, a board director for European rugby, gave a toast to the club. Mr Nolan, who knows Oban, and its rugby club, well through his participation in sailing, gave a hugely entertaining speech, recounting a number of tales associated with the club. The reply to Mr Nolan came from club captain Robin MacQueen, who presented a bouquet to Dee Bradbury, the club's first female president, who gave both the opening and closing remarks. John Beattie then swapped his microphone for his guitar as his band took to the stage for the dance.

**Oban Lorne RFC celebrate 50 golden years**

Rugby players mark anniversary

FOUR players from the first ever Oban Lorne rugby team and well-known speakers were the special guests at a dinner and dance to mark the golden anniversary of the club. The event at the Argyllshire Gathering on Saturday was attended by around 250 guests, who had played for or assisted the club throughout its 50-year history. Among them was a quartet of former players who played in the club's first year: Guido Faccenda, Joe Black, Ian Weir and Dr Ronnie Frew.



Four of the original Oban Lorne team from 1962, from left: Guido Faccenda, Joe Black, Ian Weir and Dr Ronnie Frew.

**Heart charity shop encourages Oban to 'bag it'**

Rickshaw transport raises local awareness. STAFF from an Oban charity shop were being transported around the town by pedal rickshaw on Saturday encouraging locals to 'bag it'. The British Heart Foundation is taking part in 'The Great British Bag-athon' and enlisted the help of local man George Noble with his trusty rickshaw to encourage residents to pledge to fill a certain number of bags. Each filled bag is worth £20 to the shop, based in George Street, which raises money to help to battle heart disease. Manager Melanie James said: 'We are hoping to get as many bags as possible over the door and raise awareness of the disease. 'We really need as many donations as possible, every bag is £20 and will bring in extra revenue.' She added: 'George has donated his time to cycle round the town handing out sacks and getting people to pledge to fill up as many bags as they can. We are very grateful for his help.' Those who wish to donate items can fill up a sack and either hand it in to the store or call for collection.



The top table at the 50th anniversary dinner, from left, standing: SRU president Alan Lawson, director for European rugby Bill Nolan and broadcaster and former British Lion John Beattie. Seated: Alan Lawson's wife, Linda, left, and Oban Lorne RFC president Dee Bradbury.

**Algal toxins levels affect Isle of Mull sea loch**

RAISED levels of naturally occurring algal toxins led to a ban on eating shellfish from Loch Spelve on the Isle of Mull earlier this week. Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health service identified the algal toxins and issued a warning that eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels, oysters or razor fish from this area may pose a risk to human health. Notices to warn the public and casual gatherers have been posted at various locations on the shore. Commercial shellfish harvesters in these areas have been contacted by the council and steps taken to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside. Monitoring work is currently being undertaken by the council to evaluate this situation and when the situation subsides, the warning notes, will be removed.

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# Flash flood engulfs Kintyre village

## Worst flood in living memory

LOCALS in the village of Clachan in Kintyre were left stunned as flash flooding engulfed homes and businesses last Wednesday afternoon.

Residents, who have been clearing up the aftermath since, said the deluge started at around 3pm with a freak thunder and lightning storm.

There were two sources of the flood, one where a burn that runs through the village burst its bank adjacent to the main A83 Campbelltown to Lochgilphead road and another where water from a different higher source rushed down the nearby hillside, carrying mud and debris, into the village.

The A83 road was closed as

the depth of the flood waters rose, while homes were inundated and footbridges, garden sheds and diesel tanks were washed away.

**School pupils trapped**  
Residents said the flood waters were the worst to hit the North Kintyre village in living memory.

Jeffrey Parkhouse, whose home is next to the busy road said: 'In over 30 years we have lived here we have never had the water this high.'

The grounds of Clachan Primary School were flooded, with teachers and children trapped in the classrooms at the end of the afternoon.

Head teacher Catherine Black

praised the spirit of the local community as everyone pulled together to help.

'We wouldn't have been able to get home if Phil Connors hadn't come with his tractor and removed the large chunks of tarmac blocking the road,' she said.

She added: 'There were parents coming in with shovels asking how they could help.'

'Everyone has pulled together and it's shown what a strong community this is.'

Staff from Argyll and Bute Council's roads department were also quickly on the scene, repairing large areas of road surface that had been torn apart by the raging floodwaters.



### Building up nicely to Best of the West

AS THE build up continues to Best of the West, one of Argyll's biggest festivals of the year, organisers are offering a unique prize to a lucky ticket holder.

The festival, based in Inveraray on September 15 and 16, will see the area's best food, drink and produce, combined with the top musical talents of Skerryvore and the Red Hot Chili Pipers, among others.

And those buying their tickets online ahead of the event will be entered into a prize draw to win a two-night stay at the Loch Fyne Hotel, courtesy of Crerar Hotels.

### Policeman rescues teenager off pier

AN OBAN policeman had to drag a teenager out of the water at Oban's North Pier when a witness alerted the emergency services.

The 16 year old girl entered the water at 1.25am on Monday and struggled with the PC Niall Barbour, who managed to lift her onto a nearby boat to safety.

Oban Lifeboat was also launched and took the girl to the lifeboat slip where an ambulance was waiting.

As a result, the girl has been charged with a breach of the peace.

### Night search for Barcaldine man

A POLICE helicopter and members of Oban Mountain Rescue Team joined a search for a 54-year-old man on Sunday night.

He was found safe near his home in the Barcaldine area after a three-hour search sparked by the man's family, who were worried about his safety.

### Dalmally man accused of strangling partner

A DALMALLY man appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week accused of attempting to strangle his partner.

James McKay, 29, of 1 Scott Terrace, Dalmally, is also accused of assaulting the woman in the home they shared by repeatedly punching and slapping her face.

McKay denies all charges and will stand trial on November 2. He is expected to appear in court again on October 16.

## Racing Susie returns to her roots

### Park Primary visited by famous former pupils

A WORLD famous racing driver and her film-maker brother reappeared at Oban's Park Primary School last week for a wander down memory lane.

Susie Wolff, who was Susie Stoddart when she attended the school, revisited Park last Thursday as part of a documentary following the year leading up to her F1 test drive.

The film, which the BBC commissioned her brother David to make, charts her background and explains how Susie got to where she is today.

As part of the visit to Park, primary seven pupils got the opportunity to ask Susie questions including why she no longer has a Scottish accent, did she enjoy her time at Park and how she got into racing.

Susie explained that she spoke German a lot now and was sad she had lost her Scottish accent but had greatly enjoyed her time in Oban, particularly at Park.

She said: 'I loved this school, I had such a nice time here.'

Getting into carting at the age of eight, Susie said she would encourage youngsters to choose a sport they enjoyed doing and stick with it. She added: 'It

doesn't matter if you don't win, as long as you're having fun.'

The youngsters had also designed a racing car each for Susie's arrival. The winners were given a Susie Wolff cap.

David, another former pupil, has spent a year filming the documentary and is now due to start editing. Once completed the hour-long show will air on BBC Two.



The boys' winning car design is demonstrated to the delight of Susie and David. 16.1365susie01

## Council forgot drink bye-law

RESIDENTS of an Oban housing estate who have long campaigned against drinking in their streets have criticised the council after it forgot to submit an application to alter the town's bye-laws.

Soroba Community Association has campaigned since 2007 to alter a bye-law that currently excludes Soroba and Pulpit Hill from a zone that restricts drinking alcohol in public places.

Their cause was upheld by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee in 2010 but no application to change the bye-law had been made to the Scottish

Government. The council, which claims the delay was down to an 'administrative oversight', has vowed to take the case forward 'at speed' and expects to have an enforcement in place by the end of the year, assuming there are no objections.

Soroba Community Association member Sean MacIntyre said: 'The council's delay is shambolic. Has it just been sitting in someone's drawer for two years? In the meantime youths have been coming to Soroba from outwith the area to drink in the street.'

'Some residents are scared

to go out because they are strangers and because others who have tried to stop them smashing bottles and making noise have been given abuse.'

'What's worse, is the Soroba kids get stigmatised for it.'

Oban South and the Isles councillor Fred Hall said the error was discovered after he investigated the delay, adding that council staff were moving quickly to bring the legislation forward.

An application to alter the bye-law in Pulpit Hill has also been made to the Scottish Government.

## Port Ellen pier reopens

SEVENTEEN months after it closed to ferry traffic the pier at Port Ellen on Islay has officially re-opened last Thursday following its £5.5m upgrade.

The pier now has two substantial berths for the regular ferry service currently provided by MV Finlaggan and MV Hebridean Isles, and can also accommodate the grain vessel bringing in malting barley for Islay's whisky industry.

For the first time the pier can now be accessed by vehicles and this will allow for the unloading of other bulk carrier vessels when required.

The works have also upgraded the ferry terminal water, lighting and sewage systems and have increased the size of the marshalling area.

The project was undertaken by contractors McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd, with professional engineering services provided by Halcrow Group Ltd.



Andrew shows off his trophies and medals alongside proud grandparents Sylvia and Kenny Stark. 16.1366questrian01

## Equestrian vaulter celebrates Inveraray family connection

A TEENAGER has earned international acclaim as part of Team GB but he still has time to return to Inveraray for a family gathering to celebrate his achievements.

Andrew McLachlan, the grandson of Kenny and Sylvia Stark, has been competing as a junior in equestrian vaulting as part of Team GB since he was just 11 years old.

Andrew, now 16, has been taking part in the sport, which involves performing gymnastics moves on the back of a horse, since he was seven.

His most recent achievements include winning a gold medal for his pas de deux performance with partner Rebecca Norval at the European Championships in Slovakia during August.

Andrew also became the first British male to be placed on the podium in an international competition when he won bronze for his individual efforts in the same competition.

He said: 'I had always been interested in gymnastics and had always had an interest in horses, but not really in riding them. Then on my seventh birthday I was taken to have a go at vaulting at a club near Stirling.'

Combining it with school was 'difficult at times', added the teenager, but he viewed training 'just like extra homework'.

But Andrew said he would not be making a living from the sport: 'I love vaulting but you can't really make a career out of it. I'm still at school but when I leave I want to study radiography at university,' he added.

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## A82 Public Exhibitions

Public exhibitions are being held at a range of venues during the week commencing 10 September 2012 to give the public an opportunity to view information on a programme of planned improvements to address a number of long-standing issues along the A82. These improvements include the Pulpit Rock works, the Crianlarich Bypass and the planned wider upgrade of the route between Tarbet and Inverarnan. The exhibitions will also include information on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

**Alexandra Hotel, The Parade, Fort William**  
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**Three Villages Community Hall, Arrochar**  
Wednesday 12 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Crianlarich Village Hall, Main Street, Crianlarich**  
Thursday 13 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Loch Lomond Outdoor Centre, Ardlui**  
Friday 14 September 12 noon to 7.00pm



**Morvern Lines**

MOST people who live and work in rural areas in the West Highlands and Islands seem to agree that our wildlife is rapidly disappearing.

Ironically, the only way of guessing the number and species of fur, fin and feather of the sporting variety which must have existed in the past, is from estate and family game-books recording how many were killed. Fortunately some estates on the Morvern Peninsula have detailed records which will no doubt be of great interest to naturalists and conservationists sometime in the future. The following will serve as a snapshot.

Drimnin Estate 1910: 93 brace of grouse, 33 blackcock, 158 woodcock, 7 snipe, 20 wild duck, 7 red deer, 4 roe deer, 39 hill hares and 697 rabbits.

Ardornish Estate 1854: 4 herons. 1861: 128 brace of grouse, 49 blackcock, 23 woodcock, 4 snipe, 20 hares, 515 rabbits and 2 brace of ptarmigan. 1868: 335 brace of grouse, 69 blackcock, 18 woodcock, 5 snipe, 37 wild duck, 42 hares, 301 rabbits and 3 goats. 1873: 318 brace of grouse, 45 blackcock, 47 woodcock, 17 snipe, 12 wild duck, 30 hares, 26 rabbits, 8 curlews. Set against today's catches the number of fish caught was even more staggering. 1873: 64 salmon and 490 sea-trout. 1888: 27 salmon and 1075 sea-trout.

Glencripesdale 1875: 49 brace of grouse and up to 200 hill hares per day during the season. Kingairloch 1905: 2,000 couples of rabbits. 1913: 150 brace of grouse, several blackcock and a landrail.

Deer used to be so plentiful on Kingairloch that George Herbert Strutt, the estate owner, would send haunches and forequarters as presents to the local ferrymen, pier master, pensioners, railway station employees and other service providers for miles around as well the many estate staff, who usually received two lots of venison during the season. His daughter in law maintained this tradition until her death in 2000.



Circa 1910: George Herbert Strutt, owner of Kingairloch, who gave away most of the venison shot on his estate each year as presents to his employees, pensioners and everyone who helped during the stalking season.

I DO NOT know when public interest in national politics waned in Morvern before falling to today's all time low, but it wasn't always the case.

When Lord Colin Campbell took Argyll for the Liberals in September 1878, there was rejoicing throughout the parish. Flags were displayed from Thomas Valentine Smith's 320 ton steam yacht, the *Dobhran*, anchored near the head of Lochaline and a large bonfire was lit about 9pm on a knoll behind Ardornish House that blazed away for several hours.

Estate staff from Achnarich and Larachbeg turned out in celebration and dressed in Highland costume with banners flying and headed by a piper playing the 'The Campbells are Comin', marched towards Lochaline.

Here they were met by another group which increased their number to 100 or so. They paraded several times through the village cheering loudly before giving three hearty cheers to Lord Colin's success and a similar compliment to TV Smith and Alexander Craig Sellar of Ardornish before returning home.

DIVING has become a popular recreational sport in the Sound of Mull where there are many interesting wrecks to explore.

One of the earliest, of which there is record, is *HMS Dartmouth*, a naval frigate which sank in shallow water off Inniemore Island in 1690. Another larger and less well-known vessel is the 152 ton *Hero*, a wooden brigantine from Belfast which was wrecked on September 15 1878 on the Glas Eileanan when her anchors dragged from the south side of Scallastle Bay during a WSW gale.

Although the master, mate and four seamen managed to escape in the ship's boat before the *Hero* sank in about four or five fathoms of water, their ordeal was far from over.

In the darkness they drifted five miles up Loch Linnhe before coming ashore at Eignaig on the Morvern shore. Failing to notice there was a house close to where they landed, they struggled westwards in search of one and became lost.

The captain collapsed with exhaustion and exposure and spent two nights on the hill before being found and revived with brandy by Dr Birrell, the Lochaline medical practitioner.

The doctor, along with a member of the crew and Alan Morrison, the shepherd at Inniemore on the Sound of Mull, managed to carry him wrapped up in coats to Inniemore where he was reunited with the rest of his crew.

There they waited for the arrival of Mr McCallum from Tobermory, the agent for The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society, who provided the crew with passages and provisions to Glasgow on the local steamer, the *SS Plover*, before being returned to Belfast. **Iain Thorner.**

**Ullapool gains funding to appoint development officer**

ULLAPOOL Community Trust (UCT) is to start the search for a development officer after receiving a grant of more than £67,000 from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

The development officer will help local people install renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures over a two-year period, as well as encouraging woodfuel use.

The new officer will advise locals on how to save costs and carbon by using log, pellet and

wood chip systems for heating. UCT chairwoman Susan Leslie said the grant would help efforts to reduce the local community's carbon emissions.

She said: 'Many people are interested in lowering their carbon emissions and energy bills but need the right information and support to achieve this.'

'The development officer will unlock the potential for residents to use renewable energy and biomass systems and improve their energy efficiency.'

**Isle of Islay power line falls short**

£2million upgrade is 'penny pinching' says angry islander

RESIDENTS and politicians have warned Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) it will face further scrutiny after claiming upgrade work on the Isle of Islay does not go far enough.

The power company is spending £2m on Islay, upgrading the overhead power line from Bowmore to Portnahaven and installing bird diverter devices to prevent geese and other wild birds from striking the Rhinns lines.

It is also laying a back-up cable in case of a fault with the primary power link from Bowmore to Port Charlotte - not far enough, according to Portnahaven residents.

During last winter's storms, residents of Islay, Jura and Colonsay experienced a series of power cuts during extreme spells of weather, which forced SSE to carry out emergency repairs.

The current upgrade work comes after the power company was criticised by the House of Commons Scottish Affairs Select Committee, which branded the company's recent performance on Islay as 'unacceptable'.

And Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid, who sits on the committee, has warned SSE against short-changing Portnahaven residents.

He said: 'A positive thing to come out of the enquiry into the December and January storms was that it prompted SSE into action.'

'They have given commitments to the people of Islay and as part

of that, I would expect them to continue the back-up cable to Portnahaven.'

'If they are not going to honour their commitments, the select committee will be pulling them back in for a public explanation.'

**'Penny pinching'**  
Portnahaven postmaster and prospective community councillor Alastair Redman, who gave evidence at the select committee enquiry, has accused SSE of 'penny pinching' over the upgrade.

He said: 'It is just stupid to spend that much money on upgrading the network and stopping eight miles short of Portnahaven, where most of the problems have come from.'

'It is not that we don't appreciate the work that's being done but it just makes sense to go to the end of the line while all the men and equipment are in place.'

'We are not blaming the workers. This is a poor decision by managers who seem to think Islay ends at Port Charlotte.'

A spokesman for SSE insisted the work being undertaken would make the power supply to Portnahaven more reliable and less vulnerable to power cuts.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Affairs Committee has called on Ofgem to extend the right to compensation for power cuts following extreme weather to the Highlands and Islands, which are currently excluded despite being among the most severely affected.



Left to right: Dr Richard Luxmoore, Emily Wilkins and Christopher Cassels, all National Trust for Scotland, Skeff Thomas, Dorothy Thomas, cairn sculptor Colin MacDougall and local piper David Cameron.

**Staffa family visit island for first time**

RELATIVES of the woman who gifted Staffa to the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) have visited the island for the first time.

Brother and sister Skeffington and Dorothy Thomas, the nephew and niece of the couple who purchased the island in 1986 visited Staffa recently to see the unveiling of a new cairn.

Jock Elliot bought Staffa for £150,000 as an imaginative way to honour his wife, Eleanor's,

60th birthday. Eleanor in turn gifted it to the National Trust for Scotland.

Skeffington and Dorothy Thomas were taken on to the island by representatives of the NTS to see the new cairn, designed by Colin MacDougall.

Dorothy said: 'The elegance of the cairn, created out of beautiful slate and designed to capture the essence of the hexagonal structures of basalt that give Staffa a rare and stunning

composition, would make Jock and Ely grateful to know that others are sharing in the joy that Staffa gave them.'

'Knowing our aunt and uncle as kindred spirits, knowing them as travellers and conservationists, activists and humanitarians, it is easy to believe that while on the island, we could sense the presence of Ely and Jock.'

Emily Wilkins, ranger for Staffa National Nature Reserve was proud to welcome her

enthusiastic guests to the island to see the much improved cairn. She said: 'It was great to welcome Skeff and Dorothy Thomas, niece and nephew of Jock and Ely Elliott who so generously gifted Staffa to the NTS in 1986, and to hear some family stories from them. The sun shone on their first visit to the island to dedicate our new interpretation cairn. We look forward to continuing links with the family in the future.'

**Glengarry celebrates second produce show success**

THE SECOND annual Glengarry Produce Show proved a success on Saturday, with a high-class field of entries.

Local woman Karen Campbell was awarded the overall winner's trophy for most points in show at Glengarry Village Hall, Invergary. Karen also won the arts and crafts section and her 'giant' cabbage won the novelty vegetable category.

Bel Henderson's floral display won her the David McCallum Memorial Cup for best exhibit in show, while Fort William man Vic MacPherson won for best flower.

Donald Cameron won the photography class, while Ann and Alec Sandilands took home prizes for baking and garden produce respectively.

The primary school category was won by Josie Bloom and Megan Stewart won the secondary school trophy.

Show organiser Gayle Rand told *The Oban Times* the day had been a success following on from last year's inaugural event. She said: 'It was a really busy day considering it was only the second year we've run it. It was really busy last year and I was hoping that would continue and it did, it was excellent.'



Winners from last Saturday's Glengarry Produce Show.

**Military move into Argyll islands**

MILITARY exercises will be undertaken on the islands of Islay and Mull at the end of this month.

The Ministry of Defence will carry out exercises involving low-flying helicopters and ground troops between September 25 and October 5. Out of hours flying has been authorised.

The exercises will take place in the Ardmeanach area of Mull and on Dunlossit Estate, Islay.

**'Kings' hit the road in US with new album**



Rab, left, and Alistair, performed tracks from their new album at The Barn at a special gig last week. ©Srabed1

AN ALBUM with its roots in Lerags near Oban will be 'Born in the USA' when it's released by trad music band The Kings' Road next week.

Made up of Rab Woods and Alistair Watson, who both hail from the Lorn village, the band will release 'Pilgrims' during a five-date tour of the USA's musical heartland, finishing in New Orleans.

The album, with artwork designed by Rab and mixed and mastered by Grammy award-winner Charlie Pizer, will be launched in Oxford, Mississippi.

Rab said: 'The idea for the album came about when Alistair was ready to move from Lerags to the USA. We wanted to record some tracks for posterity and reference, then it moved on to become a full album.'

'We came up with the idea of a road trip from Washington DC to Mississippi to promote our music, which we did in 2010.'

Two years later the album

keenly awaited by US fans - is ready for release. Rab will fly out to meet Alistair, now based in Houston, Texas, next week for the promotional tour.

He said: 'Alistair officially moved out of Lerags Glen on the same day I moved into the house next door to his, but we had known each other for a few years before then. Now the album is finally ready, it is time to promote it with the help of tour manager Michelle McAnally. She has been such a great help in so many ways. A tour of the Mississippi Delta is on, finishing in New Orleans, which is a dream come true for me.'

Rab added: 'I heard the finished tracks last night for the first time and I'm very happy with the result. It's going to be a very proud moment when I hold a finished copy. This album means a lot to me.'

Pilgrims will be available on iTunes and from argyllacoustic.com.

**More cruise ships may be on horizon**

OBAN can expect more cruise ships in the coming years, following a meeting between Argyll and Bute Council, VisitScotland and community groups.

Councillors met with representatives from Oban Community Council, VisitScotland and Bid4Oban on August 24.

The area already has a number of council-run harbours which have the approved port facility security plan to accommodate international vessels - Oban, Iona, Campbeltown, Craignure and Lismore. Friday's meeting saw numerous suggestions of ways to develop a market for cruise ship agencies, including working with Highland Council, major shipping agents and liaising with tourism partners to increase Argyll and Bute's global exposure. There are also plans to establish an Argyll Cruise Ships Markets group for all ports in the area which are seeking to attract more cruise ships.

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# Young fishermen are Outer Isles' top entrepreneurs

## Polish brothers establish thriving business base in Uists

TWO YOUNG Polish fishermen, who have based their business in the Uists, have been named Outer Hebrides top young entrepreneurs at the regional finals of the 2012 Prince's Trust Youth Business Scotland Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

Brothers Konrad, aged 29, and Kamil Kosieradzki aged 28, founders of K&K Fishing, were announced as regional winners at a ceremony at Langass Lodge on North Uist. They were presented with a £1,000 cash prize by Pauline Bell, volunteer development manager with Youth Business Scotland. Konrad and Kamil now go forward to the national final taking place at Glasgow's City Chambers on Tuesday November 13.

Originally from Poland, Konrad and Kamil moved to Uist in 2005 and after gaining general experience in the seafood and fishing sector they bought their own scallop dredger the *Stelimar* in 2009. The vessel operates out of Kallin harbour on the east coast of Uist with their catch landed daily to the Kallin Shellfish processing plant.

Shortly after they began trading, they faced a significant personal and professional challenge when Kamil was diagnosed with a serious illness. Despite having more fishing experience, he had to step back from the business and concentrate on his treatment and recovery. Konrad, with

support from the local fishing community, successfully managed the business until Kamil was well enough to return to fishing. Happily, Kamil appears to have beaten his illness and is now back at work full-time. The brothers are known locally to be extremely hard-working and have integrated well into the community. They have built a home in North Uist and are making plans to commission a new custom built vessel.

The brothers see their future and the future of their business in Uist and hope that by continuing to grow they will create employment opportunities and continue to contribute substantially to the local economy.

### Driving

The runner-up is 27-year-old Graham Macleod, founder of Graham Macleod Driver Training, established in 2010 to provide driving tuition for the isles of Uist and Benbecula. The business grew from Graham's enjoyment of driving when he found himself living back in Uist after a time studying and working in Glasgow. A spell of illness meant Graham had to return home and was faced with very few job opportunities. While considering his career options Graham quickly came upon the idea of providing driving tuition. Graham self-financed his training, travelling to the mainland to complete the theory



Uist scallop fishermen Konrad and Kamil Kosieradzki: regional winners in the 2012 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

and practical learning to become an instructor. A representative from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar presented him with a £500 cash prize and runners-up certificate. Speaking at the awards ceremony, Youth Business Scotland regional manager Sarah

Maclean said: 'These young entrepreneurs represent some of the most talented, creative and dedicated business people in Scotland today and we are delighted to be able to recognise and reward their achievements through these awards.'

The regional awards also recognised the expertise, mentoring advice and inspiration of aftercare adviser Lynne Macmillan who was named Outer Hebrides' regional Volunteer of the Year. Through her post with Business Gateway in Uist, Lynne

has assisted the Youth Business Scotland regional manager with everything from compiling client business plans to securing premises and providing aftercare support. Lynne will also go forward to the national award finals in November.

## Man jailed for indecent assault to appeal

A KILMORE man found guilty at Oban Sheriff Court of a 'thoroughly unpleasant and depraved indecent assault' on a young woman is attempting to have his conviction overturned.

Timothy Robson, 49, of Balinoe Cottage, Kilmore, was found guilty by the unanimous verdict of a jury of photographing himself performing an indecent act on his unconscious 25-year-old victim.

Robson, who had given the girl so much valium and alcohol that she became unconscious, denied

the indecent assault charge. He claimed his victim had consented to the acts and asked for pictures to be taken.

Sheriff Douglas Small sentenced him to four years in prison and three years on licence once released. Robson is now set to appeal to the High Court against both his conviction and sentence.

The Justiciary Office in Edinburgh confirmed they had received notice of his appeal but said it is in the early stages and no date had yet been set for the hearing.

## Disturbance

A 20-YEAR-old man was arrested and charged with various anti-social behaviour offences following a disturbance in Fort William town centre in the early hours of Sunday morning.

A report is to be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Assault charges

A 37-YEAR-old man has been charged with three accounts of assault and two charges of threatening and abusive behaviour following a disturbance at an address in Kinlochleven at 7pm on Friday.

## Equipment stolen

A 35 YEAR-old man was arrested, charged and appeared

in court from custody after the theft of camping equipment near Fort William town centre last Monday evening.

The man also faces charges in relation to possession of drugs.

## Minor injuries

A PERSON suffered minor injuries in a road traffic accident in the Roy Bridge area at 4pm on Sunday.

A report is to be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Alleged shoplifting

TWO MEN have been identified after shoplifting around £200 of goods from a Fort William store on Saturday lunchtime.

A report is to be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Mountain bike taken

A BLACK and red TREK hardtail mountain bike with white handle bars was taken from an address in Caol between 10.30pm on Friday and 5.30am on Saturday.

## Supermarket theft

A 20 YEAR-old man has been charged following the theft of goods from a Fort William supermarket on Saturday morning.

Anyone with knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact Fort William Police Station on 01397 702361, the confidential line 01397 702000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Mull Lines

THIS WEEKEND sees the annual Mull Provincial Mòd taking place and it promises to be one of the busiest yet.

Organisers say entries for event, held on September 7 and 8, have increased across the board and they are 'delighted with the spread of competitors'.

Tutors have been visiting local schools for the past few months and this has resulted in a bumper crop of entries in the junior section. Youngsters will converse, recite, sing and play musical instruments to attract the attention of the adjudicators and win a prize on the Friday.

Mòd secretary Riona Whyte praised the work of the children and staff at local schools.

She said: 'The children have been very enthusiastic and staff have been extremely accommodating in allowing extra time for rehearsals. But unfortunately our funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig will not continue into next year and we are seeking new avenues to enable us to continue this vital work.'

Senior competitors from around the country will take to the stage on Saturday along with eight senior choirs who will be attending the Mòd this year.

Mull Provincial Mòd will also play host to a new National Piping Centre exhibition. 'Noting the Tradition' is an oral history project on piping over the past 50 years.



Lochdoon Primary School pupils took home three prizes from the recent Tobermory Horticultural Show. Every pupil in the school created a painting of stormy weather and first prize went to Harry who also won a Tackle and Books token. Charlotte won second prize and Ellis took home third prize.

ONE OF Scotland's most recognised and accomplished fiddle players will be kicking off his new tour on the Isle of Mull.

Duncan Chisholm will be showcasing his fifth solo album, Affric, when he plays at An Tobar on October 2. It is the concluding part of his award-winning Strathglass Trilogy.

Duncan, founding member of folk rock band Wolfstone, plays regularly with Gaelic singing sensation Julie Fowlis and is a much sought after composer and accompanist.

Send your news from the Isle of Mull to Faith Orr on [farr@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:farr@obantimes.co.uk). Telephone 01631 568000.

## Twice legal limit Caol man didn't pay for fuel

A CAOL man has been banned from driving for 15 months after admitting driving while nearly twice the alcohol limit.

Alan Campbell pled guilty to drink driving on the A82 between Fort William town centre and a local filling station at lunchtime on August 2.

Police were called by staff at the petrol station after Campbell drove away without paying for

his fuel. The 52-year-old was stopped on the A82 by police who smelled alcohol on his breath after talking to him. Defending, Hamish Melrose said Campbell, of 4 St John's Road, had been drinking the night before the incident.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist also fined Campbell £400 and ordered him to attend a drink drivers' rehabilitation course.



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**BELL INGRAM COMMERCIAL PROPERTY REVIEW, September 2012**

Summer 2012 may be remembered for the Diamond Jubilee, England losing on penalties (again) and, of course, the London Olympics, but this August also marks five years since the start of the downturn in the commercial property market in the UK, following a 'bull-run' that began in the 1990s. This market dip was transformed into a full-blown crash after the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the ensuing 'Credit Crunch' in late 2008, and the market has remained in the doldrums ever since, resulting in the longest commercial property recession in living memory.

The consequences for landlords have included increased voids, falling rents and significantly lower capital values, along with a substantial withdrawal from the property lending market by the High Street banks. Whilst up to now there has been reluctance on the part of the banks to foreclose on loans following the collapse in values (and the consequent mass breach of loan to value covenants), there are some signs that lenders' attitudes may be changing. If so, we can expect significantly more commercial property to come onto the market, which will likely depress values further.

In short, then, not a great time to be a landlord, it would seem.

Silver Linings?

There is however a silver lining to the recessionary storm clouds that could make all the difference to property owners suffering the effects of the downturn. Traditionally, more businesses start up during a recession than close down. The reasons for this are many and varied. Jobs are hard to come by, so many opt to start their own business instead. Redundancy cheques can be used as seed capital, and crucially, the right premises, that had previously been too expensive, suddenly become available on more affordable terms.

Bell Ingram's Oban office is acting on a variety of excellent commercial properties that offer the opportunity to secure top quality business premises at extremely attractive prices and rents. Among a variety of profitable small hotels, guest houses and B & B properties is Braeside Guest House in Kilmore, near Oban, an ideal 'lifestyle' business and very competitively priced at £370,000.

Also on the outskirts of Oban, the Roseview Caravan Park offers an outstanding opportunity to acquire a successful, landscaped caravan and camping site, complete with attractive three-bedroom owner's cottage, separate letting chalet and a range of other buildings suitable for further development, all on a site of 2.4 hectares (5 acres) at a guide price of just £600,000.

The company also has a number of town centre retail units available to let at rents to suit most budgets, and

with incentives available, subject to status and lease term, including the former Clinton Cards shop at 98 George Street, Oban at a reduced asking rent of £15,000 per annum. Nearby, at 120 George Street, Bell Ingram is offering up to 1,000 square feet of highly specified, self-contained offices to let at £10,000 per annum, and at Old Crofters' Yard, off Soroba Road, we have a retail showroom/workshop unit extending to some 2,000 square feet available at £12,000 per annum.

Bell Ingram is also active on the islands, where along with a number of licensed, leisure and hotel properties, the former Mull Pottery, Gallery & Restaurant, at Baliscate near Tobermory, is for sale at offers over £250,000, with a leasing option also potentially available.

Over the last few months, Bell Ingram has successfully let or sold a number of town centre and rural commercial properties, including the former Kranenburgh Gallery premises in Star Brae and Stevenson Street, Oban and a warehouse building at Scarinish, Tiree. Perhaps then, despite the gloom, summer 2012 will also be remembered as the best time to secure new business premises, and Bell Ingram is available to advise property owners and occupiers alike, to get the best deal available.

If you need advice on any aspect of acquiring, occupying or disposing of business and commercial property, please contact Gregor King MRICS, on 01631 566215 or gregor.king@bellingram.co.uk, and he will be delighted to assist.

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# New era beckons for Oban's businesses

OBAN'S business community is standing on the brink of a pivotal decision.

The creation of a Business Improvement District (BID), which would pump a minimum of £840,000 into improving the local trading environment, is potentially just weeks away.

However, the decision over whether the scheme goes ahead or not is entirely in the hands of the businesses themselves.

Ballot packs have been sent to all businesses with a rateable property value of £3,000 or over within Oban's 30mph speed limit - the proposed BID boundary.

A 'Yes' vote would see each paying a modest but compulsory annual levy towards a range of projects and services to boost the local economy.

Among them are a £60,000 business frontage grants scheme, a £90,000 new 'out of season' events/festivals budget and £80,000 on new decorative street lighting, including Christmas lights.

Without a positive ballot result, however, the BID cannot get off the ground.

BIDs are already up and running in 13 Scottish towns and cities. In the most recent ballot in Lerwick, nearly 83 per cent of the businesses which voted supported the proposal.

An Oban BID would signal a new era for the town - one in which local traders join forces to develop, manage and pay for projects they believe will best serve both their short and long term interests.

It has taken more than two years for BID4Oban, as it's known, to get to this stage.

Following consultation with prospective levy-payers, a five-year business plan was drawn up based on six key objectives:

- Making the best first impression by improving the physical environment
- Co-ordinating a programme of year-round events and festivals
- Increasing the number of events to extend the season
- Maximising the town's assets to attract more visitors
- Bringing businesses together to speak with one voice
- Improving accessibility and parking

The creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) would pump a minimum of £840,000 into improving the local trading environment - claims supporters



BID4Oban co-ordinator

Pauline Cameron said the objectives were founded on suggestions made by the majority of those who engaged in the consultation.

She said: 'This is a plan drawn up by the local business community for the local business community.'

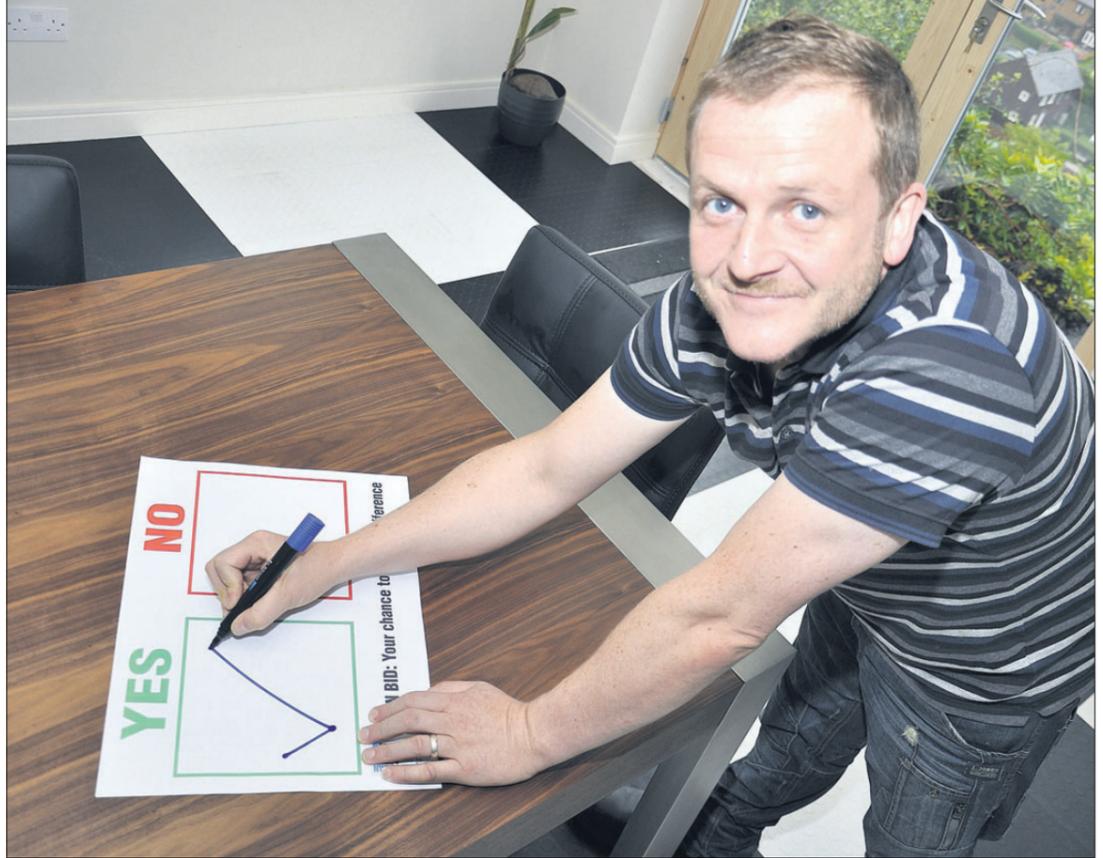
'The level of engagement and degree of consensus which emerged sets it apart from all past attempts to boost Oban's trading environment.'

'What we now have is a plan which will inject a minimum

of £840,000 into local improvements over the next five years. I hope further investment will come from other sources, including European and Lottery funding.'

Some £740,000 of the base figure will come from the businesses themselves through an annual levy.

The level of charge will depend on the rateable value of each business premises, and ranges from £150 a year (£2.90 a week) for those in the lowest band to £5,000 a year (£96.15 a week) for those in the highest.



Lorne Walton, owner of Walton Electrical, signs up for BID4Oban's 'Yes' campaign. 15\_136bidslorne1

Among those towards the top of the scale is The Co-operative Food store on Soroba Road.

Store manager Chris Taylor said the scale of charges was an equitable way of funding improvements designed to benefit all.

'The impact of the BID on the town's trading environment will be positive for everyone, so it's right that everyone should contribute,' he said.

'This proposal ensures that every eligible business will play its part in a proportionate way.'

'The potential benefits are enormous. What we're talking

about is Oban's future prosperity, and no-one can put a figure on what that's worth to businesses of all sizes and in all sectors.'

Hundreds of businesses will pay well under £10 a week. One of those is Walton Electrical on Aird's Crescent.

Owner Lorne Walton said: 'This is not just a scheme to benefit those in the retail, tourism and hospitality sectors, nor is it something from which those who contribute the most will receive the most in return.'

'A vibrant town with a strong trading environment will boost

all sectors, whether directly or indirectly.'

'Every eligible business should therefore be happy to contribute to this co-ordinated effort to make a real and lasting difference.'

The BID will ensure that even those businesses whose properties do not meet the levy criteria will have the opportunity to have their voices heard. If the ballot is successful, small businesses and those operating outside the BID area will be invited to become members through a voluntary contribution.

Falkirk, which has had a BID in operation since 2008, recently became the first in Scotland to go to a renewal ballot. It returned an overwhelming 'yes' vote.

Its manager, Alastair Mitchell, said: 'I don't think there's a better measure of whether or not such a project is having a positive impact than the fact that those who are funding it wish to continue doing so.'

'Falkirk's advice would be to grasp this opportunity with both hands.'

'With its spectacular scenery and geographical position, Oban

has huge potential as a tourism and business hub.'

'A BID would help harness that potential for the benefit of all who live in, work in and visit the town.'

All eligible businesses have until 5pm on Friday October 5 to return their votes.

A 'Yes' would kick-start the most co-ordinated and sustained effort to improve the local trading environment in Oban's recent history.

Let's take collective responsibility for our town's future. Let's back the BID.

## Young Oban pipers play three islands in one day



Oban High School Pipe Band raised funds by hitting the high notes on three separate islands last weekend. The group split up in the morning with some members setting off for Lismore while others were piped off from the North Pier as they headed to Kerrera. The band met back in Oban before heading off to the Isle of Mull in the afternoon. The band marched onto the Mull ferry via the car ramp. 16\_136pipeband01



The Rotary Club of Oban has moved into a new year and selected Iain MacKinnon as president. Council members for 2012/2013: Back row, from left: Ian MacInnes, Graham Innes, treasurer, David Finlayson, Graham Fraser, Ken Moncrieff, Colin Crawford, Fred Hall and Gordon MacLachlan. Front: Alan Johnston, senior vice president, Iain MacKinnon, president, Ronald Neil, junior vice president, and George Miller, secretary.

## Crowds flock to Oban renewables event

A RENEWABLES fair took place in Oban last week.

The Argyll Renewable Energy Show, organised by Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Group, was expected to attract more than 1,000 people and took place in the Corran Halls last Thursday.

The annual event, which has previously been attended by around 1,400 people, aims to introduce people to renewables and the installers that can give them advice.

Right - The team on the Renewables Now stand all set for the day ahead. 16\_136renewables01



## Story of land buyouts on stage

A THEATRE production telling the story of community land buyouts in the Highlands and Islands opens tonight (Thursday) at Balallan School on Lewis at a four-day conference being organised by the Islands Book Trust.

'We Have Won the Land' will tour the Highlands and Islands and central Scotland amid hopes the show will capture the imagination of audiences in the same way as the groundbreaking musical drama 'The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil'.

The Gaelic-English production will visit 13 communities - many of which inspired the content of the play.

Performances will also be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh, raising awareness of the cultural heritage of the land ownership movement and its role in regenerating communities.

After-show discussions with the production team and actors will provide an opportunity for the audience to explore issues raised.

The production has been developed by the Islands Book Trust in association with Outer Hebrides-based company Rural Nations.

Trust chairman John Randall said: 'This will be a high quality performance created for rural communities showing the significance of community land ownership today and reflecting on recent successes and the continuing challenges.'

'This year sees the 125th anniversary of the Pairc Deer Raid where hundreds of landless residents of the Pairc region staged a deer raid in protest of their treatment by the landlord - adjacent to where the current-day community has been seeking to buy the Pairc Estate. The play is being developed by the actors with input from the local community using the very

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room where the Pairc Deer Raid was planned by schoolmaster Donald Macrae and the crofters in 1887.'

Creative Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Bòrd na Gàidhlig are supporting the project.

Creative Scotland portfolio manager for theatre Laura Mackenzie Stuart said: 'By working with local communities to source the content, the production will encourage debate amongst those directly affected by community land buy-outs. More widely the production will raise awareness at a national level of these issues.'

'We Have Won the Land' performers include actor David Walker from South Uist and director Muriel Ann Macleod from Stornoway.

Balallan Community Hall will also host performances tomorrow at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm and 8pm.

Remaining September dates (all at 7.30pm): 11 - Leverburgh Village Hall, Harris; 12 - Carinish Village Hall, North Uist; 13 - St Peter's Hall, South Uist; 14 - Edinbane Village Hall, Isle of Skye; 15 - Plockton Village Hall, Lochalsh; 17 - Knoydart Village Hall; 19 - Lochinver Village Hall; 20 - Melness Village Hall; 21, 22 - Abriachan Village Hall; 24 - Isle of Eigg Village Hall; 26 - North Connell Village Hall; 27 - Dervaig Village Hall, Isle of Mull; 28 - Craignure Village Hall, Isle of Mull; 29 - Kames Recreational Hall, Tighnabruach.

October 2 and 3 - Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh; 4 and 5 - Glasgow Life, Lesser Hall Woodside Partick, Glasgow; 6 - Luss Village Hall, Loch Lomond.



**YOUR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**'OPEN FOR BUSINESS' EVENT**

**Are you a business currently operating in Oban?**

**Come to our 'Open for Business Event' on Wednesday 12 September At the Royal Hotel, Argyll Square**

**Presentations on What the BID will deliver at 2pm and 6pm**

**Guest speaker: Alastair Mitchell, Manager of the successful 'Falkirk Delivers' bid**

**Have your questions answered**

**Refreshments and buffet provided**  
Can't make these times? Drop in anytime between 1.30 and 9.00pm that day to speak to one of the Steering Group.

**FIND OUT WHY A 'YES' VOTE IS VITAL FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN**

**For further information [www.bid4oban.co.uk](http://www.bid4oban.co.uk) or contact Project Co-ordinator on 07930 313172**



High school hike raises £7,000

AROUND 800 Lochaber High School pupils braved the rain and midgets to raise more than £7,000 in a sponsored walk.

The annual 'High School Hike' saw the youngsters walk 10 miles from the school to the Lochaber Rural Complex at Torlundy and back last Friday.

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'Thanks to hike organiser Donald MacLean; the police for their assistance; the Forestry Commission for permission to use their land and Isobel and Linda Campbell at the Rural Complex.'

Students cross the miles to Skye

STUDENTS from 22 countries around the world came to Skye over the summer to attend courses at Gaelic college Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

More than 700 people from countries including Australia, Canada, Japan and Russia, as well as Scots, took part in the short courses available in Gaelic and traditional music.

Short courses manager Alasdair MacKay said: 'It always amazes me just how committed our students are and the effort they make to come to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig for a week's tuition.'

'This has been evident in how popular the courses have been and the incredibly high number of international students we have had coming to study at the college.'

Charity café

PEOPLE on Sleat are being invited to head to the annual 'charity café' hosted by the Friends of Dr MacKinnon Memorial Hospital group this Saturday.

The day starts at 11.30am in Ardsvar Hall with a wide range of delicacies on sale.

There will also be a raffie, bric-a-brac stalls and local crafts for sale.



Three-time race winner Finlay Wild holds his trophy aloft, with Provost Allan Henderson and Rio Tinto's David Jones. 20\_136rnn01

Lochaber runner races into history books

LOCHABER runner Finlay Wild battled the elements as well as a field of more than 450 competitors on Saturday to become the first man to win the Ben Nevis Race three years in a row.

With the rain and cold making the day feel more like winter than late summer, Wild set a time of 1 hour 30 minutes and 53 seconds,

just outside the race record. Wild was almost a minute ahead of second-placed Rob Jebb and nearly seven minutes ahead of the rest of the field.

Local runners are used to competing in the rain and wind and their experience paid off as Lochaber Athletic Club took home the trophy for top team in both the men's

and women's events. Two other Lochaber runners finished in the top seven places - Davie Rodgers, who came in sixth, and Ruari Watt, who finished seventh.

Local Amanda Blackhall was the third fastest woman in a time of 2 hours 7 minutes and 42 seconds.

For full report, see sports page.

Sentence deferred

Unpaid work supervisor post still vacant after four months

CRIMINAL offenders in Lochaber are unable to carry out their unpaid community sentence work - because the Criminal Justice Service (CJS) is understaffed.

The community supervisor who oversaw the unpaid work recently left his position and has yet to be replaced, despite CJS first advertising for the unpaid work supervisor post four months ago.

Unpaid work manager Mark Haldenby is currently covering the position from Mondays to Wednesdays, but this has created a problem for offenders with full time jobs who can only carry out their sentences on weekends.

Mr Haldenby also works as a taxi driver meaning he is unable to supervise work on Saturdays. One local man with an unpaid work sentence told The Oban Times he was employed during the week and could only do his sentence on weekends.

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The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: 'It means that the hours I have to do have to be delayed. I work, so I can only do Saturdays and I've been told that's not happening at the moment.'

CJS team manager Jeremy Paulin said a new supervisor had been appointed, but could not start until a number of police background checks were carried out.

Disclosure from police can often take a number of weeks.

Mr Paulin told The Oban Times: 'We have recruited a new supervisor, but he is unable to start until we receive disclosure. Rather than shut the scheme down, Mark said he would

supervise until the new person can start. Hopefully it will not be more than a few weeks.'

Mr Paulin said the wait for police checks meant the disruption could not have easily been avoided.

He said: 'It's out of our hands. We have a new supervisor but we're just waiting on police disclosure, so we're a bit stuck. We'd like to have had a seamless turnover but that's not always possible.'

Mr Paulin added: 'If there is a problem we could look at getting another supervisor in from another area in the meantime, but it hasn't been reported to me as a problem.'

Community payback orders and unpaid work sentences replaced community service in 2011 and are imposed as an alternative to a custodial sentence. Offenders are given a period of time, usually six months or a year, to carry out the work.

Trust appoints new officer

A COMMUNITY trust on the Isle of Lewis has appointed a community engagement officer to develop a local investment plan.

Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn - Glason Estate Trust - was given a partial grant by Highlands and Islands Enterprise to hire Sophie Handley, who started this week.

Part of her role will be to help distribute income from renewable energy sources, including a planned 2.7MW wind energy project. Commercial development manager Lisa Maclean said: 'We are very pleased to offer this placement and hope Sophie will enjoy her time with the trust.'

Fort shinty boss stands down



Standing down: Peter MacIntyre.

FORT William Shinty Club is searching for a new manager after Peter MacIntyre stood down on Monday night after three seasons in charge.

MacIntyre, who won the Camanachd Cup in his first season in charge in 2010, told The Oban Times his work commitments were making the job impossible.

He said: 'It's been getting more and more difficult to get Saturdays off and I decided if I can't give 100 per cent I'll let someone else take over.'

'I think we've put the foundations in for the next team. We've brought some young players through and by the start of next season they will

have some experience under their belts and be better players for it. So hopefully the club can move on and get back to challenging for trophies.'

Club chairman Richard Gall said: 'There was a change of shifts at his job at the BSW sawmill and he has been struggling all season to get time off on Saturdays. I think he has used up all his holidays. He is very much still going to be part of the club at committee level. He brought us through a transition period and has left the club in good stead for the next man.'

Mr Gall said there was no one lined up to take over the

position.

'It's too early yet,' he said. 'We haven't even discussed it. We've just finished our season so we've got plenty of time.'

MacIntyre took over in time for the start of the 2010 season after the departure of Drew McNeil and found immediate success, beating Kingussie 3-2 in the final of the Camanachd Cup in Inverness.

The cup success was not to be repeated in the next two years, with Fort knocked out by Newtonmore in the second round in 2011 and by Kilmallie at the same stage this year.

Work together and change can happen

A FORMER area manager for Highland Council has called on the Fort William community to pull together to boost the town's tourism market.

John Hutchison was a guest speaker at a meeting of the town's chamber of commerce last Thursday and gave a presentation on the American city of Leavenworth, which successfully rebranded itself as a Bavarian-style tourist resort in the 1960s.

A number of similarities between Leavenworth and Fort William were pointed out, including population size, proximity to nearby cities and the spectacular surrounding

scenery. Mr Hutchison said the private sector in Fort William should learn from Leavenworth's success and work together with the Outdoor Capital of the UK and the chamber of commerce to make the town more attractive to visitors.

He said: 'I'm glad that I gave the meeting a tangible comparison to think on. I'm certainly not advocating that Fort William adopts a Bavarian theme, but this is a good example of what can happen when a community works to develop an idea, agrees, then sticks together to make it happen.'

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Advertisement for online services. It features a laptop displaying the website www.obantimes.co.uk. Text includes 'Visit us online', 'click', and 'VISIT US AT www.obantimes.co.uk'. There is also a small inset image of a newspaper page with the headline 'bonnie babies'.

Advertisement for Clyde Marine Services Limited. It features two images of tugboats. Text includes 'TUGS FOR HIRE OR CHARTER', 'CLYDE MARINE SERVICES LIMITED', 'T: 01475 721 281', 'E: enquiries@clyde-marine.co.uk', and 'www.clyde-marine.co.uk'. Logos for DNV and UKAS are also present.

Advertisement for Floorshop. It features the Floorshop logo and text: 'MORE THAN JUST CARPETS! DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF AT FLOORSHOP OBAN!', 'DEAL OF THE WEEK Limoge Orthopaedic King size bed only £299 complete', 'Create a stunning new look with our superb range of furniture Quality and value assured!', and 'WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE !!'. Contact information: Telephone: 01631 563316 • Unit 12, Mill Lane, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HA.

Advertisement for Krisp Print. It features images of paint cans and a color calibration chart. Text includes 'krisp print', 'For a hassle free service throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre call Krisp Print', and contact information: 'Burnbank, Burnside Street, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JD Tel: 01586 554975 Fax: 01586 554903 email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk'. A list of services: Design, Copy, Print.

Large advertisement for Scottish Hydro. It features a background image of a child wearing swimming goggles. Text includes 'BREATHE EASY. STAY 2% UNDER OUR STANDARD UNIT PRICE.', 'Our Fixed Discount tariff lets you stay below our standard unit rate for over 2 years.', 'So, whether our prices go up or down, you'll be 2% under our standard unit rate. And, it gets even better, you can enjoy our cheapest tariff available today, until December 2014. It's a real breath of fresh air. Get in touch to find out more.', 'Call 0800 048 3642', 'www.hydro.co.uk', and the Scottish Hydro logo. A note at the bottom: 'Scottish Hydro is a trading name of SSE Energy Supply Limited. £50 fee applies if you leave before December 2014.'

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## Has N Ireland learned a lesson?

REPORTS this week that a frightening level of escalating violence has exploded on the street of Northern Ireland's capital has surprised and shocked many people from within the province and further afield.

Disturbing scenes of police in riot gear on the streets, deploying water cannons, as they come under a vicious barrage of masonry, fireworks and petrol bombs paints a flashback picture that most people hoped and prayed had been left behind in Northern Ireland's troubled past.

While politicians claim that the violence stems from the actions of a minority on both sides of the sectarian divide, it perhaps demonstrates that many of the damaging and deep rooted mind-sets still require very little provocation or persuasion to rise to the surface.

However, as media focus remains on the significant scenes of negative conflict, the call to become actively involved has largely been ignored by the majority. Northern Irish people have learned the lesson that together as one community seeking change they are more powerful than acting as a faction.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### Help for Heroes charity concert

MILNGAVIE Town Hall will be the place to be on Friday September 28 for a charity concert, organised by Kirsteen Grant and her husband Iain, in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

Only three weeks after being posted to Afghanistan, their son Donald was severely injured by an explosive device. Many operations and treatment to his foot followed but Donald recovered and was part of a small team which cycled across North America in June this year.

Their target was eight days at an average speed of 15mph but they smashed that and finished in seven days, seven hours and 59 mins.

Kirsteen and Iain have organised the concert in appreciation of the support Donald and all other injured servicemen and women have received from the charity.

The compere for the concert will be Sally McNair and the artists appearing will either have family connections or be from Bearsden where Donald attended school.

On the programme will be the Allander Jazz Ensemble, Bearsden Academy String Ensemble and the Samba Band, Mosshead Primary School Choir, soprano Roxana Nite, pianist Aneeta Nite-Doyle, Fiona Hunter, singer and cellist with Malinky folk band, the J & J Dancers and Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir.

Tickets, including a glass of wine, cost £10 and are available by telephoning 0141 942 7603 or from Iron Chef, Muggdock Road, Milngavie, or Purple Edge Graphics, Drymen Road, Bearsden.

#### Doors Open - Glasgow

THIS is the 23rd year of Glasgow's Doors Open and during the weekend of Saturday September 15 and Sunday September 16, there will be the chance to see 100 buildings.

Throughout the week beginning Monday September 10, you will be able to join more than 50 walks, tours, talks and events - all completely free. Some events need to be booked in advance so check the website [www.glasgowdoorsopen.com](http://www.glasgowdoorsopen.com).

During the weekend the walks will cover many of the traditional housing areas in Glasgow and for those in the west end there will be tours to celebrate the 125 years of Victoria Park on Saturday September 15.

#### Young Traditional Musician of the Year

AFTER exceptional interest from musicians, those who will attend the qualifying

event have been announced. They are: Mhairi Marwick, fiddle; Danny McGuinness, whistle/accordion; Jack Badcock, song/guitar; Alistair Iain Paterson, piano; Scott Wood, pipes/whistle; Linzi Murphy, song; Graham MacKenzie, fiddle; Ronald A A MacDonald, piano/song; Paddy Callaghan, accordion; Hannah Fisher, fiddle; Seonaidh MacIntyre, pipes/whistle; Kirsty Law, song; Andrew Dunlop, piano; and Grant MacFarlane, accordion. Each of the musicians will perform at Coulter Hall, Coulter, South Lanarkshire, at 7.30pm on October 6 when six will be chosen to go forward to play in the final which will be part of Celtic Connections 2013. Tickets for the qualifying event will be available at the door.

#### Comunn an Taobh-an-lar

THE OPENING Ceilidh of the above association will be held in Ellangowan Social Club, 9 Douglas Street, Milngavie, on Thursday September 13 at 7.30pm.

Appearing that night will be singers Jane McQueen, Mairi MacArthur, Gordon McKeever and Calum Ross, the piper Graham Richardson, instrumentalist Robert Robertson and accompanist Kirsteen Grant. Peter MacDonald will be in the chair.

#### Diary dates

**Thursday September 6:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Simon Hopper.

**Friday September 7:** Glasgow Islay Association, Civic Reception, City Chambers. Acoustic Affair: Oran Mor, 7pm, Dick Gaughan; City Halls, 8pm, Ruth Martin. Govan Gaelic Choir, ceilidh dance, Crawford Halls, Partick, 7.30pm.

**Saturday September 8:** Scottish Fiddle Orchestra, Fiddler's Rally, Royal Concert Hall, 7.30pm. Acoustic Affair: Oran Mor, 7pm, The Chair. St Columba's Church of Scotland Coffee Morning, St Vincent St, 11am to 1pm, in aid of Malawi Orphan Charity.

**Thursday September 13:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, David Francey. Bruntton Theatre, Musselburgh, 7.30pm, Danssa. Comunn an Taobh-an-lar, ceilidh - see above.

**Friday September 14:** Clydebank and District Highlander's Association Opening Ceilidh, Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick, 7.30pm.

#### Pub scene

IN THE Park Bar this weekend it will be Scott Harvey on Friday, Willie Cameron/ Martin Pottinger on Saturday and Robert Robertson on Sunday while in the Islay Inn it will be Crooked Reel on Friday and the Keelies on Saturday.

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## West Highland Way charity walkers

Mary Tindall of Croft Avenue, Oban, submitted this week's flashback photograph which shows charity walkers who completed the West Highland Way in aid of Cancer Research. The event was organised by Mrs Frances Shand Kydd and Father Galbraith. The photograph was taken the night the walkers completed their challenge just prior to a buffet ceilidh dance in the Corran Restaurant. The Oban Times welcomes submitted prints and images of a bygone era for publishing. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

## Letters to the editor

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#### Inadequate punishments

Sir, As an employee of Argyll and Bute Women's Aid based in Oban, I would like to thank you for once again highlighting the issue of inadequate punishments for perpetrators of domestic abuse locally.

This is an issue I will confront and in the process hopefully effect positive outcomes for the women I support.

Name and address supplied.

#### No need for Oban development road

Sir, Oban's proposed new development road is said, by Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, 'to be a road to address the 21st century opportunities on our door step'.

Oban's £9m airport was a previous strategic development

of Councillor MacIntyre's. This white elephant not only cost us millions to create, it is costing us £800,000 every year for absolutely no gain.

Councillor MacIntyre's latest legacy to the people of Oban is the Oban CHORD development proposals, including the new development road, and this time costing tens of millions of pounds. There is no evidence to suggest that the lack of a new road into Oban is holding back development of the town.

We have just come through the biggest boom in development any of us will ever know and it is a fact during the period of boom when money flowed like water, prime business development land was available and was never taken up, indicating even in the boom period demand for business development land was not there.

Development land for businesses and housing is available. We don't need to spend millions we don't have on

a new road to create more.

Also, within the Oban CHORD development proposals one of Councillor MacIntyre's other ideas of a development opportunity, to reverse public and private sector cut backs, is to identify how long it takes ferry passengers coming off the train to get to the ferry terminal - a short two to three minute walk, it turns out. He then sets about trying to improve this by throwing millions of pounds of borrowed money at it, only to deliver the same short two to three minute walk.

The Oban CHORD proposals are not able to deliver the economic stimulus the town badly needs.

**Ian Dougall, West Highland Estates, Oban.**

#### No money spent in five years

Sir, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre was chairman of the CHORD project board for more than five years.

They were awarded £6.9 million but did not spend a penny under his chairmanship.

SNP councillors, including the new leader of the council Roddy McCuish, could no longer work with him.

As for his quote about the costs of 'comfortable inaction', where does that leave the community of Oban after the last five years under his chairmanship?

An apology from the council would be a great place to start and the directors of the different departments should also start to earn the big salaries they are paid.

They will still be in a job even if no development money is spent. The rest of the people living in the town who are looking for jobs through this CHORD project are not so lucky.

Neil MacIntyre, by email.

#### Keep cyclists off the road

Sir, If there is a path for cyclists, it should be made law that people on their bikes use them.

This would prevent further injury and death to cyclists and trauma to the drivers and possibly legal action.

I find cyclists to be a danger to my life when I am in the car on these rural roads.

If you are driving at 45 to 50 miles an hour, coming round a bend, and there is a slow cyclist, with bags attached to the sides of the bike, you have to slam on the brakes in order to not hit the cyclist. Unfortunately you can't overtake them because of oncoming traffic.

For those cyclists who do ride on the pavement between Oban and Dunbeg - or the cycling path - thank you for been so considerate. Let's keep Scotland's rural roads safe and make it law that cyclists use the cycle paths or pavements.

Name and address supplied.

#### Stress can stimulate efficiency and productivity

Sir, Your headline of Thursday August 16 referring to an epidemic of stress at Argyll and Bute Council is remarkable.

Clearly stress can be a serious condition but in my experience, entirely in the private sector,

it can also be a stimulant to much greater efficiency and productivity.

Against the population of Argyll and Bute, the ratio of council employees is high.

Council stress levels would be reduced by outsourcing more council services to private enterprise thus cutting cost and enabling council tax and other receipts to be deployed in for example, urgent road repairs and the maintenance of primary schools, so important to remote communities.

**Angus Cheape, Isle of Mull.**

#### Tern raft success

Thanks for *The Oban Times* report, August 23, on the Barcaldine-made tern raft in Northern Ireland and the 20 breeding pairs it attracted and congratulations to all involved.

It may be worth adding that, this summer, a tern raft much nearer home held about 600 pairs of terns that reared about 750 young.

A single heavy rainstorm, together with predation by otter, killed many young but 500 to 600 young were still fledged.

The raft is at South Shian in Loch Creran. The project began in 1996 when Roger Thwaites, who then owned the mussel farm, and I nailed some plywood boards to a mussel raft in an attempt to attract nesting terns that had been evicted from local islets and skerries by American mink.

That year a single pair of terns nested and reared one young. Since then, with the help of many local people, particularly Rob Lightfoot, the project has become a huge conservation success. It is now thought to be the largest breeding colony of Common Terns in Scotland and one of the largest in the British Isles.

When I began monitoring seabirds here in 1980, every sealoach between Mallaig and Campbeltown held at least one small island with breeding terns. Most of these colonies have disappeared, mainly because American mink make it impossible for birds to breed on small islands in this habitat. Tern rafts are a successful way of providing mink-free breeding sites for these beautiful seabirds. Every sea loch should have one.

#### Re-instate road to launch point

Sir, I write regarding the launch point referred to in the Kilniver and Isle of Seil 'Down Your Way' column of August 30.

There has been a perfectly good and well-used launch point just opposite Atlantic House, near Dunairn, for more than 100 years. Until the road down to the beach was destroyed, vehicles could take canoes and trailers down onto the hard standing causing no disruption to passing traffic. And being on common land, they were no trouble at all.

Can I suggest, Argyll and Bute Council re-instate the road?

It could be done in a day for less than £1,000 and this would save them the expense of building a car park by the bridge and causing traffic chaos.

While they were doing the road, they could also stand the 'fallen rocks' sign upright. It is just round the corner, lying on a verge.

**George Doyle, Ellenabeich, Easdale.**

## Alan Cochrane



THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S SCOTTISH EDITOR

SOMETHING strange is happening in Scotland's local democracy.

In fact it's actually a negation of democracy and, I don't think you will be surprised to learn, it's all about the battle many of Scotland's rural communities are waging against the seemingly relentless march of wind turbines.

What happened was this: a friend rang me from a beautiful part of the country that is literally under siege from applications for more and yet more wind farms. On the eve of her local authority considering yet another bid she wondered if I had any last minute advice and so I asked her what her local councillors thought of the application. I was staggered by her reply. 'Oh, we've been told we cannot ask them for their opinions or even talk to them about this,' she said.

It's hard to believe but it really is the case that in many parts of Scotland councillors are refusing to give their views on, or even discuss, wind farm applications. The reason, I now discover, is something called the Councils Code of Conduct 3rd Edition, which seeks to stamp out malpractice and corruption but its effect is to deny citizens their absolute right to fair and proper representation in local government.

Article 7:11 of the code instructs councillors: 'If you propose to take part in the decision making process you must not give grounds to doubt your impartiality. You must not make public statements about a pending decision, to ensure that you are not seen to be prejudging a decision.' It adds: 'You must not indicate or imply your support or opposition to a proposal, or declare your voting intention, before the meeting.'

To my mind this is completely bonkers. The notion that our elected representatives cannot tell their communities where they stand on an issue as important to residents as wind farms is quite simply outrageous. What are councillors for, if not to tell the electors what their opinions are? How else can we decide whose name to put our cross against in the polling booth?

Together with the SNP's

sledgehammer approach to on-shore wind farm applications, which is fast becoming one of 'approve them all, no matter what local communities say,' it is difficult to see what rural Scotland can do to make itself heard on this issue.

Only last month the Scottish Government (I've got to call it that now - that's its legal name) refused to grant a request from the beleaguered Moray council, which had called for a moratorium on wind farm applications. So, with the SNP backing wind farms and councillors banned from talking about them, opponents, certainly in that part of the country, would appear to be hamstrung.

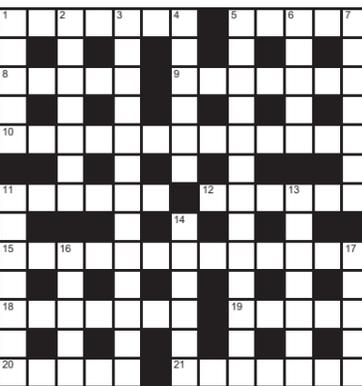
The application that my friend phoned me about was, in the event, turned down by her council. But that doesn't actually fill her with much of a sense of victory, given that if there's an appeal by the developers to St Andrew's House, the SNP will probably give the go-ahead for the turbines. Even more depressing, from my point of view, was that I was urged not to reveal the location of this latest application or the name of the council involved for fear that my writing about it might weigh against the objectors - which is a dreadful indictment of our democratic processes.

It is currently too much to hope for that the SNP will abandon its reckless approach to on-shore wind farms but surely something could be done about that ludicrous code. I understand that the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities have made representations to the Scottish Parliament about allowing councillors more flexibility but, sad to say, with Holyrood also controlled by the SNP I wouldn't expect too much from that direction.

In that event, I suppose the only solution is for residents to get heavy and to insist that their councillors do what they were elected to do - to represent the views of their constituents.

Demand to know what they think of wind farm applications and if they refuse to tell you boot them out at the next opportunity - code or no code.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



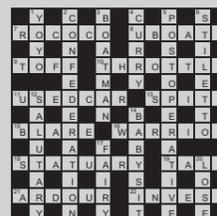
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# Primary one pupils in the picture



Strath of Appin Primary School's new primary one pupils for 2012 are, from left: Eve Lawrie, Erin Jackson and Daisy Carmichael.



Invergarry's new primary one pupils smile for the camera.



Jessica Williamson and Eleonor Hearnden started Duror Primary School this term.



Ardgour Primary School's new pupils.



The new pupils at Dervaig Primary School, Isle of Mull.



There are two new primary one pupils at Ulva Primary School.

## ISLAY

THIS year's Islay Book Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Port Ellen Primary School. Again, there will be a fantastic selection of authors speaking on their work and the chance to have books signed by the authors.

In 2005, Port Ellen Book Group made national headlines after receiving the Penguin/Orange Reading Group Prize for the most imaginative and explorative reading as a group. The judges were impressed by the breadth and quality of the books which the group had read and by the way in which reading encouraged exploration of the lives and experiences of women in other countries.

The nine women members enjoyed the prize of a VIP trip to the 2005 Edinburgh International Book Festival. The entire experience was so exciting the group was inspired to hold the first book festival in Islay in 2006.

The Islay Book Festival has annually hosted many and varied authors who write for adults and children and the event is much enjoyed by islanders and visitors.

PROFESSOR Steven Mithen of the University of Reading gave a fascinating and informative talk to a 'full house' at Islay Natural History Trust on August 31, following his team's archaeology excavation work in Islay during the last fortnight.

The team continued and extended the dig near Storakaig, with preliminary results already adding to the information gained by research and analysis on Mesolithic occupation in the Hebrides. These sites were occupied by the first people known to have lived in Scotland, hunter-gatherers who arrived after the last Ice Age glaciers receded about 10,000 years ago. The talk was illustrated with photos of the Reading team's past archaeological work on sites throughout the Inner Hebridean islands, and the potential for future investigation of other sites in Islay was discussed.

Islay seems to have been a good place to live for a very long time, with evidence of human occupation from the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze and Iron ages, through the Viking and Medieval times and up to the present, since the island's first hunter-gatherer inhabitants arrived after the last Ice Age. SC

THE YOUTH Hostel in Port Charlotte has been awarded gold in the Green Tourism Business Scheme Award.

The accolade is in recognition of the new 'green' initiatives put in place there.

These include comprehensive 'green' information for guests, a good waste management system and re-use of different materials. The Youth Hostel has low energy lighting and guests are encouraged to use public transport. This achievement can be accredited to Karl and Lorna who manage Port Charlotte



Raising a glass to Dr Adrienne Swan, second from left, are Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council chairman David Fellowes, Dalmlally postmistress Gilli Chrystal and Rev Margaret Millar.

# Glenorchy bids doctor farewell

THE COMMUNITY of Glenorchy said farewell to its doctor with a send-off in Dalmlally Community Hall.

Dr Adrienne Swan worked at Taynuilt Medical Practice for eight years, spending most of her time at its Dalmlally surgery. She will now go on to work as a rural hospital practitioner in Galloway Community hospital, Stranraer.

Dr Swan said: 'It has been a great time in my career to have worked here and I have learnt a lot.'

At the recent community send-off, Rev Margaret Youth Hostel. Both are very aware of environmental issues and are committed to working as sustainably as possible.



Alastair Redman meets Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson.

ISLAY postmaster Alastair Redman met with Prime Minister David Cameron MP and Scottish Conservative Leader Ruth Davidson MSP during an event in Glasgow.

He discussed issues such as ferry services, the poor condition of local roads, the lack of affordable housing for young people and the need to ensure local people benefit fully from the thriving tourism industry and the proposed renewable energy projects in the area.

Mr Redman said: 'As ever, I stressed that we on Islay and in the rest of ward two have for far too long produced huge tax revenue but received little in return.'

'I hope that with the right kind of pressure we will one day rebalance our economy so that we, the large producers of Scotland, reap more of what we sow. I took great relish in being given the opportunity to fight for our local area once again.'

## SEIL

THE CONSTRUCTION of the Seil skiff is well underway with the boat expected to be complete in the new year.

A skiff is a lightweight rowing boat which is increasingly owned - or currently being built - by many communities in Scotland. The crew is normally four oarsmen and a coxswain.

The community owned boat on Seil island is funded by locals who wish to buy a share. There were originally the traditional 64 shares available.

Ewan Kennedy, one of the boat builders said: 'It's just a fantastic fun project that will

eventually involve all age groups on Seil and many in the surrounding area.

'From buying a share, which gets you nothing apart from a little satisfaction, to the creative business of building the boat, designing the team logo, website, publicity and so on, to organising and taking part in local rowing regattas there's something for everyone.'

It is hoped the boat, which is being built by locals on the island, will be ready for action at the first Skiff World Championships at Ullapool in July 2013.

## AVICH AND KILCHRENAN

Avich and Kilchrenan Horticultural Society Gardens: Winner of the Lochrane Cup for best Cottage Garden was Andrew McCallum. Winner of best Formal Garden was Ruth Ritchie who received the Garden Trophy Cup. Winner of best Vegetable Garden was Michael Cope who received Drissai Cup. **Vegetable Section:** Winner of Vegetable Cup was Michael Cope for most points in vegetable classes, excluding collection. £10 prize for best vegetable exhibit - Janice MacEachan, leeks. **Flowers:** Rose Bowl - Nan MacIntyre, for most points in flower classes excluding mixed flowers. Winner of the Helen Brown Cup was Nan MacIntyre for best three individual roses. Winner of the Spencer Plaque was Joyce MacDougall for best six sweet peas. **Baking Section:** McPhie Trophy - most points in baking

classes excluding decorated cake - Joyce MacDougall. Best decorated cake with the theme 'Diamond Jubilee' - Joyce MacDougall who received £10. Winner of £10 prize for best baking exhibit - Agnes Fleming, gingerbread. **Eggs:** Egg Cup for best exhibit of eggs - Liane Jurek Art: Winner of £10 Alba Gift Voucher for best art exhibit - Cathie Wright. **Children's Section:** Winners of £5 prize for four chocolate crispies were sisters Rebecca & Eleanor Auty. **Judges:** Gardens: Leslie Servant. Vegetables: Charlie Milne. Baking: Alice Campbell. Art: Christine Steeley. The show was opened by the Rev Robert Brookes and prizes were presented by Councillor Elaine Robertson. An auction of exhibits after the show raised £270 and donations for tea and coffee raised £50 for the second phase of Dalavich playpark.

# Canna Criomagan

YOU WOULD have thought Canna's rabbits would have been grooming themselves for glory last week, after being featured in the national news.

It's well known that Canna has a tad too many bunnies - let's face it, it's hard to move on the island without tripping over one.

It was obviously a slow news week as the BBC decided this story merited sending a film crew to get footage of the rapacious rodents. Trouble was, the bunnies obviously aren't interested in fame and fortune and steadfastly



refused to make an appearance for the reporter. All the way from Inverness and the closest she got to a rabbit was in a pie at the Gille Brighde!

IT WAS Winnie's birthday last week and in celebration the whole island went on a RIB trip to Rum and back, courtesy of Elgol-based AquaXplore.

If any thieves had been thinking about coming over to Canna to do a bit of breaking and entering, that would have been the day to do it - there was nobody left on the island!

We went to see the wreck of the French trawler that has been hanging off the rocks since 2010, spotted the wild goats that are descendants of animals brought by the Spanish armada, and even saw a red deer stag strolling along the seashore like he was on his summer holidays. Forget boring drinks down the pub - that's the way to celebrate a birthday.



WINNIE'S birthday trip was the second occasion that the population of the island has gathered in one spot recently.

All 13 of us could be found outside the Change House for the grand taking of the community photograph. For an island with such a small population, it's amazing how difficult it can be to get everybody together at the same time. This was the third attempt. The resulting picture can be seen in the September issue of the National Trust for Scotland magazine.

WE KNOW that people come to Canna for a variety of reasons - among them the peace and quiet, the stunning scenery, to study John Lorne Campbell's vast archive of Gaelic culture, to see eagles and puffins.

But it seems the island has become a destination for people doing their weekly shop. A lady on the Wednesday ferry day trip told Canna House gardener Graham: 'I've come especially to buy veg from your plot. I've heard all about your veg and the stuff in the shops is rubbish.' And she left with 10 lettuces and a big bag of chard.

## NORTH BALLACHULISH

THE F W Holroyd Art Gallery in North Ballachulish continues its centenary exhibitions tomorrow (Friday) from 1pm to 4pm with new originals by Catherine Putman.

Visitors can pop in for tea or coffee and meet the artist at work.

## Down Your Way

### Isle of Coll

REPRESENTATIVES from the International Dark Skies Association will next month visit the Isle of Coll to see if it meets criteria for its seal of approval.

Islanders have been working hard gathering data to demonstrate just how deeply the island plunges into darkness at night - and just how spectacular a view of the stars it provides.

Figures are already looking likely to win the island official Dark Sky status. A presentation of the figures will be sent to the Dark Skies Association this week prior to the visit of the International assessors. Leading the project is Julie Oliphant of the Isle of Coll Hotel. She said: 'They want to send someone over to see if the island really is as dark as we say it is.'

A SCIENTIST from Coll has won the Queen's Award for Innovation for his pioneering work on deep sea ecology. Tom McKechnie's award comes after developing water-based ecologically sound oil drilling products which could compete with those of any of the major suppliers. He came up with the idea after seeing the damage traditional drilling products caused to the marine environment. So successful is his invention that he now runs an international company, Niche Products from Blairgowrie, with a manufacturing plant in Lancashire. He has offices in Aberdeen, Texas and a large presence in Oslo, where the company works closely with the Norwegian government's Statoil.

Tom went to primary school on Coll before moving to Oban High School. He became frustrated with hostel life and left school without qualifications. He took to labouring and forestry jobs on the mainland, then travelled back to Coll for a year to help his father at Breacachadh Farm.

He decided at 20 to take an access course at Langside College which got him a place to read chemistry at Glasgow University. His lab partner was Julie McInnes from Tiroe who he married in 1999. He paid his way through university by spending every vacation fencing for the RSPB, yet despite this gruelling work schedule, he won a First in Chemistry. It was after working with an oil company for a year he decided to go his own way and devise his own drilling equipment.

A PROJECT to tag and track basking sharks is attracting attention from across the globe.

Sharks tagged in a project led by Scottish Natural Heritage and the University of Exeter show a particularly high level of activity around Coll and Tiroe. Sharks around the islands have been shown to demonstrate unique behavioural patterns and an unusually high level of activity, indicating possibly important feeding or breeding grounds. To follow the sharks' progress, go to wildlifetracking.org and follow the link for basking sharks.

Next week Down Your Way visits Dunoon and Cowal with Edel Kenealy. You can contact Edel on 01546 602345.

## TYNDRUM

RAILWAY enthusiasts will be able to see for themselves the progress made at revamping Tyndrum Upper Station's signal box this weekend.

The community-owned West Highland Railway Company will open the box's doors this Saturday and Sunday between 10am-5pm.

Refreshments will be available and a number of stalls will be selling DVDs and souvenirs, with proceeds going towards the ongoing refurbishment and the refurbishment of Garlochhead's signal box.

## PLOCKTON

THE THIRD and final race for the Visitors Cup (local boats) at Plockton was held recently in calm and wet conditions.

The *Searanger* and *Ajax* went out but rowed home. However, Joy Mackenna, *Searanger*, having won the first two races in the series was awarded the cup with eight points. Douglas Hamilton, *Ajax*, was runner-up with four points.

The final race of the season for local boats was held on Saturday for the Islay MacRae Jubilee Trophy. Centreboards were also eligible and two sailed plus five local boats in windy conditions. Result: 1 Michael Hay *Fionair*; 2 Tristan Southall, *Laser*; 3 Ian Hay, *Nan*.

## KILLIN

A REPLACEMENT for the on-demand 'bus' service in the Balquhiddar area is on the cards.

Ian Armstrong, who runs a 24-hour taxi service, is to be appointed the DRT contract, a service that fills the gap between bus and taxi services.

Under the scheme, customers pre-book 24 hours in advance and share their journey with other passengers with similar requests in a given zone.

It can either connect with existing public transport links or another destination within the DRT area.

KILLIN Brownies enjoyed a day climbing and abseiling with a trip to Weem Wood.

Joining Beyond Adventure's 'Biscuit', the girls demonstrated their bravery by scaling a rock-face before taking the nerve-jangling drop back down.

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While the scenery that tourists flock to see remains as spectacular as ever, Lochaber has changed a lot over the years and no town more so than Fort William. 2012 is not going to see a slow down in this pace, if anything things are looking up.

Local residents are in for a treat with a new development planned for the Blar Mhor site at Caol. Included in the plans are a large Tesco store, a retail park and food and drink outlets. There is also plans to upgrade the infrastructure in the area and housing will also get a boost with permission granted for around 300 new homes on the nearby Lochside site.

Construction is expected to start on Blar Mhor before summer and land will also be given to the Council to build an all-weather sports pitch and new primary school. A new police station and hospital will also be built on the site.

It is believed the town centre will not suffer as it contains very few 'high street' retailers and is also undergoing regeneration with a new hotel and shops to be created.

It is hoped the new development will save residents from having to travel farther afield or shop online to get the goods they need.

And for visitors and locals alike it will be an exciting year for the whole of Lochaber. The area has many wonderful events held annually. These include five different Highland Games, the Ben Nevis Race and the Scottish Six Day Trials, which almost 400 keen bikers have entered this year. Little surprise since it is billed as 'unarguably the greatest motorcycle trial in the world'.

And with over seven per cent of the area's population able to speak Gaelic there is little left to say than 'Is fhearr fheuchainn na bhith san duil'.

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**Fuel stolen from Skye digger**

POLICE in Kyle of Lochalsh are appealing for information following the theft of fuel from a digger last week.

The vehicle was parked near the fish farm on the Moll road, Isle of Skye, when the theft occurred sometime between Wednesday and Friday.

Anyone with information should contact Kyle Police Station on 01599 534222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

**Rollover jackpot**

A ROLLOVER jackpot of £500 is up for grabs this week in Fort William FC's weekly lotto draw.

Numbers last week were 11-15-20.

**Drunk tried to hit police officer with garden rake**

A DRUNK man who tried to hit a police officer with a garden rake during an incident in Caol has been jailed for six months.

Fiscal Andrew Laing told Fort William Sheriff Court that Brian Garrick's swipe missed and the rake hit a garden gate, causing the head to come flying off. The officer then had to deploy CS spray to arrest him.

Appearing from custody, Garrick pled guilty to attempting to strike the constable with the implement at 4 Torcastle Crescent on August 11.

The 39-year-old also admitted headbutting another officer on the shoulder at Fort William Police Station later the same day.



Corpach in Colour top trophy winner Sandra Fortune.

**Corpach in Colour a 'blooming' success**

THE SECOND annual Corpach in Colour Garden and Produce Show in Kilmallie Hall attracted all sorts of vegetables, flowers and knitted goods on Saturday.

Entrants for the show were limited to residents of Banavie, Corpach and Lochelside, but it still got a good number of admissions. Sandra Fortune was given the Corpach in Colour trophy for winning the most points overall, but had to settle for a share of the

Ewen and Isabel Campbell Cup for floral art with Jean Fisher after judges couldn't separate them.

Elizabeth Muir won the Treasures of the Earth Trophy for flowers and the Kilmallie Community Council Trophy for garden produce. Morag McNeil took home the M and S Dental Care trophy for baking and produce, while Jillian Clark's won the Tradewinds Trophy for art and crafts. The Margaret

Cameron Trophy went to Anne Smith for her crocheted jacket and youngster Alice Gray of Banavie Primary School won the Corpach Hotel Shield. Organiser Margaret Simpson thanked everyone who helped out with running the show and all of those who entered. She told *The Oban Times*: 'It was only our second show and it went just as well as the first one. It was a good day, there was a really good crowd and lots of kids as well.'

**Debate rages on over new school site**

FURTHER acrimonious debate over a site for Fort William's new Gaelic school is certain at the full meeting of Highland Council in Inverness today.

Two weeks ago the ruling SNP-LibDem-Labour coalition was stunned when director of education Hugh Fraser's recommendation that the £4 million school should go to Ardgour Road in Caol was rejected on knife-edge 14-13 vote.

Instead, the adult and children's services (ACS) committee backed Councillor Eddie Hunter's call to defer until peat removal costs at the Blar Mhor - the former preferred site close to Lochaber High School - were re-assessed.

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for discussion on the agenda. It states: 'We the undersigned, request the council rescinds the decision to defer agreeing the site for the new standalone Gaelic school for the Fort William area, and instead agrees that the new standalone Gaelic school be sited at Ardgour Road in Caol.'

At today's meeting, opposition councillors will argue the bid to overturn the decision smacks of 'control freakery' and the deferral decision should stand. Coalition councillors, however, will point out elected councillors on the ACS committee voted 13-10 in favour of Mr Fraser's recommendation, which was only rejected after three clergy and the youth convener - all appointees - voted for deferral.

Mr Fraser's figures show the Blar would be £900,000 more expensive to develop than Ardgour Road - a figure Councillor Hunter and his opposition colleagues dispute, claiming long term 'planning gain' is being ignored. Administration councillors, however, insist it would be folly to spend almost a £1 million extra on a site when cost-saving measures currently being considered included cutting the primary school day.

**Onich road closure public consultation promised**

A FULL public consultation will be held before resurfacing work on the A82 at Onich goes ahead in March - 17 months after they were originally scheduled.

Transport Scotland (TS) originally planned to do the work in October 2011, but it was postponed after strong protests from locals that the work would have a negative impact on local businesses during the October holidays.

Residents on both sides of Loch Linnhe were unhappy when TS announced the timeline route would be shut to through traffic at Onich from 7pm to 6pm for three weeks.

Cathel MacAskill of contractors Scotland Transver

told *The Oban Times* the road would definitely close overnight during the works, but said the community would be consulted before any decisions on timings were made.

Because the road does not meet European width standards - 7.3metres minimum - one lane cannot be kept open throughout the improvement works.

Some sections of the A82 at Onich are less than six metres wide.

Drivers travelling from Ballachulish to Fort William will face a detour via Crianlarich, Pitlochry, Dalwhinnie and Spean Bridge - 162 miles compared with the usual 15, during the closure.



Local businessman Stewart MacLean makes a point about the Onich works to Cathel MacAskill of Scotland Transver during last year's consultation. 20\_136onich01

**Fort William drink drive dentist banned from road for four years**

Woman repeatedly veered across the A830 forcing vehicles to swerve

A FORT William dentist who repeatedly veered across the A830 forcing vehicles to swerve out of her way has been banned from driving for four years.

Samantha McKay was also ordered to attend a drink driving rehabilitation course for failing to give breath specimens to police after being found in her car in the middle of a Caol road on May 22.

Appearing for sentencing, McKay was also given a 12-month supervision order. The trial at Fort William Sheriff Court last month heard McKay clipped the Banavie

swing bridge on the A830 before local woman Catherine Sanderson found McKay, of Tomonie, in her car with two children on Kilmallie Road in Caol. She said McKay could not put on the hand brake or use her mobile phone and smelled of alcohol.

Two police officers also testified that McKay smelled strongly of alcohol and was incoherent. She failed to blow into the roadside breathalyzer and found it difficult to even put her lips round the mouthpiece.

McKay, who works at Fort William Health Centre, claimed she only had one glass of

wine at lunchtime and was not drunk. The 36 year-old, who was previously banned for a drink driving offence in 2009, blamed her odd behaviour and failure to take the tests on a panic attack.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist told McKay: 'When I consider your previous conviction, you must be aware that a custodial sentence is a possibility. You were driving when you were not fit to do so.'

Sheriff Gilchrist said her sentence was intended to help her with her alcohol problem rather than as a punishment.



John Cameron's photograph of Steall Gorge.

**Glen Nevis photo wins praise in nationwide competition**

A STUNNING photograph of a Scots pine in Steall Gorge, Glen Nevis, won a Fort William man third place in a UK-wide competition.

Amateur John Cameron, who works as a refuse lorry driver, was walking his dog in Glen Nevis in April when he captured the atmospheric scene.

His shot made the final 12 of the first VisitWoods.org.uk photography competition and was given third place in the scenery and seasons category. The photo was selected from more than 6,000 entries.

John said: 'I go hill walking and walk my dog in the gorge quite often. I spend a lot of time up there as I like being among the Scots pines. Photography is one of my hobbies and I was lucky enough to catch this shot.'

VisitWoods.org.uk is an online woodland database owned by organisations including Woodland Trust Scotland, National Trust for Scotland and Forestry Commission Scotland. The final entries were judged by wildlife photographer and television presenter Simon King.

**Michaelmas Open Day**

SEPTEMBER 15 will be a day to remember for crofting on North Uist - the annual Michaelmas Open Day will be held on Grimsay and the public will get a chance to see plans for the new Uist wool mill.

The day will also see the start of trials for the 'Blackland index' - a new method of assessing the potential agricultural value of the dark, wet, organic soils called blackland.

Dr Bruce Ball, Dr Ken Davies and Dr Barbra Harvie will explain the index at Kernary croft. Participants will be invited to try out the new method.

At the same event Uist Wool project manager Dana MacPhee will discuss goals and plans for the new mill, for which construction will begin this autumn.

Uist Wool has received funding for construction of phase one of the new spinning mill on Grimsay, which will process fleece from the islands into artisan yarns and a range of woollen products.

At this year's Michaelmas Open Day there will be hands-on workshops in wool, croft walks and machinery demonstrations and stalls with products of Uist woolwork, plus teas and sandwiches.

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**Votes remain open for every weekly round until the voting deadline which will be announced in a future issue. See foot of page for details.**

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Boarders at Lomond come from many parts of Scotland. The school has long associations with the Highlands and Islands through its bursaries in traditional music. Other means tested financial assistance may be available. Headmaster Simon Mills would be pleased to welcome families wishing to visit the school in the coming months and especially to Open Evening on the 7th November.

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Argyll musicians, from left: Rona Wilkie, Sorren Maclean, Joy Dunlop, Andrew Dunlop and Lorne MacDougall. 15\_136fallaesan01

## Argyll songs old and new take centre stage

ARGYLL songs old and new took centre stage as a quintet of Argyll's most talented young musicians revelled in the county's rich musical culture.

The Faileasan (Reflections) project performed to audiences in Tobermory, Oban and Dunoon, showcasing the rich diversity of Gaelic song as well as the talent of the young musicians.

Led by Connel singer Joy Dunlop, the quintet was completed by classical musician Andrew Dunlop, Joy's brother, on keyboard; Young Traditional Musician of the Year Rona Wilkie, from Oban; Tobermory guitarist Sorren Maclean; and Lorne MacDougall from Kintyre, the whistle and bagpipe player who worked on the musical score for Disney Pixar blockbuster *Brave*.

Joy explained to her audiences: 'I hear these songs at ceilidhs all over Argyll but outside of the area a lot of people don't know them. It has been very enjoyable bringing these songs together in one performance and adding new songs too.'

'I've chosen material from throughout the whole of Argyll and the islands and I was really lucky to be able to spend time digging through the resources in the School of Scottish Studies archive.'

'We've got a wealth of talent in Argyll and I wanted to showcase this too, through professional musical performances.'



The bikers set off with Alf leading the way. 16\_136fallfally01



The gladiator challenge was popular with youngsters. 16\_136fallfally02

## Bikers clock up the miles for Atlantis

OBAN residents who spotted a Teenage Ninja Turtle riding a motorbike at the weekend can rest easy.

Alf was leading out his rally from the Atlantis Leisure Centre on Saturday afternoon to raise funds for Oban Community Playpark.

The rally was a 100-mile trip to Tyndrum through Appin and Glencoe before the hungry bikers returned to Atlantis for a hogroast in the afternoon. Bikers paid £10 to take part in the event with around 40 bikes taking part.

It was hoped to match last year's rally fundraising of £1,000.

Meanwhile, inside Atlantis, a family fun day, including beat the goalie, gladiator challenges and basketball hot shot, was also taking place to raise funds for the playpark.

## Cathedral rings to sound of chamber music

ST JOHN'S Cathedral in Oban was once again ringing with the sounds of chamber music as special guests joined Connel pianist Andrew Dunlop for the third and penultimate concert of the 'Lorn Live'.

The chamber music festival, organised by Andrew to promote classical music in the area, will end this Saturday when the maestro joins forces with the award-winning Eblana String Trio for an afternoon of Mozart and Brahms.

The performance begins at 3.30pm in the cathedral and will bring the four-date festival to an end.

Last Saturday afternoon Andrew, violinist Anya Muston and cellist Paul Grenann opened with a moving performance of the bittersweet *Trio élégiaque* in G minor by Rachmaninov before the trio introduced the audience to *Pale Yellow*, a quiet and contemplative work composed in 2003 by American composer Jennifer Higdon.

The concert was drawn to a close with a stirring rendition of Smetana's tragic Piano Trio in G Minor, op. 15, composed in 1855 after the death of his beloved daughter.

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## Louise and friends rock it out at concert

GLASGOW band *Siphon* headlined a talented quartet of acts at Oban's Corran Halls recently as part of a fundraiser for children's cancer charities.

Organised by local youngster Louise MacDonald, she arranged Rocking it Out

with a Smile to thank those organisations that had been so influential in her life.

She said: 'Thanks to everyone that turned up and supported the event. It was a great night and hopefully we've raised some money for charities that really matter.'



Tara Coia with the wood elf she sculpted, which was on display at Dunollie's 1745 House during a visit of the Walking Theatre Company. 07\_135fara1

## Oban sculptor's elves, shells and animals on show as part of project

OBAN sculptor Tara Coia was just one of 38 Argyll artists taking part in the fifth Armap Argyll Open Studios project at the weekend.

Tara displayed her works at Dunollie's 1745 House on Friday, during a performance of MacBeth from the Walking Theatre Company.

Her display featured woodland elves, shells, animals and an eerily realistic bust of the Cailleach, the ancient deity believed to have created Loch Awe and the Corryvreckan whirlpool.

In total, 12 artistic disciplines were on show, across five different venues and 33 open studios across the county.

The event ran until Monday. For more information on the event, see artmapargyll.com.

## Arrochar welcomes Skerryvore to village hall

ARROCHAR'S community-owned Three Villages Hall will welcome award-winning band *Skerryvore* next month.

Supported by *Beacon Hill*, a talented acoustic group from Mid Argyll, the band's visit comes as part of its World of

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UNITED Auctions held their annual sale of 4,575 lambs at Tiree Auction Mart on August 17 when an excellent show of quality bred lambs sold to all the regular buyers attending this sale.

The sale average for all 'Top, Second and Third' draw lambs was £59.14 which recorded a rise of £1.55 per head on the year.

Heylipol Farm led the day's top price with an exceptional well bred pen of 50 Suffolk cross lambs which realized £81 per head.

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## Neriby Texels lead UA Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held their first lamb sale at Islay Auction Mart when 1645 were sold.

A good offering of lambs, mainly top draws, were on offer and sold to average £63.89 which recorded a rise of 34pence on the year.

The top price of the day came from the Neriby consignment when their top pen of Texel crosses sold for £80.50.

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## Tight skinned lambs in demand as Fort William hosts first lamb sale

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 2,632 store sheep of all classes at Fort William when strong, tight-skinned lambs sold well.

Lambs averaged £41.76 per head and sold to £70 thrice for Texel crosses from Ardnornish Farms, Suffolks from 1 Bunacaimbe, Arisaig, and Texel crosses from Glenquoich, Invergarry.

Feeding sheep sold to £70 gross for a Suffolk ram from 1 Bunacaimbe.

## Prime rates rise at Dingwall sale

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 40 prime cattle and 443 prime sheep at Dingwall on Monday.

Prime bullocks averaged 216.0p (+17.3p) and sold to 223p per kg for a 510kg Charolais cross from Kincaira Farm, Invergordon, and £1,331.25 for a 625kg Charolais cross also from Kincaira Farm, to John M. Munro Ltd., Dingwall.

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Lambs averaged 180.9p (+5.9p) and sold to 192.4p per kg for 42kg Beltex crosses from Torgorm, Conon Bridge, and £86.50 for 50kg Texels from Woodside, Muir of Tarradale.

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# Islay-bred pony on course for Horse of the Year Show 2012

AN ISLAY-bred Highland pony, named after a Royal National Mod gold medalist from the island, has qualified for a prestigious national show.

Rhinns Point Domhnall Hendie, a six-year-old Highland gelding bred by Angela MacLeod, Portnahaven, has qualified for the National Pony Society (NPS) Baileys Horse Feeds Mountain and Moorland Ridden Pony of the Year, which takes place at the Horse of the Year Show, at the NEC Birmingham from October 3 - 7.

He qualified under the capable hands of Midlands producer Tracey Milward at the Ponies (UK) Summer Championships at Newark Showground, Notts, this August. Dol' Hendie, who is named after Angela's father in law, the Gaelic singer and Mod gold medalist Donald MacLeod, was Islay Show Reserve Supreme Champion in 2008 and 2009.

He has sold on to Anne and Lizzie Rowley, Cheshire at the end of 2009 and has had a very success-

ful in-hand career before coming out under saddle last year.

His more notable in-hand successes being, Supreme In Hand Champion at the Northern Counties Pony Association (NCPA) Spectacular and Supreme Overall in the Brookhead Show last year.

He has enjoyed similar success under saddle, this year, qualifying for the Royal International Horse Show and the NPS Picton Novice Finals.

The small Portnahaven stud is producing some top class Highlands, who are having prolific success in the Mountain and Moorland showing circuit.

This year three Rhinns Point ponies qualified for the NPS Picton Novice Mountain and Moorland finals at Malvern, with two qualifying for the Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead.

The 2009 NPS Picton Champion, considered by many to be the top Mountain and Moorland novice pony of the year was Rhinns Point Fergus, who was Islay Show Supreme Champion in 2007.



Dol' Hendie at the Royal International Horse Show with his owner, Lizzie Rowley, on board.

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### TIREE

#### United Auctions

Suffolk £81.00 Heylipol Farm £79.00 Gott £77.00 Salum £76.50 Gott £75.00 2/15 Balevullin £74.50 Lochphuil and Gott £73.50 Hillcrest and Drumaglea £73.00 2/15 Balevullin £72.00 4 Kilkenneth £71.50 6 Crossapol £71.00 Hillcrest £70.50 Salum and Drumasaidh £70.00 4 Kilkenneth £69.00 Heylipol Farm, Drumasaidh and Drumaglea £68.50 Heylipol Farm and Croish £68.00 6 Crossapol, Lochphuil and 9 Barrapol £67.50 Braeside, Hough and 15 Crossapol £67.00 Croish, 10 Crossapol, Whitehouse and 5 Cornaigbeg £66.50 Hillcrest £66.00 Lochphuil, Heylipol Farm, Gott, Salum and Scarinish Farm £65.50 Braeside, Hillcrest, 2 Heylipol, 3 Balevullin and 36 Balephetrish.  
TexelX £77.00 Sandaig £76.00 Heylipol Farm £75.00 Ruaig £74.50 Hillcrest £73.50 3 Middleton £73.00 2 Sandaig £72.00 Sandaig £70.50 Hillcrest £72.00 Ruaig £69.50 Drumasaidh and 2/15 Balevullin £69.00 Heylipol Farm and Ruaig £68.50 7 Kilkenneth and 2/15 Balevullin £67.00 3 Balevullin and 7 Kilkenneth £66.50 5 Ruaig and Hillcrest £65.50 4 Gott, Ruaig and Benview £65.00 4 Heanish and 2 Heylipol.  
Cheviot £64.50 Vaul  
CheviotX £61.50 Heylipol Farm.  
Cross £70 Benview  
Mule £65.50 Heylipol Farm £62.00 Braeside £61.50 Clachan £60.50 Manna House.  
Prices per kilo  
Suffolk 225p - 4 Gott 213p - 9 Barrapol 209p - Croish 204p - Scarinish Farm 200p - Heylipol Farm and Scarinish Farm 195p - Carnan 194p - Hough 192p - Gott 191p - 2 Heylipol, Carnan and Drumasaidh 189p - Lochphuil, Heylipol Farm and 7 Balemartine 187p - 12 West Hynish 185p - 2 Heylipol 183p - Salum, Benview and 5 Cornaigbeg.  
BeltexX 229p and 215p - 5 Ruaig 208p, 203p and 200p - Ruaig 185p - Dunbeag  
TexelX 198p - 6 Balevullin 190p - 3A Caoilis 188p - Scarinish Farm and 6 Balevullin 187p - Ardmay 186p - 6 Balevullin 185p - 8 Balevullin 184p and 183p - 6 Balevullin 183p - 8 Balevullin 183p - Benview 182p - Heylipol Farm and Hillcrest 181p - 3 Balevullin and 10 Balevullin 180p - Crofthouse and 1 Kilkenneth.  
Cheviot 195p and 191p - Scarinish Farm 183p - Carnan.  
Cross 189p - 9 Barrapol 177p

### ISLAY

#### United Auctions

Lambs  
Suffolk £79.50 - Starchmill £79.00 - Ardbeg £78.00 - Claggan and Smaladh £76.00 - Smaladh £75.50 - Ardbeg Pairc A Chlissan £74.50 - Ballachlavan £74.00 - Claggan £73.50 - Ballachlavan £72.00 - Island £70.00 - Claggan £68.50 - Pairc A Chlissan Ballachlavan £67.50 - Pairc A Chlissan £66.00 - Coille £65.50 - Smaladh £64.50 - Island £64.00 - Island, Ballachlavan and Glenegedale Lotts £62.50 - Smaladh £61.00 - Ballachlavan.  
TexelX £80.50 and £78.00 - Neriby £77.50 - Dunlossit Estate Keills £75.50 - Kirkby £74.00 - Tallant £70.00 - Carrabus and Claggan £67.50 - Smaladh £66.00 - Cnoc Na Faire £62.50 - Ronnamore £61.00 - Carrabus.  
BeltexX £78.00 - Kilchiaran £75.00 - 6 Bayview £72.00 - Ardbeg £71.00 - Coille £68.50 and £66.00 - 6 Bayview.  
Cheviot £62.00 and £52.50 - Cruach (E and J Brown).  
Cross £75.50 - 6 Bayview £73.50 - Carrabus £65.50 £63.50 - Pairc A Chlissan £61.50 - Coille and £60.50 - RSPB Oransay.  
Mule £60.00 - Island £57.50 - Claggan.  
Blackface £56.50 - Coille £54.00 and £41.50 - RSPB Oransay.  
Ewes  
TexelX £90.00 - Kirkby £73.50 - 6 Bayview and Ardbeg £72.50 - Kirkby.  
Suffolk £74.50 - 6 Bayview.  
Riggs £73.50 - Starchmill £70.50 - Claggan.  
Cast rams £85.00 - Ballachlavan £75.50 - Carrabus.  
Prices per kilo  
Suffolk 197p - Claggan and Smaladh 196p and 192p - Smaladh 186p - Glenegedale Lotts.  
TexelX 197p - Carrabus 186p - Glenegedale Lotts 178p - Kirkby  
BeltexX 194p, 189p and 180p - 6 Bayview.  
Cheviot 175p - Cruach (E and J Brown).  
Cross 184p - RSPB Oransay 180p

### CARRABUS

Blackface 156p and 146p - RSPB Oransay.

### FORT WILLIAM

#### Dingwall and Highland Marts

Lambs  
Blackface Camustianvaig Sheep Stock Club, Isle of Skye, £64;  
Cheviot Drumbuie, Drumadrochit, £63;  
TexelX Dalreoch, Roy Bridge, £62;  
SuffolkX Ardnornish Farms, £60;  
BeltexX 18 Elgol, Isle of Skye, £59;  
LleyNX Keppoch Farms, Roy Bridge, £54.50;  
Cross Ardnornish Farms, £54;  
CharollaisX Mamore, Fort William, £52.

### ISLAY United

#### Auctions

Bullocks  
Aberdeen AngusX: £890 - Blackrock.  
CharollaisX: £865 - Balmartin(2) and Claggan £860 (2) - Gartacharra £830 (6) and £745(2) - Claggan.  
LimousinX: £1055 & £1045 - Kilchiaran £945(3) - Ardbeg £935 (2) - Balmartin £930(2) - Kilchiaran £925 - Ardbeg £915 (2) - Kilchiaran £890 & £885(5) - Blackrock £875 (2) - Ardbeg £865 (2) - Neriby £855 - Ardbeg(4), Kilchiaran(2) & Neriby(5) £840 - Claggan & Lossit £835(5) - Ardbeg £825(2) - Lossit £815 - Tallant(2) & Kintra £795(5) & £785(3) - Ardbeg £780 - Tallant £765(3) - Ardbeg £760 - Tallant(4), Kilchiaran & Lossit(7) £755 - Starchmill & Balmartin(4) £750 - Kintra £705 - Balacalava(3), Ballytarsin & Ballymartin(7).  
British BlueX: £1000 - Starchmill £915 - Kilchiaran

#### Heifers

Charollais X: £760(2) - Balmartin.  
LimousinX: £965 & £835 - Neriby £830(5) & £805(2) - Ardbeg £805 (2) - Kilchiaran £795 - Tallant £760 - Balmartin £755 - Kintra £745(6) - Lossit £730 (6) - Ardbeg £725(2) - Kilchiaran £705(5) - Balacalava £700(7) - Balmartin.  
Prices per kilo  
Bullocks  
Aberdeen AngusX: 203p - Blackrock.  
CharollaisX: 219p(2) & 216p - Claggan 209p(2) - Balmartin 203p(6) - Claggan.  
LimousinX: 238p(4) - Ardbeg 237p - Balacalava 234p, 232p(3)

### Highland

Lambs  
TexelX Dell Farm, Whitebridge, £70;  
SuffolkPitmain Farm, £69.50;  
Mule Dell Farm, £66;  
BeltexXRunachloie, Lairg, £65  
CharollaisX Pitmain Farm, £63  
Cross Pitmain Farm, £59  
Cheviot Burnthill, Thrumster, £58.50.  
Ewe lambs  
Half-bred Millquoy, Orkney, £124;  
Suffolk The Arr, Lethen, £118;  
BleauD'Maine - Seafield House, £115;  
Charmoise - Taldale, £112;  
TexelX Borowston Mains, Thurso, £96;  
Mule - Highfield Mains, Muir of Ord, £82.  
Gimmers  
Charmoise Taldale, £185;  
BleauD'Maine - Seafield House, £170;  
TexelX Lower Gaich, Dulnain Bridge, £162;  
LleyN - Allangrange Park, Muir of Ord, £160;  
Suffolk Mountrich Farm, Dingwall, £150;  
BeltexX - The Arr, £150;  
CharollaisX Tulloch Farm, Dingwall, £135;  
Bluefaced Leicester - Broomhill Farm, Muir of Ord, £129;  
Mule - Woodlands, Daviot, £125;  
NZ HghdX - Gaskbeg, Laggan, £110;  
Suffolk Mountrich Farm, £110.  
Lewis Livestock Producers  
Cheviot 24 Upper Barvas, £63, 5 Ballantrushal, £61.50, 8 South Shawbost, £58.50;  
Cross - Glebe House, £62, 34 New Shawbost, and 14 Lower Shader, £61.50, 8 Upper Barvas, £57;  
Suffolk 6 Upper Shader, £62, 28 Lower Shader, £56, 6 Upper Shader, £51.50;  
TexelX 5 South Shawbost, and 27 Cross, £60, Cnoc Glas, £56.50, 27 Cross, £54.50;  
Charmoise 13 South Dell, £58.50;  
Mule 69 North Shawbost, £51.50;  
Blackface 46 North Shawbost, £51, 14 Lower Shader, £50, 27 South Dell, £45.50;  
Charollais 28 Lower Shader, £49.  
Lewis Livestock Producers Feeding sheep  
Cheviot ram 15 Melbost, £65;  
TexelX ewe 5 South Shawbost, £64;  
Cross ewe 143 Cross Skigersta Road £62;  
Suffolk ram - 35 Lower Barvas, £60;  
Cheviot ewe - 8 South Shawbost,

### PORTREE

#### Dingwall and Highland Marts

Wedder lambs  
Blackface 31 Lochbay, Water-nish, £69, 9 Sasaig, Teangue, £65.50, 44 Borneskitaig, £63.50 (Miss C. Macdonald);  
SuffolkX 44 Borneskitaig, £67, 42 Bernisdale, Skeabost Bridge, £66.50, 20 Borve Skeabost Bridge, £59.50;  
Cross 5/6 Shearer, Uig, £65, 12 Sconser, Broadford, £59, 9 Husabot, Glendale, £58;  
TexelX Earlish, Uig, £65, 3 Totescore, Portree, £64.50, 44 Borneskitaig, (N. Macdonald), £62.50;  
Cheviot Quiraing View, Digg, £63, 3 Totescore, £59.50, 5 Ullinish, Struan, £58.50;  
Mule 8 Kilvaxter, £62.50.  
Ewe lambs  
TexelX 44 Borneskitaig, (N. Macdonald) £74.50;  
Blackface 5/6 Shearer, £70, 1 Lower Ollach, Braes, £62, 44 Borneskitaig, (Miss C. Macdonald) £61;  
Cheviot Drumuie Township (L. Macdonald) £65, 24 Borve, Skeabost Bridge, £57, 20 Borneskitaig, £52.50;  
SuffolkX 44 Borneskitaig, (N. Macdonald) £60.50;  
Cross Earlish, £54, Treaslane, Skeabost Bridge, £51.  
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## Starchmill British Blue cross is UA Islay champion

UNITED Auctions held their annual September show and sale of suckled calves at Islay Auction Mart when a catalogued entry of 337 head which sold readily to all the regular mainland buyers attending this sale.

The bullocks sold to average £755.12 per head or 206.18 pence per kilo against £780.90 or 197.61 at the corresponding sale last year whilst the heifers leveled out at £640.51 or 192.25 pence per kilo against £666.46 or 180.98 last year.

As evident from the sale averages, stock was weighing lighter on the year due to the recent inclement weather.

At the show previous to the sale, judging was in the capable hands of Mr. D Davidson, Sinsarnie Farm, Huntly and the following were his awards

Bullock Calf  
1st Starchmill 2nd Kilchiaran 3rd Ardbeg  
Heifer Calf

1st & 2nd Neriby 3rd Ardbeg Champion Calf - Strachmill, a British Blue cross steer, weighing 422kilo's and sold for £1000 to the judge.

Reserve Champion - Kilchiaran, a Black Limousin cross steer, weighing 466kilo's and sold for £1055 to M/s Maxwell, Halket Leathes, Castle Douglas.

## Texel lambs sell to £76 at Portree

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 3,675 store lambs at Portree when a good show of lambs on offer met a keen demand

Lambs averaged £44.05 and sold to £76 for Texel crosses from 44 Borneskitaig, Kilmuir (N. Macdonald).

Feeding sheep sold to £63 for Cross wedders from 1 & 9 Camustianvaig, Isle of Skye.

## Lewis producers

### lambs sell at

#### Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts sold 4,081 store and breeding sheep incorporating annual sale of HISHA accredited sheep and first sale on behalf of Lewis Livestock Producers at Dingwall last week when breeding sheep met a satisfactory demand although failing to meet last years extreme levels.

Store lambs averaged £55.37 (+£14.07 on the year) and sold to £71 for Suffolk crosses from Pitmain, Kingussie.

Ewe lambs averaged £79.40 (+£4.55 on the year) and sold to £125 for Bleu Du Maines from Seafield House, Portmahomack.

Gimmers (average £141.21 (-£16.73 on the year) and sold to £205 for Cheviot Mules from Taldale, Forss. Ewes sold to £48 gross for a Halfbreds from Muirton Mains, Muir of Ord.

Lewis Livestock Producers lambs averaged £40.45 and sold to £65 for Texel crosses from Cnoc Glas, High Borve.

Feeding sheep sold to £68 for a Cheviot ram from 1 Lionel, Ness.

## Stirling prime sale

UNITED Auctions sold 6026 prime sheep including 4361 lambs avg 177p (-4.6p/wk) and 1665 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday. Beltex cross lambs from Colavoulin sold to £101 and 238p per kilo, with Texels from Wheatfield to £100.

Texel cross ewes from Dyke sold to £117, with Balthayock selling Suffolks to £88.50. Killochries sold Texel rams to £118.50, with Suffolks from Wester Mye selling to £107.50. Hardridge sold Cheviot crosses to £75.50, with Blackfaces from Balnaboth £69.50.

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Overall cattle champion came from Michael Poland's Mottistone Fold. A home bred three year old heifer, Morag Odhar of Mottistone, by Eoin Mhor of Miungairigh and out of Morag Odhar 2nd of Kindrochaid. Brought out by Willie MacLean. 16\_136dalmally07



Confined champion was the three year old Iolair Buidhe 9th of Glenkinglass by Angus of Gartchonzie 16\_136dalmally06



Jacksons of Pole, Lochgoilhead produced the Blackface champion with a two crop ewe by a £10,000 Elmscleuch 16\_136dalmally05



There were colourful displays on show in the horticulture tent. 16\_136dalmally12



The veg displays impressed judges and spectators. 16\_136dalmally11

## 'Soft' underfoot fails to halt Dalmally Show

WELLIES were the order of the day at Dalmally Show as crowds trudged through the mud to see impressive entries in cattle, sheep and poultry.

The annual show of Dalmally Agricultural Society, held on Saturday in the village's mart park, was up on entries in all categories according to organisers.

The amount of people through the gate stayed the same as the previous year, with the committee deeming this a success considering the weather.

According to judge Billy Renwick entries in the sheep section were particularly impressive. He said: 'There were a good number of entries, the classes were all big. The fore-end of the sheep were exceptionally good and there seemed to be a lot of interest around the ring. There was a really good turnout overall.'

He added: 'The fore-end would win lots of shows all over the country and the presentation was a great credit to the stockmen in the area.'



Members of Inveraray Pipe Band donned suitable footwear for the conditions as they entertained the crowds at the show. 16\_136dalmally13



There was no stopping this winner in the Terrier Racing, while others were more interesting in fighting. Picture - Stephen Lawson



Champion at the dog show was three year old Millie, a border cross wire fox terrier owned by Tom Semple from Edinburgh. 16\_136dalmally14



Billy Renwick had a knowledgeable audience as he judged the Blackface sheep section. 16\_136dalmally04

The overall cattle champion was brought out by Mottistone Highland Fold stockman Willie MacLean who has previously success at Dalmally. He said competition this year had been tough: 'It is nice to come back and do it again, competition is very strong this year, anyone could have been the champion.'

Elsewhere on the show field crowds were entertained by alpacas Angelina and Darcy, birds of prey and rock climbing.

There were impressive entries in the crooks and sticks section, with one created from a highland cattle horn being auctioned at the end of the show.

Entries in the horticulture tent also impressed judges and spectators while children were kept amused by a football shootout and body zorbing.

The best children's exhibit was won by eight-year-old Lennan MacKechnie from Oban, who was visiting his family in Dalmally.

The rain held off for most of the day, but the field deteriorated during the event, with a few wellies getting stuck along the way.



Eight year old Lennan MacKechnie from Oban won the shield for best exhibit in the children's section. 16\_136dalmally15

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Taynuilt Horticultural Society Show

OPEN CLASS:

FLOWERS: One vase annuals: W Hay; One vase perennials: W Hay; One vase sweet peas, mixed, 12 spikes: 1 W Hay, 2 D McDougall; One vase shrubs: W Hay; One bloom dahlia - giant or large cactus, 10" or over: 1 Brown; Three blooms dahlias - medium decorative, 6-8": 1 Brown, 2 W Hay; Three blooms dahlias - medium cactus, 6-8": W Hay; Three blooms dahlias - small decorative, 4-6": 1 W Hay, 2 I Brown, 3 A Pringle; Three blooms dahlias - miniature decorative, not over 4": 1 W Hay, 2 D McDougall, 3 I Brown; Three blooms dahlias - small cactus, 4-6": 1 I Brown, 2 W Hay, 3 D McDougall; Three blooms dahlias - small ball, 4-6": 1 W Hay, 2 I Brown, 3 A Pringle; Three blooms dahlias - miniature ball, not over 4": 1 I Brown, 2 W Hay, 3 A Pringle; Five blooms dahlias - pom-pom, not over 2": 1 W Hay, 2 H MacKenzie, 3 I Brown; Three blooms dahlias - colarette: 1 I Brown, 2 D McDougall; Three blooms dahlias - miniature cactus: 1 I Brown, 2 D McDougall; One vase four asters: 1 W Hay, 2 I Brown, 3 L Scott; One vase four Scotch marigolds: 1 I Brown, 2 M Turritt, 3 H McLeod; One vase four African marigolds: 1 W Hay, 2 I Brown, 3 L Scott; One vase four French marigolds: 1 L Scott, 2 W Hay, 3 H McLeod; One vase four roses: 1 I Brown, 2 W Hay; One vase one rose: 1 W Hay, 2 I Brown; One vase six pansies or violas: 1 I Brown, 2 L Scott, 3 D McDougall; One vase three gladioli, large flowered: 1 H MacKenzie, 2 W Hay, 3 H McLeod; One vase of one gladioli: 1 H McLeod, 2 H MacKenzie, 3 W Hay; One pot plant in bloom: 1 H McLeod, 2 L Scott, 3 D McDougall; One orchid: 1 Brown; One foliage plant: W Hay; Garden News Top Vase Competition: 1 W Hay, 2 D Black, 3 G Morse; Highly Commended: W Hay;

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OPEN CLASS:

VEGETABLES: Collection of vegetables: 1 H McLeod, 2 H MacKenzie, 3 W Hay; Four potatoes, coloured, one variety: 1 H McLeod, 2 W Hay, 3 D McDougall; Four potatoes, white, one variety: 1 W Hay, 2 D McDougall, 3 M Hopkin; Two cauliflowers: W Hay; One cabbage: 1 W Hay, 2 H McLeod, 3 L Scott; Two heads celery: W Hay; Three carrots - long: 1 H McLeod, 2 W Hay; Three carrots - stump rooted: 1 H McLeod, 2 D McDougall; Three garden turnips: M Hopkin; Three beet, round: 1 L Scott, 2 H McLeod; Three leeks, long: 1 H McLeod, 2 M Hopkin; Three onions (not from sets): H McLeod; Two lettuce (cabbage): W Hay; Four tomatoes: 1 W Hay, 2 M Hopkin, 3 L Scott; Nine pods peas: 1 W Hay, 2 M Hopkin, 3 J MacCracken, 3 M Hopkin; Nine pods broad beans: 1 H McLeod, 2 M Hopkin; Nine pods French beans: H McLeod; Nine pods runner beans: H McLeod; Four shallots: 1 H McLeod, 2 W Hay; Three onions (grown from sets): 1 H McLeod, 2 M Hopkin; One cucumber: 1 L Scott, 2 M Hopkin; One marrow: 1 W Hay, 2 H McLeod; Three parsnips: 1 H McLeod, 2 W Hay; A Garden News Top Tray: 1 W Hay, 2 D McDougall, 3 M Hopkin.

AMATEUR CLASS: FLOWERS: One vase annuals: L Servant; One vase sweet peas, nine spikes, mixed: 1 K Clayton, 2 L Servant, 3 D McDougall; One vase perennials: 1 M Brown, 2 L Servant; One vase three dahlias: L Servant; One dahlia, large or giant decorative or cactus: L Servant; One vase dahlias, three blooms, medium cactus: D McDougall; One vase dahlias, three blooms, medium decorative: L Servant; One vase dahlias, three blooms, cactus: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; One vase dahlias, three blooms, poms: 1 L Servant, 2 D McDougall; One vase dahlias, large poms, three blooms or honeysuckle: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; Three blooms, miniature cactus: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; One vase four Scotch marigolds: 1 M Turritt, 2 L Servant, 3 L Scott; One vase four French marigolds: 1 L Scott, 2 L Servant; One vase four African marigolds: L Scott; One vase six violas or pansies: 1 L Scott, 2 D McDougall, 3 L Servant; One vase four phlox: 1 L Servant, 2 M Brown; One pot plant in bloom: 1 L Scott, 2 D McDougall, 3 M Brown; One vase one gladioli: 1 L Servant, 2 L Scott; One vase four asters: 1 L Scott, 2 L Servant; One vase single rose: 1 L Servant, 2 M Brown; One vase three spikes floribunda roses: 1 L Servant; One vase three carnations: L Servant; Highly commended: D McDougall.

AMATEUR CLASS:

VEGETABLES: Collection of vegetables, four kinds: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; Three potatoes, coloured, one variety: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Scott, 3 L Servant; Three potatoes, white, one variety: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant, 3 C Buse; One cabbage: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Scott, 3 L Servant; Three carrots, long: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; Three carrots, stump rooted: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; Two heads celery: 1 L Servant; Three parsnips: L Servant; Three beet, round: 1 L Scott, 2 L Servant; Three beet, cylindrical: L Servant; Three leeks, long: 1 L Servant, 2 D McDougall; Three leeks pot 4 - 6 inches to button: 1 D McDougall, 2 L Servant; Three onions (not from sets): L Servant; Three courgettes: 1 J MacCracken, 2 C Cox, 3 L Servant; Nine pods peas: 1 J MacCracken, 2 C Buse, 3 M Turritt; Nine pods broad beans: 1 J MacCracken, 2 L Servant; Nine pods French beans: L Servant; Nine pods runner beans: 1 M Turritt, 2 L Servant; Four shallots: 1 D McDougall, 2 M Turritt, 3 L Servant; Four tomatoes: 1 L Servant, 2 B McLean, 3 R Bowers; One pot

parsley: L Servant; One cucumber: 1 L Scott, 2 L Servant, 3 J MacCracken; Collection of vegetables, Challenge Cup, Tray: 1 J J MacCracken, 2 L Servant. FLORAL CLASSES: An arrangement of mixed flowers in a basket: 1 K Clayton, 2 J Servant; An arrangement in a small teapot: 1 J Servant, 2 K Clayton, 3 M Morse; An arrangement with driftwood: 1 K Clayton, 2 J Servant; An arrangement for a Musical Show: 1 K Clayton, 2 J Servant; An arrangement in a 5" flower pot: 1 A Lines, 2 J MacCracken, 3 K Clayton; An arrangement for frontal effect: 1 J Servant, 2 K Clayton; Photo 6" x 4" mounted not framed of a rose: 1 C Buse, 2 M D Campus, 3 K Clayton; An arrangement for a dining table: 1 A Lines, 2 K Clayton, 3 J Servant; An arrangement of foliage, seedheads and berries: 1 J Servant; Best overall: A Lines; Highly commended: K Clayton; BAKING & JAMS: Cherry cake: 1 J Servant, 2 R Purdie, 3 A Weaving; Sultana cake: 1 S Huntingford, 2 R Purdie, 3 A Weaving; Madeira cake: 1 R Purdie, 2 J Servant, 3 A Weaving; Gingerbread (8oz flour) melting method, no fruit: 1 R Purdie, 2 A Weaving, 3 B McLean; Fruit loaf, no yeast, dark: 1 E Campbell, 2 J Servant, 3 A Weaving; Chocolate sponge filled with chocolate butter icing: 1 S Huntingford, 2 B McLean, 3 A Weaving; Victoria sponge, no filling, plain, in two parts: 1 A Weaving, 2 M Griffiths, 3 S Huntingford; Four shortbread rounds 3" diameter: 1 S Griffiths, 2 R Purdie, 3 A Weaving; Queen cakes, four, with fruit: 1 B McLean, 2 R Purdie, 3 S Huntingford; Four empire biscuits: 1 K Campbell, 2 R Purdie; Four treacle scones, oven: 1 A Weaving, 2 E Campbell, 4 J Campbell, 3 B Cox; One apple tart 7": R Purdie; One loaf, white, made with yeast: P MacCracken; One loaf, brown, made with yeast, machine: 1 C Cox, 2 B McLean; Four square fruit slices: 1 R Purdie, 2 S Huntingford; Four chocolate brownies, no nuts: 1 A Lines, 2 J MacCracken; Four oatcakes, triangular: R Purdie; Six pieces tablet (not fudge): 1 R Purdie, 2 B McLean, 3 A Weaving; Six pieces coconut ice: 1 R Purdie, 2 K Campbell; Four decorated fairy cakes: R Purdie; Four pieces millionaire shortbread: B McLean; Four macaron bars: R Purdie; One raspberry jam: 1 C Potter, 2 S Huntingford, 3 K Campbell; One rhubarb and ginger jam: 1 C Potter, 2 C Campbell; One lemon curd: 1 M Griffiths, 2 A Lines, 3 C Potter; One bramble and apple jelly: C Potter; One marmalade: 1 S Huntingford, 2 C Potter, 3 K Campbell; One blackcurrant jam: C Potter; One blackcurrant jelly: K Campbell; One strawberry jam: 1 C Potter, 2 S Huntingford, 3 K Campbell.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

Girls & Boys, 6 to 12 years: Arrangement of garden flowers: Eliza Cox; Model made from natural material: 1 Rhona MacCracken, 2 Eliza Cox, 3 Neil MacCracken; Painting/drawing of a pet: 1 Rhona MacCracken, 2 Neil MacCracken; Under 12 years baking: Four decorated fairy cakes: Eliza Cox; Best Exhibit in Children's Classes: Rhona MacCracken; Highly commended: Rhona MacCracken. SPECIAL CLASSES: Best all round garden in Taynuilt postal area: L Scott; Best flower garden in Taynuilt postal area: L Scott; Best vegetable garden: L Servant; Best garden in Achlonan housing scheme: Mrs J Cameron; Best garden in Cruchan Cottages housing scheme: 1 Mrs C Potter, 2 Mrs J Reffin; Best garden in Achnafearna & Aldersyde HS: A Cameron. NOVICE SECTION: Flowers: Two roses: R Horne; One vase sweet peas, min five: R Horne; Four French marigolds: K Campbell; Four pansies or violas: R Horne; One vase calendula: M Turritt. Vegetables: Three potatoes: M Turritt, 2 M Tomatoes: 1 K Campbell, 2 M Turritt.

North Connel and District Horticultural Show

Flowers: Herbaceous one colour: L McDougall; Herbaceous Mixed: 1 A McDougall, 2 H McPherson, 3 S Miller; Flowering Shrub: 1 A McDougall, 2 R Harvey, 3 A McDougall; Ornamental Foliage: A McDougall; Sweet Peas-Mixed: 1 S Greenwood, 2 P Penhill, 3 H McPherson; Sweet Peas - one colour: 1 F Harvey, 2 M Newiss, 3 E Hill; Dahlias, 200mm: G Garabet; Dahlias, decorative: 1 F Harvey; Dahlias, cactus: A McDougall; Rose 1 specimen: 1 Sue Miller, 2 S Miller; Gladioli: 3 Spikes: G Garabet; Gladioli: E Hill; Lily: 1 M Newiss, 2 S Miller, 3 S Miller; Asters: H McPherson; Violas: A Clement; Pansies: A Clement; Specimen Flower/ Bloom: IR Harvey, 2 J Cameron, 3 S Miller; Plant in flower: 1 Fay Harvey, 2 Fay Harvey, 3 S Miller; Begonia: 1 J Alloway, 2 F Harvey, 3 F Harvey; Fuschia: 1 J Eccles, 2 S Miller, 3 S Miller; Foliage Plant: 1 F Harvey, 2 F Harvey, 3 H Morrison; Cactus/succulent: 1 H Morrison, 2 H Morrison. Vegetables: Onions: 1 F Shaw, 2 C MacPherson, 3 F Shaw; Leeks: 1 C McPherson, 2 F Shaw; Shallots (4): 1 C Needham Potatoes - white: 1 S Miller, 2 S Greenwood, 3 C McPherson; Potatoes - other: 1 F Shaw, 2 J Alloway, 3 J Alloway; Carrots Long: 1 F Shaw, 2 C J, 3 Rianna; Carrots - Other: 1 C J, 2 Charlie, 3 Rianna; Beetroot: Rianna, 2 C J, 3 F Shaw; Turnips White/Purple: 1 C Needham, 2 C Needham, 3 S Greenwood; Courgettes: 1 J Alloway, 2 S Greenwood, 3 Charlie; Soft Fruit: 1 L MacKenzie, 2 L MacKenzie; Rhubarb: 1 F Shaw, 2 F Shaw, 3 S Greenwood; Marrow: C MacPherson; Lettuces: 1 E Hill,

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Cattle: Suckler Cow: Scott Rae Cup: 1 Neil Black, 2 Willie MacLeod, 3 Gregor MacCormick; Breeding Heifer (Exc. Classes 5&7): 1 Willie MacLeod, 2 James Hendry Weir, 3 James Hendry Weir; Bullock Calf Born Sept. To Dec 2011: 1 Willie MacLeod; Best In Classes 3 & 5 Airds Cup: 1 Douglas MacDonal; Heifer Calf Born Sep. To Dec 2011: 1 Douglas MacDonal, 2 Willie MacLeod; Bullock Calf Born 2012: 1 Douglas MacDonal, 2 Douglas MacDonal, 3 Ewan MacGilvray;

Appin Show

Heifer Calf Born 2012: 1 Ewan MacGilvray; Best In Classes 6 & 7: 1 J Alloway, 2 Douglas MacDonal; Cattle Cup: Jas. MacMillan Cup: Champion: Douglas MacDonal, Reserve: Douglas MacDonal. Sheep: Blackface Male: Aged Ram: 1 J H Weir, 2 Shear Ram: 1 J H Weir, 2 W MacLeod, 3 D Colthart; Shearling Ram: Home Reared: 1 W MacLeod, 2 J H Weir; Ram Lamb: 1 D Cameron, 2 D MacCorquodale, 3 J H Weir; Home Bred Male: Cameron Cup: 1 J H Weir, 2 D Cameron; Best Blackface Male: Johnny MacLeod; Reserve: 1 J H Weir, 2 W MacLeod. Blackface Female: Ewe In Milk: 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 D Cameron, 3 W MacLeod; Gimmer In Milk: 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 J H Weir, 3 D Cameron; Gimmer: 1 J H Weir, 2 W MacLeod, 3 D Cameron; Ewe Lamb Show Cup: 1 J H Weir, 2 D MacCorquodale, 3 W MacLeod; Champion B.F. Female: Johnny Cup: Champion: J H Weir; Reserve: D MacCorquodale; Female Bred By Exhibitor Morrison Cup: 1 J H Weir; Females MacGregor Cup: 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 J H Weir; Females + 1 Male Keil Cup: 1 J H Weir, 2 D MacCorquodale, 2 W MacLeod; 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 E Withlam; 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 W MacLeod; B F Champion Achnacona Cup: J H Weir; Reserve: D MacCorquodale. Pure Breeds Other Than Blackface: 1 Malen E. Shield; Champion: A MacKellar; Reserve: A MacKellar, 1 Ewe: 1 A MacKellar, 2 D MacCorquodale; 1 Gimmer: 1 A MacKellar, 2 J Henderson; 1 Ewe Lamb: 1 D MacCorquodale, 2 A MacKellar, 3 D MacDonal; Female Champion: Champion: D MacCorquodale; Reserve: A MacKellar; Champion Blades Cup: Champion: Donnie MacCorquodale; Reserve: A MacKellar. Cross Sheep: 1 Ewe: 1 A MacKellar, 2 A MacKellar, 1 Gimmer: 1 I Henderson, 2 D Colthart, 3 D Colthart; 1 Ewe Lamb: 1 A MacKellar, 2 D MacDonal, 3 A MacKellar; 1 Pair Prime Lambs: Any Breed: Glenrannan Cup: 1 D Colthart, 2 R MacColl, 3 D Colthart; 1 Pet Lamb: Allward Cup: 1 Issac Wolstenholm; Cross Champion: Tigh-An-Tuim Cup: Champion: A MacKellar; Reserve: A MacKellar; Sheep Champions: Best Overall Female: Champion: J H Weir; Reserve: D MacCorquodale; Best Overall Male Champion: A MacKellar; Reserve: J H Weir; Overall Sheep Champion: Royal Bank Cup: Champion: J H Weir; Reserve: J H Weir. Root And Grain: 3 White Potatoes: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Marsaili Colthart, 3 Peter Cameron; 3 Coloured Potatoes: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Susie Hutchison, 3 Gregor MacCormick; Yellow / Swede Turnip: 1 Bert Lander, 2 White Turnip: 1 Bert Lander, 3 Stumpy Carrots: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Mary MacColl, 3 Eilidh Gordon; 3 Long Carrots: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Eilidh Gordon, 3 Ronnie MacLachlan; 3 Beetroot: 1 Mary MacColl, 2 Susie Hutchison, 3 Marina Curran-Colthart; 6 Runner Beans: 1 Strath Of Appin Primary, 2 Dombhall Colthart, 3 Marsaili Colthart; 3 Courgettes: 1 Strath Of Appin Primary; Round Cabbage: 1 Gregor MacCormick, 2 Jennifer Henderson, 3 Kisty MacCormick; Conical Cabbage: 1 Tamsin MacVean, 2 Strath Of Appin Primary, 3 Marina Curran-Colthart; 3 Leeks: 1 Peter Cameron, 2 Bert Lander, 3 Ronnie MacLachlan; 3 Onions (Plants): 1 Bert Lander, 2 Peter Cameron, 3 Ronnie MacLachlan; 3 Onions (Sets): 1 Peter Cameron, 2 Ronnie MacLachlan; 6 Shallots: 1 Susie Hutchison, 2 Bert Lander, 6 Pods Peas: 1 Susie Hutchison, 2 Iain Fergie MacLeod, 3 Marsaili Colthart; Broad Beans: 1 Susie Hutchison, 2 Perry, 3 D Cameron; Cauliflower: 1 D Cameron, 2 Bert Lander; Lettuce: Susie Hutchison, 2 Marsaili Colthart; 3 Tomatoes, With Stalks: Rhona Dunn, 2 D Cameron, 3 Eilidh Gordon; Display Box Of 6 Different Veg: 1 D Gilkes, 2 Bert Lander, 3 Susie Hutchison; Best Exhibit: D Gilkes for Display Box, 6 Veg; Most Points: Bert Lander; Runner Up: Susie Hutchison; Glenleckan Trophy: Strath Of Appin. Flowers: 1 Gladioli: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Moira Thomson, 3 Isaac Macdonald; 4 Pom Pom Dhalias: 1 D Cameron, 2 Bert Lander, 3 Fiona Hutchison; 4 Cactus Dahlias: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Fiona Hutchison; 4 Roses: 1 D Cameron, 2 Bert Lander, 3 Fiona Hutchison; Single Rose: 1 Moira Thomson, 2 Lorraine Drysdale, 3 Bert Lander; 4 Marigolds: 1 D Cameron, 2 Marina Curran-Colthart, 3 Bert Lander; 9 Sweetpeas: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Marsaili Colthart, 3 Marina Curran-Colthart; 6 Pansies: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Marina Curran-Colthart, 3 Marsaili Colthart; Flow-



Highland dancers with their trophies from Appin Show 15.

ering Pot Plant: 1 Midge Gourlay, 2 Sue Campbell; Foliage Pot Plant: 1 Bert Lander, 2 Midge Gourlay; Best Exhibit: Midge Gourlay; Most Points: Bert Lander; Runner Up: D Gameron. Floral Art: Ar.R For Queens Diamond Jubilee max 24x24x24ins. Accessories Allowed 1 Marina Curran-Colthart, 2 Kirstene MacCorquodale; Table Arrangement For Emerald Anniversary, No Size: 1 Kirstene MacCorquodale, 2 Rena Cameron, 3 Marina Curran-Colthart and Linda MacLeod; Arr. For Pearl Anniversary: 1 Base, Any Height: 1 Kirstene MacCorquodale, 2 Brenda MacLeod; Arrangement For A Baby max 6x6x6ins: 1 Kirstene MacCorquodale, 2 Catriona Mackenzie; Best Exhibit: Marina Curran-Colthart; Most Points: Kerstene MacCorquodale; Runner Up: Marina Curran-Colthart. Senior Handcrafts: Knitted Jumper, Any Ply, Any Size: 1 Ella Gunn, 3= Barbara Carmichael and Lottie Holloway; Knitted Baby Jacket With Hood Dk: 1 Jessie Gilkes, 2 Barbara Carmichael, 3 M White; Knitted Tea Cosy: 1 Doreen Evans, 2 Brenda MacLeod, 3 Ella Gunn; Embroidered Item: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 M White; Machine Sewn Patchwork Pot Holder: 1 Brenda MacLeod; Machine Sewn Item Using Isq, Metre Of Fabric: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 S Reid; Greeting Card For Diamond Jubilee: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 Linda MacLeod, 3 Paper Flowers: 1 Alison MacCorquodale, 2 Brenda MacLeod; Item In Any Craft: 1 Margaret Rayworth, 2 Brenda MacLeod, 3 M White; Best Exhibit: Doreen Evans; Most Points: Brenda MacLeod; Runner Up: Doreen Evans. Junior Handcrafts: Pre School: 1 Picture Of A Boat, Max A4: 1 Roan MacColl, 2 Lochie Hutchison; 3 Grace Williamson; Article Made From 6 Egg Eggbox: 1 Ealasaid MacLeod, 2 Eva MacColl, 3 Erin Jackson; Vegetable Animal: 1 Eve Lawrie, 2 Innes Jackson; Ealasaid MacLeod, 3 Finn Hutchison; Most Points: Ealasaid MacLeod; 8 To 11 Years: Poster Advertising The Cycle Track, A4: 1 Rhiona MacLachlan, 2 Lauren Turner, 3 Nina Vincent; Garden In A Jar: 1 Rhiona MacLachlan, 2 Dombhal A Colthart; Pencil Case From A Pringle Tube: 1 Dombhal A Colthart, 2 Rhiona MacLachlan; Most Points: Rhiona MacLachlan; 12 To 16 Years: Decorated Wellie: 1 R Todd, 2 Jason Shepton, 3 Sandeman; Comp Poster: 1 R Todd; Photo Firm, Animal: 1 R Todd, 2 Iona Reid, 3 Cameron Allward; Most Points: R Todd; Best Exhibit Junior Handcrafts: Rhiona MacLachlan. Open Handcrafts: A Duck: 1 Katie Dent, 2 Fiona Dugald Cook And Nanny, 3 Strath Of Appin Gaelic Unit, Joint Marina Curran-Colthart; Art: Painting In Watercolour: 1 Rhona Dunn, 2 Paul Hart, 3 Brenda MacLeod; Picture Any Medium: 1 Rhona Dunn, 2 Paul Hart, 3 M White; Drawing, Landscape: 1 Paul Hart, 2 Rhona Dunn; Most Points: Rhona Dunn; Runner Up: Paul Hart; Photography: Mounted Photograph Max 6x8" on The Cycle Track: 1 Doreen Evans, 2 Linda MacLeod, 3 Cameron Allward; Unmounted Photograph Max 8x10" locals At Work: 1 Sue Campbell, 2 Anne Calvert, 3 Kirsty MacCormick. Senior Baking: 3 Pancakes: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Agnes Thompson, 3 Brenda MacLeod; 3 Girdle Scones: 1 Isobel Jackson, 2 Barbara Carmichael, 3 Brenda MacLeod; 3 Cheese Oven Scones: 1 Brenda MacLeod, 2 Alison MacCorquodale, 3 Barbara Carmichael; Wholemeal Loaf (Yeast): 1 D Gilkes, 2 Margaret Rayworth, 1 Moira Thomson; Chocolate Sponge With Filling: 1 Fiona Landale, 2 Jessie MacKenzie, 3 Irene MacCorquodale; Clotie Dumpling: 1 Ella Gunn, 2 Brenda MacLeod, 3 Isobel Jackson; 3 Viennese Fingers: 1 Mary MacColl, 2 Cameron Allward; Savoury Quiche, Max 8": 1 Moira Thomson, 2 Elizabeth Board, 3 Ella Gunn; Sultana Cake: 1 Caroline Henderson, 2 Mary MacColl, 3 Barbara Carmichael; Fruit Loaf: 1 Barbara, 2 Fiona Landale, 3 Mary MacColl; 3 Decorated Cup Cakes: 1 Lorna Wallace, 2 Cameron Allward, 3 Marina Curran-Colthart; Cream Of Mushroom Soup, In A Flask: 1 Ella Gunn, 2 Moira Thomson, 3 Alison MacCorquodale; Most Points: Barbara Carmichael; Runner Up: Ella Gunn And Brenda MacLeod; Best Exhibit: Caroline Jackson.

Junior Baking: 3 Plain Oven Scones: 1 Kathryn Henderson, 2 Innes Jackson, 3 Ealasaid MacLean; Victoria Sponge With Filling: 1 Ealasaid MacLean, 2 Mikayla Cameron, 3 Erin Jackson; Gingerbread, Plain: 1 Rhiona MacLachlan, 2 Kathryn Henderson, 3 Mikayla Cameron; 3 Flapjacks: 1 Mikayla Cameron, 2 Cameron Allward, 3 Innes Jackson; 6 Cheese Straws: 1= Innes Jackson & Joiner Jackson, 2 Kathryn Henderson; 3 Pieces Coconut Ice: 1 Ealasaid MacLeod, 2 Kathryn Henderson, 3 Isla Martin; Most Points: Kathryn Henderson; Runner Up: Ealasaid MacLeod; Best Exhibit: Rhiona MacLachlan. Jams And Eggs: Marmalade: 1 Barbara Carmichael, 2 Iain Henderson; Raspberry Jam: 1 Moira Thomson, 2 M White; Strawberry Jam: 1 Moira Thomson, 2 M White; Blackcurrant Jelly: 1 Alison MacCorquodale, 2 Moira Thomson; Rhubarb And Ginger Jam: 1 Marina Curran-Colthart, 2 Jessie MacKenzie, 3 Moira Thomson; Lemon Curd: 1 Jessie MacKenzie, 2 Fiona Landale; Chutney: 1 Joan MacLachlan, 2 Susan Macdonald, 6 Eggs, Any Colour: 1 Marina, 2 Colin Rowan; Most Points: Moira Thomson; Best Exhibit: Alison MacCorquodale. Dogs: Collies: 1 Meg, Julie Campbell, 2 Sky, Steven Austin, 3 Bruce, Linda Currie; Gun Dogs: 1 Rosie, Amy Ross, 2 Max, Gillian MacCorquodale, 3 Brodie, Grace Cameron; Terriers: 1 Stinky, Agnes Thompson, 2 Digger, Jane Mercer, 3 Trixie, Rosemary MacCormick; Pet Dogs: 1 Mimmie, Jane & Dan, 2 Freddie, Richard Dempster, 3 Mimi, Kirstine Horne; Champion: Rosie, Amy Ross; Reserve: Meg, Julie Campbell. Trophies: Gorteenor Cup: Show Champion: Douglas MacDonal; A. Scott Rae Cup: Hill Cow In Calf Or Milk: Neil Black; Airds Cup: Calf Born 2011: Douglas MacDonal; Ardtur Cup: Calf Born 2012: Douglas MacDonal; James Macmillan Cup: Commercial Cattle Champion: Douglas MacDonal; Ploughing Match Cup: Overall Cattle Champion: Douglas MacDonal; Cameron Cup: Home Bred B.F. Male Sheep: J H Weir; Johnny Cameron Shield: Best B.F. Male: J H Weir; Morrison Cup: Best B.F. Female Bred By Exhibitor: J H Weir; MacGregor Cup: Group 3 B.F. Female Sheep: D MacCorquodale; Keil Cup: Group 3 Female + 1 Male B.F. Sheep: J H Weir; Appin Show Cup: B.F. Ewe Lamb: J H Weir; Johnny's Cup: Female Champion: J H Weir; N.E. Shield: Male Champion: J H Weir; Blades Cup: Pure Bred Champion: Donnie MacCorquodale; Tigh-An-Tuim Cup: Cross Sheep Champion: A MacKellar; Glenrannan Cup: Cross Lambs: D Colthart; Royal Bank Cup: Overall Sheep Champion: J H Weir; Allward Cup: Pet Lamb: Issac Wolstenholm; Ferguson & Bonniwell Cup: Best Collie Dog: Julie Campbell; Beaton Cup: Best Pet Dog: Amy Ross; Seamus Nelson Cup: Champion Dog: Amy Ross;

Young Farmers Cup Most Points Senior Baking: Barbara Carmichael; Sutcliffe Shield: Runner Up Senior Baking: Brenda MacLeod, Joint Ella Gunn; Appin Agricultural Club Cup: Best Exhibit Senior Baking: Caroline Henderson; MacDonnell Quiche: Best Clotie Dumpling: Ella Gunn; Appin Agricultural Club Cup: Most Points Junior Baking: Kathryn Henderson; Sutcliffe Cup: Runner Up Junior Baking: Rhiona MacLachlan, Joint Ealasaid MacLeod; M o s t Points: Jams And Eggs: Moira Thomson; Madges Trophy: Most Points Floral Art: Kirstene MacCorquodale; Gunns Garage Cup: Best Exhibit Floral Art: Marina Curran-Colthart; Inverhyle Cup: Most Points Root And Grain: Bert Lander; Abhainn Cottages Cup: Best Exhibit Root And Grain: D Gilkes; Hutchison Cup: Most Points Flowers: Bert Lander; Yeaman Rose Bowl: Best Exhibit In Flowers: Midge Gourlay; Glenleckan Trophy: Most Points Novice Flowers / Root & Grain: Strath Of Appin Primary School; Macrae Cup: Most Points Senior Handcrafts: Brenda MacLeod; S.W.R.L. Plate Best Exhibit: Senior Handcrafts: Doreen Evans; Junior Handcrafts Cup: Most Points Junior Handcrafts (12 To 16 Years): Robert Todd; Junior Handcraft Quiche: Best Exhibit Junior Handcrafts: Rhiona MacLachlan; Football: Winners: Bungalow Bills' Baseball Bonanza.

Isle of Skye Highland Games

Open Piping: Dunvegan Medal - 1, Decker Forrest, Sleat; 2, Faye Henderson, Kiriemuir; 3, John Angus Smith, South Uist. 6/8 Marches - 1, Colin Campbell, Aberlour; 2, Gordon Walker, Ayrshire; 3, Niall Stewart, Kyle of Lochalsh. Open Jig - 1, Gordon Walker, Ayrshire; 2, John Angus Smith, South Uist; 3, Decker Forrest, Sleat. Open March - 1, Douglas Murray, Fife; 2, Colin Campbell, Aberlour; 3, Niall Stewart, Kyle of Lochalsh. Open Strathspey and Reel - 1, Niall Stewart, Kyle of Lochalsh; 2, Douglas Murray, Fife; 3, Gordon Walker, Ayrshire. Under 18 - Open Pibaireachd - 1, Cameron Sharp, Plockton; 2, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat; 3, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire. Under 18 - Open March Strathspey and Reel - 1, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat; 2, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire; 3, Cameron Sharp, Plockton. Local Piping: Marches (Under 16 years) - 1, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat; 2, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire; 3, Cameron Sharp, Plockton. Strathspey and Reel (Under 16 years) - 1, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat; 2, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire; 3, Cameron Sharp, Plockton. Jigs (Under 16 years) - 1, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire; 2, Freida McKiggan, Portree; 3, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat. Pibaireachd (Under 16 years) - 1, Seamus O'Boaighill, Sleat; 2, James Roxburgh, Ayrshire; 3, Cameron Sharp, Plockton. Marches (16 years and over) - 1, Jamie Galloway, Portree; 2, D.A MacDonal, Staffin; Strathspey and Reel (16 years and over) - 1, D.A MacDonal, Staffin; 2, Jamie Galloway, Portree. Jigs (16 years and over) - 1, D.A MacDonal,

Staffin; 2, Jamie Galloway, Portree. Open Highland Dancing: Highland Fling (13 years and under) - 1, Cara Wilson; 2, Keris Robertson; 3, Lauren Wilson. Gillie Callum (13 years and under) - 1, Cara Wilson; 2, Ashleigh Stirling; 3, Keris Robertson. Seann Triubhas (13 years and under) - 1, Cara Wilson; 2, Lauren Wilson; 3, Keris Robertson. Reels (13 years and under) - 1, Cara Wilson; 2, Lauren Wilson; 3, Ashleigh Stirling. Hornpipe (in costume - 13 years and under) - 1, Lauren Wilson; 2, Cara Wilson; 3, Ashleigh Stirling. Irish Jig (in costume - 13 years and under) - 1, Lauren Wilson; 2, Sophie Simpson; 3, Cara Wilson. Highland Fling (15 years and under) - 1, Courtney Robertson; 2, Melissa Fife; 3, Eilidh Coleman. Gillie Callum (15 years and under) - 1, Melissa Fife; 2, Eilidh Coleman; 3, Colin Pascoe. Seann Triubhas (15 years and under) - 1, Melissa Fife; 2, Eilidh Coleman; 3= Courtney Robertson; 3= Colin Marshall. Reels (15 years and under) - 1, Melissa Fife; 2, Eilidh Coleman; 3, Colin Marshall. Hornpipe (in costume - 15 years and under) - 1, Melissa Fife; 2, Colin Marshall; 3, Courtney Robertson. Irish Jig (in costume - 15 years and under) - 1, Melissa Fife; 2, Courtney Robertson; 3, Cailin Pascoe. Highland Fling (16 years and over) - 1, Shannon Reinhard; 2, Rhiannon McPhee; 3, Charlotte Faulds. Gillie Callum (16 years and over) - 1, Kimberley Dell; 2, Charlotte Faulds; 3, Eilidh Grant. Seann Triubhas (16 years and over) - 1, Shannon Reinhard; 2, Charlotte Faulds; 3, Rhiannon McPhee. Reels (16 years and over) - 1, Rhiannon McPhee; 2, Rhiannon McPhee; 3, Charlotte Faulds. Hornpipe (in costume - 16 years and over) - 1, Rhiannon McPhee; 2, Shannon Reinhard; 3, Kimberley Dell. Irish Jig (in costume - 16 years and over) - 1, Shannon Reinhard; 2, Rhiannon McPhee; 3, Kimberley Dell. Heavy events: Putting the Stone (light) - 1, Lukasz Wenta, Poland (new record); 2, Dominik Zielinski, Poland; Sebastian Wenta, Poland. Tossing the Caber - 1=Dominik Zielinski, Poland; 1=Sebastian Wenta, Poland; 1=Scott Rider, London. Putting the Stone (heavy) - 1, Lukasz Wenta, Poland (new record); 2, Dominik Zielinski, Poland; 3, Sebastian Wenta, Poland. Throwing the Hammer - 1, Sebastian Wenta, Poland; 2, Scott Rider, London; 3, Lukasz Wenta, Poland. Throwing 28lb Weight (distance) - 1, Scott Rider, London (new record); 2, Sebastian Wenta, Poland; 3, Dominik Zielinski, Poland. Throwing 56lb Weight (distance) - 1, Sebastian Wenta, Poland; 2, Dominik Zielinski, Poland; 3, Scott Rider, London. Throwing 56lb Weight (over bar) - 1, Dominik Zielinski, Poland (new record); 2, Lukasz Wenta, Poland; 3, Sebastian Wenta, Poland. Open field and athletic: Four Lap Race - 1, Anthony Young, Dunfermline; 2, Dorian Kopf, France; 3, Fraser Davidson, Aberdeen. Long Jump - 1, Allan Smith, Edinburgh; 2, Fraser Davidson, Aberdeen; 3, Jamie MacDonal, Portree. Hop, Step, Leap - 1, Allan Smith, Edinburgh; 2, David Clunie, Oban; 3, Fraser Davidson, Aberdeen. Hill Race (men) - 1, Gary Rankin, Glasgow; 2, Kyle Greig, Forres; 3, Will Joyce, Taunton. Hill Race (ladies) - 1, Christina Rankin, Paisley; 2, Jean Bowman, Lomond Hill Runner; 3, Vicky Dunkel, Uig. High Jump - 1, Allan Smith, Edinburgh; 2, Fraser Davidson, Aberdeen; 3, David Clunie, Oban. Two Lap Race (men) - 1, Anthony Young, Dunfermline; 2, Fraser Davidson, Aberdeen; 3, Allan Smith, Edinburgh. Two Lap Race (ladies) - 1, Christina Rankin, Paisley; 2, Carey Ross, Staffin; 3, Caroline Ross, Staffin. Eight Lap Race (men) - 1, Gary Rankin, Glasgow; 2, Kyle Greig, Forres; 3, Malcolm Fraser, Embo. Eight Lap Race (ladies) - 1, Christina Rankin, Paisley; 2, Carey Ross, Staffin; 3, Caroline Ross, Staffin. Local field and athletic: Putting the Stone - 1, Deb Bradley, Staffin; 2, Martin Musie, Bernisdale; 3, Calum MacDonal, Staffin. Throwing the Hammer - 1, David Cumming, Skeabost; 2, Cameron Ross, Staffin; 3, Martin Musie. 56lb Weight Over Bar - 1, Donald McLeod, Bernisdale; 2, Cameron Ross, Staffin; 3, David Cumming, Eight Lap Race - 1, Deb Bradley; 2, Jamie Paterson, Glenelg; 3, Allan MacKinnon, Portree. Long Jump - 1, Jamie MacDonal, Portree; 2, Deb Bradley; 3, Ally MacLeod, Watermish. Hop, Step and Leap - 1, Ally MacLeod; 2, Deb Bradley; 3, Robert Nicolson, Staffin. High Jump - 1, Ally MacLeod; 2, Deb Bradley; 3, Sandy Paterson, Glenelg. Two Lap Race - 1, Ally MacLeod; 2, Robert Nicolson; 3, Sam Lawson, Sleat.



Kimberley Dell of Dingwall took first place in the Gillie Callum (16 years and over) at Skye Highland Games 2012.



Fraser Anderson of Aberdeen leads the field past the Highland dancers in the men's two lap race at the 135th Isle of Skye Highland Games 2012.

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Please specify your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

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APPLICATION

Applicant, Croft, Extent/ Purpose, Case number  
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30 Blain, Moldart & Arisaig  
0.278ha - Site for a dwelling house  
4.86.40068

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**DECROFTING DIRECTION**  
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14 Clouvin, Ardour  
0.014 ha - Amended Direction - Croft house site and garden ground  
4.81.39944

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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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01522/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse	Dunlop The Green Kilmaluig Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6XB	Tiree Area Office
12/01646/PP	Installation of external timber slatted welcome wall and timber cladding to part of existing shopfront	Tesco Stores Ltd Lochavullin Drive Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4BW	Oban Area Office
12/01679/PP	Change of use from former filling station to general contractors yard (Classes 4 and 6) with associated office facility and siting of two storage containers, one modular building and erection of shed (retrospective).	Etive Filling Station Ltd Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1HW	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
12/01687/PP	Alterations (including formation of 2 dormer windows) and extension to dwellinghouse	Craigdarroch Arinagour Isle Of Coll Argyll And Bute PA78 6SY	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
12/01697/PP	Erection of 27.1 metre high (to blade tip) wind turbine.	Land East Of Crossapoll Bay Isle Of Coll Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
12/01712/PP	Formation of pedestrian access stairs and erection of timber fence.	Tesco Stores Ltd Lochavullin Drive Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4BW	Oban Area Office
12/01771/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access.	Plot 14 Aldersyde Taynuilt Argyll And Bute PA35 1AG	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
12/01828/PP	Revised design to application reference 11/01900/PP for alterations and extension to dwellinghouse.	North Achinduin Isle Of Lismore Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 5UH	Sub Post Office Lismore
12/01859/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of oil storage tank (renewal of planning permission 07/01588/DET).	Site South Of Hillpark Bunnass Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Bunnass Isle of Mull
12/01860/PPP	Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses	Land West Of The Cottars Dalmally Argyll And Bute PA33 1AS	Sub Post Office Dalmally

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01523/LIB	Alterations, extension and internal alterations to dwellinghouse	Dunlop The Green Kilmaluig Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6XB	Tiree Area Office

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01832/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 36 Shore Street Bowmore Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01591/PP	Installation of 2 roof lights (retrospective)	Ardoch High Street Bowmore Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA43 7JE	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

**The Scottish Government**

**TRANSPORT SCOTLAND**

**ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**  
**A82 CRIANLARICH BYPASS**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT - DECISION TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT**

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that, in terms of paragraphs 7(1B) and 13(1B) of Schedule 1 to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, they have decided to proceed with the A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) in relation to which an environmental impact assessment has been made, and they have complied with their obligations under paragraphs 7(1A) and 13(1A) of that Act.

A COPY of the decision of the Scottish Ministers is available on Transport Scotland's website at [www.transportscotland.gov.uk](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk)

**ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**  
**THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (CRIANLARICH BYPASS) ORDER 2012**  
**THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (CRIANLARICH BYPASS) (SIDE ROAD) ORDER 2012**

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that on 30th August 2012 they made the following Orders in connection with the improvement of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road.

- The A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) Order 2012 under section 5(2) and (6) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 ("the Act");
- The A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass)(Side Road) Order 2012 under sections 12(1) and (5) and 20(1) of the Act.

These Orders come into force on 6th September 2012. Copies of the Orders together with the relevant plans may be inspected, free of charge, during normal business hours from 6th September 2012 until 19th October 2012 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, Reception, 9th Floor, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF; Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83 8EG; Stirling Council, Viewforth, Stirling and Criarlach Post Office, Station Road, Criarlach.

Any person aggrieved by any of these Orders who wishes to question their validity or any of the provisions therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within 6 weeks of 6th September 2012, make application to the Court of Session for the suspension of the operation of, or the quashing of, the Orders or any provision contained therein.

**ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947**  
**THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (CRIANLARICH BYPASS) (EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY) ORDER 2012**

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that on 30th August 2012 they made the following Order in connection with the improvement of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road:

- The A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) (Extinguishment of Public Right of Way) Order 2012 under section 3 of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947.

The Order comes into force on 6th September 2012. Copies of the Order together with the relevant plan may be inspected, free of charge, during normal business hours from 6th September 2012 until 19th October 2012 at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, Reception, 9th Floor, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF; Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83 8EG; Stirling Council, Viewforth, Stirling and Criarlach Post Office, Station Road, Criarlach.

**THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**  
**THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947**  
**THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (CRIANLARICH BYPASS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2012**

- Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Ministers (herein referred to as "the acquiring authority"), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 103 to 108 inclusive of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 as read with section 110(2) of that Act, have made a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "The A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012".
- The Order as made provides for the purchase of the land described in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose of constructing a new section of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road at Criarlach village.
- A copy of the Order and the map referred to therein have been deposited at the offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, Reception, 9th Floor, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow; Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG; Stirling Council, Viewforth, Stirling and Criarlach Post Office, Station Road, Criarlach.

4. The Order as made becomes operative on the Sixth of September Two Thousand and Twelve being the date on which this notice is first published; but any person aggrieved by the Order may, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15 of the First Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 as extended by section 60 of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973, by application to the Court of Session within 6 weeks from that date, question its validity on the grounds (i) that the authorisation granted by the Order is not empowered to be granted or (ii) that the applicant's interests have been substantially prejudiced by failure to comply with any statutory requirement relating to the Order.

5. The acquiring authority may acquire the land to which this notice relates by making a general vesting declaration under section 195 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Such a declaration shall not be executed before the end of the period of two months beginning with the date of the first publication of this notice except with the consent of every occupier of the land affected. The effect of the making of such a declaration is to vest the land in the acquiring authority at the end of the appropriate period and is more fully explained in Form 8 (Statement to be included in Form 4 where a general vesting declaration is to be made) contained in the Schedule to the Compulsory Purchase of Land (Scotland) Regulations 2003. A copy of the said Regulations has also been deposited and may be seen as aforesaid.

6. Persons entitled to claim compensation in respect of any interest in the land are invited to give information with respect to their name and address and the land and their interests therein on the prescribed form, a copy of which will be sent by the acquiring authority on application to the Director of Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, 7th Floor North, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF.

This is the Schedule referred to in the foregoing Notice relating to the A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012

**SCHEDULE**

The plot references and areas referred to below correspond to those given in the Schedule and plan annexed to "The A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012".

Plot No	Land in the County of Perth.
1 & 4	Land consisting of grassland and verge, lying to the north of the A82 Trunk Road, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struth and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
2, 5 & 6	Land consisting of rough ground and burn, lying to the north of the A82, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struth and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
7	Land forming part of the solum of the A82 Trunk Road, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struth and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
8	Land lying to the south of the A82, adjacent to No.11 Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
9	Land consisting of heath and grassland, lying to the south of the access road and dwelling known as 1 Willow Brae, Criarlach.
10	Land consisting of wet heath and marshy grassland, lying to the south of the A82, extending from Tyndrum Terrace to Gleann Fiadh Lodge.
11 & 12	Land consisting of wet heath and marshy grassland, lying to the west of the A82, opposite Criarlach railway station and north-west of the dwelling known as Hillview, Criarlach.
13	Land forming part of the solum and verge of the A82, between the dwellings known as Strouna Cottage and Sharnell, Criarlach.
14, 15 & 16	Land consisting of wet heath and rough grassland, lying to the west of the A82, between the dwellings known as Strouna Cottage and Sharnell, Criarlach.
17	Land consisting of rough ground, grassland, verge and burn to the south of the A82, south-east of the access track to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struth and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.

A. C. MCLAUGHLIN  
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**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**  
**MOORING INSTALLATION, CARSAIG BAY, ARGYLL**

Notice is hereby given that D. Menzies has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of mooring installation at:

Description Location	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Carsaig Bay, Argyll	56 01.767 N	05 38.362 W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Tayvallich Post Office, Tayvallich, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8PJ.

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Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: [MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference: **FKB/J191**

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

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
12/02855/FUL	Manse, Ardour Fort William	Extension to house and erection of storage building
12/03041/FUL	9 Loch Nevis Terrace Mallaig	Extension to house
12/03079/FUL	Land 80M East of Dun Ban, Isle of Muck, Mallaig	Erection of outbuilding
12/03091/FUL	Nurses House Lorn Drive, Glencoe Ballachulish	Change of use from house to temporary Scottish Ambulance base accommodation
12/03212/PIP	Land 60M North of Strathview, Anahelt Strontian	Erection of house - Plot 1
12/03268/FUL	Cul A Bhile, 3 Bohuntin Roy Bridge	Extension to house

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**DISPLAY CABINET**

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**ERCOL EASY CHAIR** Ercol Windsor easy chair, very good condition, light green cushions, £49.00 Telephone 01631 710663.

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DEATHS

BROWN - Peacefully at the Belford Hospital on August 21, 2012, George beloved husband of the late Mary and loving father of Elizabeth and the late Angela and father-in-law of Sweeney.

GARNHAM - Suddenly at Gartnavog on Wednesday August 29, 2012 aged 73 years, Denis of Freepont, Islay, beloved husband of Mary Bell Stewart and dearly loved father of Alasdair, Fiona, Laura and Denis, and much loved papa, brother-in-law, uncle and friend.

LENNOX - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on August 29, 2012, Helen (Elma) nee MacLean, formerly of Kilmore, beloved wife of the late Reid, loving mother of Lorna and Kirsteen and a much loved grandmother and great-mother.

MACCUISH - Peacefully on September 1, 2012, Andrew MacCuish, (Micky), 11 Miller Road, Oban, loving dad of Frank and Annmarie and much loved papa to Jodi. Never be forgotten x.

MACLEAN - Peacefully at Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban on September 3, 2012, aged 84 years, Charlie, beloved husband of May, a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral will take place on Thursday (today), at Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road, Oban at 1.30 pm.

MCALLUM - Peacefully on September 1 2012 at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Gwen Cripps, aged 91 years of Eccles Court, St Ninians, beloved wife of the late Rev Donald McCallum, dearly loved mother to Ruth and Peter, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt and a dear friend to many. Funeral service on Friday September 7, 2012 at Stirling Baptist Church at 11am, thereafter to Kippen Cemetery at 12.15pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. There will be a retail collection in aid of Baptist Missionary Society.

McNICHOLL - Hugh Stewart - 1945-2012. Passed away suddenly Friday evening August 31, 2012 at his home in Mt Beauty, Victoria, Australia. Formerly of Ballachulish / Glencoe and Glasgow, Scotland. Dearly loved husband of Mary Rosengren, brother and brother-in-law of Donald and Liz of Tain, Scotland, uncle to Angus and Colin. A celebration of Hugh's life will be held in Mt Beauty in September. Enquiries to Tate Funeral Services, Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia. Phone: +61 3 5722 2525 Email: tatefs@bigpond.net.au

MONCRIEFF - Peacefully at Stonehouse Hospital, Lanarkshire, on Friday, August 31, 2012, Peter (former Headmaster in Mallaig), beloved husband of Vera and the late Doreen, much loved father of Sandy, Duncan and Morag, stepfather of Kirsty, Kenneth and Jackie and a devoted and loving grandfather. Funeral service on Friday, September 7 at Cadzow Parish Church, Hamilton at 10.45am and thereafter to South Lanarkshire Crematorium at 11.45am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ORR - Peacefully at home on September 3, 2012 in her 96th year, Mary Orr, (Mamie) nee Campbell, Ardning, Tobermory, Isle of Mull. Much loved wife of the late William David Orr, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and aunt. Sad to part but ready to go.

TUDHOPE - Mary aged 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 3, with her family by her side. Loved and treasured mum, mother-in-law and granny. The funeral service will be held at the Duncansburgh-Macintosh Parish Church on Saturday, September 8 at 12 noon, thereafter to Kilmallie cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please and donations if desired to the Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses.

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WEDDINGS

HOLMYARD - WALKER Robert Holmyard, elder son of John and Nicki Holmyard of Taynuilt, married Leila Walker, elder daughter of Gary and Teresa Walker of Pyla Cyprus, in a ceremony at Ayios Philon, Dipkarpaz, Nicosia Cyprus. The couple, who were joined by more than 100 friends and family from around the world, live and work in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

GRADUATIONS

George Holmyard graduated from the University of Southampton with an MSci in Oceanography. George is the younger son of John and Nicki Holmyard of Taynuilt. He is a former pupil of Taynuilt Primary School, Ardbreck School and Glenalmond College.

GREAVES - HEALEY

Jessica Anne and Kieran Denis were married at Barcaldine Castle on May 10, 2012. They held their wedding celebrations at victory Hall, Benderloch with family and friends.

Thought for the Week

Promises, promises

PEOPLE often promise to do something because they feel it adds weight to what they are saying. A promise is something that ought not to be broken. We all make promises, and we all sometimes fail to keep our promises. If someone makes a promise and fails to keep it, we feel badly let down. For this reason some people refuse to promise anything because they are afraid they will break their promise and fail to keep their word. Jesus made a promise to his disciples when he told them, 'I am with you always.' (Matthew 28:20) Three things make his promise very special. It is special because of the one who makes

the promise - Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Jesus lived a perfect life in which there was no deceit. He never told lies or uttered a false word. The message of the Gospel is reliable and trustworthy. Whoever believes in Jesus finds forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Other people may break their promises but the word of Jesus Christ cannot be broken. Then it is special for those to whom the promise is given. It is for all who follow Jesus as his disciples. We must accept him as our Lord and Saviour if we would be assured of his presence with us. We must trust only in him for salvation if we want his company on the journey of life. There may be times when we forget his presence, or when we are unaware of his presence, or do

not sense his presence. But because his promise is true and cannot fail, we know he is there. Thirdly the promise is special because of its extent. When we make a promise it is normally for one specific occasion. But this promise of Jesus is for ever and for all situations. He is alongside his disciples in times of joy and gladness and in times of suffering and sadness. There is no qualification of the promise with regard to time or circumstances. It is a promise without limitation which never lose its power. With such a promise we can face anything in life. Nothing is impossible because Jesus is with us. Rev George Cringles, Minister of Coll with Connel Parish Church of Scotland.

Argyllshire Gathering 2012 results

the bar: 1 = Lucas Wenta and Bruce Robb, 3 = Dominic Zielinski, Craig Sinclair, J O'Neil and Stephen Ryder; Local: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 = Andrew Johnston and Angus McPhail; Argyllshire 1600 Metres: Open: 1 Ross Matheson, Lasswade, 2 Craig Robertson, Logerait, 3 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown; Women: 1 Natalie Sharp, Kibbarchan, 2 Katherine Pannel, Pitreavie; Local: 1 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown, 2 Gary Turner, Campbelltown, 3 Craig Tomison, Mull; Argyllshire 56lb weight for distance: 1 Sebastian Wenta, 2 Bruce Robb, 3 Lucas Wenta; Argyllshire Youths 600 metres (NEW): Youths: 1 Jamie Killorn, 2 C McKenzie, 3 P Dunne; Girls: 1 Brighde Chaimeub, 2 S Schoenfelden, 3 Freya Corner; 1600m Handicap: Open: 1 J Bates, 2 S Bates, 3 R Matheson; Highlander 56lb weight over the bar: Open: 1 = Lucas Wenta and Bruce Robb, 3 = Craig Sinclair, Dominic Zielinski and J O'Neil; local: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 = Andrew Johnston and Angus McPhail; Tossing the sheaf (16 and under): 1 Neil Morrison, 2 Gregor Cook; 100m Handicap final: Open: 1 M Paterson, 2 D Allan, 3 S Grant. CHAMPIONS: Argyllshire Sprint Championship: Open: 1 Martyn Paterson, 2 Jamie Bowie, 3 D Allan; Women: 1 Gemma Nicol, 2 = Amy Clancy and Natalie Sharp; Argyllshire Middle Distance Champion: Open: 1 Ross Matheson, 2 Craig Robertson, 3 Matthew Turner; Women: 1 Natalie Sharp, 2 Katherine Pannel, 3 Virginia Bird; Light Event Champion: Open: 1 Cameron Clark, 2 D Clunie, 3 C Nichol; Women: 1 C McGuire, 2 Gemma Nicol, 3 Natalie Sharp; Argyllshire Open Youth & Girls Championship: Youth: 1 = S Twort and J Killorn; Girls: 1 Freya Corner, 2 Brighde Chaimeub; Argyllshire Heavyweight Championship points: Open: 1 Stephen Rider, 2 Sebastian Wenta, 3 Lucas Wenta. BREAKING GAMES RECORD: Argyllshire Light Stone (16lb): Lucas Wenta.

David Clunie, Oban, 3 C Nicol; Women: 1 C MacGuire, Glasgow, 2 Natalie Sharp, Kibbarchan; Local: 1 David Clunie, Oban, 2 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown, 3 I McDowall, Mull; Argyllshire Heavy Hammer (22lbs): Open: 1 Craig Sinclair, 2 Stephen Ryder, 3 Lucas Wenta; Scottish Highland Games British 800 Metres: Open: 1 Ross Matheson, Lasswade, 2 Craig Robertson, Logerait, 3 Gary Turner, Campbelltown; Women: 1 Natalie Sharp, Kibbarchan, 2 Katherine Pannel, Local: 1 Gary Turner, Campbelltown, 2 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown; Argyllshire Youth Shot Put: Youths: 1 Gregor Cook, 2 Niall Morrison, 3 A i d e n Campbell; Girls: 1 Freya Corner, 2 Caitlin Taylor, 3 Emma Thompson; Argyllshire Hill Race: Open: 1 Ross Matheson, Lasswade, 2 Tom Smith, Connel, 3 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown; Women: 1 Natalie Sharp, Kibbarchan, 2 R Lilley, Oban, 3 Gery Nymeyer, Holland; Local men: 1 Tom Smith, Connel, 2 Matthew Turner, Campbelltown, 3 Craig Tomison, Mull; Local women: 1 R Lilley, Oban, 2 Emma Baird, Oban, 3 Virginia Bird, Ardfern; Scottish Highland Games Scottish 150m: Open: 1 Martyn Paterson, Clackmannan, 2 Jamie Bowie, Dunfermline, 3 David Allan, Dunfermline; Women: 1 Gemma Nicol, Dunfermline, 2 Amy Clancy, Peebles, 3 C MacGuire, Glasgow; Argyllshire 28lb weight for distance: 1 Stephen Ryder, 2 Sebastian Wenta, 3 Bruce Robb; local: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 Andrew Johnston, 3 Angus McPhail; Tossing the sheaf (over 16): 1 Melvin Weeks, 2 Richard Campbell; Argyllshire High Jump: Open: 1 David Clunie, 2 = Ian MacDowall, Cameron Clark and Calum Nicol; Women: 1 = Courtney MacGuire and Gemma Nicol, 3 Freya Corner; local: 1 David Clunie, 2 Ian MacDowall, 3 Stuart Tomison; Argyll Youths Long Jump: Open: 1 Jamie Bowie, Dunfermline, 2 Martyn Paterson, Clackmannan, 3 David Allan, Dunfermline; Women: 1 Gemma Nicol, Dunfermline, 2 Amy Clancy, Peebles, 3 Brighde Chaimeub, Kyle; Local men: 1 Stuart Tomlinson, Mull, 2 D Clunie, Oban, 3 R Thomson, Oban; Local women: 1 A Evans, 2 K Lamont, 3 = M McColl and J Dairon; Argyllshire Triple Jump: Open: 1 Cameron Clark, Glasgow,

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# Lorenzo is new European Laser Under 19 champ



Lorenzo on the podium as the new European Laser Under 19 Champion.

The Bellanoch teenager is already deemed an Olympic hopeful for 2016

**SAILING**  
SAILING sensation Lorenzo Chiavarini is the new European Laser Under 19 Champion.

The Bellanoch teenager, who last year began sailing with the standard sail, won the championships last week in Nieuwpoort, Belgium.

A major win for Lorenzo, the 19-year-old finished third in the under 21 world sailing championships earlier this year and was 74th in the men's overall competition.

Lorenzo has been congratulated by Sport Scotland and the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club on his new championship title.

**Number One**  
Ranked number one in Scotland in the Laser and second overall in Britain in the under-19 age group, Lorenzo is already deemed an Olympic hopeful for 2016.

He was recently selected as a member of the Great Britain

**SAILING**

sailing team, gaining a place in the standard sailing team after a successful competitive season.

Lorenzo, who graduated from high school last year, will be attending Plymouth University later this month. The university has already pledged its support to the sailing star, allowing him time off for training camps in Palma and the Canary Islands.



Lorenzo battled it out on the waters of Nieuwpoort, Belgium last week to gain his new title.

## Camanachd Association co-opt new member

**SHINTY**

ANGUS MacVicar of Glenurquhart Shinty Club has been co-opted to the board of the Camanachd Association as director without portfolio.

Camanachd Association president Archie Robertson said: 'I am confident that Angus will bring additional skills to our board and significant experience which will benefit the management of our sport. We look forward to working with him.'

As a volunteer in his first sport of rugby, he has considerable experience of coaching and administration. He was the founder president of the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) Rugby Football Association.

After several years in SPS HQ in Edinburgh working on policy development, Angus was appointed Governor of HM Prison, Inverness. He also serves as a member of the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. Since arriving in Inverness he has taken a keen interest in shinty and in particular, Glenurquhart Shinty Club.

## 400 competitors to take part in Craggy Island Triathlon

**TRIATHLON**  
INTERNATIONAL triathlete Ritchie Nicholls is expected to line up for the Craggy Island Triathlon on Kerrera this weekend.

The second annual event is to be held over two days instead of one, allowing 400 competitors to take part - double the entry list from last year. Organisers

expect Oban to benefit from the increased number of visitors and it is hoped to raise more money for Oban Mountain Rescue Team than last year, although a planned ceilidh on the Saturday night in Oban will not go ahead because of a lack of sponsorship.

MacQueen Bros is again the main sponsor and organiser



Ritchie Nicholls

**TRIATHLON**

Duncan MacEachern said he has been inundated with volunteers willing to help.

Mr MacEachern said he was also excited about the prospect of Montrose man Ritchie Nicholls competing.

He said: 'Ritchie has competed against the likes of the Brownlee brothers, who won Olympic medals this summer, so he is a top triathlete.'

**Excited**  
'We are all excited to see his swim. He has done a couple of training runs and his best swim time across the 550 metres of open water between Oban and Kerrera is six minutes and 15 seconds. The previous best was around 10 minutes. He is going to be really quick.'

The triathlon begins from the Kerrera ferry slipway at Gallanach. It is followed by a 15 kilometre off-road mountain bike route along Landrover and quad tracks and paths.

To finish off, there is an eight kilometre off-road run to Gylen Castle and back to the finish at the ferry slip.

## Oban Saints delegates to attend Hampden football conference

**FOOTBALL**

THE Scottish Football Association is holding a conference for leaders and volunteers working in community football clubs.

The conference will take place at Hampden Park, Glasgow on September 16 and will include some key speakers including UEFA Technical Director, Andy Roxburgh and SFA Chief Executive Stewart Reagan.

Oban Saints, who hold the SFA Community Club Quality Mark, will be represented at the conference by David Buchanan and Iain Alexander.

There is a growing number

of community football clubs within Scotland and this event aims to provide support, advice and guidance to the leaders of these progressive and ambitious grassroots football clubs.

Through a series of workshops, presentations, question and answer sessions and networking opportunities the aim is to inspire and support the key people at the heart of these vital clubs.

The conference will cover areas such as business and administration, facilities and funding through to practical examples of how to recruit and develop volunteers and put in place a culture for ensuring a sustainable future.

The conference will bring together a series of experts in the various fields and showcase some of the excellent examples of good practice that exist in clubs across Scotland currently. At the heart of the event Andy Roxburgh, Technical Director for UEFA, will be the keynote speaker and will provide delegates with his wealth of experience across grassroots football and some insights from his work across UEFA.



Andy Roxburgh



Oban Bowling Club Ladies Top Ten. Back Row - M Goldie, D Forbes, P MacPherson, L Laverty, A MacDougall and H MacLean. Front row - M Carr, A Stewart, M Macalpine and J Fraser

## Ten out of ten for Oban bowlers

**BOWLS**

OBAN ladies have once more become tops in Argyll and Bute. On Saturday 10 of the ladies travelled to Lochgilphead to play the other Argyll clubs to find the top 10 ladies for the county:

Anne MacDougall, singles, Lyn Laverty and Maureen Goldie, pairs, Helen MacLean, Margaret MacAlpine and Donna Forbes triples; Anne Stewart, Peggy MacPherson, Marianne Carr and Janice Fraser fours. They won the morning game and again in the afternoon making them the victors.

Games on the Oban green on Saturday were singles Robert Dairon versus Duncan MacAlpine for the MacBrayne trophy, which Robert won.

Neil MacDougall played Donnie Douglas for the MacEwan trophy with Neil taking the honours.

**Abandoned**

Anne MacDougall was up against Helen MacLean for the Ardsheal cup but the game had to be abandoned because of rain. Watch this space for the result.

On Sunday it was triples day Neil MacDougall, Norrie Etherson and Gerry Flanigan played Angus MacGillivray, Robert Dairon and Ian Smith. Neil's team were the winners.



Tired, but very happy. Some of Oban Saints youth team coaches and officials who decided to run the Great Scottish Run to raise money for the club. Pictured above are Alex Campbell, Iain Alexander, Jamie Graham, Brian Forgive, George Easton, Kenny Campbell and Karen Forgive who set off last Sunday for Glasgow where they ran the 10km race from George Square to Glasgow Green. A great day was had by all and over £600 was raised for the various youth teams within the club. Oban Saints would like to thank everyone who sponsored the runners.

## United dump the Dookers

**FOOTBALL**

Umbro Scottish Amateur Football League - Division 1A  
**Tarbert 2**

**Port Glasgow United 4**  
TARBERT hosted top of the league Port Glasgow United last Saturday looking to pick up three points in their quest for promotion.

The visitors had won every game in the league previous to this fixture so Tarbert were looking for some added luck to offset the loss of several first team players for this game.

In blustery conditions it was United who quickly settled, showing clever movement and excellent use of the ball but a rather youthful Tarbert were working hard and never let their visitors have any efforts on goal.

Despite United's possession it was Tarbert who opened the scoring after 15 minutes when they hit United on the counter attack. After a good tackle in defence and a quick break up the left Tarbert were awarded a throw-in which Ronald launched to the near post. Martin knocked the ball on and the on-rushing MacIver had a simple tap-in from six yards.

After the goal the game continued in the same fashion, United dominating possession but Tarbert working hard to limit any opportunities. But, with 30 minutes played, a mistake at the back allowed the visitors to draw level when a free kick wasn't cleared and the midfielder had a simple finish from 12 yards into the bottom corner.

Tarbert really needed to get to half time without conceding again but this was not to be when again a defensive mix-up on the right allowed the winger time to pick a pass and the visiting centre forward calmly slotted into the bottom corner of the goal.

Half time Tarbert 1-2 Port Glasgow United. In the second half some good passing from defence to midfield was starting to bring Tarbert up

the pitch but a lack of composure in the final third was letting them down. Tarbert were given a warning when a cross from the right was headed onto the bar and down onto the line before being scrambled clear but the visitors were not to be denied when on the hour they increased their lead when a long ball was only half cleared and a low cross from out wide was buried by the unmarked midfielder.

This was the cue for Tarbert to change to a more attacking formation in an effort to salvage something from the game. The change worked almost instantly when a quick break up the park caught out the visitors and another Martin knock on was met by MacIver who slotted in from six yards for his second goal of the day.

Tarbert went on to enjoy their

best spell of the game in the search for an equaliser, creating several opportunities including a back post header from Miller which bounced just over the bar to safety. Not taking these chances proved costly when another mistake out wide allowed the United centre forward a clear run at goal. He squared to his strike partner who fired low into the bottom corner, once again giving keeper Martin no chance.

The visitors saw out the last 10 minutes of the game to ensure their winning run continued.

Tarbert worked extremely hard to restrict the visitors but defensive mistakes ensured United scored four out their five efforts on goal. Final score Tarbert 2-4 Port Glasgow United.



Malcolm McIver opens the scoring for Tarbert. 07.136tarbert02

## Graham Cameron confirmed as Camanachd Cup final referee

**SHINTY**

THE CAMANACHD Association has confirmed that Caol-based referee Graham Cameron will take charge of the 2012 Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final at Mossfield Park in Oban on Saturday, September 15 between Inveraray and Kyles Athletic.

This is the second time that Graham has taken charge of shinty's showcase event, having first refereed the 2003 final between Fort William and Kingussie. He will be assisted by Colin MacDonald and Duncan Kelly as goal judges, Billy Wotherspoon as fourth official, and linesmen Lachie Wood, Daniel MacRae, Ronnie Campbell and Dougie Cameron.

## Will receives £250 grant from Mars

**TRIATHLON**

TIREE triathlete Will Wright, has received a £250 donation from the Mars Refuel Drink Fund.

Will, who has been racing for six years and was awarded a bronze medal at last year's European Championships, hopes to race in the Elite category in 2013.

Will said: 'I am delighted to win this award. Living on a remote island like Tere means travelling to races can be time consuming and expensive.'

'This donation from the Mars Refuel Drink Fund will help towards funding my trip to the World Championships.'

Since moving to Tere 10 years ago Will has been working with the local community encouraging people to get fit through coaching and fitness classes.

## Jodie and Razzle Dazzle are just champion

**PONY SHOW**

A LARGE number of competitors joined happy spectators and judges as the sun shone at the North Argyll Pony Club Show.

More than 25 riders took part in the show, with one competitor taking ferries to join in.

Supreme champion of the show was Jodie Sloss on her pony Bardene Razzle Dazzle.

The organising committee thanked hosts Mr and Mrs J Maxwell for allowing the show in their field, the judges Mrs L. Boase, Mr A. MacKechnie, Miss J. Reid, Mrs S. Scott and Mrs L. Battison, show secretaries Heather, Linda and Chrissie, all the parent helpers and the very generous sponsors, who helped make the show such a success.

Results: Showing: Over 14.2hb sponsored by Castle Stalker View: Kathryn Henderson & BurnbankMillenium, 2 Julie Shaw & Alsace, 3 Ashleigh Kilgour & McCoy, 14.2hb & under sponsored by The Pierhouse Hotel: 1 Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster, 2 Iona Baillie & Breeze; 3 Aimee Johnston & Puzzle of Glendhu; Champion - Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster; Reserve Champion - Kathryn Henderson & BurnbankMillenium.

PC/RC Pony/Horse: Up to 14.2hb sponsored by Kinlochach Garden Centre: 1 Jodie Sloss & Bardene Razzle Dazzle, 2 Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster, 3 Aimee Johnston & Puzzle of Glendhu; Over 14.2hb sponsored by Kinlochach House Self Catering: 1 Liz McNab & Teabiscuit, 2 Kathryn Henderson & BurnbankMillenium, 3 Julie Shaw & Alsace; Champion - Jodie Sloss & Bardene Razzle Dazzle; Reserve Champion - Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster. Mountain & Moorland: Ridden

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Palace Hotel: 1 Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster, 2 Jodie Baillie & Brooklyn, 3 Megan MacPherson & Ruffy. Show Jumping: Lead Rine sponsored by A&A Builders: 1 Oran Macdonald & Joey; Nursery Novice sponsored by Dolce Vita: 1 Rebecca Scott & Fenmawr Brewster, 2 Jodie Baillie & Brooklyn, 3 Liz McNab & Teabiscuit; Novice sponsored by Cologin: 1 Jayne Mahmood & Soraya, 2 Cloude Forsyth & Fenmawr Brewster, 3 Liz McNab & Teabiscuit; Intermediate sponsored by Kerrie's Tyres: 1 Amber Frost & Raffi, 2 Bethan Lemmon & Monklans Oliver, 3 Jayne Mahmood & Polly; Open sponsored by Hoppies Bouncy Castle Hire: 1 Amber Frost & Raffi, 2 Aimee Johnston & Puzzle of Glendhu, 3 Emma Smith & First to Come ML.

Supreme Champion of Show sponsored by Energie Fitness: Jodie Sloss & Bardene Razzle Dazzle. Reserve Champion of Show sponsored by Energie Fitness: Cathy Sloss & Rosedust Bailey's Boy.



L to R: Champion of Show Cathy Sloss and Rosedust Bailey's Boy and Supreme Champion of Show Jodie Sloss and Bardene Razzle Dazzle.



**Results**

Saturday 1st September

**Strathdearn Cup Final**  
Fort William 1 - 3 Beaully

**Bullough Cup Final**  
Lochside Rov 6 - 2 Ballachulish

**Orion Group Premiership**  
Bute 0 - 2 Newtonmore  
Kyles Ath 3 - 1 Kinlochshiel  
Kingussie 2 - 2 Lovat  
Inveraray 0 - 1 Glenurquhart

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Lochaber 4 - 2 Beaully  
Skye P - P Strathglass  
Unplayable Field

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Glenorchy P - P Oban Camanachd  
Unplayable Field

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Glenurquhart 4 - 0 Glengarry  
Skye 1 - 0 Newtonmore

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Kyles Athletic P - P Bute  
Unplayable Field

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
Kilmallie P - P Lochcarron  
Unplayable Field

**Youth Results**  
Tuesday 28th August  
U17 Marine Harvest  
London Shield  
Kinlochshiel 2 - 1 Beaully

**Friday 31st August**  
Under 14 Marine Harvest Leagues

Newtonmore 7 - 0 Lovat  
Skye 5 - 1 Kilmallie  
Fort William 3 - 0 Kinlochshiel  
Kingussie 3 - 0 Caberfeidh  
Beaully 15 - 0 Strathglass  
Ardmurchan 1 - 2 Glenurquhart

**Under 14 Development Trophy Semi-Final**  
Uist Caman 3 - 0 Ballachulish

**Womens Camanachd Association**  
Sunday 26th August  
Marine Harvest  
National Division 1  
Badenoch & Strathspey 2 - 5 Glengarry

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Lochaber 7 - 2 Lovat  
Strathglass P - P Skye

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Glasgow MA P - P Dunadd

**Fixtures**

Saturday 8th September

**Orion Group Premiership**  
Bute v Kinlochshiel  
Billy Wotherspoon  
Newtonmore v Glenurquhart  
Innes Wood - 12pm

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Caberfeidh v Lochaber  
Evan MacRae  
Beaully v Skye  
Graeme MacMillan - 3pm

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Glasgow MA v Oban Camanachd  
Deek Cameron

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Fort William v Lochaber  
Ronnie Campbell - 12pm  
Fort William v Kinlochshiel  
Lachie Wood - 3pm

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Inveraray v Bute  
David Mitchell

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
Beaully v Boleskine  
Donald MacRae - 12pm  
Kilmallie v Lochcarron  
John Matheson

(All throw ups 2.30 unless stated)

**Camanachd Association Youth Fixtures**  
Friday 7th September  
Under 14 Marine Harvest Leagues  
Lovat v Skye  
Newtonmore v Kilmallie  
Kinlochshiel v Caberfeidh  
Fort William v Kingussie  
Glenurquhart v Beaully  
Ardnamurchan v Strathglass

**Womens Camanachd Association**  
Fixtures Saturday 8th September  
Marine Harvest Challenge Cup Final  
Strathglass v Lochaber  
Robert Baxter  
at Stachur throw up 1pm

**Valerie Fraser Cup Final**  
Aberdour v Glengarry  
Dunkie Kerr  
at Stachur throw up 2.30pm

# Newtonmore win would give them the premiership

## Beaully lift Strathdearn Cup after 3-1 final win

NEWTONMORE could all but seal a third straight Orion Group Premiership title by beating Glenurquhart at The Eilan this Saturday.

A win would mean title rivals Kyles Athletic could only finish level on points with 'More, who have a far superior goal difference.

Manager Norman MacArthur told *The Oban Times* he wanted the title won as soon as possible.

He said: 'I don't care where we win it, so long as we win it. Glenurquhart are playing really well just now, so hopefully we can get a result on Saturday and not have to rely on going up there and getting a result.

'They are our bogey team, but I'd like to think we could win at least one of the two games.'

Norman Campbell and Glen MacIntosh both missed last weekend's win over Bute but are expected to be available for this Saturday.

In their absence, 'More were able to record a 2-0 victory, with goals from Ackie MacRae and Callum Stewart.

GLENURQUHART have the chance to put a halt to Newtonmore's march to the title this Saturday.

The Macaulay Cup champs are the only side who can stop 'More with the two teams playing each home and away, and in-form Glen are still hopeful of securing a top four finish.

Glen co-manager Drew McNeil told *The Oban Times* he was hopeful of picking up points against 'More.

He said: 'We're having a good season and we'll keep going until the very end. I had a target of 19 points at the start of the season so if we could get 20 and top four that would be fantastic.

'We don't fear Newtonmore - we took two or three points off them last season and The Eilan suits our style of play.'

The Drumnadrochit side picked up an impressive 1-0 win away to Camanachd Cup finalists Inveraray last weekend.

Keeper Stuart MacIntosh scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot in the 24<sup>th</sup>

minute to move his side up to fifth in the league.

All of Tighnabruach will be getting behind Glenurquhart this Saturday, as KYLES ATHLETIC have a free week to watch their league title rivals, Newtonmore, in action.

Newtonmore could all but wrap up the title with a win over Glenurquhart this weekend, because of a superior goal difference over Kyles.

However, anything less than two points will see the title decided by the final matches.

In the meantime, Kyles must also prepare for the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup final.

The Tighnabruach men kept up their Orion Group Premiership title challenge with victory over Kinlochshiel on Saturday.

Goals from talisman Roddy MacDonald (2) and John Whyte secured a 3-1 win.

KINLOCHSHIEL round off their first season in the Orion Group Premiership with a trip to play relegated Bute on Saturday.

The Balmacara men have recorded a number of notable scalps since winning promotion 12 months ago, including a 4-0 win against Kyles and home and away victories against Kingussie.

Johnston Gill's men will be happy to have avoided relegation, but an impressive start to the season and a run to the semi final of the Camanachd Cup showed 'Shiel could provide a real challenge at the top next season.

'Shiel could do nothing to stop Kyles taking both points last Saturday however. Keith MacRae opened the scoring after 15 minutes, but Kyles kept their faint title hope alive with goals from Roddy MacDonald and John Whyte (2) giving them a 3-1 win.

KINGUSSIE youngster Savio Genini scored for the second time in two weeks as his side drew 2-2 with Lovat last weekend.

Genini's goal in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute added to fellow youngster Rory

**SHINTY**

MacGregor's goal in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute to give Kings a 2-0 lead at The Dell.

But Lovat showed why they sit in third place in the league with a storming comeback.

Owen Ferguson pulled one back in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute before Calum MacAulay equalised with 57 minutes gone.

Neither team could grab the winner as they settled a share of the points.

Kings have one more game to play before the winter break, a home tie against Inveraray scheduled for October 6.

LOVAT'S 2-2 draw away to Kingussie means a win against Inveraray in their final match would secure a third place finish.

The match will take place at Balgait Park on September 22, a week after Inveraray take on Kyles in the Camanachd Cup final.

INVERARAY will take any good omen going in preparation for their Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup final against Kyles - even if it is their after-training feed.

The squad is feeling the pace of manager John Smylie's training sessions three times a week in preparation of their big day.

So, the Royal Burgh's George Hotel has been inviting the players back after training sessions where they are laying on re-energising steak and pasta dishes.

The last time the George Hotel decided to supplement the shinty stars was in 2004 - the year they won shinty's top trophy.

Manager John said: 'We are very thankful to the George Hotel for inviting us in after training.'

'They last did it the year we won the Camanachd Cup, so perhaps it is a good omen.'

'We're certainly getting more boys at training!'

Inveraray were the latest victims of a resurgent Glenurquhart last Saturday, when



Lochside Rovers celebrate their 6-2 win over Ballachulish in the final of the Bullough Cup.

## Lochside Rovers win Bullough Cup

LOCHSIDE Rovers capped an impressive season by lifting the Bullough Cup at An Aird on Saturday.

The Oban side overwhelmed final opponents Ballachulish in the first half and led 4-0 at the break through goals from Shaun Morgan, Brian MacCallum and a Daniel MacKinnon double.

Although Balla' came back into the game in the second half, through goals from Darren Sutherland and Davie MacPhee, Lochside's Daniel MacKinnon completed his hat-trick before Neil MacFarlane rounded off the scoring at 6-2 to the Oban men.

Lochside had already defeated Ballachulish to secure the Marine Harvest South Division Two title.

Lochside manager Tony Howlett said: 'We knew Ballachulish would be up for it on Saturday because they haven't won a trophy for 10 years and lost out to us in the league.'

'The boys must have listened because that first half performance was the best we have played all season. They were really up for it.

'Christopher Ecclestone and 16-year-old Chris MacMillan were terrific at the back and the centre line of Jamie Kerr, David Lafferty and Craig 'Winky' MacDougall and David 'Skinny' MacInnes at half forward were exceptional.

I thought the pitch at An Aird was brilliant, the boys really enjoyed playing there.'

**Bolster**

The cup final was Lochside's last fixture this season but players may yet be needed to bolster Oban Camanachd's squad for their remaining league fixtures.

One player who is expected to be called up to the senior squad is teenager Shaun Morgan.

Tony said: 'I think Shaun has been the find of the season. I saw him playing under-17 last year and decided to bring him in.'

'If he works hard, I think he could have a really good future in the game.'

they went down 1-0 to the well organised Drumnadrochit men. John said: 'We seemed to have most of the play but couldn't really create much. They were well drilled and proved difficult to break down.'

'I think they could give Newtonmore two hard games at the end of the season.'

LOCHABER travel to take on third placed Caberfeidh as they look to overhaul Skye at the top of North Division One.

Manager Michael Delaney said he was expecting a tough game in Strathpeffer.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It's their last game and they'll be wanting to go out on a high. They're playing at home so they'll probably want to cause a bit of an upset.'

Delaney said he expects Scott Paterson to be available for selection for the game.

Lochaber came from behind to beat Beaully 4-2 at Spean Bridge last weekend.

The away side opened the scoring in the sixth minute, only for Scottish international Shaun Nicolson to equalise a minute later.

Zands Ferguson made it 2-1 in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute but Beaully drew level 10 minutes later.

After the break the home side imposed themselves and scored twice without reply through Ferguson and Ben Delaney to seal the win.

Delaney said: 'I give Beaully all the credit, the played well and moved the ball around really well.'

'The second half we pretty much dominated though and our defence tightened up a bit.'



Inveraray's Russell MacKinlay and Euan McMurdo combine to trouble the Glenurquhart defence during last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at the Winterton.

SKYE CAMANACHD face a tricky trip to Beaully this weekend knowing every game from now on is a must win if they are to win Marine Harvest North Division One.

Skye's game with Strathglass last weekend was called off after heavy rain left the Portree pitch unplayable. Lochaber's win against Beaully cut Skye's lead at the top to just a point, with Willie MacRae's side having played two more games.

Skye ran out 4-1 winners when they played Beaully last month, and MacRae will be looking

for a similar performance and result to keep the pressure on Lochaber.

OBAN CAMANACHD co-manager Gussie Campbell has said to expect a few 'surprises' when his side take to the field against Glasgow Mid Argyll on Saturday. Having won the league with two games to spare, Camanachd will use the remaining games to blood some youngsters ahead of next season.

Gussie, who is not expected to travel to Glasgow with the team, said: 'You might find a few sur-

prises in the squad on Saturday. We are a bit short on numbers, so we will be bringing in a few new players for a run out.'

One of the players expected to be involved is 17-year-old Shaun Morgan, who has caught the eye for Camanachd's junior side Lochside Rovers.

'If he is available, Shaun Morgan could be one of the new players to feature. He seems like a good prospect,' Gussie added.

Oban Camanachd had no game last weekend, as the pitch at Dal-mally was deemed unplayable because of the wet weather.

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## SCOTTISH HYDRO CAMANACHD CUP FINAL!

The 2012 Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final, shinty's big day out, will be contested between Inveraray and Kyles Athletic at Mossfield Park, Oban on Saturday, September 15 and you could be there! The Oban Times has teamed up with sponsor, Scottish Hydro, to offer four pairs of tickets to the final. The Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup is the premier competition in the shinty calendar. A mixture of top class sporting action, local food and drink, live music and a welcoming atmosphere will ensure the event is an occasion for all the family to enjoy. Visit [www.shinty.com](http://www.shinty.com).

**Question:**  
Which two teams did Inveraray and Kyles Athletic defeat in the semi finals of the Camanachd Cup to reach this year's final?

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**League Tables**

**The Orion Group Premiership**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	16	12	2	2	51	22	26
Kyles Athletic	17	12	2	3	47	30	26
Lovat	17	8	4	5	37	29	20
Fort William	18	8	3	7	36	34	19
Glenurquhart	16	8	2	6	32	36	18
Kingussie	17	7	3	7	39	37	17
Inveraray	15	7	1	7	34	30	15
Kinlochshiel	17	6	3	8	41	40	15
Kilmallie	18	3	2	13	28	49	8
Bute	17	0	4	13	9	47	4

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Skye	14	10	3	1	39	19	23
Lochaber	12	10	2	0	58	10	22
Caberfeidh	17	8	3	6	48	33	19
Beaully	14	7	1	6	32	31	15
Inverness	16	5	2	9	27	49	12
Lochcarron	17	4	3	10	24	45	11
Strathglass	16	1	2	13	23	64	4

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oban Camanachd	12	11	1	0	61	10	23
Glasgow MA	13	10	0	3	40	16	20
Glenorchy	13	10	0	3	30	14	20
Taynuilt	14	4	5	5	28	33	13
Oban Celtic	14	5	1	8	26	38	11
Strachur	14	3	3	8	19	30	9
Kilmory	14	3	2	9	23	43	8
Aberdour	14	2	0	12	11	54	4

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	18	14	1	3	76	20	29
Skye	18	10	2	6	42	32	22
Kinlochshiel	17	8	5	4	33	38	21
Glenurquhart	16	8	2	6	36	32	18
Kingussie	17	5	5	7	41	44	15
Lovat	18	7	1	10	37	47	15
Glengarry	18	7	1	10	31	42	15
Aberdeen Uni	17	6	2	9	37	39	14
Fort William	16	7	0	9	25	33	14
Lochaber	17	3	3	11	39	70	9

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lochside Rovers	18	17	0	1	98	27	34
Kyles Athletic	17	12	0	5	66	28	24
Ballachulish	16	9	2	5	38	29	20
Tayforth	17	9	1	7	49	43	19
Col Glen	18	7	3	8	41	52	17
Bute	14	6	1	7	40	32	13
Inveraray	17	5	3	9	41	52	13
Ardnamurchan	18	5	1	12	44	49	11
Aberdour	17	5	1	11	35	64	11
Glasgow MA	18	4	0	14	19	95	8

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaully	16	15	0	1	94	13	30
Boleskine	17	12	2	3	70	37	26
Lochbroom	18	12	2	4	57	29	26
Kilmallie	16	9	2	5	63	36	20
Lochcarron	17	9	1	7	46	41	19
Caberfeidh	18	9	0	9	51	47	18
Strathspey	18	5	2				

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## Perfect start to Lorne's 50th anniversary celebrations

The Mull defence had no answer to the superior power of the Green Machine

**West Division Three**  
**Oban Lorne 34**  
**Mull 3**

A STRONG second half showing from The Green Machine secured a bonus point win against Argyll rivals Mull, which was the perfect start to the club's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Both teams were eagerly looking forward to the first competitive league game between the local rivals in recent memory and Glencruitten park was buzzing with excitement, as the players walked out to the tune of Highland Cathedral and were presented to Scottish Rugby Union president, Alan Lawson before kick-off.

Mull were quick to put pressure on the Oban defensive line, their young and determined team looked lively in the opening seconds of the match, with Crawford Whyte, returning

to the side after three years in Glasgow, a standout.

A penalty in front of the posts resulted in a 3-0 lead for the islanders but the sleeping giants in the Oban pack were about to wake up. As the game wore on, Oban's size advantage began to pay dividends and, on six minutes, good rucking released Ryan Jackson, who broke the line and off-loaded beautifully to Cammy Smith, who went in near the posts for the first try of the game.

**Scrappy play**

Shortly after, the west coast weather took centre stage. The heavens opened, causing the pitch and ball to become very slippery. As a result, the rest of the first half was littered with scrappy play, although Mull did have a sustained period of pressure inside the Oban 22 without converting any chances.

**RUGBY**

Two minutes into the second half, a series of pick-and-go attacks from the Oban pack made space for Mark McTighe to bundle over the line.

Shortly after, and following nine phases of play, the man affectionately known as 'The Beast', Andy MacDougall, smashed through the visitors' line and forced the ball down for Oban's third try of the game. Scrum half Fergus Matheson converted to give Oban Lorne a 14-point lead.

The home team was growing in confidence, while Mull began to feel the effects of celebrating forward Scott MacColl's 21st birthday the previous night.

Oban prop Tommy Sutherland was a constant thorn in Mull's side with his direct running and from one of his breaks, Cammy Smith got his second try of the day. This was followed by a trademark run from ex-Northampton Saints hooker Connor Kerr to add another try, which Colin Thwaites converted.

The game was finished off on the stroke of 70 minutes as South African giant Corrie Louw led the green machine over the line for the try that secured a bonus point.

Louw's unbelievable strength, combined with excellent support from returning second row, Jonathan Sayer, broke down the Mull defence, who had no answer to Oban's superior power.



Oban giants Andy MacDougall and Corrie Louw bulldoze the Mull defence before Andy touched down for his try. 07\_136rugby01



Crawford Whyte was a willing runner for the Muileachs. 07\_136rugby02

## Craig wins Scottish rally title despite co-driver's 'bum' steer

A RALLY driver has become the third Muileach in 10 years to win the Scottish Rally Championship's junior section and the Ecosse Challenge in the same season.

Craig Rutherford secured both titles after a solid performance at last Saturday's Wigtown-based Ian Broll Merrick Forest Stages rally and joined fellow Mull drivers Paul MacKinnon and John MacCrone on the exclusive list of drivers who have won both championships in the same season.

The 22 year old from Fionnphort was once again competing in his Honda Civic Type R, with fellow youngster Ross Hynd from Ayr co-driving.

Despite a slow start in the drizzle, Rutherford and Hynd were able to get their act together on the famous Glentroll stage, a single test that made up nearly half of the rally's distance. The

Honda crew then maintained their pace to overhaul main rival Lachlan Cowan - pipping the Fifer to the class win on the last stage of the day.

The result - first in class and seventeenth overall - means Craig just has to finish the last round of the Scottish Rally Championship in order to add his third accolade, the series Class 7 title, to his Scottish junior championship and Ecosse Challenge prizes.

Craig told The Oban Times: 'When we first started this season we only planned to do a couple of races but we did so

well, we decided to carry on. 'Even up until last weekend's rally I didn't realise we could win the championship with a race to spare. It has been a brilliant season.'

Despite his success, due to a bizarre accident Craig will spend this week replacing the windscreen on the rally car.

'There was me thinking we'd done so well to get round without damaging the car, then Ross goes and puts his backside through the windscreen when we're celebrating with the champagne,' he said. 'But seeing as he did such a good job of keeping me on the road and at speed, I think we can let him off with it!'

The final rally of the season, the Colin McRae Forest Stages in Perthshire, takes place on October 6.

**RALLYING**



Craig Rutherford

### Oban Saints youths results and fixtures

**YOUTH FOOTBALL**

MIDWEEK results: Lochgilphead Red Star 1, Under 14s 7. Netting for Saints were Jay Cooper (3), Lomond MacPherson (2), Liam Higgins and Zander Kilmurray. Under 16s 0, Lochgilphead Red Star 3.

Weekend results: Under 13s 7, Dumbarton United 3. Saints goalscorers were Martin Rennie (3), Lewis Buchanan, Craig Easton, Craig MacMillan and Beppe Lopez.

Blair Thistle 3, Under 14s 7. On the scoresheet for Saints were Jay Cooper (5), Lomond MacPherson and an own goal.

Dalvaig 1, Under 15s 8. Saints scorers were Stuart MacLean (3), Louis McGuire, Jamie MacPherson, Kieran Hendry, Stuart Munro and Daniel MacMillan. Under 16s no game.

This weekend's fixtures: Antonine v Under 13s; Under 14s v Ardencaple; Under 15s v FC Thistle; Kilpatrick v Under 16s.

### Finals day at Glencruitten

**GOLF**

SATURDAY was the Stableford and Medal finals at Glencruitten.

Ian Harris won the Stableford finals with a score of 35 points. The Medal Finals prizewinners were: First Class - Dale Robertson 74 - 6 = 68, Second Class - Ian Harris 75 - 11 = 64, and Third Class was Joe MacLean with a score of 97 - 20 = 77.

This Saturday there is an Open Singles competition and Glencruitten hope to have a good turnout for this event.

**Isle of Seil**

DAVID Nathan won the two-round competition for the Captain's Prize. Gordon McKenzie was second.

In the finals of the doubles matchplay competition, the Campbell-Cunningham Trophy, Mary Phillips and Donna Campbell won and Neil McCorkindale and Brian Mitchell were runners up.

The Gents Medal Final was won by David Nathan and Gordon McColl was second.

The Ladies Medal Final was won by Mary Phillips and Janice Mitchell was second.

**Taynuilt**

GENTS September Medal: 1 RobbieMacLarty, 62 (6); 2 Rob Graham, 62 (12).

Ladies SLGA Brooch: 1 Moira MacVicar, 69 (33); 2 Cathie Henderson, 70 (21).

**Islay**

SEPTEMBER Medal: 1 David Livingstone, 75 less 7 net 68; 2 Neil Johnston, 81 less 12 net 69; 3 Keith MacDonald, 76 less 6 net 70. Css 71.

**Tobermory**

MENS Section-Over 50s 9 hole stapleford, 1st Graham Davidson 17 points, 2nd John Weir 16 points, 3rd John Wilshire 16 points

September Medal- 1st Ross Kirsop 75-16-59, 2nd Andrew McHaffie 79-17-62, 3rd Gordon Chalmers 76-14-62

Junior September Medal-1st Ross McCrone 73-14-59, 2nd Lewis Wilshire 72-09-63, 3rd William McCrone 74-05-69.

## Oban win battle of the Saints at William Street

Umbro Scottish Amateur League Premier Division **St Joseph's 0** **Oban Saints 1**

WILLIAM Street Park, Duntocher was the venue for this Umbro Scottish Amateur League premier division game and both teams should take great credit for

turning in an exciting and sporting game for the spectators.

The Saints from Oban had the advantage of a blustery breeze in the first half and started reasonably well with Mattie Rippon and Asen looking lively up front.

The game was evenly balanced in the opening exchanges with both teams prepared to get the ball down and play it about on the deck.

St Joe's striker Ryan Halpin had a chance in the 11th minute but he shot past the post. At the other end Craig MacEwan got on the end of a Paul Kerr free kick, but his header flew over the bar.

As the half wore on it was the home side who started to take control and Kevin Seagrave came close, but his effort was wide of the target.

The Duntocher side had another reasonable chance but a back-peddalling Daniel Cassells managed to turn the long-range shot over the bar.

The nearest Saints came to

breaking the deadlock as half time approached was when a Craig MacEwan effort flew wide of the post. The scoreline remained blank as the teams went in at the interval.

The visitors started the second half well and Alan Miller had a header blocked on the line.

The Saints defence, who had a couple of shaky moments in the first half were now in good form, giving the St Joe's attack no real opportunities to get too close to the goal, although Daniel Casells made Saints' hearts flutter when he came to collect the ball at the edge of the penalty area, before realising he would have been out of the box and couldn't pick the ball up, but thankfully he managed to retrieve the situation and the danger was averted.

Saints introduced Eddie Swift and Lewis Cameron up front as the half wore on and Lewis had a great chance in the 71st minute when he was sent clear but he fluffed his shot in front of goals

and the opportunity was missed. The youngster had another opportunity minutes later, but netminder Paul Halpin made a good save with his legs.

The Oban side were on top as the game entered the latter stages and Myles McAuley had another opportunity but the St Joe's keeper made another good save.

However, with seven minutes remaining in the match the vital breakthrough came for Saints. They played some excellent football down the left with the ball eventually coming to Craig MacEwan who drove into the box, cut inside his marker before firing the ball through the keeper's legs and into the net.

With nothing to lose the home side pushed more men forward and although they managed a couple of corners they never created a scoring chance with the Saints defence of Marc MacCallum, Dene Cassells and Chris Graham now on top of



Craig MacEwan

## Scottish eightball tour event triumph for Geo

THERE were familiar faces in the final of the fifth Scottish Eightball Pool Federation (SEPF) tour event in The Balmoral Hotel, Oban on August 25.

Geo Adam and Jim Muir battled it out in the final, with Geo taking full advantage of all his chances, winning by six frames to one.

The two players are sitting at 183 points and with only one local ranking tour event left, they will be fighting for the number one spot, which will lead to a place on the 2013 Scotland squad.

A special mention must also go to 15-year-old Brandon Ferris, who is playing alongside the best players Oban has to offer and they better be careful as he is hot on their heels.

The event, which was another great day, was sponsored by MacQueen Bros. SEPF chairwoman Laura Ann

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Sneddon would once again like to thank everyone involved and especially the professionalism of all the players.

Geo Adam with his trophy after winning the fifth tour event of the season.



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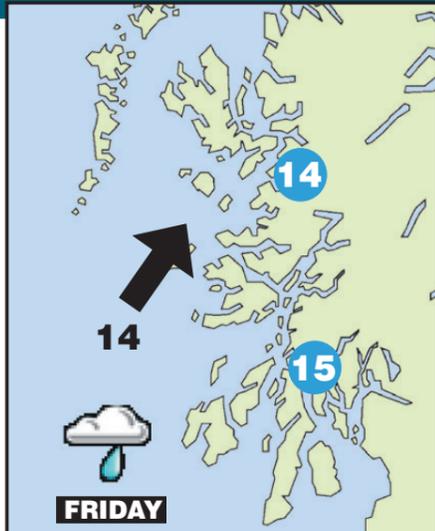
**Thursday** Heavy rain showers  
Winds moderate south south westerly  
Temperatures 14°C to 14°C

**Friday** Light rain  
Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 14°C to 15°C.

**Weekend** Light rain  
**Outlook** Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 13°C to 15°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
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## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, September 6, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
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Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

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## High school hike raises £7,000

AROUND 800 Lochaber High School pupils braved the rain and midgets to raise more than £7,000 in a sponsored walk.

The annual 'High School Hike' saw the youngsters walk 10 miles from the school to the Lochaber Rural Complex at Torlundy and back last Friday. A number of familiar characters joined in the walk, including Alice in Wonderland, the Teletubbies and a pair of Oompa Loompas, with the sixth years taking part in fancy dress. S4 pupil Matthew Cattanach was top fundraiser in the school raising £260. The money will go towards funding extracurricular activities.

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'Thanks to hike organiser Donald MacLean, the police for their assistance, the Forestry Commission for permission to use their land and Isobel and Linda Campbell at the Rural Complex.'

## Students cross the miles to Skye

STUDENTS from 22 countries around the world came to Skye over the summer to attend courses at Gaelic college Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

More than 700 people from countries including Australia, Canada, Japan and Russia, as well as Scots, took part in the short courses available in Gaelic and traditional music.

Short courses manager Alasdair MacKay said: 'It always amazes me just how committed our students are and the effort they make to come to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig for a week's tuition. This has been evident in how popular the courses have been and the incredibly high number of international students we have had coming to study at the college.'

## Charity café

PEOPLE on Sleat are being invited to head to the annual 'charity café' hosted by the Friends of Dr MacKinnon Memorial Hospital group this Saturday.

The day starts at 11.30am in Ardvassar Hall with a wide range of delicacies on sale.

There will also be a raffle, bric-a-brac stalls and local crafts for sale.



Three-time race winner Finlay Wild holds his trophy aloft, with Provost Allan Henderson and Rio Tinto's David Jones. 20. F36r1001

## Lochaber runner races into history books

LOCHABER runner Finlay Wild battled the elements as well as a field of more than 450 competitors on Saturday to become the first man to win the Ben Nevis Race three years in a row.

With the rain and cold making the day feel more like winter than late summer, Wild set a time of 1 hour 30 minutes and 53 seconds,

just outside the race record. Wild was almost a minute ahead of second-placed Rob Jebb and nearly seven minutes ahead of the rest of the field.

Local runners are used to competing in the rain and wind and their experience paid off as Lochaber Athletic Club took home the trophy for top team in both the men's

and women's events. Two other Lochaber runners finished in the top seven places - Davie Rodgers, who came in sixth, and Ruari Watt, who finished seventh.

Local Amanda Blackhall was the third fastest woman in a time of 2 hours 7 minutes and 42 seconds.

For full report, see sports page.

# Sentence deferred

## Unpaid work supervisor post still vacant after four months

CRIMINAL offenders in Lochaber are unable to carry out their unpaid community sentence work - because the Criminal Justice Service (CJS) is understaffed.

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by RICHARD HADDOCK [rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk)

The community supervisor who oversaw the unpaid work recently left his position and has yet to be replaced, despite CJS first advertising for the unpaid work supervisor post four months ago.

Unpaid work manager Mark Haldenby is currently covering the position from Mondays to Wednesdays, but this has created a problem for offenders with full time jobs who can only carry out their sentences on weekends.

Mr Haldenby also works as a taxi driver meaning he is unable to supervise work on Saturdays.

One local man with an unpaid work sentence told *The Oban Times* he was employed during the week and could only do his sentence on weekends.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: 'It means that the hours I have to do have to be delayed. I work, so I can only do Saturdays and I've been told that's not happening at the moment.'

CJS team manager Jeremy Paulin said a new supervisor had been appointed, but could not start until a number of police background checks were carried out.

Disclosure from police can often take a number of weeks.

Mr Paulin told *The Oban Times*: 'We have recruited a new supervisor, but he is unable to start until we receive disclosure. Rather than shut the scheme down, Mark said he would

supervise until the new person can start. Hopefully it will not be more than a few weeks.'

Mr Paulin said the wait for police checks meant the disruption could not have easily been avoided.

He said: 'It's out of our hands. We have a new supervisor but we're just waiting on police disclosure, so we're a bit stuck. We'd like to have had a seamless turnover but that's not always possible.'

Mr Paulin added: 'If there is a problem we could look at getting another supervisor in from another area in the meantime, but it hasn't been reported to me as a problem.'

Community payback orders and unpaid work sentences replaced community service in 2011 and are imposed as an alternative to a custodial sentence. Offenders are given a period of time, usually six months or a year, to carry out the work.

## Trust appoints new officer

A COMMUNITY trust on the Isle of Lewis has appointed a community engagement officer to develop a local investment plan.

Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn - Glason Estate Trust - was given a partial grant by Highlands and Islands Enterprise to hire Sophie Handley, who started this week. Part of her role will be to help distribute income from renewable energy sources, including a planned 2.7MW wind energy project.

Commercial development manager Lisa Maclean said: 'We are very pleased to offer this placement and hope Sophie will enjoy her time with the trust.'



Standing down: Peter MacIntyre.

## Fort shinty boss stands down

FORT William Shinty Club is searching for a new manager after Peter MacIntyre stood down on Monday night after three seasons in charge.

MacIntyre, who won the Camanachd Cup in his first season in charge in 2010, told *The Oban Times* his work commitments were making the job impossible.

He said: 'It's been getting more and more difficult to get Saturdays off and I decided if I can't give 100 per cent I'll let someone else take over.'

'I think we've put the foundations for the next team. We've brought some young players through and by the start of next

season they will have some experience under their belts and be better players for it. So hopefully the club can move on and get back to challenging for trophies.'

Club chairman Richard Gall said: 'There was a change of shifts at his job at the BSW sawmill and he has been struggling all season to get time off on Saturdays. I think he has used up all his holidays. He is very much still going to be part of the club at committee level. He brought us through a transition period and has left the club in good stead for the next man.'

Mr Gall said there was no one

lined up to take over the position.

'It's too early yet,' he said. 'We haven't even discussed it. We've just finished our season so we've got plenty of time.'

MacIntyre took over in time for the start of the 2010 season after the departure of Drew McNeil and found immediate success, beating Kingussie 3-2 in the final of the Camanachd Cup in Inverness.

The cup success was not to be repeated in the next two years, with Fort knocked out by Newtonmore in the second round in 2011 and by Kilmallie at the same stage this year.

## Work together and change can happen

A FORMER area manager for Highland Council has called on the Fort William community to pull together to boost the town's tourism market.

John Hutchison was a guest speaker at a meeting of the town's chamber of commerce last Thursday and gave a presentation on the American city of Leavenworth, which successfully rebranded itself as a Bavarian-style tourist resort in the 1960s. A number of similarities between Leavenworth and Fort William were pointed out, including population size, proximity to nearby cities and

the spectacular surrounding scenery. Mr Hutchison said the private sector in Fort William should learn from Leavenworth's success and work together with the Outdoor Capital of the UK and the chamber of commerce to make the town more attractive to visitors. He said: 'I'm glad that I gave the meeting a tangible comparison to think on. I'm certainly not advocating that Fort William adopts a Bavarian theme, but this is a good example of what can happen when a community works to develop an idea, agrees, then sticks together to make it happen.'

## Funding questions remain amid cautious welcome for Acharacle GP surgery plan

WEST Lochaber has given a cautious welcome to proposals for the future of the Acharacle GP surgery - but questioned where funding will come from.

A private meeting was held last week between local representatives, councillors and NHS Highland officials to discuss the GP cover for the area on the day its two doctors left their posts.

Dr Rob Colebrook and Dr Simon Topham, partners in Acharacle Medical Practice, formally announced they were quitting in May. The surgery will have full locum GP cover until at least February by which time a permanent solution should be in place. Sunart, Acharacle and West Ardnachurch Community Council (WACC) representatives heard. Mallaig-based GP Dr Iain Gartshore proposed a new model to merge the Mallaig and Acharacle practices, with four GPs working from each. WACC chairwoman Rosie

By RICHARD HADDOCK [rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk)

Curtis told *The Oban Times* she thought the idea was a good one, but was unsure if it was practical. She said: 'I worry about how they can afford it. If the funding was there for four new GPs, why couldn't our two perfectly good GPs not get more support when they needed it?'

Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is to visit the area on Monday and Mrs Curtis said she was worried the plans were more for show than a realistic way forward. She said: 'Everything is happening this week because they know who's coming on Monday. I think they just want things to look all sweet and rosy for her.'

Local councillor Andrew Baxter also questioned where funding would come from.

He said: 'It would need financial support from

both NHS Highland and the Scottish Government to succeed. Even though we have this proposal, community opinion also needs to be a major factor in the final decision.'

NHS director of operations for north and west highland Gill McVicar said: 'We had a very useful and fruitful meeting. I would like to reassure patients that the practice will continue to operate and they can access the services in the same way as they have been doing.'

Meanwhile, a meeting to discuss the future of health care provisions in rural Scotland is to be held in Fort William tomorrow (Friday).

Local MSP Dave Thompson will chair the talks, which will take inspiration from the Dewar Report, published 100 years ago, which laid the foundation for the modern NHS.

NHS Highland, Scottish Government officials and local GPs will attend the meeting.

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# Hospice care scores well in inspection

## But changes needed to improve layout of inpatient unit

HIGHLAND Hospice (HH), the Inverness centre providing palliative care for adults with incurable and life limiting diseases such as cancer, has scored well in an inspectors' report.

In a Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) assessment published last week, HH was graded 'very good' or 'excellent' on four out of five 'quality themes'.

However, following an announced inspection on July 18, the centre was graded only 'adequate' for quality of environment - prompting HIS to require an upgrade of the inpatient unit and a timetable for implementation.

The purpose-built unit comprises four single bedrooms and two shared three-bedded rooms.

Recommendations include improving skin care procedures

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By introducing body maps for all people admitted to the service, to allow the recording of the position and nature of any skin damage.

Acting chief inspector Ian Smith said: 'Overall, we found evidence that people who use the service at Highland Hospice are treated as individuals within a structured model of treatment, care and support.

'Moreover, an excellent system for managing risk is being developed. We found that improvement is required in two areas relating to the layout and design of the inpatient unit, as well as the assessment, recording and management of skin care.

'We will continue to carry out rigorous inspection to monitor Highland Hospice's progress in addressing these issues.'

Highland Hospice chief executive Kenny Steele told *The Oban Times*: 'Overall we are really happy with the report and we are proud of the high marks we have received.

'Obviously we take on board any recommendations as we always strive to improve as an organisation and provide the best service possible for the Highland community.'

He added: 'We are aware our in-patient unit needs to be upgraded and this is something we have been working on for some time now.

'We want the physical environment to match the high standard of care offered within the building by the multidisciplinary team.

'Obviously this is a massive task that we cannot rush into, but we hope to have a final decision on the future of the in-patient unit later in the year.'



Winners from the Caol Gardening Show. 20\_136ca001

# Caol gardening show alive with colour

CAOL Community Centre was alive with colour and fragrance for the 11th annual Caol Gardening Show.

The tables were filled with an array of flowers and vegetables, with Raymond MacPherson taking home the prize for best

exhibit in show and best flower. Gayle Rand won the most points in show and most points in the vegetable section while Fay Houghton picked up most points in the pot plants competition.

Sandra Fortune won most points in home

baking, as well as most points in floral art. Local primary schools also entered into the crafts sections with Logan Spence winning for most points in the children's classes.

Jessica O'Neill got best novice flower and best novice vegetable.

# Fort man swallowed cannabis

A FORT William man swallowed a small amount of cannabis while being spoken to by police.

Liam Johnstone pled guilty to obstructing the officers by swallowing 'a small piece of brown resinous material' in the grounds of Upper Achintore Primary School on June 13.

The 21-year-old later admitted to police it had been a piece of cannabis with a street value of around £5, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist deferred sentencing Johnstone, of Fassfern Road, for three months for good behaviour.

# Admonished after six months

A KINLOCHLEVEN man who repeatedly pushed his girlfriend during a drunken argument has been admonished after being of good behaviour for six months.

Shaun Fraser, of 28 Lovat Road, admitted assaulting the woman at a house on Leven road on February 25.

The 23-year-old also admitted kicking in the back door of a house on Foyers Road on the same night.

# Sentence deferred

SENTENCING for a Corpach man who admitted assaulting a woman has been deferred a second time to allow more time for reports to be prepared.

Gerard Cameron, of 41 Drumfada Terrace, pled guilty to assaulting the woman at a property on Kennedy Road on June 10.

The 55-year-old is now due to be sentenced at Fort William Sheriff Court on September 26.

# Driver refused to give breath specimen

A FORT William man has admitted failing to give breath specimens after being stopped on suspicion of drink driving.

Alexander Brown, aged 41, pled guilty to failing to provide specimens at Fort William Police Station on July 19.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist deferred sentencing Brown, of 3 The Malt Barns, Old Glenloch Distillery, to September 26 for reports.

# Caol man denies breaking into restaurant

A CAOL man has denied breaking into the Crannog Restaurant on Fort William esplanade and stealing £1,300.

Stuart Lawrie, of 22 Glenpane Street, pled not guilty to committing the theft on April 7.

The 22-year-old is due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on November 22.

# Pensioner admits drink driving

A GLENCOE pensioner has admitted drink driving in the village.

Una Mackey, of The Lodge, pled guilty by letter to driving on the A82 near Glencoe, an unclassified road in the village and the police station car park while almost twice the legal alcohol limit.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist deferred sentencing the 65-year-old until September 26 for Mackey to make a personal appearance.

# Woman accused of buying alcohol for underage girls

A FORT William woman accused of buying alcohol for four underage girls is due to stand trial next Thursday.

Yvonne Burt, aged 30, of 14 Kennedy Road, pled not guilty to buying the alcohol for the 13 and 14 year-olds from the Morrisons store in the town on March 24.



Left to right: Iain MacQueen, Jim Sutherland, Allie Campbell, Rhiannon Cameron, Margaret MacMaster, tutor, Jordan Reynaud, Andrew Hepburn and Ally Weir.

# Pipe band ends season on high note

LOCHABER Schools Pipe Band put on their final performance of the summer season last week, with awards and certificates handed out to band members.

The band performed in Cameron Square on Fort William High Street every Tuesday evening throughout the summer, entertaining tourists and locals.

Drummer Iain MacQueen was awarded the June Standen Memorial Shield for the best turned out piper or drummer of the season, while S3 pupil Ally Weir was given the best newcomer award.

Lochaber High School head teacher Jim Sutherland handed out awards to the members of the band who finished their high school education before the summer and therefore are leaving the band. Drum Sergeant Andrew Hepburn was given a quaiich to mark his eight years' service with the band, while tenor drummers Allie Campbell and Laura Davies and snare drummer Rhiannon Cameron were given books.

Bass drummer and drum major Jordan Reynaud was given a certificate after spending one year with the band.

# Traffic light adjustment should ease traffic chaos

By RICHARD HADDOCK rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

TRAFFIC chaos on the A82 through Fort William could soon be eased, a high-powered meeting in the town has heard.

Around 40 business leaders met in the Moorings Hotel, Banavie, to hear Transport Scotland (TS) executives detail plans to reduce road congestion at peak times.

North area manager Bob Mitchell told the town's chamber of commerce that massive tailbacks at Inverlochly lights were being dealt with.

Engineers visited the site last Wednesday to change sensors controlling traffic flow approaching the junction from the Nevis Bridge roundabout.

Mr Mitchell said the change would keep the lights on the A82 at green for longer, giving priority over traffic in and out of Inverlochly.

Local councillors have been inundated with complaints that one or two cars turning right out of Inverlochly can do so almost



Bob Mitchell: traffic jams have been 'significantly addressed'. 20\_136meeting01

straight away - even if the main road is busy.

Mr Mitchell said: 'Traffic congestion in the town has, I'm reasonably certain, been significantly addressed by yesterday's very, very minor adjustment.'

He added that if the alteration did not solve the problem, other

solutions included removing the yellow 'no-stopping' box, or moving the traffic sensor further from the lights and closer to the roundabout.

The lights are one of several bottlenecks between the West End roundabout and Lochybridge.

Transport Scotland now plans to carry out a comprehensive congestion study on A82 traffic through the town.

Mr Mitchell said: 'What we have to look at is the road capacity between junctions. When you get up to 1,000 vehicles an hour through any junction of any sort, it's beginning to get to the maximum capacity, and there are several junctions in and around the town at that level.

'Any major changes will have to be assessed for money - there isn't a pot of money immediately available. Other smaller changes, such as the slight tweak to the signals, we'll do immediately if we can.'

Among those present was Ross, Skye and Lochaber MP Charles Kennedy.

He said afterwards: 'This extremely well-attended meeting underscored the constructive concerns and ideas of our strengthening Chamber of Commerce where the A82 and other roads-related issues are concerned.'

**"Traffic congestion in the town has, I'm reasonably certain, been significantly addressed by yesterday's very, very minor adjustment."**

North Area Manager Bob Mitchell

# Friends of Nevis group completes annual routine maintenance

FRIENDS of Nevis (FoN) has completed its annual routine maintenance below Ben Nevis' North Face.

Work included checking and repairing all 67 drains and 43 water bars along the Allt a'Mhuilinn path up to the CIC hut.

FoN co-ordinator Anna Trafford congratulated those who helped Allan Cooper with the job and the Forestry Commission for allowing use of the top car park to cut walk-in times.

On the Ben Nevis tourist path between the halfway Lochan and the summit, Martin McCrorie led the maintenance.

September path maintenance work parties will carry out further repairs between September 14-17.

Volunteers need a reasonable level of fitness but appropriate duties can be arranged to suit individual needs.

Anyone wishing to help can contact Anna at info@friendsofnevis.co.uk.

# Man denies Inchree metal theft

A MAN accused of stealing 25 sheets of metal worth an estimated £18,000 from a Forestry Commission yard at Inchree is due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on December 3.

Alistair Ash, aged 43, of 103 Lethame Road, Strathaven, denies stealing the steel road plates on January 22.

Fiscal Andrew Laing said the trial for the 'unusual' case was likely to take two days.

# Third field archery club takes flight

LOCHABER'S third field archery club has taken flight as the sport continues to grow in popularity.

Strontian-based Loch Sunart Bowmen (LSB) held its first shoot on August 26 and will hold its second on Sunday.

Club secretary Heather Haining said of the inaugural event: 'It was very well attended, with lots of children, which is great as they are the future of the club.'

'We will hold our shoots in the Sunart Centre every second Sunday from 2pm till 4pm with support from South Lochaber Bowmen, until we have our own coaches fully trained and we have our own equipment.'

**Shoot**

'Everyone is very welcome, both those with experience and novices. In time we will hopefully also have a week night shoot.'

LSB is also looking at some areas of woodland to create a field range where members can experience and practice archery outside, at different distances



On target: newly established Loch Sunart Bowmen meet in the Sunart Centre.

and within varied terrain. Ms Haining added: 'Once we are more established we will also be thinking of competition shoots.'

# Sunart Centre

The new club will be based in the Sunart Centre and serve the communities of Acharacle, Sunart, Ardgour, Morvern and West Ardnamurchan.

# Two new board members at BBC Alba

OFCOM, the TV industry regulator and competition authority, has announced two new appointments to the board of MG ALBA, the body responsible for funding Gaelic programming.

Native Gaelic speaker Iain Campbell, originally from South Uist, is currently vice chairman of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, which nominated him.

Mr Campbell is also senior project manager of Soille, the inter-university partnership project involved in research associated with Gaelic language revitalisation.

He is joined by North Uist man Dugald Macaulay, also a Gaelic speaker, the owner and managing director of CME Investments Ltd, which runs children's nurseries, employing 80 staff.

Mr Macaulay is also a board member of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic College in Skye.

The new appointees will serve on the board for four years.

Dr Alasdair Allan, minister for learning, science and Scotland's languages, and Secretary of State for Scotland Michael Moore wished both men well in their new roles.

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# Council backs bid to end housing 'right to buy'

HIGHLAND Council has backed an option being considered by the Scottish Government to end the right of council house tenants to buy their homes.

In a submission to the consultation 'The Future of Right to Buy in Scotland', the council highlights that 57 per cent (15,244 houses) of its housing stock has been sold since 1981.

The council believes ending the right to buy will help it meet the growing demand

for affordable rented accommodation as housing waiting lists grow.

Most of the Highlands has had 'pressured area status' since 2005 to stem the loss of council homes. Just 79 council houses were sold last year.

The council report states: 'The sale of social rented stock has contributed to the chronic housing shortage and increase in pressure on housing and homelessness across the Highlands. In rural communities,

sales have seriously depleted the housing stock available to meet local housing need. Moreover, research indicates that ex-council properties sold on the open market are often unaffordable to many local households.'

Dave Fallows, chairman of the finance, housing and resources committee, said: 'Pressures are not diminishing and are expected to increase with the changes to homelessness duties and the effects of welfare reforms.'

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**Fuel stolen from Skye digger**

POLICE in Kyle of Lochalsh are appealing for information following the theft of fuel from a digger last week.

The vehicle was parked near the fish farm on the Moll road, Isle of Skye, when the theft occurred sometime between Wednesday and Friday.

Anyone with information should contact Kyle Police Station on 01599 534222 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

**Rollover jackpot**

A ROLLOVER jackpot of £500 is up for grabs this week in Fort William FC's weekly lotto draw.

Numbers last week were 11-15-20.

**Drunk tried to hit police officer with garden rake**

A DRUNK man who tried to hit a police officer with a garden rake during an incident in Caol has been jailed for six months.

Fiscal Andrew Laing told Fort William Sheriff Court that Brian Garrick's swipe missed and the rake hit a garden gate, causing the head to come flying off. The officer then had to deploy CS spray to arrest him.

Appearing from custody, Garrick pled guilty to attempting to strike the constable with the implement at 4 Torcastle Crescent on August 11.

The 39-year-old also admitted headbutting another officer on the shoulder at Fort William Police Station later the same day.



Corpach in Colour top trophy winner Sandra Fortune.

**Corpach in Colour a 'blooming' success**

THE SECOND annual Corpach in Colour Garden and Produce Show in Kilmallie Hall attracted all sorts of vegetables, flowers and knitted goods on Saturday.

Entrants for the show were limited to residents of Banavie, Corpach and Lochelside, but it still got a good number of admissions. Sandra Fortune was given the Corpach in Colour trophy for winning the most points overall, but had to settle for a share of the

Ewen and Isabel Campbell Cup for floral art with Jean Fisher after judges couldn't separate them.

Elizabeth Muir won the Treasures of the Earth Trophy for flowers and the Kilmallie Community Council Trophy for garden produce. Morag McNeil took home the M and S Dental Care trophy for baking and produce, while Jillian Clark's won the Tradewinds Trophy for art and crafts. The Margaret

Cameron Trophy went to Anne Smith for her crocheted jacket and youngster Alice Gray of Banavie Primary School won the Corpach Hotel Shield. Organiser Margaret Simpson thanked everyone who helped out with running the show and all of those who entered. She told *The Oban Times*: 'It was only our second show and it went just as well as the first one. It was a good day, there was a really good crowd and lots of kids as well.'

**Debate rages on over new school site**

FURTHER acrimonious debate over a site for Fort William's new Gaelic school is certain at the full meeting of Highland Council in Inverness today.

Two weeks ago the ruling SNP-LibDem-Labour coalition was stunned when director of education Hugh Fraser's recommendation that the £4 million school should go to Ardour Road in Caol was rejected on knife-edge 14-13 vote.

Instead, the adult and children's services (ACS) committee backed Councillor Eddie Hunter's call to defer until peat removal costs at the Blar Mhor - the former preferred site close to Lochaber High School - were re-assessed.

Following the vote, furious coalition leaders immediately set about tabling a notice of amendment for today's meeting. Signed by all SNP, Labour and Lib Dem ACS committee members plus Lochaber councillors Bill Clark and Andrew Baxter, the amendment appears as the first major item

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

for discussion on the agenda. It states: 'We the undersigned, request the council rescinds the decision to defer agreeing the site for the new standalone Gaelic school for the Fort William area, and instead agrees that the new standalone Gaelic school be sited at Ardour Road in Caol.'

At today's meeting, opposition councillors will argue the bid to overturn the decision smacks of 'control freakery' and the deferral decision should stand.

Coalition councillors, however, will point out elected councillors on the ACS committee voted 13-10 in favour of Mr Fraser's recommendation, which was only rejected after three clergy and the youth convener - all appointees - voted for deferral.

Mr Fraser's figures show the Blar would be £900,000 more expensive to develop than Ardour Road - a figure Councillor Hunter and his opposition colleagues dispute, claiming long term 'planning

gain' is being ignored. Administration councillors, however, insist it would be folly to spend almost a £1 million extra on a site when cost-saving measures currently being considered included cutting the primary school day.

When *The Oban Times* broke the story in March that the new school could go to Caol, An Gearasdan Comunn na Parant (Fort William Gaelic Parents Group) expressed its preference for the Blar because resources and staff could be shared with the nearby Lochaber High School.

However, chairperson Fiona Byrne told *The Oban Times* at the time: 'At the end of the day if costs spiral out of control at the Blar, of course we would accept Ardour Road.'

'Our urgent priority is to have a standalone Gaelic school in Fort William - we are not going to fight about it.'

'It would be really proud to have the school wherever it is. It would be a huge resource for the whole community.'

**Onich road closure public consultation promised**

A FULL public consultation will be held before resurfacing work on the A82 at Onich goes ahead in March - 17 months after they were originally scheduled.

Transport Scotland (TS) originally planned to do the work in October 2011, but it was postponed after strong protests from locals that the work would have a negative impact on local businesses during the October holidays.

Residents on both sides of Loch Linnhe were unhappy when TS announced the lifeline route would be shut to through traffic at Onich from 7pm to 6pm for three weeks.

Cathel MacAskill of contractors Scotland Transerv

told *The Oban Times* the road would definitely close overnight during the works, but said the community would be consulted before any decisions on timings were made.

Because the road does not meet European width standards - 7.3metres minimum - one lane cannot be kept open throughout the improvement works.

Some sections of the A82 at Onich are less than six metres wide.

Drivers travelling from Ballachulish to Fort William will face a detour via Crianlarich, Pitlochry, Dalwhinnie and Spean Bridge - 162 miles compared with the usual 15, during the closure.



Local businessman Stewart MacLean makes a point about the Onich works to Cathel MacAskill of Scotland Transerv during last year's consultation. 20\_136onich01

**Fort William drink drive dentist banned from road for four years**

Woman repeatedly veered across the A830 forcing vehicles to swerve

A FORT William dentist who repeatedly veered across the A830 forcing vehicles to swerve out of her way has been banned from driving for four years.

Samantha McKay was also ordered to attend a drink driving rehabilitation course for failing to give breath specimens to police after being found in her car in the middle of a Caol road on May 22.

Appearing for sentencing, McKay was also given a 12-month supervision order.

The trial at Fort William Sheriff Court last month heard McKay clipped the Banavie

swing bridge on the A830 before local woman Catherine Sanderson found McKay, of Tomonie, in her car with two children on Kilmallie Road in Caol. She said McKay could not put on the hand brake or use her mobile phone and smelled of alcohol.

Two police officers also testified that McKay smelled strongly of alcohol and was incoherent. She failed to blow into the roadside breathalyzer and found it difficult to even put her lips round the mouthpiece.

McKay, who works at Fort William Health Centre, claimed she only had one glass of

wine at lunchtime and was not drunk. The 36 year-old, who was previously banned for a drink driving offence in 2009, blamed her odd behaviour and failure to take the tests on a panic attack.

Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist told McKay: 'When I consider your previous conviction, you must be aware that a custodial sentence is a possibility. You were driving when you were not fit to do so.'

Sheriff Gilchrist said her sentence was intended to help her with her alcohol problem rather than as a punishment.



John Cameron's photograph of Steall Gorge.

**Glen Nevis photo wins praise in nationwide competition**

A STUNNING photograph of a Scots pine in Steall Gorge, Glen Nevis, won a Fort William man third place in a UK-wide competition.

Amateur John Cameron, who works as a refuse lorry driver, was walking his dog in Glen Nevis in April when he captured the atmospheric scene.

His shot made the final 12 of the first VisitWoods.org.uk photography competition and was given third place in the scenery and seasons category. The photo was selected from more than 6,000 entries.

John said: 'I go hill walking and walk my dog in the gorge quite often. I spend a lot of time up there as I like being among the Scots pines. Photography is one of my hobbies and I was lucky enough to catch this shot.'

VisitWoods.org.uk is an online woodland database owned by organisations including Woodland Trust Scotland, National Trust for Scotland and Forestry Commission Scotland. The final entries were judged by wildlife photographer and television presenter Simon King.



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**Michaelmas Open Day**

SEPTEMBER 15 will be a day to remember for crofting on North Uist - the annual Michaelmas Open Day will be held on Grimsay and the public will get a chance to see plans for the new Uist wool mill.

The day will also see the start of trials for the 'Blackland index' - a new method of assessing the potential agricultural value of the dark, wet, organic soils called blackland.

Dr Bruce Ball, Dr Ken Davies and Dr Barbra Harvie will explain the index at Kernary croft. Participants will be invited to try out the new method.

At the same event Uist Wool project manager Dana MacPhee will discuss goals and plans for the new mill, for which construction will begin this autumn.

Uist Wool has received funding for construction of phase one of the new spinning mill on Grimsay, which will process fleece from the islands into artisan yarns and a range of woollen products.

At this year's Michaelmas Open Day there will be hands-on workshops in wool, croft walks and machinery demonstrations and stalls with products of Uist woolwork, plus teas and sandwiches.

The Old Stewart Boatshed will be open with additional exhibits, as well as the Uist Wool display in the croft house beside the site of the new mill.

**Lighthouse trust celebrates**

ARDNAMURCHAN Point Lighthouse Trust celebrates its 15th anniversary with a party next Saturday - and all local residents have been invited.

The charitable trust, which runs the lighthouse visitor centre at Britain's most westerly point, was set up in 1997 and employs nine people during the season.

The centre opens from April 1 to October 31 and continues to be run entirely by local people. Set up to give visitors some idea of what it's like to live and work on a remote Scottish peninsula, the venture has been a huge success, drawing in thousands of visitors annually. It is self-supporting with a small annual grant from Highland Council.

Trust manager Davie Ferguson said: 'While we now welcome over 18,000 visitors a year - we started in



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# A82 Public Exhibitions

Public exhibitions are being held at a range of venues during the week commencing 10 September 2012 to give the public an opportunity to view information on a programme of planned improvements to address a number of long-standing issues along the A82. These improvements include the Pulpit Rock works, the Crianlarich Bypass and the planned wider upgrade of the route between Tarbet and Inverarnan. The exhibitions will also include information on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

**Alexandra Hotel, The Parade, Fort William**  
Monday 10 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Regent Hotel, Corran Esplanade, Oban**  
Tuesday 11 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Three Villages Community Hall, Arrochar**  
Wednesday 12 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Crianlarich Village Hall, Main Street, Crianlarich**  
Thursday 13 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

**Loch Lomond Outdoor Centre, Ardlui**  
Friday 14 September 12 noon to 7.00pm

## Islay GPs get full support

AN ISLAND community has stood behind its over-worked GPs who have decided to opt out of emergency cover as a 'last resort'.

GPs on Islay currently provide out of hours cover on a rota basis but, with long-term vacancies at the island's three surgeries, say they have insufficient resources with which to continue.

The GPs indicated their intentions to Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) at the end of July, simultaneously requesting a review of the service and offering to work on a resolution, neither of which have been taken up.

Instead, a letter, which at least one of the GPs was unaware of, was sent to patients last Wednesday to discuss future out of hours services to be provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS 24.

Port Charlotte GP Dr Grace Gibson, who along with Port Ellen's Dr Angus MacFaggart, has decided to opt out, told *The Oban Times*: 'This is the most difficult decision I have had to make in my career and goes against every fibre of my belief in general practice but we have given everything and cannot go on. This decision is a last resort. We have tried to engage with the CHP for months because we believe the best way to provide out of hours care is through GPs, given adequate resources.'

Islay Community Council has backed the doctors' decision and, along with Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, will approach health minister Nicola Sturgeon to request an independent review of health care on Islay.

Although the GPs must serve three months notice before ending their out of hours commitments - subject to approval by the NHS Highland Board - the CHP letter sent to patients last week informs patients that the changes won't come into effect until May 1, 2013, suggesting the GPs could be made to work on until then.

The CHP says it will arrange drop-in events on the island 'to provide more information regarding this decision' and to discuss an alternative service.

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Oban motorsport superstar Susie Wolff and her documentary film-making brother David Stoddart returned to Park Primary School, Oban last week to film part of a BBC television documentary which traces Susie's rapid rise from junior karting to Formula One motorsport. For more see Page 11.

### Parking project targets problems

MOTORISTS blocking off roads in Oban through irresponsible parking are being targeted in a joint campaign by the town's police and fire services.

The month-long Think Before You Park safety initiative, which begins this week, is in response to community concerns that fire engines cannot get down streets because of obstructive parking by residents. These drivers will be given a leaflet advising them about safe parking during the campaign but thereafter will be issued with fines.

Oban Fire Station commander Martin Hill said: 'In some local streets vehicles are being parked in a fashion that could cause an obstruction to emergency vehicles responding to incidents.'

'Clearly, any potential delay in our operational response has to be taken extremely seriously.'

## Inveraray asks Historic Scotland for £1 million restoration grant

EIGHT buildings in Inveraray, have been listed in a bid for £3 million of funding to restore and maintain the famous town's built heritage.

In an application to Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), Argyll and Bute Council identified eight buildings deemed 'priority projects'.

The buildings are: Relief Land, Arkland, the former Temperance Hotel, Chamberlains House, The Avenue Arch, the former school and community hall, and the court house.

A successful CARS bid would also see improvements to a number of buildings not

included in the bid, with home and shop front repair grants available for individuals carrying out small works.

Calling on Historic Scotland for a £1 million grant, the council will be required to match fund the project, attracting other streams of funding, whilst Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) will make funds available to invest in its own housing stock.

If the funding bid is successful, it could bring to an end months of worry for residents of Relief Land, who face a bill of more than £25,000 each for repairs to the listed building, partly owed by ACHA.

REPORT by EDEL KENEALY

Frances O'Hagan, of Inveraray Regeneration Group said: 'Obviously we have to wait to see if the bid is successful but for the moment it is quite reassuring for them because there is a possibility that if CARS is successful they will get the financial support to do the repairs and maintenance needed to their homes.'

Explaining everyone in the Royal Burgh had made an effort to create a robust funding bid, Mrs O'Hagan said: 'Everybody has worked hard to get this even

after the council decided to go ahead and appoint consultants ZM architecture. People are still going to meetings, collecting signatures, they did all they could to help the architects to get the bid done.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'There has been strong community support for submission of the bid and the project as a whole. The council appreciates the continued support of the community and key partners such as ACHA.'

A decision is expected early next year, with Historic Scotland carrying out visits to all towns that have submitted bids, in the coming months.

## Planners hit by scammers

### Argyll and Bute Council website is target of pranksters

THERE are fears for the integrity of Argyll's planning system after internet scammers sent false emails to those commenting on planning applications.

EXCLUSIVE REPORT by FAITH ORR forr@obantimes.co.uk

Offensive responses were received by a woman on the Isle of Mull who had been trying to submit a comment in support of an application.

She received replies initially from the email address servicedesk@cabinetoffice.org.uk and subsequently from servicedesk@argyll-bute.org.uk.

The emails claimed to be from council staff, service desk assistant Hamish Cockburn and supervisor J White.

The victim of the scam, who is from Tobermory said: 'I couldn't believe the responses I was getting, it said it was from the service desk. I didn't look too closely at the email address.'

'It was very personal and it was very offensive. They asked me why I was sticking my nose in. If my friend hadn't phoned the council we would never have known.'

Some of the emails even claimed the woman's comments had to be translated into Gaelic before they could be dealt with.

It stated: 'It may be some time before a response is received as we first need to translate your email to Gaelic in order for the relevant planning officer, Mr. MacDhùghail to read it. Unfortunately, while he speaks English, he insists that all correspondence be received in Gaelic. Our next translation slots are in around three weeks, though if you'd like to arrange for a translation privately, I can of course pass this on to him directly.'

'Gaelic only' objections accepted - claims spoof email

Another email claimed the woman's attitude explains precisely why people are moving to the cities, where the views of outsiders are welcome.'

It continued: 'Doing otherwise leaves a stagnant and curmudgeonly core, who, once deceased, leave a deserted village or town.'

Argyll and Bute Council has also become the victim of a fake website set up in their name using a very similar web address.

The page has no reference to the council but contains material that some may find offensive.

A council spokeswoman said: 'Argyll and Bute Council's official online presence is located at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.'

'It is important to emphasise that only email messages which originate from the domain name "argyll-bute.gov.uk" can be considered as legitimate correspondence.'

'People who wish to contact the council using email should ensure that the address used ends only in "@argyll-bute.gov.uk" to avoid confusion.'

The spokeswoman added the council is 'aware of other websites which use similar names' but these have 'no connection whatsoever with the council'.

The council also say it is restricted in what legal action can be taken against the owners.

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# Flash flood engulfs Kintyre village

## Worst flood in living memory

LOCALS in the village of Clachan in Kintyre were left stunned as flash flooding engulfed homes and businesses last Wednesday afternoon.

Residents, who have been clearing up the aftermath since, said the deluge started at around 3pm with a freak thunder and lightning storm.

There were two sources of the flood, one where a burn that runs through the village burst its bank adjacent to the main A83 Campbelltown to Lochgilphead road and another where water from a different higher source rushed down the nearby hillside, carrying mud and debris, into the village.

The A83 road was closed as

the depth of the flood waters rose, while homes were inundated and footbridges, garden sheds and diesel tanks were washed away.

**School pupils trapped**

Residents said the flood waters were the worst to hit the North Kintyre village in living memory.

Jeffrey Parkhouse, whose home is next to the busy road said: 'In over 30 years we have lived here we have never had the water this high.'

The grounds of Clachan Primary School were flooded, with teachers and children trapped in the classrooms at the end of the afternoon.

Head teacher Catherine Black

praised the spirit of the local community as everyone pulled together to help.

'We wouldn't have been able to get home if Phil Connors hadn't come with his tractor and removed the large chunks of tarmac blocking the road,' she said.

She added: 'There were parents coming in with shovels asking how they could help.'

'Everyone has pulled together and it's shown what a strong community this is.'

Staff from Argyll and Bute Council's roads department were also quickly on the scene, repairing large areas of road surface that had been torn apart by the raging floodwaters.



### Building up nicely to Best of the West

AS THE build up continues to Best of the West, one of Argyll's biggest festivals of the year, organisers are offering a unique prize to a lucky ticket holder.

The festival, based in Inveraray on September 15 and 16, will see the area's best food, drink and produce, combined with the top musical talents of Skerryvore and the Red Hot Chili Pipers, among others.

And those buying their tickets online ahead of the event will be entered into a prize draw to win a two-night stay at the Loch Fyne Hotel, courtesy of Crerar Hotels.

### Policeman rescues teenager off pier

AN OBAN policeman had to drag a teenager out of the water at Oban's North Pier after a witness alerted the emergency services.

The 16 year old girl entered the water at 1.25am on Monday and struggled with the PC Niall Barbour, who managed to lift her onto a nearby boat to safety.

Oban Lifeboat was also launched and took the girl to the lifeboat slip where an ambulance was waiting.

As a result, the girl has been charged with a breach of the peace.

### Night search for Barcaldine man

A POLICE helicopter and members of Oban Mountain Rescue Team joined a search for a 54-year-old man on Sunday night.

He was found safe near his home in the Barcaldine area after a three-hour search sparked by the man's family, who were worried about his safety.

### Dalmally man accused of strangling partner

A DALMALLY man appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week accused of attempting to strangle his partner.

James McKay, 29, of 1 Scott Terrace, Dalmally, is also accused of assaulting the woman in the home they shared by repeatedly punching and slapping her face.

McKay denies all charges and will stand trial on November 2. He is expected to appear in court again on October 16.

## Racing Susie returns to her roots

### Park Primary visited by famous former pupils

A WORLD famous racing driver and her film-maker brother reappeared at Oban's Park Primary School last week for a wander down memory lane.

Susie Wolff, who was Susie Stoddart when she attended the school, revisited Park last Thursday as part of a documentary following the year leading up to her F1 test drive.

The film, which the BBC commissioned her brother David to make, charts her background and explains how Susie got to where she is today.

As part of the visit to Park, primary seven pupils got the opportunity to ask Susie questions including why she no longer has a Scottish accent, did she enjoy her time at Park and how she got into racing.

Susie explained that she spoke German a lot now and was sad she had lost her Scottish accent but had greatly enjoyed her time in Oban, particularly at Park.

She said: 'I loved this school, I had such a nice time here.'

Getting into carting at the age of eight, Susie said she would encourage youngsters to choose a sport they enjoyed doing and stick with it. She added: 'It

doesn't matter if you don't win, as long as you're having fun.'

The youngsters had also designed a racing car each for Susie's arrival. The winners were given a Susie Wolff cap.

David, another former pupil, has spent a year filming the documentary and is now due to start editing. Once completed the hour-long show will air on BBC Two.



The boys' winning car design is demonstrated to the delight of Susie and David. 16\_136susie01

## Council forgot drink bye-law

RESIDENTS of an Oban housing estate who have long campaigned against drinking in their streets have criticised the council after it forgot to submit an application to alter the town's bye-laws.

Soroba Community Association has campaigned since 2007 to alter a bye-law that currently excludes Soroba and Pulpit Hill from a zone that restricts drinking alcohol in public places.

Their cause was upheld by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee in 2010 but no application to change the bye-law had been made to the Scottish

Government. The council, which claims the delay was down to an 'administrative oversight', has vowed to take the case forward 'at speed' and expects to have an enforcement in place by the end of the year, assuming there are no objections.

Soroba Community Association member Sean MacIntyre said: 'The council's delay is shambolic. Has it just been sitting in someone's drawer for two years? In the meantime youths have been coming to Soroba from outwith the area to drink in the street.'

'Some residents are scared

to go out because they are strangers and because others who have tried to stop them smashing bottles and making noise have been given abuse.'

'What's worse, is the Soroba kids get stigmatised for it.'

Oban South and the Isles councillor Fred Hall said the error was discovered after he investigated the delay, adding that council staff were moving quickly to bring the legislation forward.

An application to alter the bye-law in Pulpit Hill has also been made to the Scottish Government.

## Port Ellen pier reopens

SEVENTEEN months after it closed to ferry traffic the pier at Port Ellen on Islay has officially re-opened last Thursday following its £5.5m upgrade.

The pier now has two substantial berths for the regular ferry service currently provided by MV Finlaggan and MV Hebridean Isles, and can also accommodate the grain vessel bringing in malting barley for Islay's whisky industry.

For the first time the pier can now be accessed by vehicles and this will allow for the unloading of other bulk carrier vessels when required.

The works have also upgraded the ferry terminal water, lighting and sewage systems and have increased the size of the marshalling area.

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Andrew shows off his trophies and medals alongside proud grandparents Sylvia and Kenny Stark. 16\_136equestrian01

## Equestrian vaulter celebrates Inveraray family connection

A TEENAGER has earned international acclaim as part of Team GB but he still has time to return to Inveraray for a family gathering to celebrate his achievements.

Andrew McLachlan, the grandson of Kenny and Sylvia Stark, has been competing as a junior in equestrian vaulting as part of Team GB since he was just 11 years old.

Andrew, now 16, has been taking part in the sport, which involves performing gymnastics moves on the back of a horse, since he was seven.

His most recent achievements include winning a gold medal for his pas de deux performance with partner Rebecca Norval at the European Championships in Slovakia during August.

Andrew also became the first British male to be placed on the podium in an international competition when he won bronze for his individual efforts in the same competition.

He said: 'I had always been interested in gymnastics and had always had an interest in horses, but not really in riding them. Then on my seventh birthday I was taken to have a go at vaulting at a club near Stirling.'

Combining it with school was 'difficult at times', added the teenager, but he viewed training 'just like extra homework'.

But Andrew said he would not be making a living from the sport: 'I love vaulting but you can't really make a career out of it. I'm still at school but when I leave I want to study radiography at university,' he added.

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## Lochaber runner wins 61st Ben Race

Conditions worsened as the day went on, with heavy rain making the ground soft, muddy and slippery

A FIELD of more than 450 runners tackled the highest mountain in the UK for the 61st annual Ben Nevis Race on Saturday. Conditions were such that there was no realistic chance of Kenny Stewart's 1985 record winning time of 1 hour 25 minutes and 34 seconds being broken, but perennial winner Finlay Wild did his best as he finished in first place for the third year in a row in a time of 1 hour 30 minutes and 53 seconds.

one lap of the pitch Wild, of Fort William, was already leading the way. Visibility near the top of the Ben was limited to around 30 metres, with strong winds making conditions tough for the competitors.

**Summit**  
Rob Jebb, of Bingley Harriers, proved a worthy opponent and was leading the race as the runners reached the summit of the Ben - albeit just one second ahead of Wild. The conditions worsened as

the day went on, with heavy rain making the ground underfoot soft, muddy and slippery. Jebb, who won the event in 2009, pushed Wild close but ended up in second place some 57 seconds back.

Lochaber Athletic Club's Davie Rodgers came home in sixth place in a time of 1h 43m 8s, with club mate Ruari Watt one place behind in 1h 44m 45s. Fastest local woman was Amanda Blackhall, who completed the course in 2h 7m 42s. Blackhall was the third fastest

**ATHLETICS**  
woman home, 8m 19s behind of Bingley Harriers' Sharon Taylor.

LAC's Lyndsey Shaw was second quickest local in 2h 18m 10s, with Sarah Mackenzie close behind with a time of 2h 18m 39s.

**Trophies**  
The strong performances from the local runners meant LAC were given the team trophies for both the men's and women's events.



The 450+ field sets off from Claggan Park. 20\_136run03



Finlay Wild crosses the finish line, arm aloft in celebration. 20\_136run02

## Bill and Eddie win after marathon

**BOWLS**  
BILL Clarke and Eddie Downs came out on top after a marathon day of bowling in the Highland Soap and Alanajude Pairs at the BA Club on Sunday. Clarke and Downs had to be on top of their game to see off runners up Agnes Boyle and Emma Norval. Alan Robertson presented the pair with the trophy

## September medal

**GOLF**  
FORT William Golf Club's September medal competition was won by Steven Paterson, who finished four shots clear on Sunday. Paterson's net round of 68 (80-12) gave him victory ahead of Gareth Elder, who shot a 72 (92-20). Frank Sweeney round of 74 (88-14) gave him third place. The senior medal was held on Saturday, with James Duncan taking first place. Duncan shot a 71 to finish ahead of William Duncan, 74, and Iain Robertson, 78.

## Players wanted

**TABLE TENNIS**  
BUDDING table tennis players are invited to join more seasoned players as the new season kicks off. Fort William Table Tennis Club hold sessions every Monday evening at the Nevis Centre from 6pm-9pm with players of all abilities welcome to join in, with the leagues starting early next month. All are welcome, come down and give it a go.

## Impressive win for Lochaber

**RUGBY**  
LOCHABER will be looking to continue their winning start to the season when they visit RAF Lossiemouth this Saturday. Manager Ali Revitt told The Oban Times he hoped to have a full squad available to choose from for the game. He said: 'The RAF teams are very up and down, but hopefully we can go up there and get a win.'

Revitt's side got their season off to a flying start last weekend, coming back from a try down to defeat Stornoway 27-7 at Banavie. The game was played in atrocious conditions, with the rain and wind causing problems for both sides. After a slow start, the home side soon started to dominate, with returning Ross Wallace amongst the try scorers.



Lochaber captain Kenny Turnbull evades a tackle from a Stornoway defender. 20\_136rugby01

## Fort move off the bottom of the table

**FOOTBALL**  
FORT William moved off the bottom of the Highland League last weekend but face a tricky task to pick up more points as they welcome Formartine United this Saturday. The Lochaber side leapfrogged Rothes and Lossiemouth after Gary Farquhar's stunning strike earned them a well-deserved 1-1 draw away to Keith. But Formartine are a side in form, and have only conceded one goal so far this season. Fort manager Danny Conlon said he was hoping to build on the display in Keith. **Unknown** He told The Oban Times: 'They are a good side and their form is superb. They've made a lot of changes since last year so they're a bit unknown to us. We'll be looking to try and contain them as much as we can. 'We played really well in the second half last weekend so we'll be hoping to build on that. We looked more solid, more compact

## Ballachulish lose to Lochside in Bullough Cup final

**SHINTY**  
Bullough Cup Final Ballachulish 2 Lochside Rovers 6 BALLACHULISH missed out on lifting their first piece of silverware for 10 years when they lost 6-2 to Lochside Rovers in the Bullough Cup final on Saturday. **Weather** The match was moved to An Aird in Fort William because of the weather, and fans from both sides came to watch the final. Neither side was able to create much in a cagey first 20 minutes, with the rain and wind possibly

playing their part. But it was the Oban side who opened the scoring after 25 minutes, and they quickly added a second three minutes later. **Mountain to climb** Lochside got their third and fourth goal before halftime leaving Balla with a mountain to climb. The match was over as a contest just three minutes into the second half when Lochside scored a fifth. Daren Sutherland and Davie MacPhee both found the back of the net to give Balla hope, but it wasn't to be as Neil MacFarlane

scored in the final minute to complete the scoring. The rain became heavier as the match wore on, but the new An Aird surface held up well. Meanwhile, Fort William's second side lost out to north division three champs Beaulieu in the Strathdearn Cup final at Craigard, Invergarry. Scott Knox gave Fort a first half lead which they held until half time, but Beaulieu improved after the break and scored three times to lift the trophy.



Lochside Rovers' Christopher Eccleston tries to block Ballachulish goal scorer Davie MacPhee. 20\_136shinty01

## Lochaber defeat Badenoch in Ferguson Transport Shield

LOCHABER district under 14s lifted the Ferguson Transport Shield after a tournament against three other north district teams in Spean Bridge on Sunday. The home side beat Inverness district 3-2 in the semi final, while Badenoch defeated Skye

and Wester Ross 3-0 in the other. **Quick** Lochaber were quick out the block in the final and soon found themselves 2-0 up through Craig MacIsaac and Finlay Macdonald.

Sam Richardson pulled on back but MacIsaac got his second before half time. Macdonald got another after the break and MacIsaac completed his hat trick as Lochaber ran out 5-2 winners. Captain Calum Shepard was

presented with the shield by Ferguson Transport's Michael Oliver. **Selected** The top players from the tournament will now hope to be selected for the North Area U14 side which will take on

**YOUTH SHINTY**  
their southern counterparts in Fort William on September 30. Michael Ritchie and Victor Smith have been appointed North Area coaches.

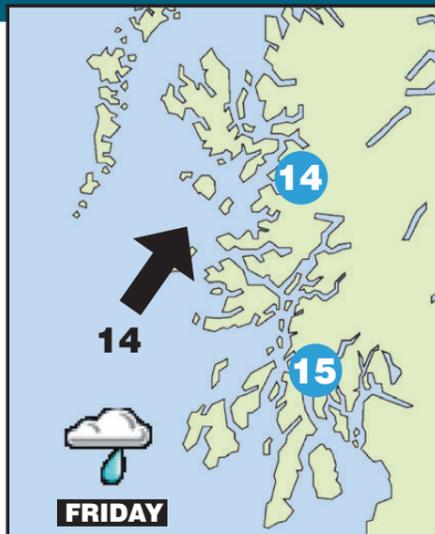
## Weather

**Thursday** Heavy rain showers  
Winds moderate south south westerly  
Temperatures 14°C to 14°C

**Friday** Light rain  
Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 14°C to 15°C.

**Weekend** Light rain  
**Outlook** Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 13°C to 15°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**  
Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate  
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate



## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, September 6, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	02.54 1.3 08.24 3.6 15.07 1.5 20.50 3.4	
Fri	03.35 1.5 08.59 3.3 15.48 1.8 21.25 3.2	
Sat	04.25 1.7 09.41 3.1 16.42 2.0 22.12 2.9	
Sun	05.26 1.9 10.42 2.9 17.54 2.2 *** **	
Mon	00.43 2.8 06.37 1.9 13.29 2.8 19.27 2.2	
Tues	02.37 2.9 07.53 1.8 14.51 3.0 21.30 1.9	
Wed	03.25 3.1 09.01 1.6 15.33 3.3 22.06 1.6	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mallaig	+0.25		

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