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'BLACK WIDOWER' MAKES BID TO HAVE 30-YEAR SENTENCE ENDED

# Oban detective says killer will never accept his guilt

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CONVICTED murderer Malcolm Webster, known as the Black Widower, has launched a bid to be free.

Webster has asked for his conviction and sentence to be reviewed through the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (SCCRC).

The public body will now scrutinise the 2011 case on matters raised by Webster's lawyers - which are private and by law cannot be discussed.

But it is understood that Webster, a former nursing sister in Oban, is seeking to have his conviction for murder and attempted murder and 30-year sentence overturned.

The SCRCR confirmed it had received an appeal.

The first stage of the process is likely to last two months where concerns will be 'robustly investigated' before the SCRCR decides to take the matter forward - involving further scrutiny lasting around eight months - or drop the case altogether.

However, former Oban Detective Inspector Charlie Henry says Webster's modus operandi will be to appeal and ask for reviews until 'there will be nowhere left for him to go'.

Mr Henry, a dogged investigator, recently featured in the Scottish Television programme *The Widower*, which acknowledged the crucial role he played in co-ordinating the international search for evidence which led to the conviction of Webster.

He is calling for a 'speedy, but thorough' investigation from the SCRCR to allow the family of the bereaved, former girlfriends and partners of Webster 'closure'.

He said: 'While an action by Webster's legal team to have the case reviewed is entirely legal - the men and women at the heart of this case are unable to move on with their lives while these matters are outstanding.'

'Malcolm Webster was convicted in 2011 after the longest trial for a single defendant in Scottish legal history.'



ON THE CASE: former Oban Detective Inspector Charlie Henry says murderer Webster's appeal will prolong his victims' misery

The case heard how Webster drugged his wife Claire, 32, before putting her in his car and crashing it in 1994.

It burst into flames with his wife inside.

In 1999, he staged another car crash in New Zealand but his then pregnant wife Felicity Drumm survived.

Scottish police, at the insistence of Charlie Henry and other officers, reopened the investigation into

Claire's death. By then Webster was living and working in Oban and had persuaded senior nurse Simone Banarjee to change her will and leave everything to him.

Mr Henry explained: 'Every single detail of this case was gone over and over in court in 2010 and 2011 with a fine tooth comb.'

'Earlier this year, Webster had a long judicial review of his case which was unsuccessful. While this

might be considered the last gasp for Webster in Scottish law - I have no doubt that Webster will want to take this further.'

'The plain truth is that Webster is a calculating, cold-blooded murderer who will never stop denying it until there is nothing left.'

'I believe that while he is in prison, the men and women involved in this case, who took the time to go to court and give evidence against him, are

safe. But every time Webster opens this case up again, the people at the heart of the matter are dragged back into the case over and over again.'

He added: 'I have every sympathy for Peter [Webster's first wife's brother], Felicity [Webster's second wife] and Simone [Webster's fiancée].'

During the first trial, the court heard Webster was working as a moving and handling lead nurse at Lorn and Islands hospital in Oban -



APPEAL: murderer Malcolm Webster

despite only ever being qualified as an enrolled nurse.

So plausible was Webster that many members of staff thought he was a surgeon.

Confirming Webster was at one time the treasurer of the Loch Awe fishing club, played Father Christmas on the Isle of Seil, fixed the computers for a number of professional business people in the town and was part of the annual hospital panto, Mr Hendry said: 'He was entirely credible and many people in the town knew him.'

'He had a number of girlfriends on the go at one time - and while he misled police and hospital staff into believing he had cancer, he was having affairs with other women.'

'Webster ensnared women who were strong, able ladies, able to stand up for themselves.'

The Argyll officer has been described as like a 'dog with a bone' with the original investigation.

Part of his ongoing private investigations have led Mr Henry to Abu Dhabi earlier this year, where it is believed Webster also worked as a nurse.

He has raised a number of concerns with senior police officers in the United Arab Emirates and will visit the country again in the near future.

## Helicopter used in lochside incident

A POLICE helicopter was called into action on Tuesday when reports of a man in a boat with a gun were made by concerned lochside residents.

Eye witnesses on Loch Awe say they saw the man, who was alone in a small vessel, with a gun and immediately called the police.

A police helicopter was sent out and quickly found the man and brought him to Oban Police station for questioning.

The man, aged 38, was believed to be camping in the area while on a fishing trip.

A police spokesman confirmed: 'A male has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged fire arms offences, and offences under the misuse of drugs act.'

## Holiday pay claim for NHS workers

NHS STAFF may be in for a 'holiday bonus' after claims they may have been 'short-changed' over holiday pay.

Unions say the possible under payment dates back to 2008 and NHS boards have agreed to review their policies.

It is understood payments should be on the basis of an average week's work, including bonus payments and average overtime, but in some cases staff were only paid a minimum hourly rate.

A NHS Highland spokesman confirmed: 'We have been looking into this issue to ensure that staff holiday pay has been calculated correctly.'

## Fitting memorial for Highlanders

INVERARAY castle is looking for World War One memorabilia belonging to the Eight Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for a special memorial.

Jane Young, castle manager, said: 'We would appreciate any family connections to the battle honours of the battalion at Mons, Le Cateau, Ypres, The Somme 1916/17 and Cambrai 1917/18.'

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## Clams more lucrative than drugs

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AN ORGANISED crime racket taking place off the coast of Argyll is believed to be making upwards of £65,000 a day in sales of illegal razor clams.

Using illegal fishing methods and taking razor clams from unclassified waters, the activity has been described as more lucrative than the illegal drugs trade.

On Thursday last week, a multi-agency operation run from Oban, involving Police Scotland, Marine Scotland, Argyll and Bute council public protection services and the Health and Safety Executive, kicked

into action to clamp down on electro-fishing for razor clams off the coast of Argyll.

Using air, sea and land resources, the on-going aim is to target fishing vessels suspected of electro-fishing for razor clams - rendering them legally unfit for human consumption.

DCI Calum Young of Police Scotland's L Division said: 'They have a generator on the boat and deploy electrodes and probes on to the seabed and run them along the seabed, 10-15 metres deep.'

'The electricity stuns the razor clams and divers walk behind the boat scooping the clams up.'

'Many of the divers are known to be of eastern European origin and

there is concern that they are being exploited and their personal safety is in danger - because of the proximity of electricity in water. There

is a major concern that we will be faced with fatalities in the waters off Argyll and Bute.'

It is estimated that illegally active fishing boats are taking between 500-600kg of razor clams a day, which are shipped away within 24 hours, having somehow obtained legal paperwork along the way, from Glasgow airport to Asian markets via Singapore. A legal boat might recover one-two kilos a day.

'The money to organised crime and criminals is significant,' said DCI Young. 'It makes more than

drugs does. When these skippers are approached they throw any evidence of electro-fishing over the side of the boat.'

'We put our divers down to recover any evidence that there has been electro-fishing.'

It has been illegal since 1998 to use electro-fishing methods but earlier this year the Scottish Government brought in tougher licensing measures.

Police Scotland confirmed one boat had been stopped on Thursday under suspicion of being involved in electro-fishing. Inquiries into the ownership of the boat are understood to be on-going by Marine Scotland.

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# BUSINESSMAN ON EUROPEAN ROAD TOUR FOR MS CENTRE John's big trip 'thank you'



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A WELL-KNOWN Oban businessman is taking on a gruelling 14 country road trip to raise funds for a charity that helps people suffering from an agonising, debilitating condition.

John Forteith, a business development controller with FreeTrade Scotland, wants to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre in Oban to thank staff there for the care and attention his son has received for the past five years since he was diagnosed with MS at the age of 16.

John, who set up Forteith's food services and is chairman of BID4OBAN, will travel all over Europe to raise money for the Oban charity.

John explained: "When someone in your family is diagnosed with MS it has a huge psychological and emotional effect on the patient, family and friends."

"My son, Guy, was diagnosed at a very young age - and not only did his condition affect him - but all his family was affected."

ADVENTURE: John Forteith looks on as Sandra Owens, MS Centre manager, gets a close up view of the motorbike he is taking on a European fundraising tour

"At first he did not want to attend the MS Centre - but over time it has become a place that he has been able to get the support and help he needs."

The MS Centre is completely self financing from grant funding and private donations.

A board inside the centre, next to Mossfield park, highlights the personal donations given to the charity. John hopes to raise much-needed cash to keep the centre offering the support it does to families like his own.

Taking his motorbike, a BMW R1200 GS Adventure, 'a newer one but the same type as the ones Ewan MacGregor and Charley Boorman had', John will pay his own way on the European excursion.

John continued: "Every single penny raised will come back to the MS Centre. It is important to me we make sure all the money raised stays in Oban."

"There is no doubt about it, it would have been incredibly difficult for Guy to have come to terms with his diagnosis and this trip will give something back."

John will leave Oban on November 3 and travel to Cork in Ireland.

He will then travel to Wales via Fishguard and then on to London.

From there he will take the tunnel to France onto Italy and then Monaco before Switzerland and the Alps.

From there he will cross back over the Alps into Salzburg in Austria and then on to Germany and to Luxem-

bourg. At this point he hopes to visit Holland.

On the final leg, he plans to travel through Belgium, France and arrive back in Scotland on November 28 to be 'back home with my gorgeous and extremely understanding wife Helen', said John.

Sandra Owens, MS Centre manager, said: "We see between 25 and 30 people in Oban every week. We have people who travel from the islands to use the centre."

John has set up a fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/johnforteith>

● Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a condition of the central nervous system. In MS, the coating around nerve fibres, called the myelin sheath, is damaged, causing a range of symptoms.

The sheath is described like the plastic covering on an electrical cable.

That cover is worn away by MS and can result in a range of symptoms making the condition difficult to diagnose.

Symptoms usually start in a person in their 20s and 30s and it affects almost three times as many women as men.

Once diagnosed, MS is present for life, but treatments and specialists can help manage the condition and its symptoms.

## MULL lines



HIGH STAKES: Beki Marsland, left, from the Clydesdale Bank in Tobermory with a colleague at the summit of Ben Nevis

### Beki's on a high after trek

A MULL bank employee was among almost 90 employees from Clydesdale and Yorkshire banks who successfully climbed the UK's highest mountain to raise more than £80,000 for Help the Hospices.

Beki Marsland, 35, from Mull, who works as a customer service officer in Tobermory's Clydesdale bank, said she was thrilled at completing the trek.

Beki said: "It was a challenging but fantastic and very rewarding experience to climb Ben Nevis alongside my colleagues in aid of Help the Hospices."

"The bank is supporting us by match funding every penny raised which was a great motivation along the way."

Clydesdale and Yorkshire banks have been working in partnership with Help the Hospices for seven years, raising more than £3.5million to date. The £80,000 expected to be raised from the Trek the Ben event includes match funding from the banks.



NOT SO PLAIN SAILING: the contestants in the successful skiff regatta take to the water in Tobermory last week

### Rowing back the years

COMPETITIVE rowing was once a popular summer activity in communities around Mull and, after a gap of almost 40 years, competitive coastal rowing returned to Tobermory last weekend as Isle of Mull Coastal Rowing hosted a successful regatta with boats travelling from all over Scotland to enjoy a weekend on the island.

It was a fantastic sight to see six St Ayles skiffs being put through their paces in the sometimes choppy waters off Tobermory bay.

Mull welcomed teams from Collieston, Luing, Seil, Arderser and Port Seton with around 60 rowers in all, with team members ranging from teenagers to septuagenarians. Whilst the racing was competitive, the sporting spirit was strong with new friendships being made as clubs shared rowers to make up teams for some of the races.

### Relief for campaigners

PUBLIC conveniences in the village of Salen have been reprieved from closure thanks to a pro-active community group and the support of Argyll and Bute council.

Welcoming the decision to keep them open, resident David Pollard described the toilets as 'vital' to the tourism industry.

David said: "The toilets were due to be closed but we realised that they were needed for the local community and how often they were used by people on the wildlife sightseeing tours. It is good news that they will remain open."

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council confirmed the facility has recently been repaired. He continued: "The council is currently in discussion with a third sector partner who may be taking the facility on."

"This is part of the new service delivery model for amenity services, whereby the council seeks to work in partnership with third sector groups who can access funding that we cannot, thus freeing up resources to be used elsewhere, while maintaining facilities."

### Safety first at island rally

PLANS to keep crowd safety to the forefront of this year's Mull Rally are being assisted by Argyll and Bute council after a tragic accident in the Scottish Borders.

The council has confirmed its commitment to supporting the successful annual event which has had an excellent safety record despite having some of the toughest driving in the UK. The event, sponsored by confectioners Tunnocks, is in its 45th year and will run from October 10 to 12.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: "The Mull Rally is a well-established event enjoyed by many people which brings lots of visitors to the island. Ensuring that it can be enjoyed safely by everyone is always a priority and, in light of the tragic accident earlier this year, council staff are liaising closely with the organisers as they prepare for the 2014 rally."

### Getting ratty is good idea

TOBERMORY'S primary five class raised £55 at a stall during the lifeboat day. The stall, called *Splat the rat*, had contestants trying to hit a toy rat as it came down a tube. The prize for hitting the rat was a chocolate coin or a white chocolate mouse.

Schoolchildren designed the rats in class as well as painting the tube. The money was donated to the lifeboat appeal.

### No funds for otters

SIGNS to warn motorists to be extra vigilant because of young otters crossing the road, will not be paid for by Argyll and Bute council, despite community group concerns about the safety of the animals.

Mull Otter Group will now have to find the money to erect the signs from fundraising activities.

### Service on track

A TRAIN service for Oban high school pupils is working well following successful trials.

An Argyll and Bute council spokeswoman said: "There has been positive feedback from both pupils and school staff. Pupils have been commended for their good behaviour."

### Cut down to size

COUNCIL workers who removed bushes from the grounds of the old Rockfield primary school have been praised.

But overhanging branches cut down by residents are still lying on the roadside. Oban's Rosemary Firth questioned how the council planned to keep the area tidy.

### Flower House work

WORK has begun at the former Flower House on Stevenson Street in Oban, but Argyll and Bute council is remaining tight-lipped because of 'confidence' considerations.

Residents claim they have seen a lot of activity in and out of the building over the past week.

### Course plugs gap

ARGYLL College hopes to plug a gaping hole in the area's health care sector through two new courses.

The college has just confirmed it will offer a six-month access to health care course and a SVQ in health care in 2015 as part of its curriculum.

### St. COLUMBA'S PRIMARY



LONG TERM: new St Columba's headteacher Michaelina Maclellan

## Teacher makes welcome return to her old school

A FORMER Oban pupil whose first teaching post was at St Columba's primary has returned to the school as headteacher, writes Steven Rae.

Miss Michaelina Maclellan, 30, who lives in Dunbeg, began her career at the old St Columba's campus on Glencruitten Road in Oban, before teaching at Rockfield for seven years.

A former Oban high school pupil, she said: "My first post at the old St Columba's was great. I really enjoyed it.

I moved to Rockfield to teach when the new campus was built and was also teaching Gaelic in St Columba's at the same time.

Last term, I was headteacher at Barcaldine primary for a year,

a smaller school outside Oban, which I really enjoyed. Miss Maclellan, who has a daughter at the Oban primary school campus, is very impressed with the pupils and staff at St Columba's.

She said: "The kids here are great. They are well-behaved, motivated and enthusiastic and the staff are also well-motivated about taking the school forward.

"We have children from all over the world.

"It's really multi-cultural, which is brilliant because the kids can learn about other cultures directly from their classmates."

Having grown up in South Uist, she moved to Oban when

she was 15 and studied at the high school for a year, before moving Glasgow to study business and accounting. It was there she studied for a post-graduate teaching qualification.

She is still a 'hands-on' teacher two days a week, including Gaelic lessons for a half-day.

She has earmarked some changes for the future, in what she sees as a long-term plan for the school.

She said: "I'm looking to implement a few changes, specifically getting the school more involved in the parish and the wider community and more after-school activities.

"I plan to be here long-term. I won't be going anywhere soon."

### Seaweed trials may lead to jobs

A NEW textile aimed at revolutionising seaweed farming is to be trialled off Oban, after being developed by the Scottish Association for Marine Sciences (SAMS).

The development may lead to more jobs in the Highlands and islands and help to modernise the seaweed processing industry.

The new technology has been

developed under the EU-funded AT-SEA project.

SAMS scientists have tested various synthetic, natural and biodegradable materials with different 3D multi-layer structures and are now using the two that appear most promising.

The tests will start in late October, ending in June or July of 2015 as the high water temperatures in summer lead

to degradation of the seaweed.

Two sets of experimental trials have taken place in the past two years in Ireland and Norway. The method has produced between three and five times the yield of traditional seaweed farming.

The trials will take place at Port a Bhuitlin, Lynn of Lorn, near the location of the old alginate factory in Barcaldine.

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## All charged for future of motoring

RAPID charging points for battery-powered vehicles are to be installed across Argyll and Bute, as the Scottish government encourages the use of greener vehicles, writes Steven Rae.

Under the proposals there is to be a charging point every 35 miles on all trunk roads in Scotland, an increase on the initially planned 50-mile intervals.

In Argyll and Bute there are already charging points for battery-operated vehicles in Oban, Dalmally, Inverliever, Clachan and on the islands of Mull and Islay.

A Transport Scotland spokeswoman said: 'The Scottish government is keen to ensure that the charging network grows ahead of the increased adoption of electric vehicles to accelerate such take up.'

'And it will continue to work with industry partners to determine the most appropriate approach to develop the network in the future.'

## No dram-a with SAMS students

A NEW SET of students have descended on Dunstaffnage to undertake courses at the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

Last week saw 25 students arrive for a four-year degree programme at the internationally renowned marine science centre, which is part of the UHI network.

One of the events organised to give the students (pictured right) an authentic taste of life in the west Highlands was how to savour (responsibly) a wee dram.

First year student Matthew Snape said: 'I'm going to be living in Oban for a few years while I study for my degree, so I'm definitely keen to learn more about life here in the Highlands and Islands. I must admit I jumped at the chance to try some of the local whisky.'

'It was great to see what all the fuss is about and I'm looking forward to trying some more next time.'

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# Rural doctors' practices in dire need of life-saving treatment

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VITAL signs for rural doctors' practices are flat lining.

Serious investment in both cash and training are urgently required to make life-saving health care viable on the west coast.

Oban, Islay, Mull, Appin, Mid Argyll, Inveraray and Kintyre are all suffering the same fate with a severe shortage of medical practitioners.

General Practitioner (GP) practices from every area of the west coast are struggling to recruit and resource the needs of the communities they set out to serve.

In Argyll the problem has become

so acute, patient care is beginning to suffer.

At a public meeting held in Dalmally last week on the issue of reducing consultation hours, a woman rose to the floor to say she called in help when her mother suffered a massive stroke but by the time GPs arrived her mother had passed away.

The woman, speaking through tears, said: 'I knew my mum was dead, but other people may not have been in the same position to cope.'

Dalmally postmistress Gilli Chrystal said: 'Will we all have to be young and fit to live in the Highlands?'

The meeting of more than 140 people in the community hall, saw a crowd intent on asking for a sin-

gle-handed practice to be returned to the village after 10 years as part of the Taynuilt Medical Practice.

But by the end of the debate it turned to an impassioned plea from the community to find a solution alongside the general practitioners to the plight of a choking rural health care service.

The meeting echoes those already held in Bunessan and Islay and discussion has taken place on community councils all over Argyll expressing concerns about the future of health care.

Despite advertising permanent positions for GPs there are simply fewer general practitioners coming out of training.

'This has a knock-on effect on the number of final year medical consultants who are obliged to do six months' general practice training that is available to rural practice.'

'Rural practice,' senior Taynuilt practice GP Fiona MacPhee said: 'is not desirable as a career choice.'

'Forty per cent of medical student places remained unfilled.'

'So, when it comes to recruiting staff, the geography and the hours of work put young people off.'

'Recruitment is a huge problem.'

MacPhee outlined a startling number of vacancies throughout the west coast.

The lack of a registrar, for instance,

half years, Lorn Medical Practice has been advertising a vacancy for nine months, Islay had to merge practices to offer health care, Mull has two vacancies in Bunessan and GPs who will not do out of hours cover, there is only one doctor left in Appin. In Archaracle and Kintyre the same issues are being faced.

A contentious issue for rural practice is that GPs are working in a harsh economic climate, but patients, who are widely unaware of the problems, are beginning to see a downturn in available appointments.

The lack of a registrar, for instance,

A rural practice payment from the Scottish government via NHS Highland Health Partnership has, to date, not been allocated to practices in North Argyll, but has benefited places such as Islay, Jura and Mid Argyll.

There are now calls for this fund to be spread more evenly.

After the meeting, Moira Newis, business manager for Taynuilt Medical Practice, said: 'Our main aim is to provide our practice population with a locally accessible, high quality service, aiming to preserve our 15-minute appointment system and a family-oriented approach ensuring patients see the professional with the most appropriate skills.'

## Skye hotel is whisky pub of year - yet again

A HOTEL on the Isle of Skye has been named the Whisky Pub of the Year for the third time in five years.

The Sligachan Hotel, located on the banks of the river of the same name, was named the winner by the Good Pub Guide, an annual publication that rates different pubs across the UK.

Sandy Coghill, who runs the hotel with his son, John, said: 'The award is good because it's one of these things you don't nominate yourself for; it's down to the public.'

'It definitely brings people in; we get people coming here on holiday and then go on to show their friends and relatives pictures and they end up coming to visit too.'

'I'd imagine the good service, nice bar, the welcoming environment and, of course, the 400 malt whiskies we have here is what the judges were looking at.'

While not a particularly keen whisky drinker himself, Sandy understands the importance of it as a heritage and pastime to people in Scotland.

'Whisky drinking seems to be one of the few parts of the drinks trade that isn't receding at all, and younger people in their 20s and 30s seem to be a bit more clued up on their whisky than my age group were,' he said. 'Some of the drams we can't even buy in Scotland any more, they're exclusively exported, so I've seen me going away abroad to bring a couple of bottles back with me, which also lets us advertise whiskies you can't get elsewhere in the country.'

The Sligachan Hotel won the Whisky Pub of the Year in 2011 and 2013, with a pub in Edinburgh winning in 2012 and Glasgow in 2014, before the Sligachan reclaimed the title for 2015.

### Clarification: TSL

IN A recent story in *The Oban Times*, the contractor for a housing project in Dunbeg should have been referred to as TSL Contractors Limited and not Tobermory Sandpit Limited.

### Alan Reid MP Public Meeting on The Referendum

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### Eye to eye with John Wallace



#### Exciting Times

I am frequently asked: 'How has your profession changed since you started?' The answer is very simple...massively! Computerisation was unheard of. My first experience of a computer was a huge IBM machine in an air-conditioned room twice the size of my practice. Today, even a very basic pocket calculator has many times the computing power of that beast of a machine I started with.

Virtually every piece of equipment I use today has some form of computerisation within. Today you will routinely have your retinas photographed and images displayed in real time on a computer screen beside you in the consulting room.

Prior to that, we had to take photos with film which was sent off to a lab for processing. Hopefully the patient had not blinked at the wrong moment obscuring the image.

In my practice we have a dedicated retinal imaging suite. Like most optometrists in Scotland I can obtain images of the centre of the retina. However, with the latest technology I can also take extremely wide angle images viewing about 20 times more of your retinas. At the other extreme I can also image tiny areas of the central retina enabling the diagnosis and subsequent monitoring of macular degeneration and glaucoma. With this sort of information much more accurate diagnosis and treatment regimes can be initiated.

Where will all this technology take us? Already there are tests being undertaken with implanting computer chips onto the retinas of the severely visually impaired giving them a very rudimentary form of sight.

We have Google Glasses® with information projected into a virtual world immediately in front of us. Technology exists for drivers to have data from the vehicle instruments projected onto the windscreen so we don't have to take our eyes off the road to check speed etc. Exciting times!

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## Would you like to see a savings and loan system for the rural community of Scotland?

SAOS, with KTP partner Aberdeen University, is running a survey to investigate the possibility of a new savings and loans mutual for rural Scotland. Rural residents, farming families and businesses in rural Scotland are being asked to join the survey and add their views.

Please follow the credit union survey link from [www.saos.coop](http://www.saos.coop)

SAOS (The Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society) is Scotland's umbrella body for farmer co-ops and rural co-op development. James Graham, Chief Executive, says: 'In light of the credit squeeze of recent years and changes to rural banking services, we want to answer the question: 'Could the people and businesses of rural Scotland better manage some of our financial resources ourselves?' If you live and/or work in rural Scotland, join our survey and add your views.'

Credit unions are a form of savings and loans mutual, owned and governed by their members to serve their needs. They only transact business with members, have restricted borrowing powers and cannot speculate with members' funds. Like banks, they are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority, and deposits are covered under the terms of the Government's Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

James continues: "The survey results will dictate our plans, but one idea is a credit union or mutual, whose membership would reflect the diversity found in rural Scotland. Its aim would be to serve the entire rural community of Scotland, ensuring that members' money is used to support rural needs. A credit union in Scotland would help to ensure that money remains in the rural economy and flows between generations and within local communities. It would serve its members better than national banks because its purpose, policies and decision making would lie with its members in rural Scotland. It's a form of self-help and community responsibility."

**Everyone completing the survey will be entered into a prize draw. First prize is two nights at Crieff Hydro with dinner, bed and breakfast for two, and there are four runner up prizes of £100.**

Please follow the survey link from [www.saos.coop](http://www.saos.coop). If you can't fill it in online, ring 01466 792487 or email [survey@saos.coop](mailto:survey@saos.coop). The survey results will be available in November.



VISIT: pupils from Luing primary school visit the Atlantic Island centre

## No slate isles tiles to roof Luing centre

THE SLATE of the inner Hebrides at one time 'roofed of the world', but supplies are now so short of the historic tiles, that not enough can be found to roof a building being constructed on the original 'slate isle'.

The Atlantic Islands Centre on Luing recently had a planning condition of 'West Highland slate' removed by Argyll and Bute council's planning committee because 'while it is considered important that any new development should reflect the character and appearance of the conservation area, it was not considered that there would be enough justification in this case to insist on the use of a slate of West Highland origin due to the fact that it is not readily available in sufficient quantities and its more sustainable use is with listed buildings rather than new builds'.

The committee heard there was currently no working quarry which produces West Highland slate.

The underlying geology of the islands is Dalradian slate, which was quarried widely until the mid-20th century.

Quarry working began in 1630 and at the turn of the 20th century, the quarries were yielding some eight million slates every year.

Eilean-a-beithich (island of the Birches) was once one of the slate islands, located in Easdale Sound, was quarried to a depth of 76 metres (249 ft) below sea level leaving only the outer rim of the island. This was eventually swept away by the sea and little visible sign of the island now remains.

Islanders are united in their desire to see West Highland slate used on the building, but, as the council has confirmed, there are few reusable slates that come with any sort of guarantee.

The council planning department now wants the Atlantic Islands Centre to bring forward other options of slate from the British Isles, similar to the Luing slate to be used.

This has divided the community, with those who believe the slate on the building should be from Luing or one of the slate isles - whatever the cost.

And others who see the practicalities of recycling slate without any guarantee to the longevity of its usefulness to the building as wasteful of the lottery cash going into the building.



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## Rockfield school decision to be made in private

**CONCERNS** have been raised about the public interest in Argyll and Bute council's dealing with the disposal of Rockfield in private after huge public interest in the case.

Two community groups have raised the matter with lawyers, and yet at the time of *The Oban Times* going to press the council refused to back down on hearing about the sale of the former Oban school in private.

Hoping to hand over a petition with 1,500 names on it to save the Victorian building from demolition, campaigner Fiona Campbell-Smith said she had found it difficult to pin down a time when it could be given to councillors.

But she was told that she could attend the meeting, which was due to be held yesterday (Wednesday) morning, but she would 'be unable to stay for the discussion'.

Fiona said: 'The public interest in this matter means that we, as a community, should be able to hear how our councillors are going to dispose of our building.'

'There are literally thousands of people interested in the future of this building and, it should be remembered, while it may be administered by the council old Rockfield continues to belong to the people who live here and pay

their council tax in this town. 'The Scottish information commissioner is very interested about why we have been excluded from this meeting.'

'There is, by my understanding, huge public interest that outweighs the commercial sensitivity of the situation.'

She added: 'At the end of the day, I don't know what will happen.'

'But it is highly unlikely that Historic Scotland will give permission for this Grade B listed building to be demolished as there is an offer on the table to save it.'

Yesterday, Oban, Lorn and Islands councillors were set to review further details from five applicants for the former primary school, after postponing a decision last month.

Of the six bids that were on the table: one has been withdrawn, one is to install a community and cultural hub, another offer is to build social housing on the site and another bid is to demolish the building and rebuild private houses on the land.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council, while confirming the matter was to be discussed in private at the area committee, declined to comment on the value of the building - saying it was 'commercially' sensitive.

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A MAN who sexually abused three women over a 10-year period is facing a lengthy prison sentence.

Despicable Colin MacDonald, 45, was just 11 years old when he targeted his first victim, who was one year younger, in Fort William.

The High Court in Edinburgh heard how he raped the young girl and sexually abused her over a six-year period in locations in Fort William and Inverness.

He also sexually assaulted a girl between 1981 and 1983 at an address in the Highland town. She was just nine years old when he attacked her.

Between August 1988 and August 1991, MacDonald (pictured right) repeatedly abused another girl at an address in the Oban area. MacDonald was finally caught after his victims contacted police about their horrific ordeal.

MacDonald, of Potterhill Gardens, Perth, was found guilty on Monday, by a jury before judge Lord Jones, of sexual assault charges.

He had denied the charges, stating that his victims, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were guilty of conspiring against him. But the jury concluded there was enough evidence to convict him.

Remanding MacDonald in custody, Lord Jones deferred sentence in order for the court to obtain reports about

MacDonald's character. He said: 'I will adjourn proceedings to a future date at the High Court in Edinburgh.'

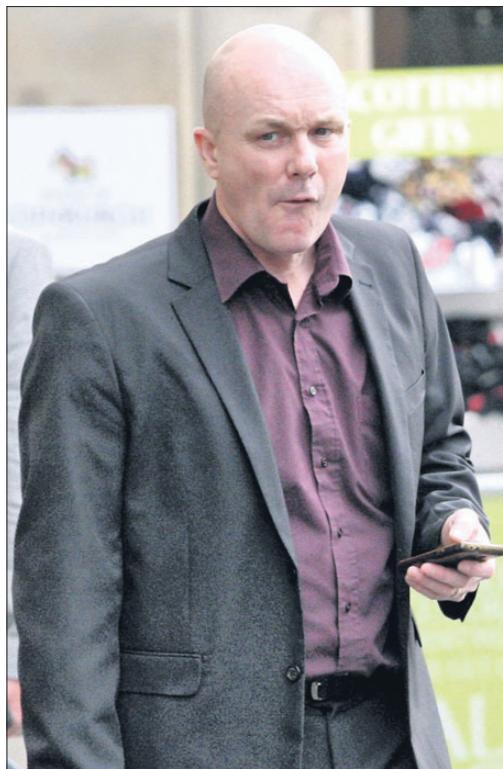
During proceedings, the court heard how MacDonald was a young boy when he started sexually assaulting his first victim. The abuse began when he was a schoolboy - he repeatedly sexually abused the younger girl at locations in Fort William and Inverness between May 1981 and January 1987.

He raped the girl at an address in Fort William on an occasion between January 1983 and January 1987. On another occasion between May 1981 and June 1983, MacDonald also abused a girl at a location in the Highland town and a third girl was sexually abused at an address in Oban. She was aged just 13 when the abuse began.

During the trial, MacDonald told prosecution lawyer John Scullion: 'I'm the victim of a conspiracy.' On Monday, Mr Scullion told the court that MacDonald had one previous conviction for assault. He received a £50 fine for the crime in 1994.

Defence advocate Ronnie Renucci said his client had never served time in prison and the court should obtain reports about his character. Lord Jones agreed and deferred sentence, but placed MacDonald on the Sex Offenders Register.

The rapist is due to be sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on October 6.



## Verge cutting still remains tall order

GRASS verge cutting is behind schedule in Oban, Lorn and the Isles with only a quarter of the programme completed.

The council blamed broken machinery for the delay, but insiders said lack of staff and ill health were the real problems.

An Argyll and Bute council spokesman said: 'The cutting of grass verges in the rural (Lorn) area is slightly behind, with the overall programme just over a quarter complete.'

'Work is prioritised where a need is identified and, as such, there is no specific schedule of works per se. We will be prioritising higher populated areas first.'

## Jobs for young on summit agenda

A POPULATION summit cancelled earlier this year has now been rescheduled for October 29 in Dunoon.

The event, to be chaired by Michael Russell MSP, will discuss economic growth and providing local jobs for young people.

An Argyll and Bute council spokesman said: 'The council is committed to developing the economy and securing a prosperous future.'

'People must realise that the council cannot do this alone which is why we have worked with our partners to develop a strategy to grow our economy with a rising population.'

## Housing group to canvass for views

A HOUSING association wants to hear the view of its tenants and the wider community on antisocial behaviour.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is reviewing its policy on matters such as drugs abuse, violence, homophobic, racial and sexual abuse, loud music, harassment and general neighbourhood nuisance. To join the consultation panel, contact ACHA on 0800 028 2755 by Friday, September 26.

## Air and sea will help deliver vote

HELICOPTERS and boats will make sure the vote on the west coast is counted as quickly as possible on September 18.

Many of the helicopter landing sites on Argyll's 26 inhabited islands cannot be used at night, therefore, the council has enlisted the help of the police and coastguard to install temporary lighting - an action which could speed up the count by up to seven hours.

## Banking boss on charm offensive

ROYAL BANK of Scotland boss for branches was in Oban recently to talk about the projects the George Street branch has supported.

Chris Wilson met Mary's Meals and Oban Phoenix Cinema.

Mr Wilson is keen to forge links with all sectors of the community.

## Bay car park plan holed below water line

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PLANS for a massive underwater car park in Oban bay have been scuttled by the council's economic boss.

Oban developer Ian Dougall had submitted an audacious proposal to Argyll and Bute council last month to build a 500-space car park with a recreational area on top.

But Fergus Murray, head of economic development, said the business case behind the plan had too many holes to keep the proposal afloat.

Mr Murray said that before the council could consider any plans, full business cases would need to be prepared.

In his reply to Mr Dougall, he asked: 'Have you undertaken full business cases for each of your elements - which is required for the use of public money?'

'Given the considerable scale of the proposed works, have you considered how this will assist with the congestion issues, as I cannot agree that your proposals will do this?'

An Argyll and Bute council spokesman said: 'Whether these particular plans will be taken forward is not the council's responsibility; that is the responsibility of the private developer.'

'A developer could, for example, submit a planning application for consideration by the council where

it would be assessed with regard to relevant land use policies.'

Mr Dougall was disappointed the council had not offered more support. He said: 'If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. With Argyll and Bute council that is not just a catchy cliché it's a statement of fact on where we are and somewhere we need to get away from.'

He also claimed the council had now 'blocked' his email account, after receiving a message to say his correspondence was not accepted by the council's system.

This option would be available to the local authority under ' vexatious correspondents' in its unacceptable actions policy.

Mr Dougall continued: 'Argyll and Bute council has unilaterally decided my lobbying of elected members and questioning council proposals is not to be tolerated and is blocking my email account and access to elected members. I would appreciate it if my civil liberties could be restored immediately and be left alone to express my views.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'The accusation that the council has blocked this individual's email address is not true, however, under the terms of our public sector network agreement, it would not be appropriate to comment further on our IT security policy.'



SUNK: Ian Dougall's audacious plan for an underwater car park in Oban bay has been rejected. Mr Dougall (pictured inset) says he's disappointed

## Firm powers ahead in Argyll

A LEADING civil engineering firm is involved in two renewable energy projects in Argyll, a hydropower scheme near Bridge of Awe and a three-turbine wind farm near Tarbert.

Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK in Scotland is installing specialist high density polyethylene pipes to take flowing water from a river and transfer it to a pumping station that will also be constructed by the company.

The project is being done on behalf of Angus Douglas, who also owns Loch Awe Filling Station and the static caravan park and sales at Bridge of Awe.

Electricity generated from the hydro

scheme will be fed into the National Grid.

Mike O'Connor, regional manager for James Bros, said: 'We are delighted to be undertaking our first hydropower project in Scotland.'

'This is a significant development for us and we are hopeful it will lead to further similar projects.'

The firm is also involved in the construction of a community wind farm at Srònáire, near Lochgilphead.

The wind farm will power 3,000 homes when it becomes active in 2015, and is a sister project to the Alt Dearn wind farm between Ardrishaig and Tarbert.

## Longer open hours promised

A POST office in the centre of Oban may be moving from its location and significantly extending its store opening hours.

The move from the premises on Corran Esplanade to a new style, open-plan branch will be after October 10, when a final decision on the move will be made.

With proposed opening hours of 6am to 10pm, Monday to Sunday, The Post Office says customers would have an extra 65 hours and 30 minutes a week to access the post office.

The new location, McColls Retail Group at 128 George Street, is round the corner from the current shop.

Customers and interested parties are invited to give their comments on the move in a six-week public consultation.

The move is part of a major modernisation programme across The Post Office network designed to make it easier for customers to do business through longer opening hours and modern, open-plan environments.

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**Islay**

ISLAY'S Port Mor lunch club has been on tour this summer. The Thursday club usually meets at Port Mor for a blether, lunch and to listen to a guest speaker.

But this summer it was decided to undertake three trips to different locations.

The first was on July 17 when a procession of, mostly silver haired, local worthies set off for a delicious lunch at the Ballygrant Inn, followed by a visit to the Islay Quilters exhibition for tea and home-baking.

One member said that the quality of work on display was a real treat and that the delicious lunch and tea were the 'icing on the cake'.

On August 21, 30 members of the club could be seen enjoying a first class lunch at the 'Cyber Café'.

The service was excellent again and members thank Ann Newman and her staff.

The afternoon was taken up with a visit to Ardbeg Distillery, where a free afternoon tea and cakes were provided.

Many thanks were given to Ardbeg Distillery for this generous offer. One or two members with vigorous appetites were seen actually struggling to finish the delicious food served.

Both visits have been really enjoyed by club members and if anyone were to ask them for a recommendation as to where to eat on Islay the above mentioned venues would be at the top of their lists.

The next eagerly anticipated outing is planned for September 18 when club members will visit Ionad Chalum Chille Ile - the Columba Centre on Islay - and Islay Square.



OUT AND ABOUT: Port Mor lunch club members enjoy a change of venue at the Cyber Cafe in Port Ellen

**Lewis**

PLANS to build a heritage centre in Lewis, celebrating communities who lived on the islands of St Kilda, have been backed by a senior Church of Scotland minister.

The Right Rev John Chalmers, Moderator of the Church of Scotland General Assembly, met last week with representatives of Ionad Hiort, a group dedicated to the preservation of the site, to discuss their proposals for a centre in Uig.

St Kilda archipelago is made up of four small islands on the Atlantic continental shelf off the coast of the Western Isles and is the remotest part of the British Isles.

Mr Chalmers said: 'Looking out to St Kilda, one is conscious of how fragile life in a small community can be, but these folk are thinking ahead and thinking ambitiously about the creation of a heritage centre which would place them on the world map.'

'I hope to do everything in my power to help them make it happen.'

The proposed site for the centre is Geodha Sgoil on Uig and Hamnavay Estate, which is a cliff-top location.

Iain Buchanan, chairman of Ionad Hiort, said: 'I was very pleased our moderator was able to fit us into his very busy itinerary.'

'I was also very pleased that both Right Rev John Chalmers and Mrs Chalmers got a little glimpse of these awe inspiring islands; they saw the site for ionad Hiort in the very best conditions.'

Almost unchanged by man for millennia, the ecosystems on St Kilda provide first hand evidence of a primitive settlement and are of national importance for geology, flora, fauna, marine interest and ancient vernacular buildings.

**Luing**

WITH a new single due out in October and her fourth solo album set for release in February 2015, it's a busy time for Sarah McQuaid.

Now she's gearing up for a three-month tour that will see her playing 60 concerts coast-to-coast across the USA and end-to-end up and down the UK including Cullipool Hall, Isle of Luing, on November 28. Tickets available on the door.

Earlier this year, the singer/songwriter/guitarist travelled from her adopted home in Cornwall, England, to the small town of Cornwall, New York, USA, where she spent three weeks recording the new album.



BOOST: members and guests, including piper Martyn Wilson, celebrate the opening of the Lochgoil water sports club pontoon

Photograph courtesy Derek Prescott

## Lochgoil club celebrates pontoon launch

LOCHGOIL water sports club has formally opened the new pontoon at its boat park on the western shore of the loch.

The 56m pontoon has proven a great benefit to club members, being excellent for loading boats with equipment and supplies, enabling easy access to moorings and to

help less-able members access vessels. The supply and installation of the pontoon, opened formally on August 30, was funded by members of Lochgoil water sports club, with financial support from the Crown Estate's marine stewardship fund and National Lottery Awards for All.

Alan Laidlaw at the Crown Estate said: 'This is exactly the kind of project that our stewardship fund is designed for; improving access to the sea for everyone and providing a great community resource that will help build Lochgoil's reputation as a popular sailing and yachting hub.'

**Duror**

DUROR primary school pupils have been learning all about vegetables and transforming them into tasty meals.

The children invited family and friends to share their tasty treats at their annual taster day last week.

The event had to be switched to the village hall because it has become such a popular event.

LITTLE CHEFS: Duror Primary School pupils enjoyed cooking and tasting different vegetables

**Skye**

A 15 FOOT Elf Faering, designed by Iain Oughtred, of Bernisdale, Skye, which is a close copy of a modern Norwegian Oselver, with four oars for two rowers has been launched on Skye.

The timber for the skiff came from Jake Willis on Morvern, plus a couple of vital bits from Matthew Reade on Mull and she took about 300 hours to build in a small poly tunnel.

The boat was built by Phillip Siddall of Tobermory.

The launching ceremony was performed on August 16 by Emily Woodhead, aged 10, who christened the boat *Otter*. The name is on the prow in traditional Norse letters.



BE SEEN: Achaleven pupils model their new hi-vis vests as Alastair MacGregor of ACHA looks on

## ACHA steps in to help young Achaleven pupils

PUPILS at Achaleven primary school were 'visibly' impressed by the donation of hi-visibility vests by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) recently.

The growing number of pupils meant the school didn't have enough to go round so ACHA stepped in to help with the shortfall.

Since receiving the vests

from ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor on Tuesday September 2, the school has received comments from villagers saying how lovely it was to see the pupils wearing them.

The vests are worn for pupil safety on school trips and the weekly visit to the village hall for PE as the school is located on a busy road.

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SUCCESS: prizewinners at the Glengarry garden produce show

## Glengarry growers produce the goods

GLENGARRY'S fourth annual garden produce show proved to be as successful as previous years, with judges reporting a higher standard of entries and numbers up on last year.

Vic MacPherson was among those picking up silverware in Invergarry Village Hall on Saturday, winning overall most points and the most points in the garden produce and flowers category. Organiser Gayle Rand said: 'Thanks to all hall committee members, volunteer ladies in the cafe, judges and, most importantly, everyone

who took the time and effort to exhibit.' Results: most points in garden produce and flowers, Vic MacPherson; most points in preserves and baking, Ann Sandilands; photography, Aileen Cameron and D A Cameron; arts and crafts, Julie Alderson; floral art, Karen Campbell; children's section trophy, Sophie Rand; high school trophy, joint winners Fergus Fraser and Grant MacCallum; most points in show, Vic MacPherson; David MacCallum Memorial Trophy for best exhibit; Neville Robbins.

**Ardgour**

ARDGOUR primary school pupils were delighted when their vegetables won a shield at recent horticultural show. The school's eco committee grew their own produce which came first against all entries, including adult competitors.



## MORVERN lines

### Important Victorian art work returns

A PIECE of important art has come back to the area where it originated from.

'Summer Evening, Aros, Isle of Mull' was painted in 1885 by well-known Victorian landscape artist Waller Hugh Paton (1828-1895). The scene is of Aros Castle and was captured from a knoll near the white house looking south west across Port nam Buitseichean to the hangman's rock below the castle with Salen village and Ben More in the background.

Paton, who exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy, was the first Scottish artist to paint his pictures throughout the year in the open air. He specialised in scenery and was particularly skilful at catching the purple evening light on the hills. He was the leading exponent of the pre-Raphaelite landscape in Scotland and was commissioned by Queen Victoria to make a drawing for her of Holyrood Palace. This interesting and impressive work is a fine example of his skill and close attention to detail.



BACK HOME: Summer's Evening, Aros, Mull, painting by Waller Hugh Paton 1885.

### Memories of golden age of herring

THERE are reports of small shoals of herring being seen in these waters this summer but will they ever be as plentiful as they were a century or more ago?

The local 'hot spots' used to be Loch Sunart and Loch Leven. Records show that in 1859 a single smack caught no less than 40 crans in one morning in Loch Sunart; with 750 fish to the cran and valued at 1/- per 100, this represented a considerable income at the time.

Lachlan Maclean from Coll, in his book 'The Native Steamboat Companion' published in 1845, says that he saw 500 boats simultaneously herring fishing in Loch Sunart. Most of them were probably open skiffs, 15 to 16 feet long, with hoisted brown sails. What a sight that must have been.

The late Alistair Cameron from Sunart, who wrote under the pen name 'North Argyll' and whose erudite letters and articles graced these columns for more than 50 years, believed the last herring fishing of any importance in Loch Sunart was in the autumn of 1902.

1859 was also a good year for herring catches in Loch Leven. During a night in September - it was illegal to net during daylight hours - one vessel lifted no less than 60 crans which sold at 10/- each.

One eye-witness, who was familiar with the movement of herring in the loch over a long period, estimated there must have been the equivalent of more than 50,000 barrels of them swimming around at the time.

If herring were plentiful north of Oban, their numbers were even greater in the Sound of Islay and around Jura.

Ian Mackinnon, a Jura man now living at Kilmelford, has a great interest in and a wide knowledge of the island's past history - especially its remote west coast. Ian tells me there was once a herring-curing station at Crub in the north shores of Loch Tarbert where boats from Campbeltown, Oronsay, Colonsay and Ireland would take their catches for processing.

So prolific were the herring in the loch at the time that the fishermen used to bring their wives and children with them.

Many of them lived ashore in large caves between Crub and Ruantallain where the remains of rusting bed ends and iron stoves can still be seen. There was even a school in one of the caves. Four hundred and sixty drift and seine-nets were recorded in Loch Tarbert and in 1894 the total catch in the Sound of Islay and Loch Tarbert for one season, amounted to 35,000 crans which sold at 10/- to 15/- shillings each.



SPECTACULAR: Skerryvore lighthouse

### Lighthouse facts and figures

ARGYLL is fortunate in having many lighthouses around its shores.

One of the most spectacular is Skerryvore, the tallest lighthouse in Scotland which towers 156 feet above an exposed rock 12 miles south-west of Tiree. It was serviced from Tiree and built with great difficulty between 1838 and 1844 to the design of Alan Stevenson whose nephew Robert Louis was the famous writer and author of *Kidnapped*.

According to an invoice which has just turned up, more than 50 men worked on the rock when the lighthouse board started building in April 1838. Judging by their surnames most of them were probably local.

The majority, unsurprisingly, were masons, quarrymen and labourers. There were also two smiths, a cook, two joiners, a clerk and an inspector of tools and shipping. The masons received 3/10d a day; the quarrymen 2/6d; the smiths 3/4d; the labourers 1/8d; the cook 3/-; the inspector and the foreman joiner 7/- and the clerk £75 a month.

Other expenses claimed against Skerryvore included: 'Angus MacDonald, 13/4d for the use of a horse and cart; £95.6d travelling charges and expenses by Alan Stevenson to Glasgow and several journeys to Greenock during 10 days about cranes and beacons; £99.0d travelling expenses for John Currie with a horse from Edinburgh to Tiree overland by Inveraray and Oban; £96.8d travelling expenses of 23 workmen and a female cook from Aberdeen to Tiree and 4/9d to Peter MacDonald with boat and crew discharging coal'.

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## College UHI award winners celebrate

A FORT William woman has been nominated to represent West Highland College UHI for a student of the year award.

Donna Calder, who studies early education and childcare at the town campus, was one of two women to win the college award and will now go on as a contender for the overall UHI title.

Ms Calder was nominated by her lecturers for her 'exceptional academic and personal achievements' including juggling her education with part time work and raising young children.

Mature student Lesley Ann Boath from Fort William was also named one of West Highland College's students of the year.

The administration and IT pupil was chosen for 'striving to support other students' and for becoming the first of the college's students to gain a work placement.

## Man found with offensive weapon

POLICE have reported a man to the procurator fiscal after he was found with an offensive weapon and what they suspected to be drugs.

The 24-year-old was searched and arrested at Stornoway ferry terminal at 9.15pm on Tuesday September 2 and the substance has been sent for analysis.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'The man was stopped and searched at the Stornoway ferry terminal as part of ongoing police activities to combat the supply of drugs to the islands. He was detained and taken to Stornoway Police Station and subsequently arrested.'

## Taste of success for Jaffy's kippers

A FAMILY-RUN Mallaig smokehouse has won a national award for its kippers.

Owners of J Lawrie and Sons, known as Jaffy's, were presented with the best Scottish speciality award at the Great Taste ceremony on Saturday night.

Jaffy's is now run by a third generation of Lawries and is the only traditional kipper yard left in Mallaig.

Jeff Lawrie said: 'We're chuffed to win this great award for the second time. We won in 2011 and lots of people recognise how prestigious the award is.'

# Charities in urgent appeal for vital £3,000 grant vote



GETTING AROUND: volunteers at Shopmobility Lochaber with two regular clients who rely on the service



## South Uist mourns death crash teenager

THE SOUTH Uist community is mourning a young footballer who died in a car accident on Saturday night.

The 19-year-old, named locally as Carl MacPhee, was one of five people in a car which ploughed into a fence at the junction of the A865 and B888, Daliburgh, at around 8.40pm.

Mr MacPhee was taken to Uist and Barra Hospital but died as a result of his injuries. The four other men, three 16-year-olds and a 19-year-old, were also taken to hospital for treatment for minor

injuries. The road is the main route through Uist and was closed for several hours during investigations.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Five males within the vehicle were taken to Uist and Barra Hospital but sadly, as a result of his injuries from the collision, a 19-year-old male died.'

'His next of kin have been informed and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Carl, known as 'DooDoos', played with Iochdar Saints Football Club, which plays in the Uist and Barra amateur league.

TWO LOCHABER charities are appealing to the community for help to win a 'vital' grant of up to £3,000.

The money from a Bank of Scotland scheme would be a boost to the funds of both groups and potentially stop one from closing down - but they need votes from the public to win.

Shopmobility Lochaber and The Buzz Project have both been shortlisted for the grant, along with charities in Iona and Oban.

Billy Ward, co-ordinator of Shopmobility Lochaber, said the cash would allow the charity to continue providing mobility scooters and wheelchairs to the group's 876 registered clients, many of whom would not be able to shop in Fort William without the service.

It would also be used to pay the wages of the shopmobility van driver, who delivers and collects equipment to the outskirts of Lochaber.

Mr Ward added that without the

grant the charity may lose this service. He said: 'My driver's contract ended in November and he's been working on a month-to-month basis but I don't know how much longer I'll be able to pay him. People rely on this vital service. A lot of people say they couldn't manage without us. They just wouldn't be able to walk up and down the high street.'

Shopmobility has received countless testimonials over the years; a recent one from a couple on holiday in Fort William called the support 'invaluable' and 'an absolute godsend'.

But with an annual shortfall of £18,000, volunteers fear for the future of the charity.

Mr Ward said: 'We're doing as much as we can. We do collections and I'm always writing applications for funding to businesses but companies just don't have the same money to give away any more. If we keep making losses the way we have been we're inevitably going to run out of money.'

The Buzz Project in Lochaber has also been shortlisted for the prize. The group aims to help young people in the area express themselves through an old bus which has been converted into a music studio.

Senior youth worker Simon Nicholls describes his mission as 'to enable young people aged 14-25 in the Highlands, particularly Lochaber, to identify and fulfil their full potential'.

He wants the youth he helps to learn how to express needs, wants and ideas with confidence, develop increased self-awareness and learn skills which will be beneficial in education and the workplace.

Mr Nicholls said if his project won the £3,000 grant he would combine it with the £5,000 recently received from a Lloyds TSB scheme to hire a youth therapist. 'We're aiming to do anything we can to reduce the high amounts of youth suicides in the area,' he said. 'Right now it's the highest rate in western Europe and that's Lochaber alone.'

'We don't want to be seen as competing against other charities, especially not local ones. We want to participate with them and work together to improve the lives of our young people.'

The charity with the most votes will win £3,000, the group in second place will receive £2,000 with £1,000 and £500 going to third and fourth place respectively.

Charles Kennedy, MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber urged his constituents to take part in the vote. He said: 'Shopmobility Lochaber and The Buzz Project are important local charities that have been rightly recognised for the work they do. The chance to be awarded a grant of up to £3,000 from the Bank of Scotland is an opportunity not to be missed. I encourage everyone to get involved.'

Voting is open until Friday October 10 at [www.bankofscotland.com/communityfund](http://www.bankofscotland.com/communityfund).

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HELPING YOUNGSTERS: Simon Nicholls, left, and Chris Adams say they would use the grant to hire a youth therapist for The Buzz Project

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FUNDRAISERS: staff and volunteers from Specsavers who will be putting on a fashion show in Oban cinema later this month

## Specsavers Oban styles it up at fashion show for play park

FASHIONISTS around Oban are invited to attend a night of fun, fashion and fundraising to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Specsavers in Oban.

On Saturday September 20 from 7pm, Specsavers Oban will host a special fashion show at community-owned Oban Phoenix Cinema.

A national clothes chain had been lined up to put on the event - but had to pull out at the last minute.

Resourceful workers at the opticians made some frantic phone calls to which the response has been overwhelming.

Small and independent businesses from throughout the town are now taking over the event and will show off clothes, underwear, glasses, shoes, vintage and much more.

Bringing the look of the show together will be the staff at barbers and beauty shop Spruce who, along with others taking part in the show, are giving their time for free.

For fundraisers there will be drinks, snacks, music, entertainment and a catwalk show featuring the latest in trendy eyewear and clothing.

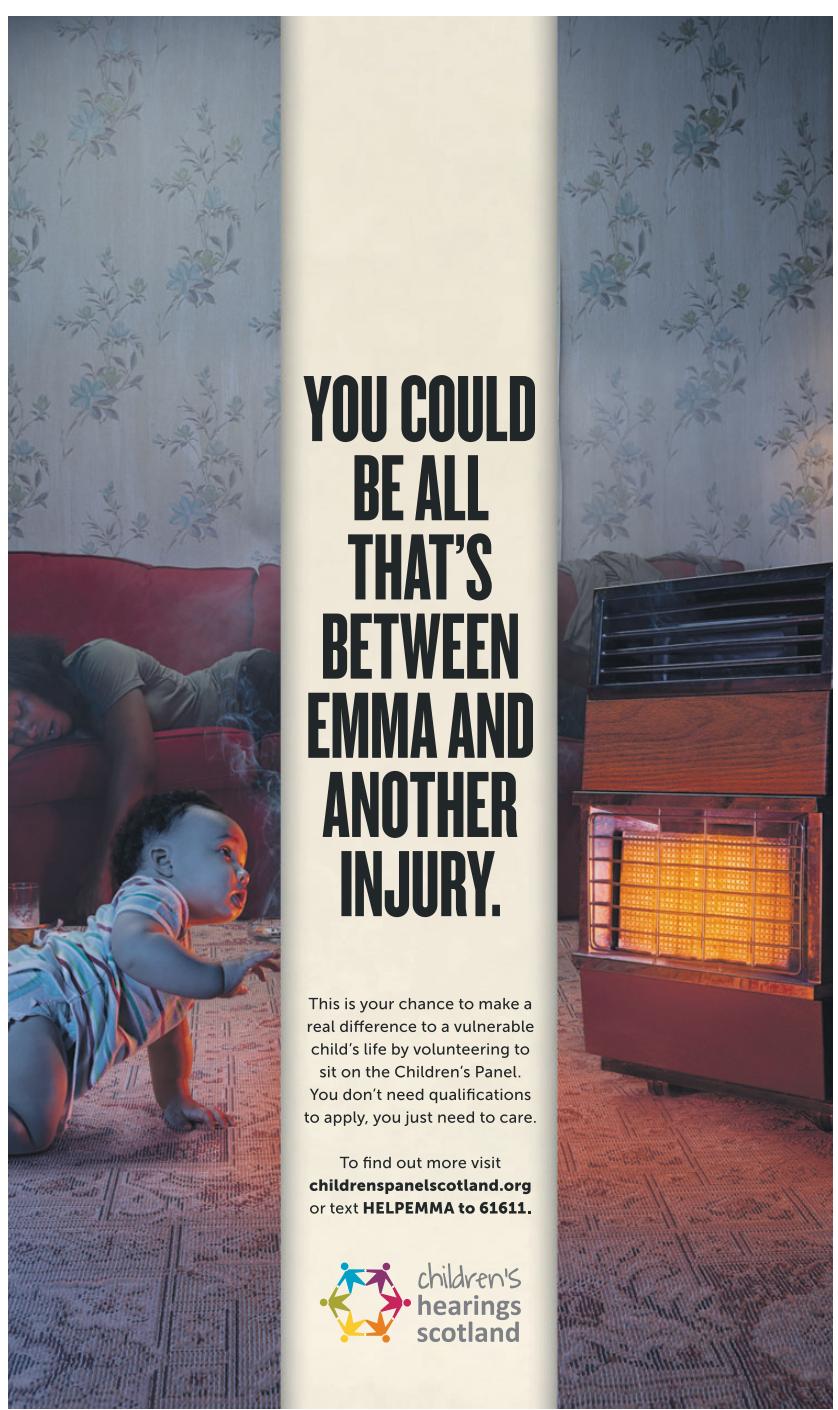
All proceeds from the evening will go to fundraising group Friends of Oban Community Play Park, which aims to raise £400,000 to create an all-inclusive play and recreation space beside Atlantis Leisure.

Ken Macdonald of Specsavers said: 'We've looked after the eye health of Oban residents for more than a decade so we wanted to organise something that everyone in the local community

could enjoy. We've recruited lots of glamorous models, from family and friends to our lovely customers. I'm hoping lots of people will join us for what's shaping up to be a fantastic night to boost a really worthwhile cause. There is currently no inclusive play park for children in Oban to enjoy, with the nearest being a two-hour car drive away. A new park will give local kids a much-needed space where they can play and socialise and should really benefit the community.'

Ken added: 'I'm so pleased we can have an evening of fun celebrating our tenth birthday while also helping such a brilliant charity.'

Tickets cost £6.50 per person and £3.50 for concessions and can be bought from Specsavers Oban at 70 George Street.



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# Primary 1s-in the picture



The new primary one pupils in class 2/1 this term at Park primary, Oban, whose teacher is Miss Diane Black



Primary one pupils in Port Charlotte primary school on Islay enjoy the sunshine



The new primary one class at Park primary, Oban, whose teacher is Miss Mairi Dunlop



The seven primary ones of St Bride's, Onich



New Primary one pupils at Killin primary school - Callum, Niall, Innes and Isla.



Lochaber's Lochyside R.C primary school's new primary ones



Pupils at Bunessan primary, Mull, show off their similes for the camera

There are just two new Islay primary ones in Bowmore primary school's Gaelic medium unit



Six pupils started in Fort William R.C primary's mainstream class this year

# Meeting point will be focus of town's new pier development

**Committee set to give go-ahead for major transformation to Oban's seafront**

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PLANS for Oban's North Pier were due to be given the thumbs up by councillors at a special meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee, as *The Oban Times* went to press.

A space to hold up to 1,700 spectators, facilities for seafarers and a place for cruise ship passengers to shelter from the elements were being finalised as councillors decided whether or not to agree a multi-million pound funding programme to get the project under way by early 2015.

Along with the North Pier development, plans for the Stafford Street pedestrianisation scheme - in the pipeline for decades - were also due to be approved. Linda Houston, Argyll and Bute's town centre regeneration manager, has asked councillors to agree the full business cases for both town projects.

Argyll and Bute council revealed to *The Oban Times* last month that it had spent upwards of £700,000 to get the project to this stage.

It is understood that having incurred the huge expense of formulating the plans, it is unlikely that the plans will be rejected at this final stage.



**FOCAL POINT:**  
The new facility will be a place for visitors and locals alike to gather

The proposals will see Oban's White Building, where the MacQueen Brothers Charitable Shop is located, demolished with a maritime visitor centre replacing the building stretching between the St Columba hotel and the Ee-usk restaurant. The plans include removing at least nine parking spaces on the North Pier.

The current access into the car park would also be removed.

Plans drawn up by Edinburgh architects Oberlanders shows a pier office located inside the partially roofed structure. Office space, laundry facilities, locker rooms, shower rooms and a kitchen are all located inside the building with open views to the north and south.

The second major development will be for the public space at Stafford Street. While the council has noted there has still to be a management agreement with traders for the upkeep of the area, plans include seating areas and raised flower beds.

The council's plan to introduce a taste of 'cafe culture' to the town centre have been developed by another company, Capita.

## Haulier who put looks over safety cut down to size

AN ISLAY haulier who put his own commercial interests ahead of safety considerations will have to operate with half of his fleet for the next three months.

Fraser Woodrow, of Bridgend, had his licence limited to three vehicles by Scotland's Traffic Commissioner, Joan Aitken, after she ruled that his reputation had been 'severely tarnished'.

In a written decision, she concluded that Fraser Woodrow was a man who put profit before safety, and added that he would 'sweat the assets' - working the fleet as much as possible.

This resulted in routine safety inspections not being done on time. The Islay operator's maintenance records produced at a public inquiry in May 2014 revealed vehicles were supposed to be inspected every six weeks.

However, these were consistently missed, with some vehicles going up to 14 weeks between safety checks.

Miss Aitken also found that defects reported by drivers were not being repaired at the first opportunity, including worn tyres not being replaced.

The regulator concluded that Mr Woodrow's service history was one of the worst she had seen in recent years.

Miss Aitken said Mr Woodrow had built himself a niche in the economy of Islay and that, like many operators, he had a great pride in the look of his vehicles.

But she added that 'behind the shiny livery there lurks a non-compliant operator'.

## Ardchonnel wind farm plan to go before Holyrood ministers

AN APPEAL against a decision to site a wind farm on 'sensitive tourist land' has been lodged with the Scottish government.

The application for Ardchonnel wind farm, near Loch Awe, was turned down by Argyll and Bute councillors earlier this year, but Kilchrenan and Dalavich community councillors have been dismayed to hear it is now going before Holyrood ministers.

The development is for 15 turbines on land owned by Conservative shadow environment spokesman Jamie McGregor, MSP.

Developer RWE Innology UK said: 'After re-considering all the relevant information, we remain convinced that Ardchonnel is a viable proposal. It is located in Argyll and Bute council's proposed area of search for wind turbines and sits on a site which has no landscape or indeed any other statutory designations.'

'In addition, the nearest settlement with visibility of the Ardchonnel turbines would be approximately three kilometres from the site. The proposal has had no statutory objections and has the support of both Glenorchy and Innishail and Inveraray community councils.'

'It also has strong support from the community and local businesses as demonstrated by letters of local support which were sent to Argyll and Bute council prior to the hearing.'

But protesters said it would devastate the landscape, ruin tourism and that no consideration was being given to the wider issues of the 'true' requirements of energy needs.

## A positive signal from mobile operators to rural communities

A MOBILE phone company is offering 100 rural communities the chance to apply for 'good mobile reception'.

Vodafone said it would give the opportunity to places where there is currently poor mobile coverage.

A spokesman for the company said: 'There are six weeks left to apply. We have seen significant interest from communities, local councils, parishes and members of parliament to apply.'

'It is an opportunity worth exploring, as mobile coverage has been seen to benefit tourism, local businesses doing their job more effectively and on some occasions, even helping homes sales in rural areas suffering because of being a black spot.'

'Having 3G signal can help boost the economy in all ways and provide the assurance of being in contact with health services and emergencies/ first responders.'

Argyll MSP Michael Russell, who has been campaigning on the issue, said every area should have good mobile reception as it was an essential service for local communities.

Applications for the Rural Open Sure Signal programme close on October 14 with the first communities to be connected by the end of the year. For more information on the programme and how to apply visit [www.vodafone.co.uk/rural](http://www.vodafone.co.uk/rural).

## Mull interests are very much on our agenda, says council

ARGYLL and Bute council has issued an ardent message to the people of Mull, saying it does care for them - despite the deputy chair of the community council saying otherwise.

A council spokesman said the local authority had spent more than £6 million over the last three years on roads alone.

The spokesman continued: 'It is simply not the case to suggest that the council is not interested in the people of Mull. The capital element of recent works on Mull has focused on improving the quality of the existing road infrastructure to ensure that the network can support the economy of the island.'

Deputy chairman of Mull community council, Calum MacLachlann, of Tobermory, had claimed the local authority had ignored various emails from the community council which led him to conclude the council 'wasn't interested'.

## Armed forces help to reverse downward population trend

THE POPULATION of Argyll and Bute has bucked the national trend by showing a small increase, with an additional 1,150 people, according to government statistics.

The council said the increase was due to a 'movement of armed forces personnel into the area'. The population figure for Argyll and Bute stands at 88,050 people.

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## Best are heading for Inveraray

### EIGHT WIN PRESTIGIOUS WEST FESTIVAL SPOT

THE WINNERS have been announced for a hotly contested competition, run by Argyll and Bute council's Business Gateway, to showcase their products at this year's Best of the West Festival in Inveraray.

Craft companies Wood Turner Products, Calgary Crafts, The Little Stitch Company and Crubag, beat off stiff competition to show their products in the Business Gateway sponsored craft tent for one day over the festival weekend, which runs this Saturday (September 13) and Sunday (September 14).

Catherine Bloy, owner of Calgary Crafts, which is based on Lismore, is one of the winners and she will be exhibiting her quirky Scottish home wares and accessories on Saturday.

On learning she had secured a place, Catherine said: 'I'm ecstatic to have been selected and am really excited about showing my products to the local people, fellow crafters and visitors of Argyll.'

'I moved to the west coast of Scotland recently and have found the community extremely welcoming, so I'm delighted to be contributing to the local economy.'

Catherine will be joined in the craft tent by Eric Large, of Wood Turner Products, based in Dunoon, job of selecting the winners.

The Duchess of Argyll said: 'I've really enjoyed judging and thought the quality and standard of the applicants a great reflection of the creativity and talent in Argyll.'

'We are looking forward to seeing them at Best of the West.'

More than 70 musicians, ranging from modern trad bands to Gaelic singers, will perform at Best of the West, creating the perfect soundtrack to accompany the picturesque backdrop of Inveraray Castle.

The festival has a strong food and drink theme with fresh, local produce available, including Mull cheddars, Loch Fyne oysters and Bute jams, while more than 20 whisky distilleries are on hand to match dish to dram.

For youngsters, there will be a climbing wall, face painting, laser blast and an art area, meaning there will never be a dull moment during this unforgettable family experience. With live music until 6.30pm and regular coaches, the festival is perfect for day-trippers. [www.bowfest.co.uk](http://www.bowfest.co.uk)

The local Business Gateway team will also be at the event to explain more about the business support on offer to entrepreneurs in Argyll and Bute.

Any business, whether new or exist-

ing, looking for support can contact Business Gateway across the region and there are advisers who have skills, experience and importantly, local knowledge to help businesses plan for the future.

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**The Duchess of Argyll**

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To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 604 555 or visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)



DESIGNS ON SUCCESS: Jessica Giannotti of Crubag from Dalmally will be showcasing her crafts at the Best of the West Festival in Inveraray

### Mucking in with plans for major island investment

LEADING salmon farming company Marine Harvest is investing £3 million on its Small Isles salmon farm on the isle of Muck.

Part of this investment will fund the construction of new homes to house the employees who will fill the six new jobs the site will create.

The farm is one of the first 'open-sea' farms planned for Scotland's west coast, and is currently being stocked with smolts.

The project is part of a wider £80million investment programme designed to meet the growing demand for Scottish salmon.

The new farm comprises 10 circular pens, around 400ft in diameter, which will produce up to 4,000 tonnes of salmon every two years. A 300-tonne feed barge is in the process of being built in Inverness by Gael Force Marine.

The fully-grown fish will be transported by well boat to the harvesting station at Mallaig, then by road to Fort William to be gutted.

Alan Sutherland, managing director of Marine Harvest, said:

We work in a sector that brings much-needed jobs and prosperity to some of the most remote and fragile communities in Scotland and we're delighted to be playing our part in creating a sustainable future for this lovely island.

'One of the things that can hold back development in remote communities is a shortage of housing. We've solved the problem by building five new homes.'

'They are suitable for families so the development of the farm should hopefully help sustain the local primary school.'

The company has also established a community fund to help support local projects.

### Smokehouse lifts another accolade

SMOKED salmon from South Uist is receiving plaudits from food and industry experts across the UK.

Loch Duart Artisan Smokehouse's oak smoked salmon has won a Great Taste award for 2014 and is now able to carry the black and gold label.

The blind-tasted food awards are judged by more than 400 food critics, chefs, cooks, members of women's rural institutes, farmers and food writers.

### Rural parliament heads to Oban

REGISTRATION for the Scottish Rural Parliament, which takes place in Oban from November 6-8, has opened.

The three-day event is expected to attract more than 400 people from rural Scotland, mostly those who are members of local community groups and organisations.

It is open to anyone living or working in rural Scotland and is independent from but backed by Scottish Government.

Details of the Rural Parliament events and booking processes are now available on the website: [www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk](http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk)



EXPERIENCED OPERATOR: new commercial director Hazel Phillips

### Hazel has strength in depth

INVERLUSSA Marine Services, based on Mull, has appointed a new commercial manager.

Hazel Phillips, 58, brings a wealth of experience in the world of marine support services to the job and will be tasked with helping to steer Inverlussa to further expansion.

Ben Wilson, operations director, said: 'We have expanded quite quickly in the last two or three years, doubling our fleet and, importantly, our workforce.'

'With 12 more crew joining us, Hazel will be helping us strengthen the much-valued business we already have, while exploring new options for expansion.'

Having worked her way up through the ranks with a Clyde-based towing company which changed hands several times during

her 26-year career there, Mrs Phillips progressed to manager of the firm's marine operations in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

She left the company, which was at that stage run by Danish operators Svitzer, to take on the post of general manager with the wind farm support company Turbine Transfers, a subsidiary of the Holyhead Towing Company in Anglesey.

Turbine Transfers had eight vessels when Mrs Phillips, a native of Aberdeen, began working there in 2010 and had expanded to 35 vessels, with five more on order for this year, when she left.

Mr Wilson said: 'We are delighted that Inverlussa has been able to attract someone of Hazel's calibre and she will be invaluable in the future growth of our business.'



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: delegates at the Oban careers event

about his own experiences of getting into and working in agriculture, Angus highlighted the importance of the sector to the economy, identified some of the many skills needed and stressed there were many ways for people with non-farming backgrounds to join the industry.

He was followed by Joanne Maclean from Forestry Commission Scotland and John Little from private forestry company UPM Tihill.

Both identified career opportunities within forestry, covering vocational and academic entry routes, working outdoors and in office-based positions.

Lisa Connell and Iain MacIntyre

from the Scottish Salmon Company rounded off the industry presentations with a view of the robust state of Scottish salmon farming and the ambitious targets which have been set by the Scottish government for 2020.

They believe there are clear demands for new entrants and that their industry offers jobs and opportunities for progression in some of the most remote and fragile communities in Scotland.

Last speaker of the day was Ruairidh McKinnon, 18, currently employed at Pennygown Farm on Mull as a modern apprentice working at level three in agriculture with

Scotland's Rural College. Ruairidh spoke passionately about his route into the agriculture industry and received a well-deserved round of applause.

The closing session was run by Roddy Bailey, Skills Development Scotland's team leader in Argyll.

He explained how similar events helped Skills Development Scotland to increase the career management skills of their school pupil and adult customers.

To find out more about careers in land-based and aquaculture industries, call Lantra on 01738 646762 or visit their careers website at [www.lantra.co.uk/careers](http://www.lantra.co.uk/careers)

## Working model to bolster business

ARGYLL and Bute council's Business Gateway has kicked off its autumn schedule of free business skills workshops, with places already booking up for many of the popular workshops.

Anyone looking to boost their business skills should book now to ensure they get a place.

A range of workshops is being run right across Argyll and Bute, including several on the islands.

The 'Marketing Your Business' workshop is aimed at existing small and micro-businesses with ambitions for growth.

The workshop provides a practical approach, using real examples and

shared best practise to cover markets and competitors, identifying customer needs, setting marketing objectives and budgets, deciding on the marketing mix and measuring activity.

The trainer is an experienced marketer who also runs a business based in Argyll.

The ever popular social media workshops are back thanks to high demand, with the 'Introduction to Social Media for Business' giving an overview of how Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn can work for business.

'Practical Basic Bookkeeping' is aimed at those new to business and with little or no formal training in book-keeping and will help participants keep accurate financial records

for their business. Two human resources-based workshops are also available, with 'Becoming an Employer' aimed at those taking on staff for the first time and 'Getting the most out of your People' designed to help employers manage and develop the staff within their business.

For those thinking about self-employment, the one and a half day 'Business Start-up' workshop helps attendees develop their ideas into a practical and effective plan for starting a new business.

In the Oban, Lorn and the Isles the workshop schedule is as follows: 'Business Start-up' workshop October 7 and 8 in Oban and November

12 and 13 on Mull; 'Practical Basic Book-keeping' October 14 in Oban and December 3 on Mull; 'Improve your Business Website' October 28 in Oban and November 18 on Mull; 'Online Trading Essentials' November 17 on Mull; 'Introduction to Social Media for Business' followed by 'Developing a Social Media Strategy' on October 7 in Oban and October 9 in Inveraray; 'Marketing Your Business' in Oban on October 2 and on Mull November 4.

To book a place or to find out more about the workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk). The live webinars last an hour and are interactive - giving participants the opportunity to ask questions and get an answer from experts at HMRC and Business Gateway. The topics covered include self-employment, allowable business expenses, completing an online tax return, getting started as an employer and preparing to operate PAYE.

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To help as many people as possible to take advantage of this innovative new service, participants can choose to join the evening sessions online from the comfort of their own home or from work premises, or for the afternoon webinars, from the Business Gateway office in Lochgilphead or online.

Anyone interested in participating should get in touch with the local Business Gateway team who can confirm the dates and forward the web links or save you a space alongside the team. Contact Business Gateway on 01546 604555 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

## Trunk road speed cut plan welcomed

PLANS to reduce the speed limit on a stretch of the A82 trunk road in Nether Lochaber have been welcomed by the local community.

Transport Scotland wants to reduce the limit between North Ballachulish and the Onich Hotel from 60mph to 50mph. It will then drop to the current 40mph restriction through Onich village.

Ann Marie Cameron of Nether Lochaber Community Council said members were 'really happy' with the decision.

She added: 'We have been fighting for a long time for a reduction through the area.'

'We would have liked to see the limit as even less but we are happy with any reduction and it's more in line with the 40mph limit we have through the village, which will be remaining the same.'

The plan will go to formal consultation before any changes are implemented.

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'The proposed reduction to 50mph for this section of the A82 is intended to improve road safety and is based on the findings of the speed limit review. The recommendation was made in line with national guidance on local speed limits and with agreement from police.'

## Flu vaccination on offer to children

CHILDREN in the Highlands are to be offered a flu vaccination this year as part of a new programme.

Every child between the ages of two and 11 will be offered the immunisation at school this term and parents of children outwith the mainstream education system or below school age can make an appointment with their local GP from October onwards to have their child vaccinated.

Dr Abhayadevi Tissington, immunisation co-ordinator for NHS Highland, said: 'The vaccination programme being rolled out in the Highlands will help protect children and stop the spread of nasty flu viruses, which can lead to serious health problems.'

'It's a simple, pain free process which involves a tiny amount of the vaccine being sprayed into each nostril, which is then quickly absorbed.'



## Back on course across the west Highlands

NEARLY 400 new and returning students joined West Highland College UHI this week, with record numbers in some courses.

Principal and chief executive of West Highland College UHI Lydia Rohmer said: 'It is my great pleasure each year to welcome students at the start of their learning journey with us whether it is for their first college experience following school or for more advanced study for undergraduate degrees.'

'Joining local students this year we have students from all over Scotland, the UK, Ireland, Finland and several other parts of Europe, together with a group of five students who will join the course for one semester from Monmouth College, Illinois, USA.'

# Fort firm's pride as legal eagles honoured with top law awards

**“**We are all very proud of Kelie and Claire **”**

Duncan MacPhee

dramatically. I feel much more assured and confident with each day and obstacle that comes my way. I was delighted just to be shortlisted as a finalist for the awards, as the standard of the other nominees was extremely high, so to actually win is amazing.

I have been with MacPhee and Partners for over 10 years now and wish to thank them for all their support and encouragement to get me to this stage of my career. I would also like to thank my family and fiancé for their huge support over the many years of studying and for putting up with me, particularly at exam time.



HOMEGROWN TALENT: Kelie Cooper and Claire MacAlpin were honoured at the Law Awards of Scotland

Mrs Cooper, from Glencoe, said she was 'absolutely delighted' to be named paralegal of the year at the ceremony, after joining the company in 2006 as a trainee executive assistant with no previous legal experience.

Through her time at MacPhee and Partners, the mother of two took on a distance learning course and graduated as a paralegal in 2008, specialising in wills, trusts and executors. Earlier this year, Mrs Cooper undertook a further course in executive administration and passed with distinction.

The busy paralegal now splits her time between the firm's Fort William and Oban branches but still finds time to help out in the local community, volunteering at Ballachulish care and nursing home, Abbeyfield.

She said: 'I am absolutely delighted to receive this prestigious award. It was such an honour to be selected as a finalist from the many entries and then to actually be named as paralegal of the year was thrilling. It is so rewarding to have my hard work

recognised by such a distinguished panel of judges. My sincere thanks to Duncan and Rosemary MacPhee and the team and to my family for all their help and support over the years.'

The founders of MacPhee and Partners are also delighted about the success of their 'homegrown talent', particularly as they started out with no experience in law.

Duncan MacPhee, managing partner, said: 'We are all very proud of Kelie and Claire. They are both dedicated professionals, who thoroughly deserve their national awards. They will be the first to acknowledge the support of colleagues and the help and training they receive, but it requires something exceptional to be recognised as the best in Scotland and they both have it.'

'Both are local, which is particularly pleasing, as we have always pursued a policy of encouraging homegrown talent in our profession. We are very confident that our clients' interests and the future of our firm is in safe hands.'

# The Declaration of Lochaber

We, the undersigned, urge our fellow residents of Lochaber to grasp the opportunity provided to us in the forthcoming referendum by choosing to vote Yes. We do this because the people best placed to make decisions about our country's future are those who call Scotland home. The other peoples of these islands are and will remain our friends and neighbours, with whom we will continue to share much in common.

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Morag Hughes, Corpach  
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## GAS SAFETY WEEK 15-21 SEPTEMBER 2014

**OFTEN referred to as "the silent killer," carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that has no smell or taste.**

Every year in the UK, more than 200 people are admitted to hospital with suspected carbon monoxide poisoning, leading to around 40 deaths.

Incorrectly installed, poorly maintained or poorly ventilated household appliances, such as cookers, heaters and central heating boilers, are the most common sources of carbon monoxide.

Blocked flues and chimneys can also prevent carbon monoxide escaping, allowing it to reach dangerous levels, but the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning can occur at any time, in any home or enclosed space.

All of your gas appliances, including your gas boiler, gas cooker and gas fire should be safety checked once a year and serviced regularly according to manufacturer's

instructions.

If you do not have your gas appliances regularly serviced and safety checked by a Gas Safe registered engineer you could be putting you and your family at risk and in possible danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The six main symptoms are: headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse and loss of consciousness.

If you think your appliance is leaking, call the National Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999.

Switch the appliance and shut off the gas supply at the meter control valve and open all doors and windows to ventilate the room, and seek medical advice.

You can be particularly at risk from CO poisoning when you are asleep, because you may not be aware of early CO symptoms until it is too late.

Having an audible CO alarm could wake you and save your

life, and is recommended as a useful back-up precaution, but must not be regarded as a substitute for proper installation and maintenance of gas appliances.

CO alarms should be installed, checked and serviced in line with the manufacturer's instructions, and bought from a reputable source.

Gas is also, by its very nature, highly combustible.

Correctly fitted and maintained gas appliances ensure that gas is burned in a safe and controlled way to heat our homes and to cook with.

If gas leaks from a faulty appliance or pipework it can spread quickly and there is a risk of it accidentally igniting, causing a fire or explosion.

Landlords also have a legal responsibility for the safety of their tenants.

If you let out a property you must ensure that pipework, appliances and flues are maintained in a safe condition

and must have a valid gas safety certificate for the property, known as a CP12.

Gas appliances should be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, or if these are not available then they should be serviced annually, unless advised otherwise by a Gas Safe registered engineer.

A 12-monthly gas safety check must be carried out on every gas appliance and flue in a property, to make sure gas fittings and appliances are safe to use.

Also, a record of the annual gas safety check must be provided to your tenant within 28 days of the check being completed or to new tenants before they move in, and landlords must keep copies of the records for two years.

Tenants should also be shown where to turn off the gas and what to do in the event of a gas emergency.



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### Oban leads the way on major energy innovation

Gas distribution company SGN puts safety at the heart of everything it does. We own and maintain Oban's gas network, and provide the town's gas emergency service but from this autumn until next February we are doing even more in Oban.

We are undertaking vital research which could lead to more secure gas supplies for the whole nation – and potentially lower costs – and Oban has been chosen to lead the way.

Starting this autumn, we will be visiting every gas customer in Oban, to test different blends of natural gas on their gas appliances. It'll take around an hour and the data gathered will help us demonstrate that these gases can be used safely and effectively in our networks.

And if we find any safety issues with customers' appliances during our visit, we will repair them or replace them free of charge.

Susan Gray, Stakeholder Project Manager for SGN, said: "We're asking Oban gas customers to help us by letting us into their property to conduct our tests. While we are there, we'll repair any safety issues we find, and replace any appliances which can't be repaired."

"It's not something we normally do – our role is simply to make the customer's premises safe – but we are doing this for Oban for the duration of our project, in order to thank people for taking part in this exciting innovation project."

In May while undertaking an initial survey of gas appliances in 100 Oban properties, SGN visited local resident Lorne Graham and discovered a badly damaged fire which was unsafe. We replaced Mr Graham's fire as part of our project.

Mr Graham said: "My fire had been damaged for a good few years, and my daughter often said she thought there was a strange smell from it."

"When SGN wrote to me saying they wanted to visit, I knew they would have concerns about my fire and I wasn't surprised when they said it was dangerous – but I was surprised and really pleased that they offered to replace it as part of the project they are doing in Oban."

Susan Gray concluded:

"We're holding a drop-in session in the Royal Hotel in Argyll Square on September 22 – we'd encourage anyone who wants to find out how our research will affect them to call in anytime between 3pm and 7pm – we want to hear what they have to say."

### BEFORE



### AFTER



Left: Mr Graham with SGN's Susan Gray and local Gas Safe Engineer Kenny Wotherspoon.

### Learn about gas safety and win a free gas appliance service



OPENING UP THE GAS MARKET

How much do you know about carbon monoxide (CO)?

Test your knowledge in our quiz, and win a free gas appliance service.

Answer the three questions below correctly and you'll go into the draw. The winner will receive a service of all their gas appliances completely FREE, a free carbon monoxide alarm, and an information pack on CO safety.

To take part please circle your answers and send your completed quiz to:

FAO Anne Neilson  
Scotia Gas Networks, Axis House, 5 Lonehead Drive, Newbridge EH28 8TG

How many people die of CO poisoning every year?

- a) 10      b) 40      c) 100      d) 500

Which of the following are symptoms of CO poisoning?

- a) Headache      b) Nausea      c) Dizziness      d) All of the above

How can you avoid CO poisoning?

- a) Ensure you have the right vents installed and don't block them  
b) Get your gas appliances serviced regularly  
c) Install a CO alarm and make sure you check the battery  
d) All of the above

SGN is undertaking innovative research in Oban. They will visit every gas customer between this autumn and next February, to undertake some vital tests and fix any safety problems they find with your gas appliances. Find out more at [www.sgn.co.uk/oban](http://www.sgn.co.uk/oban)

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Sisters bloom at Taynuilt show

**WINNERS:** Taynuilt sisters Gemma and Sophie Carswell both won prizes at Taynuilt Horticultural show recently. Gemma, 8, won prizes for her baking and drawing in the children's section, while Sophie, 14, picked up an award for her baking in the novice section at the show on Saturday August 30 in Taynuilt village hall 15\_137sisters01

### Stramash fun day at Inverawe park

STRAMASH teamed up with Inverawe Country Park to hold their second annual family fun day at the weekend, and were delighted with the turnout.

Making the most of the sunshine, almost 300 people made their way to

the country park, around treble the attendance of last year. Activities on offer included fishing, archery, wild art, dam building, fire making and canoeing, with a barbecue on site too. Stramash hopes to repeat the fun day next year.

HOUSE number seven on the island of Tiree is already internationally famous after national recognition of its style - but the accolades just keep rolling in.

The house, designed for Liz and Dave Kerr, the parents of architect Murray Kerr, has been announced as the Grand Designs House of the Year 2014.

The final design, by the Scottish-born London architect, looks familiar. It looks like the jumble of life that old island properties accumulate. And yet, there is a modernity about it.

The two houses, one for guests and one for the resident family to use all year round, creates separate areas for family gatherings or quiet retreat.

The hall, a covered external area, links the two houses creating a generous connecting space giving ample room to remove sandy wellies or to have quiet conversation away from the main living spaces.

From the outside, the house has an intentionally bunker-like quality, to protect against the elements, with deep-set windows in thick, raking stone walls and large expanses of

un-punctured corrugated cladding in steel and concrete.

In stark contrast the inside of the house is full of light with views carefully positioned to frame the surrounding landscape and 'the internal Lego-building activity of grandchildren'.

Murray is no stranger to Tiree, as he has been on holiday with his parents for most of his life.

Speaking from London, Murray told *The Oban Times*: 'My parents have long harboured a desire to have a place to spend a lot of their time in retirement.'

'An inheritance allowed this to become a reality and after much persuasion I managed to get them to agree to take me on as their architect.'

'Mum and dad first visited the island 42 years ago through family friend Cameron Kennedy who has family connections with the island.'

'There was an immediate connection with the place.'

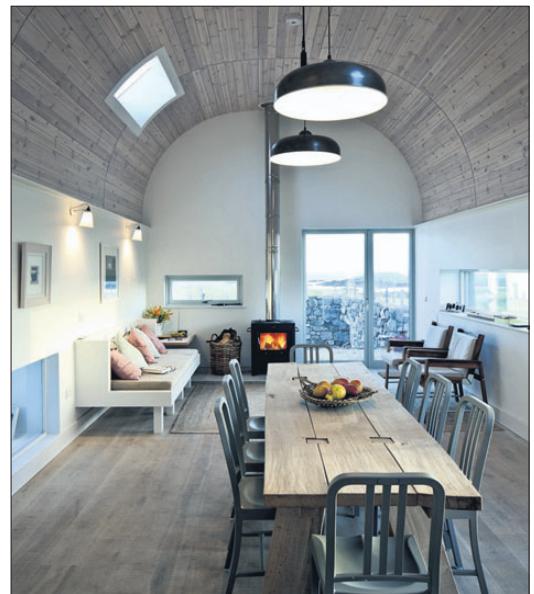
Murray praised contractors John MacKinnon Builders, who are based on the island, who managed the many logistical problems of the build.

There was an immediate connection with the place **“”**  
Murray Kerr

Summing up the project, Murray said: 'Any time you see a client continually delighted by a project can only be described as a success'.

Murray's company, Denizen Works, has worked on a wide range of projects in various locations around the world.

The approach that ties these projects together is a desire to create architecture that taps into local history, landscape and microclimate. 'Only once these fields of investigation have been explored, along with in-depth client briefing, do we begin developing our design ideas,' said Murray.



AWARD WINNER: the interior of the house is full of light



### Students step into international competition

**STEPPING OUT IN STYLE:**  
Ballet West will once again be well represented in the Royal Academy of Dance Genée International Ballet Competition. The students who will be competing are photographed outside Ballet West's headquarters in Taynuilt. From left to right: Emma Robinson, Isaac Bowry, Hannah Fowler, Andrew McFarlane, and Danielle French. Photograph: Ryan Davies



ARCHITECT: Murray Kerr, third right, who built the house for his parents, with the Tiree builders who worked on the project



WARD BOOST: representatives from the Rotary Club of Oban and staff in Ward B at Lorn and Islands hospital with the patient monitors donated by the club 16\_137monitors01

### Rotary golf cash boosts hospital

THE ROTARY Club of Oban has donated £1,400 worth of equipment to Lorn and Islands hospital.

Representatives from the club, using funds raised from its charity golf day in June, presented two patient observation monitors to staff in Ward B on Tuesday.

Mary Strathern, a senior charge nurse in the ward, said: 'We are delighted to receive this gift. It's going to be very useful.'

The charity golf day, known as the Rotary Am Am, was held at Glencruitten Golf course in June and raised around £9,000, which will be donated over the year by the Rotary Club of Oban to various good causes.

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& WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

The catastrophe and calamity of the First World War is truly shocking and sobering. The scale of the waste of young lives, so full of promise and hope as they set off to do their duty for king and country, is almost beyond comprehension.

Millions lost on the blood-soaked mud of the battlefields; millions returning home bearing the scars - both physical and psychological - of the nightmarish conflict.

No matter how unbearable, the memory of their sacrifice must never be forgotten; it must never be buried in the unwitting complacency of modern life.

The men and women of Argyll who laid down their lives in 1914-1918 in such desperately tragic circumstances deserve better. They are part of our living history and their sacrifice still resonates in towns and villages throughout Argyll.

## GLASGOW LETTER

### Start of session

**2014-2015**

AS I LOOK back over the ten years I have been writing the Glasgow Letter, I am aware that at the start of each new local association session my main theme has changed little.

The problem is one tends to look too far back, to the days when housing areas were full of Gaels. The days when the St Andrew's Halls and then the City Halls were filled for annual gathering concerts, and the following dance was a complete sell-out, are long gone.

Unfortunately some associations have failed to survive as the families of their audiences moved out to the suburbs and changes to licensing hours resulted in social habits changing radically.

Survivors have witnessed attendances at all functions decline dramatically, a problem compounded by the age profile with youngsters conspicuous by their absence despite the fact many of their compatriots provide the entertainment. Association office bearers are only too aware of the above as they strive to ensure the future of what are long-standing institutions within the city.

Fortunately, volunteers still come forward to serve on committees which gives me the ideal opportunity to highlight that Nan MacPhee has stepped down from the committee of the Uist and Barra Association after 50 years' sterling service.

And James MacLean, who is moving to stay in Benbecula, will be replaced by John Angus Smith as convenor of the association's high profile piping competition after 10 years in that post.

There is continual talk of the need for co-operation between associations and to some extent this has taken place.

During Celtic Connections 2014, the associations supported a full-house concert in the City Hall and during the Commonwealth Games they provided similar support to the culture programme.

In addition, Piping Live recognises the link between bagpipe music and the Gaelic language with their Gaels and Gracetones concert.

These are, however, high profile events with sponsorship unlike the local associations which experience increasing costs without such support. This is really a plea to seek support for concerts, ceilidhs and dances organised in and around the city during session 2014-15 and beyond.

As intimated in the diary dates below, this weekend sees the start of local functions.

Tonight, Thursday, Comun an Taobh-an-lar will be entertained by singers Ainsley Hamill, Linda MacCallum, Norman MacKinnon and Calum Ross with fiddler Ryan Young and piper Graeme Richardson. The following evening at Clydebank it will be Lochaber duo Charlie MacColl and Jimmy Cameron, Ainsley Hamill and Ann Hepburn together with fiddler Ryan Young and piper Robert Wood.

During the past 10 years, Ceol's Craic has been a successful innovation at its venue in the CCA, Sauchiehall Street, with monthly events including workshops and films

as well as music, exploring the links between our traditional music and other genres. The first event of its session will be on Saturday September 27 and I will provide more details next week.

### Bearnsen Celtic Festival

THE WEEKEND starting Friday October 3 will be busy in the suburb of Bearnsen when the Celtic Festival takes place.

During the day on Friday, nine primary schools will take part in a country dance festival in the burgh hall and in the evening in the same venue, there will be a family ceilidh.

Throughout the day on Saturday there will be workshops including classes in fiddle, ukulele, chanter, Scots song, step dancing, Gaelic for beginners, mixed instrumental groups and vocal groups, all run by qualified tutors. In addition there will be a photo trail of some favourite views throughout the weekend, youth workshops including a youth cafe with live music on Saturday and then on Saturday evening, in New Kilpatrick Church, a Celtic Concert featuring Alastair MacDonald, Dr Lori Watson and Jean Butterworth.

New Kilpatrick Church will host a Celtic ecumenical festival service on Sunday evening.

Attendance at classes is free but enrolment is necessary and this must be completed by Friday September 26. For further information, or to enrol, contact New Kilpatrick Church Office, 28, Kirk Place, Bearnsen, G61 3RT or email mail@nkchurch.org.uk

### Diary dates

**Tuesday September 9:** Live at the Star, Admiral Bar, 72a Waterloo Street, 8pm, Michael Chapman.

**Wednesday September 10:** Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, Victoria Halls, Helensburgh, 7.30pm.

**Thursday September 11:** Comun Taobh-an-lar Ceilidh, Ellangowan Social Club, Milngavie, 7.30pm - see above.

**Friday September 12:** Clydebank and District Highlanders Association Ceilidh, Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick, 7.30pm, see above.

**Saturday September 13:** Glasgow Skye Association opening ceilidh, Crawford Hall, Beith Street, Partick, 7.30pm.

**Tuesday September 16:** Live at the Star, Admiral Bar, 72a Waterloo Street, 8pm, Green Bartley/Julia Disney.

**Wednesday September 17:** Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, John McLintock Hall, Balfron, 7.30pm.

**Friday September 19:** Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association Ceilidh, Crawford Hall, Beith Street, Partick, 7.45pm.

**Pub scene**

DEOCH 'n Dorus will be playing in the Park Bar on both Saturday and Sunday weekend with Martainn Skene there on Friday.

In the Islay Inn it will be the Keelies on Friday and Black Velvet on Saturday.

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

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### Clarification

THE OBAN Times would like to clarify that the Facebook page referred to in 'Group's call to lay down the law on Glen Etive litter', August 28 2014, is administered by Mark Shone, not Andy MacArthur. Mr MacArthur is a member of a Facebook group called Loch Etive - Shores of Shame.



## Glencoe Hotel in days gone by

Colin Armstrong of Coventry submitted this week's flashback photograph which features the Glencoe Hotel in days gone by. Prints or emails of flashback photos should be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone who wishes a print returned must supply a stamped, addressed envelope.

## Letters to the editor

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### Where are cyclists supposed to go?

Sir,

Two articles in the September 4 edition of *The Oban Times* take a gratuitously anti-cyclist tone and show that as far as *The Oban Times* is concerned, cyclists can't win.

If they are off the roads, apparently they will be bringing down pedestrians - 'High street bike danger concern'.

If they are on the roads, they will be making drivers' lives a misery - 'Weekend trunk road chaos fears'.

Where are cyclists supposed to go? Both these articles could have been written as good news stories reflecting how in Fort William pedestrians, cyclists and motorists can all share their space.

Instead *The Oban Times* has chosen to make them both about the menace of bicycles.

It's hard to understand why there is this editorial bias against such a cheap, accessible and environmentally sound form of transport.

Susannah Calderan, Banavie.

### Consultants fees and airport costs

Sir,

You recently told readers Argyll and Bute Council had spent around £750,000 on consultants to advise on developments in Oban; all to little effect.

Now your correspondent Louise Lee has revealed Oban Airport, which is the 'envy of local communities', costs around half a million pounds each year and has an income of around £40,000.

Little wonder then the Audit Commission is concerned about the management of Argyll and Bute Council.

Colin Davidson.

### Support for two lane road on Mull

Sir,

I write with reference to David Pollard's letter in *The Oban Times* of September 4.

Since Argyll and Bute council's promise to upgrade the road to two lanes in 1964 when the ferry terminal moved to Craignure, there has been huge support and public campaigns to achieve a double track road from Tobermory to Craignure.

This letter is to say thank you to all the people who helped us on that day.

Thank you to the men who helped us out of our wrecked car, one being an off-duty firefighter who checked us over for injuries.

To the police, who sorted everything out, and to the ambulance crew who were so attentive in dealing with our injuries.

### YOUR LETTERS

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 300 words in length for publication on this page.

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BU DUAL dha Joey MacLeod a bhith coibhneil fialaidh agus tha e air fior dhearbhadh a thoirt dhan dualchas sin!

Cha robb Joey achna bliadhna nuair a thosich e' a cuideachadh a sheamhair Anna NicLeoid a' togail airgead dha Hospice na Gàidhealtachd. Mar a dh' eirich do dh'iomadach neach eile a fhuar eolas air na h-aire agus na taice a tha an hospice a' toirt dha euslaintich agus dhan cárdean, thosich Anna air taic a chur ris an ionad an deidh dha céile piuthar dhi caochadh an sin.

Tha Anna lán molaidh air an t-saothair is an coibhneas a tha daonnan a' sónrachadh frithéaladh luchd-obrach a' hospice agus tha i fhèin a déanam spàrm mhòr a' togail airgead as a leath. Thosich Joey a cuideachadh ach an ceann uine stéidhich e iomairt dha fhein gus airgead a thogail, a' reic seann déideagan, crannchur, agus fiú's a' cur cùilidh air doigh. A dh'aindeoin oige chruaileadh sam bith air Joey fionadh gu gniomhachasan mòr is beag air feadh na sgìre a shliadach taice dha chuid iomairt agus dusan bliadhna tha e air còrr air tri mile not a thogail.

Cha bheag an t-iomadh gum beil Hospice na Gàidhealtachd air ainn Joey a chur air adhart airson duais Croise Deirge. Tha e air cuireadh faothainn gu cuirm aig Lùchart Westminster san t-Samhain agus co-dhùin a ghleidheas e priomh dhuis agus nach glèidh, math an athine seo air a chuid saothrach!

Tha Hospice na Gàidhealtachd a cosg mu £3.8 millean sa bliadhna agus tha dà thriant den sin, mu £2.5 millean, ri thogail le luchd-taice. Gu mi-fhortanach 's ann a sior fhàs a tha an t-iarras air seirbhis hospice agus an deidh còig bliadhna fheadh thathas air co-dhùin an t-ionad se a dhùblachadh, a' ciallachadh ceithir millean gu lete a bharrachd ri chruinneachadh gus an togalach a th' ann a leagail agus ionad ùr a chur suas air an làraich.

Air sgàth dieilh leithid Joey MacLeod, tha an iomairt a dh'ionsaigh cosgaig an togalach uir cha mhòr dà thriant den t-slige agus chan eil teagmhach nach ruigear an ceann-uidhe. Mar a th' aitne a' dol seachad, agus a dh'aindeoin saidhreachas na dùthcha, 's ann as mothu a chuirean a tha dol an urra ri taice saor-thoileach.

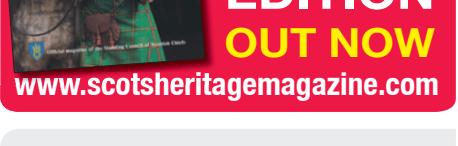
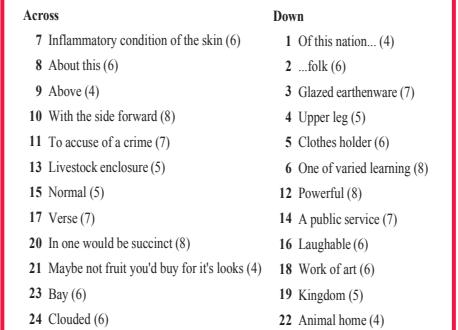
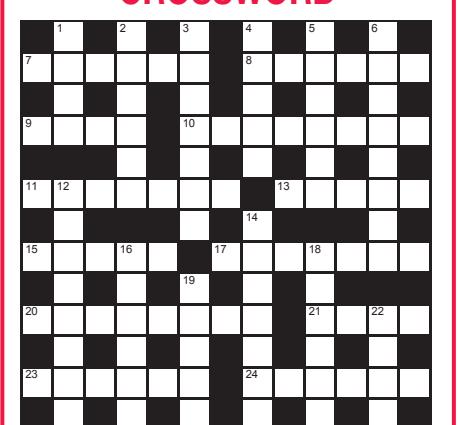
Saoilidh mi nach eil sin dol a dh'atharrachadh agus nach mòr a' mhiseachadh dhuinn gum bheil oigridh leithid Joey gar leantainn!

HIGHLAND Hospice is increasingly well supported because of the extraordinary care and comfort it provides to patients and their families.

Sadly, the demand for palliative care services continues to grow and Highland Hospice, and all similar centres, require even greater community support.

Twelve-year-old Joey MacLeod of Daviot, near Inverness, started fundraising with his grannie when he was nine years old and has now raised more than £3,000 on his own. The hospice was surely right to nominate Joey for a Red Cross award.

**Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell)**  
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## WORLD WAR ONE 1914-1918

### Argyll looks back on 'War to end all wars'



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**A**S THE committee behind the WWI commemoration finalises plans for the next four years, four of its members have explained why it is important to mark the centenary of the war.

Graham MacQueen, deputy lord lieutenant, Ian Blair-Simmonds, chairman of the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBLS) Oban branch, lord lieutenant Patrick Stewart and councillor

Maurice Corry, Argyll and Bute Council's armed forces champion, will be adding their expertise to the Argyll-wide committee.

While older generations have lived through wars and lost close family in conflict, there are many who have not known the hardship of war. The committee sees part of its task being education, so that everyone is aware of the sacrifices made by people from this area.

Mr Stewart said: 'The Great War was supposed to

be the war to end all wars but it failed to do so.

'We have got to teach young people why it wasn't.'

'At the end of the war we knew militarisation brought us this terrible slaughter but the peace imposed on Germany caused the Second World War. It requires maturity and magnanimity to be the victor.'

'The politicians threw away the great sacrifice of those who fought and died in the First World War. They failed those millions on all sides who died.'

'The same formula that led to WWI is still there and is not being addressed. We have a responsibility to teach young people there is another way and WWI is the best way to do that.'

Councillor Corry said: 'We need to make people realise the sacrifice made by so many for us.'

'But the legacy of WWI meant during the past year more people are coming together with their relations to share memories and artefacts.'

'I am interested in what

communities were doing before the war and how many from those communities went to war. Hundreds went, but precious few came back.'

'They tried to keep men from the same community together in the regiments to keep the spirit and camaraderie but they often died together which had a horrendous effect on communities.'

'I am glad to see young people taking an interest in WWI and we, as a council, can develop that through libraries and education.'

Mr Blair-Simmonds said:

'What people forget is the number of people involved in a conflict that changed all of our lives. It wasn't just the soldiers affected by it, families at home lost the bread winners.'

'As chairman of RBLS I was approached to see if I would take on the organisation of the parade, which will be the first of the commemoration events, and it is an honour to be involved.'

'Everyone has been connected or affected by WWI, I never knew my grandfathers because of the war. Younger people should know what people have given so that we can be here today.'

'We are talking about 14-year-old boys going off to war. Having joined the army myself at 17 years old I thought I was very young, so for those boys it must have been scary.'

Mr MacQueen said: 'No-one alive today was involved in the fighting of WWI but my mother was born in 1930 and recounted tales of it. My grandfather never wanted to talk about it because what he had seen was horrific.'

'It is so important to understand that and show respect to those who gave their lives and were involved in conflict.'

The committee would like to hear from anyone with WWI medals, material, letters or other items. Anyone wishing to loan these to the commemoration committee can hand them into their nearest library.'



Inveraray Company parades down Main Street, Inveraray.

Photo courtesy Rae MacGregor, Inveraray



The 8th Argyll Sutherland Highlanders, 16th Platoon, marches from Argyll Square, Oban on August 7 1914.

Photo courtesy Oban War and Peace Museum

## LORD LIEUTENANT PATRICK STEWART

## War is not a solution



In September 20 the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War is to be commemorated in Argyll and Bute.

While it will, of course, be a sombre affair, it is not primarily an act of remembrance for the war dead.

That act is carried out, publicly, with increasing commitment, annually on Remembrance Sunday and more and more on Armistice Day, November 11.

If the act of commemoration is not an act of remembrance what can it be?

We have marked recently the significant anniversaries of battles such as Bannockburn and Trafalgar, in the latter of which men from Campbeltown and Tarbert fought in HMS Victory. These are now celebrated as turning points in history, rather than for the individual sacrifices made.

This may be because folk memory of family involvement either no longer exists or is very remote.

There will be some present next Saturday, whose parents lived through and even fought in the First World War. For them the folk memory is very strong. There are many more

whose grandparents would have been involved whether suffering the deprivations and anxieties of life at home, or involved in the struggle on land, at sea and in the air.

However, our commemoration must go beyond individual memory and loss. It must spark a determination to record the human side of the conflict.

We must define the causes and consequences of the conflict and what, if anything, that apparently senseless slaughter has still to teach us.

At this stage, I break from my thoughts to remind readers that Argyll and Bute council's Libraries and Culture Services has launched an ambitious programme to collect or record as many items of memorabilia as exist in our area, in order to construct a social history of the community's contribution to the military and civilian involvement in the war.

Please therefore, let your local library record and copy any memento (photographs, correspondence, diaries, equipment, newspaper cuttings or, perhaps most important of all, memories). Nothing is too small or seemingly irrelevant.

Returning to my theme of commemoration, it would be wonderful if we could stand on September 20 and commend ourselves that what we would still call the Great War was the war which ended all wars.

Rather, we have to admit that it was only the first in a whole series of wars which have become increasingly vicious and in which civilians are targeted as much, if not more, than the military.

There will be many young people present, for many of whom the First World War is of little interest and less impact. Yet, if the world is to be a better place for them and their children, than the world which their parents are leaving them, they must learn and implement the lessons and mend the failings that that war, now, clearly in retrospect, spell out.

Millions died but militarism was not defeated. Politicians did not understand that magnanimity, rather than revenge, cements peace.

I could go on but I think I only need to point out that our failures to understand, and deal appropriately with, the forces and aspirations that were unleashed are still causing pain, suffering, death, destruction and ever-increasing fanaticism.

The Second World War was but the First World War resumed. Recently the failure to settle the Balkan question has led to a terrible war in Serbia and neighbouring countries.

Today the wars in Iraq and Syria can be traced back to the Sykes Picot 1916 agreement to carve up the Ottoman Empire, once defeated.

So what are the lessons our young people should draw from this commemoration? War is not a solution. It is a failure. It may solve some problems, by force, but it creates more.

Alternative resolution has to be given a chance and aggression tamed. Whatever one thinks of the European Union there has not been a hint of aggression, let alone a threat of military action,

between or amongst its members, since its creation.

The determination of its founders, that there should not be another war in Europe has, within its limits, so far been entirely successful.

However, wars continue to be fought all round the world mostly in countries where societies are the least resilient.

Oddly enough our generation may have given the next, in the guise of instant communication, the tools to allow those, who 100 years ago would have just been ciphers, the ability to require, of their leaders, that peace is given a chance. Let us hope so.



Three of Argyll's WWI committee leaders, from left: councillor Maurice Corry, lord lieutenant Patrick Stewart and RBLS Scotland Oban branch chairman Iain Blair-Simmonds. 16\_135war01

## Remember war stories with hope



F the 65 million personnel who participated in World War One, there are no remaining survivors.

The last living veteran of World War One, a British citizen named Florence Green, died on the 4 February 2012, aged 110.

But we are most of us the children and grandchildren of those who served.

Stories passed down through the generations keep alive the desire to show respect for relatives through commemorating those who fought for our country, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Wilfred Owen's ironically titled First World War poem 'Dulce Et Decorum Est' gives the reader some idea of the nightmares of trench warfare and challenges the propaganda for self-sacrifice.

On a personal note, my maternal grandfather, raised in Lismore, joined

the Scottish Horse Regiment and was injured in the trenches.

He was later repatriated from Ypres; lucky to have survived. Remarkably, my paternal grandmother also served behind the lines as a nurse in the same area and during the same period of time.

As a child, my grandparents spoke nothing to me of the Great War, silenced perhaps by the true horror which they had experienced.

Through remembering and honouring those who served in World War One at commemorative events we can be grateful for that which we have gained and mournful for that which we have lost.

We can share in the aspirations of our predecessors and proudly unite in that hope: the hope to end to all war.

Graham MacQueen MBE DL

### DULCE ET DECORUM EST

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots  
But limped on blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots of  
tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.  
Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! – An ecstasy of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.  
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.  
In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.  
If in some smothering dreams you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie: Dulce et Decorum est  
Pro patria mori.

(it is a Great and Glorious Honour to fight and die for one's country)

Wilfred Owen

Thought to have been written between 8 October 1917 and March, 1918

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

'Almost the whole of Europe is now in the throes of a struggle such as history has never before seen. The predictions of soldiers and statesmen have often conjured up the breaking forth of this Armageddon in our own generation and the doctrinaires of peace have as steadily refused to believe them but now it is here to mock their theories and confound their faith.'

- The Oban Times, August 8 1914

## Mallaig Sewing Guild

For Our Soldiers and Sailors - The local Sewing Guild, on behalf of our soldiers and sailors and their families, have forwarded the following articles for use of the Cameron Highlanders and Lovat Scouts: - 39 pairs of socks, 13 nightingales, 6 bed jackets, 6 shirts, 6 pairs sleeping socks, 3 body belts, 3 pairs mittens, 5 pairs children's stockings, 2 petticoats (children's) 3 semmets etc. The articles have been forwarded through Mrs Caldwell of Morar Lodge, who is President of the Guild.

Saturday November 7 1914

## Argyllshire a Prohibited Area

The whole of Argyllshire is now a prohibited area and, according to the notice of the Chief Constable of Argyllshire, printed on the front page, it will be seen that stringent measures are to be taken against Aliens whether Friends or Enemies.

All Alien Friends now residing in the County must register themselves at once.

All Alien Enemies (Germans, Austrians and Hungarians) must obtain permission of the undersigned to continue to reside in the County

(Sgd) H. S Turnbull  
Chief Constable

Saturday October 31 1914

## Notes from Mull

News from the Front - Considerable anxiety was caused in the district last week by the appearance of the name R. Kennedy, 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders on the listing 'missing' after the battle of Mons. It now transpires that the gallant soldier is alive, though reported to be wounded. Private Kennedy is the son of Mr Neil Kennedy, retired carpenter, Dervaig.

Saturday November 7 1914

## Connel postman home

Home from the Front: - All were pleased to see Mr Macalpine, late postman here, home from the Front. He was wounded in the arm, and was sent home to be healed and recuperate. The wound has quite healed and Mr Macalpine returns to his regiment, the Cameron Highlanders, at once. His many friends here wish him a safe return.

Saturday December 5 1914

## Aliens arrested in Oban

Following the recent Government Order regarding the arrest of all alien enemies of military age, the police authorities on Saturday last arrested three Austrians.

Two of these resided in Oban, one being a hotel waiter and the other a tailor.

The third, who resided at Ballachulish, was also a waiter.

Under the charges of Police Constables John Macdonald and Duncan Macintyre, the men were conveyed to Redford Barracks, Edinburgh on Monday, travelling from Oban by the 9.20 train.

Saturday October 31 1914

## Reverend Dr Roddy MacLeod from Furnace writes about a Lochgilphead minister and some of his experiences during World War One.

**Rev Malcom MacLeod**  
ON February 9, 1916 Rev Malcolm MacLeod was inducted as minister of the United Free Church of Scotland in Lochgilphead.

But soon after coming to Lochgilphead Rev MacLeod answered the call to be an army chaplain in France with the 51st (Highland) Division, serving with the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

Rev MacLeod kept a diary detailing the services he held while serving as an army chaplain in France. He conducted at least seven services on a Sunday, some of them in Gaelic.

He describes one service which he held for soldiers from Argyll. In the dark, dank place where the service took place there was nowhere to place a candle to provide some light, so one of the soldiers had to hold a candle in his hand throughout the service.

In his diary MacLeod gives a vivid description of the horrors of war, the roar of the big guns, shells sometimes exploding in a thousand pieces above them or ploughing through the ground leaving large craters.

What gave him hope was the sound of a skylark pouring out its song in

the midst of such turmoil or hearing a thrush singing on a tree trunk.

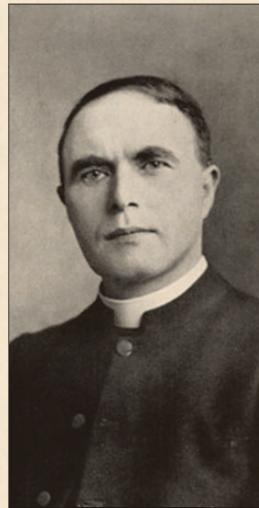
With the coming of peace, Rev MacLeod returned to serve the United Free Church congregation in Lochgilphead for a further six years.

During this time he was a founder member of the Lochgilphead Institute and United Services Club, was actively involved in the local branch of An Comunn Gàidhealach and Lochgilphead Gaelic Choir.

In later years he became a renowned Gaelic writer and broadcaster, editing An Comunn Gàidhealach's monthly magazine and serving as its president.

On September 17, 1924 Rev. Malcolm MacLeod left Lochgilphead to become minister of John Knox and Tradeston Church in Glasgow and in 1937, now a minister of the Church of Scotland following the union of the churches in 1929, he moved to Balquhidder in Perthshire.

He became ill and died in hospital in Glasgow on June 21, 1946, the day his parishioners were to present him with the hood and gown for the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Edinburgh.



Rev MacLeod served as an army chaplain with the 51st (Highland) Division, serving with the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

## Film captures moment of soldiers arrival for camp in Kintyre

A LANDMARK moment in Kintyre at the start of the First World War was caught on film.

And it can now be viewed by anyone with a computer.

Soldiers bound for camp - possibly at Clochiel - are seen arriving at Campbeltown, together with their supplies in horse-drawn carts and wagons.

The film starts with shots of the former post office and White Hart Hotel at either side of Argyll Street in Campbeltown.

There is a car in shot, but then a horse and cart comes trotting past down Main Street.

Crowds are seen thronging at the dockside as soldiers of the 7th and 9th Battalion of the Argyll Regiment wearing kilts and carrying rifles begin a march through the streets.

An open-topped single-decker bus marked 'The Argyllshire Motor Co' can also be seen driving past.

The film was made for screening at the De Luxe Cinemas in Rothesay, Bute and Glasgow by cinema owner Randall Burnette.

The six-minute film can be viewed by going to scotlandonscreen.org.

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Older Campbeltownians may even be able to pick out relatives.

The film finishes by showing some houses in Machrihanish and the Ugadale Hotel.

Campbeltown military aerodrome was used in the First World War when it was known as Machrihanish.

It lay to the south of the later Machr-

ianish aerodrome.

In a RAF survey of aerodromes in 1918, Machrihanish was described as 'Marina Operations (Aeroplane) Station, No. 272 Squadron' the purpose of which was to act as HQ for the squadron and its flights 531, 532 and 533 for anti-submarine patrols, under the command of the senior naval officer at Larne.



The soldiers of 8th Argylls

Photo courtesy of Rae MacGregor, Inveraray



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## Parade echoes down 100 years as Argyll gathers to remember

ON SEPTEMBER 20, people of Argyll will Brownies, schools and RBLS bikers.

The Inveraray and district RBLS branch will join veterans from Campbeltown and Helensburgh in the march through the town.

Millions of people from all corners of the British Empire gave up their ordinary lives and headed for Europe and beyond as the war spread across the Continent to the Middle East and Africa.

A two-part parade will take place from the North Pier to the Corran Halls, echoing the many parades which took place across towns and villages throughout Scotland of soldiers marching to stations and piers to go off to war.

Joining the parades, led by Oban Pipe Band and then Oban High School Pipe Band, will be Colour Parties, Royal Navy, Marine Army and Air Force representatives, The Royal British Legion of Scotland (RBLS), Merchant Marine, Sea Army and Air Force Cadets, Boys Brigade, Coastguard, Police Scotland, National Health Service, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Scouts, Guides and

Brownies.

The parades will form a drumhead rectangle at the Corran Halls, followed by the laying of colours on the drums.

If the weather is inclement, the ceremony will take place inside the Corran Halls.

A service will take place following the ceremony, including an address from the lord lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Patrick Stewart.

## ARGYLL AND BUTE REMEMBERS



Commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War

Saturday 20th September 2014

## Parade of Remembrance

North Pier, Oban - 1.30pm

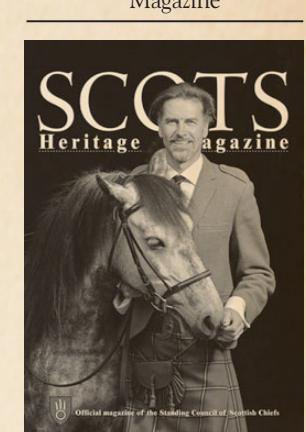
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All welcome

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# A thrilling story of heroism

The Oban Times, October 10 1914

**A**s gallant a deed as

many that are famous in the history of the Army was performed by a Highlander in the fighting near Soissons at the end of last week. The story was told by a Royal Engineer coming back through Lagny with a wagon train.

There was a party of 150 Highlanders that were detailed to hold a bridge over the Aisne, he said.

A German attack was not expected at that point and the detachment was meant to act rather as a guard than a force to defend the bridge. Suddenly, however, the Germans opened fire from the woods around, and a strong force, outnumbering the little body of Highlanders by large odds, came forward at a run towards the bridge. The Highlanders opened fire at once and for a time held the enemy at bay. But the numbers of the Germans

was so great that the attacking force crept constantly nearer and under cover of a heavy fire a dense column of troops was seen advancing along the road that led to the river.

Then one of the Highlanders jumped up from cover. The Maxim gun belonging to the little force had ceased its fire for the whole of its crew had been killed and the gun stood on its tripod silent amid a ring of dead bodies. The Highlander ran forward under the bullet storm and seized the Maxim swung it, tripod and all on to his back, and carried it at a run across the exposed bridge to the far side facing the German attack.

The belt of the gun was still charged and there absolutely alone the soldier sat in full view of the enemy and opened a hail of bullets upon the advancing column.

Under the tempest of fire

the column wavered and then broke, fleeing for cover to the fields on either side of the road and leaving scores of dead, mowed down by the stammering Maxim.

Almost the moment after the Highlander fell dead beside his gun there in the open road, but he had checked the advance on the bridge and before the German column could form again there was the welcome sound of British words of command from the rear of the little force of Highlanders and reinforcements came doubling up to line the river bank in such numbers that the Germans soon retired and gave up the attempt to gain the bridge.

But the Highlander who had carried forward the Maxim gun to his post of certain death there, in the open road, had thirty bullet wounds in his body when he was picked up.

Under the tempest of fire

## BARR, Andrew

Death on service - Mr Robert Barr, farmer, Gartbreck, received intimation from the War Office last week that his son, Bomb. Andrew Barr, 5th Mountain Battery, RGA, died on 14th December from influenza and pneumonia at a military hospital at Salonika.

It was with very deep regret this news was circulated in the district and sincere sympathy is felt by all for the family thus bereaved.

The deceased soldier, who was aged 29 years, was very well-known in Islay, and was extremely popular with all classes.

For quite a number of years he served in the office of Mr M Mactaggart, solicitor, Bowmore, where he gained a capital training in the various duties pertaining to the work of Inspector of Poor, Clerk to Parish Council, School Board, District Committee of County Council, Registrar and Clerk to local Justice of Peace Court.

These duties he discharged with zeal and intelligence. An enthusiastic poultry fancier, he was Secretary of the Islay Poultry Society, and to his organising skill much of the success of the shows was largely due.

He voluntarily enlisted in 1915 in the Argyll and Bute Mountain Battery, and after completing his training was

## DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

## HECTOR Mackenzie

Information has been received that Lance-Corporal Hector Mackenzie, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, has been killed in action at the front in France.

Lance-Corporal Mackenzie, who was twenty-six years of age, was the eldest son of Mr Hector Mackenzie, late of Kinloch Villa, and who is now resident at Lochinver.

He joined the Seaforths at the age of nineteen years, was drafted with his regiment to France shortly after the outbreak of War.

A young man of much promise, he was a great favourite in the regiment, and much sympathy is felt for his relatives, who in their bereavement have the consolation that the brave young soldier laid down his life for his country.

Lance-Corp. Mackenzie was a nephew of Mr Hugh MacInnes, Ardbhan, Oban.

Mr Mackenzie has received the following

message: -  
The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow. Kitchener  
(December 1914)

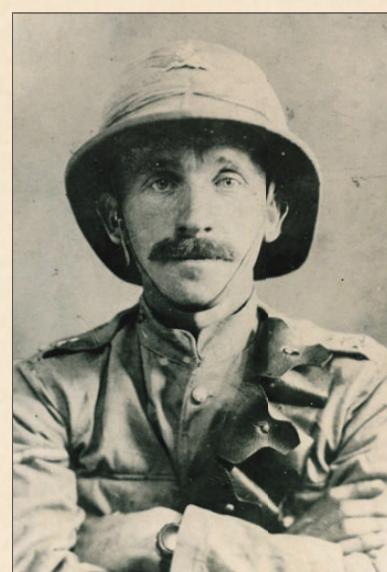


Lance Corporal Hector Mackenzie - Oban man killed in action

## German spy captured

Lance-Corporal Preston, 2nd Inniskillings, now at hospital in Cambridge, writing his relatives in Banbridge County Down, says that after the battle of Mons his section captured a German spy dressed in Scottish 'kilt' uniform, who was knocking about their camp.

September 1914



Andrew Barr



## Dalmally bids fond farewell to Territorials

IN Obedience to the summons of HM War Office the local detachment of Territorials, augmented by two time-expired Volunteers (Messrs Bonnington, plumber, Loch Awe and Livingstone, butler, Innishconain, who offered their services and were promptly accepted), have departed on service.

Before their departure the Territorials, who numbered twenty-one in all, were entertained in the Drill

Hall by Sergt. Campbell (merchant).

Marching thence to the playing of the pipes ('The Campbells are coming'), they arrived at the station and were photographed by Mr Daly.

Over a hundred friends and relatives were on the platform to see their departure.

A small Union Jack with the staff engraved 'leal and True' was presented to Sergt. Colquhoun, with the

instruction to 'bring it back with honour'.

Rousing cheers, with the waving of flags and handkerchiefs, were raised as the heavily-laden special train drew out from the station and passed round the bend among the trees bearing the lads to service of king and Country.

Every evening the last train from the south is eagerly awaited by a large number of the inhabitants

for news of the War.

*The Oban Times, August 22 1914*

father had one sister, Helen, and two brothers, Ian and Robert, who both died in their 20s.

Alister survived the war and later moved his family to Cruachan, then to Eastdale in 1936.

They eventually moved away from Argyll to Galway in 1939 where Alister lived until his death in 1963.

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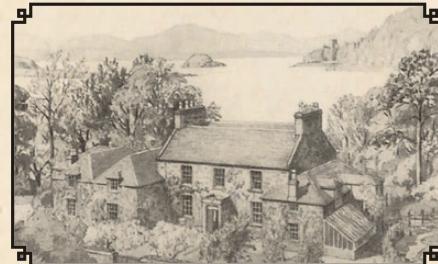
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# Farming



**FIRST TIME:** winner Kirsti Emsley of Bonawe Croft, owned by her father Billy Neilson, won reserve champion with her Texel tup lamb.



**FIRE:** George Berry with a vintage fire engine to raise money for charity. 15\_137dalmally5



**COMPERE:** Kate and Iain Craig with Copper their rescue dog. 15\_137dalmally6



**GO:** Meg and owner Calum Proctor are given their prizes by David Fellow

15\_137dalmally5

## Dalmally Show

DALMALLY Show tried a new layout this year - and to all accounts it worked perfectly with even the sun shining on the show.

The last of the summer shows was held on Saturday at Mart Park, Dalmally and the crowds turned out to enjoy the day.

Able compere Iain Craig made sure there was a good running order of the day. With the addition of new events including the Daltote Horse display and a fine collection of vintage cars and tractors - there was something to see for everyone.

Outstanding livestock were on show including a fine range of poultry and eggs, including one of only a few Blue Andalusian bantams to be bred in Scotland.

But the day belonged to Argyll competitors including Kirsti Emsley, from Bonawe Croft, Taynuilt and her Texel tup lamb that won reserve champion.

The Blue Faced Worcester from Joe and Mary Turner at Kildalloig Farm, Campbelltown was a star performer, The Highland cattle prize went to S and I

Mackay, Achnacloch fold. This small fold has only four cows. The winner was a beautiful example of a fine Highlander raised on the Isle of Iona - until Stuart and his father brought them over to the mainland where each had a successful season.

Lottie, the fourth of Mosscairn, proved to be of a firm temperament.

The terrier race was more fun than ever after the overall winner, a wee 'white dog' Meg, six, managed to catch the lure on a second attempt and break the machine.

She won the race convincingly three times and was named the winner.

Owner, Calum Proctor, gamekeeper at Black Mount, joked that Meg would prefer a chip to a lure she was spending so much time with his young family.

But Meg was a worthy winner and the crowd was delighted to cheer her on.

The volunteers who put the Dalmally Show together should be rightfully proud at a fine event with a huge range of opportunities for people to take part.



**HIGHLANDER:** Lottie the fourth of Mosscairn, a three-year-old heifer by an Old Greenlaw sire. 15\_137dalmally11



**THIRD:** John Webster of Kinross and Jamie McTavish of Arrochar discuss Blue Andalusian poultry as the only two breeders of the birds in the country. 15\_137dalmally8



**PIPEBAND:** The Helensburgh Clan Colquhoun pipe band who played a number of times during the day. 15\_137dalmally1



**SCHOOL:** A raffle held by Dalmally Primary School was very successful. 15\_137dalmally1



**SHINTY:** Taynuilt, winners of the Dalmally Show Sixes, beating Kyles Athletic in the final

### DALMALLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 6 2014, RESULTS:

#### CATTLE CHAMPION:

Ewen MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, By Oban;

#### RESERVE CHAMPION:

Stuart MacKay, Duileter Farm, Lochawe, Dalmally; Rosettes awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion;

#### CATTLE - TROPHIES:

The Craig Perpetual Challenge Cup: Ewen MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, By Oban; The Captain R A Oldham Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by DAS for Reserve Champion: Stuart MacKay, Duileter Farm, Lochawe, Dalmally; Challenge Cup for best animal bred by a crofter, shepherd or stalker in the confined classes: Stewart Underwood, Tom na Coille, Stronmilchan, Dalmally; Special Prizes: Bottle of whisky, presented by DAS, for the herdsmen bringing out Supreme Champion: Ewen MacGillivray; The overall cattle champion will be awarded a sash and in addition £100 kindly presented by Scottish Woodlands Ltd.

#### HIGHLAND CATTLE:

##### CONFINED CHAMPION:

Stuart MacKay, Duileter Farm, Lochawe, Dalmally; Achnacloch Fold;

##### CONFIDENTIAL RESERVE CHAMPION:

Won by: Mrs J H Strickland, Keppochan, Cladich, Dalmally; Cladich Fold;

##### OPEN CHAMPION:

Stuart MacKay, Duileter Farm, Lochawe, Dalmally; Achnacloch Fold;

##### OPEN RESERVE CHAMPION:

Michael Poland, West Ferlochan Farm, Ben-droch; Mottistone Fold. Trophies: Perpetual Challenge Cup for best animal in Highland Section: Stuart MacKay; Achnacloch Fold; Crunach Challenge Cup for best Highland bull Stark bred by exhibitor: R McMillan & E Lawrence, Little Grenach Farm, Isle of Bute: Isle of Bute Fold; Glenogle Perpetual Cup for best heifer: Stuart MacKay; Achnacloch Fold; Brig R W L Fellowes Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for Reserve Champion: Michael Poland; Mottistone Fold; Achnacloch Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best group of Highland cattle, 3 animals: Donald & Brian McNaughton, 123 Station Road, Kielty, Fife; Rannoch Fold; Glenstrae Perpetual Challenge Quaich for best animal in the confined classes: Stuart MacKay; Achnacloch Fold; Medal for Young Handler Class presented by DAS: Leon McMillan; Isle of Bute Fold.

##### COMMERCIAL BEEF CATTLE:

##### CONFIDENTIAL CHAMPION:

Stewart Underwood, Tom na Coille, Stronmilchan, Dalmally;

##### CONFIDENTIAL RESERVE CHAMPION:

Martin Hall, Tombuie, Stronmilchan, Dalmally;

##### OPEN CHAMPION:

Ewen MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, By Oban;

##### OPEN RESERVE CHAMPION:

Ewen MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, By Oban; Trophies: Challenge Cup for best cross-

bred calf: E MacGillivray; The Balure Trophy for best bullock: M Hall; The Lesclairie Perpetual Challenge Cup for Champion in Confined Section: S Underwood; The Ormsary Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best animal in commercial Beef: E MacGillivray; Challenge Cup for best calf in class 30 - confined section: M Hall; Challenge cup for best pair of cross-bred cattle, 1 year old and under 2: S Underwood; The Bidwell Shield for Reserve Champion in commercial Beef section: E MacGillivray; The McCallum Cup for the Reserve Champion in the confined section: M Hall.

**BLACKFACE SHEEP: CONFIDENTIAL CHAMPION:** J & J Macpherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, By Dalmally;

**CONFIDENTIAL RESERVE CHAMPION:** J & J Macpherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, By Dalmally;

**OPEN CHAMPION:**

Jimmy Wright, St Mungo's Farm, Argaty, Doune, Perthshire;

**OPEN RESERVE CHAMPION:**

J & J Macpherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, By Dalmally;

**YOUNG FARMER CHAMPION:**

James Mitchell, Kilellan, Dunoon;

**YOUNG FARMER RESERVE CHAMPION:**

L & A Campbell, Succothmore, Strachur; Confined Trophies: Perpetual Challenge Cup for best female sheep: J & J Macpherson, Balliemeanoch Farm, By Dalmally; Perpetual Challenge cup for best female sheep: J & J Macpherson; Anderson Memorial perpetual challenge cup for best female group of ewe, gimmer and ewe lamb: J & J Macpherson; The Duncan Sinclair memorial perpetual challenge Rosebowl for champion confined sheep: J & J Macpherson; The John MacNnachair perpetual challenge trophy for the exhibitor with the most points in the confined section: J & J Macpherson; Open Trophies: The Dunoran Perpetual Challenge Cup: Hugh MacLeod; Braeside Perpetual Challenge Cup: D McLeod; The Glenview Perpetual Challenge Cup for best exhibit in the horticulture section: D McLeod; The Maitland Rose Bowl for the best pot plant: Neil John MacLean; The Lilian Chrystal Memorial Trophy for the best Rose bloom in the Show: Helen Gibson; Medal from National Vegetable Society for the most meritorious exhibit in the Horticulture Section: D McLeod.

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sheep in the confined section: Alex Macpherson; A rosette presented by the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association for Champion Blackface Sheep: Jimmy Wright.

**POULTRY:**

Trophies: Achlair Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best fowl in Show: George Campbell; Challenge Shield for the exhibitor with the most points in the Poultry section: J & J Webster;

Achnacarron Trophy for the runner-up to T29: George Campbell; Perpetual youth trophy for the best exhibit by a child under 16: Finlay Neilson.

**BAKING:**

Trophies: Ardea Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in the baking section: Helen Gibson;

Tullich Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Baking Section: Denise MacMahon;

The Mary Smith Memorial Trophy: Denise MacMahon;

The Arichastlich Trophy for the overall

winner of the largest class(es) in Baking Section: Sheena Rodgers; The S J Noble Perpetual Memorial Medal for the best girle scones: Helen Gibson.

**PRESERVES:**

Trophy: The Tullich Perpetual Challenge Trophy for most points in preserves section: Karen Campbell.

**HOME INDUSTRIES:**

Trophies: The MacLennan Perpetual Challenge

Cup for most points in the home industries section plus the Duncan Wylie Memorial Prize, this year awarded for most points in Home Industries:

Denise MacMahon; Janet MacLennan Memorial Trophy for most points in knitting classes: Ronia Duncan; Challenge Trophy for best piece of embroidery: Rae Green; £5 for best exhibit in class 129 (Handcraft not eligible for previous classes): June Taylor.

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## THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Gaelic Conversation Group, Furan Gaelic Centre, Corran Halls, Oban, 7-8.30pm  
Hollow Mountain Trio, Every Thursday, Barn Bar, Lerags, 8-11pm

## FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Blas Festival, Corran Halls, Oban, 7.30pm  
Wingin' It, Victory Hall, Benderloch, 8pm

## SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Die-Cast Model Show, Victory Hall, Benderloch, 10am-4.30pm  
Blas Festival, Taynuilt Village Hall, 7.30pm

## SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Die-Cast Model Show, Victory Hall, Benderloch, 10am-4.30pm  
Craft Fayre, Every Sunday, Creagan Inn Appin, 12-5pm  
Oban Camera Club - Free Photo Walk From North Pier 2pm Approx. 2.5hrs.  
Participants should be reasonably fit.  
Memory Walk in aid of Alzheimer Scotland, Garavan Sands, Oban, 2pm  
BID4OBAN Beach Clean, Volunteers needed, meet at Oban Times Slipway, 10am  
SVTEC Farming Yesteryear and Vintage Rally at Scone Palace Parklands, Perth.

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## Argyll Speaks: as rural parliament heads to Oban

ARGYLL Voluntary Action (AVA) is getting people together to prepare them for the first Scottish Rural Parliament coming to Oban on November 6-8.

While the 'key themes' of the event have been drawn up - AVA want people to come along and use the opportunity to find a voice and learn from other areas.

In partnership with AVA, the Scottish Rural Parliament is holding a regional meeting in Argyll in advance.

Glenn Heritage of AVA said: 'The main aims of this meeting are to disseminate information regarding the Scottish Rural Parliament, to discuss issues and to identify delegates to attend the parliament.'

'We are hosting this as a non-political event to ensure our views are fed through to Scottish Rural Parliament.'

This regional meeting - Argyll Speaks - is an opportunity to hold round table discussions to inform the parliament and an opportunity to learn more about the key services which Argyll provides from our public sector and community planning partners.'

The event will be held in the Corran Halls in Oban on Wednesday September 17 from 12 noon until 4pm with a lunch provided.

## Scottish Seabird Centre announces nature photography competition

AN AWARD-winning visitor attraction, and conservation and education charity, the Scottish Seabird Centre, has launched its 2014 photography competition.

The Scottish Seabird Centre Nature Photography Awards are in their ninth year and attract entries from amateur photographers locally, nationally and internationally. The awards seek to identify the best photographic talent from all age groups as well as encouraging people to interact with the natural world in a sustainable way.

Winning photographers have the opportunity to secure prizes including trips to the Isle of May National Nature Reserve, memberships for the Scottish Seabird Centre and Scottish Wildlife Trust; vouchers for

Northshots Photography and day-long wildlife trips courtesy of Isle of Mull Wildlife Expeditions.

The judges are Scottish Natural Heritage's award-winning photographer Lorne Gill, professional freelance photographer Graham Riddell and Scottish Field editor Richard Bath.

The deadline for entries is Sunday October 19; following this, the judges will meet to decide on a shortlist in each category.

The shortlist will then be on display in the Seabird Centre and online for the public to cast their vote until Sunday February 22.

In each category there will be a winner selected by the judges and a winner selected by the voting public. To enter the awards go to [www.seabird.org](http://www.seabird.org).

## Competition to find author's superfan

THE OUTER Hebrides Tourism Industry Association (OHTIA) is working closely with the London office of Quercus Books to launch a competition to recruit the top 100 superfans of crime writer Peter May.

The award-winning author of several stand-alone novels and two series, is perhaps best loved for his internationally best-selling Lewis Trilogy set in Scotland's Outer Hebrides.

The superfans will be asked to submit suggestions outlining how they would help share Peter May's books and extend their enthusiasm to new readers.

The lucky 100 superfans will receive a pack includ-

ing early copies of May's next book, Runaway, out January 2015; a copy of the Lewis Trilogy companion photo book Hebrides; five copies of their favourite May title; and regular updates and excerpts.

Quercus is asking fans, who have until September 14 to apply to be a superfan, to document their sharing experience on social media using creative and imaginative sharing techniques.

The competition to be a superfan launched on August 14. The 100 super fans will be announced on October 1 and the ultimate superfan winner will be announced on January 31. Fans can apply at [www.quercusbooks.co.uk/peter-may-superfans](http://www.quercusbooks.co.uk/peter-may-superfans).

## Mental health festival in Oban

POWER and mental health will be put in the spotlight at one of the world's largest social justice festivals taking place throughout Scotland from October 1 - 19.

The theatre, film, literature and music programmes will explore the nature of personal, political and social power as well as the disempowerment associated with mental ill health and the empowerment gained through the arts.

Two films will be screened at Oban Phoenix Cinema during the festival, for details contact the cinema.

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# Petrel project progress

A RECENTLY hatched Leach's Storm-petrel signals the success of a breeding programme from The National Trust for Scotland (NTS).

The bird is one of the least common seabirds of the British Isles, known only from a handful of sites, of which St Kilda is by far the most densely inhabited, with about 94 per cent of the known breeding population.

Earlier studies showed that the petrel population on Dùn, one of St Kilda's islands, had halved between 1999 and 2003 and very little is known about the species' breeding patterns.

Chief petrel-head, Gina Prior, St Kilda's Seabird and Marine Ranger said: 'Given what seems to be an increasingly precarious situation for this rarest of seabirds, it was vital we found out more about their breeding patterns and the possible causes of population decline.'

This is no easy task as Leach's Storm-petrels are quite difficult to observe because they breed in hollows and cracks in the rocks and only return to their burrow after dark.'

Early attempts to install wooden nest boxes in the hope that these would attract breeding pairs of petrels and make them easier to study proved fruitless.

Instead, the NTS team joined forces with carpentry and joinery students at Inverness College to create a set of flat-packed nesting boxes which better mimicked the small, cramped spaces preferred by the birds.

In 2012, the new design proved its worth as the very first hatching of a Leach's Storm-petrel in an artificial burrow was recorded.

Subsequently, two chicks fledged in 2013 and three pairs of petrels are currently raising chicks this season.

Gina added: 'I know that it isn't the 'done' thing to name the animals we study but we couldn't help ourselves.'

'Squeak, the loudest of the chicks, increased his weight by an amazing 40 per cent in just two days.'

'Puddle, the oldest chick of the three is a bit of a chubster in comparison and is now starting to lose his downy fluff as his feathers come in. Squib, the youngest chick, is fast catching up with the other two.'

'Despite our successes with the project so far, we need

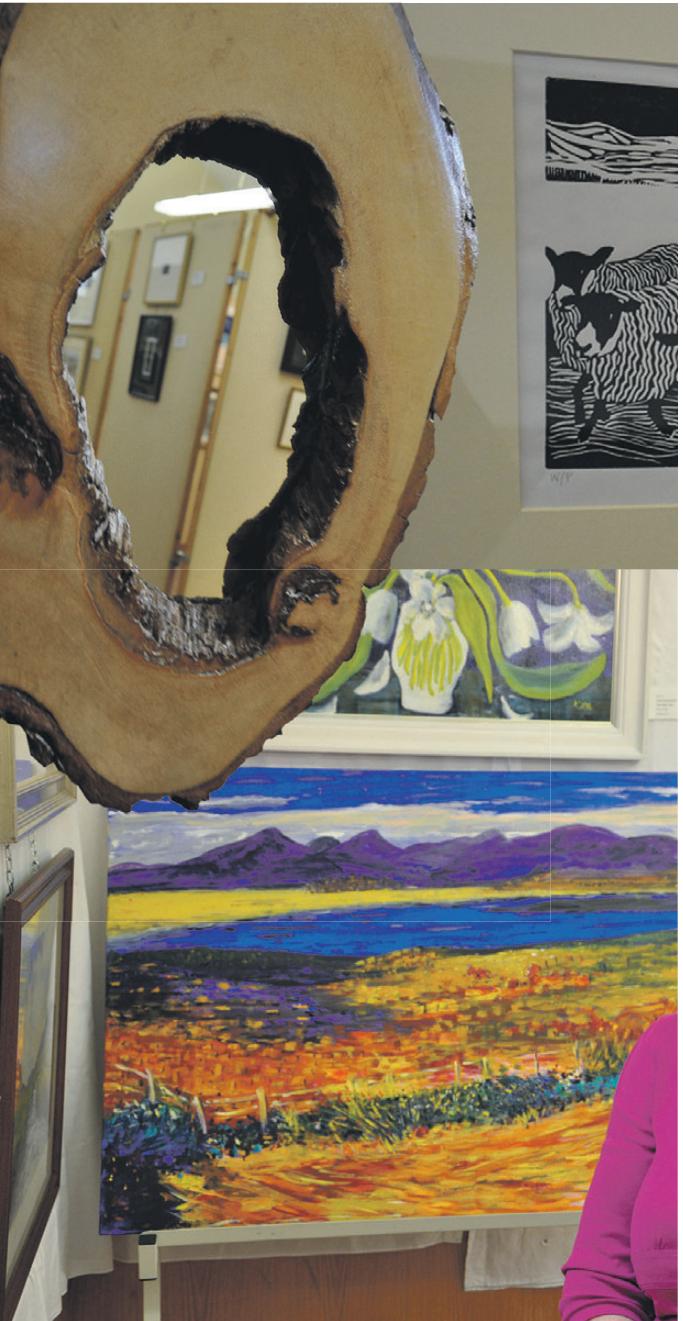


THE SQUEAK: putting on 40 per cent of its weight in two days, it is good news for the Leach's Storm-petrel.

to expand the number of nesting boxes if we are to gather more vital data.'

'Steve MacDonald, a volunteer who joined an NTS work party on St Kilda, who happens to be a builder by trade, has come up with a fresh design of box which should be better at withstanding the harsh conditions here.'

'We are mass producing the new boxes over the winter and we will have them in place for the 2015 breeding season and hopefully the results will be well worthwhile.'



## Argyll restaurants make Good Food Guide

TWO west coast restaurants have made it into the Good Food Guide.

The Ninth Wave restaurant in Mull and Airds Hotel in Port Appin have both been featured in the newest edition of the popular book.

In its 30th year in the book the restaurant at the Airds Hotel is only one of five establishments remaining in the book for three decades.

Seafood specialists Ninth Wave makes its name into the book for the first time. The restaurant is renowned

for the way it uses fresh produce from the sea.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of the guide, said: 'I really am impressed by the high standard of all Scottish restaurants in the guide - the country seems to be a magnet for talented chefs.'

'There may be a wealth of top restaurants, but particular acknowledgment must go to the new entries in the Good Food Guide 2015 - it's great to see restaurants of the quality of Ninth Wave entering the guide for the first time.'

## Fishy theme swims into pages of festival

TICKETS have gone on sale for the third Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival - based at the Sunart Centre in Strontian - which kicks off on Friday September 26 with a schools' programme enabling local youngsters to work with participating authors.

Friday evening is Film Night, with a 'fishy' theme, including snacks and a bar.

Author Alan Bissett will introduce one of his favourite films, *Jaws*, and host a discussion afterwards.

Saturday's programme is packed with events, many geared towards children. For the youngest, there are Book Bug story sessions, while author Jon Fardell

will run a family-oriented book event.

The ever-popular Kids' Cook School will be back, as will Room 13 which will feature book and paper making.

There will also be a screening of 'Spirited Away', an animation suitable for all ages (although spooky in parts).

Many of these activities run concurrently with the main literature and arts events so that parents can pursue their interests, knowing their children are happily occupied.

For adults, author events include Andrew Greig and Dorothy McPhie presenting From Tiller to Tomb.

Jackie Kay will talk about

her popular books and our patron, Alexander McCall Smith, will discuss his most recent books and life since his last visit four years ago.

Hands-on sessions include a short story-writing workshop with Alan Bissett, while Dorothy McPhie will run a book marbling workshop.

Norrie McLaren will talk about his 'Adventures in the Screen Trade' and host an exhibition of screen-based artwork.

Music lovers will enjoy Margaret McLellan's session on traditional Gaelic Waulking Songs, which were sung by the women as they worked the cloth.

Also on a musical theme,

Mary Ann Kennedy will present music, stories, archive recordings and images from her family's award-winning book 'Fonn - The Campbells of Grupee'.

Following the untimely death of Iain Banks - a popular guest at the last festival - this year's 'Big Read' session is entitled 'Homage to Iain Banks'. The books discussed will be the science fiction novel 'Hydrogen Sonata' and his last book, 'The Quarry', which was completed just before his death.

After all that intellectual activity, Saturday evening is a chance for folk to enjoy a barbecue and bar,

followed by the final event - an evening with the comedian Ed Byrne.

The Tobermory Bookshop, Tackle and Books, will be on site, stocking a wide range of books, including those featured at the festival - with opportunities to have them signed by the authors.

The Three Lochs Cafe will serve food all day, and a selection of local food stalls will provide an opportunity to take some goodies home.

For up to date news, full programme details and information about where to buy tickets, visit: [www.threelochs.co.uk](http://www.threelochs.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.

## Washington Irving on tour

WASHINGTON Irving is currently on tour in the west Highlands - before heading to play in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The band was formed in Glasgow by friends that met in high school in Oban and have gone from strength to strength with their touring schedule.

The friends' energetic live shows have developed a growing and very loyal fan base from extensive touring and performing at festivals across the UK.

The band has released

three singles, an EP and a two-part album through independent label Instinctive Racoon.

The band's sound is indie rock which echoes folk song writing from members' home on the west coast of Scotland.

### Radio coverage

Last year the band was play listed on BBC Radio Scotland, featured on Steve Lamacq's round table, championed by the likes of BBC6 music's Tom Robinson, BBC Radio 1's Ally McErlaine, and Radio

single Palomides was created by Glasgow visual artist James Houston, was taken by Adam Buxton to feature on his show Bug and has achieved international acclaim.

An alternative mix of Palomides, mixed by Kevin McMahon, was featured in the audio of the video, and has been featured by London-based label Killing Moon and Ally McErlaine in their collaborative compilation New Moons: Volume II

which is due for release on September 15.

Before the band head into the studio it will be performing some intimate shows in Scotland to road-test its new songs, starting with a small and very special highlands tour in September before returning to Edinburgh and finally Glasgow, band members' adopted hometown.

The band can be seen on September 10 at Enzo in Edinburgh and on September 18 at exhibition and conference space CCA in Glasgow.



WASHINGTON IRVING: A fine folk indie band from Oban



# Summer exhibition success

Oban Art Society celebrates this year's great display

OBAN Art Society talent was on show in abundance at an exhibition held in the Army Cadet Centre in Oban.

The summer show had many different mediums including sculpture, household objet d'art and a huge variety of local talents.

The exhibition was attended by locals and visitors.

Most of the work on show was for sale and by the time the end of the exhibition came around there were plenty of red dots on items.

Highlights included many beautiful landscapes and work revealing the life and energy of the area of North Argyll.

Art society chairwoman, Monika Smyth told *The Oban Times* that the exhibition had been very successful, and the funds raised would support a winter programme for anyone interested in art.

The exhibition was open for eight days and we

displayed the work of 32 local artists. Work was exhibited from my grandson [a work called Thistles] to members in their 80s.

Monika added: 'We are all inclusive in the art society and open to people of all abilities. Art is something to be enjoyed.'

The winter programme will include workshops and four evening talks.

'Everyone should have a go at doing some art.'

'Everyone has their own style and people appreciate different things. At one time I had an artist who bought many of my paintings. He began to apologise for doing so, and I said, 'it is just because we see the world the same way'.'

The programme for the winter is now well under way and programme secretary Rhoda Thomas is looking for ideas to entertain and inspire members in their work.

Rhoda can be contacted on obanart@aol.com



ART: Hazel Laird displayed her work, which is inspired by the west coast, alongside some of the 32 artists who were involved in the exhibition.



CONNEL BRIDGE: a miniature of Connel Bridge will be making its first appearance in Bonnybridge at the start of October.

## Connel Bridge to feature in model exhibition

A REPLICA of the Connel Bridge will be shown for the first time at an exhibition in Bonnybridge, near Falkirk in early next month.

The model railway exhibition on Saturday October 4 and Sunday October 5 will see the nine-inch high bridge take pride of place.

**Ionic**

Train enthusiast Peter Midwinter, who is building the bridge, said: 'I wanted to build the bridge because it has always struck me as being an iconic bridge of

its time and I wanted to build an additional layout featuring the bridge as the centre part.'

'The main bridge is built from Plastruct sections having various shapes to represent the different beams and trusses on the original.'

**Time consuming**

'There is some £500 of plastic section used in its construction and time taken is in the order of about 500 hours' work.'

'We had more than 30

people contact us via phone, email, letter regarding information on the bridge which I was after, like the colour scheme and the hats at each end of the bridge etc.'

'We have had a lot of enquiries from people asking where they can see the layout when it is finished in Oban.'

'It would be nice to show the people the layout when finished but it is the cost and space of getting it to Oban.'



COMMON SEAL: in an uncommon view.

## Go virtual diving in Scottish seas

VIRTUAL underwater dives showcasing some of Scotland's most important marine wildlife have been published online by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The dives feature computer animation to reveal some of Scotland's hidden marine landscapes and the variety of animals and plants that live there.

Viewers can take a dip with bottlenose dolphins amongst the sea grass meadows of the Sound of Barra, or swim with basking sharks and rare fan mussels in the rich waters off the Small Isles.

Owen McGrath of SNH said: 'We are all used to seeing spectacular underwater footage on television from exotic locations such as the Caribbean or Australia's

Great Barrier Reef.

'Many of us are probably less familiar though with the rich variety of marine life in the seas around Scotland.'

'We hope these dives will give people a feel for just how special the seas here are and encourage them to explore the sea life of the Hebrides for themselves.'

The virtual dives were created using real survey data, video footage, photography and sound recordings, to reflect, as accurately as possible, the fascinating and colourful environment in Scottish waters.

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## Iona, The Other Island

### BOOK REVIEW

by Louise Lee

REKNOWNED poet and writer Kenneth Stephen is inspiring with his down-to-earthness in his latest book, *Iona The Other Island*.

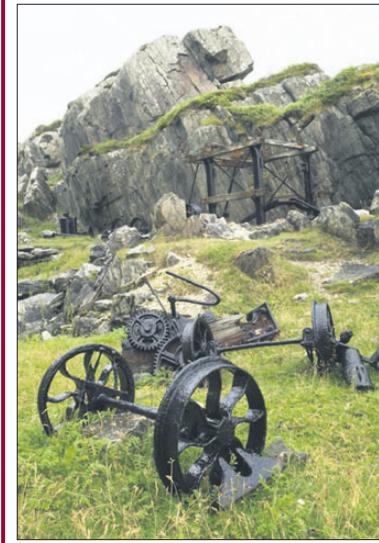
His words are freshly illustrated by Iain Sarjeant - a photograph whose work is completely understated.

Sergeant brings colour and life to many well-known picture of the island, his picture of the Marble Quarry is outstanding. There is a lightness not often experienced in the

world. Kenneth is a step brother of a friend, and I enjoyed thinking of her within this book and her adventures as a young person on the island.

This book is an adventure story, a travel guide, a psalter and a gift. A book that can be thoroughly enjoyed.

It conveys the island without the knots, trials and tribulation of the Christianity of the island that can so often overpower other reflections.



MARBLE QUARRY: A fresh picture of Iona's industrial past. Photo: Iain Sarjeant.

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## Simple changes to increase saleability of your property during winter

### NAEA offers advice for sellers marketing their property in the winter

For the best chance to sell your property during the cold and dark winter months it's important to make your property stand out, more so than during the spring, says the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA). Winter can be cold, dark and wet, which often means properties are unable to promote some of their best features. By incorporating a few simple tips, sellers can enhance their property's look and feel and increase their chance of attracting an offer.

Jan Hytch, President of the NAEA, said: "The winter months are traditionally a difficult time for sellers trying to impress buyers with their home. An inviting atmosphere in these gloomier months is vital and it's often the smallest changes to a property that can make it stand out above others. Simple things such as ensuring the home is warm and well lit can improve saleability during these cold, dull months and additions such as garden lights to enhance the entrance to your home can stimulate buyers' imaginations.

"Practical issues are of importance at this time of year too, with the dark days highlighting awareness of light and heating costs. With buyers now concerned more than ever on the running costs of a home, sellers should seek to highlight any energy-saving features which will entice an offer out of buyers."

The NAEA's top tips for those marketing their property during winter are as follows:

**First impressions really do count** – winter can often make front gardens and paths look dull and uninviting. Ensuring these are clean and clear of leaves and dirt can often improve the attractiveness of the property. Making sure the doorway, entrance stairs or porch are well lit can help create an inviting home. Giving the front door and front aspect windows a fresh coat of paint will also help give a great first impression to buyers.

**Warm and friendly** – It's important to make your house feel warm and homely. If a buyer enters a property that is cold, they're unlikely to stay long. Ensure the property is adequately heated before buyers arrive to view the property, even if it means using the timer to pre-heat your house if you're at work during a viewing.

It is also worthwhile highlighting any energy saving features you have in your home such as double glazed windows, insulation or if you have a particularly energy-efficient boiler. With the cost of running a home ever increasing, knowing a property is equipped with features that will help save money will increase the attractiveness to the buyer.

**Bright and beautiful** – Ensure your home is well lit. This means making sure all of your lights work including the security lights, before a viewing takes place. If a viewing takes place during the day, open all of the curtains and blinds to ensure as much natural light as possible enters the home. This will often add to the atmosphere and make the home look bright and airy. Having clean windows will also help



light enter the property and allow buyers to look out into the garden if the weather is bad, portraying a clean, well looked-after home.

**Clear the garden** – Make sure your garden is presentable. This means packing any garden furniture away if it is inclement weather and clearing leaves and debris from the patio and garden paths. A messy garden can signal the need for too much work and effort and thus detract buyers from making an offer.

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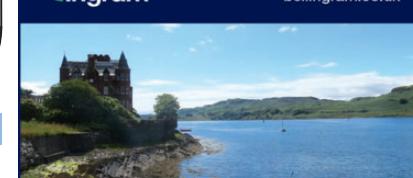
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If you are interested in applying for this vacancy please submit an application in writing, by the closing date of Friday 26th September 2014 to: Vicky Ferguson,

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01812/PP	Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of private water supply and drainage system	Land at Lerags Farm Lerags Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4SE	Oban Area Office
14/01882/PP	Installation of community hydro power scheme	Land to West of Mill of Avich Dalavich Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HL	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
14/01931/PP	Demolition of existing boat house and erection of replacement boat house	Killiemore House Kilfinichen Tioran Isle of Mull PA69 6ER	Sub Post Office Bunnessian Isle of Mull
14/02010/PP	Redevelopment of site including demolition of existing boathouse and erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage/boathouse and installation of private drainage system (revised design to application reference 13/00918/PP).	Land South West of Cuil Cottage Kilcrehen Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HF	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
14/02087/PP	Replacement roof covering and timber doors and installation of wall cladding (retrogressive).	Store Adjacent to 26 Balvairc Balvairc Isle of Seil Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Balvairc
14/02152/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 11/01460/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse)	Land Adjacent to Craig Lora Keil Gardens Benderloch Oban Argyll and Bute PA37 1OP	Sub Post Office Ledaig

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Mans Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.arryll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.arryll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made online through The Scottish Government website: <http://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>. The Council maintains a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Mans Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD. A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

**ACHA**  
argyll community housing association

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**First Registration of a Croft.**  
Kenneth Christopher Tindal has registered his croft Sandbank, Kilfinichen and Kilveecon on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the Registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by the 22nd May 2015.

Details of the Registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home).

The Croft Registration Number is A0733.

**The Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba****TRANSPORT SCOTLAND THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947 THE A830 TRUNK ROAD (UTHA BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2014**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Ministers, (hereinafter 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, on the Second day of September Two Thousand and Fourteen, have made a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "The A830 Trunk Road (Utha Bridge Improvement) Compulsory Purchase Order 2014."

2. The Order as made provides for the purchase of the land described in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose of improving the A830 Fort William - Mallaig Trunk Road lying between Glenfinnan and Ranochan in the vicinity of Glenfinnan, Inverness.

3. A copy of the Order and the map referred to therein has been deposited at the offices of Transport Scotland, Reception, 9th Floor, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF between 8:30am to 5pm (Monday to Thursday), 8:30am to 4:30pm (Friday); the Highland Council Service Point, Lochaber House, High Street, Fort William PH33 6EL between 9:00am to 5:00pm (Monday to Friday) and Glenfinnan Post Office, Glenfinnan, Inverness-shire PH37 4LT between 10:00am to 1:00pm (Monday to Saturday), and may be inspected free of charge from 11 September 2014 to 23 October 2014.

4. The Order as made becomes operative on the Eleventh day of September Two Thousand and Fourteen being the date on which this notice is first published; but a 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 Lands 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 requirements 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 interest therein on the prescribed form, a copy of which will be sent by the acquiring authority on application to The Director, Trunk Road Bus Operations, c/o Stephanie Johnstone, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF.

**R BRANNEN**  
A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers

Transport Scotland  
Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF  
2 September 2014

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

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

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

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
14/03261/MSC	Hgv Maintenance Workshop, Spean Bridge	Matters specified in conditions no. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 9 of planning permission reference no. 11/02247/PIP
14/03269/FUL	Ardgour House, Ardgour, Fort William	Erection of holiday home
14/03272/FUL	Land to North West of Aonach Mor House, 9 Forestry Houses, Torlundy, Fort William	Erection of dwelling and detached garage (renewal 11/03109/FUL)
14/03287/FUL	1 Bellach Croft, Portnaluach, Arisaig	Proposed new croft house and associated access
14/03354/PIP	Plot 1 Land 40m NE of Schoolhouse, Drimnin	Erection of dwelling house (renewal of planning permission 11/00956/PIP)
14/03355/PIP	Plot 2 Land 60m NE of Schoolhouse, Drimnin	Erection of dwelling house (renewal of planning permission 11/00957/PIP)
14/03356/FUL	Strone Farm House, Banavie, Fort William	Proposed agricultural building - cattle shed & workshop/machinery/ agricultural implement store

Time period for comments is 14 days

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**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL****TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997****THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011 CONSTRUCTION OF A RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME UP TO 2MW INCLUSIVE OF INTAKE STRUCTURE, BURIED PIPELINE, POWERHOUSE, BORROW PITS, TEMPORARY LAYDOWN AREAS, TRACK UPGRADE, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRACK AND SWITCHGEAR KIOSK AT LAND AT MEALL MOR 7000M NW OF CORRSTATION, CORRSTOR**

The Council has received an application from Green Highland for Construction of a run-of-river hydroelectric scheme up to 2MW inclusive of intake structure, buried pipeline, powerhouse, borrow pits, temporary laydown areas, track upgrade, construction of new track and switchgear kiosk at Land At Meall Mor 7000M NW of Corrstation Corrstor (14/03186/FUL). The application is supported by an Environmental Statement.

The application, the accompanying Environmental Statement and its addendum are available for public inspection by appointment between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday at Fulton House, Gordon Square, Fort William, PH33 6XY

They can also be accessed online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> (search using the application number 14/03186/FUL).

Printed copies of the complete Environmental Statement can be purchased from Green Highland Renewables TEL: 01349867020 at a cost of £150. The Non Technical Summary and DVD can be obtained free of charge.

An person who wishes to make a representation on the application, Environmental Statement and addendum can make them online by visiting <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> or by writing to The Head of Planning and Building Standards, ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. The deadline for receipt of comments is 28 days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Council will acknowledge receipt of comments but is unable to respond individually to points or questions raised. Please note that your comments will be published online. Please quote the application reference number in your correspondence.

J. Stuart Black, Director of Development & Infrastructure

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The Council has received an application from Green Highland for Construction of a run-of-river hydroelectric scheme up to 2MW inclusive of intake structure, buried pipeline, powerhouse, borrow pits, temporary laydown areas, track upgrade and construction of new track at Land At Abhainn Rath, Loch Treig (14/03187/FUL). The application is supported by an Environmental Statement.

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Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by the above mentioned Acts, on the 2 September 2014 prepared a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "A830 Trunk Road (Garbh Bridge Improvement) Compulsory Purchase Order 2014" which affects the land described in the Schedule hereto for the purpose of improving the A830 Trunk Road at Garbh Bridge in the vicinity of Glenfinnan Village Inverness-shire.

The Order is about to be made and comes into operation only if made. If the Order is made, a conveyance registered in implement of the Order may vary or extinguish rights to enforce real burdens and servitudes affecting the land.

Copies of the draft Order and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at the following locations and may be seen there without payment of fee during normal business hours:

The offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF between 8:30am to 5pm (Monday to Thursday), 8:30am to 4:30pm (Friday); the Highland Council Service Point, Lochaber House, High Street, Fort William PH33 6EL between 9:00am to 5:00pm (Monday to Friday) and Glenfinnan Post Office, Glenfinnan, Inverness-shire PH37 4LT between the hours of 10:00 am to 1.00 pm (Monday to Saturday), and may be seen there without payment of fee.

Any objections to the Order must be made in writing stating the title of the Order and the grounds of objection and addressed to the Director of Trunk Roads and Bus Operations, c/o Stephanie Johnstone, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF quoting the reference NW/A830/GARBH. Any objections must be received on or before 23 October 2014.

**ROY BRANNEN**

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers  
Transport Scotland  
Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 OHF  
2 September 2014

**Marine (Scotland) Act 2010****Marine farm installation, South West of Shuna Island, Shuna Sound**

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**KNOWLES** - Michael and Morvern are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter (Summer), at Lorn and Islands Hospital on Tuesday September 2, 2014. A third grandchild for Gary (and the late Sarah) Knowles, Benderloch and a second grandchild for Neil and Ann McLennan, Oban. A thank you to staff at Oban Maternity Hospital.

**MARRIAGES**

**WHYTE - HARRIS** - Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Sheila (formerly of Kilmore) to Graeme, Perth on Saturday August 30, 2014 at Dunkeld Hilton. A perfect day.

**GOLDEN WEDDINGS**

**SHAW - GIBSON** - At St John's Cathedral, Oban on September 12, 1964 by Bishop Wimbush, Paddy Shaw to Libby Gibson, Leitir, Lochawe.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Suddenly and tragically at her home, 16 Lovat Road, Kinlochleven, on September 1, 2014, Susan Campbell (née Stevenson). Beloved wife of Kenny, dear mother of Neil and Steven, loving mother-in-law to Claire and Emma. Devoted grandmother to Danielle, Sarah, Andrew and Jennifer. Loving sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend to many. Sadly missed.

**CASSELLS** - Barbara Cassells, past resident of Craigdarroch, Isle of Coll, died peacefully aged 100, on August 29, 2014. Sadly missed by her husband Kenneth, daughter and grandchildren. Funeral arrangements to be advised, enquiries to Peasgood and Skeates, Funeral Directors, 01799 523314.

**MACARTHUR** - Barbara 'Ara' - Peacefully passed on Sunday September 7, 2014 in her 100th year. Loving daughter of the late Neil and Barbara MacArthur. Funeral service to be held at 1pm on Tuesday September 16, 2014 at the Linn Crematorium, Glasgow to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please, donations in Lieu to RNLI & Erskine Hospital. All enquiries to Fosters Funeral Directors 0141 647 8080.

**MARTIN** - Peacefully after a short illness, at Oban Hospital, on September 9, 2014, Iain (John) Martin, aged 74 years, of Primrose Bank, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of the late Catherine (Kate) Rennie, much loved and loving father of Paul and Yvonne and adored grandpa of Andrew and Victoria. Much respected father-in-law of Audrey and Gary and a dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, September 15 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at church service.

**MORRIS** - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on Friday September 5, 2014, Christine Mary, Flat 1, MacDougall Court, Oban. Will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew her.

**MOYES** - Peacefully with his family at his side at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on September 9, 2014, Ted, aged 87 years, 62 Blarmore Avenue, Inverness, beloved husband of the late Flora, much loved dad of Anne, Caroline and Ted, loving father in law, grandpa and great grandpa. Funeral service on Monday September 15, at 10.45am in the Trinity Church, Huntly Place, Inverness, thereafter to Tonnahurich Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Oxfam and the Samaritans may be given at the service or forwarded to the Funeral Directors, John Fraser & Son, 17 - 29 Chapel Street, Inverness, IV1 1NA.

**OXLEY** - Peacefully, at Lorn and Islands hospital, Oban on September 4, 2014, Marguerite (Pearl) Oxley (née Prentiss) aged 92 years, formerly of Lochaber in Benderloch and

Gourock. Wife of the late Gordon, a much loved mum of Moira and Gill and granny to Catriona, Ewan, Kirsty and Robin. The funeral took place at Lorn and Islands Hospital on Tuesday September 2, 2014. A third grandchild for Gary (and the late Sarah) Knowles, Benderloch and a second grandchild for Neil and Ann McLennan, Oban. A thank you to staff at Oban Maternity Hospital.

**PURFIT** - On September 7, 2014, peacefully at home on the Isle of Mull, surrounded by her loving family, Christina Purfit, née MacKinnon (Cuirstag a' Lac), aged 72 years. Beloved wife to Alasdair, much loved mother, gran and great-grandmother to her large extended family. The funeral is to be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Wednesday September 17, 2014 at 1.15 p.m. Family flowers only, retiring collection in aid of Cancer Research UK.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BARRIE** - Matt and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of his sister Wendy.

Grateful thanks to Glencoe Police, Ambulance Service and Archie Young. To Fr Roddy McAuley for a caring mass, Mike McFall and staff, Funeral Directors for help and advice and all who attended the mass and graveside. R.I.P.

**BEATON** - Sandra, Gordon and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following their recent sad loss of May.

Special thanks to the staff of Kingsmills Care Home for their kind care and attention.

Sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. Peter Donald for leading a most comforting service and to D. Chisholm & Sons for their funeral guidance.

Grateful thanks to those who paid their last respects at Inverness Crematorium and for kind donations received for Lochaber Sensory Care/Cancer Research UK, amounting to over £280.00.

**STEEL** - The Steel family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming kindness and support following the loss of Joan a loving mum, mother-in-law, nannie and great nannie, for phone calls, cards and flowers. Many thanks to Mabel Wallace of the Duncansburgh/MacIntosh Parish Church for her comforting service. Thanks to Scott and John of John McLellan Funeral Directors, to all who attended the service and graveside and the staff of the West End Hotel for providing refreshments.

The sum of £500 raised to be split between The Mackintosh Centre and Inverness House.

**STEWART** - Janet, Margaret and family would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support before, during and after Cameron's (Rusty) funeral. Too many names to mention. Special thanks to Mike McFall Funeral Directors. The sum of £1,713.44 was collected for Heart Smart Lochaber.

**TURNER** - The family of the late Robin Turner would like to thank all relatives,

friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, visits and cards received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Richard Wilson and Lorn Medical Centre doctors and staff, Hilary Brown and Macmillan Day Centre staff at

Lorn and Islands Hospital for their kindness and attention to Robin and the family. Our grateful thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Roddy and Fiona at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements; to Morna for beautiful flowers and to the Galley of Lorne for fine purvey. Finally, our thanks are extended to everyone who attended at church to pay their respects, and after at the Galley, your support was greatly appreciated.

You all helped provide a ceiliadh of which Robin would be proud. The retiral collection has raised over £500 to date for the RNLI and the Glencoe Mountain Rescue, something that would have greatly pleased Robin.

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Memories keep us near to you.

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

**RAVEN** - In loving memory of our mum and nana, who passed away on September 13, 1971.

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They last from day to day.

The don't get lost, they don't grow old

They never fade away.

- Marleen, Allan and family

**MACCALLUM** - In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law and grandfather, Alistair who died September 20, 2013. Sadly missed.

- Sandy, Christine and Fiona.

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- Sheana, Anne, Kenneth, Sarah and Grant.

**MCDONALD** - Catherine, died September 12, 2006.

Mum, no words, no verse could ever say

How much I miss you every day

A loving thought, a silent tear

Forever wishing you were here.

- Inserted by John xx.

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Quietly remembered every day

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- Your ever loving wife Mary.

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- Love always Iona and Ashley.

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Scott Cameron MacColl recently graduated with a Masters in Civil Engineering from Heriot Watt University. Scott is the son of Angus and Pamela MacColl, Glengorm and Grandson of Donnie and Jean MacColl, Torloisk and Mae and the late David Williamson, Dunbarton. He has taken up a post with WSP, in Edinburgh.

**Brazillian walk**

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# Saints get back winning ways

'We are starting to look a bit more like the team we were last season'

Scottish Amateur League  
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**Oban Saints 1**

**Eaglesham 0**

EAGLESHAM were the visitors to Glencruitten for this premier division league match, and although the Hams put up a brave performance they lost by the only goal of the game.

The home side were without their long-term injury victims along with Jamie Graham who was pulled out of the squad with a groin injury. His place at full back was taken by his brother Dougal.

Manager Iain Jackson has not been happy with his team's performances so far this season and asked his players to step up the tempo and workrate and his players certainly gave him that against a hard-working Eaglesham outfit who were quite content to get plenty of men behind the ball and make things difficult for the home side.

Saints started well and had the first chance when an Allan MacKay free kick whistled past the post in the 8th minute.

The home side were knocking the ball about confidently with Scott Maitland and Myles McAuley showing up well in midfield ably assisted by Paul Kerr in his usual role of sitting in front of the defence.

Saints almost took the lead in the 20th minute when Dougal Graham fired over a great free kick and Allan MacKay was unlucky to see his header hit the bar before being booted clear.

The Hams have net minder Gordon Taylor to thank for making several top class saves during the match, the first of these when he saved a Lewis

Cameron net-bound shot with his legs.

Lewis created another great chance for himself in the 25th minute when he beat several defenders but was unlucky to see his shot come back off Gordon Taylor's left hand post with the keeper rooted to the spot.

The referee blew for half time with the scoreline blank but the home side must have been the happier of the two teams as the Saints defence had restricted the visitors to very few chances and they had created several good scoring chances of their own.

ON TARGET: Craig MacEwan scored Saints' winner against Eaglesham

The home team had to make a change at half time with Scott Maitland having to come off with a knee injury, his place being taken by namesake Ross.

The visitors played only one man up front and credit to Ross Carlin he kept the Saints defenders on their toes but without really troubling Daniel Cassells between the sticks.

The second half was much the same as the first with Saints

## FOOTBALL

having a lot of the territorial advantage but the Hams defenders were coping well with the home side's attack although Lewis Cameron came close with a header that shaved the crossbar. Then Roy McLuckie sent a header over the top from a corner.

The deadlock was broken in the 64th minute when Saints were awarded a corner. Ross Maitland fired a cross into the front post. Marc MacCallum got a flick on the ball which the keeper fumbled and it dropped at the feet of Craig MacEwan who wasted no time in thumping the ball high into the net to the delight of his team mates.

Credit to Eaglesham they took the game to Saints, but they found the the home defence in top form, thwarting everything the visitors could throw at them although Daniel Cassells had to make a save from a free kick.

Saints were looking positive going forward and again the Hams keeper did well to touch a Craig MacEwan shot round the post.

The home side were looking for another goal that would kill the game off and Eaglesham were looking for an equaliser, but the defences stood firm and when referee Gordon Kelso blew for full time it was the home side who came out on top with the only goal of the game.

Manager Iain Jackson was a much happier man after the game. He said: 'We were a lot better today. Everything was done at a faster pace and we are starting to look a bit more like the team we were last season. Eaglesham made things difficult for us but I thought we were the better team on the day and deserved to win the game.'

It's local derby time this weekend when Saints travel to take on Argyll rivals Campbeltown Pupils. The match will take place at Kintyre Park with a 2pm kick-off. Referee in charge is Lochgilphead's Jimmy Lister.



ACTION: Myles McAuley and Craig Barr in a midfield tussle for the ball Photo: Kevin McGlynn

## Good away point for Athletic

West of Scotland League

**Corkerhill 3**

**Oban Athletic 3**

OBAN ATHLETIC travelled to Nethercraig football park in Cardonald to play Corkerhill on Saturday, one of the favourites for the league title.

The Oban team started the game on the front foot with Kris Gilles, Michael McGee and Andy Smith, playing his first game of the season, all having shots from the edge of the 18-yard box, which were all pushed wide by Ben Smith, Corkerhill keeper.

Corkerhill scored with their first real attack on the 15-minute mark when a cross from the wing was mishit by striker Peter Duff, the ball looping over Athletic keeper Craig Maitland.

The back four of Craig Livingston, Stephen McLeod, Struan Doull and Stephen Kelly supported by Craig Campbell playing in front of the defence were now under constant pressure with Craig Maitland making two point-blank saves.

The Corkerhill midfield were running riot and, against the

run of play, Michael McGee pounced on a mistake from the Corkerhill right back and keeper with the ball dropping at Michael's feet and with his back to goal he calmly turned and passed the ball into the net.

This joy was short lived as straight from the kick off John Russell played the ball through to left winger Stephen Aitken who ran through and hit his shot past Craig Maitland to make the half time score 2-1 to the home side.

Manager Donald Campbell replaced Michael McGee and Craig Livingston, both carrying knocks, with Aiden Campbell and Stephan Campbell and also sent Andy Smith up front to support Kris Gilles.

After a cautious start the Oban team started to play the better football with Stephen Fox becoming more dominant and the two Campbells starting to win the midfield battle. In the 65th minute Athletic drew level when Kris Gilles chipped the ball over the keeper into the right corner of the net after good work from Aiden Campbell on the right

wing. Stephen Fox was replaced by Sandy Woods after a dead leg ended his game.

It was end to end now with both teams going for the winner. The home team took the lead after a foul at the corner of the 18-yard box resulted in a cross which was played before the Oban team could organise themselves leaving Lee Yip with a tap in at the far post. The Oban team complained to the referee but to no avail.

However, with 10 minutes remaining Athletic were awarded a free kick 25 yards out from goal. Shaun Ford hit the ball into the net again before the defence could get organised with the referee giving the goal much to the home team's displeasure.

The visitors had three good chances to win the game in the last five minutes but could not beat the keeper so the game ended in a 3-3 draw.

Athletic are at home to Cardross at Glen 2 on Saturday with a 2pm kick-off.

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The visitors had three good chances to win the game in the last five minutes but could not beat the keeper so the game ended in a 3-3 draw.

Athletic are at home to Cardross at Glen 2 on Saturday with a 2pm kick-off.

## Golf News Tobermory

LADIES: Medal played September 2 - 1 Mairead Sim 67 (15); 2 Lesley Dawson 71 (25); 3 Carol MacLarty 71 (20).

GENTS: September Tankard played September 7 - 1 Kenny MacGregor 41 pts (16); 2 Kevin Mills 39 pts (14); 3 Mark Grant 38 pts (16).



Champion Graham Davidson with club captain Ewan MacCrone.

THE concluding round of the Tobermory Golf Club Championship took place recently with Graham Davidson lifting the Centenary Trophy.

In this best 3-of-4 round tournament, Graham had to hold off a strong challenge from youngster William MacCrone, only creating the eventual winning margin of three shots over the final two holes.

Tom Nunn had a superb last-day nett 60 to hold off the challenge of Dods MacLean for the handicap prize.

Results - Scratch 1 G Davidson 213; 2 W MacCrone 216; 3 E MacCrone 219.

Handicap - 1 T Nunn 188; 2 Dods MacLean 190; 3 D Brown Sr 195.

Gents' September Medal - 1 Ewan MacCrone 72-08-64; 2 Jamie Cowe 74-09-65; 3 Donald Brown 75-09-66.

Ladies' September Medal - 1 Margaret Ingram 95-24-71; 2 Kathy MacAdam 101-20-81.

Juniors' September Medal - 1 Ross MacCrone 78-12-66; 2 William MacCrone 73-05-68; 3 Lewis Brown 74-06-68.

## Dalmally

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## Oban Saints players in Scottish Amateur League squad

OBAN SAINTS have four players in the Scottish League squad who take on a Lothian and Borders League Select at Dalkeith on Sunday.

## FOOTBALL

They are Marc MacCallum, Myles McAuley, Lewis Cameron and Craig MacEwan.

nation which I believe will help propel me to success in rallying and motorsport.'

If you feel you could help sponsor Ally Currie, please contact him direct at curriemotorsport@yahoo.co.uk



UP, UP AND AWAY: Ally Currie in action behind the wheel of his Citroen AX

## Scottish Cup - 2nd Round Draw

Wallacetoun Sporting Club (Ayr) v **Oban Saints**  
Oban Athlete v Gourock Athletic (CS)  
Campbeltown Pupils v Tannahill (P&D)  
Lochgilphead Red Star or FC Partick v Milngavie (G&DSMFL)  
Shawlands (SAFL) v Dunoon  
Tarbert v Renfrew Town (G&DSMFL)  
Dunoon Athletic v Maryhill Thistle (GCAFA)

Ties scheduled for Saturday October 4



WINNER: Ally Currie received the 2013 Scottish Junior 1000 Spirit of the Championship Award from current Scottish Rally Champion Euan Thorburn (left)

THE Tunnock's Mull Rally on October 10-12 is traditionally one of the high points of the UK rally calendar, and this year it'll have its very own recordbreaker competing.

Mull-born Ally Currie will celebrate his 17th birthday on October 10 by tackling the 150-mile, three-day tarmac rally.

And for the youngster, leaving the starting ramp behind the wheel of his Peugeot 106 in his home town of Tobermory on the Inner Hebridean island, will be the culmination of an intense 10-month commitment to start the rally.

That drive and commitment has seen Currie take, and pass, his DVLA driving test as a 16-year-old on the Isle of Man — despite missing his ferry off Mull at the start of the trip — save for, buy and prepare his own rally car; and endure 54-mile daily round trips to and from work on the island on his 50cc Chinese moped.

'Yeah, looking back over the past 10 months it's been a bit of a crusade,' said Currie, whose competitive driving began in an autocross Nissan Micra, before entering the Scottish Junior 1000 series as a 14-year-old after buying a 1.0-litre Vauxhall Corsa.

The date for this year's Tunnock's Mull Rally was confirmed just before Christmas last year, and when I saw it I realised immediately the significance of the date: it started on my 17th birthday.

I immediately thought, 'I wonder if I could do it?' I jokingly mentioned it on Facebook, and loads of my mates were saying, 'yes, you should go for it!'

### Driving test

'Around April I thought, 'this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which I'll never get again', so I decided to stay, and go and pass my driving test on the Isle of Man.'

With the theory test passed in June, he headed to Douglas on the Isle of Man to sit his test on August 14 which he passed.

Within hours of returning to Mull, he'd filed his entry for the Tunnock's Mull Rally and started the preparation of his car.

'I've always worked on my cars myself,' explained Currie, an incredibly mature and resilient 16-year-old who sold his X-Box gaming console when he was 12 or 13 to help pay for the Corsa he bought off eBay for £350.

'I sorted out the insurance and got my mum to go down to Newcastle to pick up the car and drive it back to Mull.'

'Once here, I parked it in the shed and started building a rally car. I had a wee bit of support at the start, but essentially I bought that car and built it when I was 13.'

'But when I turned up at my first Junior 1000 event at Ingliston, I could sense people were turning their noses up and thinking, 'this isn't the way you should be doing things.'

'The car was heavy — most of the other guys had gone for Micras — but though I was

chuffed to finish my first-ever rally I knew the car just didn't have any potential.'

'So the Corsa was ditched, and replaced by a Citroen AX which he rallied through 2012/13. And last year he received the Scottish Junior 1000 Spirit of the Championship Award.'

'I've never really liked a Mull Rally,' he smiled. 'I have been there for every one since I was born, and can remember them since I was four or five.'

'His attention has turned fully to finishing the preparation on his Peugeot 106 — which will be co-driven by the experienced Peter MacCrone, uncle of John MacCrone, who dominated the Tunnock's Mull Rally last year and the hunt for sponsors.'

'I've been really lucky to get the backing of Inverlussa Marine Services, and some local companies, including Highland Services and Cafe Fish, both in Tobermory; Alsop Transport Services in Oban; and Ian Gemmell, who was the first Scot to win the Mull Rally in 1975.'

'But hopefully now I can generate a bit more backing to help me progress my rally career.'

'My objective is simply to get to the finish — if I can do that then I know it will resonate with a lot of people and highlight to them I'm capable of making the next step.'

'It's that drive and determi-





## Fixtures

Saturday 13 September  
Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final  
Kingussie v Glenurquhart  
David Mitchell - 2.30pm at Bught Park, Inverness

**Ken MacMaster Under 14 Cup Final**  
Oban Camanachd v Skye  
Calum Girvan - 11.30am at Bught Park, Inverness

**Scottish Hydro Development Cup Final**  
(Under 14 - 9 a side)  
Inveraray v Kilmallie  
Martin MacLean - 11.30am Outside Field, Bught Park, Inverness

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Lovat v Beauly  
Evan MacRae - 11.45pm

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Kyles Athletic v Aberdour  
Robert Baxter - 12pm

**Camanachd Association Youth Fixtures**  
Thursday 11 September  
**Marine Harvest Under 14 League Division 1**  
Skye v Caberfeidh  
Kingussie v Fort William

**Friday 12 September**  
**Marine Harvest Under 14 League Division 2**  
Beauly v Kinlochshiel  
Glenurquhart v Strathglass

**Marine Harvest Under 14 League Division 3**  
Lochaber v Lovat

**Womens Camanachd Association**  
Sunday 14 September  
**Marine Harvest National Division 1**  
Glengarry v Lochaber

**Marine Harvest National Division 2**  
Dunadd v Lorne  
Lovat v Glasgow Mid Argyll  
Strathglass v Cowal & Bute

## Results

**Saturday 6 September**  
**Orion Group Premiership**  
Inveraray 0 - 3 Newtonmore  
Kyles Athletic 5 - 1 Lochaber

**Strathdearn Plate Final**  
Lovat 0 - 3 Beauly

**Marine Harvest National Division**  
Fort William 7 - 0 Bute

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Newmore P - P Glenurquhart  
Rearranged for September 27  
Skye 4 - 0 Kingussie  
Deck Cameron

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Lochside 1 - 0 Strachur

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Kin'shield 0 - 6 Fort William  
Lochcarron 3 - 1 Glengarry  
Skye 7 - 0 Lochaber

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Glenorchy P - P Col Glen  
Col Glen unable to field a team, points to Glenorchy

**Women's Camanachd Association**  
**Marine Harvest Challenge Cup Final**  
Lovat 4 - 6 Strathglass

**Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Final**  
Skye 2 - 3 Glasgow MA

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# All roads lead to Bught Park for the Camanachd Cup final

'It should be a great occasion with a big crowd and we are all looking forward to it'

GLENURQUHART youngster Fraser Heath insists the club's novice status in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup will be no disadvantage in Saturday's final.

A huge number of Great Glen inhabitants will beat a path to Bught Park, Inverness, for the eagerly anticipated 107th final, against Kingussie.

Unlike their opponents, who have won the ancient silver trophy 22 times, Glen have never tasted a triumph in their 130 year history.

Indeed, prior to this term, the majority of the club's players had never even played in a Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup semi-final, let alone a showcase.

However, Fraser Heath - a lucky charm for Glen when it comes to finals - believes their status as freshmen compared to Kingussie means nothing.

The Glen players managed to slay a club hoodoo when they won their first senior trophy, the Macaulay Cup, in 2012.

According to the 20-year-old, the sport's major competition, therefore, poses no fears for the Blairbird Park men.

'There were times when Kingussie were winning lots of trophies and even the name 'Kingussie' would lead to some teams being awed.'

'But we've played them quite a lot in recent times and have managed to get results so it's not the same as what it was before.'

'The so-called smaller teams have more of a chance now and we will be determined going into the game,' said the apprentice plumber.

'As people know, we had never won a trophy until we won

## SHINTY

the Macaulay Cup. Now we've been in four finals in three years so it shows the progress at the club and the ambition.'

'That gives us confidence that we can play on these stages and we also know how these occasions bring the shinty community together so we are all looking forward to it.'

Despite boasting a creditable winning record in the competition, Kingussie have felt the absence of the sport's major silverware from their trophy cabinet.

It was 2006 when they last had it under lock and key and veteran defender Barrie Dallas knows there is an ache for its return amongst the players and management staff at the Dell.

'The last six or seven years have been heart-breaking, really. Not just losing the trophy, but the manner of the final defeat.'

'Against Fort William in 2010, we were 2-0 down, managed to bring it back to 2-2 and then Gary Innes scored in the last minute.'

'The next year, we were down against Newtonmore in the final, got it back to 3-3 and then lost in extra time, 4-3.'

'The thing is, even when we were winning it regularly, we never took it for granted. We always knew how difficult a trophy it was to win so it is good to have another chance this time.'

'This year, it has felt like all the 'bigger' clubs have been in the same half of the draw. It should be a great occasion with a big crowd and we are all looking forward to it.'

won them the league title.

Lochaber are relegated this season with four points, while Inveraray finished on 10, with three wins, four draws and seven losses in the league.

KYLES beat Lochaber 5-1 on Saturday, ensuring Lochaber



The Newtonmore squad met up with a man used to winning league titles. The Badenoch boys were celebrating winning the Orion Group Premiership title when they bumped into Ally McCoist in Inveraray and the Rangers manager gladly posed for a photograph with the premier league champions. Photo: Lyndsey Robinson

## Five league titles in a row for Newtonmore

NEWTONMORE have been crowned Orion Group Premiership champions after winning their final league tie of the season.

Inveraray with Rangers FC manager Ally McCoist, who happened to be in Inveraray after the match.

Newtonmore manager P J Mackintosh said: 'McCoist was in Inveraray when the lads had the trophy and they were pleased to celebrate the win with him. He was happy to get his picture taken with them.'

Gangs from Paul MacArthur and Glen MacIntosh and an Inveraray own goal were enough to take the points for Newtonmore, who won the Macaulay Cup final on August 23.

The side shared their celebration in

myself and the boys are obviously pleased with how it's gone.'

With the final league fixture over, the team will now have a break until January, when Mackintosh's men will start two months of intense pre-season training and some friendly fixtures.

## New players

Discussing next year, he spoke of the possibility of bringing some new players into the squad, saying: 'We might be looking to bring in one or two new players to cover for long-term injuries or for players who are

getting closer to the end of their careers. We have a second team and junior team who are both very successful, so we aren't short of players to choose from.'

'Also, we have Rory Kennedy who has been injured since the semi-final of the Scottish Cup last year. At the time he was the Scottish under-21 captain, so he would be a big player to have back too.'

The side finished top of the league with 22 points, including 10 wins, two draws and two losses, having scored 37 goals and conceded 17.

will be relegated. Goals from David Zavaroni, Colin MacDonald, Callum Miller, and a Roberto Zavaroni double secured the points and leaves Kyles on equal points with Kingussie, both of whom have one league game to play.

Kyles will travel to face Kin-

lochshiel in their final league game on September 27, with a 2.30pm throw-up.

LOCHABER will be relegated this season following their loss to Kyles on Saturday in their last league tie of the season.

Kyles will travel to face Kin-

Despite taking the lead in the ninth minute through Stuart Callison and going into half-time at 1-1, Kyles were the stronger team in the second half, eventually winning 5-1.

The loss leaves Lochaber on four points for the season, two points behind Kinlochshiel who still have a game to play.

## National Division

FORT WILLIAM ensured there will be a league decider with Oban Camanachd on the last game of the season in the Marine Harvest National division.

A comprehensive 7-0 win against Bute leaves Fort top of the league with 24 points, one ahead of Oban Camanachd, with league showdown on September 27 in Oban.

Goals from Aaran MacPhee, Stevie Stewart, Calum Sheppard and four for Daniel Stewart sealed the win.

The Lochaber team have scored an impressive 70 goals so far in this league campaign which is 20 more than the second-highest scoring team in the league, Kilmaillie.

BUTE'S disappointing season has finished with a 7-0 defeat by Fort William in the Marine Harvest National Division.

With one win, no draws and a two-point penalty for failing to fulfil a fixture, the side finish the league with one point and will be relegated to Marine Harvest South Division One next season.

Fort William remain undefeated, and only a loss to Camanachd will cost them the title.

The game on September 27, which will decide which team goes up to the Orion Group Premiership next season, throws up 2.30pm.

STRACHUR have finished the season in sixth place in the Marine Harvest South Division One.

The 1-0 loss to Lochside Rovers on Saturday in their final fixture leaves them with nine points for the season, one ahead of Taynuilt in seventh



Action from last Saturday's Lochside Rovers versus Strachur match. Rovers won with the only goal of the game

Photo: Kevin McGlynn

## South Division One

LOCHSIDE ROVERS took the points against Strachur on Saturday in their final league game in the season.

The game of the season.

A Jonton Will goal in the

first half gave Lochside the

win and leaves them in fifth

place, on equal points with

fourth place Aberdour who

have a game in hand.

Only Aberdour losing by

more than seven goals in their

league game against Kyles

on September 13 would give

Lochside fourth spot on goal

difference.

Port William remain unde-

feated, and only a loss to Ca-

manachd will cost them the

title.

The final score was 3-0 to

Beauly, thanks to goals from

Ross Forbes, Sandy Elrick and

Steven MacLean.

The trophy and medals were

presented by David MacMas-

ter of Caberfeidh Shinty Club.

## South of Scotland 6-a-side Championships

THE RECENT shinty activity in the South area continued last Sunday when the South of Scotland 6-a-side Championships took place at Mossfield Stadium, Oban.

Play got under way at 11am in both the under 14 and under 17 leagues with games going on side-by-side across two pitches.

## Fast and furious

Eight teams competed in the 14s section playing each other once in fast and furious seven minute matches, with the 17s having seven teams and playing in the same format.

In the under 14 section Oban Camanachd qualified from their group hav-



Oban Camanachd under 14s, winners of the South of Scotland 6-a-side competition held at Mossfield last Sunday



Inveraray won the under 17 competition defeating kyles Athletic in the final

The Orion Group Premiership							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Newtonmore	14	10	2	2	37	17	22
Lovat	13	7	4	2	30	18	18
Glenurquhart	14	7	4	3	25	16	18
Kyles Athletic	13	6	3	4	25	20	15
Kingussie	13	7	1	5	29	27	15
Inveraray	14	3	4	7	18	29	10
Kinlochshiel	13						

# Oban Lorne get off to a flying start with convincing win in BT Shield

## RUGBY

BT Regional Shield  
Oban Lorne 31  
Allan Glen's 12

OBAN Lorne sailed through to the next round of the Regional Shield with a fantastic 31-12 win over West Division 1 side Allan Glens at Glencruitten on Saturday.

The Green Machine were in confident mood going into the game after a positive pre-season campaign and had a healthy squad for coach Corrie Louw to choose from. New South African stand-off Luke Ismail started his first game for the club while Allan Wright also made his first competitive start at scrum half.

Lorne kicked off in front of a large Glencruitten crowd and started the game well with good passages of possession within the Allan Glens half.

The men in Green were awarded a penalty within the first 10 minutes that was narrowly missed by Luke Ismail.

## Dominance

The home side continued their dominance from the 22 drop out, with Calum MacLachlan unlucky not to score beneath the posts with referee Jake Wilson pulling Oban Lorne back for being offside at the previous ruck.

Struan Smith opened the scoring for the day for the home side. Smith bundled over from a driving maul to give Oban the



DELIGHT: Oban Lorne's South African stand-off Luke Ismail shows his delight as he dives over for a try during last Saturday's win over Allan Glens Photo: Stephen Lawson

first try of the day and with the conversion a 7-0 lead.

The next 20 minutes saw both sides struggle to make any impression on the game that was turning into a scrappy affair involving a series of scrums and a

large amount of penalties being shared between the two sides.

Oban were dealt a blow shortly before halftime as Allan Glens first adventure into the Oban half resulted in a try. With the game standing at 7-5, Oban were

left frustrated at not taking their earlier chances.

## Unforced errors

The start of the second half continued as the first half had finished with both teams failing to create many chances and

producing several unforced handling errors.

Oban, however, blew the visitors away with two tries within a minute to march into the lead 21-5. The first try came from a great move from the lineout.

Craig Wright and Luke Ismail combined well in mid field, as a result the South African sailed over the line for his first Oban Lorne try.

Oban scored again straight from the kick-off. A charging

break from flanker Dan Hull was finished off in fantastic fashion by Calum MacLachlan on the right wing. MacLachlan beat at least three onrushing defenders to score the third try of the afternoon for Oban Lorne.

With Lorne clear into the lead the visitors started to play a more expansive game which with 10 minutes to go proved costly as a poor pass close to their own line allowed Luke Ismail to race clear and score his second try of the afternoon from 70 meters.

## Score 28-5 to Oban.

## Consolation try

Allan Glens hit back with a consolation try with five minutes to go while Oban finished off the day's scoring with a drop goal from Ismail to record a 31-12 win for the Oban side.

This fantastic result against a team from a higher league means that Oban go through to the next round with a home tie against fellow Division 2 side Cambuslang on Saturday October 18.

Oban Lorne start their league campaign at home to McLaren on Saturday. Kick-off is 3pm at Glencruitten.

The annual club dinner takes place on Saturday evening in the clubhouse. Tickets, £25, are available from Darrell Williams or Tommy Sutherland.

Oban Lorne minis training takes place every Wednesday evening from 6-7pm. Players from P4-7 welcome to attend.

## Oban Saints youth fixtures and results

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

LAST weekend's results:  
Under 13s 0, Gairdoch United 4; Dunblane 11, Under 14s 0; Under 15s no game; Under 16s no game. Under 19s 3, Clydebank BC 1. Netting for Saints were Connor Howe (2) and Duggie MacLeod.

This weekend's fixtures:  
Drumchapel Utd v Under 13s; Dumbarton Riverside v Under 14s; Under 15s no game; Milngavie v Under 16s; EDFC v Under 19s.

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

## FOOTBALL

LAST Saturday's results:  
Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Haldane United 7; Oban Saints 1, Eaglesham 0. Premier Division Two - Dunoon Athletic 3 Clydebank 3. Division 1B - Tarbert 4, Bridgewater 6. Scottish Cup 1st round - Lochgilphead Red Star 2, FC Partick 2.

This Saturday's fixtures:  
Premier Division - Campbeltown Pupils v Oban Saints. Premier Division One - Dunoon v East Kilbride; Premier Division Two - Neilston v Dunoon Athletic. Division 1B - Shawlands 'B' v Tarbert. Scottish Cup 1st round replay - FC Partick v Lochgilphead Red Star.

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OUT OF MY WAY: Determination written all over Craig Wright's face as he bursts through the Allan Glens defence Photo: Stephen Lawson

## Open water swimmers at Bute conference

SEVEN of the world's most talented female open water swimmers have been confirmed as speakers for the 2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference on Bute.

The conference, part of the World Open Water Swimming Awards (WOWSA), will be held on September 20 and 21 at the

Mount Stuart mansion and will include a hall of fame induction ceremony, an awards lunch and an open water swim in Stravaig Bay.

Speech topics will include swimming at 0°C, preparation for swimming the English Channel, the Ocean's Seven challenge and motivation techniques for

endurance swimmers. Colleen Blair, from Perthshire, who was the first woman to swim the Pentland Firth, will be joined by six other speakers from Jersey, Ireland, Australia, the USA, Sweden and New Zealand.

## SWIMMING

## Hole-in-one Tarbert golfer rewarded with designer watch

A GOLFER from Tarbert, who scored a hole-in-one during a club competition, was rewarded with a limited edition designer watch for her achievement.

Fifty-six-year-old Seona Martin scored her ace on the 103-yard, par-three fourth hole at Tarbert Golf Club and was given membership to the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and the specially-commissioned watch.

Website HowDidiDo is a social network for golfers across Europe which runs the hole-in-one scheme in partnership with Hugo Boss BOSSWatches.

Tarbert Golf Club is a member of the website and

anyone playing in official club tournaments is eligible to receive the commemorative gift.

Stephen Brydon, commercial director for MGS Distribution, a UK distributor for BOSS Watches, said: 'To the majority of amateur golfers, recording a hole-in-one will be the most memorable thing they achieve in golf – once-in-a-lifetime experience probably – and we want to ensure they have much better memories than merely a dent in their bank balance after buying drinks in the clubhouse.'

## GOLF

## San Marino Grand Prix for John McPhee

CONNEL motor cycle star John McPhee is preparing for the Moto3 San Marino Grand Prix at the Circuit Marco Simoncelli in Misano.

John will be hoping to improve on his 11th place finish at

Silverstone two weeks ago. The Connel rider is presently sitting 13th out of 27 in the Moto3 championship standings.

## MOTOR CYCLING

LAST Saturday saw Inverness Bowlers Club visit Oban for the first time with 24 players from each club taking to the green.

There were some really close contests but Oban ran out the winners overall. The game was followed by a meal and a return match is hoped for next season.

The annual Duncan Campbell Pairs competition was played

on Sunday afternoon on a sunny Oban Green. Through the round robin stages emerged the four semi-finalists who were Donna Forbes and her mother Helen MacLean who saw off the challenge from Neil and Anne MacDougall.

The other semi final was between Duncan MacAlpine and Norrie Etherson who beat

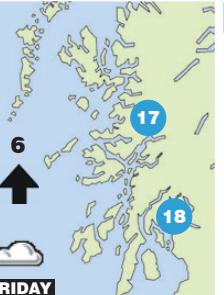
Gilbert Mullen and Roddie MacLeod.

A closely contested final saw Donna and Helen winning from Duncan and Norrie. Morvern MacLeod, grand-daughter of Duncan Campbell, presented the trophy to the winners.



BOWLED OVER: left to right: Iain Boyd, president of Oban Bowling Club, Donna Forbes, Helen MacLean and Morvern MacLeod

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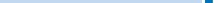


## TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, September 11, 2014 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right.

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Fri	01.38 0.4 07.24 4.0 14.00 0.4	19.50 4.0	-5.30	+0.55
Sat	02.18 0.6 08.00 3.8 14.42 0.7	20.27 3.7	-0.47	+0.16
Sun	03.00 0.9 08.37 3.5 15.26 1.1	21.06 3.4	2.00	+5.30
Mon	03.46 1.2 09.17 3.3 16.15 1.5	21.52 3.0	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Tues	04.38 1.5 10.09 3.0 17.14 1.8	23.04 2.8		
Wed	05.40 1.7 11.52 2.8 18.36 2.0	**.** **.**		

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)



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Oban to Coll/Tiree  
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## College UHI award winners celebrate

A FORT William woman has been nominated to represent West Highland College UHI for a student of the year award.

Donna Calder, who studies early education and childcare at the town campus, was one of two women to win the college award and will now go on as a contender for the overall UHI title.

Ms Calder was nominated by her lecturers for her 'exceptional academic and personal achievements' including juggling her education with part time work and raising young children.

Mature student Lesley Ann Booth from Fort William was also named one of West Highland College's students of the year.

The administration and IT pupil was chosen for 'striving to support other students' and for becoming the first of the college's students to gain a work placement.

## Man found with offensive weapon

POLICE have reported a man to the procurator fiscal after he was found with an offensive weapon and what they suspected to be drugs.

The 24-year-old was searched and arrested at Stornoway ferry terminal at 9.15pm on Tuesday September 2 and the substance has been sent for analysis.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'The man was stopped and searched at the Stornoway ferry terminal as part of ongoing police activities to combat the supply of drugs to the islands. He was detained and taken to Stornoway Police Station and subsequently arrested.'

## Taste of success for Jaffy's kippers

A FAMILY-RUN Mallaig smokehouse has won a national award for its kippers.

Owners of J Lawrie and Sons, known as Jaffy's, were presented with the best Scottish speciality award at the Great Taste ceremony on Saturday night.

Jaffy's is now run by a third generation of Lawries and is the only traditional kipper yard left in Mallaig.

Jeff Lawrie said: 'We're chuffed to win this great award for the second time. We won in 2011 and lots of people recognise how prestigious the award is.'



GETTING AROUND: volunteers at Shopmobility Lochaber with two regular clients who rely on the service

TWO LOCHABER charities are appealing to the community for help to win a 'vital' grant of up to £3,000.

The money from a Bank of Scotland scheme would be a boost to the funds of both groups and potentially stop one from closing down - but they need votes from the public to win.

Shopmobility Lochaber and The Buzz Project have both been shortlisted for the grant, along with charities in Iona and Oban.

Billy Ward, co-ordinator of Shopmobility Lochaber, said the cash would allow the charity to continue providing mobility scooters and wheelchairs to the group's 876 registered clients, many of whom would not be able to shop in Fort William without the service.

It would also be used to pay the wages of the shopmobility van driver, who delivers and collects equipment to the outskirts of Lochaber.

Mr Ward added that without the grant the charity may lose this ser-

vice. He said: 'My driver's contract ended in November and he's been working on a month-to-month basis but I don't know how much longer I'll be able to pay him. People rely on this vital service. A lot of people say they couldn't manage without us. They just wouldn't be able to walk up and down the high street.'

Shopmobility has received countless testimonials over the years; a recent one from a couple on holiday in Fort William called the support 'invaluable' and 'an absolute godsend'.

But with an annual shortfall of £18,000, volunteers fear for the future of the charity.

Mr Ward said: 'We're doing as much as we can. We do collections and I'm always writing applications for funding to businesses but companies just don't have the same money to give away any more. If we keep making losses the way we have been we're inevitably going to run out of money.'

The Buzz Project in Lochaber has

also been shortlisted for the prize. The group aims to help young people in the area express themselves through an old bus which has been converted into a music studio.

Senior youth worker Simon Nicholls describes his mission as 'to enable young people aged 14-25 in the Highlands, particularly Lochaber, to identify and fulfil their full potential'.

He wants the youth to help to learn how to express needs, wants and ideas with confidence, develop increased self-awareness and learn skills which will be beneficial in education and the workplace.

Mr Nicholls said if his project won the £3,000 grant he would combine it with the £5,000 recently received from a Lloyds TSB scheme to hire a youth therapist. 'We're aiming to do anything we can to reduce the high amounts of youth suicides in the area,' he said. 'Right now it's the highest rate in western Europe and that's Lochaber alone.'

'We don't want to be seen as competing against other charities, especially not local ones. We want to participate with them and work together to improve the lives of our young people.'

The charity with the most votes will win £3,000, the group in second place will receive £2,000 with £1,000 and £500 going to third and fourth place respectively.

Charles Kennedy, MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber urged his constituents to take part in the vote. He said: 'Shopmobility Lochaber and The Buzz Project are important local charities that have been rightly recognised for the work they do. The chance to be awarded a grant of up to £3,000 from the Bank of Scotland is an opportunity not to be missed. I encourage everyone to get involved.'

Voting is open until Friday October 10 at [www.bankofscotland.com/communityfund](http://www.bankofscotland.com/communityfund).



HELPING YOUNGSTERS: Simon Nicholls, left, and Chris Adams say they would use the grant to hire a youth therapist for The Buzz Project



## South Uist mourns death crash teenager

THE SOUTH UIST community is mourning a young footballer who died in a car accident on Saturday night.

The 19-year-old, named locally as Carl MacPhee, was one of five people in a car which ploughed into a fence at the junction of the A865 and B888, Daliburgh, at around 8.40pm.

Mr MacPhee was taken to Uist and Barra Hospital but died as a result of his injuries. The four other men, three 16-year-olds and a 19-year-old, were also taken to hospital for treatment for minor

injuries. The road is the main route through Uist and was closed for several hours during investigations.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Five males within the vehicle were taken to Uist and Barra Hospital but sadly, as a result of his injuries from the collision, a 19-year-old male died.'

'His next of kin have been informed and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Carl, known as 'DooDoo', played with Iochdar Saints Football Club, which plays in the Uist and Barra amateur league.



TRAGIC LOSS: Carl MacPhee

## Experts reveal poor surface may have caused blackspot accidents

EXPERTS have revealed poor surfaces on a Lochaber accident blackspot may have caused crashes on the road.

A safety report from Transport Scotland said 'poorer than desired skid resistance' was discovered around Bracklet Junction, near Spean Bridge, which has been the scene of a number of accidents this year, including two fatal crashes.

The information was released this week following a number of requests from John Fotheringham, chairman of Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council, and revealed almost 80 per cent of accidents on this stretch of the A82 occurred on a wet road, more than twice the national average.

Resurfacing work was done on the road in August, with improvements to signs and road markings to be carried out this month.

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'The resurfacing, which has just been completed, was address identified issues of poorer than desired skid resistance at some isolated locations through and to the north of the crossroads. This had been identified both from police observations at the time of attendance at accidents and from an examination of annual surveys carried out on the whole trunk road network.'

'All of these measures are intended to reduce the possibility of drivers losing control and leaving the road at this location.'

Mr Fotheringham said the community council will consider the report and consult with local residents.

He added: 'Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council wanted to understand the rationale behind Transport's Scotland's proposed improvements. The two fatal accidents in the past year had a significant impact not only on the families involved, but also on the wider local community.'

'Unfortunately it has taken the combined effort of a freedom of information request, MSP enquiries and support from local newspapers to get an abridged copy of the safety report that is driving these changes. We are grateful to everyone who has assisted us.'

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## Trunk road speed cut plan welcomed

PLANS to reduce the speed limit on a stretch of the A82 trunk road in Nether Lochaber have been welcomed by the local community.

Transport Scotland wants to reduce the limit between North Ballachulish and the Onich Hotel from 60mph to 50mph. It will then drop to the current 40mph restriction through Onich village.

Ann Marie Cameron of Nether Lochaber Community Council said members were 'really happy' with the decision.

She added: 'We have been fighting for a long time for a reduction through the area.'

'We would have liked to see the limit as even less but we are happy with any reduction and it's more in line with the 40mph limit we have through the village, which will be remaining the same.'

The plan will go to formal consultation before any changes are implemented.

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'The proposed reduction to 50mph for this section of the A82 is intended to improve road safety and is based on the findings of the speed limit review. The recommendation was made in line with national guidance on local speed limits and with agreement from police.'

## Flu vaccination on offer to children

CHILDREN in the Highlands are to be offered a flu vaccination this year as part of a new programme.

Every child between the ages of two and 11 will be offered the immunisation at school this term and parents of children outwith the mainstream education system or below school age can make an appointment with their local GP from October onwards to have their child vaccinated.

Dr Abhayadevi Tissington, immunisation co-ordinator for NHS Highland, said: 'The vaccination programme being rolled out in the Highlands will help protect children and stop the spread of nasty flu viruses, which can lead to serious health problems.'

'It's a simple, pain free process which involves a tiny amount of the vaccine being sprayed into each nostril, which is then quickly absorbed.'



## Back on course across the west Highlands

NEARLY 400 new and returning students joined West Highland College UHI this week, with record numbers in some courses.

Principal and chief executive of West Highland College UHI Lydia Rohmer said: 'It is my great pleasure each year to welcome students at the start of their learning journey with us whether it is for their first college experience following school or for more advanced study for undergraduate degrees.'

'Joining local students this year we have students from all over Scotland, the UK, Ireland, Finland and several other parts of Europe, together with a group of five students who will join the course for one semester from Monmouth College, Illinois, USA.'

# Fort firm's pride as legal eagles honoured with top law awards

**“**We are all very proud of Kelie and Claire **”**

Duncan MacPhee

dramatically. I feel much more assured and confident with each day and obstacle that comes my way. I was delighted just to be shortlisted as a finalist for the awards, as the standard of the other nominees was extremely high, so to actually win is amazing.

I have been with MacPhee and Partners for over 10 years now and wish to thank them for all their support and encouragement to get me to this stage of my career. I would also like to thank my family and fiancé for their huge support over the many years of studying and for putting up with me, particularly at exam time.



HOMEGROWN TALENT: Kelie Cooper and Claire MacAlpin were honoured at the Law Awards of Scotland

Mrs Cooper, from Glencoe, said she was 'absolutely delighted' to be named paralegal of the year at the ceremony, after joining the company in 2006 as a trainee executive assistant with no previous legal experience.

Through her time at MacPhee and Partners, the mother of two took on a distance learning course and graduated as a paralegal in 2008, specialising in wills, trusts and executors. Earlier this year, Mrs Cooper undertook a further course in executive administration and passed with distinction.

The busy paralegal now splits her time between the firm's Fort William and Oban branches but still finds time to help out in the local community, volunteering at Ballachulish care and nursing home, Abbeyfield.

She said: 'I am absolutely delighted to receive this prestigious award. It was such an honour to be selected as a finalist from the many entries and then to actually be named as paralegal of the year was thrilling. It is so rewarding to have my hard work

recognised by such a distinguished panel of judges. My sincere thanks to Duncan and Rosemary MacPhee and the team and to my family for all their help and support over the years.'

The founders of MacPhee and Partners are also delighted about the success of their 'homegrown talent', particularly as they started out with no experience in law.

Duncan MacPhee, managing partner, said: 'We are all very proud of Kelie and Claire. They are both dedicated professionals, who thoroughly deserve their national awards. They will be the first to acknowledge the support of colleagues and the help and training they receive, but it requires something exceptional to be recognised as the best in Scotland and they both have it.'

'Both are local, which is particularly pleasing, as we have always pursued a policy of encouraging homegrown talent in our profession. We are very confident that our clients' interests and the future of our firm is in safe hands.'

# The Declaration of Lochaber

We, the undersigned, urge our fellow residents of Lochaber to grasp the opportunity provided to us in the forthcoming referendum by choosing to vote Yes. We do this because the people best placed to make decisions about our country's future are those who call Scotland home. The other peoples of these islands are and will remain our friends and neighbours, with whom we will continue to share much in common.

Few countries have the abundance of human and natural resources afforded to Scotland and it is time we use these to build a better, fairer and more prosperous country for us and future generations. We look forward to joining the international family of independent nations where we can make our own distinctive and positive contribution to the world.

Join us in voting Yes and starting our journey to becoming an independent country.

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# 'BLACK WIDOWER' MAKES BID TO HAVE 30-YEAR SENTENCE ENDED Oban detective says killer will never accept his guilt

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CONVICTED murderer Malcolm Webster, known as the Black Widower, has launched a bid to be free.

Webster has asked for his conviction and sentence to be reviewed through the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (SCCRC).

The public body will now scrutinise the 2011 case on matters raised by Webster's lawyers - which are private and by law cannot be discussed.

But it is understood that Webster, a former nursing sister in Oban, is seeking to have his conviction for murder and attempted murder and 30-year sentence overturned.

The SCCRC confirmed it had received an appeal.

The first stage of the process is likely to last two months where concerns will be 'robustly investigated' before the SCCRC decides to take the matter forward - involving further scrutiny lasting around eight months - or drop the case altogether.

However, former Oban Detective Inspector Charlie Henry says Webster's modus operandi will be to appeal and ask for reviews until 'there will be nowhere left for him to go'.

Mr Henry, a dogged investigator, recently featured in the Scottish Television programme *The Widower*, which acknowledged the crucial role he played in co-ordinating the international search for evidence which led to the conviction of Webster.

He is calling for a 'speedy, but thorough' investigation from the SCCRC to allow the family of the bereaved, former girlfriends and partners of Webster 'closure'.

He said: 'While an action by Webster's legal team to have the case reviewed is entirely legal - the men and women at the heart of this case are unable to move on with their lives while these matters are outstanding.'

'Malcolm Webster was convicted in 2011 after the longest trial for a single defendant in Scottish legal history.'



ON THE CASE: former Oban Detective Inspector Charlie Henry says murderer Webster's appeal will prolong his victims' misery

The case heard how Webster drugged his wife Claire, 32, before putting her in his car and crashing it in 1994.

It burst into flames with his wife inside.

In 1999, he staged another car crash in New Zealand but his then pregnant wife Felicity Drumm survived.

Scottish police, at the insistence of Charlie Henry and other officers, reopened the investigation into

Claire's death. By then Webster was living and working in Oban and had persuaded senior nurse Simone Banarjee to change her will and leave everything to him.

Mr Henry explained: 'Every single detail of this case was gone over and over in court in 2010 and 2011 with a fine tooth comb.'

'Earlier this year, Webster had a long judicial review of his case which was unsuccessful. While this

might be considered the last gasp for Webster in Scottish law - I have no doubt that Webster will want to take this further.'

'The plain truth is that Webster is a calculating, cold-blooded murderer who will never stop denying it until there is nothing left.'

'I believe that while he is in prison, the men and women involved in this case, who took the time to go to court and give evidence against him, are

safe. But every time Webster opens this case up again, the people at the heart of the matter are dragged back into the case over and over again.'

He added: 'I have every sympathy for Peter [Webster's first wife's brother], Felicity [Webster's second wife] and Simone [Webster's fiancée].'

During the first trial, the court heard Webster was working as a moving and handling lead nurse at Lorn and Islands hospital in Oban -



APPEAL: murderer Malcolm Webster

despite only ever being qualified as an enrolled nurse.

So plausible was Webster that many members of staff thought he was a surgeon.

Confirming Webster was at one time the treasurer of the Loch Awe fishing club, played Father Christmas on the Isle of Seil, fixed the computers for a number of professional business people in the town and was part of the annual hospital panto, Mr Hendry said: 'He was entirely credible and many people in the town knew him.'

'He had a number of girlfriends on the go at one time - and while he misled police and hospital staff into believing he had cancer, he was having affairs with other women.'

'Webster ensnared women who were strong, able ladies, able to stand up for themselves.'

The Argyll officer has been described as like a 'dog with a bone' with the original investigation.

Part of his ongoing private investigations have led Mr Henry to Abu Dhabi earlier this year, where it is believed Webster also worked as a nurse.

He has raised a number of concerns with senior police officers in the United Arab Emirates and will visit the country again in the near future.

## Helicopter used in lochside incident

A POLICE helicopter was called into action on Tuesday when reports of a man in a boat with a gun were made by concerned lochside residents.

Eye witnesses on Loch Awe say they saw the man, who was alone in a small vessel, with a gun and immediately called the police.

A police helicopter was sent out and quickly found the man and brought him to Oban Police station for questioning.

The man, aged 38, was believed to be camping in the area while on a fishing trip.

A police spokesman confirmed: 'A male has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged fire arms offences, and offences under the misuse of drugs act.'

## Holiday pay claim for NHS workers

NHS STAFF may be in for a 'holiday bonus' after claims they may have been 'short-changed' over holiday pay.

Unions say the possible underpayment dates back to 2008 and NHS boards have agreed to review their policies.

It is understood payments should be on the basis of an average week's work, including bonus payments and average overtime, but in some cases staff were only paid a minimum hourly rate.

A NHS Highland spokesman confirmed: 'We have been looking into this issue to ensure that staff holiday pay has been calculated correctly.'

## Fitting memorial for Highlanders

INVERARAY castle is looking for World War One memorabilia belonging to the Eight Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for a special memorial.

Jane Young, castle manager, said: 'We would appreciate any family connections to the battle honours of the battalion at Mons, Le Cateau, Ypres, The Somme 1916/17 and Cambrai 1917/18.'

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FUNDRAISERS: staff and volunteers from Specsavers who will be putting on a fashion show in Oban cinema later this month

## Specsavers Oban styles it up at fashion show for play park

FASHIONISTAS around Oban are invited to attend a night of fun, fashion and fundraising to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Specsavers in Oban.

On Saturday September 20 from 7pm, Specsavers Oban will host a special fashion show at community-owned Oban Phoenix Cinema.

A national clothes chain had been lined up to put on the event - but had to pull out at the last minute.

Resourceful workers at the opticians made some frantic phone calls to which the response has been overwhelming.

Small and independent businesses from throughout the town are now taking over the event and will show off clothes, underwear, glasses, shoes, vintage and much more.

Bringing the look of the show together will be the staff at barbers and beauty shop Spruce who, along with others taking part in the show, are giving their time for free.

For fundraisers there will be drinks, snacks, music, entertainment and a catwalk show featuring the latest in trendy eyewear and clothing.

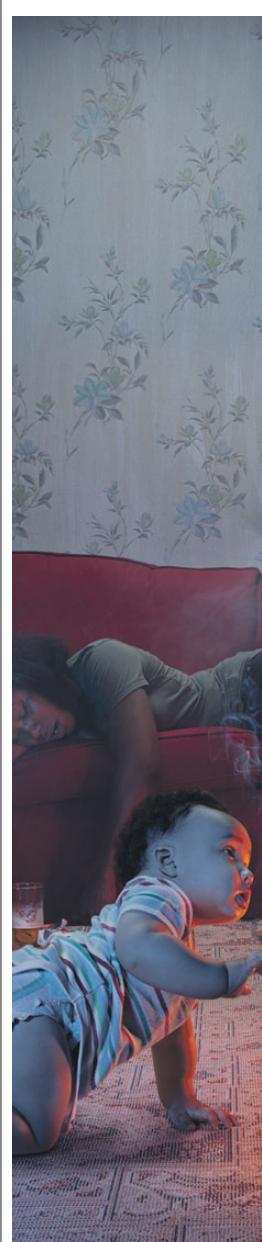
All proceeds from the evening will go to fundraising group Friends of Oban Community Play Park, which aims to raise £400,000 to create an all-inclusive play and recreation space beside Atlantis Leisure.

Ken Macdonald of Specsavers said: 'We've looked after the eye health of Oban residents for more than a decade so we wanted to organise something that everyone in the local community

could enjoy. We've recruited lots of glamorous models, from family and friends to our lovely customers. I'm hoping lots of people will join us for what's shaping up to be a fantastic night to boost a really worthwhile cause. There is currently no inclusive play park for children in Oban to enjoy, with the nearest being a two-hour car drive away. A new park will give local kids a much-needed space where they can play and socialise and should really benefit the community.'

Ken added: 'I'm so pleased we can have an evening of fun celebrating our tenth birthday while also helping such a brilliant charity.'

Tickets cost £6.50 per person and £3.50 for concessions and can be bought from Specsavers Oban at 70 George Street.



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However, in the opening stages the game was open, with both sides spurning opportunities to take the lead. Lossiemouth were attacking well and offloading in the tackle. The Lochaber defence held strong until midway through the half, when a good break allowed the home side to take the lead with a try under the posts. The try coincided with young winger Joseph Tangye breaking his collarbone which meant Lochaber would have to play out the rest of the game with no substitutions available.

Heads may have gone down as Lossiemouth ran in a further three tries before the end of the half. A good spell of possession in the last five minutes for the Fort William side buoyed spirits as the whistle blew.

Playing into the wind in the second half, Lochaber began to take the game to Lossie and began to find holes in the backline. Intelligent kicking by stand-off Gus set-up good field position in which to attack from. The reward was a well-worked try in the corner after a quickly taken penalty. The ball was recycled a couple of times before veteran Craig MacPherson crashed over to get Lochaber on the scoresheet. Despite conceding another try before the end of the match, Lochaber could be encouraged by their hard work at the breakdown and endeavour in the attack.

This weekend, Lochaber take on Stornoway at home (Black Parks) in a 3pm kick off.

# Captain courageous hangs up his boots



FINAL HONOUR: Andrew Martin, left, receiving his Scottish Highland League goal of the year 2014 trophy from former Scotland and Aberdeen player Brian Irvine, just weeks before being forced to retire 15\_f37goal01

## FOOTBALL

FORT William Football Club's captain Andy Martin shocked fans at the weekend by announcing he is retiring from the game. The skipper said he is 'gutted' to be leaving the club but was struggling with pain from a work-related injury sustained two years ago.

## Second point

Meanwhile, Fort William secured their second point of the season with a 3-3 draw against Strathspey Thistle last week.

The Fort were 2-0 down at Grantown but a double from new signing Nick Stein and another goal from Sean Grant brought the final score to 3-3.

But the celebrations were short-lived as another away game on Saturday saw them go down 3-0 to Inverurie Loco.

On Saturday, Fort William will host last year's champions Brora Rangers before taking on Fortmarine United at Claggan on Saturday September 20.



EYES ON THE BALL: Fort William's Andrew Hardwick keeps his eyes on the ball at the feet of Inverurie Loco's striker Martin Bavidge

# Five in a row for Finlay as he conquers Ben Nevis

LOCAL GP Finlay Wild became the first athlete to win the Ben Nevis Race five times in a row on Saturday.

The runner was just 13 seconds ahead of his closest rival at the weekend as the crowd cheered him to the end after completing the 10-mile challenge in one hour, 34 minutes and 43 seconds.

On the ascent to the summit, the medic was five minutes behind runner up Robb Jebb but caught up on the way down. I always knew he wasn't far

behind me, the West Yorkshire man commented afterwards.

Looking remarkably fresh at the Claggan Park finish line, Wild said: 'It was hard going up and a couple of boys had quite a lead for a while. I was quite a bit slower than last year, I haven't been on top form recently but I've won it five years in a row now so I've got that record. I'm really pleased about that.'

Andrew Barrington was the second of the Lochaber Athletic Club members to cross the fin-

ish line in 1:39:40, taking fourth place overall. First lady home was Lindsey Brindle of Horwich Athletic Club who finished in 1:56:36 in her first time running the ben race. Diane Baum was the first local lady home, in a time of 2:01:3.

Top 10 finishers: 1 Finlay Wild (Lochaber Athletic Club) 1:34:43; 2 Rob Jebb (Bingley Harriers) 1:34:56; 3 Martin Mikkleson-Barron (Borrowdale Fell Runners) 1:35:48; 4 Andrew Barrington (Lochaber Athletic Club) 1:44:55.

## ATHLETICS



FIVE IN A ROW: Finlay Wild picks up the Ben Nevis Race trophy for the fifth consecutive year 20\_f37benrace02



FIRST LADY: Diane Baum was first Lochaber lady home 20\_f37ben-

# Challenger Series a great success

LOCHABER Yacht Club's annual Challenger Series was a great success, with a record entry of 11 boats, one of the highest turnouts in Scotland.

The three hulled sailing dinghy is designed for all abilities and the long trip for

Graham Hall of Rutland, central England, was worthwhile as he came first in the gold fleet. Craig Moffett of Lochearn Sailing Club came second and Liz Eaton of Loch Venacher Sailing Club came third.

In the bronze pairs fleet, Jamie

## YACHTING

Scott and Keith Wilson (Loch Venacher) took first place, with Ruth Foley and Elspeth Mann (Clyde Cruising Club) in second place.



BOWLED OVER: Tam Rodgers, left, and Allan MacDonald receive the Railway Bowling Club Charity Pairs Trophy from club secretary Christine Kane as runners up Kenny MacInnes, right, and Wilma MacGillivray look on. The club raised £170 which will go to Lochaber youth charity The Buzz Project

## Three Welfare League cup finals

## WELFARE FOOTBALL

THE LOCHABER Welfare League will draw to a close this week with three cup finals at the British Alcan Park.

The Lochaber v Mallaig Uisdean MacDonald (UMD) Cup final will kick off at 6.15pm, with the potential to move to Mallaig if the BA pitch is unplayable. The fixture has been postponed twice in recent weeks, due to a road accident and a waterlogged pitch.

On Sunday, Mallaig will play again in the Duthie Cup with a 12pm kick off, against either Caol United or Ballachulish, who fought for their place in the final last night (Wednesday). At 4pm on Sunday, Inverlochy and Strontian will play for the Kinloch Shield title.

Results from last week:  
Duthie Cup Mallaig 8 v 3 Lundavra, Lundavra 3 v 2 Mallaig, Caol United 0 v 2 Ballachulish.

Kinloch Shield: Inverlochy 6 v 2 Nevis Range, Nevis Range 3 v 5 Inverlochy.

Lochaber cancelled their game against Strontian as they were unable to field a team.

## Ten pin bowlers ready for the off

## TEN PIN BOWLING

THE LOCHABER Building Supplies ten pin bowling league will start again early next month in the Nevis Centre, Fort William.

Teams of four are invited to enter and anyone interested should contact John Weller on 07710 940917.

The weekly league starts Monday October 6 with registration and practice on September 22 and 29.

## Great Glen Schools Shinty Sixes

## SHINTY

SHINTY Shop has been announced as the new sponsors for the Great Glen Schools Shinty Sixes, which is set for Wednesday September 17 starting at 12 noon.

Confirming the new sponsorship, event organiser Allan MacLeod said: 'We are delighted to confirm Shinty Shop as our new sponsor as we look to continue the development and secure the continuation of this competition.'

Russell Fraser, owner of Shinty Shop, said: 'We are looking forward to supporting the sixes which are now an established part of the schools shinty calendar.'

The event for under 16s will see a number of schools from across the Highland descend on Blairbeg Park, Drumnadrochit with holders Kingussie looking to defend their title, with Lochaber High, Charleston Academy and host Glen Urquhart High School all bidding to win the event.

## Results from Isle of Skye Golf Club

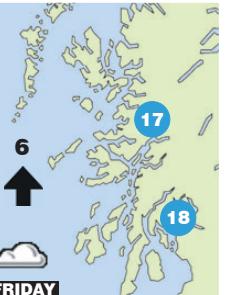
## GOLF

ISLE of Skye Golf Club Tourist Trophy played on September 6 and 7: 1 Danny Steele 41 points (bih); 2 Chris MacKinnon 41 points; 3 Willie Cowie 39 points (bih); 4 Alasdair 'Starsky' Campbell 39 points (bih); 5 Neil Urquhart 39 points.

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WEATHER

Thursday Sunny  
Winds light southerly  
Temperatures 12°C to 18°C

Friday Cloudy  
Winds light southerly  
Temperatures 11°C to 18°C.

Weekend Outlook Cloudy on Saturday  
Cloudy on Sunday  
Winds light south easterly  
Temperatures 12°C to 17°C.

## TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, September 11, 2014 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right.

Date	am				pm				Ardriishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Thur	00.58	0.3	06.47	4.1	13.18	0.3	19.13	4.3	Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Fri	01.38	0.4	07.24	4.0	14.00	0.4	19.50	4.0	Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Sat	02.18	0.6	08.00	3.8	14.42	0.7	20.27	3.7	Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Sun	03.00	0.9	08.37	3.5	15.26	1.1	21.06	3.4	Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mon	03.46	1.2	09.17	3.3	16.15	1.5	21.52	3.0				
Tues	04.38	1.5	10.09	3.0	17.14	1.8	23.04	2.8				
Wed	05.40	1.7	11.52	2.8	18.36	2.0	**.**	**.**				

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)



**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**  
Oban to Barra/South Uist  
Oban to Coll/Tiree  
Kennacraig to Islay

Moderate  
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