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# Argyll care plan bucks national trend of failure

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APPIN and Lismore have struck on previously untapped resources to keep its 'cared for' residents at home and 'in control of their own care'.

After the majority of local councils, including Argyll and Bute, revealed this week in a national survey that they were struggling to find an answer to an ageing population and a lack of carers, Appin Community Trust (ACT) and Lismore Community Council (LCC) believe they might have a good solution for an ageing population and a lack of carers.

The innovative and 'life-changing' project will deliver care that allows people who require support to live at home through a model of partnership working.

Communities will be supported by Highland Home Carers to actively recruit people in the same community as the people it cares for. Both communities hope the scheme will reverse the decline in recruiting trained staff in rural areas.

The project, a collaboration between Appin Community Trust, Lismore Community Council and Argyll and Bute Social Care Partnership, sees community organisations support the delivery of self-directed support for islanders.

Pamela MacLeod, local area manager for Oban, Lorn and Community, said: 'We are putting people in control of their care. Under government legislation, people are managing their own care under self-directed support.'

'This means an allocation of

budget is made to meet the needs of the individual. For a long time we have realised in social and health care that one size does not fit all.

'The project has been driven by ACT and LCC. Health partners are involved, as is social work, which means we are delivering on site. Highland Healthcare employs partners on behalf of the community.'

Annie Macleod, locality manager Oban, Lorn and the Isles, said that bringing people into the hospital was simply not what people wanted any more.

'People want to be cared for at home. Furthermore, being at home keeps people healthier and active for longer,' she said.

Research by a number of organisations, including the think-tank King's Fund, which monitors the social attitudes of patients, confirmed that, in general, unless people are acutely ill, they would rather be at home.

Mrs Macleod said: 'The most important thing is to be living at home.'

Referring to government policy, Mrs Macleod continued: 'One of the Scottish Government six essential actions within health and social care is to ensure people are optimally cared for in their own homes or in a homely setting.'

Within this area of policy, Mrs Macleod confirmed she wanted to ensure that every patient was treated as an individual.

'We believe through research and talking with our community that local people should have control of their care and our part is to improve the communication between the whole health care system.'

## All smiles: young people shine at Mull Mòd



Oban High School pupils were all aboard for a stunning performance at the Mull Provincial Mòd. The small but perfectly formed choir members also did well in a number of competitions on Friday. Storms throughout the Inner Hebrides on Friday threatened competitors at the event but none was deterred. Friday, also known as the children's day at the annual Mòd Ionadach na Dreòlluinn, saw more than 200 entries in competitions throughout the village. Saturday saw adult and piping competitions held throughout the village. For more pictures and reports, turn to pages 12, 13 and 14. For competition results, see www.obantimes.co.uk.

## TIMESLINE

### Cancer patients to access live events

PALLIATIVE care patients in Oban will not be left hanging on the line for much longer – after a two-year wait for phone lines has finally been resolved.

The Macmillan Cancer Research Oban fundraising group set out to pay for a phone line to give patients access to the internet and live streaming of events being held in Oban when they are in the Macmillan ward at Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Gwyneth Neil, a member of the Oban committee, said: 'Thanks to Annie MacLeod, area locality manager, and Macmillan staff Christine and Donna for help and assistance.'

The next event is a musical evening from Porthcawl Male Voice Choir who will perform at St John's Cathedral on Saturday (September 17) at 7.30pm.

### A case of mistaken identity explained

MR IAIN MacIntyre, of Oban, has asked *The Oban Times* to clarify that he is not the Ian McIntyre who recently had a cancelled operation at Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Mr MacIntyre says he is delighted with all the support he has been given since the story was published.

But he said it was a case of 'mistaken identity'.

Mr MacIntyre who runs the annual AmAm for the Rotary Club, said: 'While it is very flattering that people think so much of me that they have been getting in touch with offers of help and support, the Ian McIntyre quoted in the story is not me.'

'I am in good health.'



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## Expert: residents should be happy

A LEADING housing expert for the Highlands has said residents in Glenshellach should be 'expressing thanks' for rather than complaining about new housing developments in the area.

Drew MacFarlane Slack MBE, a former Highland councillor and now the Highland and Islands manager for Scottish Land and Estates, wrote to *The Oban Times* after we reported residents' concerns over the dense population and further house and multi-storey building in the area.

Mr MacFarlane Slack said:

'I read with interest your piece about the Glenshellach residents complaining about the recent ACHA [Argyll Community Housing Association] planning applications for new housing in this part of Oban.'

'I am disappointed that residents of new developments complain about further housing being built next to them.'

'It is clear from the Argyll and Bute local development plan that new housing provision is required in Oban and it is encouraging there are partnerships between the local authority, housing associations

and house builders to identify land for this purpose.'

'Last week I took a walk up through Glenshellach to see the houses myself.'

'I have some experience of housing development and management, having spent nine years as chairman of the Highland Housing Alliance and 22 years on the board of Lochaber Housing Association.'

'I was heartened by the quality of the design, the layout and the vision the partners have in expanding Oban's residential area to the south-west of the town.'

'It also strikes me that more could be made of the Glenshellach/Gallanach road link in the future.'

'I think residents of the new housing developments should be expressing their thanks to the various parties – the council, developer ACHA and government – for providing such a high quality residential area at a time when funding remains very tight. Well done, Argyll.'

Residents on the estate say the building of multi-storey houses will make the area even more densely populated than at present.

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### Argyll teenager off to Canada event

A YOUNG man from Argyll and Bute has been chosen to represent Scotland at this year's Commonwealth Youth Parliament in Canada.

Jamie Murray from Rothesay and Erin McCauley from Cunningham South, were the only two selected from 150 members of the Scottish Youth Parliament to represent the country at the event in the British Columbia in November.

The Commonwealth Youth Parliament is an annual event held in a different Commonwealth region each year. Up to 66 young people from across the Commonwealth will experience various aspects of parliamentary democracy and will have a unique opportunity to connect with other young people from across the world.

Jamie, an 18-year-old former pupil of Rothesay Academy, felt honoured. He said: 'I aim to highlight the issues that affect Scotland's young people the most. Erin and I have an opportunity to elevate Scottish politics and the image of Scotland's young people to political representatives from around the world.'

### Charity now feeds more than 1m

**DALMALLY-BASED charity Mary's Meals has announced it is now reaching 1,187,104 of the world's poorest children with a nutritious daily meal in school.**

Owing to the continued generosity of supporters around the world, the charity has been able to add more than 85,000 new children to its global school feeding programme since the beginning of 2016.

The charity began by feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002, after being set up in Dalmally by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals' founder and chief executive.

Research from Malawi shows that in schools where Mary's Meals are served hunger is reduced, enrolment increases and attendance improves.

### Land-ownership campaign goes on

THE Scottish Government said it is 'pushing ahead' with its work to improve the transparency of land ownership in Scotland.

Ministers are seeking views on proposals for a register of controlling interests in land-owners and tenants.

The consultation takes forward work in the Land Reform Act 2016 to ensure that communities, tenants and land-owners know and understand more about who controls land-owners and tenants of land in Scotland – including those from outside the UK.

The consultation can be found on the Scottish Government's website.

# They're gin the money in a spirited island business

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THREE women from Jura have started the island's second distillery making craft gin from island botanicals – and they've already sold out of their first batch.

Bottles of Lussa Gin, decorated with Ardlussa Estate tweed, describe the liquor as 'an adventure in gin, created from the landscape of the Isle of Jura using 15 botanicals grown and foraged by Alicia MacInnes, Georgina Kitching and Claire Fletcher'.

The three 'gin lovers and adventurers', who live on Jura's remoter north end, had the idea just last summer. 'So we're right on it,' said Claire, who runs Ardlussa House with her husband Andrew. 'In our naivety, we've done things our own way. You have to be very resilient and resourceful on Jura. We're distilling in our kitchen for a start.'

The 'women in gin' wanted to use their skills and interests. Claire explained: 'There are very few opportunities here, especially for women, unless it's cooking and cleaning. That's never going to create jobs or opportunities. It's a man's world [in rural areas], and it needs to change.'

Botanist Georgina, who lives less than a kilometre away in Inverlussa, worked as a high school science teacher, so she is head of operations at the still.

Trained architect Alicia lives even closer, married to Ardlussa Estate's head stalker, and she runs the business side with her 'great head for numbers'. Meanwhile, Claire, a former head of live music at BBC Radio 1, handles marketing, sales and branding.

'We experimented with all sorts of botanicals,' Claire recalled. 'It took a lot of time and nights around the kitchen table. We had a tasting in the hall to choose between our three favourite recipes. We had a very good turnout, funnily enough.'

Their Facebook page lists the 15 botanicals grown and foraged



Alicia MacInnes, Claire Fletcher and Georgina Kitching have foraged 15 botanicals on Jura to flavour their gin.



from Jura: juniper and coriander, lemon thyme, rose petals, bog myrtle, watermint, ground elder, honeysuckle, Scots pine, lemon balm, orris, sea lettuce, lime flowers, rosehips and elder flower, 'all distilled with spring water from the Lussa glen'.

The women go to great lengths to source these ingredients,

kayaking and 'hanging off the edge of boats' to net sea lettuce, and climbing high trees for Scots pine needles. The name gin is a shortening of the word jenever, a Dutch spirit deriving its name from the Latin for juniper berry, which gives gin its predominant flavour.

'Jura has a population of wild

juniper on the west coast,' Claire said. 'It's been around since the Ice Age, so we need to keep it. We have a long-term plan to protect it. The main ingredient is lemon thyme, which gives Lussa Gin its unique flavour.'

In August, they bottled their first batch for sale at Jura's hotel and community store, but in just 10 days all 471 bottles had sold out. They are now concocting a second batch, ready for the Jura Music Festival from September 23 to 25. 'It's gone from strength to strength without even trying,' Claire said, 'and that's just Jura and word of mouth.'

They now plan to upscale operations, from their 10-litre still 'Little Jim' on the kitchen table, to a 200-litre copper still 'Hamish' in a converted stable, hopefully before Christmas. 'Then world domination,' Claire joked. 'Seventy per cent of the UK's gin is made in Scotland. I don't see why Scotland can't

corner the world in gin, as well as whisky.'

Scotland is at the heart of the British gin industry, home to two of the world's biggest brands – Gordon's and Tanqueray – and at least 25 craft gin distillers. And the number is exploding.

Lussa Gin joins Isle of Harris Gin, the Botanist from Islay, Old Raj in Campbeltown, Ancient Mariner from Helensburgh, and many more craft gins in the Highland and Islands' drinks cabinet, with Kirkjuvagr Orkney Gin in Kirkwall, Loch Ness Gin near Inverness, Badvo in Pitlochry, and Isle of Skye Distillers in Portree reaching shelves soon.

'There's so much competition, because HMRC relaxed the rules on the size of still,' Claire said, but 'Jura is at the heart of the gin, which other brands don't have. It's of its place. If it can't be grown or gathered here, it won't be a Jura gin.'

## Dance school is on course

BALLET WEST, the dance school based in Taynuilt, has forged a new partnership agreement with the Open University.

The ballet school will be offering a foundation degree in dance and BA (Hons) in dance validated by the Open University, with more than 100 students enrolling.

Gillian Barton, principal and artistic director at Ballet West, said: 'The partnership with the Open University is a big step forwards for Ballet West in developing our BA (Hons) degree in dance. The association with an organisation of such international standing will bring enormous benefits to our staff and students.'

Ballet West runs a variety of classes for students from age from three through to adults. These include classes for 300 young people throughout Argyll, four summer schools and two year-long associate courses in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Ballet West was established in 1991 by Gillian Barton, a Royal Academy of Dance-trained dancer, choreographer and teacher. Ballet West is an SQA approved centre and delivers HND professional dance performance. It has been delivering a BA (Hons) in dance, under a franchise agreement with Northumbria University.

All students take part in a Scottish tour of a classical ballet as part of their course, working alongside professional guest artists. Ballet West also runs a local outreach programme, and school holiday courses in Taynuilt.

## Two are rescued from loch

TWO people were rescued from Loch Etive on Friday after the dinghy they were in capsized.

The casualties were pulled from the water by another vessel and taken to shore where they were handed over to the Coastguard.

Oban lifeboat had launched after reports of the capsized dinghy and two people in the water. The volunteer crew made best speed towards the location but soon after entering Loch Etive it became clear that the casualties had been rescued.

Once assured that all were safe and accounted for, Oban lifeboat was requested to stand down and return to station.

The lifeboat proceeded back to her berth in Oban where she was refuelled and made ready for service again by 3pm.

The RNLI thanked the other vessels which provided assistance.

## £1.8m in funds for farmers

A £1.8 MILLION fund is now available for young farmers and crofters to grow their businesses.

This EU and Scottish Government funding aims to support the next generation of farmers and increase opportunities for young people to establish a career in agriculture.

More than £7 million has been awarded to help create and develop around 140 new farming businesses across Scotland, and this latest award sees a further 35 new farms from across Scotland sharing over £1.8 million for new enterprises.

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'With the average age of Scottish farmers currently sitting at 58, it is vital we provide support for entrepreneurs in the early stages. It is crucial there is a steady inflow of young and new entrants to farming.'

The Young Farmers and New Entrants Start-up Schemes aim to support eligible young farmers with start-up aid of 70,000 euros and 15,000 euros respectively. The funding is linked to the delivery of a business plan with agriculture as its core, such as the acquisition of land or livestock.

## Luxurious cruiser ties up at Oban's North Pier

IT CARRIES 89 passengers, has 60 crew members and offers a four-star cruise experience.

The luxurious ocean-going vessel, the MV Clio, visited Oban last Wednesday (September 7) and *The Oban Times* was invited on board to see how those afloat spend their time.

Bruno Knezevic, chief officer of the MV Clio, had been looking forward to coming to Oban to try the local chocolate, coffee and shellfish.

He said: 'Everybody onboard is looking forward to trying the local produce. The chefs are very excited about buying and cooking the local shellfish for the guests, because they've heard so many wonderful things about it.'

The guests, who are all Americans, were tucking in to Oban shellfish in a large restaurant that serves lunch and dinner.

The vessel has two dining rooms, one for breakfast and the other for the main meals. The

ship's public areas are great for relaxation.

The guests can enjoy an indoor and outdoor veranda, two lounges, a spa, a bar, a library, a gift shop and a sun deck with a Jacuzzi.

'The weather is not ideal to go in the Jacuzzi, but the view from up here is brilliant,' said Mr Knezevic, while looking over Kerrera.

The MV Clio will be back in Oban on Tuesday September 27.



## Hugh Smith's letter from Islay

### Kilchiaran Chapel

ON A hillside overlooking the picturesque Kilchiaran Bay on the west coast of Islay stands the now roofless ruin of a 13th-century chapel named after the Irish monk St Kiaran.

He also gave his name to the Church of Scotland place of worship situated between Bruichladdich and Port Charlotte and built in 1899 to cater for those moving to the village settlements from the more rural parish of Kilchoman.

The renovated Kilchiaran Chapel is larger than other parochial chapels on the island and, while it is not known when it ceased to be a place of worship, it is recorded that it was roofless as far back as 1794.

The chapel walls consist mainly of slate and flagstones and the interior has a single cell nave separated from the east chancel by a set of steps.

Inside the chancel are two stones cupboards and a plinth which suggests the

location of a medieval altar. There is also a projecting stone which would likely have been a container for holy water.

A simple ribbed stone baptismal font stands at the west end of the nave but weathering has not been kind to this sacred artefact.

A large number of grave slabs are now housed in the nave and these would have originally been in the burial area which surrounds the chapel.

The earliest of these slabs date back to the 13th century and among them are examples of the Iona and Loch Sween schools of carving.

Outside the chapel is a stone bearing a number of cup and rings carvings. Tradition has it that this stone was used by local residents as a wishing stone.

On their way to worship, they would turn a pestle in any of the cup marks and silently make their wishes known.

There is a similar stone at Kilchoman used in the same manner, especially by women who were eager to conceive.

The Kilchiaran cup stone predates the chapel by some 4,000 years, which suggests that the chapel site had been considered sacred by the people of that time.

### Top apprentice

CALUM GILLIES, a second-year apprentice with the Islay Flooring and Home Furnishing Company at Whippark, Bridgend, has been awarded the flooring apprentice of the year accolade by the Contract Flooring Association and the Contract Flooring Journal.



Calum Gillies.

Calum, who received his award, along with lots of other goodies, at an awards presentation at the FITA Training Centre at Loughborough in Leicestershire, described the ceremony as the 'proudest moment in his career'.

His employers, brothers Donald and Ewan Logan, were delighted with Calum's success and said that he was keen to learn and not afraid of hard work. They are also in no doubt that he will go far in his chosen trade as his confidence and experience grows.

Calum, the only son of Jennifer and Donald Gillies of Laphroaig, is no stranger to receiving awards as in 2015 he was named as the City of Glasgow College Apprentice of the Year.

Well done, Calum; you must have a flair for this kind of thing.

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Kilchiaran Chapel.

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# Let's keep as many hospital services as possible in Oban

Lorn and Islands Hospital is under pressure as never before. Today The Oban Times launches a campaign to fight for services to be retained and restored. Kieron Green, chairman of the joint board, outlines his priorities

HAVING been elected as a councillor this year, I was surprised and delighted to be offered the position of policy lead for health and social care.



## Oban, Lorn and Islands

care forum meetings. This has given me an insight into not just the services provided, but the expectations and priorities of people using them.

Over the past month I have been seeking to broaden my knowledge by meeting staff and visiting facilities across Argyll and Bute – in Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilhead, Oban and Rothesay so far, with more visits planned. These have helped me appreciate the needs of those using the services and I have been hugely impressed by the work being done.

We can't just be content to keep things as they are though – our populations are changing,



new technologies are becoming available, and care is becoming more tailored to individual needs. Budgets are also tight at all levels and there are challenges in recruiting staff, including home care assistants, allied health professionals, GPs and hospital consultants.

To some, Argyll and Bute can seem remote and rural, exacerbating difficulties in recruitment. We must therefore

promote our area as a great place to live, train local people to give them the necessary skills and create career pathways for those entering the sector. I want people to know that there will be job opportunities for them here as they continue to develop professionally throughout their lives.

Integration of health and social care services has allowed resources to be targeted towards delivering front-line care. In many areas, staff from different organisations already worked closely together. Now combined offices are being established to make better use of buildings and increase cooperation.

I want to see as much hospital treatment provided here in Argyll and Bute as possible, particularly ongoing care. However, increasingly specialised surgery, which has much better outcomes, can only be carried out in regional centres such as

the Golden Jubilee or Queen Elizabeth University hospitals.

Whether patients have been in a hospital locally or further afield, we must ensure that those who are able can return to their own homes without delay. Step-down care may be part of this, with dedicated beds in care homes or care delivered at home – focused on re-ablement and allowing independent living.

For progressive and long-term conditions which require care provision, I believe this should be delivered in the most homely environment possible. Usually this should be in someone's own home or, if appropriate sheltered housing, and only in a care home where absolutely necessary.

Care homes are increasingly having to deal with more complex care needs, and this may mean that existing buildings are no longer suitable. New facili-

ties will be needed in the future with a number of organisations including housing associations, the council and independent providers working together to offer the best possible care in the most appropriate setting.

As well as care formally arranged, there will often be unpaid carers, in many cases relatives, who allow people to remain in the community. Continuing to provide training and support to these carers is essential as, without them, we could not sustain our services.

In my role as chairman of the Integrated Joint Board, I will continue to listen to local people, including those delivering and using health and social care services, when making decisions. Change will happen, but it will be to meet the needs of patients and service users, and to provide the highest quality care within the resources we have available.

## Youth, 16, had drugs hidden in underwear

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy is awaiting sentence for bringing ecstasy into Oban concealed in his underpants.

The teenager, who from comes from outwith Argyll, admitted two charges of possessing ecstasy and cannabis on February 18 when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court heard on Monday. Sheriff John Herald also found him guilty of obstructing a police search, but dismissed a fourth charge of possessing ecstasy with intent to supply on April 2, 2016.

Giving evidence, Police Constable Danny MacBeth said the accused was detained near Oban train station on February 18 after he 'could smell cannabis'. PC MacBeth said: 'He was very nervous about a strip search taking place.'

'It was almost a stand-off. He said we were invading his privacy. He started to become aggressive. He shouted, "Paedos". 'He put his hand down his waist belt and he held something in his hand.'

A second witness, Detective Constable Andrew MacDougal, added: 'He threw it [a package] across the floor as we took control of his hand.'

The court was told police officers recovered a small amount of cannabis from the ground, and 13 ecstasy tablets in his underpants.

Defence agent Kevin McGinness suggested the accused tried to give officers the bag of cannabis, before he was restrained.

Detective Constable Keith Philip said the accused was found in Oban on April 2 with 23 ecstasy tablets in his underwear, which he claimed were for his personal use.

Defence witness Dr Iain McPhee, of the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of the West of Scotland, said: 'Reasonably, they could be for personal consumption or for onward supply.'

Giving his verdict, Sheriff Herald found the fourth charge of possession and supply not proven. He said: 'One has to question how a 16-year-old is found with ecstasy tablets in his possession for a second time. However, there is a just a doubt in my mind, and you are entitled to that doubt.'

Sheriff Herald deferred sentence for reports. The case will call again on November 8.

## Kids thrilled at island adventure

IT WAS all excitement and smiles for the primary six pupils of St Columba's Primary School in Oban last Wednesday as they headed off on a great outdoor adventure.

Teacher Mrs Wotherspoon and the Stramash team led the way as the pupils embarked on a three-day camping trip to the island of Kerrera. The adventure began at Ganavan Beach before the group sailed over to Kerrera to the island base of Stramash in the previous primary school building. Here the children get the unique opportunity to sleep in the teepees, giving many of them their first experience of outdoor camping.

During the three-day trip, the children took part in many activities from 'coasteering' to campfire cooking.

Stramash offers tailored trips to school groups as part of its outdoor learning. St Columba's has for many years made full use of the day trips but asked for a more adventurous outing for the primary six class. They were so pleased with the feedback from last year's pupils that they were happy to book this island expedition again.

The school would like to thank the staff and parent council who fundraised and sought grants to pay for half of all trips. The school would also like to thank the organisations which donated to the school.



The primary six children from St Columba's who enjoyed three days of camping on Kerrera.

## Have your say: what do you think of the Oban town centre refurbishment project?



**Mark Ellis, 54, from Oban** said: 'It [the street] was not that bad before. It's nice brick work, but what's the point. It must have cost a fortune. It's really tidy, but it will be deadly when it coats with ice in the winter. It wasn't worth the money. Nowhere near. Someone in Argyll could have got the contract – surely they could have got local tradesmen.'



**Jodie Docherty from Oban** said: 'I think it looks a bit tropical with the palm trees – a bit misplaced for Oban. It's nice though and it looks clean. I think they could have done it for cheaper to be honest. It's nice, but it seems a bit too much.'



**Claire Paterson-Aitken from Oban** said: 'You are going up there [Stafford Street] and the kids have nowhere to go and people want to sit and can't because they are on their bikes. I don't think it was worth the money. There were other things in the town they could have done. It looks all right, but they spent millions and you have to drive with pot holes on the roads.'



**Brian Logan, 48, from Soroba**, said: 'I think the money could have been spent elsewhere. I don't think there was anything wrong with it and I don't think it was worth the money. It looks great, but not worth the money. Would be better filling up the potholes in the roads, would they not?'



**Andrew MacDougall from Dunbeg** said: 'It's nice. There's definitely more space. It brightens it up a wee bit and it looks a bit cleaner. 'I think they could have done something similar with less money. The bus stops and palm trees were a bit expensive but it's a definite improvement. At least it's grippy at the station, but the pavement is a bit slippery.'

## Ulva Ferry up housing award

ULVA Ferry Housing Project on Mull has been nominated for a Rural Innovators' Award.

Housing project manager Helen MacDonald said: 'We are delighted to be nominated for this award. The passive house design of our community-owned rental houses will ensure heating bills are minimal, directly tackling fuel poverty. Construction is now under way and the houses will be ready for occupation next spring.'

Other projects nominated include Argyll Community Housing Association, the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust Rent to Buy Scheme and SBHA.

To vote go to the Scottish Rural Parliament's website. Voting closes at midnight on September 18.

## Former prisoners drive home housing message

FORMER users of the criminal justice system showed Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership what it is really like to leave prison and go through the homeless system.

In a piece of theatre devised by expressive arts company Street Cones – a team of creative artists with real experience of going through the criminal justice system – the focus was on housing challenges when leaving prison.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'A number of actions came out of the day which will contribute to the community justice outcome improvement plan, to be published March 2017.'

Councillor Elaine Robertson, chairwoman of the criminal justice partnership committee, said: 'This was an extremely worthwhile seminar. Street Cones enabled delegates to see the challenges that clients of the criminal justice system face when interacting with public sector agencies.'

'The performance made everyone think differently, consider attitudes and how to make the whole process more streamlined, meaningful and supportive, helping to break potential reoffending cycles. The performance was extremely powerful and a number of actions came out of the day which will form the basis of the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.'

## Heritage is put in the spotlight

PEOPLE in Oban and the surrounding areas have the chance to discover how they can get involved with their local history at a special event about community heritage.

Celebrating archaeology, history and heritage at a local level, Scotland's Community Heritage Conference in Oban – on Saturday (September 17) – focuses on the volunteer groups embarking on heritage projects in the Argyll and Bute area and communities who are bringing their public buildings back into use.

The Community Heritage Conference in Oban is the second of three conferences being held across Scotland. The event takes place on Saturday from 10am-5pm at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban.

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SCDT says BT should be ashamed of itself for failing to install a line just 20m long that is crucial to a health charity in Strathfillan.

# 'Incompetent' BT slammed over charity telephone line

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AN EXASPERATED Crianlarich charity says BT 'should be ashamed' for taking five months to connect a telephone and internet line to its new office – just 20m across a road from the BT telephone exchange.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust (SCDT) is a small charity which has raised £600,000 over 19 years for community projects in Tyndrum, Crianlarich and Inverarnan.

SCDT development officer Kelly Clapperton-Bates ordered the line from BT in April, expecting it to be installed into the new premises in Crianlarich Village Hall in time for a planned move in early July.

'BT confirmed an installation appointment for the week of July 7,' Kelly said, 'but this date, and many others, have come

and gone, and no telephone line has been installed.'

A major local healthcare initiative with SCDT, Stirling Council and NHS Forth Valley had to be postponed, and trustees feared the line would not be installed in time for the rearranged date.

'Ironically,' Kelly added, 'the initiative is a showcase event to demonstrate how new technologies, including remote access and tele-conferencing, could benefit patients in isolated rural areas, like Strathfillan. Without a phone line and broadband the showcase can't take place.'

SCDT chairwoman Isla Craig was equally vexed. She said: 'The location of the new telephone line is not down difficult and challenging back roads. It is into Crianlarich Village Hall, in the centre of the village – less than 20m from the BT exchange. There seems to be a

requirement for some ducting work to take the new line from the exchange to the hall. It appears this work is subcontracted by BT Openreach, which apparently has no control over when the engineers will do the work.'

SCDT said it was given various dates when the ducting work would be complete, following which an installation could be arranged.

'Most recently, these dates have included August 23 and September 5,' Kelly said, 'but nothing has happened.'

BT then said the next update would be on September 21.

Kelly reacted: 'The success of the healthcare event, now rearranged for October 12/13 looks to be in jeopardy once again.'

Isla said: 'The trust has again fobbed off time and again, "escalated to the highest level" more times than can be remembered, the number of "updates"

informing of more "updates" are ridiculous, and even an official complaint has changed nothing.'

SCDT has moved into the new office space but is relying on a pay-as-you-go mobile phone and wifi access via a neighbouring business.

Stirling councillor Martin Earl said: 'This is a huge failure by BT and Openreach. Many people worked hard to organise this important healthcare event. It is not acceptable it has had to be postponed because of BT's incompetence.'

Isla asked: 'By leaving SCDT, a charity run by volunteers, unable to fully function, access essential funding and grants, or manage their assets properly, they are potentially damaging a whole community. It is a terrible state of affairs and BT should be ashamed of itself.'

When *The Oban Times* finally

contacted a BT operative to request an email contact for press inquiries, the communications giant, which installs internet across the UK, told us to post a letter. However, we did track down an email address, and BT apologised for its 'poor service'.

It said: 'We're very sorry for the unacceptable delay in providing a new line for the trust at the village hall.'

'Although the telephone exchange is nearby, new lines are generally routed through street cabinets and distribution points, not direct from the exchange. This required roadworks to be carried out and we're investigating why this is taking so long.'

On Saturday, two days after our query, BT announced that it hoped to complete the ducting work on Sunday, adding: 'Once it's done we'll discuss how we can make up for the poor service experienced.'

## Couple's anger over hungry sheep

A MAN in Oban is losing sleep counting the number of sheep causing havoc in his garden – with no-one willing to take responsibility for the damage the beasts are causing.

Alan Turner and his partner Linda Price have lived in the cul-de-sac at McKelvie Road for two years and over that time have developed a garden to be proud of.

But up to a dozen intruding sheep are making the couple think again about all the time and effort they are putting into keeping their grounds beautiful.

'There is no point,' Mr Turner said. 'My partner has been putting out a lot of flower pots and digging in various different shrubs and plants.'

'We have enjoyed making the most of the garden and taking pride in the area we live.'

'Around the back there are plenty of plant pots. We have spent a lot of money on the garden.'

'But now we are going mad because of the number of sheep that seem to be using it as a trough.'

'Some mornings there are between 10 and 12 sheep in the garden from about six in the morning. We go out and move them, but they just seem to

come back in again. So far they have caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage. I would really like to know who owns them so they can take control of them.'

'It is becoming ridiculous.' Mr Turner has approached everyone whom he thinks might be able to do something about it. But so far no-one has been able to help.

He has been to his housing association, which has said it will look into the matter and he has approached the police who have said they are unable to do anything about it until it can be proven whose sheep they are, and he has tried to find out who the owner is.

Mr Turner continued: 'At first it was quite funny – but now it is driving us mad. Sometimes there are as many as 10 or 12 sheep dotting about on the estate and at some point or another they seem to end up in our garden eating our plants and bushes.'

The police have given Mr Turner a case number, but he said the officer in charge said it would be 'impossible to arrest a sheep'.

Police Scotland said they had a wildlife crime officer who would look into the matter.



Alan Turner and Linda Price in their garden.

## Website is slammed over road safety fears

A GERMAN website encouraging motorcyclists to take part in a 'time trial' on a 100-mile loop in North Argyll and Lochaber has been condemned by Oban Community Council and Police Scotland.

The loop, Tyndrum to Tyndrum via the Connel Bridge, Fort William and Glencoe, is a favourite of motorbikers. A previous UK site promoting the area was shut down.

As police clamp down on road users in rural areas, the Oban group raised the issue of the high number of accidents on the roads in and around Lorn.

Community councillor George Berry said: 'The 100-mile loop has been a problem for years and I thought that things had calmed down. But after driving in the

area for work I am absolutely horrified and astonished at the number of motorcyclists who are taking risks at high speeds around the area. And many of them are doing so at night when visibility is very poor.'

'It is advertised as "come to the West Coast of Scotland" and they come to drive the area.'

Mr Berry said he understood that a German website even asked motorcyclists to record their speed on the loop.

A UK website that previously recorded the speeds of drivers on the loop was closed down, Mr Berry told *The Oban Times*.

'It is a real problem with bikers. We don't want this area to be known as an area for people to come and break the law by riding around the area too fast.'

Community councillors raised the matter with police.

Inspector Adam MacKenzie said: 'There are many publications for motorcyclists and cars who highlight the west of Scotland area for its natural beauty and roads network which appeals to motorcyclists and drivers of more sporty cars.'

'BMW recently, as part of an advertising campaign, highlighted the A85 between Tyndrum and Oban as one of the best roads in Britain to appreciate one of their new models.'

'I would hope that drivers/riders are sensible enough to enjoy their motoring, treat the roads network of Argyll with respect and never engage in an actions that would place others or themselves in danger.'

'Operation Zenith is a dedicated ongoing operation in relation to motorcycle safety. It consists of education and safety events aimed at primarily motorcyclists but also at drivers to be aware of motorcyclists.'

'Often when a crash involves a motorcyclist, sometimes people jump to the conclusion, wrongly, that the motorcyclist is a fault.'

'Often drivers of cars fail to see motorcyclists in mirrors, and we ask drivers to look closely and think bike.'

'There are times when motorcycles are ridden in a manner or at speeds which are clearly dangerous and for that reason our patrols target and engage with motorcyclists to offer education and encouragement for safe practices at the road

side or at known motorcycle stop-off points.'

'Enforcement is also used and each year unfortunately motorcyclists are reported for speeding, dangerous and careless driving.'

'I would remind motorcyclists that a conviction for dangerous driving will result in the loss of your licence.'

'Sports cars and motorcycles can also give an impression of speed due to being fitted with sports exhausts, which have a more aggressive sound and wrongly give the impression to others of excessive speed.'

'My message is please come to Argyll, enjoy the roads and facilities we have to offer but drive safely and with respect for others.'

## Islay will be home to tidal energy initiative

THE Sound of Islay will be the home to the world's first ever large-scale tidal turbine and energy stream as part of a drive to develop Scotland's marine renewables industry, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on Monday.

Ms Sturgeon made the announcement while visiting the MeyGen project, owned by Atlantis Resources Ltd, to see the first turbines in the planned tidal stream array during a trip to the Highlands.

The first phase of the project, developed thanks to £23 million Scottish Government funding, is expected to further develop the marine renewables industry and open up vital skilled job opportunities for those who are moving from the oil and gas sector.

Atlantis's MeyGen and Sound of Islay projects are expected to generate around £275 million for Scotland's economy.

Tim Cornelius, chief executive of Atlantis Resources, said: 'Today marks a historic milestone not just for Atlantis and our project partners, but for the entire global tidal power industry.'

'It gives me enormous pride to have reached this juncture after 10 years of tireless work, preparation and planning by everyone associated with this project.'

'This is the day the tidal power industry announced itself as the most exciting new asset class of renewable, sustainable generation in the UK's future energy mix. This is an industry that is creating jobs and Scotland is the undisputed world leader of this high-growth sector.'

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## Success for Lomond School pupils

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Pupils and staff at Lomond School are celebrating one of its strongest SQA Exam results, with a third of all S4 pupils achieving straight A grades in all eight of their National 5 exams.

Johanna Urquhart, principal, stated: 'I am delighted for the whole school community. Pupils and staff have worked really hard to achieve these outstanding results. They are even more pleasing given that Lomond is not academically selective. Our ethos is one of high expectation and individualised support. It is very satisfying that our rich and diverse curriculum

and focus on transferable skills and learning for life has paid such positive dividends. We will continue to build on these excellent results.'

Lomond School takes great pride in offering the scope and choice for their young people to develop as individuals, not just as university applicants. This model also ensures greater success in the crucial S6 year, because, should the young people wish, three new subjects are options to pick up again at Higher. Oban's own Orla Sedgwick is the recipient of a Silver Academic Tie, having achieved at least six A grades at National 5.

'To receive a Silver Academic Tie feels like a great achievement,' Orla said. 'All the work over the past two



Orla studies hard, asks for help when she needs it and follows the guidance given to her. Orla has really thrived in the boarding environment and makes the most of the extra evening tuition and access to the teachers onsite. She is a credit to the school and we are all very proud of her and her achievements.



Orla was one of the Silver Academic Tie winners.

years and support from the school, friends and family has paid off. Lomond School has definitely helped me focus and given me the confidence and opportunities with extra classes and willing teachers to achieve the grades I wanted. I enjoy being a pupil at Lomond due to the warm and friendly atmosphere at both the school and the boarding house. The support and encouragement I have been given right from the start has benefitted me greatly.'

Lomond School is a leading Scottish co-educational HMC independent school founded in 1977. The school has around 400 students and provides day places for children aged three to 18 years and weekly and term boarding options from the age of 10.

# Objections flood in over house built in wrong place

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AN ATTEMPT to fix a planning mistake which led to a house being built too close to a Connel pensioner's home has attracted 40 objections.

Ann Colthart's 28 sq m extension, built 14 years ago, wasn't included in the plans and has resulted in a house on St Oran's Place being built nine metres away from her property, when guidelines state it must be at least 18.

The septuagenarian, who has lived there for 32 years, became aware of the problem as plots three and four of the development to expand the village progressed. Ms Colthart contacted the planners in May, and work was halted as a solution was sought.

Ms Colthart told *The Oban Times* she felt her privacy had been invaded. She said: 'I have told them from the start the solution is to take it down. Their [the council's] guidelines, which they say they enforce firmly, are being neglected.'

'They are both at fault: the planners and the developers. Part of a solution included a wall and a hedge and we thought that was another appalling sugges-

tion. I feel sorry for the people who would be moving in.'

Argyll and Bute Council has admitted falling short of its own standards, apologised for the situation and distress caused, and said it was seeking a remedy acceptable to all parties.

A planning application, submitted by Macleod Construction Ltd on July 22, proposed 'alterations to rear fenestration, installation of new fenestration on gable elevation and erection of wall and hedging on NE boundary'.

But it gathered no letters of support and more than 40 public objections within a village of around 400 people before submissions closed on August 25, including an objection from Connel Community Council.

Connel community councillors unanimously agreed to lodge their 'strong objection' to this 'remedial' application, their letter stated, arguing the development breaches guidance in Argyll and Bute's local development plan, because it 'causes a loss of privacy', is 'over-bearing, out-of-scale and out-of-character', and was 'not carefully sited and designed'. They concluded: 'What is planned in this proposal is an attempt to rectify a mistake on a siting of a building



Ann Colthart has been 'overwhelmed' by the support shown in her community.

by proposing a series of minor mitigation remedies.

'The community council feels it would be beneficial that a site visit is made by the planning committee before any decision is made on the proposal. This would allow members to fully appraise the situation.'

The application is due to go before Argyll and Bute Council's Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee on September 21.

Ms Colthart added: 'I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful support from neighbours, friends, my local

councillors and the community council. I have now written to every councillor in Argyll and Bute seeking their support. The building should be demolished.'

'This shouldn't have happened to me and it shouldn't happen to anyone else in Connel or elsewhere in Argyll.'

## Argyll volunteers wanted to serve on children's panel

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute are being urged to apply to become a children's panel member.

New panel members are needed to help vulnerable children and young people in the area, with 500 recruits being sought nationally. No specific quali-

fications are required and full training is provided.

The children's panel is Scotland's largest legal tribunal and aims to improve outcomes for troubled or at-risk children and young people.

Ian Greig, from Helensburgh,

who is a panel member, encouraged everyone to look into it.

He said: 'The children's panel will challenge your own prejudices and preconceived ideas and make you a more rounded person. The three panel members have a debriefing session

after each hearing and it's so rewarding when I can walk away knowing I did my best.'

The Children's Hearing Scotland is responsible for the recruitment, training and support of Scotland's 2,500 volunteer panel members.

The application deadline is Sunday September 25. Applicants need to be 18 or over. No qualifications are required and full training is provided. To apply, go to [www.childrenspanelscotland.org](http://www.childrenspanelscotland.org) or call 01546 604392.



Dr Raeanne Miller is heading to Antarctica.

## Raeanne is heading for the frozen south

A DUNBEG scientist is the only Scot to be selected for a unique all-female international expedition to Antarctica.

And Raeanne Miller will help launch a new national ambassador programme celebrating Scotland's global reputation as a knowledge economy.

INNOVATETHENATION, created by VisitScotland Business Events, is aimed at bringing together experts and the next generation of innovators through a series of events held across the country.

Dr Miller, from the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) at Dunstaffnage will speak at the first event in the series, under the title INNOVATEMARINE, at St Andrews University on September 29.

INNOVATETHENATION is a new national ambassador programme which aims to celebrate Scotland's innovation legacy while looking to develop that for future generations.

Dr Miller is a NERC knowledge exchange fellow for wave and tidal energy at SAMS and is the only Scottish-based scientist in a group of 77 women from around the world to be selected for the female-only expedition to the Antarctic in December. The Australian-led Home-

ward Bound Project, of which the expedition is part of, aims to enhance the influence and impact of 1,000 women in science over a 10-year period to give them the experience to take up and remain in leadership roles to ensure the sustainability of the planet.

Dr Miller said: 'Scotland has an international reputation for innovation, with our great inventions and scientific breakthroughs. SAMS, for example, was founded by Sir John Murray, who is considered to be the father of modern oceanography.'

'While our achievements of the past should be celebrated, we must focus on how we can maintain our world-leading research by inspiring the next generation of scientists and innovators.'

'We are currently witnessing rapid changes in the world's climate and oceans, so it is imperative that we increase the number of women in STEM professions, so we have the best pool of talent available to answer some of our biggest environmental questions.'

'I am excited to be involved in INNOVATEMARINE and to have the opportunity to speak about the aims of the Home-ward Bound project.'

# Argyll Enterprise Week update...

31 Oct - 04 Nov 2016

## Digital know-how

DIGITAL know-how, innovation and reaching international markets are drivers to success. As a key theme within Argyll Enterprise Week, there will be dedicated support on hand to help with exporting, using digital technology and independent advice on intellectual property.

DigitalBoost is a free business support programme delivered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Business Gateway. It is available to businesses and social enterprises, and utilises a team of experts who can help organisations to step up their digital capabilities.

On Wednesday November 2, the DigitalBoost team, along with international and innovation experts, will be at the Business Support Fair at the Argyllshire

Gathering Halls in Oban, offering a mixture of taster sessions, guides and expert support.

Two free three-hour workshops are also being held on that day at the Corran Halls, covering an introduction to 360-degree video and cyber security.

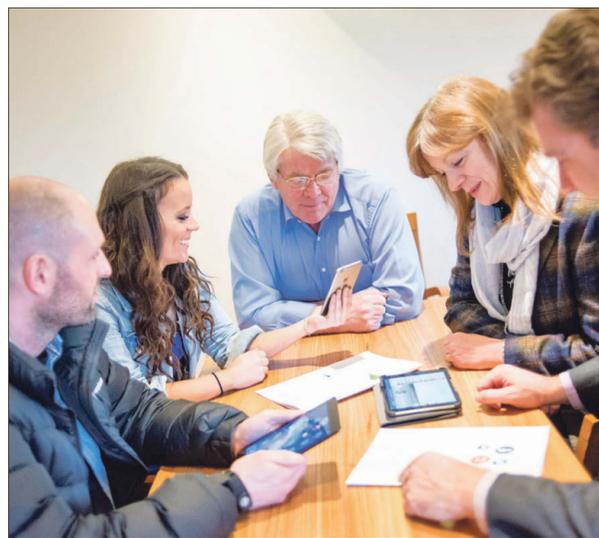
The cyber security workshop is an in-depth look at the need for businesses to be cyber resilient. Online attacks can cause havoc and Keith McDevitt, a cyber-resilience integrator for the Scottish Government, and Kyle Bowes, an ethical hacker for the Scottish Business Resilience Centre, will be on hand to talk about the steps businesses can take to protect their online operations.

The introduction to 360-degree video is a must for anyone looking for a practical session on 360-de-

gree video, photography and the basic theory around these concepts. Throughout the workshop there will be the opportunity to see footage from actual shoots to demonstrate the difference between 360-degree video and traditional methods.

Theresa Swayne, HIE's senior development manager for digital, commented: 'The digital team at HIE is really excited about being at Argyll Enterprise Week to talk to businesses about all things digital. We'll be running sessions on how you can do more online, and we'll have some expert partners with us talking about cyber security and demonstrating the latest 360-video and photography.'

Places at workshops and taster sessions can be booked [argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).



Workshops during the Business Support Fair will provide firms with expert advice on a number of areas, including cyber security.



The Tobermory Fish Company – famous for its smoked trout.

The Tobermory Fish Company is a family-run smokehouse and shop based in the town on the Isle of Mull.

The business smokes fish and shellfish within its own premises, with all the foods to be smoked sourced locally whenever possible.

Products are smoked using carefully-crafted recipes that use no dyes or additives.

A speciality of the business is its famous Tobermory smoked trout.

The Tobermory Fish Company has recently undertaken a Highlands and Islands Enterprise digital health check and found the review very beneficial to progressing its IT strategy.

'Technology is key to driving our sales efficiency and business growth, and the digital advice has given us the confidence to move forwards with our IT plans,' said Duncan Swinbanks, director of The Tobermory Fish Company.

## Expert help for firms planning exports

DURING Argyll Enterprise Week businesses looking to, or already starting to, trade outwith the UK, will be offered expert advice.

Expert Stewart Miller of 9SM consulting will be at the Business Support Fair. He will lead a taster session on Wednesday November 2 outlining the free support available for exporting companies or those planning their first steps towards exporting.

Stewart works with both HIE and Business Gateway clients and will draw upon his first-hand experience with global brands and SMEs, particularly in food and drink, textiles, sports and the creative industries.

Also at the Business Support Fair and running a taster session will be Ewen Macaulay, HIE's intellectual assets and innovation adviser.

Ewan has a breadth of experience in providing businesses with advice in this often complex but critical environment.

Ewen will be available to offer free advice on intellectual property (IP), including copyright and trademarks and how these can work to enable businesses to grow successfully.

David Smart, head of special projects for Highlands and

Islands Enterprise, commented: 'The digital team, along with a host of experts in both innovation and internationalisation will be delivering some exciting activity throughout Argyll Enterprise Week.'

'These are core themes central to business success and we are delighted that we have some of the best advisers on hand to offer advice.'



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**Lewis**

A LOCHABER nature reserve has been shortlisted for a prestigious nature award.

The observatory at the Loch Stiabhath Local Nature Reserve on the Isle of Lewis has been recognised in the community initiative category of the nature of Scotland awards 2016.

The project has created a new nature observatory on the site so that visitors have a better view of the diverse

birdlife found there, and it supports the development of wildlife tourism in the area.

The nature of Scotland awards celebrates the people, projects and organisations across the country working to protect internationally renowned precious wildlife and habitats and the winners will be revealed at a black tie presentation dinner on November 24, 2016.

**Highlands**

A HOSPICE and university in the Highlands have joined forces.

Highland Hospice and University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) have signed a memorandum of understanding.

The university has already confirmed a contribution of £20,000 towards a new post of learning and development manager, which will

be employed by the hospice. This new partnership is designed to reflect the interests of both institutions.

By combining specialist knowledge and research skills, the goal is to improve the lives of people with life-limiting illness, loved ones and carers and also to widen opportunities and access for students and staff.

**Taynuilt**



BT HAS marked for removal the two Taynuilt village phone boxes in Main Street and Achlonan.

The consultation period for people making comments finishes on September 22 and anyone wishing to do so should phone Argyll and Bute Council's planning department on 01546 605518.

Taynuilt Community Council has agreed to request adoption of the Main Street kiosk for a community purpose and Argyll and Bute Council's planning department has been informed of the wish to maintain the box.

If successful in adopting

the kiosk, Taynuilt Community Council will be looking for suggestions as to what it could be used for (eg, a mini library) and ideas can easily be posted on the TCC Facebook site.

WITH Taynuilt's Constable Alison Simpson transferring to another post in October, it seems likely that Taynuilt police office will be closed and the premises sold.

According to Police Scotland, a closure will result in the Dalmally police officer covering Taynuilt in future. Police Scotland will be engaging with the affected community councils on this matter.

**Sleat**

CONSTITUENTS in Sleat are being urged to show support for their community council.

Online voting for the Scottish Rural Parliament awards is now open and Kate Forbes, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch wants people from the area to vote for Sleat Community Council (SCC), which has lobbied the

Scottish Government for a reliable service on the troubled Armadale to Mallaig ferry route, is one of three nominees for the rural innovators award in the community council section.

Voting closes on Sunday (September 18), and the winners will be presented their award when the Scottish Rural Parliament meets in Angus on October 6.

**Oban**



Left to right are deputy coxswain Finlo Cottier, organiser Gus Brydon, coxswain John Hill, treasurer Les Stewart, DM Matheson, lifeboat operations manager Billy Forteith and medical adviser Dr Colin Wilson.

**Lifeboat lands cash windfall**

THIS year's annual Oban Sea Kayak Race around Kerrera has raised £2,000 for Oban RNLI lifeboat.

The race took place on Saturday August 27, with nearly 50 kayakers taking part. The race covers a distance of 20km, circumnavigating the island of Kerrera, beginning and ending at Oban's North Pier.

The demanding route offers exposed and remote

waters and the conditions change year on year.

Oban RNLI lifeboat treasurer Les Stewart was there to accept this year's donation of £2,000. Since the first race back in 2010, the event has donated a total of more than £14,000 to the lifesaving charity.

A spokesman for Oban lifeboat said: 'We would like to say huge thank you to everyone who makes this

event happen every year. This is a really amazing achievement. The RNLI would not be able to continue on its mission to save lives at sea without donations like this.'

Gus Brydon, the event organiser, added: 'Oban Sea Kayak Race would especially like to thank the following safety boat personnel for the event, without which, it couldn't take

place - Neil Matheson, Dr Erick Jespersen, Struan and Cameron Smith of Coastal Connection, Donna Barr from Kilbowie Outdoor Centre and John Doherty.

'The organisers would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals around Oban bay who continually support this great event every year and make it the success it has become.'

**Isle of Seil**

EASDALE's branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland held its most successful annual sale to date on Saturday August 27, raising a grand sum of £1,815 from its stalls and teas.

Erskine Hospital, which also had a stall in Seil Hall, raised a further £189.

The event was opened by Lieutenant Colonel Tim Sinclair of Clachan Seil, pictured beside branch chairman John Alexander of Cullipool, and all the money raised will be donated to veterans' charities.

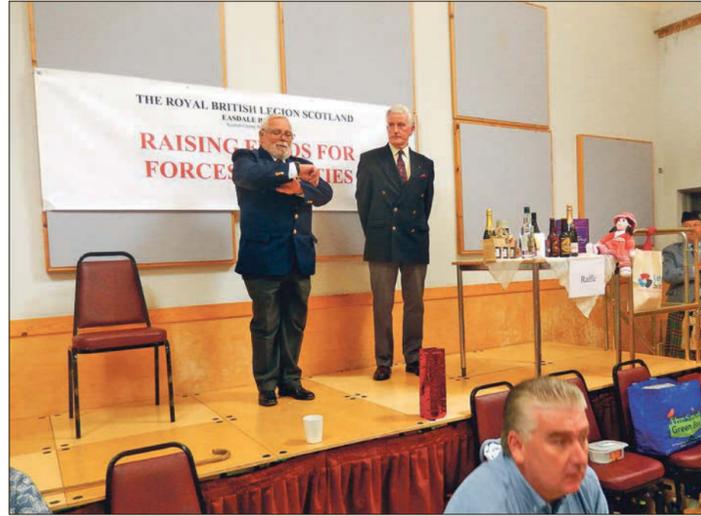
A delighted organiser Jim Watson said: 'We thank all the local community and visitors who supported and helped us on the day.

'We now look forward to our grand raffle, which will be held at the end of October.'

KILBRANDON SWI held the first meeting of the session on September 6 in Seil Island Hall.

The speaker for the evening was Tim Sinclair, a former gunner with a special interest in the history of the Easdale Volunteer Artillery.

Mr Sinclair had re-



Lt Col Tim Sinclair and John Alexander.

searched the history of the part-time soldiers who guarded Easdale Island and Ellenabeich in the late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in the event of an attack by the French.

Mr Sinclair showed us photographs of the area as it is now, pinpointing places of historical interest,

then taking us back to the past with a presentation of fascinating old photographs showing the men in training, the gun carriages and cannons, a unique collection of old documents and a cherished uniform.

He showed us an original cannonball which had been found keeping open a barn

door. Mr Sinclair also pointed out that the hooks originally used for the volunteers' uniforms had been found in the attic of the old hall and were now on the walls of the new hall. It was an informative evening and most enjoyable.

Julie Ferris, president, gave the vote of thanks.

**North Connel**



HARMONY singing workshops run by Scotland Sings return next month and this time it's all about the bass.

This year at the Scotland Sings autumn workshops the focus will be on getting more men through the door to enjoy singing in harmony. The workshop leader is Rory Hays with songs from around the world with really great bass and tenor lines.

As an organisation, Scotland Sings already knows how much women love singing and looks forward to welcoming more people to these workshops.

As an extra incentive for everyone this time they are offering a two-ticket special deal for £12.50

when one or both tickets is for a man. Alison Burns, Scotland Sings coordinator, said: 'The workshops are part of a four-year project to get more people singing together wherever they are in Scotland. The great thing is that everyone will be in the same boat as there will be something new for everyone but we are hoping that with more men and our great women singers we'll produce some strong and stunning sounds.

'There will be a warm welcome for everyone, whether you sing every week in a choir or haven't sung with other people for years. It'll be great to see you.'

Host venue this year is North Connel Village Hall

on October 1. Workshop starts from 10.30am to 4pm.

More information and booking details can be found at the Scotland Sings website www.sing.scot.

**Ardelve**

RESURFACING work is currently being carried out on the A87 between Ardelve and Nostie.

Forming part of a £105,000 investment by Transport Scotland, the work began on September 6 between 7am and 7pm and will continue for two weeks.

Temporary traffic lights with a 10mph convoy system will be in operation but no work is planned at the weekend.

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**Heartened by historic returns**

ISN'T it heartening to hear of objects, papers and photographs coming home to their place of origin? Nothing instils a better sense of history and belonging than being able to see and, in some cases, handle, our past in its local environment.

Books are all very well but with so little local history being taught in primary schools these days, a huge amount of traditional history is rapidly disappearing. I don't know why the Scottish education system continues to favour events far removed from the Highlands and Islands such as Agincourt, Hastings, Naseby and Plessey, instead of the battles of the Braes, Traigh Gruinard, the Pass of Brander, Glengarrisdale, Bloody Bay and Glen More on Mull, to name only a few. All of these helped shaped the history of the Gaelic West Coast and made it the place we know and cherish today and for that reason they deserve to be better known.

In 2013, £1.8 million from the European Regional Development Fund was granted to help transform Lews Castle, which had been closed for almost 25 years, into a Museum for the Western Isles. Centre-piece of the new museum, which was opened a few weeks ago in Stornoway, are some of the world famous



Gertrude Smith photographed this group of sportsmen at Ardtornish Towers in the 1860s.

Picture from Iain Thornber

Lewis Chessmen. Normally the figures are on display in the British Museum and the National Museum of Scotland, but now, thanks to a group of dedicated Lewis historians and politicians and a state-of-the-art museum, six of these iconic objects rest there on permanent loan.

The Lewis chessmen, or Uig chessmen, named after the bay where they were found, are a group of 12th-century chess pieces, along with other gaming pieces, most of which are carved in walrus ivory. The chessmen were discovered in early 1831 in a sand bank at the head of Camas Uig on the west coast of Lewis and are believed to be one of the few complete, surviving medieval chess sets in the world. When found, the hoard contained 93 artefacts: 78 chess pieces, 14 tablemen and a belt buckle.

The British Museum claims the chessmen were probably made in Trondheim, Norway, in the 12th century, although some scholars have suggested other Nordic countries. During that period, the Outer Hebrides, along with other major groups of Scottish islands, were ruled by Norway. Some historians believe that the Lewis Chessmen were hidden (or lost) after some mishap occurred when they were being transported from Norway to wealthy Norse towns on the east coast of Ireland, such as Dublin.

What a coup for the new museum in Stornoway and what wonderful aids for teaching the cultural history of the Western Isles.

On Islay, thanks to Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, former Secretary General of NATO and UK defence secretary, a rare portrait of one of the Island's most famous sons has come home from America. Major General Alexander McDougall, hero of the American Revolution, was born at Portnatruin, near Port Ellen, in 1732.

He left Islay at the age of six and by his early twenties commanded two privateering warships. He later joined the Continental Army where he rose to the highest rank in just three years. He served under General George Washington, America's first president, who described him as 'a pillar of the revolution'. He died in 1786 aged 53 and is commemorated by a monument near his birthplace opposite the Old Excise House, close to the Laphroaig Distillery. He was the first president of the Bank of New York.

The portrait, which was painted in 1911, is a copy of an original miniature by John Ramage (1748-1802), an Irish American and the first artist to paint George Washington while serving as president of the United States. It came up for auction earlier this year and, after some competitive bidding against an American expert on the War of Independence, Lord Robertson won. And so, after 230 years, one distinguished military hero brought another home.

The portrait is now on display in the marvellous Museum of Islay Life in Port Charlotte.

A valuable and fascinating collection of photographs taken around the head of Loch Aline between 1865 and 1875 has returned to Morvern.

The annotated photographs are by Gertrude Smith (1844-1920) daughter of Octavius Smith, who bought Ardtornish Estate in 1860. Gertrude was the wife of Alexander Craig Sellar, MP for Glasgow Partick, and a son of Patrick Sellar of Ardtornish and formerly of Sutherland. Alexander, a Scottish lawyer and Liberal politician, was the author of several books including *A Manual of the Education Act for Scotland* (1873). Their son Gerard (1871-1929) inherited Ardtornish and remains Morvern's greatest benefactor.

Gertrude Smith's many photographs, which are beautifully composed and technically brilliant, provide a valuable window into life on a large West Highland estate more than 150 years ago. They feature, the ruined castle of Kinlochaline; the first Ardtornish Towers built in 1856-59 and demolished 25 years later; yachts; fishing and stalking parties; gamekeepers, ghillies and grooms; house guests; local cottages and their occupants and much more.

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# Traffic 'chaos' as 800 bikes clash with shinty showpiece

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MOTORISTS are being warned of 'delays, frustration and chaos' as 800 cyclists are set to descend upon Fort William in the next two days.

The 800 bike riders are taking part in the Deloitte-sponsored Ride Across Britain which will see them travel almost 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in nine days. The event coincides with the Camanachd Cup final in Fort William on Saturday.

The bikers will begin the longest leg of the journey, from Hamilton to Fort William, tomorrow (Friday September 16), with plans to

be on the A82 from mid morning until around 8pm.

And Saturday will see the riders back on the road travelling from the town to Fort Augustus, before heading up the east side of Loch Ness.

The timing of the event was branded 'utter madness' by Fort William councillor and chairman of the A82 Partnership, Brian Murphy, who said: 'To arrive in Fort William on a Friday afternoon is utter madness. Traffic travelling north out of Fort William on a Friday afternoon in a normal week faces significant delays. I cannot imagine the impact of an additional 800 cyclists on this traffic flow.'

He added that 'groups of up to 50 cyclists will cause significant delays and resulting frustration'.

It was also noted that on Saturday Fort William will host the Camanachd Cup shinty final, for which thousands of people are set to flock to An Aird.

A spokesperson for the A82 partnership said: 'Because this is not a race, the organisers do not need permission although they have liaised with officials in Glasgow who appear unaware of the negative impact on the economy and the lives of the people of the West Highlands and islands of this event.'

Alan Kimber, a keen cyclist and retired mountain guide who now runs holiday accommoda-

tion in Fort William, told *The Oban Times*: 'We should lobby to ban such events, unless the organisers can be forced to pay the police or other agencies for proper road management.'

'I'm a touring cyclist myself and know only too well how a single bicycle can cause problems. However, hundreds of bicycles together on our narrow roads will always cause problems and frustration, leading to potentially fatal accidents.'

The Ride Across Britain suffered a fatality in 2014 resulting in the journey along the A82 being curtailed as cyclists were bussed to their overnight stop at Torlundy.

Mr Kimber continued: 'Many

bicycle trails alongside roads are just a joke. I'll often avoid bicycle trails due to the poor maintenance and directions taken by the trails.'

'Don't put cyclists on a pavement with pedestrians - put them on a wide road with at least an extra metre lined out on both lanes for them to use. I cycle abroad and that's what happens in many European countries.'

'I have nothing against cyclists at all, being one myself, and the last thing I want is to stop them coming up the A82, but we need to look at how we manage it and provide for bicycles and vehicles to coexist on our roads together.'

A spokesperson for BEAR

Scotland said: 'We have been liaising with the event organisers, Transport Scotland and Police Scotland regarding the planning of the Deloitte-sponsored Ride Across Britain, and have also arranged our planned works to avoid this Friday and Saturday to help ensure a smooth event and limit any disruption to cyclists or motorists alike.'

The A82 Partnership is advising that 'anyone with journeys, appointments, meetings, flights etc which will involve travel on the A82 between Crianlarich and Fort William on Friday September 16 and between Fort William and Fort Augustus on Saturday morning should allow extra time or revise their plans.'

## TIMESLINE



### Two blossom at produce show

TWO of the top winners at the Glangarry produce show on Saturday September 10 were Kate Stewart and Gayle Rand.

Kate, right, won the Thistle Stop trophy for floral arrangements, while organiser of the day's events, Gayle, took home the David MacCallum Memorial Cup for best in show.

Full story on page 5.

## Work starts on construction of new Gaelic school on Skye

A MAJOR milestone in the development of Gaelic language in the Highlands has been reached as the construction of a new school on Skye gets under way.

An £8.7 million project to build a primary school in Portree was marked on Monday with the cutting of the first sod on the new site.

Pupils, councillors and representatives from Robertson Construction who are overseeing the build congregated to celebrate the progress.

Drew Millar from the Highland Council said: 'The benefits of bilingual education cannot be argued against.'

'Children in Portree are very lucky to have this fantastic facility. I would like to thank Comann

nam Pàrant for their efforts over the years to get us to this stage.'

The contract is part of a capital investment programme of £14.8 million in Portree which included the formation of a new access road to the school and the refurbishment of the former Elgin Hostel to create a new pupil residence for Portree High.

Hamish Fraser who is part of the council's Gaelic implementation group, pointed out Portree Gaelic Primary School is Highland's third dedicated Gaelic school in the region following the opening of Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis in 2007 and Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar in 2015.

The building is scheduled to open late next year.



Allan Macleod, left, projects director, Robertson Northern; Arthur Cormack Comann nam Pàrant; Highland Councillors Drew Millar and Hamish Fraser; pupil Jaiden Jones; Councillor John Gordon; pupil Steven Colven; Jim Steven, head of education, Highland Council; and Councillor Ian Renwick.

### How many pennies would you spend?

THE HIGHLAND Council wants to know how much people will pay to use a public toilet.

The authority is undertaking a review of how public conveniences are funded with the idea of increasing the number of sites where there is a charge.

To help them reach a decision, the council is seeking views on the level of charges from the general public as well as stakeholders.

The questionnaire can be found at: [www.highland.gov.uk/PublicConvenienceQuestionnaire](http://www.highland.gov.uk/PublicConvenienceQuestionnaire) and the deadline for responses is September 30.



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We are thrilled to be opening our doors to brighter and more modern surroundings. If you've not visited us recently, why not pop in to say hello and to meet the newest additions

to our ever expanding team. Our solid team consists of:

**Helen MacLean, managing partner**  
Helen is the managing partner of our Oban office and covers both family law and employment law. Helen can be contacted in either our Oban or Fort William offices.

**Kath McMahon, partner**  
Kath is also a partner, based in our Oban office, and works alongside Helen in our family law department. Her main areas of work include civil court work and all aspects of separation, divorce and children.  
Kath can be appointed to act as curator by the court to represent children's interests in contact and residence disputes and to produce written reports in adoption proceedings. She has been an honorary sheriff in Oban since 2004.



**Isabella MacRitchie, corporate associate**  
Isabella specialises in corporate transactional work having worked extensively in private practice and as an in-house legal adviser. Isabella has experience in advising individuals, start-ups, SMEs, charitable organisations and large corporates in a variety of non-contentious commercial and corporate matters across various industry sectors. Isabella works in both Fort William and Oban, and strengthens the firm's commercial expertise for the benefit of existing clients and contacts and the wider business community in Lochaber, Argyll and beyond.

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**Ninian Christie, conveyancing solicitor (domestic/commercial)**

Ninian was admitted as a solicitor in Scotland in 2002 and has experience in both private practice and local government. He has experience of a range of conveyancing and property work and, in particular, issues that can arise in rural and crofting areas. While his career has been primarily focused on conveyancing, he has broader experience of other areas of the law including wills, trusts and executries, and civil court practice. Being resident in Argyll, he knows the area well, and is based in the firm's conveyancing team in the Oban office.

**Fiona Anderson, conveyancing paralegal**

Fiona has a broad experience of property transactions including both commercial and residential. She has also been involved in many renewable energy projects and the project financing of renewable energy deals. Fiona is very experienced in carrying out property due diligence. Fiona also has significant experience in acting for financial institutions and insolvency practitioners and in dealing with the acquisition and sale of residential, commercial and rural properties.  
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**Trainees: Billie Kirkham, Oban, and Rebecca Fraser, Fort William**

We currently have two trainee solicitors within the firm, both of whom have returned to their respective home towns of Oban and Fort William to begin their legal careers. Billie Kirkham is based in our Oban office where she is being trained in family law, having completed her first year of training within the wills and executries department. Rebecca Fraser is in the first year of her traineeship in Fort William and is working in our commercial department.

Outside of work, Billie enjoys running and is usually to be found on the hills with her dogs. She recently completed the Loch Ness Beast Race 2016 which involved wading through bogs and swimming alongside Nessy, raising more than £1,000 for our local MS centre.

**Katie Lamont, property director**

Katie oversees the whole of MacPhee & Partners' Estate Agency business across Argyll and Lochaber.

**Eliska Homolova, estate agency administrator**

Eliska is a superb addition to our Oban estate agent team. She brings with her a huge amount of experience in estate agency, customer service and the local area. Originally from Prague, where Eliska first started her estate agency career, she moved to Oban in 2002 and has continued her passion for working in estate agency.

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**Mairi Hendrie, head of executry department**

Mhairi, who is based in our Fort William office, heads up our executry

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**Susan Irvine, executry paralegal**

Suzie, based in Oban, now assists Mairi in our executry department. Susan joined us after spending a number of years with a firm in Rothesay. When not in the office, Suzie runs her own business as a yoga instructor.

**Legal News Succession (Scotland) Act 2016**

If you're not curious enough to pay us a visit for a look round our new office, then perhaps the changes afoot in the laws of succession will encourage you to make an appointment.

See the property section for a peek at some of our properties this week and our big property feature coming in next week's Oban Times.

Watch this space!

**Food heroes launch Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight**

THE annual celebration of Scotland's produce and the people who grow, make, cook and sell it launched on September 2. At the launch of Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight (which runs until September 18) were a fishmonger, butcher, rapeseed oil producer, fresh produce supplier, cheesemaker, venison supplier, baker and Land of Food and Drink ambassador chef Graeme Pallister from 63 Tay Street in Perth.

Scotland's primary producer farmers and fishermen make the country a Land of Food and Drink and are key to the success of the country's £14.3 billion industry. They are responsible for growing, rearing, harvesting and catching Scotland's fantastic larder of premium produce with naturally healthy ingredients including oats, soft fruits, dairy, seafood, Scottish salmon, venison, Scotch Beef PGI and Scotch Lamb PGI. Quality Meat Scotland's Scotch Lamb campaign and Love Lamb Week (from September 1-7), a UK-wide collective push to raise the profile of lamb, aimed to encourage greater appreciation of lamb and how tasty, nutritious, fast and easy it is to use, while at the same time helping to support local producers and boost the industry.

Scotland Food and Drink project manager Fiona Richmond commented: 'Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is the perfect opportunity to champion Scotland's delicious produce and celebrate our world class natural larder of premium produce and the individuals who create it. We owe a debt of gratitude to the farmers and fishermen responsible for earning our deserving reputation as a Land of Food and Drink.'

'More than 200 events are taking place around the country over the fortnight, in addition to promotions and sampling events across retailers of all sizes. There's every opportunity to seek out local suppliers and discover what is produced on your doorstep.'

Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is managed by commercially-focused independent industry leadership organisation Scotland Food and Drink and is funded by the Scottish

Government. The celebration takes place during the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, providing a great platform to showcase the wealth of innovation in the industry from talented producers who combine tradition with originality.

Fergus Ewing, cabinet secretary for rural economy and connectivity, added: 'Food and drink continues to be one of our top global exports and that trend shows no sign of slowing down. The industry is vital to Scotland - it creates jobs and wealth, impacts on health and sustainability, and helps attract people to the country by promoting our food and drink around the globe.'

*'It's important to remember that here in Scotland we have a fantastic natural larder right on our doorstep. Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight is an excellent opportunity to celebrate our home-grown food and drink and to think about where it comes from. I'd encourage everyone to try to buy the very best food and drink that Scotland has to offer during these two weeks.'*

Visit the Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight website at: [www.fooddrinkfort.scot](http://www.fooddrinkfort.scot)

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# Villagers worried over 'dense' housing development proposal

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A SPEAN BRIDGE housing development that has been on the cards for more than 10 years may be about to get the green light. The consultation period for the proposed development opposite Spean Crescent ended on Monday September 12, with the council to make a decision on the application on October 2. But concerns about the housing site were raised at a recent meeting of the Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council on Tuesday September 6. One Spean Bridge couple, who moved to the area in 2014 and

run holiday accommodation, are worried about how the development could impact the village. Richard and Rachel Matthews said: 'We knew the development was in the local plan when we moved here but the density of the development has just snowballed.' Planning in principle for phase one of the development has been submitted to the Highland Council for 30 residential buildings. But members of the community council raised concerns about the number of houses to be built, saying: 'We are disappointed that although the indicative level for the whole 4.4-hectare site was 26 units, the applicant intends 30 houses to be built on 1.9 hectares which we contend is excessive.'

'Its [the sites] position as a "gateway" location as you enter or leave Spean Bridge is pivotal to creating a favourable impression of our village. 'The level of housing proposed does not relate to locally-generated demand within the village.' The Matthews said: 'We feel there is just a total urbanisation of our village. The Highlands are supposed to be quiet villages and this density of dwellings is not in keeping with Spean Bridge. 'The development will be people's first view of Spean Bridge and we think this affects everyone in Spean because we are talking about the urbanisation of such a beautiful Highland village. 'We understand that there

needs to be housing the area, but we feel it needs to be in keeping with the village.' And with the community council already having raised concerns about the traffic and condition of the roads in the village, it was said the proper infrastructure was not in place to deal with an influx of people. The community council said: 'Our infrastructure presently struggles to cope with demands of the community. Spean Bridge primary school and nursery is at full capacity and the traffic on our two trunk roads increases year on year.' Concerns about the number of affordable homes at the site were also voiced. The community council said: 'Although the Highland

Council has introduced a planning condition on an affordable house for every four built, developers have managed to commute this condition on a monetary payment which has gone to build affordable houses outwith our district.' And while affordable housing is identified in the planning-in-principle application, they questioned whether, when the final applications are presented, that the affordable units will be built. Additional fears were raised by Mrs Matthews about a phase two, which looks to also include a business hub. She said: 'It seems the whole development is being done piecemeal, when it should have been done under a major development. It looks to be two

phases. As the site will basically overlook our house and business we want it all done and dusted as quickly as possible. We can't have a building site beside our business for years to come. I think the density of the whole development is nonsensical.' The community council added: 'Despite the developers' denials that no trees will be felled, the proposed visibility splays required, 4.5m x 210m, would appear to require the removal of all the mature limes, oaks, ash, birch and hawthorn. 'We are not against development in principle but we can't support the current application.' The applicant, Campbell Homes, declined to comment.

## TIMESLINE

### Bids flood in for clubs funding

A WHOPPING 71 Lochaber groups, clubs and projects have made bids for a share of £30,000 Highland Council funding. Following the success of last year's participatory budgeting fund, Lochaber councillors have made a further £30,000 available. And 71 bids for the funding had been received at the deadline last Friday (September 2). The bids will now go to an online vote, with a postal option available. People can also vote at the Kinlochleven, Mallaig, Strontian and Fort William libraries. The voting link will be open from 9am until Sunday September 18. Visit [www.valochaber/yourvoiceyourchoice2016/](http://www.valochaber/yourvoiceyourchoice2016/) to cast your vote. Results will be announced on Wednesday September 24.

### Store applies to enlarge kiosk

MORRISONS supermarket is hoping to extend its petrol station kiosk. The Fort William supermarket submitted plans to the Highland Council last month to extend the petrol station kiosk to provide additional retail space.

### Motorists warned of A82 disruption

EMERGENCY roadworks will take place north of Fort William, starting next week. BEAR Scotland, on behalf of Transport Scotland, is planning to carry out emergency culvert replacements to fix a depression developing in the carriageway of the A82 at Carrs Corner. The work is scheduled to take place from Monday to Saturday, September 19 to 24 between 8pm and 6am.

### Volunteers are needed for Mòd

VOLUNTEERS to play a crucial part in Mòd nan Eilean Siar 2016 are being sought. Organisers of the event, which takes place next month in Stornoway, are looking for people to help with stewarding duties. Iain MacArthur, halls and stewarding committee convener, said: 'The role of the steward is crucial to the smooth running of this event and many are needed, in particular at the beginning of the week.' Anyone interested should contact An Comunn Gàidhealach on 01851 703487 or e-mail [imacarthur@hebrides.net](mailto:imacarthur@hebrides.net).

## Mallaig goes wild about new food festival

MALLAIG cooked up a storm at the weekend, as the first Taste the Wild food festival was held. Saturday's events saw hotels and restaurants working together to produce the food festival, which involved butchery and fish demonstrations, wine-tasting and a whole lot of shelling, as the world prawn-peeling championship was held. Sarah Winnington-Ingram, of Arisaig House and chairwomen of the Road to the Isles marketing group, said: 'I'm thrilled with the whole thing. There is a really lovely atmosphere here and I think it's more than we could have hoped for. We have proper, genuine local food here at the festival which all the hotels worked together to produce.' Duncan Gibson, of Glenfinnan House Hotel, put his butchery skills on show and said: 'Interested parties in food and drink got involved and the ideas just grew and grew. It was like a melting pot - we all just came together.' Duncan produced the main meal for the 'sran and dram ceildh', which was held in the evening and was attended by around 120 people. Sine Davis, of the West Highland Hotel, was elated with the day's events. 'It's fabulous that we could all come together and work on this project,' she said. 'A huge amount of organisation went into the day, and it's been a real community builder. We really hope to do this event annually. 'We have put out fish burgers made with Mallaig kippers and our chef is serving the dessert at the ceildh. Iain Stewart donated all the monkfish for the barbecue, and Mallaig fishermen gave us the prawns for the contest.' Special guest Shirley Spears, owner of the Three Chimneys on Skye, added: 'This is an amazing occasion which I am proud to be part of. They have really hit the nail on the head.'



Members of the Taste the Wild committee are, left to right, Sine Davis of the West Highland Hotel, Shirley Spears owner of the Three Chimneys, Josh Kingswood from Arisaig Hotel, Duncan Gibson from Glenfinnan House Hotel, Sarah Winnington-Ingram from Arisaig House, Jak O'Donnell from the Sisters Restaurant in Glasgow, Stephanie MacKellaig from the Steam Inn, Mallaig.



Margaret Kennedy, left, takes part in the world prawn peeling championship with one of the best times of 44.85 seconds; Frank and Shirley Stride, centre, host the prawn peeling competition using locally sourced prawns; and Duncan Gibson from Glenfinnan House Hotel gives a butchery demonstration with freshly slaughtered venison.

## POLICE FILES

### Theft from Gaelic School in Caol

POLICE are investigating the theft of a security light from the Lochaber Gaelic School in Caol, Fort William. This light has been forcibly removed from its fixings and stolen. Anyone with any information to share regarding this incident should contact Fort William police.

### Drivers told to be courteous on road

COMPLAINTS regarding people driving around Fort William in an inconsiderate manner are on the rise. Police would like to remind all road users that driving at excessive speeds and vehicles creating undue noise due to their engines or exhausts constitutes an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and can lead to prosecution. Road users are encouraged to report these instances to police when appropriate to do so.

### Cyclists urged to be safe for winter

WITH the nights getting darker earlier, police would like to remind cyclists to make use of lights and protective fluorescent clothing. Where possible cycle paths should be used, especially on major trunk roads and helmets are encouraged at all times.

## Attacker failed to do community service

A MAN found guilty of assaulting two 14-year-old boys has been given a further year to complete more than 200 hours of unpaid work as punishment. Reece MacIsaac, of 8 Birch Road, Caol, had pleaded guilty to assaulting two youngsters on December 2, 2014 by punching one and getting the other in a headlock. Both males were aged 14 at the time. MacIsaac, now aged 19, appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday where it was heard he still has 272.5 hours of a community payback order to complete.

Speaking on behalf of the accused, Hamish Melrose told the court there had been a delay in MacIsaac completing the order due to him serving a 13-month prison sentence. In reaching his decision, Sheriff Jim Scott said: 'I almost lost the will to live while reading through these files.' Sentences were deferred against MacIsaac, who was afforded an extra 12 months to complete the payback order with a review scheduled for January 31, 2017. A special condition to MacIsaac's bail which prevented him from leaving

his house between 7pm and 7am was also removed. At the same time on Tuesday, the case against Dejan Watson, from Inverloch Court, was heard. He pleaded guilty to an amended charge of taking possession of a can of CS spray from a police officer on July 23, 2015, and to failing to answer the door of his home on March 4, 2016, in line with a special condition against him. Sentencing against Watson was deferred until November 8 to allow for another case against him to be heard next month.



Headteacher Pamela Hill, centre, with the committee for the Strontian Community School Building Ltd - treasurer Jamie MacIntyre, left; Stuart Carmichael, director, De Claire Campbell, publicity and social media; Denise Anderson, director, Reverend Donald McCorkindale, chairman; and Jamie Tait, secretary. Anthony MacMillan Photography

## Delight for community school building

THE BOARD of directors given the 'green light' to build their own school in Strontian will meet tonight (Thursday) to discuss their next steps. Strontian Community School Building (SCSB) is a community benefit organisation aiming to finance and build a new primary school for children in the area.

Last month the Highland Council Education, Children and Adult Services (ECAS) committee approved the proposal and the plans were bolstered last week when the full Highland Council gave its backing. The new school will be built on the footprint of four affordable houses and SCSB will own the building to

be leased to the Highland Council. Reverend Donald McCorkindale from SCSB explained the council's decision was now the first of many more decisions which have to be made. He added: 'Without that green light from the Highland Council, there would be no project but now it is going to happen. We are delighted.'



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## Viewpoint

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This week, *The Oban Times* is launching a campaign to raise the profile of health care in Oban, Lorn and the islands with the aim of retaining and improving the use and understanding of services.

The region faces a number of challenges, many of which have been highlighted in this newspaper, including caring for an ageing population, tight healthcare budgets and difficulties in recruiting staff, including nurses, GPs and hospital consultants.

There are no easy answers, but we want to ensure

our health service is making the most of the facilities and staff here in Oban, ensure the services that are delivered here are used, and push for more services to be delivered through the community and hospital, hopefully cutting the number of people having to travel south for treatment where possible.

We want to hear your experiences of care and we will profile staff members who deliver these services. We'll be shining a light on the wonderful work these often unsung heroes do for us, day in, day out.



## Days gone by – Oban in 1992

This week we turn the clock back to 1992 when broadcaster and TV star Judith Chalmers visited Oban. Judith was here to record a holiday programme for radio and was pictured with her producer, Graham Pass, Eddie Towers-Roberts and David Kilpatrick from the Highland Salmon Centre, and tourism officer Jim Wilson.

## Glasgow Letter

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## It's party time with Oidhche Americana

CEÒL is Craic's Oidhche Americana, which takes place on Friday night in the Centre for Contemporary Arts on Sauchiehall Street, is a celebration of the cultural connections between traditional Gaelic song and Americana music.

This year, the concert takes inspiration from the iconic duets of Nashville's golden age.

Mairi Morrison and Dol Eoin Mackinnon (both currently starring in BBC Alba's *Bannan*) will reinterpret traditional Gaelic standards as well as new compositions in their now inimitable style.

Singer/songwriter Warren MacIntyre and Gaelic vocalist Lorraine Wilson (long-time collaborators in Glasgow's roots music scene) will also perform a repertoire featuring inspired cover versions and original compositions – evoking the chemistry of Americana greats such as Emmy Lou Harris and Gram Parsons.

After the break, Kathleen MacInnes and friends will take to the stage. Kathleen, regarded as one of the finest Gaelic vocalists on the contemporary trad music scene, has always admired classic country artists such as Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette.

For this event, she has assembled a group of musicians to accompany her on a roller-coaster ride of honky tonkin' good times, gospel greats and classic country heartbreakers.

## Social media

**CONCERN raised by readers of *The Oban Times* about the location of the new zebra crossing beside the filling station opposite the new Lidl store on Soroba Road in Oban caused considerable comment.** Charlie Jack posted: 'There is far too much happening in the immediate

Doors open at half past seven and tickets are £12/£10.

## All set for Comunn an Taobh-an-Iar cèilidh

THE Comunn an Taobh-an-Iar has a great line up for its opening cèilidh in Ellangowan Social Club, Milngavie, today (September 15).

Kirsty Mackinnon, Ainsley Hamill, Iain Maclean, and Alasdair Whyte will all sing Gaelic songs.

Martainn Skene will play a few tunes on the box, and Kenneth Macfarlane will pipe. The chairman for the evening will be Peter Macdonald, and the accompanist Kirsteen Grant.

Admission at the door is £7, which includes tea, coffee, and biscuits at the interval.

## Clydebank cèilidh is a roaring success

THE Clydebank Highlanders had an excellent cèilidh on Friday and, despite the weather, had a reasonable turn-out. Neil Murray was in the chair and the cèilidh got off to a rousing start with piping from Robert Wood.

Carrie Macneil (the 2016 Mòd gold medalist) gave some Gaelic songs on her first visit to the Clydebank Highlanders. Gordon McKeeve also sang, as did Jimmy Cameron, who brought along some very welcome supporters from Fort William and Glasgow.

vicinity for pedestrians crossing the road to be kept safe by a zebra crossing.'

**Murray MacGregor** wrote: 'It's going to become one big car park when the high school comes out.'

**Bill L Harvey** warned: 'Leave at least an hour to get through Oban at busy

Two members of the band Rocksalt played some lovely music on mandolin and guitar.

Susan MacFadyen played selections on the accordion and Gordon Kinniburgh accompanied the singers.

Best wishes were extended on the evening to Ann Campbell, a member of the association who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

## What's on

**Saturday September 17:** Gaelic Day by East Ayrshire Gaelic Forum in Irvine Royal Academy.

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

**Saturday September 17:** An Lochran's National Chamber Music Day: Joy Dunlop and Brodick String Trio in Dram, Woodlands Road.

## Pub scene

## Park Bar.

**Friday September 16:** Deoch 'n' Dorus.

**Saturday September 17:** Scott Harvey.

**Sunday September 18:** Martainn Skene.

## Islay Inn.

**Friday September 16:** Trail West.

**Saturday September 17:** Twist of Fate.

**Wednesday September 21:** Quiz Night.



times this is just going to lead to frustration and delay.'

**Willie Reid** explained: 'The problem is that a lot of drivers in Oban think that a zebra crossing is a Banksie. The ones at tesco and Lidl are routinely ignored. Time to join the 20th century folks, never mind the 21st.'

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## Why won't the SNP upgrade crucial A82?

Sir,

In the last weeks of August, we saw Kate Forbes MSP and Humza Yousaf MSP do a grand tour of various transport issues in the area, including a trip down the A82.

There were fine words and plenty of photo ops, but given the SNP has run the trunk road system for nearly 10 years, many will question why it has taken them so long to take an interest in a road which we all know has been in urgent need of upgrading for a very long time indeed.

The A82 remains a critical lifeline for much of the West Highlands and is a major route for commercial traffic. Increased traffic flow in the summer months adds pressure to a road already under stress.

While I acknowledge some improvements have been made such as the Crianlarich bypass, there are many parts of the road which remain accident blackspots and are subject to blockage from landslides, with substantial delays resulting from road closures.

The almost constant patching to maintain the road's surface creates delays for motorists and is not addressing the longer-term issues. The section from Tarbet to Ardlui remains wholly unsuitable as a major trunk road and is barely wide enough for two buses or trucks to pass safely without slowing traffic to a snail's pace.

In our manifesto for the Scottish election in May, the Scottish Conservatives argued that investing in our road network was vital, and especially so for the rural communities around Scotland. We stated that the Scottish Government should maintain the share of the budget that goes to road investment and, in that regard, we named the A82 as one of four major trunk roads in Scotland which connected vital centres of tourism, commerce and industry, adding that upgrading these roads would provide a huge boost to residents, visitors and businesses in their area.

Failure to upgrade this road is having a detrimental impact on the accessibility and economy of the West Highlands. How many fatalities, accidents, lengthy delays and how much lost business will it take before the Scottish Government commits to a long-term plan, with appropriate investment, to deliver the upgrade of this lifeline link road?

**Donald Cameron MSP,**  
Highlands and Islands Region.

## Nothing has been done for vital road

Sir,

I would like to draw readers' attention to the Thirre-Kalimash tunnel in Albania, which cost 1 billion Albanian Lek and was paid for by the government of that country. The tunnel forms part of a new highway linking Albania and Kosovo. Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

## Beachd Ailein

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BIDH GÀIDHEIL TOILICHTE FHAICINN gum bheil riochdairean bho gach pàrtaidh poiliteagach a' cur taic ris an iomairt aig BBC Alba a' sireadh co-ionannachd seilbh bhon BhBC ris an t-sianail Chuimreach S4C.

Ged a tha luchd-amhairc BBC Alba dìleas, chan eil teagamh nach eil cuid a' gluasadh gu sianailean eile bho àm gu àm is iad a' fàs sgìth a' coimhead nan aon phrògraman. Nan soirbheachd leis an tagradh seo, bhiodh na tha am BBC a' cur de phrògraman ùra ri BBC Alba a' dol suas bho cheithir uairean gu leth gu deich san t-seachdain.

Chan e a-mhàin gun dèanadh seo ùrachadh air clàran dha luchd-amhairc ach bheireadh e cuideachd cothrom dhan t-sianail prògraman a thabhann air cuspairean ris nach eil iad air chomas buntainn an-dràsta le dìth maoin.

Ged a bhiodh leithid de dh'àrdachadh sònraichte dhan t-seirbheis Ghàidhlig, cha bhiodh na chosgadh e ach gu math beag mar thomhas de sporan nàiseanta sheirbheisean a' BhBC.

Gun teagamh bidh luchd-gearain

The A83 Rest and be Thankful road has suffered from landslides in recent years and a tunnel from Glen Croe to near Butterbridge could bypass this section, make travelling a lot easier and support the economy of areas that depend on the road.

I estimate costs at £222 million, based on the report produced by URS Engineering Consultants for the Highland Council for an undersea tunnel at Stromeferry. This produced a figure of £56,470 per metre based on the many tunnels in Norway.

That this sort of infrastructure is normal throughout the rest of Europe but the UK and Scotland suffer from a lack of vision, awareness and investment. None of these sorts of projects will happen until independence – and not overnight even then.

So I request that former MSP Jamie MacGrigor explains why, despite having the entire resources of the British state at their disposal, including borrowing powers and all the related stuff that gives us the best of both worlds, his party has done nothing about this?

Maybe if they stopped cutting taxes for the rich, talking about independence every day and started investing in infrastructure instead of weapons to Saudi Arabia and Trident, the humble motorist from Argyll might benefit.

**Donald Morris,**  
Drumdevan Road, Loch Àrdail,  
Inverness.

## What are savings from sacking librarians?

Sir,

I was intrigued by this statement from Argyll and Bute Council in the media last week.

It said: 'The school librarians ceased their roles at the end of the school term but several have now been redeployed within the council.'

The original cut to the education budget from the administration's policy to sack the librarians was £191,000 this year and £319,000 in future years.

How much of this will actually be delivered? How many librarians, people and FTE have been redeployed – and where and why?

Is there confirmation that if Argyll and Bute Council does engage positively with the Scottish Government and secure a fair share of the attainment fund, it can be used to recruit librarians and head teachers can safely ignore the administration's prohibition on employing librarians?

**Councillor James Robb,**  
Argyll and Bute Council.

## Government should act now over Brexit

Sir,

Once again proving that they have scant regard for democracy, the Liberal Democrats, under Tim Farron, are demanding another EU referendum despite there being not the slightest evidence of a different outcome.

This is the typical reaction by the EU supporters' club to any democratic

vote they don't like and we have seen it in referendums all over the Brussels Empire.

Meanwhile, there is more proof that we were correct to vote leave. The prestigious Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has said the value of homes will be increasing steadily over the next five years by 3.3 per cent per year, the most confident prediction yet by the RICS, and a far cry from the predictions prior to June 23 by EU fanatics like Mr Farron that house prices would tumble.

Other reports from building societies show that the RICS report is not in isolation with mortgage lenders showing a near seven per cent increase over this time last year and one major house builder (Redrow) reporting 'record profits' and 'an excellent year ahead'.

Nor is house-building and ownership the only area in UK life showing a major upturn since June.

Sad that so many of our leaders like Mr Farron don't embrace the opportunities Brexit is bringing and get on to make this country successful on the world stage once more.

Prime Minister Theresa May needs to understand that her time is nearly up; the people seem in no mood to have her delay implementing Article 50 much longer. She has the largest mandate in UK political history, signed by 17.4 million of us, which is to leave the EU and she must act on it before we elect people who will.

**Gordon J Stewart,**  
The Schoolhouse,  
Mackenzie Place, Avoch.

## SNP should listen to the electorate

Sir,

John Swinney has recently revealed the named person scheme would be delayed by a year. It follows the Supreme Court ruling elements of the policy unlawful.

However, he added that councils which were already running the scheme should continue. How can local authorities be expected to keep running a programme judges have described as illegal?

Rather than delaying the named person scheme, the SNP should abandon this Orwellian power grab. Polling overwhelmingly shows that we Scots do not want state sponsored guardians for our children. It's time the SNP started listening.

**Alastair Redman,**  
Islay.

## Is this the pot calling the kettle black?

Sir,

International Trade Secretary Liam Fox is reported as saying that Britain is 'too lazy and too fat'. No doubt many of the captains of industry would make the same claim about some of our politicians.

**Leslie Mutch,**  
15 MacDonald Road, Dingwall.

Ailean Caimbeul

air luchd-cleachdaidh na Gàidhlig cuideachd agus mar a' cleachd iadsan i cho tric agus cho follaiseach 's a ghabhas, agus mura toir iad seachad i mar dh'leabh, cha bhì i buan.

Ach tha structaran agus goireasan de dh'iomadh seòrsa a dhith gu luchd-cleachdaidh a mhisneachadh agus a bhrosnachadh nan cuid iomairt às leth an dualchais, agus tha seirbheis craolaidh beòthail, ealanta, na phàirt bunaiteach den structar sin. Tha astar mòr eadar aithris is gnìomh is agus chan eil gealladh a' ciallachadh dad chun an coileanar e! Ach 's fhiach luach a chur air taic luchd nam poiliteigs gu ruige seo, is bidh sinn an dòchas gun lean sin.

GAELIC USERS and supporters have welcomed the backing from across the political spectrum that the BBC should provide 10 hours of original programming per week to BBC Alba which would provide parity for the channel with S4C in Wales. BBC Alba has proved itself worthy of equal support.

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## Wyvex Media/ Scottish Provincial Press announcement

WYVEX MEDIA and Scottish Provincial Press are delighted to confirm they have reached agreement on the merger of the *Lochaber News* into a new-look West Highland edition of *The Oban Times* and the transfer of *Lochaber Life* magazine to Wyvex Media.

Technological and economic changes have meant that Lochaber has increasingly found it difficult to sustain two local newspapers and both parties have been engaged in positive and constructive talks to ensure that a strong local publishing presence remains a vital part of the community. Both companies agree that Wyvex' closer geographical ties and strength in the market make it the sensible choice to continue to provide local news and services to the people of Lochaber.

As an indication of this commitment, Wyvex has recently strengthened both its editorial and commercial presence in Lochaber and will shortly relocate its current office to a high street presence in Fort William.

As a result of this agreement, the last issue of the *Lochaber News* will be published on September 29, 2016.

The following week a new-look *Oban Times* West Highland edition will be published incorporating the best content from the *Lochaber News*, additional news and sports pages from Lochaber, as well as news from across the wider west highlands and Argyll. There will be no change to the publishing strategy of *Lochaber Life* magazine, although this will now be published by Wyvex Media.

Alister Bennett, managing director of Wyvex Media, and Thelma Henderson, managing director of Scottish Provincial Press, commented: 'We are delighted we were able to reach agreement on the future publishing strategy for Lochaber. This agreement ensures a bright, sustainable publishing future for Lochaber and will deliver even better news coverage and value for readers and advertisers.'

## Corpach in Bloom winners celebrate

Treasures of the Earth Trophy for most points in flowers – Isabel Campbell; Kilmallie Community Council Trophy for most points in garden produce – Isabel Campbell; The Ewen and Isabel Campbell Trophy for most points in floral art – Sandra Fortune and Clare MacDonald; most outstanding exhibit in floral art – Sandra Fortune; M&S Dental Trophy for most points in baking and preserves – Jillian Clark; Tradewinds Trophy for most points in arts and crafts – Norman Clark; Cameron Trophy for best exhibit in arts and crafts – Norman Clark; Corpach in Colour Trophy for most points overall – Isabel Campbell. Children's trophies: best exhibit in playgroup – Toby Smith; best exhibit in nursery – Kaye Halewood; best exhibit in P1 to P3 – Isla Dennison; best exhibit in P4 and P5 – Alex Drysdale; best exhibit in P6 and P7 – Roslyn Campbell; Corpach Hotel Trophy for best children's exhibit – Kaye Halewood.

**Right: Winners of the Corpach in Bloom show which took place earlier this month. The show was held in Kilmallie Community Centre with entries from people and schools in Corpach. Left to right: Norman Clark, Gillian Clark, Isabel Campbell, Claire MacDonald and Sandra Fortune, with children's winners Sandy and Kaye Halewood and Isla Dennison.** Photograph: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.



## Skilful Glengarry gardeners a cutting above

POOR summer weather didn't stop skilful gardeners at this year's Glengarry produce show.

The event, now in its sixth year, was again well attended with entries on par with last year.

The judges, who travelled to Invergarry for the event, were impressed with the standards on display across all

the categories. Organiser Gayle Rand told *The Oban Times*: 'With the poor weather this summer, it was especially pleasing to see so many vegetables and flowers – skilful gardeners indeed.'

The community also said goodbye to Dr Jill Skeoch, who recently retired after 18 years serving as the community's GP in Fort Augustus and surrounding

areas. Lea MacNally, Glengarry community council treasurer, presented Dr Skeoch with an engraved glass rock face gift and a cheque from Glengarry residents.

Sine Grant, winner of children's best exhibit, presented Dr Skeoch with flowers. Ms Rand added: 'It was another wonderful day, best summed up by

a thank you email I received yesterday that said it's not about the trophies and rosettes, but all about the community coming together.'

'A big thank you to the hall committee and ladies in the cafe, the judges who travelled up to Invergarry, all the competitors and Glengarry Trust for sponsoring the show.'



**Left: Glengarry Produce Show prizewinners.**

**Right: Dr Jill Skeoch receives a gift and a cheque from Lea MacNally on behalf of the Glengarry community to mark her retirement.**

Photographs by Anthony MacMillan Photography.



## TIMESLINE

### Warranty warning for heart patients

NHS HIGHLAND has been alerted to a scam targeting cardiology patients with home monitoring.

The British Heart Rhythm Society has emailed all members warning them to be vigilant after a patient received a phone call from an individual saying that the box/equipment was not working. The patient was asked to replace it and was offered the option of buying a lifetime warranty for £167 and paid. Fiona Dawson, principal cardiac physiologist for NHS Highland, said: 'Under no circumstances would the NHS or any company we work with be making these calls and charging patients for warranties.'

### Telephone scams rife in Highlands

POLICE have issued a warning to people in the Highlands following telephone scams.

In the majority of cases, criminals call claiming to be from the person's bank and advise their account has been compromised. Victims are encouraged to transfer money into another account which is provided by the fraudster.

### Views sought on child poverty bill

AROUND one in five children in the Western Isles is living in poverty.

Now people in Eilean Siar have the chance to be part of the Scottish government's vision for ending child poverty.

Consultation for a proposed child poverty bill will run until September 30, with the bill set to be introduced next year.

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## Mull Provincial Mòd shines like a light amid the storms

IT WAS two days to remember from the competitions and choral singing on Mull from both children and adults to après piste where islanders were treated to the atmospheric singing of the massed choirs.

The rain was biblical in proportion, which probably helped keep people inside and singing.

It was one of the busiest Mull Provincial Mòd competitions seen for many years.

Work undertaken by conductors has proved invaluable to boost those who take part – and, in turn, this has encouraged children, young people and adults to move through the stages of the competition.

The strongest choir, as chosen by the crème of Gaelic adjudication, saw Mull Gaelic Choir, conducted by Elizabeth Jack, take the prized Killechronan Shield for choral mixed voices.

Oban Gaelic Choir, conducted by Sileas Sinclair, won the Puirt a Beul with an outstanding performance.

Going forward for the solo competitions at the Stornoway Royal National Mòd, some of which are also qualifying rounds for the senior gold and traditional medals were Ceitidh Smith of Inverness with Hector MacKechnie of Savary being awarded the Williamson Cup.

A full list of winners in both the adults and children's competitions can be found online at [www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk).



Kilchoan Primary School were conducted by Janet Campbell. t38mull13



Iona Primary School. t38mull13



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PRIZE cars from across the country are set to make their way to Oban this weekend for the third annual Motorfest.

The event will take place from noon until 4pm at the blaize pitch, Mossfield Stadium, on Sunday September 18, and is organised by Oban and District Classic Vehicle Club.

Since its inception, Motorfest has doubled in size year on year. Last year 74 vehicles were on show and it's hoped that more than 100 cars will be there this year.

As well as a number of unique and interesting cars and motorcycles to see and ask questions about, the emergency services will also be on hand to show off their vehicles.

Derek Connery of Bid4Oban said: 'This year, subject to operational requirements, we hope to have the fire brigade, the police, the Coastguard and mountain rescue there.'

'It's a good day out for anyone who is interested in cars in any shape or form. It's

a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

'This is much more about fun. It's a really open day. It's not about pristine cars – it's about enthusiasm; people who love to talk about their own cars and answer questions about them.'

'Last year saw a significant increase on year one and people brought cars from as far away as Aberdeenshire. We are hoping to continue that in year three and see vehicles from as far away.'

Chairman of the Oban and District Classic Vehicle Club Kevin Devine said: 'I'm very much looking forward to it.'

'We are hoping to get 100 vehicles. We have cars coming from Perth, Strathearn and Stirling Classic Vehicle Clubs – about 30 cars are coming from these three clubs.'

'We have had interest from individuals from Perth and the Lanarkshire area. It's looking good, but if everyone turns up, it will be better. 'We have old tractors and

things coming too, so there's something for everyone.'

'We are just hoping that everyone appears on the day and we're hoping to get a good day for it. We have been lucky in the past.'

A Tesla Model S and a Nissan Leaf will be on show to promote electric vehicles. Members of staff will be there to provide information about the cars and about grants that are available. The cars will also be available to book a test drive.

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**BAD MOMS | 15 | 120 MIN**  
Fri: 21:00, Sat: 17:15, Sun: 19:00, Mon, Tue, Wed: 21:00, Thu: 20:15  
Like most modern mothers, Amy takes care of everyone but herself. Her life is perfect: a happy marriage, overachieving kids, a beautiful home, and 365 good-hair days a year. She bakes for the school bake sale and chairs every committee – all while holding down a career. And, she makes it all look easy.

**CAFÉ SOCIETY | 12A | 116 MIN**  
Fri: 18:00, Sat: 15:00, Sun: 14:45, Mon, Tue, Wed: 18:00, Thu: 16:00  
Parent & Baby Screening: Tue: 11:30

Set in the 1930s, a young Bronx native moves to Hollywood where he falls in love with the secretary of his powerful uncle, an agent to the stars.

**KIDS CLUB: THE LEGO MOVIE | U | 106 MIN**  
Sat: 10:55

Children Classic. An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special', is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis.

**NERVE | 15 | 116 MIN**  
Fri: 18:45, Sun: 18:30, Mon, Tue, Wed: 18:45

A high school senior finds herself immersed in an online game of truth or dare, where her every move starts to become manipulated by an anonymous community of "watchers."

**NINE LIVES | PG | 107 MIN**  
Fri: 16:00, Sat: 12:00, Sun: 12:30, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 16:00

Tom Brand is a daredevil company billionaire but Tom's workaholic lifestyle has disconnected him from his family, particularly his beautiful wife Lara and his adoring daughter Rebecca (Rebecca's 11th birthday is here, and she wants the gift she wants every year, a cat. His GPS directs him to a mystical pet store brimming with odd and exotic cats - where the store's eccentric owner - Felix Perkins (Christopher Walken), presents him with a majestic tomatcat, named Mr. Fuzzypants.

**NT LIVE: THE THREEPENNY OPERA | 15 | 150 MIN**  
Thu: 19:00

London scrubs up for the coronation. The thieves are on the make, the whores on the pull, the police cutting deals to keep it all out of sight. Mr and Mrs Peachum are looking forward to a bumper day in the beggary business, but their daughter didn't come home last night and it's all about to kick off.

**PETE'S DRAGON | PG | 122 MIN**  
Sat: 16:45

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

**SAUSAGE PARTY | 15 | 103 MIN**  
Fri: 20:15, Sat: 19:45, Sun: 17:00, Mon, Tue, Wed: 20:15, Thu: 18:15

Sausage Party, the first 15-rated CG animated movie, is about one sausage leading a group of supermarket products on a quest to discover the truth about their existence and what really happens when they become chosen to leave the grocery store.

**SILVER SCREEN - ON A CLEAR DAY | 15 | 94 MIN**  
Sun: 14:30

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**SUICIDE SQUAD | 15 | 150 MIN**  
Sat: 19:00

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

**SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS | PG | 103 MIN**  
Fri: 16:30, Sat: 12:45, Sun: 12:15, Mon, Tue, Wed: 16:30

Swallows & Amazons tells the story of the Walker children, whose summer holiday in the Lake District sees them sailing out on their own to a local island, only to find themselves in competition with a rival group of children who call themselves the Amazons and ultimately an adventure far bigger than they could have imagined.

**THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS | U | 120 MIN**  
Sun: 16:15

Taking place in a Manhattan apartment building, Max's life as a favourite pet is turned upside down, when his owner brings home a sloppy mongrel named Duke.



Bunessan Primary School. t38mull1



Lochaline Primary School. t38mull5



Salen boys. t38mull5

Salen Choir from both the Gaelic and the mainstream school. t38mull3

Natalie Livingston, from Tobermory, with Donna Dugdale, also Tobermory, who competed in both the duet and solo competition as well as being in Mull Gaelic Choir and Mull Ladies Gaelic Choir. t38mull37



Salen boys. t38mull5

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SATURDAY: 0800 Breakfast Show, 1000 Saturday Morning Live with Linda Crosher, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1800 Sports View with the Dream Team, 1900 Marcus, 2000 Dave Lewis

SUNDAY: 0900 Sunday Morning with Breege, 1100 - 1400 Sunday Brunch, 1630 Archie Darling, 1800 Ken's Friends with Ken Hunter, 1900 New Country Show with David Entwistle, 2100 Drum & Bass with Graham Scott

# Arena

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The musical family Patersons are, left to right, Euan, Davy and Audrey, who were making the force of strong voices from the mainland felt at the Mull Provincial Mod.



Oigrìdh Shuaineart competed in the unison and puirt competitions. t38mull6



Coisir Ceann an Turic with conductor Joy Dunlop in the pub. t38mull31



The choir from Tobermory Primary School t38mull8



Oban Gaelic Choir who won the Puirt a Beul competition. t38mull38



## Friends, food, whisky, language and legends

It is valuable to contemplate the circumstances that give moments of pleasure, positivity, tranquillity and happiness.

The journey featured in last week's article contained some significant examples of this and the following is a more in-depth look at some highlights.

On the trip south to Mingulay, it was enriching listening to Copper Top and his children speaking Gaelic to each other as a genuine first language. The youngsters used English to speak to Andrew and myself but always reverted to Gaelic as the default between themselves and with their dad.

This was powerful to witness and a strong example of what can be achieved by uncompromising vigilance in making and maintaining Gaelic as the language of a family. The bombardment of English in everyday life is all-pervading and my own lack of fluency in Gaelic is a product of this.

Eoghan, Eilidh and Aonghas MacLeod are proof that there is hope for Gaelic again to flourish. The experience was also a strong reminder that I must get my proverbial finger out my tòn and get working to attain proper fluency in the language before I get round to breeding.

The meal at Grinn on our return needs to be expanded upon. I have had many fine meals in this house over the years and if it was a restaur-

ant would have half a dozen Michelin gongs and unbroken five-star reviews on Trip-Advisor. For a food-crazed 'muc' like myself, it means I'm usually salivating by the time I cross the kitchen door. Being served is always a choice of the very finest fare. At this table I have had lobster, crab claws, crayfish, turbot, monkfish, scallops and, once, a sea-reared, free-range, wild, sandeel-fed, black-feathered, organic chicken - I don't think it came from the Co-op. The lamb stew of last week was a change from the usual seafood emphasis but it was enjoyed hugely. The craic and the good company made the food taste even better.

On our visit to DD's on Vatersay, the tunes we played were more enjoyable and the drams we had tasted much better than in any normal circumstance. In the setting of DD and Peigi Anna's kitchen we played just a few tunes, ones we've played a thousand times before but it felt infinitely more enjoyable than usual. On a similar theme, I am a lover of good malt whisky and, in fact, used to contribute to a whisky column for this paper, but nothing makes a whisky better than the setting in which it is consumed. We were drinking good old Whyte and Mackay - certainly not a critics favourite - but it was being relished more than any

aged nectar from the finest whisky collection. The tunes and drams on that afternoon were undoubtedly elevated by the setting and the presence of these island legends.

As with most of the trips this summer, Skipinnish co-founder, business partner and co-owner of the boat Andrew Stevenson was along with me. Andrew's presence, as with most other endeavours, makes everything easier, safer and more enjoyable. From having a dram and a tune, to changing a diesel filter and bleeding the fuel system in four minutes flat off the Cairns of Coll, everything is easier with an Andrew on board. Total harmony with someone else on a boat is rare and it reminds me of the many years running Skipinnish Sea Tours with my Uncle Iain 'Skipinnis' (Unc), whose total competency and great company are similarly voyage enhancing.

Our other companion on this voyage was Beastie my wee Jack Russell terrier.

Since reading John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie* as a boy, I have always loved the idea of heading off on a journey accompanied by a dog. Beastie has been on many trips with us, and the uncomplicated connection between man and this wee mutt added yet another level of goodness to this memorable adventure on the waves.



Oban High School on the bus home after a successful Mull Provincial Mod. t38mull9



Taynuilt Gaelic Choir. t38mull35

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- Uncalled for (8)
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- Hard to pin down (5)
- Spacious (5)
- Cause to rot (7)
- A cloth tissue (8)
- Stain (4)
- Established procedure (6)
- Shoddy (6)

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- Father (4)
- Wiping cloth (6)
- Call incorrectly (7)
- Break off (5)
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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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# Bodach

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



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## Crofting and the desires of Donald Burgess

EVERY week this and other newspapers publish crofting notices. The serious matters of first registration, de-registration, assignation and apportionment of common grazings are considered by the Crofting Commission under the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993, amended in 2007, 2010 and 2013. Legislation was introduced in 1886 to provide security for crofters, essentially protecting them from eviction and unfair rent. Today the law regulates this complex and uniquely Scottish landholding system and ensures crofters meet certain obligations. Crofts can be roughly described as small agricultural units, the average size being around five hectares. Traditionally, they exist only in the former crofting counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Western Isles and Orkney and Shetland. There is now one in Ayrshire.

The holdings are usually held in tenancy but some are owner-occupied and, according to the law, crofters must live on, or be resident within 32 kilometres of their croft. They must not neglect their croft, and they have a duty to cultivate and maintain it, or put it to another 'purposeful use'. Applications must be submitted to the Crofting Commission before making other types of changes, including the division or enlargement of a croft, exchanging croft land,

letting and sub-letting, and the creation of new crofts.

Croft land can be bought and sold on the open market but statutory conditions apply to all crofts and tenancy changes are regulated by the Crofting Commission. The permanent transfer of a tenancy from one party to another is known as assignation, and between 200 and 300 of these handovers take place every year. In the majority of cases, rights pass to family members, friends and acquaintances which leads to very high demand for croft land. In recent years, there has been an increase in community interest in crofting and the creation of new crofts to support sustainable agricultural units and diverse supplementary industries. Traditional examples include pursuits like fishing and fish processing, peat-making, seaweed collection, dairy produce, knitwear and textile weaving. The Forestry Commission owned crofts in some places and their employees were also tenants who augmented their income from livestock production.

Donald Burgess, pictured, was a crofter in Knapdale until he died, aged 84, at the beginning of last year. He is best remembered as the village blacksmith. His yard was a glorious tangle of metal-ware, much of which was being fabricated or repaired for the fishing industry.

To reach the shed, visitors had to negotiate a narrow path between two small mountains of otter boards, trawl chains, cables and dredges. When he wasn't cutting things up or welding them together he reared high-quality cattle, epitomising the traditional crofting way of life.

What would Donald have made of the changing face of crofting? In many places fishing has given way to more predictable aquaculture, and all manner of ideas for generating income are being tested or suggested: renewable energy projects, woodland management, wood-working, basket-weaving, aromatherapy, jewellery, arts and crafts, music, journalism, web development, yoga, genealogy, adventure tourism, holiday accommodation, sea-salt production and commodities trading. As long as a croft is being cultivated and maintained, there is no apparent restriction on what the crofters and their families do to supplement their income.

The Crofting Commission's statistics say that there are 19,422 registered crofts in Scotland, occupied by 15,388 crofters whose households add up to a total population of approximately 33,000. This is a significant community that delivers a wealth and diversity of benefits to local economies in the Highlands and Islands. If more land could be made available for the creation of new crofts, new people

could enter the community on a practical scale. Some landlords are reluctant to release property for fear of right-to-buy legislation, and in some parts of the country there is a shortage of land

that can sustain crofts and common grazings as well as present other resources like woodland or sea-frontage. If the Scottish Government is serious about community land ownership, consid-

eration must be given to making the land productive. Now might be a good time to assess what the real and long-term benefits of community ownership really are.



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The sixth annual Gas Safety Week will see organisations from across the UK working together to raise awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.



# KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE

THOUSANDS of organisations across the UK will work together this month for the sixth annual Gas Safety Week, which is organised by the Gas Safe Register.

The overall aim of Gas Safety Week, which will start on Monday September 19 and run until Sunday September 25, is to raise awareness of the dangers that gas appliances can cause if they are not maintained. They can result in gas leaks, fires, explosions and even carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a silent killer. It's colourless, odourless and tasteless, but the poisonous gas can be lethal and can cause serious long-term health problems.

Many things can cause the gas to form, such as badly fitted or poorly maintained appliances or if vents and chimneys are blocked.

Symptoms can feel similar to many other illnesses, such as the flu. Anyone who thinks they may be suffering from CO poisoning should open all doors and windows, turn off appliances and leave the house to get fresh air, visit a doctor or go to the hospital, or call the Gas Emergency Helpline on 0800 111 999.

The Gas Safe Register has provided a series of tips on how to use gas safely.

It says: 'Have all your gas appliances regularly serviced and safety checked every year. If you rent your home, ask for a copy of the landlord's current Gas Safety Record.'

'Know the six signs of CO poisoning: headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness.'

'Unsafe gas appliances can put you at risk of CO poisoning, gas leaks, fires and explosions.'

'Check gas appliances for warning signs that they are not working properly such as lazy yellow flames instead of crisp blue ones, black marks or stains on or around the appliance and too much condensation in the room.'

'Fit an audible carbon monoxide alarm. This will alert you if there is carbon monoxide in your home.'

'Only use a Gas Safe Registered engineer to fit, fix and service your appliances. You can find and check an engineer at [www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk) or call 0800 408 5500.'

'Check both sides of your engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card. Make sure they are qualified for the work you need doing. You can find this information on the back of the card.'

The Gas Safe Register is the official list of gas engineers, who are legally allowed to work on gas appliances and have an ID card with a unique number and photograph.

Smoke alarms cannot detect CO, but a modern CO alarm can be purchased from any of the major retail stores for around £15.

The Gas Safe Register advises that an alarm is fitted in every room that has a gas appliance.

Audible CO alarms are the preferred option, as alarms, which have a warning stripe, will not wake someone up if, for example, they are asleep. The audible alarms have a battery life of around five years and a Gas Safe Registered engineer would be able to advise on which alarm to purchase for anyone who is struggling to find one suitable. For more information, visit [www.staygassafe.co.uk](http://www.staygassafe.co.uk).

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# BUSINESS NEWS

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## Making most of Best of the West

### Win allows books firm to spread the word

A GRAPHIC designer who creates and sells bespoke hand-bound books has won a competition to showcase his products at the popular Best of the West festival (BOW). Toben Lewis set up Baile Mor Books after the success of his first colouring book, which was inspired by his surroundings on Iona. He then learned bookbinding and since has created and sold bespoke hand-bound books.

As one of the six winners of a Business Gateway competition to win a trade stand, Toben attended BOW festival in Inveraray on September 10, where he had the opportunity to sell his products.

Toben said: 'I was a graphic designer in Canada before coming to Iona and since living here I have worked mainly in the hospitality sector. But while I was very busy, I didn't feel fulfilled creatively.'

'I have always loved colouring and the natural landscape around me is awe-inspiring so I decided to create a colouring book of Iona. The response was fantastic as both children and adults loved the book.'

'We decided to run the business full-time earlier this year due to the popularity of our colouring books and now we also offer full cover and layout designs as well as creating hand-bound unique books.'

'We were really excited about the BOW festival as it gave us the opportunity to get our

products known to a new audience and hopefully expand our customer base.'

Baile Mor operates two online shops on Etsy and RedBubble where Toben sells his handmade notebooks, sketchbooks and journals, as well as postcards, bookmarks and his colouring books.

Looking ahead, Toben is hopeful that his business can grow and that in the near future his books are sold across the West Coast of Scotland and beyond.

Toben added: 'The aim is to grow big enough in order to have a separate studio and gallery space, and for us to be stocked in shops throughout the country.'

'I have found the Business Gateway website to be a fantastic tool as I set up a small business

in a rural location. It was very helpful to have a straightforward site packed with information on issues such as tax laws to guide me throughout.'

Angela Vernel, business adviser for Business Gateway, said: 'Toben's business has real potential and he was a worthy winner of our competition. He impressed the judges with his pitch and Baile Mor Books will be a real asset to the craft tent.'

To find out more visit [www.bailemor.co.uk](http://www.bailemor.co.uk). To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business call 01546 808363 or visit [www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute](http://www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute).

**“The festival gave us the opportunity to get known”**

**Toben Lewis**  
Baile Mor Books



Toben Lewis won a place at Best of the West festival to showcase his business.

### Opportunity for trade stand is heaven scent

A TARBERT business which devises and creates 100 per cent botanical candles, organic perfumes and gourmet seasonings uniquely infused with organic essential oils showcased its range of natural products at the popular Best of the West festival (BOW).

Kirsty Morrison and Kenny McInnes have steadily grown Zing Organics with support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, and are now looking to secure a distributor to increase sales throughout Scotland and England.

As one of the six winners of a Business Gateway competition to win a trade stand, Kirsty and Kenny also attended BOW festival and were selling a selection of candles, fragrances and gourmet seasonings.

Kenny said: 'What started as a hobby for Kirsty has now become a fully functioning business employing three people with plans to take on more by the end of the year.'

'We bought the old post office in Tarbert, which is now our workshop, as our products remain handmade right here in Argyllshire.'

'The aim now is to have a distributor who will be able to take Zing Organics further afield, which is another reason why we were excited about attending the BOW festival. It gave us the chance to meet new customers and tell them about our products and the ethos behind our business.'

'With Business Gateway's help, going forward, we will be focusing on our growth plans and implementing an effective marketing strategy.'

Zing Organics was founded 16 years ago when Kirsty began making her own natural candles during her pregnancy

after discovering she was allergic to elements that were included in standard scents and fragrances. With an interest in and natural flair for alchemy Kirsty decided some years later to turn Zing Organics into a full-time job with Kenny looking after the commercial and marketing side of the business.

As synthetics- and additives-free low allergy products become more and more popular, the pair are confident that Zing will continue to expand.

Kenny added: 'The market for items such as ours is getting bigger and bigger as people embrace healthier, more natural lifestyles. There's growing awareness that natural products can still use synthetic fragrances which can be dangerous to one's health.'

'We've engaged Strathclyde University to carry out extensive purity testing on a very broad range of our ingredients and products with a successful outcome. We believe we're the first eco brand to take such a step.'

'The exposure from the BOW festival, as well as the increase in stockists once our distributor is in place, means we are in a very strong position to grow.'

'We're proud to have been widely praised in various industry publications which has also raised our profile.'

Barbara Halliday, business adviser for Business Gateway, said: 'Zing Organics impressed the judging panel and deservedly won a place in the craft tent.'

'As the business continues to develop, we will assist Kirsty and Kenny as they implement their growth strategy.'

To find out more visit [www.zingorganics.co.uk](http://www.zingorganics.co.uk).



### Inn is shortlisted for national green award

THE Glenuig Inn on the Sound of Arisaig has been shortlisted in the VIBES 2016 in the Management SME and Micro-Business Award categories in recognition of its strong commitment to the environment.

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

It prides itself on enabling its visitors to enjoy the great outdoors while enjoying good food, real ale and comfortable accommodation in the knowledge that there is zero impact to the environment as it runs on 100 per cent renewable energy and generates little waste which cannot be recycled.

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

The Glenuig Inn is one of 32 Scottish companies shortlisted for this year's Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) Awards following a record number of entries. The Micro Business Award is presented for the best entry in any category from a company with fewer than 10 employees. The Glenuig Inn was previously awarded the Micro Business accolade at the 2011 VIBES Awards.

### Cafe honoured for organic food

A SKYE cafe has received recognition for its use of organic ingredients.

The Soil Association has given the Red Roof Skye cafe three stars from its Organic Served Here. The award celebrates commitment to food with 50-75 per cent organic ingredients.

Red Roof Skye sources ingredients from local businesses including Glendale Salads, Macleods Organics, Highland

Wholefoods and Connage Highland Dairy to 'ensure quality and freshness'.

Gareth Craft of Red Roof Skye said: 'Great food begins with great quality fresh ingredients, and we are lucky that Skye and the Highlands have great produce to offer.'

'We try to serve the best tasting food we can while minimising our impact on the environment and making a positive

contribution to our local economy and society.'

'Food and drink provenance are extremely important to us and organic certification gives reassurance to us and our customers that food has been produced in a sustainable manner.'

Red Roof Skye has been acknowledged for serving 'top quality food' and is optimistic that other businesses will join them in serving up organic.

### Haulage firms announce merger

FERGUSON Transport continues to grow with the recent purchase of another haulage firm.

On Monday September 5, Barclay Bros Ltd was bought for an undisclosed sum by the Spear Bridge haulier.

The Fife-based company will now merge with the Ferguson Transport group of companies trading as Ferguson Transport and Shipping. Like Ferguson's, Barclay Bros is a family-run business that has been in the industry for more than 50 years.

Alasdair Ferguson, group managing director, said: 'The operations of Barclay Bros Ltd are complementary to those of Ferguson Transport and Shipping and, combined, they will strengthen our range of



Left to right, Alasdair Ferguson, Don Barclay, Colin MacKinnon and Aly Barclay.

services to the logistics market, servicing business contracts from the east of Scotland to the south of England and Wales.

'We are pleased to welcome all new staff to the group who will join our team of more than 200 employees, and we look forward

to working with them all.' Ferguson's main base and head office is at Corpach, near Fort William, although it also operates from the company's own port and warehousing facilities at Kishorn, as well as working out of Kyle of Lochalsh and Mallaig.



Donnie, Mary-Ann, Dave and Johnny are waiting to help.

### Meet the team at Hire and Supplies

IF THERE'S one thing that sets the team at Hire and Supplies apart, it's their determination to be of service.

'We offer a good selection of products at great rates - and we're really easy to approach,' says Mary-Ann Murray, brand manager at Hire and Supplies in Oban and Dumfries.

'We want to use our many years of experience to help our customers get the merchandise that they need when they want it. We're basically here to help and we really want to help. But, most importantly, we're really friendly.'

The independent company has only existed for two years but most of the team members have known each other for a very long

time. And Mary-Ann is certain the key to the company's success is that the team understand and listen to each other.

The team at Hire and Supplies have extensive experience and have their own areas of expertise, so no matter what job you have at hand, they will be able to offer you great advice.

The team consists of Donnie Campbell, who does sales and specialises in glass; Johnny Rydings, the driver; Mary-Ann, who does accounts and machines; and David Chandler, who owns the company.

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UA's George Purves, blackface judge Ian Reid, Lady Claire with Morag and Donald McCorkadale, son Donald and their prize-winning lambs with (back row) area manager Donald Morrison and auctioneer Peter Wood.

## Dalmally sale of lambs is largest seen for 20 years

LADY Claire Macdonald witnessed an impressive 10,882 entries at United Auctions' annual show and sale of blackface lambs when she visited Dalmally Auction Mart for the first time on Saturday.

Lady Claire's visit to the prestigious sale at Dalmally offered the well-respected cook and food writer, who is an official Scotch Lamb ambassador with Quality Meat Scotland, an opportunity to learn more about the importance of the auction system.

The entry of 8,757 head of blackface lambs, 1,776 cross-bred lambs and 289 feeding sheep is the largest seen at the

centre in the past 20 years. The packed mart accommodated the bumper stock in 200 extra pens in the autumn sunshine.

Buyers from the local area were joined by those from the south of England to bid on stock drawn from Lochaber, Kintyre, south Argyll, the islands, the Oban and Dalmally areas, as well as Perthshire and Stirlingshire.

As Lady Claire toured the bustling market, with her husband Lord Godfrey, she spoke with UA customers and also signed 50 Scotch Lamb recipe books for which UA made a donation toward the STV Children's Appeal.

Lady Claire said: 'We had an absolutely wonderful day. It's been enlightening to speak to the farmers directly about what they do, learn more about the different breeds and see the thriving market system at Dalmally in action.'

'I'll be able to use the knowledge from the visit in my cooking demonstrations with lamb where the insight about provenance and farm assurance is so important.'

Lady Claire went on to present the James Weir Memorial Trophy for the championship pen of 50 blackface lambs to Donald and Morag McCorkadale of M/s Buchanan, Achnaba, Connel,

who were also consecutive winners from 2012 to 2014.

The prize-winning pen made the top price of £58 for the blackface lambs and went home with the judge, Ian Reid, of Methven, Perthshire.

The reserve champion pen went to Tayvallich Estate for £56, selling to GL & D Reid, South Park, Perthshire, while third place was awarded to Clachan Farms, Kilniver, for £55 and was bought by M/s W J Cameron, Keith.

Lady Claire also took the opportunity to carve and sample the blackface lamb spit roast, which received her seal of approval. The lamb was supplied by

local farmer Angus MacFadyen and Son of Braglenmore Farm, by Oban, and provided by Oban Spit Roasts.

Peter Wood, UA auctioneer, said: 'It was a pleasure to host Lady Claire at Dalmally. Customers were delighted to meet her and pleased to know she is giving the product the recognition it deserves. She created an extra buzz about the place during a busy sale.'

The blackface lambs averaged out £38.52 per head for 'top, second and third draws' sold, as against £40.16 per head last year. The overall sale average for all sheep sold was £39.70 per head or 145.76p per kilo.

## From the markets

**DALMALLY sale - Saturday September 10.**  
Dalmally Sale had a catalogued entry of 10,882 sheep. United Auctions held their annual show and sale of blackface lambs with a catalogued entry of 8,757 head of blackface lambs, 1,776 cross-bred lambs and 289 feeding sheep. This entry of lambs and sheep at this centre is seen as the largest in the past 20 years. Principal lots and prices. Top prices per head.

**Lambs**  
BF  
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**Suffix:**  
181p & 178p - Blarmafoldach : 177p - 3 Balevullin Tiree.

**Beltx:**  
175p - Achuaran Lismore.

**Texx:**  
183p & 179p - Stonefield Farms : 178p - Bonawe HF & Brackley : 177p - Bonawe HF : 175p - Stonefield Farms.

**Chax:**  
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190p - Brackley : 186p & 181p - Inclair : 180p - Blackmount : 179p - Gallanachmore : 178p - Lochdochart Estate : 166p - Blackmount.

**Cross**  
170p - Bonawe HF : 168p - Lachcharrie & Glenshero Estate : 165p - Lundavra.

**Mule**  
154p - 3 Balevullin Tiree : 153p - Achuaran Lismore.

**OBAN Livestock Centre, Caledonian Marts Ltd - Tuesday September 6.**  
This saw 4,123 store lambs and feeding ewes at their annual show and sale of blackface lambs. The judge on the day was David Hamilton, Rowantree Hill, Forth, and the following were his awards. Champion and first prize pen of 25 plus lambs - J Carmichael, Fiart, Lismore, £47; third prize pen of 25 plus lambs - Glengorm Estate, Isle of Mull, £41. Reserve champion and first prize pen of 50 plus lambs - C Hodge, Achalic, Lerags, £45.50; second prize pen of 50 plus lambs - Tayvallich Estates £41; third prize pen of 50 plus lambs - W McPhail, Ensay, Isle of Mull, £38.

With poorer weather conditions in the past two months and more twin lambs forward resulted in a small rise compared to last year's average.

Overall sale average for 2,165 blackface lambs (up 502 on the year) was £32.21 (+50p on the year). Other leading blackface lamb prices outwith prize list: Acharonich £52, Scammadale £51, Mid, Isle of Lismore, £50.

In the cross lamb section, all lambs like for like would be a similar trade.

Leading prices.

Texel: Achamore, Isle of Gigha, £66 and £65; Pennygown, Isle of Mull, £60; Baligarve, Isle of Lismore, £60; Kinlochlaich £58.

Suffolk: Upper Largie £59.50; Ashfield £56; Mid, Isle of Lismore, £55; Dalvore £54; Balnagown Croft, Isle of Lismore, £53.

Cheviot: Antium, Isle of Mull, £56; No 2 Allasdale, Isle of Barra, £56; Rhulios, Isle of Barra, £54.

Mule: Aird, Ardferrin £58; Upper Largie £52.50 and £52; Dunmore £51.50; Bailvacraich, Isle of Lismore, £51.

In the feeding ewe section, all classes keenly bid for and more could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

Leading prices.

Suffolk: 19 East Hynish, Isle of Tiree, £68.

Tex: 19 East Hynish, Isle of Tiree, £60 and £58.

Tex X: Baligarve, Isle of Lismore, £55.

Chev: Rhulios, Isle of Barra, £47.

Cross: 2 Allasdale, Isle of Barra, £44.

Mule: Bailvacraich, Isle of Lismore, £42.

BF: Kilbride £39 and £38; Shellaich £38; South Achinbuie, Isle of Lismore, £38; Ederline Estate £37.



Lady Claire watches the ringside action with Mr and Mrs Anderson, from Canonbie in Dumfriesshire.



Lady Claire signs copies of the Scotch Lamb recipe book for local farmer Peter Kennedy and for Aileen McFadzean, from the Blackface Sheep Association.

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In The Oban Times of August 18, we printed the wrong photograph of 13-year-old Cuillin, who came third in the spaniel class at the Salen Show. This is, in fact, the picture of Cuillin, who is owned by Katherine Charlier, from Salen on Mull.

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**Drimvargie Terrace, Oban**

- Top Floor Flat
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**OIRO £170,000**

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**OIRO £380,000**

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**Falls Crescent, Connel**

- Spacious Detached
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- 2 Bathrooms + WC
- Partial views of Loch Etive
- Popular village location
- Garden
- Integrated Garage
- EPC Rating - C78

**OIRO £300,000**

3 Falls Crescent - A modern and spacious detached house located in the popular village of Connel in Argyll. The property offers bright and spacious rooms, practical layout and glimpses of Loch Etive and the hills beyond.

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# RENAULT HANDS OVER THE KEY TO ITS 100,000TH ELECTRIC VEHICLE



- Renault has handed over the keys to its 100,000th electric car, a ZOE, in the Norwegian capital of Oslo, today.
- A pioneer of all-electric vehicles, Renault is the European leader with 27 per cent market share for electric cars.

FIVE years after the launch of its first electric vehicle, Renault has handed over the keys to its 100,000th electric car customer. The Renault ZOE – the brand's all-electric supermini – was sold to 41-year-old Norwegian Åsmund Gillebo. To truly complement his purchase of a ZOE, he has been presented with five years of Fortim recharging and 100,000 minutes of recharging time from Grønn kontakt, two local energy suppliers.

### Renault: the European leader for electric cars

In the first half of 2016, Renault sold more than 15,000 electric vehicles (excluding the Twizy), an increase of 32 per cent on the previous year. This success confirms Renault's status as the European market leader, especially for LCV. Indeed, on European roads, one in every four electric vehicles is a Renault. In France, half of all electric cars are Renaults. Renault's main markets for electric cars are France, Norway, the UK and Germany. In the UK, Renault ZE sales grew to 1,199 in the first half of 2016 – an increase of 26.1 per cent. Of this, 1,069 of the vehicles were the all-electric ZOE – a 39.4 per cent increase on the first six months of 2015. Since the launch of its ZE vehicles in the UK in 2011, Renault has sold 5,977 electric vehicles to date, comprising of Fluence, Kangoo Van ZE, Twizy and ZOE.

Eric Feunteun, director of Renault's Electric Vehicle Division, said: 'Every year there are more customers for electric cars and Renault is making a major contribution to this with its constant innovation and dedication to developing infrastructure. Our customer satisfaction, which stands at 98 per cent for the ZOE, encourages us to keep pushing onwards.'

Renault boasts the most comprehensive range of 100 per

cent electric cars on the market, enabling it to meet a variety of needs. The range is made up of the compact ZOE city car, the Kangoo Van ZE, the compact urban two-seater Twizy (and its utility version, the Twizy Cargo), and the stately saloon the RSM SM3 ZE (the best-selling electric vehicle in Korea).

The ZOE, the best-selling electric vehicle in Europe, dominates the market for electric private cars with over 23 per cent market share. The Kangoo Van ZE, the leading electric LCV in Europe for the third year running, sets the benchmark for professionals and has won a number of tenders, including the French Post Office, and the French electricity provider ERDF in Norway. Lastly, with 17,000 models sold, the Twizy is the trailblazer for new ways to get around and is extremely popular in car-sharing initiatives in both Europe and North America.

### Renault, a key player in electric innovation

With cutting-edge electrical technology, proven by its performance in Formula E, Renault is naturally winning over an increasing number of users. Since it began its electric adventure Renault has adopted a global strategy for electric mobility, and the development of infrastructure in particular. Renault is involved in a number of projects to install public recharging points, working with public bodies and other players in electric mobility like energy technicians. There are currently more than 100,000 public recharge points around the world, 80,000 of which are in Europe, and they are constantly growing in number. As an example, Renault supports European Commission projects for the TEN-T fund (Trans European Transport Network), which has installed over 2,300 quick charge terminals along highways and major roads in more than 15 countries.

In the UK, the ZOE has won numerous awards including What Car's Best Electric Car Under £20,000 for three consecutive years and was most recently voted second in the 2016 Auto Express Driver Power vehicle ownership survey out of 183 cars – Renault's best ever ranking in the survey for one of its vehicles.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

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

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/02340/PP	Relocation of wind turbine (25 metres to blade tip)	Land North East of Ardlarach Blackmill Bay Isle of Luing Oban Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Cullipool
16/01896/PP	Alterations and change of use of bank to welfare facility for visiting leisure craft	The Royal Bank of Scotland 47 Frederick Crescent Port Ellen Isle of Argyll and Bute PA42 7DJ	Sub Post Office Port Ellen
16/02201/PP	Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works	Land West of Bonded Stores Stanalane (Phase 3) Moss Road Bowmore Isle of Argyll and Bute	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Argyll

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Council's website.

**CROFTING COMMISSION NA CROITEARACHD DIRECTION ISSUED**

J Cameron  
207 Acharacle (Burnbank), Ardnamurchan & Sunart 69092  
0.021 ha - Existing house site  
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J Roy  
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J Roy  
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Any person with an interest in the application may appeal against a decision to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days of the date of this advert.

**HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED) TOBERMORY HARBOUR EMPOWERMENT ORDER 201[ ] (the "Order")**

1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tobermory Harbour Association ("the Applicant") has applied to the Scottish Ministers for a Harbour Empowerment Order ("the Order") under section 16 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act").

2 The Order will:

2.1 authorise the Applicant to exercise jurisdiction as a harbour authority (within the meaning of section 57 of the 1964 Act) within such area of Tobermory Harbour as is specified in the Order; and

2.2 grant to the Applicant the powers specified in the Order to enable the improvement, management and maintenance of Tobermory Harbour.

3 A copy of the Order and the harbour maps (as referred to in the Order) may be inspected, free of charge, between the hours of 9am and 5pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Tobermory Harbour Association, Taigh Solais, Ledaig, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6NR until the expiry of the forty two day period specified below. A copy of the draft order can also be obtained by contacting Chris Mackay or Andrew Little of Burness Paul LLP at the undernoted address.

4 Paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act (which requires information to be supplied concerning a project which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Great Britain and in another European Economic Area State) does not apply to the application.

5 No land is proposed for compulsory acquisition.

6 Any person wishing to make an objection to the application to the Scottish Ministers should write to Val Ferguson, Ports and Harbours Branch, Transport Scotland, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or email [harbourorders@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:harbourorders@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) within forty-two days from the date at the foot of this notice quoting Tobermory Harbour Empowerment Order stating the grounds of their objection and giving an address to which correspondence relating to the objection may be sent.

7 All objections made, including personal information provided to Scottish Ministers, will be shared with the Applicant who may contact you to discuss your concerns. Names and the text of any representation may also be published on Transport Scotland's website due to Freedom of Information requirements. If you wish to discuss any issues relating to the use of your personal data please contact the person specified in paragraph 7 of this notice.

8 If an objection is duly made to the application and not withdrawn the Scottish Ministers may, before making their decision (i) cause an inquiry to be held, or (ii) give to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

Agents for the Applicant  
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EH3 9WJ  
[chris.mackay@burnesspaul.com](mailto:chris.mackay@burnesspaul.com)/[andrew.little@burnesspaul.com](mailto:andrew.little@burnesspaul.com)  
Date of First Publication of this Notice  
15 September 2016

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk> or electronically at your nearest Service Point. You can find your nearest Service Point via the following link [https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a\\_to\\_z](https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a_to_z)

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Reference Number	Development	Address	Proposal Description
16/03359/FUL	Lidl Food Store,	Camanachd Crescent, Fort William	Alterations & extension to foodstore, reconfiguration of car parking, installation of trolley shelter with bike stands.
16/03770/PIP	Land North West of	Maybank, Mallaig	Erection of house
16/03901/FUL	Site 300M North West of	Achnabobane, Spean Bridge	Erection of house and garage
16/03961/FUL	Land To East of Achnaha	Lochaline, Morvern	Erection of two detached houses
16/03997/FUL	Land 135M SW of 1	Burnbank, Acharacle	Erection of house and installation of associated drainage
16/04022/FUL	Building 15M SW of The	Pharmacy, Mallaig	Demolition of vacant shop and erection of house
16/04045/LBC	Kinlochaline Castle,	Ardtornish, Morvern	Alter two existing window openings to accommodate larger windows and install green oak balcony
16/04058/PIP	Land 35M East of Mountain	View, Murlaggan, Roy Bridge	Erection of house (renewal of application 13/02871/PIP)
16/04062/PIP	Land 60M East of Mountain	View, Murlaggan, Roy Bridge	Erection of house (renewal of application 13/02873/PIP)
16/04063/PIP	Land 100M East of	Mountain View, Murlaggan, Roy Bridge	Erection of house (renewal of application 13/02872/PIP)
16/04076/FUL	Land At Croft 104 And 105	70M North East of Tigh A Chladaich, Glenmalie Road, Caol, Fort William	Amended access to three approved house plots (including amendment to condition 1 of planning permissions 11/04288/FUL, 15/02479/FUL and 15/03547/FUL)

**Time period for comments is 14 days, 16/04045/LBC is 21 days**  
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Email: [eplanning@highland.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@highland.gov.uk)

**First Registration of a Croft**

Ian MacEachan and Margaret MacEachan has registered the croft, 2 Tìogal, Arisaig and Moidart on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by April 20, 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C2921

**First Registration of a Croft**

William Dundas has registered his croft, Lara Croft, Knockrome, Isle of Jura, in the Parish of Jura 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 23 May 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C3010.

**First Registration of a Croft**

Mrs Gillian Wilson Barton has registered her croft 1 Ichrachan, Glenorchy & Innishail 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 9th June 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is A 1535.

**First Registration of a Croft**

John Roy and Ewan Roy has registered the croft, 12b Lower Carnach, Lismore and Appin 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 May 17, 2017. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.rps.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C2981

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS

**MACCORMICK - MACCOLL** - At Appin Parish Church on September 17, 1966 by the late Rev. Kenneth MacMillan, Gregor to Rosemary. Present address: Annat, Appin.

DEATHS

**CAMERON** - On August 24, 2016, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilphead, Gregor Finlay Cameron, in his 70th year, beloved husband of Mary Kennedy, much loved father of Nicola, Finlay, Gregor and Daniel, dear father-in-law of Keith, Mandy and Kirsty, and a dearly loved papa of Caitlin, Sarah, Finlay, Kristian, Douglas, Isobel and Daisy. A much respected friend and former work colleague. Sadly missed by all his family.

**CLARK** - After a short illness, Neil passed away as he wanted, peacefully at home on September 7, 2016, in his 80th year. He was dearly loved by his wife, Helen McFadyen, his children Dugald and Susan and their respective spouses, Dee and Andy. He was a loving Grandad to Fergus and Euan and Pappie to Laura-Kate and Lucy also a dear brother and brother-in-law. The funeral took place on September 14, 2016. He is sorely missed.

**GALBRAITH** - Lynn, passed away suddenly, but peacefully, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, on September 10, 2016. Service at Cardross Crematorium on Friday September 16 at 12.15 p.m. Sadly missed.

**GILLIES** - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on September 12, 2016, after a short illness borne bravely, Angus Stewart Gillies, aged 80 years, of 6 Letter Dail, Caimbaan, retired fencing contractor, dearly loved husband of the late Margaret Cameron, dear step-father of Neil and Tom, and respected father-in-law of Doreen and Marina, loving grandpa of Tamara, dear brother of the late Iain Gillies and a much loved cousin and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Thursday, September 15, 2016, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**MACDONALD** - Jean née Blair. Peacefully, on September 7, 2016. Beloved wife of the late William (Bill), sister of the late Elspet, dearly loved and devoted mother of Duncan and Catriona and much loved mother-in-law of Elaine. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnotter on Monday September 19 at 2.30pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please, donations in lieu to Marie Curie Hospice, please

**MACDOUGALL** - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on September 11, 2016, in her 91st year, Ivy, (née Martin), loving wife of the late Peter S. MacDougall and dear mother of Peter, Robina and the late Mary, a much loved granny and great-granny. Will be missed by all. Funeral Service will take place at Oban Parish Church, on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 1.00 p.m. Thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. All welcome. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to the Macmillan Day Bed Unit, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban.

**MACNEILL** - Peacefully at Islay Hospital on September 9, 2016, aged 81 years with his family by his side, Neil dear husband of Grace, dear dad of Margaret Ann and Neil and much loved seannair of Ross. Service and interment in Bowmore, Islay on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

**McCOWAN** - Suddenly, but peacefully at home, Gallanach Road, Oban, on Monday September 12, John, aged 82, much-loved husband of Jan, dear father of Alison and Lesley, proud Papa of Kirsty, Lynsey, Craig, Fraser, Gary and Alistair and Great-Papa of Riona, Mara and Jessica. Funeral at Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban, at 1pm on Thursday September 22, thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support. No black ties please.

**SIMMONS** - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on September 5, 2016 in her 68th year, Jennifer, daughter of Andrew and Muriel Simmons beloved sister of Barbara and Heather, loving auntie of Ian, Cara, Aisling and Andrew. Sadly missed. Funeral will take place at St. Modans Benderloch on Friday September 16 at 1.00 p.m. Thereafter Pennyfuir Cemetery, Oban. Family flowers only, donations if desired to OXFAM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACFARLANE** - The family of the late Alexander (Bachie) Macfarlane would like to say a huge thank you to relatives, friends and neighbours for kind words, home baking, phone calls, cards and flowers. To the nursing staff who made it possible for Ally to remain at home with special thanks to Dr Emma Boyle, their care and support was amazing, to D&A Munn for their efficiency and gentle guidance, Petals for their beautiful floral arrangements, The Rowntree Hotel for their excellent repast. Everyone who attended the funeral and interment, special mention also to Alan Duffy for his heartfelt eulogy and the uplifting service given by the Rev Dugald Cameron the sum of £458.02 was raised to be shared equally between the Carers Centre and the Macmillan Cancer Care Unit at Lorn and Islands Hospital. The family are overwhelmed by the love and support given to them.

**MACKENZIE** - Nan and family would like to thank most sincerely all of the many kind expressions of sympathy and support following the sudden death of Kenny. Cards, flowers and telephone calls have been very much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev Christopher MacRae and Rev David Kirk for their spiritual comfort, to Mike McFall and his team of funeral directors for their professionalism and Loch Shiel Hotel for catering. Final thanks to everyone who attended Kilmallie Free Church and Acharacle Cemetery. The sum of £500 was raised for Alzheimers Scotland. Thank you.

**MACLEOD** - The family of the late Catherine Sutherland Macleod would like to offer thanks to the many people who showed great kindness and support during her illness and in the time since she left us on August, 23 2016. Thank you to all family members, friends

and colleagues for their kind words of empathy which have been a great comfort to us. Finally, we would like to thank all those who attended her funeral at Kilchrenan Parish Church on the August 31 and made this such a special day. Donations to Marie Curie in Catherine's name have reached a substantial figure and have been donated to the charity. Mum's kindness and generosity touched a great number of people and she will be sorely missed by us all. Kirsten, Fiona and Iain.

MEMORIALS

**CAMPBELL** - In loving memory of my husband, our dad and grandad Angus, who died September 12, 1990. The years may pass But still you stay Near and dear as yesterday. - Cathie and family, Caol, Lochyside, Corpach and Falkirk.

**FAGERVOLD** - Loving memories of Jean. - Love Joan x

**MACCORQUODALE** - In loving memory of Callum, who died September 15, 2011. The tears in my eyes are hidden My face is not always sad But there's never a night or morning I don't think of the wife I had They say it's a beautiful journey from the old world to the new And some day I'll make that journey which will lead me straight to you And when I reach that garden in which there is no pain I'll put my arms around you and we'll never part gain. - Inserted by Hugh, her husband, Mary her daughter, Neil and Megan her grandchildren.

**MACCUISH** - In loving memory of our darling son Bobby who left us on September 17, 2006. You are always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts till we meet again son. - Mum and Dad

**MACCUISH** - Bobby not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts and our world is a lonelier place without you. - David, Tia, Claire and Daniel

**MACDONALD** - Remembering with love our beloved father and papa, Douglas MacDonald, who passed away on September 18, 1991. Also remembering loved ones gone before and after. We keep in our hearts the love of the past For there it was planted forever to last Too deep in our hearts for death to divide Each day of our lives you walk by our side Inserted by his ever loving daughters - May Flora, Sandra, May Margaret and families

**MACDOUGALL** - Linda. Two years have come and

gone but the memories are as strong as the day you left us. It does not need this special day to bring you to our minds For days without the thought of you are very hard to find - Your loving family - Murdoch Christine, Susie and Mikey.

**MACDOUGALL** - Treasured memories of Callum, a dearly loved husband, father and grumpy, who died on September 9, 1997. Loved and remembered always. - Freena and family, Iochdar, Bunnassan

**MACDOUGALL** - Remembering with love, our dad and grumpy Callum, who died on September 19, 1997. Never more that a thought away. - Margaret and family, Bunnassan

**MACQUARRIE** - Treasured memories of our beloved parents Annie Helen, died September 12, 2006 and Calum, died November 10, 1996. Loved and remembered every day. - May, Iain, Agnes and families

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GRADUATION



**Cara Thompson**  
Graduated from Strathclyde University on June 23, 2016 with a Master of Pharmacy with merit. Cara was also awarded the Suresh Madhok prize for achievement by a student in the final year of the MPharm course. Cara is the daughter of Troy and Fiona Thompson and granddaughter of Donald and Catherine MacGregor and Vernon and Janet Thompson. She attended Oban Gaelic Medium Unit and Oban High School.

GRADUATION



**Fraser Cowan MacNicol**  
Fraser MacNicol recently graduated from the Scottish Rural College with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science. Fraser is the middle son of Donald and Heather MacNicol. Fraser has recently taken up a post with Davidsons Animal Feeds as a Sales Nutritionist.



**Lauren Alan MacKinnon**  
Graduated with Master of Pharmacy (with Distinction) from Strathclyde University on July 2, 2015. A Pre-Reg year with Well Pharmacy concluded in successful registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) in July 2016. Lauren is the daughter of Sandra and Gillesbuig MacKinnon, granddaughter of Annie and the late Archie MacKinnon, Cornaigmore, and Catriona and the late Alan Rowan, Crossapol, Isle of Tiree.



**Lisa Jane Munro**  
Graduated Master of Engineering with Distinction in Chemical Engineering from the University of Strathclyde. She was also awarded Full Blues for her achievements in Tennis. Lisa is the daughter of Alasdair and Alison Munro, Nairn and granddaughter of Tommy and Betty Black, Benderloch and the late Alasdair and Lizzie Munro, Benderloch. Lisa has taken up a position with Norbord Europe Ltd as a graduate Process Engineer.

# Humanist Society Scotland seeks review of decision by ministers

HUMANIST Society Scotland (HSS) is to seek a judicial review of a decision by the Scottish Government not to allow young people to opt out of religious observance.

The Humanist Society believes that the parental right to opt out should be extended to young people, as is currently the case in England and Wales.

On Monday the HSS submitted papers to the Court of Session in order to challenge Scottish ministers over their refusal to allow young people to opt out of religious observance.

The legal action follows a decision by ministers not to update their guidance to teachers in light of the most recent UN Children's Rights Committee review which called on the Scottish Government to extend the parental right to opt out of religious observance to young people.

The HSS, after taking legal advice, believes that the Scottish Government

may have acted unlawfully by refusing to ensure its guidance remains in line with international human rights law.

In Scotland, all young people require parental permission to withdraw from religious observance, unlike England and Wales where sixth-form pupils (typically aged 16 to 18) have the right to opt out.

The launch of this litigation comes after a report funded by HSS highlighted the increased role of religion in Scottish education, despite increased secularisation of other areas of public life.

HSS chief executive Gordon MacRae commented: 'Today in Scotland young people are trusted to get married, join the army and vote in elections and for the constitutional future of Scotland.'

'However, Scottish ministers still do not trust them to make their own decisions about attending religious

observance or to give young people the same rights as those living in England and Wales.

'For sometime now, Humanist Society Scotland has been calling on the Scottish Government to update its policy on religious observance. I had hoped that if they would not listen to us then at least they would listen to the United Nations Children's Rights Committee.'

'We have worked with a number of organisations and individuals over the years to seek to reform religious observance, most notably the Church of Scotland in 2014, with which we issued a joint call for reform.'

'Sadly, our efforts to seek progressive reform of this outdated requirement of Scottish education has failed. The Scottish Government's policy on religious observance is a mess - a classic political fudge. Our young people deserve better.'

# Catholic bishops discuss homelessness

REPRESENTATIVES of Scottish Churches Housing Action met the Bishops' Conference of Scotland on Wednesday September 7, and described how homelessness affects people across Scotland.

The bishops agreed to help, both through continuing financial support and keeping clergy and congregations abreast of the issues.

Miriam McHardy is the Bishops' Conference representative on the board of Scottish Churches Housing Action. She said: 'SCHA is a powerful example of ecumenism in action.'

'Working on behalf of the Catholic Church, alongside 11 other Christian denominations, it reminds us that Christian service must have two feet: charity or caritas, giving care and support to people who are homeless, and social justice, asking why in 21st century Scotland, too many people do not have a safe and secure home to call their own.'

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, president of the Bishops' Conference, said: 'Scottish Churches Housing Action reminds us that homelessness remains an issue

in today's Scotland, and SCHA calls Christians to take positive and generous action to assist families and individuals out of homelessness and into a home of their own where they can be safe and happy.'

Alastair Cameron, chief executive, explained that homelessness is about more than sleeping rough. 'Rough sleeping is the tip of the homelessness iceberg,' he said. 'Invisible to most of us are those people who sleep on sofas, or are in temporary accommodation - women who have experienced domestic violence and are now in refuges, for example.'

He warned that although the published figures on homelessness applications to local authorities are dropping, they mask continuing problems:

'The unmet need for affordable housing is as strong as ever. We need to support the Scottish Government in its target of 50,000 new affordable homes over the next five years. But we also need to challenge the cuts to local authorities. They have a duty to deal with homelessness, and are struggling.'

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# Camanachd



## Newtonmore

### Newtonmore v Oban Camanachd

Saturday September 17  
Throw-up 2pm

An Aird, Fort William  
Televised live on BBC2



Newtonmore and Oban Camanachd meet in the 109th Camanachd Cup final at An Aird, Fort William, this Saturday, September 17.

Oban Camanachd manager Iain Hay has a full squad to choose from. Daniel Cameron and Andrew MacCuish both required stitches to head cuts after taking knocks in the Fort William match but both will be fine for the final, as will young Ross MacMillan who was an unused substitute in that game.

Hay will have been pleased to see defender Garry Lord, free of his four-match suspension, get 90 minutes under his belt in the Fort William game.

Newtonmore and Oban Camanachd currently occupy the top two positions in shinty's Marine Harvest Premiership but they have yet to meet this season.

Both found recent success in shinty's blue riband tournament hard to come by in recent times – only recording three successes between them over the past 25 years.

Oban Camanachd's last Cama-

nachd Cup victory came at the Bught Park, Inverness, in 1996 when they recovered from the loss of Kingussie goals from Ronald Ross and Ally Borthwick to win 3-2.

Dougie MacIntyre scored to bring Oban Camanachd back in the game before the same player tied the final just three minutes before the break.

That was a day for Oban heroes and none more so than Gordon MacIntyre, who had lost an eye in a match against the same opponents just seven weeks earlier. The final had moved into the 77th minute when MacIntyre sent a superb strike just inside Kings' keeper Iain Anderson's right-hand post to put the Champagne on ice.

Referee Ron Mullican's final whistle sparked Oban joy as captain Norrie MacInnes held shinty's most famous trophy aloft.

Oban Camanachd's last final appearance was in 2001 when, despite an excellent performance from current manager Iain Hay at full centre against Rory Fraser, Kingussie won 2-0 courtesy of goals from James

Hutcheson and Kevin Thain. The current squad now have the chance to create a piece of history of their own.

Newtonmore boss Paul John MacKintosh has been managing injuries to the likes of Glen MacKintosh, Norman Campbell and Fraser MacKintosh by resting them for periods in recent weeks, with forward Chris Sellar his main injury concern ahead of throw up.

Sellar has an infected knee but he has trained this week and will be given every chance to prove his fitness.

It will be a first Scottish final for keeper Owen Fraser, while Jamie Robinson captained a winning team in 2013 when he scored in the final and also collected the coveted Albert Smith medal as man of the match.

Newtonmore were winners in 2011, beating local rivals Kingussie 4-3 at the Bught Park to seal a first triumph since 1986 when they defeated Oban Camanachd in Glasgow.

Danny MacRae got the dramatic extra-time winner against Kingussie

that day and the men from the Eilan secured another triumph in 2013 when goals from Jamie Robinson, Glen MacKintosh and Danny MacRae gave them a 3-0 victory over Kyles Athletic at An Aird.

Newtonmore's Camanachd Cup pedigree is without question and they will be desperate to make it a third success in the past six years.

Robert Baxter will be the match referee and he will be assisted by goal judges Graham Irving and Deek Cameron. The linesmen will be John Wood, Iain Kennedy, Ross Brown and Neil Ferguson, while Innes Wood is the fourth official.

If you can't make it to An Aird for shinty's big day, the match will be screened live on BBC Scotland.

The 2016 Camanachd Cup final will be preceded by the MacMaster Cup final between Skye Camanachd U14 and Kingussie U14. Throw up is at 11am and John Wood is the match referee, assisted by goal judges Graham Irving and Neil Ferguson.

Tickets are available from Coasters Bar and Wynne's the Butcher.

## 2016 Camanachd Cup – the road to the final

**Camanachd Cup – second round**  
Saturday May 28

**Lovat 1,  
Newtonmore 4**

Holders Lovat are out of the Camanachd Cup after they lost 4-1 to Newtonmore at Balgate.

Newtonmore took the lead after just three minutes when Daniel Grieve didn't connect properly with an attempted clearance and the ball fell to an unmarked Evan Menzies and he dispatched a waist-high shot into the net to make it 1-0.

Lovat certainly didn't deserve to be behind at the break and they got their reward four minutes after the restart when a long ball forward from wing centre Ryan Ferguson was collected wide on the left by Kevin Bartlett who slipped past Rory Kennedy, by this time at full back in a positional swap with Steven MacDonald, and Bartlett scored from a tight angle to make it 1-1.

Newtonmore went in front on 74 minutes, although the goal was somewhat fortuitous. A long ball from the Newtonmore left was being ushered out of play by Stuart MacDonald at his left post when Callum Cruden raced across with an outstretched caman to inadvertently divert the ball past a helpless keeper on his right side to make it 2-1.

Evan Menzies dispossessed Craig Mainland on 81 minutes and his fierce shot cannoned off home keeper Stuart MacDonald. A minute later, Glen MacKintosh capitalised on a mistake in the Lovat defence to make it 3-1. MacKintosh took possession from a central position on edge of the D and he rarely misses from there.

Almost directly from the restart, the ball fell to Fraser MacKintosh and his first time shot flew high into the corner of the net to make it 4-1.

In the end, Newtonmore deserved

their win, especially for their dominance in the final 15 minutes of the game. They were best served by keeper Owen Fraser and defenders Steven MacDonald and Andy MacKintosh, while Paul MacArthur's passing in the final quarter stretched the Lovat defence.

**Oban Camanachd 3,  
Glenurquhart 0**

Oban Camanachd are through to the Camanachd Cup quarter-finals after they beat Glenurquhart 3-0 at Mossfield. They made a whirlwind start and were three goals to the good with just 12 minutes played.

The opener came with just 35 seconds on the clock when Andrew MacCuish hit a low shot on his left side from around the penalty area into the bottom right corner of the net.

Daniel Cameron made it 2-0 just a couple of minutes later. There was a break for possession at the edge of the D and Cameron collected the loose ball and drilled it hard to the left of Glen keeper Stuart MacKintosh.

Daniel Cameron's second goal was undoubtedly the pick of the afternoon's strikes. He picked the ball up around 45 yards from goal and, on his left side, sent a peach of a strike into the top corner of the net to make it 3-0.

**Camanachd Cup – quarter-finals**  
Saturday July 9

**Kilmallie 3,  
Oban Camanachd 4**

The match of the day was at the Canal Parks where Oban Camanachd came from behind three times to eventually beat a determined Kilmallie side 4-3.

The visitors had a couple of early chances but Kilmallie looked dangerous up front and went in front on 24 minutes

when Liam MacDonald punished the Oban defence for failing to clear their lines. It only took Oban Camanachd a couple of minutes to level with Andrew MacCuish scoring.

Brian MacKay put Kilmallie back in front with a shot from the left on 29 minutes but MacCuish again levelled on 33 minutes with a low drive into the bottom corner of the net.

Just a minute later, Kilmallie took the lead for the third time when Duncan Rodger fired the ball home to the delight of the home crowd, who now sensed a cup shock and Kilmallie took the 3-2 lead into the break.

MacCuish completed his hat-trick with a low strike which went through the keeper's legs on 51 minutes. The goal made MacCuish top scorer in the tournament so far.

Oban Camanachd were playing well in the second period and went in front for the first time on 63 minutes when Connor Howe poked the ball over the line following a goalmouth scramble.

That's the way it stayed. Oban Camanachd's fitness gave them an advantage and Lorne Dickie turned in a man of the match performance at full centre.

This was a great game of shinty, played in front of a big crowd who generated a fantastic atmosphere in the rain.

**Newtonmore 4  
Skye Camanachd 2**

Newtonmore put Skye under pressure from the throw up and Jamie Gannon made a terrific save with his feet after Jamie Robinson had drifted in from the left and fired the ball goalwards.

Newtonmore took the lead on 25 minutes. An initial shot was saved with his hand by Skye keeper Gannon but Evan Menzies bundled the rebound over the line to make it 1-0.

Menzies got his and Newtonmore's second goal with a low shot from 20

yards out with just a couple of first half minutes remaining.

Skye started second half well and Newtonmore keeper Owen Fraser made a good stop with his feet to deny Danny Morrison a couple of minutes after the restart.

The Skye rearguard were defending well but there was little they could do on 55 minutes as Norman Campbell made it 3-0 with a 20-yard drive.

Substitute Iain Robinson made it 4-0 on 70 minutes, sending a low shot into the corner of the net.

Skye had made substitutions which aided them as an attacking force and, with six minutes remaining, a superb 20-yard shot from Jordan Murchison flew past Fraser to make it 4-1.

Skye were awarded a penalty on 88 minutes when referee Deek Cameron penalised Fraser for playing the ball while on the ground. Murchison made no mistake from the spot hit, sending a low shot into the corner of the net.

**Camanachd Cup – semi-finals**  
Saturday August 13

**Kinlochshiel 1  
Newtonmore 2**

Newtonmore are through to the Camanachd Cup final after they beat Kinlochshiel 2-1 at Bught Park.

Newtonmore took the lead on 39 minutes. Evan Menzies closed down a clearance on the Newtonmore left before playing the ball to Norman Campbell. Campbell moved away from goal before drifting the ball in to Glen MacKintosh, who took it down with his back to goal. MacKintosh made just enough space to shoot high towards the goal and although Scott Kennedy got a stick to the ball, he couldn't keep it out of the net.

Newtonmore doubled their lead on 68 minutes. A Neil Stewart shot from a

Jamie Robinson pass was deflected for a corner. Ackie MacRae sent in the corner from the right and, when the ball broke to Stewart, he sent a low strike into the net despite Scott Kennedy's attempts to keep the ball out with his feet.

'Shiel came within a whisker of pulling a goal back on 77 minutes. John MacRae found Jordan Fraser and his shot took a deflection off man of the match Steven MacDonald before spinning just past the post.

The Kinlochshiel goal was coming and it arrived following a set-piece a minute later. Oliver MacRae scooped the ball ahead of Keith MacRae who lost his marker and he sent a low strike into the net from just inside the D to make it 2-1.

Kinlochshiel continued to press but Newtonmore used their experience to see out the closing stages although they did have a couple of late scares. First, Finlay MacRae broke down the right and played a one-two with John MacRae but his ball into the D was bundled away for a corner at the back post by Rory Kennedy. Duncan 'DA' MacRae took over from Jordan Fraser before the corner was taken and, when it was, Fraser got his legs behind a Keith MacRae effort at his left post.

**Lochaber 2  
Oban Camanachd 4**

Oban Camanachd are through to the 2016 Camanachd Cup final after they defeated Lochaber 4-2 in their action-packed semi-final at Taynuilt.

Oban Camanachd took the lead when David Lafferty forced a corner on the Oban right which was taken by Scott MacMillan. The ball fell for Andrew MacCuish and his shot took a deflection off a Lochaber defender, wrong-footing keeper Callum MacDonald, to give Oban a 1-0 lead with eight minutes played.

Lochaber equalised on 18 minutes.

# Cup final



## Oban Camanachd

### Captains and coaches meet ahead of shinty's biggest sporting contest

THE captains and managers of Newtonmore and Oban Camanachd were in Fort William on Monday morning in advance of Saturday's Camanachd Cup final at An Aird.

Steven MacDonald, Newtonmore skipper, and James McMillan, captain of Oban, were in good form and appeared relaxed following convincing Marine Harvest Premiership wins for their teams at the weekend against Lovat and Fort William respectively.

Both players appreciate the significance of the Camanachd Cup competition and are looking forward to shinty's big day this weekend.

Thousands of spectators will attend the event. The Camanachd Cup final throws up at 2pm and will be televised live on BBC2 in Scotland.

Earlier in the day, at 11am, Skye take on Kingussie in the Kenneth MacMaster U14 Trophy final. Gates open from 10.30am and admission is £10 for adults, £5 concession and under-12s go free when accompanied by a paying adult.



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# McPhee labours to 20th at Misano



John McPhee, No 17, in action during a recent race. Photo: Bonnie Lane

CONNEL'S John McPhee was able to secure a 20th place finish from one of the toughest rounds of the season as a power imbalance prevented all Mahindra riders from making competitive progress through the field in the Moto3 World Championship at Misano.

### Moto3

The Racing Steps Foundation-backed rider was forced into a back-of-the-grid battle as his Peugeot-badged Mahindra chassis struggled with powering out of first-gear corners.

With four such corners around the T-shaped circuit, McPhee was forced to perform a challenge towards the mid-field.

McPhee made a good start to progress up three places to 25th, leading a group including works Aspar Mahindra rider Francesco Bagnaia, but over two seconds behind his Peugeot Saxoprint team-mate Albert Arenas and so no further opportunity to progress.

McPhee tussled at the front of the group, regularly exchanging places with Bagnaia, with McPhee setting personal best first and second sector times to snatch the place on the final

lap, but four seconds behind Arenas in 20th position.

After the race John said: 'The San Marino Grand Prix was a difficult weekend overall but it was nice to see that we became a little bit stronger during warm-up and also in the race.'

'It was really the same story as we've seen in the past - if we had a bad qualifying position it's difficult with this bike to come through the field.'

'However, again it proves that our bike doesn't really work at this track because all Mahindra and Peugeot riders were fighting together within one group with the points position difficult to reach. Nevertheless, I think we didn't do too bad a job as we managed to find a good speed and I settled into a good rhythm.'

'For the race we just made very small adjustments to the bike and in doing so we made some steps forward. It showed that our chassis is working well and we need to try to learn from this weekend and look forward to Aragon on September 25.'

Riders' championship		
Position	Rider	Pts
1	Brad Binder (RSA)	229
2	Enea Bastianini (ITA)	123
3	Jorge Navarro (SPA)	118
4	Nicolo Bulega (ITA)	114
5	Francesco Bagnaia (ITA)	110
6	Joan Mir (SPA)	106
7	Fabio Di Giannantonio (ITA)	98
8	Romano Fenati (ITA)	93
9	Jakub Kornfeil (CZE)	80
10	Niccolo Antonelli (ITA)	79
19	John McPhee (GBR)	45

## Away win for Argyll and Bute

Clydesdale	26
Argyll and Bute	44
BT West Division 4	

### Rugby

ARGYLL and Bute RFC travelled away from home on Saturday to take on struggling Clydesdale RFC.

On arrival at the pitch it was announced that the home side only had eight players available for the match. In keeping with the positive spirit of the game Argyll and Bute made some of their squad available to the hosts so that a 12-a-side match could be played.

Argyll and Bute ran out convincing 26-44 winners in an entertaining match.

Tries were scored by James Beckett, Daniel Broderick, Radu Maksimov (2) and Gin Tas (2).

The win lifts Argyll into top spot in the league ahead of this Saturday's home game against Glasgow University Medics who have had a strong start to the season. Kick-off is 3pm at Glencruitten.



Argyll and Bute pictured before Saturday's match.

## Make your way to Stornoway!

ALISTER MacArthur from Lochgilhead and Tarbert's Chris Robertson took their M R Motorsport Talbot Sunbeam on its summer holidays recently to the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

Rally Hebrides is a charity event, laid on with the sole purpose of raising as much money as possible for Macmillan Nurses. Competitors are invited to take part in a limited field of cars to entertain the crowds over two days and 11 stages of mixed surface rallying.

Alister and Chris attended last year and put on a tremendous show for the crowds at the final venue, Isle of Lewis Car Club's home track at Creed Park. They must have made an impression as they were immediately invited to attend again this year.

There are no clocks used in this rally, so no overall class positions. However, this also means that the competitors can take advantage of less pressure and push their cars beyond the normal limits of traction and seriously showcase their driving skills and nerve.

If you have never spectated at a rally or visited the beautiful island of Lewis then this provides the perfect way to tick both boxes. You simply will not find a warmer welcome in the motorsport calendar and the organisation and spectator facilities are second to none.

Watch out for the date for next year and get it marked off in your diary and make sure to book accommodation and the ferry at least four months in advance - the rally is that popular.



The M R Motorsport Sunbeam on the Turbine Stages above Stornoway.

# Inter-district under-14 and under-17 trial games held at Inveraray

ON SUNDAY September 4 players from across the South area converged on Inveraray to attend the inter-district trials at under-14 and under-17 age groups.

The trials are part of the selection process for the final South area squads which will compete against the North on September 25 at Fort William.

The under-14 age group got started shortly after 11am with a team from the Oban/Ballachulish/Central area competing against an All Stars select which comprised of players from the Central/Cowal and Bute and Mid Argyll areas.

The All Stars team found their feet well and started playing the better shinty, finding the net within a matter

of minutes. The Oban/Ballachulish/Central team were restricted to the occasional breakaway and, when they did, the experienced Cowal defenders managed to hold them at bay.

With this trend continuing throughout the first two sets of 30 minutes, the teams were then mixed up for the final third so that the area coaches, Les Kinvig and Paul MacArthur,

could try different players in different positions.

Although the predominantly Cowal side had won the game at the end of 60 minutes, the final 30 minutes proved to be a lot more competitive and enabled players to stake a strong claim to get into the final area squad.

The Oban area 17s came down for a 2pm start and competed against a

strong All Stars team, again made up of Central/Mid Argyll and Cowal and Bute players.

With the Oban 17s being among the best in the country, this format allowed the game to be competitive throughout and many of the players on show did themselves no harm in staking a claim for the final area squad. At the end of a thoroughly

### Youth shinty

entertaining match, the Oban team won 2-1.

Development officers Euan McMurdo and Paul MacArthur were delighted with the event and felt that a lot of the players on show should be proud of how they performed on the day.



The All Stars under-14 team with coach Paul MacArthur.



The Oban area under-17s with mascot Zara Easton.

# Lucky Ned Pepper takes the honours in round Shuna race

LIGHT conditions did not provide the most auspicious start for this year's Round Shuna Pursuit Race. However, the zephyrs finally filled in to a lovely breeze to ensure the success of this popular event run by Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC) off Craobh Haven.

Some 30 yachts competed with staggered start times according to handicap, the theory being all boats come together for a nail-biting finish. The option of circumnavigating the island to either hand adds to the skill of the chase. This year the best option was sailing north-about and



Winners of Round Shuna Pursuit Race – Matthew Anderson, Ritchie Marshall and Graham Anderson of Oban Sailing Club who were first across the line in Lucky Ned Pepper and winners of Class 1.

## Sailing

Graham Anderson of Oban and team on Lucky Ned Pepper took line honours in the fleet. They won the coveted case of champagne and the Camus Trophy as well as the Lord of the Isles Trophy for first in Class 1.

Colin Crawford's Nimrod, overall winner from last year, finished second in Class 1 with John Mill's Celerity third.

Class 2 was won by Brian Wiseman's Sorr of Appin with Guy Neville of Ardfern second in his Centurion Antares. Donald Smith of Kilmelford took third in Tilty Too. Class 3 saw a popular win for Findlay Clark and Ross Stewart, also from Kilmelford, in the club 19 Red October, the smallest of the keelboat fleet. Findlay was awarded the Giving Tree Trophy. Alan Manson in Dark Islander was second with Hamish Whyte in Rosie Keeping third.

The Flying Fifteen fleet split each way on rounding the island some heading north with some to the south. Iain Catterwell was first over the line in Enchantress from Ardfern's Clive Brown in Ffaolcuain and Jilly Wilson from Tayvallich third in Callipygous. Tony Tucker won the Piper Trophy for dinghies racing his Wayfarer Red Berret.

Feeder races The feeder races the previous day saw good breezes in general with the Oban fleet battling on the beat to Craobh. Billy



Prize-winners from the round Shuna race are pictured with Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club commodore Kenneth MacDonald far right.

Fortheith's Shadowfax helmed by son Steven, took the honours lifting the Kerrera Rose Bowl with Graham Anderson's Lucky Ned Pepper second and Andrew Chapman helming Amber Haze third.

Brian Wiseman and team on Sorr of Appin lifted the silverware in the Ardfern feeder for the keelboat section with Neil Manderson's Spirit second and Alan Gent-White with An Sulair third. The fleet raced on the beat down Loch Craignish before freeing off on a run to Craobh marina.

Jilly Wilson of Tayvallich took a well deserved first in Callipygous from Clive Brown's Ffaol-

cuain helmed by his 14-year-old grandson Callum Pollock with Russell and Heather Anderson's Toff placed third.

The CCYC race committee presented the best overall boat of the weekend with two first places to Brian Wiseman's Sorr of Appin who took home the Craobh Haven Challenge Cup.

Winning the best overall Flying Fifteen performance of the weekend was Clive Brown's Ffaolcuain helmed by his grandson Callum who lifted the Craignish Boat Club Trophy. Oban's Hot Toddy gained fame lifting the Brendan Bucket for the last boat home within the finish time!

CCYC commodore Ken MacDonald said it had been a very successful weekend and thanked everyone for participating.

'Everyone has really enjoyed another great weekend and our congratulations go to the winners.'

As well as thanking the Lord of the Isles and Craobh Marina for hosting the event he added his thanks to the CCYC race team. The commodore put a call out for new Corinthian members to participate in the various CCYC events. 'We look forward to seeing even more competitors at all our events next year,' he said.

# Youth rugby round-up

**Under 18s** Oban's under-18 side played their second home game of the season on Saturday, welcoming Ardrossan to Glencruitten.

The home side had their strongest squad of the season so far available and were confident on recording their first win.

Three players from Campbelltown and Murdo MacLennan from Mull bolstered the Oban squad on the day with the four travelling players being a much welcome addition to the team.

Oban started the game well and found themselves in a good attacking position on the tryline. Ardrossan turned the game on its head as they gathered the ball from an Oban knock-on at the tryline and broke free running the length of the pitch to score the first try of the game.

Xavier Rush opened the scoring for the home side shortly after narrowing the deficit to 7-5 before James Divers scored Oban's second try of the day to lead 12-7 after a conversion from Andrew Ritchie.

Oban were looking dangerous in attack with the forwards making good ground with the ball in hand and Kintyre duo of scrum-half Neil Gemmil and stand-off Owen Pickering

linking up well. Ardrossan hit back midway through the half, again against the run of play, to score their second try of the game and take a 14-12 lead.

Oban refused to let this dent their confidence as they scored two tries before the break through Daniel Speirs and Ben MacFarlane Barrow. At half-time the score stood at 22-14 to Oban.

Oban extended their lead into the second half with a try from Jack Strachan taking the score to 27-14.

Unfortunately the game was abandoned not long after this due to a serious arm injury suffered by an Ardrossan player.

Thoughts of all at Oban Lorne RFC are with the injured player and we wish him the best for a speedy recovery.

Oban U18s are away this Saturday to Birkmyre/ Garnock.

**Under16s** Oban's U16 rugby team have played two fixtures in the past week in what has been a busy start to the season.

On Wednesday the team travelled to Balforn in Stirlingshire to play in the first round of the U16 Scottish Schools Cup. Balforn edged a tight game 11-7 with Oban's try coming from Finbar Dunne.

## Youth rugby

On Sunday Oban were back in league action with an away game to Cambuslang. Missing several key players Oban still travelled with a squad of 16, some of whom were playing their first ever game of rugby.

Oban eventually went down 43-14 but played well despite the scoreline.

This Sunday Oban U16s are at home to Glasgow Hawks.

### Under 13/14

Oban's under-13 and under-14 rugby teams had no games at the weekend but are both in action at home this Sunday.

The U13s are at home to Waysiders and the U14s play Strathaven.

### T4 School Conference

Oban under-13 and under-14 school teams travelled to Newton Mearns on Thursday of last week to take on Belmont House School at Whitecraigs Rugby Cub in the T4 Schools Conference.

The U13s lost out 35-3 in an entertaining game while the U14s won 26-20.

This week Oban High play away to Shawlands at under-13, -14 and -16 level.



Rugby development officer Allan Wright looks on as young Megan Day heads for the tryline.

## Etive Vikings RFC host first Dalriada mini rugby festival of the season

ETIVE Vikings RFC hosted the first Argyll and Bute mini rugby festival of the season in Taynuilt on Sunday. Players from Etive Vikings, Oban, Mid Argyll and Mull all attended on the day.

The festival was split into the P4/5 and P6/7 age groups with encouraging numbers from the teams in attendance considering the festival was held so early in the season.

Hosts Etive Vikings won all of their games at each age level against some stern opposition. The quality of the play from all the players improved

over the course of the day, particularly with some strong tackling on show.

The festival ended with development games being played between the teams allowing the players to play with different teammates allowing the players to learn from each other.

Next Sunday the second festival of the season will take place in Lochgilphead hosted by Mid Argyll RFC. The event will begin at noon at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. The third festival of the season will take place on Sunday September 25 at Isle of Mull RFC.



## Glencruitten

THE medal finals were held at Glencruitten on Saturday with James Muir winning with a score of 66 - 3 = 63 (bih). Phillip Murphy was runner-up with a score of 64 - 1 = 63.

In the Family Cup on Sunday Kenny and Maureen Devine were the winners with a score of 95 - 20 = 75. Louise MacLeod and Donald McLennan were runners-up with a score of 98 - 23 = 75.

In the junior section Steven Murphy won the Treasury Cup with net scores of 61, 64 = 125.

The Dennis Cathro pairs (two ball better ball) takes place on Saturday.

## Islay

WESTERN Ferries played Sunday August 28 - 1 A MacAuley 41 Pts; 2 N Robertson 38 pts; 3 D Livingstone 37 pts.

September medal played Sunday September 4 - 1 J Rozga 76 - 6 net 70; 2 L Gairns 84 - 13 net 71; 3 R Sammels 83 - 12 net 71.

Summer league played Wednesday September 7 - 1 S Currie 39 pts; 2 P Kennedy 38 pts; 3 A Thomson 36 pts.

Lagavulin Trophy played Sunday September 11 - 1 J Rozga 79 - 6 net 73; 2 A Livingstone 87 - 12 net 75; 3 D Livingstone 84 - 8 net 76.

## Tobermory

MEDAL final for the President's Cup - 1 Tom Nunn 82-12-70; 2 Graham Davidson 77-07-70; 3 Ewan MacCrone 77-07-70.

Tobermory Trophy - 1 Richard Inglis 87-14-73; 2 John Weir 88-13-75; 3 Alastair MacLeod 100-20-80.

Ladies nine-hole stableford final - 1 Doris Hargreaves 12 points; 2 Rosalind Reid 8 points; 3 Kathy McAdam 8 points.

## Marine Harvest national awards Shinty

THE Camanachd Association, in partnership with Marine Harvest, is pleased to announce that nominations for the 2016 Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards are now open.

The online nomination process allows the public to have their say by nominating candidates for the various categories at <http://www.shinty.com/awards-2016>.

All nominations will then be put to the Camanachd Association awards committee which will choose the winners.

Nominations close on Monday October 3 at 5pm.

The winners will be announced at the Marine Harvest awards ceremony, which will take place in Inverness on Friday October 21, the evening before the Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international.

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# SHINTY

Best for all shinty news, results and fixtures

## Oban Celtic win South Division One

### Marine Harvest South Division 1

Kyles Athletic 1  
Oban Celtic 9

Oban Celtic clinched the Marine Harvest South Division 1 title and promotion to the Marine Harvest National Division with an emphatic 9-1 win over Kyles Athletic's second team in their 3pm throw up at Tighnabruaich.

Kyles Athletic's keeper Douglas Nicholson was with the first team, as was Cammy Jack.

Celtic travelled without David Graham, Daniel MacMillan, Fraser MacMillan, Ewan MacCorquodale, Gerry Kilmurray, Zander Kilmurray and John Hill.

The pitch at Tighnabruaich proved to be a test for both teams as the heavy rain mid-week dampened the surface.

Oban came out all guns blazing and opened the scoring inside the first 90 seconds through Ally McKerracher.

Kyles equalised on 13 minutes, courtesy of a great Rupert Williamson shot which went in off the post.

Angry with themselves at the loss of the goal, Celtic replied instantly through a Neil Carmichael goal on 14 minutes.

Celtic's David MacInnes, George McMillan and Rory Bruce were beginning to control things in the middle of the park and provided the platform for Daniel Madej to add a third on 26 minutes.

The Oban side showed they had more to offer in the second half and six more goals followed. Neil Carmichael led the way as he completed his hat trick with goals on 56 and 58 minutes.

Iain MacKechnie got involved to grab a sixth on 61 minutes and, three minutes later, Daniel Madej made it 7-1 with his second goal of the afternoon.

Kyles didn't lie down and moments later a spectacular goal bound strike was brilliantly taken out of the air by Celtic's Davidson in goal.

Hungry for more, Oban Celtic player/manger Kenny Wotherspoon asked more of his players and Ally McKerracher completed his hat trick with goals on 76 and 88 minutes to complete the scoring.

Both sets of supporters, including injured Scotland internationalist Grant Irvine in the home ranks, applauded

the victors who can now look forward to Marine Harvest National Division shinty next season.

After the match, Oban Celtic manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'We have achieved our main objective for the season. I'm new to management but the response I have had from the players, the supporters and everyone involved with the club, especially Davy Hamilton, has been excellent. We will enjoy this and it's great for Oban as a whole.'

'We wish Oban Camanachd all the best in the Scottish Cup Final this weekend. As for next year, the National Division awaits. I'm still undecided whether or not I will carry on as manager - time will tell - but I'm just delighted for the club to finally get their hands on some silverware.'

### Strathdearn Cup Final

Lochcarron 4  
Glenurquhart 1

Marine Harvest North Division 2 side Lochcarron won the Strathdearn Cup with a 4-1 win over Glenurquhart's second team in their 3pm throw up at Castle Leod.

Lochcarron, with Peter MacKenzie dominating the centre line, got off to a great start when player/manger Alan MacKay scored a well-worked goal after three minutes. MacKay controlled a ball from the right, before turning and sending the ball into the corner of the net past an unsuspecting Cameron MacLennan in the 'Glen' goal.

Lochcarron's Peter MacKenzie continued to boss the game in midfield with Glenurquhart's hitting out of defence not up to their usual standard.

Glenurquhart made changes, with Stuart Reid going from midfield to attack and Cairn Urquhart moving in the opposite direction. This helped their cause and 'Glen' danger-man James MacPherson levelled three minutes before the break.

MacPherson, with his back to goal, held off a couple of heavy challenges on the left before sending a screaming shoulder-high, back-hand shot across keeper Matthew Young on his left side. It was a great goal which made it 1-1.

Lochcarron lost the influential Peter MacKenzie through the recurrence of an ankle

injury suffered in the semi-final win over Skye and Crisdean Finlayson came on at full centre in his place.

Both teams made changes at the break. Peter MacKenzie came back on for Lochcarron with Crisdean Finlayson going to full forward and Alan MacKay coming off. Youngster Finlay Ralston, who went on to play well, replaced Callum Miller for Glenurquhart.

Lochcarron came within a whisker of going back in front when Sean MacCuish got onto the end of a cross from the right, but he sent the ball the wrong side of the post.

The west coast side's Peter MacKenzie was again withdrawn 10 minutes into the second half, with Rory MacKenzie taking over.

Glenurquhart were more in the game now, but it was Lochcarron who would score three more times to lift the trophy. It was slightly against the run of play when Crisdean Finlayson put Lochcarron back in front on 69 minutes. Finlayson came deep to collect the ball and it opened up for him to turn and hit a shot from distance which beat the keeper to make it 2-1.

Nick Dalgety scored from close in to make it 3-1 on 71 minutes and Lochcarron were 4-1 to the good with just 13 minutes remaining when Crisdean Finlayson punished a mistake in the 'Glen' defence.

Glenurquhart had chances in the game but Lochcarron, with Liam Arnott the best player on the park, took their opportunities and captain Peter MacKenzie was presented with the Strathdearn Cup.

Martin MacLean was the match referee.

### Bullough Cup Final

Tayforth 4  
Kilmory 3

Tayforth survived a second half fight-back to beat Kilmory 4-3 and win the Bullough Cup at Strachurmore.

The sides are currently going head-to-head for the Marine Harvest South Division 2 title with Tayforth edging their only league meeting so far.

The first half belonged to Tayforth who were 3-0 ahead midway through the half thanks to a Conor Sweeney double on 18 and 20 minutes and a goal from Orsten Gardner a couple



A jubilant Oban Celtic squad celebrate after winning the South Division One championship following a 9-1 win over Kyles Athletic at Tighnabruaich last Saturday.

of minutes later. Kilmory hadn't played a competitive match since mid-July, which would not have helped their cause.

When Andy Scott made it 4-0 on 36 minutes, the final outcome looked inevitable.

Kilmory were a different proposition in the second half though scoring three quick goals to get back in the contest. John Strachan pulled a goal back on 48 minutes and Steven Walsh on 51 minutes and Alex Cunningham a minute later made it 4-3.

Kilmory had a great chance to make it 4-4 when they were awarded a penalty in injury time. But on a heavy surface, Ally Cunningham didn't catch the ball as he would have liked and his effort went past the post.

Tayforth goalie Steven Thomson then made a good save from Alex Cunningham at the death to prevent the final going into extra-time and Tayforth took the spoils.

Ross Brown was the match referee.

### Marine Harvest Premiership

Newtonmore 5  
Lovat 0

League leaders Newtonmore now only need five points from their five remaining league fixtures to clinch a seventh successive Marine Harvest Premiership title after they beat Lovat 5-0 at the Eilan.

It was a game Newtonmore never looked like losing right from the moment Neil Stewart gave them a third minute lead. Stewart opened the scoring with a long-range shot, sending the ball high into the net.

Norman Campbell made it 2-0 on 20 minutes from a similar distance. Lovat keeper Stuart MacDonald got a touch to the ball but couldn't keep it out of the net.

Evan Menzies added a third a couple of minutes before the break when he found the back of the net from a tight angle around 12 yards from goal.

Neil Stewart got his second on 57 minutes with a neat finish from the edge of the 'D'.

Fraser MacKintosh finished the scoring after a scramble on the penalty spot, striking the ball into the bottom corner of the net to make it 5-0.

Next up for Newtonmore is the Camanachd Cup Final meeting against Oban Camanachd at An Aird this coming Saturday.

Chris Sellar is their main injury doubt with an infected knee but he will train during the week and be given every chance to prove his fitness.

### Oban Camanachd 4 Fort William 1

Oban Camanachd stay second in shinty's top division after they overcame already relegated Fort William 4-1 at Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd's Garry Lord returned to side after suspension and he started in defence.

Fort William were without Arran MacPhee and Jack Fraser who travelled to Portree with their reserves.

Oban Camanachd took the lead after 26 minutes. An Andrew McCuish shot was

above the keeper's head before he could raise his stick.

It was a great goal and the win sets Oban Camanachd up nicely for the biggest match of the season this coming Saturday when they face Newtonmore in the Camanachd Cup Final at An Aird. Daniel Cameron and Andrew McCuish both needed stitches to head cuts after taking knocks in the Fort William match but both will be fine for the final, as will young Ross MacMillan who was an unused substitute against the Fort.

### Lochaber 4



Kilmallie's Duncan Rodger tackles Alan Clark from Ballachulish during last Saturday's National Division match.

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### Kinlochshiel 2

Lochaber secured an important win, and an invaluable two points, when they beat Kinlochshiel 4-2 at Spean Bridge.

Kinlochshiel took the lead after five minutes. Home keeper Callum MacDonald stopped a shot from distance with his hand but he kicked the ball as it landed and referee Calum Girvan pointed to the penalty spot. Jordan Fraser dispatched the spot-hit with his usual assurance.

It took a fantastic Callum MacDonald save to stop 'Shiel doubling their lead.

Lochaber boss Ally Ferguson gave youngster Findlay MacDonald a start and he repaid his manager's faith in his ability when he drew the home side level on 20 minutes. MacDonald hit the ball on his left side from the left wing and it flew across the keeper, high into the net.

Finlay MacDonald was instrumental in Lochaber's second goal on 28 minutes when he got himself into a shooting position but was brought down inside the D and referee Girvan once more pointed to the spot. The home support held their

breath as Shaun Nicolson's penalty eluded the keeper at his left-hand post and the goal put Lochaber 2-1 in front.

John MacRae looked to have earned 'Shiel a point when he made it 2-2 with 20 minutes to go after Lochaber had failed to clear the ball just outside their 'D'.

The Lochaber camp, and substitute Danny Delaney in particular, had other ideas and they dominated the remainder of the game. Danny Delaney had come on for his brother Ben Delaney at full forward and he struck an unstoppable 15-yard shot into the net to make it 3-2 on 80 minutes.

Delaney repeated the feat a minute later when he made it 4-2 with another rasping shot.

This was a good contest with both teams fighting hard until the end. Zandz Ferguson, back in the first team after a spell abroad, had a cracking game at buckshee back for Lochaber. Martin Johnstone had an excellent game on the wing, whilst Brian MacDonald had a great game at full centre against 'Shiel's Finlay MacRae.

The relegation battle continues with eighth-placed Lochaber now three points ahead of Skye, although the islanders have a game in hand.

Seventh-placed Glenurquhart are two points better off than Lochaber, but they have played a game more. Lochaber and Glenurquhart are scheduled to meet at Spean Bridge in a fortnight's time.

### Skye Camanachd 2 Kyles Athletic 4

Skye Camanachd's relegation fears increased when they let a two goal lead slip, going down 4-2 to Kyles Athletic at Pairn nan Laoch, Portree.

Skye were without the injured Kenny Campbell, Iain Nicolson who was working and Steven Morrison who was a late call-off.

Kyles travelled with just 12 recognised players and coach James Perlich was their only substitute. They gave Cammy Jack a first senior start.

Will Cowie sent a low drive from the right past Kyles reserve keeper Douglas Nicholson into the corner of the net to give Skye the lead.

The home team put themselves in a good position to get that elusive first top flight win when Ally 'Spod' MacLeod rifled the ball into the net to make it 2-0 on 38 minutes following a Danny Morrison corner from the Skye right.

Kyles, however, with Donald Irvine at full centre, took control in the second half.

Roddy MacDonald reduced the deficit on 53 minutes when he scored following a Gordon



Kingussie's Robert Mabon and Glenurquhart's Conor Golabek in a tussle for the ball during last Saturday's Premiership encounter at Drumnadrochit which the red and blacks won 3-1. Photo: Neil Paterson



## Camanachd Cup Macaulay Cup MacTavish Cup Celtic Society Cup

## Sutherland Cup Balliemore Cup Strathdearn Cup Bullough Cup

Whyte free-hit. Sandy MacKenzie levelled the contest on 62 minutes when he got onto a Roddy MacDonald ball to score.

The same two players struck again to give Kyle the points. A long Robbie MacLeod shy dropped for Sandy MacKenzie to make it 3-2 on 70 minutes.

Roddy MacDonald made it 4-2 on 76 minutes after a driving Sandy MacKenzie run from the left.

### Glenurquhart 3 Kingussie 1

Glenurquhart put any relegation fears to one side as they beat Kingussie 3-1 in their noon throw up at Blairbeg.

Keeper Stuart MacKintosh was still out for the 'Glen' and will likely miss the rest of the season. With second team goalie Cameron MacLennan between the sticks in the Strathdearn Cup final, veteran Iain MacLeod was keeper for the day. David Smart's injury will also keep him out for the remainder of this term.

However Lewis MacLennan, back from the Isle of Muck to watch his brother Drew MacLennan play in the Strathdearn Cup Final later in the afternoon, started at wing forward.

Kingussie were still without the injured Ryan Borthwick, with Louis Munro also unavailable. Savio Genini also missed out so Roddy Young was in the attack and Lee Bain started at full back.

Glenurquhart started well and Michael Fraser sent a clever pass to Connor Golabek who took a shot on the run but Craig Dawson saved well with his stick.

There was a flair up between Fraser Heath and Thomas Borthwick on 12 minutes which saw referee Andy MacLean, refereeing his first match at premiership level, show a yellow card to both players.

Michael Fraser's intelligent use of the ball set up the opening goal on 17 minutes when he again picked out Connor Golabek whose low drive from the left of the penalty spot nestled into the back of the net.

Kingussie's Roddy Young did well to hold off his marker midway through the half but his shot hit the side-netting.

Kingussie drew level on 31 minutes when Thomas Borthwick hit a firm shot through a crowded goal area with the keeper unsighted.

Glenurquhart replaced Andrew Corrigan with Neale Reid just before the break but it was Kingussie who started to control the midfield.

The home side almost went back in front on 65 minutes when Andrew Corrigan, now back on the pitch, pushed the ball goalwards towards an empty net but Kingussie defender Robert Mabon did well to clear the ball off the line.

Glenurquhart regained the lead on 77 minutes. Lewis MacLennan picked up a clearance out of the Kingussie defence on the 'Glen' left and Connor Golabek was again in the right place at the right time to crash the ball into the net off the keeper to make it 2-1.

Glenurquhart sealed the win in injury time when Neale Reid struck a clean shot into the net to make it 3-1.

The early throw up allowed the Glenurquhart players and officials to head to Castle Leod to watch their second team play in the Strathdearn Cup Final against Lochcarron.

### Marine Harvest National Division

#### Kilmallie 7 Ballachulish 0

Kilmallie will play Marine Harvest Premiership shinty next season after defeating Ballachulish 7-0 in their 3pm throw up at the Canal Parks.

Liam MacDonald bagged a hat-trick, Michael Rodger scored twice and a Martin Stewart penalty and a goal from Duncan Rodger, back in the side after suspension, completed the triumph.

The win meant Kilmallie also lifted the Iain Aitchison Memorial Cup.

Kilmallie travel to second placed Glasgow Mid Argyll in a fortnight's time and a win would give them the title.

#### Glasgow Mid Argyll 5 Bute 0

After two successive league draws, Glasgow Mid Argyll got back on their winning ways when they beat Bute 5-0 at Yoker.

Calum MacRae gave GMA a four minute lead and John McNulty on 19 minutes and Mark Bain on 33 minutes had them 3-0 ahead at the break.

GMA extended their lead four minutes into the second half thanks to a second from Mark Bain.

Euan Forsyth made it 5-0 10 minutes from time. Second-placed GMA are now two points ahead of third-placed Inveraray with a game in hand.

GMA need just one more point to clinch a spot in the Marine Harvest Premiership next season.

#### Inveraray 4 Beaulie 4

Inveraray and Beaulie's promotion hopes are hanging by a thread after they drew 4-4 at the Winterton.

Lewis Montgomery remained on the Inveraray injury list whilst Allan MacDonald, Fraser Watt and Grant Griffin were also missing. Garry MacPherson was also sidelined but is making a good recovery from an eye injury. Inveraray U17 player Ruaraidh Graham started in an unfamiliar

attacking role, along with Ally MacDonald, Andrew McMurdo and the more recognised forward Lewis MacNicol. David MacPherson was drafted in at wing centre, as was youngster Allan Cameron.

Beaulie's Jack MacDonald was free of suspension, but Ryan MacKay served the second game of a two-match ban.

Heavy rain during the week had left the pitch soft but there was the added attraction of a music festival taking place in the castle gardens, including acts such as *Manran*, which provided background music during the whole of the match.

Beaulie started well and took the lead when Marc MacLachlan sent a rocket-shot into the roof of the net.

Good build-up play from Lewis MacNicol set up an early equalising chance for Andrew McMurdo and he netted with a half-volley.

Inveraray went ahead in fortunate circumstances when the visiting keeper misjudged a Lewis MacNicol effort and the ball ended up in the net. But Conor Ross finished well, making it 2-2, and it stayed that way until the break.

Inveraray swapped Ruaraidh Graham for David Robertson at the break and there were to be three quick goals during the first 10 minutes of the second half. Andrew McMurdo got his second to put Inveraray 3-2 ahead when he was first onto a rebound off the keeper. Beaulie equalised straight away. Referee Deek Cameron pointed

to the penalty spot, penalising Ross Montgomery for heading the ball and Jack MacDonald made it 3-3 with a sweetly struck spot-hit.

Some good stick-work from Lewis MacNicol gave Andrew McMurdo the chance to complete his hat-trick from inside the 'D'. And McMurdo, playing in the old fashioned full forward role, finished well although Beaulie could have defended the situation better.

Inveraray, with youngster Allan Cameron playing well throughout in midfield, introduced another U17 player, Robert Wood, at full back, but Beaulie, with David MacLean superb again in midfield, had the final say and they earned a point thanks to a late Jack MacDonald strike which gave the keeper no chance.

It was a share of the points that probably suited neither team's promotion push.

#### Skye Camanachd 2 Fort William 3

The Fort William second team collected what could be two valuable points when they beat their Skye Camanachd counter-parts 3-2 in their noon throw up at Paire nan Laoch, Portree.

Fort William took the lead after nine minutes when Mark Fraser found Arran MacPhee to the left of the 'D' and slotted the ball home.

Grant Disher made it 2-0 a minute before the break with Mark Fraser again the supplier.

The next goal was always going to be important and it came on 53 minutes when Arran MacPhee took advantage after the Skye keeper misjudged a Lewis Clark ball into the 'D' and MacPhee rolled the ball home to make it 3-0.

Skye rallied late in the game and substitute Iain 'Spod' MacLeod sent a great strike into the top corner of the net on 83 minutes with Iain MacLellan the provider.

David Grant slipped the ball to Daniel Morrison who netted with a well-struck shot on 89 minutes but the Fort, with JD MacMaster and Jack Fraser always influential, saw out a minute of injury time to take two valuable points.

#### Kinlochshiel 3 Newtonmore 4

Newtonmore's second team survived a late scare to beat the Kinlochshiel seconds 4-3 at Kirkton to win the Marine Harvest North Division 1. Iain Robinson gave New-



The victorious Lochcarron Team pictured with the Strathdearn Cup after their 4-1 win over Glenurquhart. Photo: Neil Paterson

tonmore a 10-minute lead and a Duncan Gorman goal on 28 minutes made it 2-0 at the break.

Neil Fraser got 'Shiel back into the game with a goal on the hour, only for Duncan Gorman to restore the visitors' two goal advantage five minutes later with his second goal of the game.

Another from Iain Robinson made it 4-1 on 75 minutes but 'Shiel rallied and Neil Fraser completed his hat-trick, finding the back of the net on 85 and 86 minutes to make it 4-3.

Newtonmore saw out the closing stages and there was further celebration for the men from the Eilan when news filtered through that their Badenoch rivals Kingussie seconds had done them a favour by beating second place Strathglass 3-1, giving 'More the title with two league matches remaining.

#### Kingussie 3 Strathglass 1

The Kingussie reserves beat Strathglass 3-1 at the Dell.

Kevin Thain scored twice for the 'Kings' with Ruaraidh Anderson getting the other. Scott Douglass notched the Strathglass goal.

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### Marine Harvest South Division 1

#### Lochside Rovers P Aberdour P

There was disappointment for Lochside Rovers and Aberdour as their 3pm throw up at Ganavan was postponed because of an unplayable field.

#### Glenorchy P Taynuilt P

The game between Glenorchy and Taynuilt was called off on Saturday morning as Mart Park was deemed unplayable.

### Marine Harvest North Division 2 Inverness 5

#### Strathspey Camanachd 4

The Inverness second team came from three goals down to edge out Strathspey Camanachd 5-4 at Bught Park. A Mathew Davis goal on 12 minutes followed by a Chris Cameron brace on 18 and 25 minutes had the visitors 3-0 ahead.

Matthew Ross pulled a goal back for Inverness five minutes later but a Graham Shand strike on 37 minutes left Strathspey in a strong position.

However, Inverness, who had Scotland U21 hopeful Charlie MacDonald in their side, pulled another goal back 3 minutes before the break with MacDonald on target.

Charlie MacDonald did his chances of catching Scotland U21 Head Coach Allan MacRae's eye no harm when he netted on 71 minutes to make it 4-3. Stuart MacRae drew the sides level with an effort four minutes from time and Charlie MacDonald had the final say when he put Inverness in front for the first time in the match, making it 5-4 with just a couple of minutes remaining.

#### Kilmallie P Boleskine P

The noon throw up between the Kilmallie second team and Boleskine was postponed on Friday afternoon as the Canal Parks was ruled unplayable.

### Marine Harvest South Division 2

#### Dunoon Camanachd P Aberdour P

The match between Dunoon Camanachd and Aberdour's second team was postponed because of an unplayable pitch.



Lochcarron captain Peter MacKenzie lifts the Strathdearn Cup. Photo: Donald Cameron

### Youth shinty

#### National U14 Development Trophy - Final

#### Ballachulish U14 11 Glengarry U14 1

Ballachulish Under 14 beat Glengarry Under 4 11-1 to lift the National Under 14 Development Trophy following their 11am throw up at Jubilee park.

The final was originally scheduled for Spean Bridge but there was a switch of venue late in the week with concerns that the pitch couldn't take two matches because of the heavy rain which hit the west.

Marcus Pence was 'Balla's' top scorer with five goals. David Wilson and Robert Middleton bagged doubles whilst Lewis Moran and Logan Thompson got the others. Mungo Blakey notched a consolation goal for 'Garry.



### Fixtures

#### Saturday September 17 Camanachd Cup Final

Newtonmore v Oban Camanachd  
Robert Baxter  
2pm throw up At An Aird, Fort William.

#### MacMaster Cup Final - National Under 14 Competition

Kingussie v Skye  
John Wood  
11am throw up At An Aird, Fort William.

#### Sunday September 18 Womens Camanachd Association

Marine Harvest  
North Div 2  
Inverness v Glengarry  
Lovat v Strathspey  
Strathglass v Glenurquhart

#### Marine Harvest South Div 2

Ardnamurchan v Fort William  
Cowal and Bute v Glasgow  
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### Results

#### Saturday September 10 Strathdearn Cup Final

Lochcarron 4-1 Glenurquhart

#### Bullough Cup Final

Tayforth 4-3 Kilmory

#### Marine Harvest Premiership

Glenurquhart 3-1 Kingussie  
Lochaber 4-2 Kinlochshiel  
Newtonmore 5-0 Lovat  
Oban Caman 4-1 Fort William  
Skye 2-4 Kyles Athletic

#### Marine Harvest National Division

Glasgow MA 5-0 Bute  
Inveraray 4-4 Beaulie  
Kilmallie 7-0 Ballachulish

#### Marine Harvest North Division 1

Kinlochshiel 3-4 Newtonmore  
Kingussie 3-1 Strathglass  
Skye 2-3 Fort William

#### Marine Harvest South Division 1

Glenorchy P-P Taynuilt  
Unplayable field  
Kyles Athletic 1-9 Oban Celtic  
Lochside Rovers P-P Aberdour  
Unplayable field

#### Marine Harvest North Division 2

Inverness 5-4 Strathspey  
Kilmallie P-P Boleskine  
Unplayable field

#### Marine Harvest South Division 2

Dunoon P-P Aberdour  
Unplayable field



Lochcarron's Criosdain Finlayson and Glenurquhart's Drew MacLennan in action during last Saturday's Strathdearn Cup final at Castle Leod, Strathpeffer. Photo: Donald Cameron



Tayforth's Orsten Gardner is the meat in a Kilmory sandwich between Craig Taylor and Colin Campbell during the Bullough Cup final held at Strachur.

## First floodlit Friday sees Lorne defeat Irvine

Oban Lorne	16
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<b>BT West Division 1</b>	

OBAN Lorne won their first game of the season in the club's first ever Friday night game played under floodlights at Glencruitten.

A midweek request by the opposition to move the game was approved by Oban Lorne, who worked hard throughout the week to make the floodlights up to match standard. Many thanks goes to Burdens for supplying additional lights and to Hamish Matheson at Lonan Properties who sponsored them.

The Friday night fixture was a welcome change for the Oban Lorne squad who now had twins Cameron and Struan Smith available for the first time this season. Both went straight into the starting line-up along with Radi Maksimov at hooker, Lorne MacLachlan at flanker and Vasco Borisov at scrum-half, meaning Finlay Carmichael started at stand-off. Irvine kicked off at Glencruitten under referee Willie Malone's instruction, with the sides watched by a large crowd and the underfoot pitch condi-

tions very favourable considering the afternoon's rain.

The visitors made a good start to the match and pressurised the Oban half after a clever kick from their No 10 that gave them some good field position to work with. Oban cleared with a long kick from Finlay Carmichael to ease the pressure.

Oban created the first scoring opportunity in the game within the first 10 minutes. From a scrum in their own half, Oban played a well-worked back row move with the ball eventually finding captain Craig Wright who went on to break into the 22 but was eventually brought down by an equally fast Irvine defender.

The Green Machine were now pressurising the Irvine line. Debutant hooker Radi Maksimov was unlucky not to score and was brought down by a high tackle on the tryline. Frustratingly from the resulting five-metre scrum, Oban conceded a penalty and the visitors cleared.

The hosts remained in their own half and eventually won a kickable penalty after 15 minutes. Carmichael stepped up and slotted it over with ease for a 3-0 lead.

### Rugby

A period of play began with both sides hungry to move the ball around but were being undone by several handling errors.

This proved to be Irvine's downfall when on 30 minutes their outside centre fumbled the ball in the Oban half. Craig Wright reacted quickly to this and hacked the ball through under the posts and managed to gather and touch down ahead of Irvine's scrambling defence. Carmichael converted for a 10-0 Oban lead.

Irvine hit back almost immediately from the kick off reducing the score to 10-3. Oban though regained their lead, again immediately from the kick-off when winger Tom Harrison was shoulder-charged by a defender. Carmichael again made the visitors pay and Oban regained a 10-point lead.

Just before half-time the weather conditions took a turn for the worse with severe gales blowing across the pitch and heavy rain falling, making conditions very difficult for players and supporters alike.

The teams survived to the half-



Craig Wright touches down for the first try under the lights at Glencruitten. Photos: Stephen Lawson

time break when Oban freshened up the pack with two front row changes – Robin Macqueen replacing Radi Maksimov and Carl Lay coming on for Connor Ferris.

Weather conditions worsened at the start of the second half. This, however, could not deter Carmichael from extending the lead to 16-3 as he slotted over a difficult penalty kick only two minutes into the half.

Irvine had more of the ball for the next 15 minutes or so as they looked to get back into the game. Oban's defence was superb and kept any attacking opportunities to a minimum. On 55 minutes, Oban managed to clear their lines after a superb tackle from replacement winger Alessandro Favro resulted in a penalty for Oban Lorne.

Five minutes later, Oban again turned the ball over as Lorne MacLachlan worked hard in the tackle to win the ball and another penalty for the home side.

From the resulting lineup 10 metres from the line, prop Carl Lay made a storming run only to be brought down short of the line.

Oban suffered from a bout of 'white line fever' and could

not convert the pressure into a score, panicking on a loose ball and giving the defence a scrum after a knock-on.

Oban managed to win the ball back in the scrum but again panicked with the move resulting in a poor drop goal attempt from Dave McCabe. After wasting two clear opportunities to score, Irvine broke upfield quickly and kicked into Oban's half.

The visitors pressured the line and had a try disallowed for crossing. Irvine attacked the line again and were unlucky not to score with a kick over the whitewash that was taken over by an Oban defender.

Irvine scored after a move from a resulting five-metre scrum to reduce the score to 16-10 and bring them right back into the game.

The Oban support and management team were extremely frustrated at watching their team look certain to score then allow the opposition to break free and hit back for a way into the match.

The Green Machine had the best of the closing 10 minutes of the game, dominating possession of the ball close to the Irvine line.

Play was stopped with a head injury to an Irvine player after a strong run at the line from Cammy Smith. Oban again failed to capitalise on their good attacking position as the opposition relieved the pressure and the game fizzled out into a hard-fought win for Oban Lorne.

Oban deserved to win the game after controlling the majority of play, but need to become more clinical in finishing off promising attacks.

The performance of the Oban pack was outstanding with prop Tommy Sutherland in particular having a great game.

This was a much improved performance from last week's 30-15 loss at Allan Glen's with Irvine providing a very tough test for the Oban team.

Oban's attention turns to Saturday's league fixture away to Kilmarnock.

The men in green won both games against Kilmarnock last season with the away victory in January being one of Oban's best performances on the road in recent seasons with a 34-21 win. Kick-off is 3pm.

Oban Lorne's next home game is against Newton Stewart on Saturday September 24.

## Saints game called off

### Football

OBAN Saints' senior team were due to travel to play Inverclyde in a premier division league match last Saturday but, after an 8.30pm pitch inspection, the playing surface at Rankin Park was deemed unplayable and the game had to be called off.

This was a pity as Saints have no game for the next two weeks. The Oban side asked for a free Saturday this weekend so their players can go and watch Oban Camanachd in the Camanachd Cup final and the following Saturday is the September weekend holiday break when no fixtures are allocated.

However, to combat this lack of action, manager Alex Craik organised a full-scale practice match for his squad on Wednesday night and they will travel to take on West of Scotland League side South Lochaber Thistle at Kinlochleven on Wednesday September 21, kicking off at 7.15pm.

After defeating Finnart away from home in the first round of the Scottish Cup, Saints have been given a home tie against Bishopton in the second round. The game will take place at Glencruitten on Saturday October 1 kicking off at 2pm.

Saints have been drawn away in the second round of the West of Scotland Cup to Petershall Villa. This game will be played at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge, on October 22.

## Scottish AFL results and fixtures

### Football

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division – Inverclyde v Oban Saints, postponed; Premier Division 2A – Port Glasgow OBU v Lochgilphead Red Star, postponed; Premier Division 2B – Clarendon v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils v St Joseph's FP; Oban Saints no game; Premier Division 2A – Lochgilphead Red Star v East Kilbride YM; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert no game.



Conditions deteriorated as the match wore on.

## Oban Saints' youth results and fixtures

### Youth football

LAST weekend's results: Singer Community 3, Under-13s 4. Scoring for Saints were Innes MacDonald, William Duncan, Thomas McCrindle and Kieran MacLarty. Under-14s, no game; Under-15s, no game; Antonine 0, Under-16s 5. On target for Saints were Keir MacLean (3), Cameron Kerr and Ben Smith Under-17s, no game.

This weekend's fixtures: Eddlewood v Under-13s; Under-14s v Hillwood; Under-15s v Milngavie; Under-16s, no game; Under-17s, no game.

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## Narrow defeat for Isle of Mull

Glasgow Uni Medics	22
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THE ISLE of Mull rugby team narrowly lost out after dominating another away match with a bare minimum of players.

It was déjà vu for the islanders as they made the drive down to Glasgow in blazing sunshine with 15 players and no chance of substitutions. Facing newcomers to the league Glasgow University Medics, were two debutantes for the adult team, Stuart MacLean and Kyle Mealand.

Kicking off, the boys from Mull had a great start with a penalty conversion, then a try from the half-way line by vice-captain

Alex Craig. Accurate kicking from Fionnphort's Malcolm Macdougall ensured maximum points. Despite dominant pressure, especially during the scrum, defensive errors allowed the future doctors three tries in the rest of the half so the score at the break was 19-10.

An emboldened Mull ran out for the second half, and within minutes Tony Haunschmidt scored a bulldozing try, putting the Muileachs only a few points from victory at 19-17. The rest of the second half turned out to be nail-biter as they tried to capitalise on their domination of the front row. With 10 minutes to go, Mull were reduced to 14 men, Ruaridh Bartholomew being side-lined with a head

### Rugby

injury. In the final moments, the home team converted a penalty to make the final score 22-17.

Mull captain Craig O'Donnell said: 'It was another extremely frustrating and disappointing result for Mull. We failed to capitalise on the chances we had today, but the 15 players we had put in a huge shift and dominated the game. We have a bonus point, no long-term injuries and are now looking forward our first home game of the season this Saturday.'

Isle of Mull RFC's next game is this Saturday, against Cowal RFC with kick-off at 2pm and all are most welcome.



A scrum during Saturday's match between Glasgow University Medics and the Isle of Mull.

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# Traffic 'chaos' as 800 bikes clash with shinty showpiece

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MOTORISTS are being warned of 'delays, frustration and chaos' as 800 cyclists are set to descend upon Fort William in the next two days.

The 800 bike riders are taking part in the Deloitte-sponsored Ride Across Britain which will see them travel almost 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in nine days. The event coincides with the Camanachd Cup final in Fort William on Saturday.

The bikers will begin the longest leg of the journey, from Hamilton to Fort William, tomorrow (Friday September 16), with plans to

be on the A82 from mid morning until around 8pm.

And Saturday will see the riders back on the road travelling from the town to Fort Augustus, before heading up the east side of Loch Ness.

The timing of the event was branded 'utter madness' by Fort William councillor and chairman of the A82 Partnership, Brian Murphy, who said: 'To arrive in Fort William on a Friday afternoon is utter madness. Traffic travelling north out of Fort William on a Friday afternoon in a normal week faces significant delays. I cannot imagine the impact of an additional 800 cyclists on this traffic flow.'

He added that 'groups of up to 50 cyclists will cause significant delays and resulting frustration'.

It was also noted that on Saturday Fort William will host the Camanachd Cup shinty final, for which thousands of people are set to flock to An Aird.

A spokesperson for the A82 partnership said: 'Because this is not a race, the organisers do not need permission although they have liaised with officials in Glasgow who appear unaware of the negative impact on the economy and the lives of the people of the West Highlands and islands of this event.'

Alan Kimber, a keen cyclist and retired mountain guide who now runs holiday accommoda-

tion in Fort William, told *The Oban Times*: 'We should lobby to ban such events, unless the organisers can be forced to pay the police or other agencies for proper road management.'

'I'm a touring cyclist myself and know only too well how a single bicycle can cause problems. However, hundreds of bicycles together on our narrow roads will always cause problems and frustration, leading to potentially fatal accidents.'

The Ride Across Britain suffered a fatality in 2014 resulting in the journey along the A82 being curtailed as cyclists were bussed to their overnight stop at Torlundy.

Mr Kimber continued: 'Many

bicycle trails alongside roads are just a joke. I'll often avoid bicycle trails due to the poor maintenance and directions taken by the trails.'

'Don't put cyclists on a pavement with pedestrians - put them on a wide road with at least an extra metre lined out on both lanes for them to use. I cycle abroad and that's what happens in many European countries.'

'I have nothing against cyclists at all, being one myself, and the last thing I want is to stop them coming up the A82, but we need to look at how we manage it and provide for bicycles and vehicles to coexist on our roads together.'

A spokesperson for BEAR

Scotland said: 'We have been liaising with the event organisers, Transport Scotland and Police Scotland regarding the planning of the Deloitte-sponsored Ride Across Britain, and have also arranged our planned works to avoid this Friday and Saturday to help ensure a smooth event and limit any disruption to cyclists or motorists alike.'

The A82 Partnership is advising that 'anyone with journeys, appointments, meetings, flights etc which will involve travel on the A82 between Crianlarich and Fort William on Friday September 16 and between Fort William and Fort Augustus on Saturday morning should allow extra time or revise their plans.'

### TIMESLINE



### Two blossom at produce show

TWO of the top winners at the Glegarry produce show on Saturday September 10 were Kate Stewart and Gayle Rand.

Kate, right, won the Thistle Stop trophy for floral arrangements, while organiser of the day's events, Gayle, took home the David MacCallum Memorial Cup for best in show.

Full story on page 5.

### Work starts on construction of new Gaelic school on Skye

A MAJOR milestone in the development of Gaelic language in the Highlands has been reached as the construction of a new school on Skye gets under way.

An £8.7 million project to build a primary school in Portree was marked on Monday with the cutting of the first sod on the new site.

Pupils, councillors and representatives from Robertson Construction who are overseeing the build congregated to celebrate the progress.

Drew Millar from the Highland Council said: 'The benefits of bilingual education cannot be argued against.'

'Children in Portree are very lucky to have this fantastic facility. I would like to thank Comann

nam Pàrant for their efforts over the years to get us to this stage.'

The contract is part of a capital investment programme of £14.8 million in Portree which included the formation of a new access road to the school and the refurbishment of the former Elgin Hostel to create a new pupil residence for Portree High.

Hamish Fraser who is part of the council's Gaelic implementation group, pointed out Portree Gaelic Primary School is Highland's third dedicated Gaelic school in the region following the opening of Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis in 2007 and Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar in 2015.

The building is scheduled to open late next year.



Allan Macleod, left, projects director, Robertson Northern; Arthur Cormack Comann nam Pàrant; Highland Councillors Drew Millar and Hamish Fraser; pupil Jaiden Jones; Councillor John Gordon; pupil Steven Colven; Jim Steven, head of education, Highland Council; and Councillor Ian Renwick.

### How many pennies would you spend?

THE HIGHLAND Council wants to know how much people will pay to use a public toilet.

The authority is undertaking a review of how public conveniences are funded with the idea of increasing the number of sites where there is a charge.

To help them reach a decision, the council is seeking views on the level of charges from the general public as well as stakeholders.

The questionnaire can be found at: [www.highland.gov.uk/PublicConvenienceQuestionnaire](http://www.highland.gov.uk/PublicConvenienceQuestionnaire) and the deadline for responses is September 30.



## Traffic wardens to wear cameras

HIGHLAND traffic wardens could be fitted with 'body-worn video cameras' when they come back into action in Fort William next month.

The Highland Council is carrying out a public consultation on wardens wearing body cameras before on and off-street parking restrictions are enforced in October.

The council said: 'As part of the technical specification, parking enforcement officers will be equipped with body-worn video cameras.'

Cameras will be mounted on the chest of the wardens and will capture audio and video

footage. Traffic wardens are able to activate the device when an offence has occurred or in a situation where recording is necessary in difficult situations.

The data is then kept for 90 days, unless required for investigation, before being deleted.

Shane Manning, Highland Council's traffic support officer, said: 'We think it is invaluable to get the public's views on a consensual policy on how these cameras are to be used.'

'Initially, there will be one full-time parking enforcement

officer working in Fort William who will be supported by staff in Inverness.'

Fort William and Ardnarnach councillor Thomas MacLennan said: 'Because there has been no parking enforcement in the past couple of years in Fort William, it could cause people some angst about being unable to park in their normal place - but where they shouldn't really have been parking.'

'Wardens could come up against situations where they feel the body cameras are needed but, hopefully, people will respect the fact that

these wardens are just doing their jobs, and park appropriately.'

Members of the public are now being encouraged to submit their comments to the council for consideration before the devices are brought into usage.

Comments can be sent to The Highland Council, Traffic Management and Control Team, Community Services, Headquarters, Inverness IV3 5NX, or by emailing [parking@highland.gov.uk](mailto:parking@highland.gov.uk).

The consultation is now open and will run until Tuesday September 27.

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# Villagers worried over 'dense' housing development proposal

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A SPEAN BRIDGE housing development that has been on the cards for more than 10 years may be about to get the green light. The consultation period for the proposed development opposite Spean Crescent ended on Monday September 12, with the council to make a decision on the application on October 2. But concerns about the housing site were raised at a recent meeting of the Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council on Tuesday September 6. One Spean Bridge couple, who moved to the area in 2014 and

run holiday accommodation, are worried about how the development could impact the village. Richard and Rachel Matthews said: 'We knew the development was in the local plan when we moved here but the density of the development has just snowballed.' Planning in principle for phase one of the development has been submitted to the Highland Council for 30 residential buildings. But members of the community council raised concerns about the number of houses to be built, saying: 'We are disappointed that although the indicative level for the whole 4.4-hectare site was 26 units, the applicant intends 30 houses to be built on 1.9 hectares which we contend is excessive.'

'Its [the sites] position as a "gateway" location as you enter or leave Spean Bridge is pivotal to creating a favourable impression of our village. 'The level of housing proposed does not relate to locally-generated demand within the village.' The Matthews said: 'We feel there is just a total urbanisation of our village. The Highlands are supposed to be quiet villages and this density of dwellings is not in keeping with Spean Bridge. 'The development will be people's first view of Spean Bridge and we think this affects everyone in Spean because we are talking about the urbanisation of such a beautiful Highland village. 'We understand that there

needs to be housing the area, but we feel it needs to be in keeping with the village.' And with the community council already having raised concerns about the traffic and condition of the roads in the village, it was said the proper infrastructure was not in place to deal with an influx of people. The community council said: 'Our infrastructure presently struggles to cope with demands of the community. Spean Bridge primary school and nursery is at full capacity and the traffic on our two trunk roads increases year on year.' Concerns about the number of affordable homes at the site were also voiced. The community council said: 'Although the Highland

Council has introduced a planning condition on an affordable house for every four built, developers have managed to commute this condition on a monetary payment which has gone to build affordable houses outwith our district.' And while affordable housing is identified in the planning-in-principle application, they questioned whether, when the final applications are presented, that the affordable units will be built. Additional fears were raised by Mrs Matthews about a phase two, which looks to also include a business hub. She said: 'It seems the whole development is being done piecemeal, when it should have been done under a major development. It looks to be two

phases. As the site will basically overlook our house and business we want it all done and dusted as quickly as possible. We can't have a building site beside our business for years to come. I think the density of the whole development is nonsensical.' The community council added: 'Despite the developers' denials that no trees will be felled, the proposed visibility splays required, 4.5m x 210m, would appear to require the removal of all the mature limes, oaks, ash, birch and hawthorn. 'We are not against development in principle but we can't support the current application.' The applicant, Campbell Homes, declined to comment.

## TIMESLINE

### Bids flood in for clubs funding

A WHOPPING 71 Lochaber groups, clubs and projects have made bids for a share of £30,000 Highland Council funding. Following the success of last year's participatory budgeting fund, Lochaber councillors have made a further £30,000 available. And 71 bids for the funding had been received at the deadline last Friday (September 2). The bids will now go to an online vote, with a postal option available. People can also vote at the Kinlochleven, Mallaig, Strontian and Fort William libraries. The voting link will be open from 9am until Sunday September 18. Visit [www.valochaber/yourvoiceyourchoice2016/](http://www.valochaber/yourvoiceyourchoice2016/) to cast your vote. Results will be announced on Wednesday September 24.

### Store applies to enlarge kiosk

MORRISONS supermarket is hoping to extend its petrol station kiosk. The Fort William supermarket submitted plans to the Highland Council last month to extend the petrol station kiosk to provide additional retail space.

### Motorists warned of A82 disruption

EMERGENCY roadworks will take place north of Fort William, starting next week. BEAR Scotland, on behalf of Transport Scotland, is planning to carry out emergency culvert replacements to fix a depression developing in the carriageway of the A82 at Carrs Corner. The work is scheduled to take place from Monday to Saturday, September 19 to 24 between 8pm and 6am.

### Volunteers are needed for Mòd

VOLUNTEERS to play a crucial part in Mòd nan Eilean Siar 2016 are being sought. Organisers of the event, which takes place next month in Stornoway, are looking for people to help with stewarding duties. Iain MacArthur, halls and stewarding committee convener, said: 'The role of the steward is crucial to the smooth running of this event and many are needed, in particular at the beginning of the week.' Anyone interested should contact An Comunn Gàidhealach on 01851 703487 or e-mail [imacarthur@hebrides.net](mailto:imacarthur@hebrides.net).

## Mallaig goes wild about new food festival

MALLAIG cooked up a storm at the weekend, as the first Taste the Wild food festival was held. Saturday's events saw hotels and restaurants working together to produce the food festival, which involved butchery and fish demonstrations, wine-tasting and a whole lot of shelling, as the world prawn-peeling championship was held. Sarah Winnington-Ingram, of Arisaig House and chairwomen of the Road to the Isles marketing group, said: 'I'm thrilled with the whole thing. There is a really lovely atmosphere here and I think it's more than we could have hoped for. We have proper, genuine local food here at the festival which all the hotels worked together to produce.' Duncan Gibson, of Glenfinnan House Hotel, put his butchery skills on show and said: 'Interested parties in food and drink got involved and the ideas just grew and grew. It was like a melting pot - we all just came together.' Duncan produced the main meal for the 'sran and dram ceildh', which was held in the evening and was attended by around 120 people. Sine Davis, of the West Highland Hotel, was elated with the day's events. 'It's fabulous that we could all come together and work on this project,' she said. 'A huge amount of organisation went into the day, and it's been a real community builder. We really hope to do this event annually. 'We have put out fish burgers made with Mallaig kippers and our chef is serving the dessert at the ceildh. Iain Stewart donated all the monkfish for the barbecue, and Mallaig fishermen gave us the prawns for the contest.' Special guest Shirley Spears, owner of the Three Chimneys on Skye, added: 'This is an amazing occasion which I am proud to be part of. They have really hit the nail on the head.'



Members of the Taste the Wild committee are, left to right, Sine Davis of the West Highland Hotel, Shirley Spears owner of the Three Chimneys, Josh Kingswood from Arisaig Hotel, Duncan Gibson from Glenfinnan House Hotel, Sarah Winnington-Ingram from Arisaig House, Jak O'Donnell from the Sisters Restaurant in Glasgow, Stephanie MacKellaig from the Steam Inn, Mallaig.



Margaret Kennedy, left, takes part in the world prawn peeling championship with one of the best times of 44.85 seconds; Frank and Shirley Stride, centre, host the prawn peeling competition using locally sourced prawns; and Duncan Gibson from Glenfinnan House Hotel gives a butchery demonstration with freshly slaughtered venison.

## POLICE FILES

### Theft from Gaelic School in Caol

POLICE are investigating the theft of a security light from the Lochaber Gaelic School in Caol, Fort William. This light has been forcibly removed from its fixings and stolen. Anyone with any information to share regarding this incident should contact Fort William police.

### Drivers told to be courteous on road

COMPLAINTS regarding people driving around Fort William in an inconsiderate manner are on the rise. Police would like to remind all road users that driving at excessive speeds and vehicles creating undue noise due to their engines or exhausts constitutes an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and can lead to prosecution. Road users are encouraged to report these instances to police when appropriate to do so.

### Cyclists urged to be safe for winter

WITH the nights getting darker earlier, police would like to remind cyclists to make use of lights and protective fluorescent clothing. Where possible cycle paths should be used, especially on major trunk roads and helmets are encouraged at all times.

## Attacker failed to do community service

A MAN found guilty of assaulting two 14-year-old boys has been given a further year to complete more than 200 hours of unpaid work as punishment. Reece MacIsaac, of 8 Birch Road, Caol, had pleaded guilty to assaulting two youngsters on December 2, 2014 by punching one and getting the other in a headlock. Both males were aged 14 at the time. MacIsaac, now aged 19, appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday where it was heard he still has 272.5 hours of a community payback order to complete.

Speaking on behalf of the accused, Hamish Melrose told the court there had been a delay in MacIsaac completing the order due to him serving a 13-month prison sentence. In reaching his decision, Sheriff Jim Scott said: 'I almost lost the will to live while reading through these files.' Sentences were deferred against MacIsaac, who was afforded an extra 12 months to complete the payback order with a review scheduled for January 31, 2017. A special condition to MacIsaac's bail which prevented him from leaving

his house between 7pm and 7am was also removed. At the same time on Tuesday, the case against Dejan Watson, from Inverloch Court, was heard. He pleaded guilty to an amended charge of taking possession of a can of CS spray from a police officer on July 23, 2015, and to failing to answer the door of his home on March 4, 2016, in line with a special condition against him. Sentencing against Watson was deferred until November 8 to allow for another case against him to be heard next month.



Headteacher Pamela Hill, centre, with the committee for the Strontian Community School Building Ltd - treasurer Jamie MacIntyre, left; Stuart Carmichael, director, De Claire Campbell, publicity and social media; Denise Anderson, director, Reverend Donald McCorkindale, chairman; and Jamie Tait, secretary. Anthony MacMillan Photography

## Delight for community school building

THE BOARD of directors given the 'green light' to build their own school in Strontian will meet tonight (Thursday) to discuss their next steps. Strontian Community School Building (SCSB) is a community benefit organisation aiming to finance and build a new primary school for children in the area.

Last month the Highland Council Education, Children and Adult Services (ECAS) committee approved the proposal and the plans were bolstered last week when the full Highland Council gave its backing. The new school will be built on the footprint of four affordable houses and SCSB will own the building to

be leased to the Highland Council. Reverend Donald McCorkindale from SCSB explained the council's decision was now the first of many more decisions which have to be made. He added: 'Without that green light from the Highland Council, there would be no project but now it is going to happen. We are delighted.'

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## Wyvex Media/ Scottish Provincial Press announcement

WYVEX MEDIA and Scottish Provincial Press are delighted to confirm they have reached agreement on the merger of the *Lochaber News* into a new-look West Highland edition of *The Oban Times* and the transfer of *Lochaber Life* magazine to Wyvex Media.

Technological and economic changes have meant that Lochaber has increasingly found it difficult to sustain two local newspapers and both parties have been engaged in positive and constructive talks to ensure that a strong local publishing presence remains a vital part of the community. Both companies agree that Wyvex' closer geographical ties and strength in the market make it the sensible choice to continue to provide local news and services to the people of Lochaber.

As an indication of this commitment, Wyvex has recently strengthened both its editorial and commercial presence in Lochaber and will shortly relocate its current office to a high street presence in Fort William.

As a result of this agreement, the last issue of the *Lochaber News* will be published on September 29, 2016.

The following week a new-look *Oban Times* West Highland edition will be published incorporating the best content from the *Lochaber News*, additional news and sports pages from Lochaber, as well as news from across the wider west highlands and Argyll. There will be no change to the publishing strategy of *Lochaber Life* magazine, although this will now be published by Wyvex Media.

Alister Bennett, managing director of Wyvex Media, and Thelma Henderson, managing director of Scottish Provincial Press, commented: 'We are delighted we were able to reach agreement on the future publishing strategy for Lochaber. This agreement ensures a bright, sustainable publishing future for Lochaber and will deliver even better news coverage and value for readers and advertisers.'

## Corpach in Bloom winners celebrate

Treasures of the Earth Trophy for most points in flowers – Isabel Campbell; Kilmallie Community Council Trophy for most points in garden produce – Isabel Campbell; The Ewen and Isabel Campbell Trophy for most points in floral art – Sandra Fortune and Clare MacDonald; most outstanding exhibit in floral art – Sandra Fortune; M&S Dental Trophy for most points in baking and preserves – Jillian Clark; Tradewinds Trophy for most points in arts and crafts – Norman Clark; Cameron Trophy for best exhibit in arts and crafts – Norman Clark; Corpach in Colour Trophy for most points overall – Isabel Campbell. Children's trophies: best exhibit in playgroup – Toby Smith; best exhibit in nursery – Kaye Halewood; best exhibit in P1 to P3 – Isla Dennison; best exhibit in P4 and P5 – Alex Drysdale; best exhibit in P6 and P7 – Roslyn Campbell; Corpach Hotel Trophy for best children's exhibit – Kaye Halewood.

**Right: Winners of the Corpach in Bloom show which took place earlier this month. The show was held in Kilmallie Community Centre with entries from people and schools in Corpach. Left to right: Norman Clark, Gillian Clark, Isabel Campbell, Claire MacDonald and Sandra Fortune, with children's winners Sandy and Kaye Halewood and Isla Dennison.** Photograph: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.



## Skilful Glengarry gardeners a cutting above

POOR summer weather didn't stop skilful gardeners at this year's Glengarry produce show.

The event, now in its sixth year, was again well attended with entries on par with last year.

The judges, who travelled to Invergarry for the event, were impressed with the standards on display across all

the categories. Organiser Gayle Rand told *The Oban Times*: 'With the poor weather this summer, it was especially pleasing to see so many vegetables and flowers – skilful gardeners indeed.'

The community also said goodbye to Dr Jill Skeoch, who recently retired after 18 years serving as the community's GP in Fort Augustus and surrounding

areas. Lea MacNally, Glengarry community council treasurer, presented Dr Skeoch with an engraved glass rock face gift and a cheque from Glengarry residents.

Sine Grant, winner of children's best exhibit, presented Dr Skeoch with flowers. Ms Rand added: 'It was another wonderful day, best summed up by

a thank you email I received yesterday that said it's not about the trophies and rosettes, but all about the community coming together.'

'A big thank you to the hall committee and ladies in the cafe, the judges who travelled up to Invergarry, all the competitors and Glengarry Trust for sponsoring the show.'



**Left: Glengarry Produce Show prizewinners.**

**Right: Dr Jill Skeoch receives a gift and a cheque from Lea MacNally on behalf of the Glengarry community to mark her retirement.**

Photographs by Anthony MacMillan Photography.



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### Warranty warning for heart patients

NHS HIGHLAND has been alerted to a scam targeting cardiology patients with home monitoring.

The British Heart Rhythm Society has emailed all members warning them to be vigilant after a patient received a phone call from an individual saying that the box/equipment was not working. The patient was asked to replace it and was offered the option of buying a lifetime warranty for £167 and paid. Fiona Dawson, principal cardiac physiologist for NHS Highland, said: 'Under no circumstances would the NHS or any company we work with be making these calls and charging patients for warranties.'

### Telephone scams rife in Highlands

POLICE have issued a warning to people in the Highlands following telephone scams.

In the majority of cases, criminals call claiming to be from the person's bank and advise their account has been compromised. Victims are encouraged to transfer money into another account which is provided by the fraudster.

### Views sought on child poverty bill

AROUND one in five children in the Western Isles is living in poverty.

Now people in Eilean Siar have the chance to be part of the Scottish government's vision for ending child poverty.

Consultation for a proposed child poverty bill will run until September 30, with the bill set to be introduced next year.

The government is encourage people to respond to the proposed bill.

# Argyll Enterprise Week update...

31 Oct - 04 Nov 2016

## Digital know-how

DIGITAL know-how, innovation and reaching international markets are drivers to success. As a key theme within Argyll Enterprise Week, there will be dedicated support on hand to help with exporting, using digital technology and independent advice on intellectual property.

DigitalBoost is a free business support programme delivered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Business Gateway. It is available to businesses and social enterprises, and utilises a team of experts who can help organisations to step up their digital capabilities.

On Wednesday November 2, the DigitalBoost team, along with international and innovation experts, will be at the Business Support Fair at the Argyllshire

Gathering Halls in Oban, offering a mixture of taster sessions, guides and expert support.

Two free three-hour workshops are also being held on that day at the Corran Halls, covering an introduction to 360-degree video and cyber security.

The cyber security workshop is an in-depth look at the need for businesses to be cyber resilient. Online attacks can cause havoc and Keith McDevitt, a cyber-resilience integrator for the Scottish Government, and Kyle Bowes, an ethical hacker for the Scottish Business Resilience Centre, will be on hand to talk about the steps businesses can take to protect their online operations.

The introduction to 360-degree video is a must for anyone looking for a practical session on 360-de-

gree video, photography and the basic theory around these concepts. Throughout the workshop there will be the opportunity to see footage from actual shoots to demonstrate the difference between 360-degree video and traditional methods.

Theresa Swayne, HIE's senior development manager for digital, commented: 'The digital team at HIE is really excited about being at Argyll Enterprise Week to talk to businesses about all things digital. We'll be running sessions on how you can do more online, and we'll have some expert partners with us talking about cyber security and demonstrating the latest 360-video and photography.'

Places at workshops and taster sessions can be booked [argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).



Workshops during the Business Support Fair will provide firms with expert advice on a number of areas, including cyber security.



The Tobermory Fish Company – famous for its smoked trout.

The Tobermory Fish Company is a family-run smokehouse and shop based in the town on the Isle of Mull.

The business smokes fish and shellfish within its own premises, with all the foods to be smoked sourced locally whenever possible.

Products are smoked using carefully-crafted recipes that use no dyes or additives. A specialty of the business is its famous Tobermory smoked trout.

The Tobermory Fish Company has recently undertaken a Highlands and Islands Enterprise digital health check and found the review very beneficial to progressing its IT strategy.

'Technology is key to driving our sales efficiency and business growth, and the digital advice has given us the confidence to move forwards with our IT plans,' said Duncan Swinbanks, director of The Tobermory Fish Company.

## Expert help for firms planning exports

DURING Argyll Enterprise Week businesses looking to, or already starting to, trade outwith the UK, will be offered expert advice.

Expert Stewart Miller of 9SM consulting will be at the Business Support Fair. He will lead a taster session on Wednesday November 2 outlining the free support available for exporting companies or those planning their first steps towards exporting.

Stewart works with both HIE and Business Gateway clients and will draw upon his first-hand experience with global brands and SMEs, particularly in food and drink, textiles, sports and the creative industries.

Also at the Business Support Fair and running a taster session will be Ewen Macaulay, HIE's intellectual assets and innovation adviser.

Ewan has a breadth of experience in providing businesses with advice in this often complex but critical environment.

Ewen will be available to offer free advice on intellectual property (IP), including copyright and trademarks and how these can work to enable businesses to grow successfully.

David Smart, head of special projects for Highlands and

Islands Enterprise, commented: 'The digital team, along with a host of experts in both innovation and internationalisation will be delivering some exciting activity throughout Argyll Enterprise Week.'

'These are core themes central to business success and we are delighted that we have some of the best advisers on hand to offer advice.'



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# Argyll care plan bucks national trend of failure

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APPIN and Lismore have struck on previously untapped resources to keep its 'cared for' residents at home and 'in control of their own care'.

After the majority of local councils, including Argyll and Bute, revealed this week in a national survey that they were struggling to find an answer to an ageing population and a lack of carers, Appin Community Trust (ACT) and Lismore Community Council (LCC) believe they might have a good solution for communities who want to take the matter into their own hands.

The innovative and 'life-changing' project will deliver care that allows people who require support to live at home through a model of partnership working.

Communities will be supported by Highland Home Carers to actively recruit people in the same community as the people it cares for. Both communities hope the scheme will reverse the decline in recruiting trained staff in rural areas.

The project, a collaboration between Appin Community Trust, Lismore Community Council and Argyll and Bute Social Care Partnership, sees community organisations support the delivery of self-directed support for islanders.

Pamela MacLeod, local area manager for Oban, Lorn and Community, said: 'We are putting people in control of their care. Under government legislation, people are managing their own care under self-directed support.'

'This means an allocation of

budget is made to meet the needs of the individual. For a long time we have realised in social and health care that one size does not fit all.

'The project has been driven by ACT and LCC. Health partners are involved, as is social work, which means we are delivering on site. Highland Healthcare employs partners on behalf of the community.'

Annie Macleod, locality manager Oban, Lorn and the Isles, said that bringing people into the hospital was simply not what people wanted any more.

'People want to be cared for at home. Furthermore, being at home keeps people healthier and active for longer,' she said.

Research by a number of organisations, including the think-tank King's Fund, which monitors the social attitudes of patients, confirmed that, in general, unless people are acutely ill, they would rather be at home.

Mrs Macleod said: 'The most important thing is to be living at home.'

Referring to government policy, Mrs Macleod continued: 'One of the Scottish Government six essential actions within health and social care is to ensure people are optimally cared for in their own homes or in a homely setting.'

Within this area of policy, Mrs Macleod confirmed she wanted to ensure that every patient was treated as an individual.

'We believe through research and talking with our community that local people should have control of their care and our part is to improve the communication between the whole health care system.'

## All smiles: young people shine at Mull Mòd



Oban High School pupils were all aboard for a stunning performance at the Mull Provincial Mòd. The small but perfectly formed choir members also did well in a number of competitions on Friday. Storms throughout the Inner Hebrides on Friday threatened competitors at the event but none was deterred. Friday, also known as the children's day at the annual Mòd Ionadach na Dreòlluinn, saw more than 200 entries in competitions throughout the village. Saturday saw adult and piping competitions held throughout the village. For more pictures and reports, turn to pages 12, 13 and 14. For competition results, see www.obantimes.co.uk.

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### Cancer patients to access live events

PALLIATIVE care patients in Oban will not be left hanging on the line for much longer – after a two-year wait for phone lines has finally been resolved.

The Macmillan Cancer Research Oban fundraising group set out to pay for a phone line to give patients access to the internet and live streaming of events being held in Oban when they are in the Macmillan ward at Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Gwyneth Neil, a member of the Oban committee, said: 'Thanks to Annie MacLeod, area locality manager, and Macmillan staff Christine and Donna for help and assistance.'

The next event is a musical evening from Porthcawl Male Voice Choir who will perform at St John's Cathedral on Saturday (September 17) at 7.30pm.

### A case of mistaken identity explained

MR IAIN MacIntyre, of Oban, has asked *The Oban Times* to clarify that he is not the Ian McIntyre who recently had a cancelled operation at Lorn and Islands Hospital.

Mr MacIntyre says he is delighted with all the support he has been given since the story was published.

But he said it was a case of 'mistaken identity'.

Mr MacIntyre who runs the annual AmAm for the Rotary Club, said: 'While it is very flattering that people think so much of me that they have been getting in touch with offers of help and support, the Ian McIntyre quoted in the story is not me.'

'I am in good health.'



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### Our move to new premises in Oban

WE ARE excited to announce that, as of Monday September 19, our legal office will be located above the Royal Bank of Scotland on George Street. We are very much looking forward to getting settled in and, on a more important note, because we know how much our clients enjoy the view from our current board room, we are delighted to say that our new board room will benefit from the same fantastic views of Oban Bay and Kerrera. Our relocation will take place between September 15 and 20 but please be assured that it will be business as normal and you can contact us on our usual phone numbers and email addresses.

We are thrilled to be opening our doors to brighter and more modern surroundings. If you've not visited us recently, why not pop in to say hello and to meet the newest additions

to our ever expanding team. Our solid team consists of:

**Helen MacLean, managing partner**  
Helen is the managing partner of our Oban office and covers both family law and employment law. Helen can be contacted in either our Oban or Fort William offices.

**Kath McMahon, partner**  
Kath is also a partner, based in our Oban office, and works alongside Helen in our family law department. Her main areas of work include civil court work and all aspects of separation, divorce and children.  
Kath can be appointed to act as curator by the court to represent children's interests in contact and residence disputes and to produce written reports in adoption proceedings. She has been an honorary sheriff in Oban since 2004.



**Isabella MacRitchie, corporate associate**  
Isabella specialises in corporate transactional work having worked extensively in private practice and as an in-house legal adviser. Isabella has experience in advising individuals, start-ups, SMEs, charitable organisations and large corporates in a variety of non-contentious commercial and corporate matters across various industry sectors. Isabella works in both Fort William and Oban, and strengthens the firm's commercial expertise for the benefit of existing clients and contacts and the wider business community in Lochaber, Argyll and beyond.

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**Ninian Christie, conveyancing solicitor (domestic/commercial)**

Ninian was admitted as a solicitor in Scotland in 2002 and has experience in both private practice and local government. He has experience of a range of conveyancing and property work and, in particular, issues that can arise in rural and crofting areas. While his career has been primarily focused on conveyancing, he has broader experience of other areas of the law including wills, trusts and executories, and civil court practice. Being resident in Argyll, he knows the area well, and is based in the firm's conveyancing team in the Oban office.

**Fiona Anderson, conveyancing paralegal**

Fiona has a broad experience of property transactions including both commercial and residential. She has also been involved in many renewable energy projects and the project financing of renewable energy deals. Fiona is very experienced in carrying out property due diligence. Fiona also has significant experience in acting for financial institutions and insolvency practitioners and in dealing with the acquisition and sale of residential, commercial and rural properties.  
Fiona provides pragmatic and solution-driven advice. She has an excellent understanding of clients' expectations who appreciate her enthusiastic and approachable manner. Fiona is presently studying for her law exams.

**Trainees: Billie Kirkham, Oban, and Rebecca Fraser, Fort William**

We currently have two trainee solicitors within the firm, both of whom have returned to their respective home towns of Oban and Fort William to begin their legal careers. Billie Kirkham is based in our Oban office where she is being trained in family law, having completed her first year of training within the wills and executories department. Rebecca Fraser is in the first year of her traineeship in Fort William and is working in our commercial department.

Outside of work, Billie enjoys running and is usually to be found on the hills with her dogs. She recently completed the Loch Ness Beast Race 2016 which involved wading through bogs and swimming alongside Nessy, raising more than £1,000 for our local MS centre.

**Katie Lamont, property director**

Katie oversees the whole of MacPhee & Partners' Estate Agency business across Argyll and Lochaber.

**Eliska Homolova, estate agency administrator**

Eliska is a superb addition to our Oban estate agent team. She brings with her a huge amount of experience in estate agency, customer service and the local area. Originally from Prague, where Eliska first started her estate agency career, she moved to Oban in 2002 and has continued her passion for working in estate agency.

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**Mairi Hendrie, head of executry department**

Mhairi, who is based in our Fort William office, heads up our executry

department and has been with the firm since its founding in 1996. Always understanding and sympathetic to what are often difficult times for families, Mairi administers and oversees all of the numerous wills, powers of attorney and executries which the firm deals with each year.

**Susan Irvine, executry paralegal**

Suzie, based in Oban, now assists Mairi in our executry department. Susan joined us after spending a number of years with a firm in Rothesay.

When not in the office, Suzie runs her own business as a yoga instructor.

**Legal News Succession (Scotland) Act 2016**

If you're not curious enough to pay us a visit for a look round our new office, then perhaps the changes afoot in the laws of succession will encourage you to make an appointment.

See the property section for a peek at some of our properties this week and our big property feature coming in next week's Oban Times.

Watch this space!

# Let's keep as many hospital services as possible in Oban

Lorn and Islands Hospital is under pressure as never before. Today The Oban Times launches a campaign to fight for services to be retained and restored. Kieron Green, chairman of the joint board, outlines his priorities

HAVING been elected as a councillor this year, I was surprised and delighted to be offered the position of policy lead for health and social care.



## Oban, Lorn and Islands

care forum meetings. This has given me an insight into not just the services provided, but the expectations and priorities of people using them.

Over the past month I have been seeking to broaden my knowledge by meeting staff and visiting facilities across Argyll and Bute – in Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilhead, Oban and Rothesay so far, with more visits planned. These have helped me appreciate the needs of those using the services and I have been hugely impressed by the work being done.

We can't just be content to keep things as they are though – our populations are changing,



new technologies are becoming available, and care is becoming more tailored to individual needs. Budgets are also tight at all levels and there are challenges in recruiting staff, including home care assistants, allied health professionals, GPs and hospital consultants.

To some, Argyll and Bute can seem remote and rural, exacerbating difficulties in recruitment. We must therefore

promote our area as a great place to live, train local people to give them the necessary skills and create career pathways for those entering the sector. I want people to know that there will be job opportunities for them here as they continue to develop professionally throughout their lives.

Integration of health and social care services has allowed resources to be targeted towards delivering front-line care. In many areas, staff from different organisations already worked closely together. Now combined offices are being established to make better use of buildings and increase cooperation.

I want to see as much hospital treatment provided here in Argyll and Bute as possible, particularly ongoing care. However, increasingly specialised surgery, which has much better outcomes, can only be carried out in regional centres such as

the Golden Jubilee or Queen Elizabeth University hospitals.

Whether patients have been in a hospital locally or further afield, we must ensure that those who are able can return to their own homes without delay. Step-down care may be part of this, with dedicated beds in care homes or care delivered at home – focused on re-ablement and allowing independent living.

For progressive and long-term conditions which require care provision, I believe this should be delivered in the most homely environment possible. Usually this should be in someone's own home or, if appropriate sheltered housing, and only in a care home where absolutely necessary.

Care homes are increasingly having to deal with more complex care needs, and this may mean that existing buildings are no longer suitable. New facili-

ties will be needed in the future with a number of organisations including housing associations, the council and independent providers working together to offer the best possible care in the most appropriate setting.

As well as care formally arranged, there will often be unpaid carers, in many cases relatives, who allow people to remain in the community. Continuing to provide training and support to these carers is essential as, without them, we could not sustain our services.

In my role as chairman of the Integrated Joint Board, I will continue to listen to local people, including those delivering and using health and social care services, when making decisions. Change will happen, but it will be to meet the needs of patients and service users, and to provide the highest quality care within the resources we have available.

## Youth, 16, had drugs hidden in underwear

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy is awaiting sentence for bringing ecstasy into Oban concealed in his underpants.

The teenager, who from comes from outwith Argyll, admitted two charges of possessing ecstasy and cannabis on February 18 when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court heard on Monday. Sheriff John Herald also found him guilty of obstructing a police search, but dismissed a fourth charge of possessing ecstasy with intent to supply on April 2, 2016.

Giving evidence, Police Constable Danny MacBeth said the accused was detained near Oban train station on February 18 after he 'could smell cannabis'. PC MacBeth said: 'He was very nervous about a strip search taking place.'

'It was almost a stand-off. He said we were invading his privacy. He started to become aggressive. He shouted, "Paedos".' 'He put his hand down his waist belt and he held something in his hand.'

A second witness, Detective Constable Andrew MacDougal, added: 'He threw it [a package] across the floor as we took control of his hand.'

The court was told police officers recovered a small amount of cannabis from the ground, and 13 ecstasy tablets in his underpants.

Defence agent Kevin McGinness suggested the accused tried to give officers the bag of cannabis, before he was restrained.

Detective Constable Keith Philip said the accused was found in Oban on April 2 with 23 ecstasy tablets in his underwear, which he claimed were for his personal use.

Defence witness Dr Iain McPhee, of the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of the West of Scotland, said: 'Reasonably, they could be for personal consumption or for onward supply.'

Giving his verdict, Sheriff Herald found the fourth charge of possession and supply not proven. He said: 'One has to question how a 16-year-old is found with ecstasy tablets in his possession for a second time. However, there is a just a doubt in my mind, and you are entitled to that doubt.'

Sheriff Herald deferred sentence for reports. The case will call again on November 8.

## Kids thrilled at island adventure

IT WAS all excitement and smiles for the primary six pupils of St Columba's Primary School in Oban last Wednesday as they headed off on a great outdoor adventure.

Teacher Mrs Wotherspoon and the Stramash team led the way as the pupils embarked on a three-day camping trip to the island of Kerrera. The adventure began at Ganavan Beach before the group sailed over to Kerrera to the island base of Stramash in the previous primary school building. Here the children get the unique opportunity to sleep in the teepees, giving many of them their first experience of outdoor camping.

During the three-day trip, the children took part in many activities from 'coasteering' to campfire cooking.

Stramash offers tailored trips to school groups as part of its outdoor learning. St Columba's has for many years made full use of the day trips but asked for a more adventurous outing for the primary six class. They were so pleased with the feedback from last year's pupils that they were happy to book this island expedition again.

The school would like to thank the staff and parent council who fundraised and sought grants to pay for half of all trips. The school would also like to thank the organisations which donated to the school.



The primary six children from St Columba's who enjoyed three days of camping on Kerrera.

## Have your say: what do you think of the Oban town centre refurbishment project?



**Mark Ellis, 54, from Oban** said: 'It [the street] was not that bad before. It's nice brick work, but what's the point. It must have cost a fortune. It's really tidy, but it will be deadly when it coats with ice in the winter. It wasn't worth the money. Nowhere near. Someone in Argyll could have got the contract – surely they could have got local tradesmen.'



**Jodie Docherty from Oban** said: 'I think it looks a bit tropical with the palm trees – a bit misplaced for Oban. It's nice though and it looks clean. I think they could have done it for cheaper but be honest. It's nice, but it seems a bit too much.'



**Claire Paterson-Aitken from Oban** said: 'You are going up there [Stafford Street] and the kids have nowhere to go and people want to sit and can't because they are on their bikes. I don't think it was worth the money. There were other things in the town they could have done. It looks all right, but they spent millions and you have to drive with pot holes on the roads.'



**Brian Logan, 48, from Soroba**, said: 'I think the money could have been spent elsewhere. I don't think there was anything wrong with it and I don't think it was worth the money. It looks great, but not worth the money. Would be better filling up the potholes in the roads, would they not?'



**Andrew MacDougall from Dunbeg** said: 'It's nice. There's definitely more space. It brightens it up a wee bit and it looks a bit cleaner. I think they could have done something similar with less money. The bus stops and palm trees were a bit expensive but it's a definite improvement. At least it's grippy at the station, but the pavement is a bit slippery.'

## Ulva Ferry up housing award

ULVA Ferry Housing Project on Mull has been nominated for a Rural Innovators' Award.

Housing project manager Helen MacDonald said: 'We are delighted to be nominated for this award. The passive house design of our community-owned rental houses will ensure heating bills are minimal, directly tackling fuel poverty. Construction is now under way and the houses will be ready for occupation next spring.'

Other projects nominated include Argyll Community Housing Association, the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust Rent to Buy Scheme and SBHA.

To vote go to the Scottish Rural Parliament's website. Voting closes at midnight on September 18.

## Former prisoners drive home housing message

FORMER users of the criminal justice system showed Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership what it is really like to leave prison and go through the homeless system.

In a piece of theatre devised by expressive arts company Street Cones – a team of creative artists with real experience of going through the criminal justice system – the focus was on housing challenges when leaving prison.

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'A number of actions came out of the day which will contribute to the community justice outcome improvement plan, to be published March 2017.'

Councillor Elaine Robertson, chairwoman of the criminal justice partnership committee, said: 'This was an extremely worthwhile seminar. Street Cones enabled delegates to see the challenges that clients of the criminal justice system face when interacting with public sector agencies.'

'The performance made everyone think differently, consider attitudes and how to make the whole process more streamlined, meaningful and supportive, helping to break potential reoffending cycles. The performance was extremely powerful and a number of actions came out of the day which will form the basis of the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.'

## Heritage is put in the spotlight

PEOPLE in Oban and the surrounding areas have the chance to discover how they can get involved with their local history at a special event about community heritage.

Celebrating archaeology, history and heritage at a local level, Scotland's Community Heritage Conference in Oban – on Saturday (September 17) – focuses on the volunteer groups embarking on heritage projects in the Argyll and Bute area and communities who are bringing their public buildings back into use.

The Community Heritage Conference in Oban is the second of three conferences being held across Scotland. The event takes place on Saturday from 10am-5pm at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban.



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# Objections flood in over house built in wrong place

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AN ATTEMPT to fix a planning mistake which led to a house being built too close to a Connel pensioner's home has attracted 40 objections.

Ann Colthart's 28 sq m extension, built 14 years ago, wasn't included in the plans and has resulted in a house on St Oran's Place being built nine metres away from her property, when guidelines state it must be at least 18.

The septuagenarian, who has lived there for 32 years, became aware of the problem as plots three and four of the development to expand the village progressed. Ms Colthart contacted the planners in May, and work was halted as a solution was sought.

Ms Colthart told *The Oban Times* she felt her privacy had been invaded. She said: 'I have told them from the start the solution is to take it down. Their [the council's] guidelines, which they say they enforce firmly, are being neglected.'

'They are both at fault: the planners and the developers. Part of a solution included a wall and a hedge and we thought that was another appalling sugges-

tion. I feel sorry for the people who would be moving in.'

Argyll and Bute Council has admitted falling short of its own standards, apologised for the situation and distress caused, and said it was seeking a remedy acceptable to all parties.

A planning application, submitted by Macleod Construction Ltd on July 22, proposed 'alterations to rear fenestration, installation of new fenestration on gable elevation and erection of wall and hedging on NE boundary'.

But it gathered no letters of support and more than 40 public objections within a village of around 400 people before submissions closed on August 25, including an objection from Connel Community Council.

Connel community councillors unanimously agreed to lodge their 'strong objection' to this 'remedial' application, their letter stated, arguing the development breaches guidance in Argyll and Bute's local development plan, because it 'causes a loss of privacy', is 'over-bearing, out-of-scale and out-of-character', and was 'not carefully sited and designed'. They concluded: 'What is planned in this proposal is an attempt to rectify a mistake on a siting of a building



Ann Colthart has been 'overwhelmed' by the support shown in her community.

by proposing a series of minor mitigation remedies.

'The community council feels it would be beneficial that a site visit is made by the planning committee before any decision is made on the proposal. This would allow members to fully appraise the situation.'

The application is due to go before Argyll and Bute Council's Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee on September 21.

Ms Colthart added: 'I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful support from neighbours, friends, my local

councillors and the community council. I have now written to every councillor in Argyll and Bute seeking their support. The building should be demolished.'

'This shouldn't have happened to me and it shouldn't happen to anyone else in Connel or elsewhere in Argyll.'



Dr Raeanne Miller is heading to Antarctica.

## Raeanne is heading for the frozen south

A DUNBEG scientist is the only Scot to be selected for a unique all-female international expedition to Antarctica.

And Raeanne Miller will help launch a new national ambassador programme celebrating Scotland's global reputation as a knowledge economy.

INNOVATETHENATION, created by VisitScotland Business Events, is aimed at bringing together experts and the next generation of innovators through a series of events held across the country.

Dr Miller, from the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) at Dunstaffnage will speak at the first event in the series, under the title INNOVATEMARINE, at St Andrews University on September 29.

INNOVATETHENATION is a new national ambassador programme which aims to celebrate Scotland's innovation legacy while looking to develop that for future generations.

Dr Miller is a NERC knowledge exchange fellow for wave and tidal energy at SAMS and is the only Scottish-based scientist in a group of 77 women from around the world to be selected for the female-only expedition to the Antarctic in December.

The Australian-led Home-

ward Bound Project, of which the expedition is part of, aims to enhance the influence and impact of 1,000 women in science over a 10-year period to give them the experience to take up and remain in leadership roles to ensure the sustainability of the planet.

Dr Miller said: 'Scotland has an international reputation for innovation, with our great inventions and scientific breakthroughs. SAMS, for example, was founded by Sir John Murray, who is considered to be the father of modern oceanography.'

'While our achievements of the past should be celebrated, we must focus on how we can maintain our world-leading research by inspiring the next generation of scientists and innovators.'

'We are currently witnessing rapid changes in the world's climate and oceans, so it is imperative that we increase the number of women in STEM professions, so we have the best pool of talent available to answer some of our biggest environmental questions.'

'I am excited to be involved in INNOVATEMARINE and to have the opportunity to speak about the aims of the Home-

## Argyll volunteers wanted to serve on children's panel

PEOPLE in Argyll and Bute are being urged to apply to become a children's panel member.

New panel members are needed to help vulnerable children and young people in the area, with 500 recruits being sought nationally. No specific quali-

fications are required and full training is provided.

The children's panel is Scotland's largest legal tribunal and aims to improve outcomes for troubled or at-risk children and young people.

Ian Greig, from Helensburgh,

who is a panel member, encouraged everyone to look into it.

He said: 'The children's panel will challenge your own prejudices and preconceived ideas and make you a more rounded person. The three panel members have a debriefing session

after each hearing and it's so rewarding when I can walk away knowing I did my best.'

The Children's Hearing Scotland is responsible for the recruitment, training and support of Scotland's 2,500 volunteer panel members.

The application deadline is Sunday September 25. Applicants need to be 18 or over. No qualifications are required and full training is provided. To apply, go to [www.childrenspanelscotland.org](http://www.childrenspanelscotland.org) or call 01546 604392.

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## Academy teach Fort a scoring lesson



Fort William	3
Wick Academy	8
Highland League	

FORT William had high hopes of building on last week's excellent result at Strathspey, but a dreadful first-half performance soon put paid to that.

Wick Academy steamrolled the Lochaber side in the opening 45 minutes and went in 6-0 up at the break, through strikes from Gary Manson, Sam Mackay, Richard McAddie and a 15-minute hat-trick from Steven Anderson.

After a half-time roasting

Left: Fort William's Martin Munro tackles Wick Academy's Michael Steven.

Photos: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

Right: The Fort's Iain MacLellan leaps to the ball ahead of Wick Academy's Ross Allan.



Fort William manager Ally Ewen.

from manager Ally Ewen, the home side came out like a team possessed in the second half.

Last week's match winner Marty Munro scored for the second successive game, before a quick-fire double from top

scorer Scottie Davidson gave the home side a glimmer of hope, before two late strikes from Davie Allan and Alan Farquhar made the final score 8-3 to the visitors.

Next up for the Fort was

### Football

a home game against Nairn County last night (Wednesday) and on Saturday they travel to take on Forres Mechanics.



## New boxing season gets under way

THE NEW boxing season is set to start with a bang for Lochaber Phoenix Boxing Club. In the coming weeks Cameron Whyte will try to earn his place on the Scottish schoolboys squad for the coming season, the Scottish novice championships in the middle of October and, on October 8, the club hold their first home show of the season.

The venue for the home show is Kilmallie Hall, the first time Corpach has held a boxing exhibition.

With the venue a lot smaller than normal for the club, the event will be tickets only with no paying at the door.

Phoenix boxing club has said: 'It's advisable to purchase your tickets soon as they are going fast.'

The show will feature a variety of boxers from around Scotland

and also some expected from England. The home club hope to feature up to 10 boxers of their own so it should prove to be an exciting night's entertainment.

The week after, 12-year-old Max Derbenovs will attempt to claim his first title at the Scottish novice championships, held in Ravenscraig, Motherwell.

Max has shown great improvement in the gym recently, in no small measure due to an excellent attitude in training and helped along with quality sparring from his team-mates Josh Diegono and Scottish champion Tyler Whyte.

Multi-titled Cameron Whyte, 14, has already started on his quest to continue to represent his country, travelling to Glasgow last weekend to take part in an open training session

### Boxing

at Boxing Scotland's high performance centre, with the aim of the session to be picked for the Scotland squad. He had an excellent last season and is aiming to keep these high standards for the coming year.



Cameron Whyte.

## Two-day Hebridean multi-sport challenge

ON SATURDAY and Sunday, September 3 and 4, 81 brave and determined multi-sport athletes from throughout the UK and further afield, competing as solos and pairs, took on The Heb - Race on the Edge, a new mountain bike, offroad running and kayaking challenge on the Uist island chain.

On this epic journey the athletes covered approximately 15,000km over two days of endurance racing (with each competitor averaging 125km on day one and 60km on day two) on Benbecula, the uninhabited tidal island of Vallay, North Uist and South Uist - beautiful desolate sandy beaches, magnificent mountains, hidden coves and wild Hebridean landscapes.

This ultimately physical island challenge, designed to be accessible to anyone with

a sense of adventure and a modicum of endurance, was deemed a huge success by both competitors, volunteers and event organisers alike.

While the weather in such a remote group of islands will always be changeable, with rain and high winds playing a part, for the vast majority of The Heb the temperatures were relatively mild. The Sunday sun was blisteringly hot.

Sean McFarlane led the field for the majority of day one of The Heb.

However, on day two Craig Mattocks mounted a solid challenge, turning a nine-minute overnight deficit into a 15-minute lead when he crossed the finish line in an overall time of 16 hours and 25 minutes.

Amy Goodill from Glenrothes took the female solo crown with an overall time of

20 hours and 53 minutes.

Former double duathlon world champion, double long-distance duathlon world champion and multiple Ironman and Ironman 70.3 winner, Catriona Morrison, teamed up with Caroline Wallace, a PE

### Athletics

teacher at Peebles High School, to take on The Heb. Together they were overall pairs winners in a combined time of 18 hours and 13 minutes.



Winners of the MacD Rinks Balloted Fours receive the trophy from Allan MacDonald, left, who sponsored the competition. Left to right Agnes Boyle, Liz Kennedy, Liz French and Bill Clark. The competition was held at the Railway Bowling Club Inverloch.

Photo: Anthony MacMillan Photography

## Depleted Lochaber lose out in Stornoway

LOCHABER faced a mammoth away trip with a rather early 6.30am departure on Saturday morning for the long bus journey, which also included two ferry trips, to Stornoway and only returning to Lochaber at 2am on the Sunday (just in time for last orders).

The day started badly with really late call-offs which meant the club travelled with a depleted squad. Despite this, the boys were in good spirits

and hoped to carry the same form from last week through to this week's game.

The game started as a carbon copy of the previous week with the home side looking to give the young Lochaber lads a hard time but again the superior fitness, handling and sheer determination not to allow themselves to be dominated was to the fore and the half-time score was a respectable 15-7 to the home side.

Stornoway, however, with the superiority in numbers, started to press and found that if they went wide eventually the Lochaber defence would crack and a couple of tries duly followed.

Unfortunately, Lochaber lost a further two players which meant they were really under pressure but instead of their heads going down they got stuck in and scored a second try.

### Rugby

With the final score being 46-14, Lochaber left with the thought of what might have been if they hadn't been hit by late call-offs and unavailability of players.

The Lochaber lads, once they got one of the injured out of A&E, started the long trip home and had a great, if a bit long, journey home.



A scrum during the Stornoway versus Lochaber match.

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Date	am				pm			
Thur	04.42	3.6	10.49	0.9	17.01	4.0	23.10	0.8
Fri	05.16	3.8	11.26	0.6	17.37	4.2	23.49	0.6
Sat	05.48	4.0	12.04	0.4	18.12	4.3	** ** *	**
Sun	00.28	0.4	06.20	4.0	12.44	0.3	18.47	4.3
Mon	01.07	0.4	06.55	4.0	13.25	0.3	19.24	4.2
Tues	01.49	0.4	07.33	3.9	14.10	0.5	20.04	4.0
Wed	02.33	0.6	08.15	3.7	14.58	0.7	20.49	3.6

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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