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Argyll sporting success

Crisis for area councils

THIRTEEN community council areas in Argyll and Bute out of 56 have failed to produce enough nominations to make up a constituted council.

Among them are Dunbeg, Lismore, Campbeltown, Glenorchy and Innishail, Mull, Colonsay, Jura and Tiree – the latter receiving no nominations.

Only four areas, including Appin and Lochgilphead, nominated enough candidates to warrant an election.

Retiring secretary of Lismore Community Council, Mandy Currie, said: 'I think there is a bit of concern about the role of community councils and what their value is.'

Views

She said community councils had little 'teeth' or access to funding. 'We have tried hard to put community views across, but there is a feeling that all we can do is raise issues.'

Gyneth Neal, chairwoman of Dunbeg Community Council, said: 'People are not interested in politics and we are at the bottom end of politics.'

She rejected claims that people were too busy, saying she herself was a full-time businesswoman with other interests.

Postal ballots will be sent out for the four community councils requiring elections, to be returned by October 29.

By-elections will be held for the 13 unconstituted councils with a final result in December and if no further nominations are forthcoming, discussions will take place between Argyll and Bute Council and the communities.



Some colourful attire was seen among the entries – but it did not make them throw an better. 15_140skim02

Easdale world championships go skimmingly!

RECORD entries and crowds with a real international flavour were attracted to the World Stone Skimming Championships at Easdale Island on Sunday.

The island's two ferries were kept busy all day, as visitors from across the world took the two-minute trip across the water, where they were greeted with the smell of barbecuing burgers courtesy of sponsors Forteiths, a man on stilts doing magic tricks, the offer of an oyster or two, a

variety of smoked salmon, teas, coffees, home baking, musical entertainment, a warm welcome from islanders and of course, the stone skimming.

The 316 entries from as far as New Zealand, Canada, Germany, Sweden, Australia, the US, Spain, Poland saw the event last for several hours.

It is all about the distance the stone is thrown, with a minimum three bounces, and with some choppy conditions, this year

there were fewer long distance throws but some impressive bounces. The winning throw came from David Gee, England, with 54 metres. The longest local throw came from Oban High pupil Simon Fraser, with 30 metres. He was awarded the Bertie trophy, named after the founder of the event, former islander Bert Baker.

A new team event was won by four people representing Guinness A. There were also the

usual children's, men's, women's and old tossers' categories.

The event is run as a fund-raiser for the Eilean Eisdale Trust, and the design competition for this year's logo was won by Charlotte Lawson and the slogan 'Skimming Rocks' was won by Sorley MacNally.

A pre-skim party the night before in the island hall saw a capacity audience dancing along to William Douglas and the Wheel.

ACHA residents unhappy with kitchen delays

AFTER waiting a month, ACHA tenants in Oban want the full attention of a contractor to finish work it has started.

Housing association ACHA has been providing homes in the Miller Road area with new kitchens, new bathrooms and rewiring using a national contractor, Connaught. But due to a catalogue of delays and missing workmen, it is a month on and work has still not been completed.

A resident said: 'Workmen arrived on September 1 and ripped out my kitchen, leaving me with only the sink unit and one wall unit. Workmen then disappeared until one week later when they came back to re-wire. Despite assuring me that they would be back the following day, it took four days for workmen to come back and plaster the walls – leaving pipes exposed. It was then a further 19 days before they came back, this time

to put a couple of kitchen units up. Thirty days later and my job still is not finished.'

Another tenant said: 'I was left waiting for weeks until I contacted Connaught bosses in Leeds. Because I have children my job was given priority and it was finished within a week. A little determination made the difference.'

Alistair McGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'The contract was awarded

to Connaught because it is a company experienced in this field of work throughout the UK and it won it through a procurement partnership based on quality and price. The association has had few complaints about the slowness of work against the scale of the contract throughout Argyll and Bute. Our timescale for completion should ensure all snagging work and final alterations are completed by a week from now.'

Crash hero praised

Driver rescued from bus teetering over river drop

A HEROIC volunteer fire fighter was praised this week for helping rescue a bus driver, feared dead, from a bus teetering on the edge of a 50-foot drop into the River Awe, near Taynuilt.

George Dow was also applauded for the way he took control of the situation after coming across the bus crash on his way home to Dalnally at around 7.30pm last Saturday night.

This week Mr Dow told The Oban Times: 'There were people on the A85 looking shocked and stunned. And I thought 'where is the bus driver?' A woman said that she thought he was dead.

'I found him crushed at the front of the bus. Thankfully he wasn't seriously injured but he was in shock. I put my thumbs up at him and he signalled that he was okay.'

Glass

I climbed onto the bus at the back and managed to free him by kicking open the cabin. There was glass everywhere.

'I only did what I was trained to do. Once I got home I realised how scary it was.'

Margaret Gracie, aged 71, a passenger on the bus, said: 'The bus flipped over onto the embankment – and if it wasn't for the trees we would all have dropped the 50 feet into the river.'

Passengers were thrown 'through the air' as the bus smashed into the embankment. Mrs Gracie said: 'A tree smashed through the window and shattered the glass all over the passengers at the back.'

EXCLUSIVE

By LOUISE LEE

'I fell on top of another passenger who had fallen on top of the driver. We all feared the driver was dead.'

'If there had been more people on the bus or we had been sat further forward, we probably would have been crushed to death. The whole front of the bus was smashed in.'

Passengers on the Dundee to Oban bus were left confused and with minor injuries after the roadside incident at the Pass of Brander.

Nicolas Devon, who was first on the scene, said: 'If it hadn't been for an off-duty fireman who was there almost immediately things could have been very different. He put on the hazards to stop people hurtling along the road and ploughing into the bus. He then went to the aid of the trapped driver.'

'It seemed like forever before the emergency services arrived, but the fireman took charge and kept everyone calm.'

A spokesman for bus operator Citylink said: 'We have strict rules and regulations that have to be adhered to on every trip. There will be a full investigation into the accident.'

A police spokesman said: 'Police enquiries are continuing into the incident. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

David Sloss, of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, said: 'George Dow took every precaution available to him – and he did all the right things to get the driver out of his cabin.'

Elderly farmer despairs at lack of broadband

AS THE Scottish government announced that a number of rural broadband exchanges are to be upgraded, an elderly Lismore farmer has now spent three weeks without a service.

Michael Rich lost his broadband service and is unable to receive incoming phone calls after a fault in British Telecom's (BT) telephone exchange on the island.

And because the island's broadband service is at

capacity, BT says there is no quick solution to Mr Rich's predicament. But Mr Rich is angry that he has been given no timescale for the repairs. He said: 'I was one of the first people on the island to use broadband but the way BT is behaving, I don't see any hope on the horizon.'

The 77 year old says he is so frustrated with the lack of action and explanation from the company that he is considering spending £1,000 on installing satellite broadband.



Kyle is up for the cup!

FOUR-year-old Kyle Cooper from the Isle of Seil, left, was one of the lucky schoolchildren to get their hands on the Scottish Premier League (SPL) Trophy on Monday at Atlantis Leisure in Oban this week.

The cup, which is contested by the top teams in Scottish football, had made its way to Oban as part of the SPL Roadshow, organised by league sponsors Clydesdale Bank. As a special treat, the children also got to meet former international players Billy Dodds and Craig Burley. See back page.16_140spl03



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Ferry campaign boost

THE CAMPAIGN for a new ferry link between Mallaig and Lochboisdale has received a major boost after Highland Council backed the plan for the first time.

Lochaber Provost Councillor Allan Henderson welcomed the council's decision to support the new ferry link in its submission to the Scottish Government's Ferries Review.

Councillor Henderson said the new service was 'a natural progression' to increased traffic between the mainland and the islands as a result of cheaper fares under the government's Road Equivalent Tariff pilot.

Bronze donation worth £1,000

THE £320,000 campaign to erect a bronze monument at Sligachan to legendary Cuillins mountaineers John Mackenzie and Norman Collie received a boost last Friday after a local business donated one kilo of bronze, equivalent to £1,000.

The generous donor receives a numbered and dated certificate individually signed by Collie and Mackenzie Sculpture Group patron Nigel Hawkins and chairman Hector MacLeod.

Group member, artist Steve Tinney told *The Oban Times*: 'Donations are coming in from all over the UK.'

The minimum donation is 10 grams of bronze worth £10. The sculpture will weigh 400kgs.

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Risking life and limb: Alan and Irene Cunningham try to reach the pavement on the busy A830 through Glenfinnan. 10_f40glen01

Bronze Age burial chambers unearthed in Armadale

THREE bronze age burial chambers have been unearthed during excavations to lay foundations for 11 homes in Armadale on Skye.

UBC workmen discovered the first stone kist, measuring two metres long by half a metre wide, around three weeks ago at the Pier Road site.

The stone-clad space contained a pottery urn and other remains, *The Oban Times* understands.

An archaeological watching brief was immediately put on all work at the site as its historical importance became clear. A further two kists were unearthed in succeeding days.

All are believed to date to around 2,000 years BC.

A specialist archaeological team led by specialist Mary Peteranna is currently working to date, map, record and remove finds before the area is built on. UBC is building

the five rented and six shared equity homes for Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association (LSHA), which are due for completion in summer 2010.

Publicity has been at a minimum so far over fears the ground, which is owned by LSHA, could be damaged by sightseers.

LSHA boss Lachie MacDonald said: 'The archaeologists wanted to avoid the area becoming contaminated and destroyed by individuals coming down and tramping through the site.'

The Scottish government has been informed, Mr MacDonald said, and instructions had gone out to ensure treasure trove legislation was complied with.

Local opinion currently seems to favour having the finds, and possibly the kists themselves, displayed in a local museum.

Archaeology festival

THE TWO-WEEK 16th Highland Archaeology Festival begins a programme of more than 100 events on Saturday.

Events in Skye and Lochalsh include a guided walk of Rigg Township, an exploration of ancestral homes with Highland Council ranger service and live archaeology in action at Eilean Donan Castle.

In Lochaber, an exploration of the history of Loch Hourn, Glencoe, the Ballachulish Goddess and guided walks around Loch Nan Uamh and Castle Tioram all feature.

Free programmes are available from Highland Council libraries and service points. The festival hotline is 01463 718505.

Caol and Mallaig ward forum meets

THE ENVIRONMENT will be top of the agenda at the Caol and Mallaig ward forum in Spean Bridge on Tuesday night.

Highland biodiversity officer Janet Bromham will talk on the Highland biodiversity plan while Finlay Taylor, from the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre, will give a presentation on home insulation and cutting fuel bills.

The meeting, in Spean Bridge Primary School, starts at 7.30pm.

Accident waiting to happen

Urgent call for action over A830 Glenfinnan 'chicken run'

EXCLUSIVE: By STEPHEN NORRIS

IT IS only a matter of time before pedestrians are killed on the A830 at Glenfinnan because pavements are either too narrow or absent altogether, local residents are warning.

Retired couple Alan Cunningham and wife Irene live in a specially adapted bungalow on the 'back track', a lane leading onto the main road half way up the hill from the Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre.

Irene needs a motorised wheelchair to get around. When Alan guides her on to the A830 they take their lives in their hands every time because there is a 30-metre gap between their road end and the pavement down to the river.

Alan, aged 63, has to bump Irene, 61, along the white line at the side of the road as lorries and cars roar past until they reach the Tarmaced footpath.

At the River Finnan Bridge there is a second obstacle as the pavement measures under three feet wide, less than half the recommended width for paths next to main roads.

The wheelbase of Irene's chair is one inch narrower than the pavement meaning one misjudgement from Alan could pitch the couple onto the road.

It is not only disabled people who face the 'chicken run' along the A830 - mothers with toddlers in wheelchairs face the same dangers, Mr Cunningham told *The Oban Times*.

He said: 'There is a safety issue here for all the residents of Glenfinnan and a safety issue for the thousands of visitors who come to Glenfinnan every year.'

'On the walkway over the bridge there's one inch maximum clearance from the wheels going over the edge.'

The pavement is also dangerous for young

mothers with babies in buggies, because it's so narrow that in a gusty wind people could be blown on to the main road. It's an accident waiting to happen.

'It beggars belief that nothing has been done about it before now. Why can't they build a gantry and walkway along the river side of the bridge?'

He added: 'We went to the Glenfinnan Gathering last year and police had to stop the traffic both ways to let Irene get along the road into the field. People thought there was some kind of incident.'

Highland MSP Dave Thompson wrote to Transport Scotland urging that the A830 through Glenfinnan be made safer for pedestrians.

Study

He told *The Oban Times* that Transport Scotland chief executive David Middleton has now instructed Scotland TranServ to carry out a study of footpath provision at bridges throughout the North West Trunk Road Unit, which covers Glenfinnan.

Mr Thompson said he hoped the study would be completed as soon as possible.

He added: 'There are obviously real problems on the bridge at Glenfinnan. I have seen this for myself and that is why I asked Transport Scotland to take urgent action to improve the situation before there is a serious accident.'

Mr Middleton said: 'While we have no immediate plans to carry out works on the overbridge at Glenfinnan on the A830, we are aware of the significant number of access issues on our network.'

'Together with our operating companies we are working towards a safer and more accessible road network for all users through the removal of barriers to movement.'

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Doctor retires after 29 years 'immense' service in Appin area

By EUAN PATERSON

FOR THE first time in 42 years, the communities of Appin and Lismore will not have a McNicol as their GP.

Dr Ian McNicol, who served the communities for 29 years before his retirement on Monday, took over the practice from his father, David, who became the area's GP in 1967.

Dr Ian spent his first two years as a doctor on Flotta in the Orkney Isles but devoted the rest of his career to the Appin practice.

Staff

During his 29 years in Appin he has only ever had six members of staff and those who left the surgery only did so through retirement.

He said: 'For months I have been talking about my retirement, without really believing it was going to happen.'

'It is like you're a wee boy coming up to Christmas. There is a big build up and then you suddenly realise it's going to happen and you can't quite believe it.'

The 60 year old will continue to live in Port Appin, in the house his father once lived and ran his practice from.

He added: 'Even though I will still be here, I will miss the relationship I have with the families.'

'I have treated five or six generations of some families and I have been privileged to



Dr Ian McNicol with Appin Surgery practice manager Linda MacGillivray, left, and receptionist Yvonne Carmichael. 16_f40ian01

be at the heart of things when major events take place.

'I could walk into any house in the district and no-one would question what I was doing there.'

Aside from his clinical work, in which he helped to develop the BASICS and Immediate Care courses nationally, Dr McNicol

has been involved in countless community groups and chairs the Appin Community Co-op, which runs the Port Appin shop.

Achievements

One of Dr McNicol's proudest achievements has been his work with the area's travelling communities, where he has

helped to introduce antenatal care and child immunisation.

Appin resident Robbie Dunlop said: 'Dr McNicol has been an immense figure in the whole district.'

'As a doctor, he got to know everyone well and would give the patient as much time as was required.'

Credit crunch could dampen Oban's fireworks display

THIS year may see the last organised fireworks display in Oban.

Councillor Roddie McCuish confirmed to *The Oban Times* this week that the annual event, which regularly attracts 4,000 spectators, may be one of the first events that have to drop off the calendar as a result of Argyll and Bute Council having to dramatically tighten its budget.

Surprised

Speaking at a meeting of Oban Community Council, Mr McCuish said: 'I will be very surprised if we

sustain the fireworks after this year.

'Last year we had more than 4,000 visitors through the doors yet we only managed to take in £2,000 - leaving us with a £3,000 deficit. It is no longer feasible for Argyll and Bute Council to cover all the costs.'

The councillor also indicated that the fireworks display may not be the only event to go.

He said: 'In the future there will be a direct choice for councillors to make - either events or frontline services, and I know where my vote will be.'

Village will have post office two hours a week

BRIDGE of Orchy will have a post office two hours a week following the retirement of the village's last full-time sub-postmaster.

Post Office Ltd confirmed this week that Bridge of Orchy Post Office branch will be replaced with a new hosted service. This service will be carried out by Dalmailly sub-postmistress Gill Chrystal between 2pm - 4pm every Tuesday.

Consultation

Post Office Ltd held a public consultation and received a small number of comments, all in support of the move. The current branch will close next Thursday, with the new service opening on October 20.

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Man on hammer assault charge

A TWENTY-nine-year-old man appeared on petition at Oban Sheriff Court last Wednesday charged with assaulting another man with a hammer.

Harry Kusz, of Uddingston, near Glasgow, made no plea or declaration to the charge of assault to permanent disfigurement on September 13 in Oban, was fully committed by the Crown and remanded in custody.

Focus is on Scotland's future

TWO SCOTTISH government ministers will take questions from members of the public at an event in the Corran Halls on Monday, October 5.

Minister for community safety, Fergus Ewing, and minister for transport, infrastructure and climate change, Stewart Stevenson, will host the latest in a series of 'town hall' meetings.

The question and answer session will be with invited representatives of local organisations and there are seats available for interested members of the public. Mr Ewing said: 'I encourage readers of The Oban Times to join with us as we discuss important questions about Scotland's future.'

The event is due to start at 7pm and will end at 8pm. Attendance is free but those who wish to attend should e-mail nationalconversation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or phone the National Conversation team on 0131 244 1893.

Honour for Lord Robertson

FORMER NATO secretary general and Islay man Lord George Robertson of Port Ellen was presented with the transatlantic Wallace Award in New York last week.

Recognising the ex-defence secretary's work in contributing to the well being of Scotland, he was presented with the accolade, sponsored by the American-Scottish Foundation, at this year's dinner in support of the Scot's Guards Colonel's Fund.

Busy summer for north west coast lifeboats

LIFEBOATS around the west coast have recorded one of their busiest summers holiday seasons, with the exception of stations in Argyll which saw a drop in rescue call-outs.

Figures released by the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) show that lifeboats around Scotland launched a total of 429 times during June, July and August.

Figures for lifeboats in the north-west broadly followed the national trend while in Argyll figures were down this year compared to the number of 2008 call-outs.

Oban Lifeboat launched 18 times over the summer compared to 23 times for the same period last year,



Oban's lifeboat the Mora Edith MacDonald was called out 18 times over the summer months.

while Islay launched three times, one down on 2008, Campbeltown launched seven times, compared to ten times in 2008, Tighnabruich launched

five times compared to 14 last year and Tobermory launched 14 times compared to nine times.

It was a different story in the north with Mallaig launching

18 times compared to ten in 2008, Portree launching 11 times compared to five call-outs last year and Kyle of Lochalsh launching eight times compared to four last year.

Wave Crookes, divisional inspector for the RNLI in Scotland, said: 'It has been a busy summer for the RNLI in Scotland but as always our volunteer lifeboat crews put the safety of the public first - dropping everything the moment the pager goes off.'

'Lifeboat crews have responded to a variety of calls from stricken yachts and fishing boats to injured walkers, and one crew even helped a woman give birth onboard the lifeboat. Sadly

the summer months haven't been without tragedy and our thoughts go out to those who have lost a loved one.'

One of the most notable rescues for the Oban Lifeboat over the summer involved the birth of a baby boy on the boat during a call-out to an expectant mother on the Isle of Mull who went into labour in the early hours of August 3.

Van Harris Wilson was born at 5.20am on August 3 thanks to assistance from Dr Colin Wilson, the lifeboat's medic, and Mull midwife Moira Westland.

Oban's Lifeboat, the Mora Edith MacDonald, was also in action last week launching in the early hours of Wednesday, September 23

to go to the assistance of the yacht Anastasia which had got into difficulties in Loch Spelve on Mull with four persons on board.

Arriving on scene at 2.20am the lifeboat found the yacht, having dragged her anchor hard against the floats of a mussel farm in the north west corner of the loch.

With winds gusting to force nine the lifeboat held the vessel clear of the mussel floats while she tried to retrieve her anchor. This was found to be impossible and the anchor and chain were released to be recovered later.

Anastasia was then moored on a nearby fish farm buoy and the lifeboat departed for home at 3.38am.

Two-car collision at Dunbeg

CONTINUOUS rain over the weekend made for hazardous driving conditions around the Lorn area.

Last Thursday there was a two-car collision at the Wide Mouthed Frog restaurant on the A85 at Dunbeg. The road was blocked for a short period of time but no-one was injured in the incident.

On Sunday a motorcyclist escaped injury after he skidded off the road at Dunach, near Kilmore, on the A816.

Window smashed by brick

A BRICK was thrown through the window of a house in Soroba Road on Monday at around 5pm.

Oban Police are seeking witnesses to the incident. Anyone with any information relating to the incident should contact Oban Police Station on 01631 510500.

£270,000 upgrade to A83

MOTORISTS in Lochgilphead are set to benefit from a £270,000 scheme which will see improvements made to the A83 at Pottaloch Street.

The scheme by Transport Scotland will see upgrades to Pottaloch Street between the Colchester Square mini roundabout and the roundabout at the A83/A816 junction.

The works, which will be managed by Scotland Transerv on Transport Scotland's behalf, include carriageway resurfacing and lining.

Work is scheduled to get underway on October 19 and will last for up to two weeks. To accommodate the first and last 100-metre sections of the scheme daytime road closures will be implemented with a local diversion in place.

A spokesman for Scotland Transerv explained: 'Only one closure will be in place at any one time. In addition to the two daytime closures traffic management for the remainder of the works will be traffic light controlled. Local access will be available.'

Worried about being by-passed

WHILE A82 campaigners have welcomed news that consultation has started on a proposed by-pass for Crianlarich, some villagers and business owners are less than happy.

A six-week consultation process on the half-mile stretch of road, from south of the village to the north, started at the end of last week, and there is a public exhibition in the village hall next Friday. The new route would mean avoiding two narrow railway bridges and, says Transport Scotland, reduce delays and journey times.

But there is concern over loss of income from passing tourists, a view that the money would be better spent between Inverarnan and Tarbet and that the new route passes close to homes in Willow Brae and Tyndrum Terrace.

Cameron Taylor, of Portnellan Highland Lodges, is annoyed it is being imposed 'whether we want it or not'. 'They should have been consulting with the village from the beginning, asking 'what do you need to exist as a community'. If they are going to insist that we have it done, they could

By MARIAN MILLER

at least have the respect to get in touch with us, but everyone is pushing this from the top down.

'I am 100 per cent convinced that the section between Tarbet and Inverarnan is a priority section, not a by-pass around Crianlarich.'

Isla Craig, who has owned Crianlarich Stores with husband Bryan for six years, is worried about the future of the shop and post office.

'We make no secret of the fact that we don't make any money from November to March.'

Summer trade keeps the shop open over the winter for the 50-odd households.

'There are a large number of people who stop at the public toilets for a break and will walk into the village. We have a lot of repeat business from reps or van drivers and they may end up by-passing us as well.'

'I don't know whether we will survive or not.'

John Riley, Strathfillan Council chairman, said there was a feeling in the village that they could not stop it and there was 'no way they are going to listen to us'.

'We are of the opinion as a community council that it is going to happen and we have just got to make the best of it and get the most in terms of community gain,' he added.

Gaespas Byrne, of The Crianlarich Hotel, said: 'Our position is that we are rolling with it and working with the community council. It will take several years to get done and meantime we will be building up the business and Crianlarich as a destination - not somewhere to pass through.'

Stirling MSP Bruce Crawford said it was an 'opportunity to upgrade' the road network and 'improve safety in Crianlarich'.

'However, it is vital that locals make their views known, and that improvements benefit the economy in Crianlarich that relies heavily on visitors.'

Transport Scotland's project manager Angus Kennedy said: 'We are pleased that we have now moved to the statutory process giving local people the chance to have their say. We are committed to delivering this important link route, as we expect it to bring real safety and economic benefits to the area.'



Jean Bowman and Caroline Gillanders selling books for the Cherish Fund.

Jean and Caroline cherish their fundraising roles

RAISING money for the Cherish Fund has become a full-time job for two Kilmelford women.

Jean Bowman and Caroline Gillanders are two of the volunteers who have been raising money for the charity over the past year. And with £9,000 in the bank the

group's ambition to provide a luxury vehicle to take cancer sufferers back and forth to hospital is getting closer.

Donated Jean explains: 'We hope to raise a large amount of money by selling books donated to us, holding our Monday coffee morning at the Shower

of Herring Restaurant at the Melfort Village, and any activities we can think of to get the money to provide a dignified and comfortable form of transport for people who have to make a long journey to hospitals in Oban and Glasgow when they are very ill.'

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The visiting Butterworth High School teachers with Oban High School head teacher Peter Bain and others at the top table. 15_140high01

Oban High develops sporting links with South African school

AN OBAN High School warm welcome was given to two visiting teachers from a South African school which is forging links with the high school through sport.

Following a visit in March this year to Butterworth High School in the Eastern Cape by Jim Ley and David Mitchell, the sports co-ordinator Vuyani Stamper and head teacher Chris Mdingi from Butterworth are visiting Oban.

The two South African visitors were piped into the high school assembly hall

where a number of councillors, Argyll and Bute's MP Alan Reid, members of the community, high school staff and pupils were waiting to welcome them.

Mr Ley and Mr Mitchell described the warmth of their welcome in South Africa and showed a short film of their stay.

Entertained The objective behind the Dreams and Teams programme, from which the visits have stemmed, was outlined before the audience was entertained by the school choir, wind band and pipe band.

Dream and Teams was set up and is managed by the British Council and the Youth Sport Trust to use sport to develop partnerships between schools around the world in order to explore issues such as equality, cultural diversity, inclusion, religion, ethics and global citizenship.

The youngsters from the schools are encouraged to work with their international counterparts through a variety of media.

Evening closure for A82 section

A SECTION of the A82 will be closed between 10pm and 6am, Monday to Friday from October 5 for three weeks, to allow for resurfacing, drainage improvements and landscaping.

The trunk road will be closed, except for local access, between its junction with the A83 at Tarbet and its junction with the A85 at Crianlarich.

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Lorn Lines

THE FIRST meeting of the winter session of Oban Photographic Club is on Monday, October 5 in the Regent Hotel, Oban. Well-known photographer Stan Miller, from Carluke, will give an audio-visual 'world tour' presentation and demonstrate how it was. The meeting begins at 8pm and new members are welcome.

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AN OBAN shop has spare cash for a needy charity. The Original Factory Shop is sending out a plea to all local charities to find one that they can support.

Gwen Cameron, store manager, said: 'The shop has been open for two years in November and has always supported local charities. In the shop's time in Oban it has fundraised for Breath Easy and the hospice but this year it wants to support one charity for a full year.'

Applications are invited from local charities to be supported by the shop. 'Anyone can apply,' Gwen said, 'whether it's a mothers and toddlers group, a local children's football team or a support group of any kind by letter of application to the Combie Street store.'

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LORN Garden Club enjoyed meeting up for the first of the autumn and winter series of garden talks, held at the Lorn Resource Centre, Soroba Road at 7.15 on September 15.

The subject The Realities of Garden Design was presented by Ian Dougal. Ian used his 30 years experience of training gardeners at Auchincruive Agricultural College, Ayrshire, by listing many varied aspects of garden design including problem hedges and careful choice of garden designer.

The talk was followed by a wonderful plant exchange, tea and home made cakes all provided by members of the club.

The next garden talk will be given by David Ferguson, October 20 entitled Greenbank Garden. For enquiries regarding garden talks, garden visits or becoming a Lorn Garden Club member, please contact Dave Croucher: 01852 300 563.

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NEW START Oban has finally found a place to lay its starter packs thanks to the generosity of one of its members.

The group that provides essential household items to people who get a tenancy for the first time has been looking for accommodation for a few months. But it was not until group member Liam Griffin took the matters into his own hands that the group finally has an official home - in his back garden. Mr Griffin said: 'It makes sense for the group to use the container unit - until such times as we grow too big to fit our starter packs inside.'

The group hope to distribute around 50 starter packs per year. It is looking for donations of household items such as cutlery, pots and pans, alarm clocks and bedding. For further details contact newstartoban@yahoo.co.uk.

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MEMBERS of the Lorn Archaeological and Historical Society took a field trip to Lismore to take part in the homecoming celebrations. Despite outdoor plans being abandoned due to the weather, members saw new heritage museum and displays. The large audience heard Lucille Campey's excellent lecture on the push and pull aspects of emigration to upper Canada, before another lecture by Lismore historian Robert Hay and two further presentations. The society's winter lecture programme gets underway on Friday October 9, at 7.30pm in Glencruitten Church centre with a lecture by Jo Currie on wartime memories of Mull.

To discuss sponsorship opportunities in the Oban Times please call Isla on 01631 568000

European funding benefits 14 Argyll projects

FOURTEEN projects have been awarded a total of £214,022 in the latest round of European LEADER funding in Argyll and Bute. Among those that have received funding are Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network (ABSEN), £38,450; Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Group, £22,900; An Tober, Mull, £8,500; and The Dalriada Project, £3,360.

£305,000 'missing' from hospitals

Heavy cost of patients wasting appointments

MISSED hospital appointments in Argyll and Bute are costing NHS Highland around £305,000 a year.

Money - Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (ABCHP) says - that could employ nine more front line nurses.

The partnership is appealing for people to let hospitals know if they cannot make appointments, which would allow other patients to be booked in, prevent consultants' and other professionals' time from being wasted and prevent increased waiting lists as well as the waste of resources.

Fail Kristin Gillies, service planning manager, said: 'In an average month more than 200 people across Argyll and Bute fail to turn up for their consultant-led outpatient appointment - which basically means that nearly 10 per cent of appointments are wasted.'

'I completely understand that things can happen at the very last minute and emergencies arise which may result in members of the public not being able to attend their appointments and in some cases there is little opportunity for them to let us know.'

'However, I would just like to remind patients that if they do have a chance could they please get in touch with us to cancel or rearrange to allow us to offer these empty slots to other patients.'

'This would help us reduce the waiting times for other patients and at the same time allow us to continue to achieve our National Waiting Times guarantee.'

Guilty One patient, who did not want named, who missed an appointment at Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban said: 'I feel extremely guilty about forgetting my appointment and can fully understand the frustration of health staff when people fail to turn up or don't call to cancel.'

'I had no idea that it would lead to such a cost and am shocked at the sum of money which could be put to so much better use.'

'While the appointment I missed was a simple excuse and I will be doing my best not to forget again.'

Everything from village halls, development trusts, care providers and youth services are members of ABSEN, which is free to join, and the LEADER money is to be used to develop its work over the next year and a half.

Argyll and the Islands Local Action Group for the European LEADER programme has now given out more than £2.9 million to 87 projects with a value of £8,662,007 to the area.

Success Wishing all the community ventures success, Argyll and Bute councillor Len Scouler, spokesman for island and rural affairs, said: 'It encourages others to put in the dedication and hard work needed to bring their aspirations to reality.'

which meet to share information about funding, income generation and the best way to provide services to local communities.

Boost 'This announcement comes just days before our network annual conference in Oban from September 30 to October 2, and will give our 50 or so members a great boost,' said James.



Cubs collecting clothes, shoes, accessories and bric-a-brac for the British Heart Foundation as part of the Big Give. 16_139cubs01

Cubs scouts show they are all heart

CUB SCOUTS have been out and about in Oban raising the profile of a fundraising campaign with a difference from the British Heart Foundation.

The boys were handing out stickers, empty polythene bags and gift aid leaflets to encourage people - not only to give away clothes,

shoes and bric-a-brac, but to gift aid it so an extra 25p in every £1 could be given to the charity.

Good Erica Smith, one of the cub scout leaders said: 'Getting the boys into the community for good causes such as this is what the cubs are all about.'

'Homebase, Argos, Pets at Home and Lidl have helped by letting us hand the heart foundation information out in their stores.'

The scouts are looking for new members. The group meets on Wednesday night at 7pm - for more details contact Erica Smith on 01631 570731.

Kilmory development plans considered

DEVELOPMENT opportunities for Kilmory, the seat of Argyll and Bute Council's headquarters, are being considered by elected members.

The council's development services department is drawing up a master plan, which could see the expansion of Lochgilphead. The council owns 185 acres of land on the Kilmory Estate on the outskirts of the town, much of it unused, including

the derelict Kilmory Home Farm steadings and grounds. A report before the council's executive committee last Thursday set out a planning assessment for the potential of small-scale affordable housing at Kilmory Home Farm but an investigation later revealed the farm is not suitable for this kind of development.

Members then agreed to defer any consideration on the future of the Home Farm until the Kilmory Home Farm Project, a community group, had fully explored the potential funding and business plan for the area. The group has been given until next June to report back to the council on its plans.

The Kilmory Home Farm Project wants to restore the farm and regenerate its grounds to create 'a community activity venue and centre for sustainable living'.

The funding programme run by Inspiring Scotland for the Scottish government is aimed at organisations like school clubs and adventure play groups for children aged five to 13.

Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for the third sector, Councillor John Semple, said: 'We encourage groups looking to develop play areas to take ownership of the facility for themselves. In this way new facilities are better cared for as they belong to the community and not to the council.'

'This new fund offers a great opportunity for enhancing the play experience in Argyll and Bute through the development of play areas as community assets. I would encourage community groups to look at the Inspiring Scotland Web Site to see how they might be able to take advantage of this excellent fund.'

Completed application forms need to be in by 5pm on Friday, November 6.

Conference looks at ferry replacement

A TEAM behind a collaborative approach to replace small ferries in Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland, including four in Argyll, held a one-day conference this week in Brussels.

The Small Ferries Project is hoping to raise awareness of what it is trying to achieve - the replacement of small ferries using a common design and building strategy to reduce overall costs.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) is one of the partners in the team which is conducting the study on routes including Tarbert to Portavadie, Gigha to Tayinloan, Oban to Lismore and Tobermory to Kilchoan.

The conference, due to take place on Tuesday, was to include topics on finance through cross-border co-operation, the importance of lifeline services and low carbon ferries.

Volunteers needed to assist court witnesses

SUPPORTING people who are attending court might not seem like the best job in the world, but Alex Wright, volunteer co-ordinator, is keen to point out that the benefits of the job outstrip any difficulties.

The Witness Service provides practical help, information and emotional support to all witnesses, for and against the defence, when attending court in Oban and Fort William. And as the government-funded charity reaches seven years in operation, it is on the look-out for new volunteers.

Mr Wright said: 'We have some great volunteers working with us and they do a great job. Every volunteer is offered extensive training and we would never put anyone into a situation that was going to make them feel uncomfortable.'

'Like Victim Support we use carefully recruited, selected and trained volunteers who are

managed and supervised by full time staff.

'Volunteers work on a rota basis with a minimum commitment of one morning a week.'

'We provide one of the best training programmes to give volunteers all the information people require about attending court.'

'We are completely impartial, working for both the crown and defence, and we never discuss evidence.'

Information 'We support upwards of 500 witnesses every year. For me it is one of the best jobs because with our support, justice can be served by witnesses having the best information about the day's proceedings before they enter the courtroom.'

For further details about volunteering for the service in Oban or Fort William contact Alex Wright on 01631 565676.



Alex Wright, Witness Service co-ordinator for Fort William and Oban Sheriff Courts. 10_140witness01

£100 worth of Farmfoods produce to be won

THE OBAN Times has teamed up with RSABI, the Scottish charity which helps people who have depended on the land, to offer a prize of £100 worth of food vouchers in our competition.

RSABI helps people who have worked for a significant time in a land-based occupation in Scotland, plus their widows or dependants. Help is aimed at those who are unable to work, are on a low income, and are struggling to cope. They provide financial help to more than 550 people a year by way of one-off grants and ongoing support.

The charity helps people all over Scotland, but Argyllshire has been particularly shy in asking for help. RSABI is keen to spread the message to people in need in this part of the country, and has funds which have been specifically set up to help people there.

Heat RSABI is also keen to make people aware of its Fuel Poverty Fund, set up with the help of the Scottish Power Energy People's Trust, which is available to help people heat their homes this winter.

A spokesman for RSABI said: 'It takes a lot of money to fill a domestic oil or gas tank, or to run all-electrical systems

and many people worry about how they can afford it, some even choosing to severely restrict their heating in cold weather. We are there to help, and we have the funds to do so, but sadly some people are too proud or scared to ask.'

Anyone who has worked in farming, forestry, shepherding, crofting, game-keeping, stalking or other land-based activity, or their widow or dependant relative, is eligible for help, and they should apply directly to RSABI on 0131 472 4166.

RSABI can also investigate to see what additional measures might be taken to help their

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One of the over-height warning signs in Connel and North Connel which have been malfunctioning. (40signs01)

New road signs spark confusion

CONFUSED motorists have been checking their roofs as over-height warning signs have flashed at them as they drive through Connel and North Connel.

The signs, powered by wind turbines and solar panels, are at four locations on the roads leading up to Connel Bridge on the A828 as an additional aid to the statutory road signs to stop high sided vehicles and lorries carrying loads from hitting the bridge spars.

But in recent weeks the warning signs have been flashing on and off at intermittent times, going off as cars pass, or not at all, and latterly all vehicles have been warned to 'turn back' when approaching the bridge from the north as the sign remained permanently on.

Faults

Comments about the faults have been made to Connel Community Council, Argyll and Bute Council's transportation spokesman Councillor Duncan MacIntyre and Scotland TransServ, which maintains the trunk roads through Connel and North Connel.

Community council secretary Harry Powell said: 'Several people have said that the signs are not functioning properly. Others have said they are flashing when no-one is driving by. Someone else said when the semi-open top tourist bus goes by it doesn't seem to alert it.'

A spokesman for TransServ said: 'We are aware of the problem and have arranged with the suppliers to fix it as soon as possible.'

Training available to help volunteers

VOLUNTEERS throughout Argyll and Bute are being offered training to find out how to run their organisation more effectively.

As part of the growing Third Sector Partnership, Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre, in partnership with Argyll CVS and ABSN, the social enterprise network, will be delivering training events through the winter months through Fairer Scotland and LEADER Funding.

The courses offer help and advice for police checks, bidding for public sector contracts, funding, or committee skills and governance.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre said: 'This unique opportunity is designed to make our treasured voluntary sector more robust, able to meet the demands of a credit-crunched era, and emerge with more confidence and skills.'

Those interested should get in touch with their local Volunteer Centre/Argyll CVS office.

Forthcoming events will include free Disclosure workshops in Craignure on October 29 and Oban on November 7.

Oban High School news



On the right path

OBAN High School recently welcomed Alba onto its new, innovative Pathways programme that is helping our young people develop valuable skills and knowledge.

This expansion to the senior school curriculum further demonstrates the commitment of our community in supporting the development of our future workforce. The programme now has around 20 local groups or businesses working in partnership with the school and has been extended to include a number of S5 students.

'Stramash helps us develop skills, gives us a wider view and shows us what can be accomplished by doing things,' said Guy Fortieith, one of ten S5 pupils on an outdoor activities course in the pathways programme.

TODAY (Thursday) parents and guardians of S4 have the opportunity to discuss their children's progress at the high school between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

S4 tracking reports were issued this week and with only a few weeks of school time left before the prelims in November this meeting to clarify targets, sharpen focus and help motivate S4 students is not to be missed.

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Issue of sheltered housing extra charges unresolved

FURTHER meetings are to take place over the thorny issue of housing benefit for tenants in Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) sheltered housing.

Existing tenants are paying an extra £10 a week on top of April's rent increase to cover service charges such as community support assistants, lift maintenance, laundry and window cleaning.

This was brought in when supporting people funding via Argyll and Bute Council ceased as part of the stock

transfer agreement but tenants are apparently not eligible for housing benefit to cover the increase.

A meeting took place two weeks ago between the council – which administers housing benefit – ACHA, Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather and Scottish government representatives.

Following this, council leader Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'The meeting gave us an opportunity to have a full and frank discussion with ACHA on all relevant issues.'

He said ACHA was on equal footing to all other registered social landlords in the area in terms of future funding.

'As part of our development together, we will continue our re-examination of housing benefit support to those tenants affected by recent changes.'

'Jim Mather has offered to set up a joint meeting between the council, ACHA and a representative of the Department of Work and Pensions, and we look forward to progressing this issue.'

Alastair MacGregor, chief

executive of ACHA, said: 'It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged through Jim Mather MSP and his colleague, housing and communities minister Alex Neil MP, with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), at which the council and ACHA would be represented to try and access housing benefit for the association's tenants in sheltered housing.'

The council considers that housing benefit cannot be given because there have been two rent increases in a year; the

increase is disproportionately high compared to other housing associations; ACHA is charging two levels of rent to sheltered housing tenants; and the increase in rent is for services not technically covered under housing benefit.

Meanwhile, Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid has also written to Helen Goodman MP, minister responsible for housing benefit, calling for a meeting to clarify various issues relating to rent increase and housing benefit.

Backing for play park proposals

PLANS for a play park at Hillside Road, Campbeltown, have received the unanimous backing of the town's community council.

Councillor Donald Kelly has been pushing for the plans to give children in the area another option as well as the play park near to the town's Tesco store.

Community councillor Cathy Duncan said: 'We need to have a play park up at Hillside; a lot of money has been spent on the play park near Tesco and that has been vandalised.'

Further speed limit on the way

AFTER the success of the 'Twenty's plenty' speed limits in residential areas of Campbeltown, another speed limit is to be added.

Councillor Donald Kelly told Campbeltown Community Council that another 20mph limit is to be brought in, in the Lady Mary Row and Mill Street area of town.

'They have been very successful in the Meadows Road and Davaar Avenue areas of town and now we're looking at another,' he said.

Fèisean receives £540,000 in support

HIGHLANDS and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is investing £540,000 to support the development of the traditional arts movement, Fèisean.

The three-year funding package will offer Fèisean nan Gàidheal, the umbrella organisation which supports the Fèisean network, the opportunity to develop a range drama, language and songwriting activities across the region.

HIE chairman William Roe said: 'The positive impacts of the Fèisean in Scotland are becoming well documented.'

'Its social and economic benefits are enjoyed in some of our most fragile communities; it brings new skills and confidence to young people, a terrific sense of pride in the Gaelic culture of Scotland.'

'We are delighted to agree a new three-year funding package with Fèisean nan Gàidheal, as part of our support for cultural activity in strengthening Highlands and Islands communities.' The Fèisean network grew from the first Fèis in Barra in the early 1980s.

Mod tickets go on sale

WITH only two weeks to go until the start of the Royal National Mod, programmes and tickets for the event, in Oban this year, are now on sale at the Mod exhibition in the North Pier's white building. The shop is open from 10.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Cupboard is bare

Cash crisis for lending library

A LENDING library for pre-school children may have to shut up shop if funding can not be found to secure its future.

The Toy Cupboard, Oban, has been running for 20 years loaning toys, books, DVDs and play equipment to families and play organisations. But unless around £800 per month can be found to pay for staff and hire of premises then the doors may have to be closed forever.

Lyndsay Elliot, vice-chairwoman of The Toy Library, said: 'We are due to celebrate our 20th anniversary in April, however we are experiencing a funding crisis which means we do not have enough money to see us through the six months.'

'We have been well supported by Argyll and Bute Council – however other funders who usually make sizeable donations to us are facing the same cash crisis as many families and simply can not afford to give us money.'

Lyndsay is keen to point out that the group is hoping to find the means themselves to stay open.

'We can survive if people help us out by joining the library for a payment of £3 per year and borrow our toys for 50p per time.'

Report by LOUISE LEE

Treasurer Laura Pagan added: 'We can often see 70 grown ups come along to our play sessions – and if they would lend out and take home our toys it would really boost our finances. We are introducing a session fee of £2 in a bid to get some more money in through the door.'

Play worker Kay McDonald said: 'We have some parents who have so much fun at the session that I think that they forget that they can take the toys home as well.'

'We have Kilniver Primary School as a member and I would hope that more organisations such as pre-school and nursery groups would come forward to join. We have baby toys, activity boxes, specialist equipment for children with disabilities, tricycles, like-a-bikes, games, toys, DVDs, books – and it only costs 50p to hire a toy for a week.'

'We are here to support anyone who has children, at home or visiting, and would like to borrow some toys.'

Anyone who would like more information about the group should email obanbabyfamilyfriendlyguide@hotmail.co.uk.



The Toy Cupboard loans toys to toddlers but due to the financial downturn may have to shut up shop. 15-4406y01

Shop fire closes George Street

By MARIAN MILLER

AN ELECTRICAL fault in an extractor fan from George Street Fish and Chip Shop is believed to have sparked a fire early on Saturday morning.

George Street was closed off as two fire engines from the community fire station rushed to the scene after the alarm was raised by shop owner John Stewart.

He explained: 'I was in at 6am, changing the oil as I do every week. The electrics shut down – there is a trip switch that shuts everything off when something is wrong – and I had a look around but didn't know what it was.'

'I went upstairs to telephone the engineers and noticed smoke from the skylight.'

It is believed an electrical fault in the extractor fan caused a meltdown and started the fire.

Mr Stewart said the fire could not have happened in the middle of the night with no-one in the shop, as none of the equipment was operational when no-one was in.

'When the fryers are off, then everything is off,' he added. 'Luckily, there was very little damage to the shop.'

Guests at the adjacent Caledonian Hotel, some of who it is believed were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm,



Fire fighters remove the extractor fan from the roof of the Queen's Park Place buildings. 16-4406hp01

were evacuated as a precaution while fire fighters tackled the fire from the flat roof on top of the shops in Queen's Park Place and via the hotel.

Watch commander Paul Finnigan, who started in the post at Oban Community Fire Station just eight minutes before the call-out, said his

men managed to stop the fire from spreading on the felt roof above two of the shops.

Eye witnesses saw a lot of smoke, which spread across George Street, and as a precaution early morning traffic coming into Oban from the east was diverted down Deanery Brae.

New detective sergeant appointed in Oban

FORMER community sergeant at Oban police station Alistair Davidson has been appointed as detective sergeant for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

DS Davidson, who has been in Oban for the past five years, has a background in Strathclyde Police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) having worked there while posted in Dumbarton and Clydebank.

Originally from Cathcart in the south side of Glasgow, DS Davidson, who is married with one child, spent four years as a shift sergeant in Oban before taking on the community sergeant's role.

'I would have liked to have stayed a bit longer in community policing but opportunities like this don't come up too often,' he said.

'The place became vacant at short notice because other issues were resolved and I was in the right place at the right time and was fortunate enough to get it.'

'My role will be to oversee all the criminal investigations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles, both re-active, where they have already occurred and pro-active, targeting known



Newly appointed Detective Sergeant Alistair Davidson. 15-4406serg01

criminals, like drug dealers.'

He said intelligence was shared throughout the area and the Oban CID worked as part of a wider team.

'With the DS post back in place, there will be extra capacity and we are hoping to build on the success of last year with that extra capacity. I am looking forward to getting out there and taking the fight to the drug dealers, rather than picking up the pieces afterwards.'

The vacant post of community policing sergeant is being advertised.

Rain fails to dampen spirits at high school fun run



Cheerleaders Robert MacKinnon, Angus Scott and Robert Parson with American footballer Caitlin Smith at the start of the fun run. 16-440run11

PUPILS from Oban High School braved the rain to run the annual three-mile fun run in fancy dress.

The run from Glenshellach to Gallanach was dampened by a downpour last Thursday but head boy Angus Scott said everyone enjoyed the event. He added: 'There was a good vibe, despite the poor weather.'

The sponsored run, which raises money for the school, was well attended by pupils and costumes consisted of a group of cross-dressing cheerleaders, a pair of blue smurfs and a two-man aeroplane.

Ewan Weir, a first-year pupil, ran as Michael Jackson and thoroughly enjoyed his first fun run. He said: 'I can't wait for next year's event.'

The fun run has raised more than £18,000 over the past three years, though a final total is still to be confirmed from this year's effort.

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Islay Jazz Festival

AFTER last year's highly successful 10th anniversary Islay Jazz Festival, this year was bound to be a hard act to follow.

It was tremendous to hear the powerful duo of Alan Barnes, the well known English saxophonist, and Scottish pianist Paul Harrison, stalwart of this and many previous festivals.

In keeping with this year's theme of homecoming, festival enthusiasts were treated to a fascinating talk about the Scandinavian settlement of Islay by Doctors Alan MacNiven and Arne Kruse of Edinburgh University.

They reviewed the available evidence and concluded that in the 8th century Viking culture had first overcome Islay's native people, then was assimilated into Gaelic culture, unlike in the Northern Isles where Norse culture long predominated.

It was lovely to hear the eloquent tones of Nikki King, who sang a series of Billy Holiday compositions. After a six-year absence from the festival, it was a delight to see and hear her back on Islay.

As ever, the final day saw a moving tribute to the Subie Coleman Quintet to the famous American soul star Esther Phillips.

The grand finale again featured leading performers from the festival, Alan Barnes and Phil Bancroft, accompanied by the omnipresent Paul Harrison on piano. It was a positive



Islay singer Sheena Swanson, with drummer Brian Palmer and Paul Harrison, piano, at the Machrie Hotel.



MBE honour for Mull man

Douglas MacNeillage from Tobermory, Isle of Mull, pictured outside the Palace of Holyrood with his wife Margaret, daughter Shona, son Graham and grandson Joseph after being awarded the MBE by her Majesty the Queen. Mr MacNeillage's daughter Deirdrie was unable to attend the day because of work commitments.

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Barcaldine pupils think big at Glensanda

Barcaldine Primary School recently visited Aggregate Industries' Yeoman Glensanda quarry. The children and adults were treated to a wonderful trip round Glensanda and were able to see at first hand the incredible scale of the operation. The children came back buzzing with all the exciting machines and things they had seen during the day. The huge size of everything they saw was summed up by this picture of all 23 children easily fitting into the bucket of a digger.

delight to hear Islay's own vocalist Sheena Swanson. Her voice just becomes richer and richer each year.

Islay and Jura Dolphins

LYNZIE McCuaig put her recent training with Olympic coach Gary Vandermeulen to great use at the West District Championship in Ayr on September 5.

After a summer of hard

training, Lynzie reached the demanding qualification times for these regional championships, often considered the most competitive of the four swimming districts in Scotland. She reached the finals in both the 50m backstroke and the 50m butterfly, claiming fifth place in both finals and setting new personal bests in both events.

Eighteen swimmers from Islay and Jura Dolphins took part in the first Argyll and Bute Swimming Championships in Dumoon. Over the weekend, 52 new personal bests were set. The following swimmers qualified for their event finals: Lynzie McCuaig; Anna Storrie; Iain Harrison; Rachel MacKinnon; Ewan MacKinnon and Ethan MacKenzie.

The club is saying farewell to Katherine McNaughton who is going to Glasgow to start university. After years of swimming, Katherine became first a poolside helper, then a fully qualified coach with the Dolphins. The club was delighted

earlier this year when her commitment to swimming was recognised by Argyll and Bute Council when she was awarded Young Sports Volunteer of the Year, and everyone wishes her well in her future endeavours.

Islay's big day out

SEPTEMBER 19 was a day out to remember for lots of Islay's children and quite a few adults too.

There were large contingents of youngsters out for a day trip to the mainland from schools and sports groups: Islay Boys' football teams were away playing a match in Cowal, Islay's primary school shinty clubs went to watch the Homecoming Camanachd Cup final in Oban and Bowmore Primary School Gaelic Choir had a successful day out at Lochgilphead local Mod, winning the Primary Choirs' Unison song. Several individual children also competed successfully.

Coisir Ghaidhlig Ile also competed at Lochgilphead's Mod Dhailriada 2009, under conductor Iseabail Mactaggart, in preparation for the National Mod in Oban in October.

The group performed as a mixed choir, singing this year's set piece, Mo Chailin Dileas Donn, and own choice, Birlinn Cholla Chioataich, a new arrangement by Kenny Thomson of an Islay song by Duncan Johnstone commissioned this year by the Islay choir, and also the puir-a-beul, Casag lachdann Ruairidh Ruaidh and O tha'n Tombaca Daor.

Soloists Bronwen Currie, Graeme Allison and Fergus Muir felt their singing had gone well. Janey Torrance and Helen Gillies sang in the duets competition. The choir's foremost result was in the Rural Mixed Choirs competition where Islay came second to Taynuilt's strong choir by only one point overall and had the highest Gaelic mark.

Small Isles

Film Festival

TO CELEBRATE Scotland's Year of Homecoming, the Small Isles Film Festival will return to Islay on October 2 and 3. All screenings will take place at Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile, Bowmore.

Correction

IN LAST week's issue of *The Oban Times*, under the heading 'Islay harvest time', the Islay district column referred to a grain drying facility at Octomore Farm. The farm is called Octofad.

Colonsay Show success

THE COLONSAY Show was a huge success and the tables in the hall were groaning with local produce and home-made articles, despite fears that entries were going to be less than last year.

It was nice to see young children competing with the adults in the garden produce classes and a certain amount of 'cross-over' in the traditional male and female classes, with men entering things like

bread and women entering vegetables. The Young Farmers' Show was judged by Dr Roddy McLeod, the Rev Alex Rodgers and Eleanor MacNeill.

Results

Root and produce: Round Potatoes - Katherine Rennie; Kidney Potatoes - Emma and Jamie Leppard; Heaviest Potato - John Clark; Best Cabbage - Esme Marshall; Carrots long - Emma Leppard; Carrots short - Mike Peacock; Beetroot Round - Jamie Leppard Leeks Long - Mike Peacock; Pot leeks - John Clark; Parsnips - Mike Peacock; Onions - Esme Marshall; Shallots - Mike Peacock; Garden turnips - Esme Marshall; Parsley - Fran Patrick; Tomatoes - Margaret Hall-Gardiner; Courgettes - Esme Marshall; Pea Pods - Margaret Hall-Gardiner; Mixed Herbs - John Clark; Any other veg - Mike Peacock; Any fruit - Irene Campbell. Baking: Cheese scones - Sheena Nisbet; Drop Scones - Liz McNicholl; Oven Scones - Annie Lawson; Butterfly cakes - Annie Lawson; Ginger Nuts - Sarah Moss; Madeira Cake - Diane Clark; Apple Tart - Jean MacAllister; Victoria Sandwich - Annie Lawson; Sultana Cake - Katherine Rennie; Petticoat tails - Sheena Nisbet; Plain Gingerbread - Fran Patrick; Date and Walnut loaf - Margaret Hall-Gardiner; Clootie Dumpling - Annie Lawon; Empire Biscuits - Sheena Nisbet; Fruit Tea Loaf - Annie Lawson; Swiss Roll - Diane Clark; White Loaf - Esme Marshall; Brown Loaf - Alison Hendry; White Rolls - Dian Clark; Quiche - Pauline Campbell; Chocolate Muffins - Diane Clark. Homecraft: 1lb Marmalade Margaret Hall-Gardiner; Any Variety Jam - Diane Clark; Any Variety Jelly - Alison Hendry; Lemon Curd - Annie Lawson; Fruit chutney - Katherine Rennie; Pickled Beetroot - Seumas McNeill; Still Life Sketch - Pauline Campbell; Swiss Milk Tablet - Annie Lawson; Brown eggs - Esme Marshall; S'shot Florida and Fauna - Irene Campbell; S'shot Landscape - Neta Titterton; S'shot Portrait - Fran Patrick; Knitted Scarf - Jean MacAllister; Crochet Article - Margaret Smith; Baby's jacket - Margaret Smith; Knitted socks - Jean MacAllister; Knitted hat - Christine McNeill; Childs jumper - DK Margaret Smith; Christmas gift - Pauline Campbell; HMA Ladies - Sarah Hobbhouse; Soft toy - Margaret Smith; Tapestry - Margaret Smith; Embroidery - Margaret Smith; Pot plant - Margaret Hall-Gardiner; Flower arrangement - Alison Hendry; Home made wine - Esme Marshall;

Any visitors entry - Jean Edwards. Junior (under 5): Chocolate Krispies - Jamie Leppard; Painting - Jamie Leppard; School Made Article - Jamie Leppard.

Junoir (5 - 8): Chocolate Krispies - Emma Leppard; Painting - Emma Leppard; HMA - Dylan Dady; School Made Article - Dylan Dady. Junior (9 - 11): Chocolate Krispies - Tom Brown; Gingerbread men - Katy Gillespie; Flapjacks - Katy Gillespie; Drawing - Holly Nisbet; Painting - Katy Gillespie; HMA - Neil Brown; School Made Article - Lewis MacLeod; Photograph - Holly Nisbet.

Cups: Root and Grain - Esme Marshall; Baking - Annie Lawson; Homecraft - Margaret Smith; Junior Girls - Katy Gillespie; Junior Boys - Neil Brown. Best Exhibit: Gents - Mike Peacock; Ladies - Esme Marshall; Junior - Katy Gillespie. Ellen Kerr Memorial for best tray of veg: Mike Peacock.

Scalpay

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Fishing

THE BEGINNING of September was too windy for a full day of shellfish fishing.

Prawns seem to be a very preferable shellfish as it can be boiled for eating any time.

Velvet crab is not really sought after much in the Western Isles but there is a market for it in Spain.

Fishermen say there is plenty mackerel available but herring is a bit more scarce.

Electricity

WHEN poles and overhead electric wires are replaced by underground cables it makes a huge difference to electricity supplies to households.

The overhead cables are not as reliable in the extreme gale force winds that blow on Scalpay.

Longevity

THE OLDEST man to

have lived on Scalpay was understood to have lived to 103 years of age.

The oldest lady, however, was 110 and died only a few years ago.

Resources

THERE was a time when the Western Isles could survive on its own resources by having milk cattle, grown potatoes, plentiful fish, meat from cattle, eggs from household hens and planted vegetables.

Perhaps there was a lack of modernism, compared to the Western Isles of today. But with just hard work, the population could support itself.

Submariner

WE RECALL with fondness the time years ago when a submarine commander, who had a cottage on Scalpay, brought his submarine to Scalpay for a brief period.

It gave residents the opportunity to go aboard the vessel and get a view of life on a submarine.

Torch

THERE once was an old crone on Scalpay who was given a torch for the first time to help him get home from a neighbour's house on a dark night.

On arriving home he tried to blow out the torch. He blew and blew with no success, not realising it was an electric torch.

Fish van

THE FISH van has been doing its rounds as usual after an absence of two weeks, when the proprietor was off on holiday.

Skye view

ON A clear day and calm seas across the Minch from Harris you will see the Cuillins of Skye in the distance.



Ready for a sale - volunteer fund-raisers at the event in aid of North Argyll Eventide Home. 16-139homes01

Volunteers boost treats fund

A fund-raiser for Oban's North Argyll Eventide Home held in Glencruir Road Church Centre raised £679.95 for treats and extras for the elderly people who live in the home. Fund-raiser Fiona MacKillop, seated front centre, said: 'We have two fund-raisers every year, this event and our Daffodil Tea. We are delighted with the turnout that we get every time and would like to thank everyone for their support. It makes all the difference to the residents at the home.'

Around the Rurals

Tobermory

THE TOBERMORY branch of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) met for the first time this session on September 1.

The meeting was held in new surroundings - Glen Iosal Common Room.

Speakers for the night were Edith Carmichael and Andrew MacDonald who spoke about their visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

They described the site and the museum and showed photographs of what remains of the concentration camp where more than a million men, women and children were put to death.

It was a sobering and moving talk. These two eloquent young people, through their thoughtful descriptions and reflections, reminded members of how important it is to celebrate the lives of those who died and to ensure that discrimination never poisons the world.

Salen

PRESIDENT Margaret Black welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new season. The business meeting was followed by a 'Taste and Try' which included Lemon Cookies, Chocolate

Brownies, Courgette Cake, Apricot Nectar with Ambrosia Rice and Apricot and Almond Muffins. This was followed by a discussion, swapping of recipes and a cup of tea.

In the competitions, Louise Dyer was first with her round of shortbread and a photograph of a waterfall.

Dervaig

DERVAIG SWRI reconvened on September 9 after the summer break.

Twelve members settled down after the business meeting to stretch their brains with Chrissie MacDonald's Scottish quiz.

The questions, compiled by Chrissie, were on all aspects of Scotland - its history, geography, folklore - and really had members digging deep into their memory banks.

Most of the audience learned something new in the course of the evening.

The winner by a short lead, due in part to a bonus point for an impression of a certain Scottish actor, was Joy Caskie, with Pixie Wathen a close runner-up.

Chrissie was thanked for devising a really interesting quiz and giving everyone such an enjoyable evening.

Refreshments were served to revive the flagging brain cells.

Tiree

NEW PRESIDENT Caroline Maclean opened the meeting by welcoming the 13 members who attended on a stormy evening.

She asked everyone to introduce themselves to the person on their right and tell one another about a happy event that took place in the summer break.

Caroline then introduced Lala who gave an informative talk about yoga. Everyone received a handout on the five points of yoga - proper diet, breathing, exercise, relaxation and positive thinking. She then demonstrated breathing and floor exercises which everyone tried. Mary MacIntyre gave the vote of thanks and presented her with a gift.

In the competition for a photograph of Tiree wild flowers, Jean Tavener was first with Annie MacKinnon second and Jennie Niven third.

Fionnphort

THE FIRST meeting this autumn was an interesting nature walk along Ardalanish beach, lead by local naturalist John Clare.

This area has several different plant habitats and members were shown

these and their typical flora. A few plants were still in flower, while others were identifiable by leaves or seeds. John supplemented what members saw with his beautiful photographs of the plants when in flower.

Members saw otter spraint, where a dog otter had marked his ownership of a stream. Few birds or insects were out and about.

Unfortunately, the sun did not shine, in fact it poured, but everyone enjoyed a picnic in the rain. The weather did not dampen spirits and everyone was surprised by the range of flora around them.

The branch has asked John to lead a similar walk in the spring.

Torosay

ELEVEN Torosay ladies relaxed after the rigours of the summer season with a demonstration of Indian head massage from Annie Hall, ably assisted by her daughter and some soothing music.

After everyone had had a go at both administering and receiving a massage, they enjoyed some of Cathie's cheese scones and Janet's chocolate cake.

The competition, an arrangement of foliage, was won by Cathie McLean.

TV spotlight on Lochaber High prom

LOCHABER High school pupils will feature in a BBC ALBA documentary on the glamour and drama of the Scottish school prom season on Monday night.

Save the Last Dance, An Oidhche Mhòr, produced by Mactv, follows the preparations of Lochaber High, Ullapool High and Holyrood RC Secondary School pupils in Glasgow for the biggest night in their schools' social calendar.

Isobel MacKenzie, deputy head teacher at Lochaber High School, said: 'The end of summer term for S6 pupils is the end of an era. This is now the tenth year that Lochaber High School has marked the graduation of S6 pupils as they embark on future careers.'

The programme starts at 9pm and is on channels Freesat 110 and Sky168.

Accolades for Skye hotel

THE KITCHEN at Kinloch Lodge on the Isle of Skye has been awarded three rosettes by the AA for culinary excellence.

The hotel also received three red stars in the AA Hotel Recognition Scheme after a visit by inspectors.

Owner Claire Macdonald paid tribute to her team and described the accolades as 'truly wonderful'.

Youngsters to open new Barra Co-op

LOCAL youngsters will cut the ribbon on the new £1 million Co-operative food store in Castlebay, Barra, next Tuesday.

The ceremony will see children from Castlebay Community School and Eoligarry School presented with donations of £250 for each school's funds by store manager Janet Jevons.

The new store will create five jobs.

Felt making demonstration

A DEMONSTRATION of felt making will be held at Lochaber Rural Education Trust, An Clachan, Torlundy, on October 5.

Anyone wishing to attend should book by telephoning 01397 703819.

Skye crofters seek backing for revival blueprint

AN ISLE of Skye community is urging crofting regulators to back its blueprint for a revival of crofting across the Highland and Islands.

Armed with a comprehensive report on the state of crofting in their area, Camuscross representatives took a Crofters Commission delegation round local crofts to show them best and worst practice on the land, which is owned by Fearann Eilean Iarmain Estate.

The good included evidence of increased crop growing and livestock numbers - the bad, absenteeism, derelict land, neglected buildings, problems over access and land speculation.

By STEPHEN NORRIS

The Skye people are convinced crofting's time has come as the world runs out of productive land - but warns the decrofting of good ground for house plots and the subordination of the common good for private gain threatens to destroy a system perfectly geared to sustainable food production.

The report's co-author, Iain MacKinnon, said the paper received 12 positive responses from local crofters and only one against.

It has also been circulated to interested politicians, academics and government

officials whose response has been unanimously positive, one describing the report as 'tremendously timely and very important' with regard to the latest, controversial draft crofting reform bill.

Mr MacKinnon said: 'If the energy we are beginning to show could be supported and nurtured, we believe that we can demonstrate how crofting could lead the way in developing ecologically sustainable methods of local food production, in encouraging increased community spirit and in strengthening community resilience.'

'And if legislators, regulators, crofting communities and individual crofters can

agree that crofting needs to be regulated, so that not just individual crofters reap the benefits, but also crofting communities, we believe that this historic system of land tenure can again play a vital part in sustaining some of Scotland's most isolated and fragile communities.'

Co-author Susan Walker told *The Oban Times*: 'Rather belatedly, we are creating another movement. In Camuscross we have become, in recent years, a more active and vibrant township again and there is a good and lively community in the village.'

'It shows the resurgence in livestock keeping, in growing, in communal

working and a host of other activities. But we feel that for our community to fulfil its potential in the long term we need, for example, to ensure that more young people are able to get a foothold in the place.'

Describing the meeting with Camuscross representatives as 'productive', Crofters Commission chief executive Nick Reiter told *The Oban Times*: 'The aim now is to set up a meeting with representatives from the Crofters Commission, the crofters and the landlords to go through in detail the circumstances affecting each and every croft giving concern in the area.'

Gallop and Grind raises Cancer Care thousands

THOUSANDS of pounds was raised for local charity Cancer Care in the Highlands on Saturday when runners, walkers and cyclists of all ages took part in Lochaber's second 'Gallop and Grind' event.

Frazer Coupland of organisers No Fuss Events briefed the 272 participants on the route round Cow Hill before the mass start from Lochaber Leisure Centre, Fort William, competitive athletes at the front, joggers behind them and walkers at the rear. An evening ceilidh and presentation to the winning athletes in the Nevis Centre raised more cash for the charity, set up in memory of Invergarry mum Sharon Fraser, who died of breast cancer in December last year. Sharon's son Calum and leisure centre manager Graham Brooks headed the field out of the park.

Speaking on behalf of Cancer Care in the Highlands trustees, Karen MacInnes, a close friend of Sharon, thanked the organisers, sponsors MacPhee and Partners and Ferguson Transport, and all participants and their donors.



And they're off! The Gallop and Grind gets underway at King George V Park, Fort William.

Pepperoni pizza Pole in racist row

A ROW over a pepperoni pizza saw a Fort William man racially abuse Turkish staff in front of shocked customers then run away when police were called.

'Agitated' Lukasz Kopys stormed into the Pierhead Takeaway on the town's High Street on July 12 demanding roast beef, only to find it wasn't on the menu.

He returned to buy a pepperoni pizza, only to crash back in shortly after past a queue to shout at busy workers that he could only find a single piece of pepperoni.

Staff told him there was plenty under the cheese if he cared to look, but Kopys' only answer was to call shop manager Maksut 'Max' Tasasiz and Abdin 'Abi' Yildiz 'Turkish b*****', then threaten to burn the shop down and kill those inside.

Terrified the situation was getting out of control, staff phoned police, who arrived inside two minutes, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

'He wasn't sober,' shop assistant Moya Mackay said.

As soon as he realised the law was coming,

Kopys legged it down the street with officers in hot pursuit.

In court, 26-year-old Kopys, of The Willows, Achintore Road, admitted two counts of breaching the peace by shouting, swearing, threatening to kill staff, burn the property down, threatening to smash up the property, all in a racially aggravated manner, and causing alarm and distress to Mr Tasasiz and Mr Yildiz by racially abusing them.

The Polish national also admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice by running away from his police pursuers.

Head chef Mr Tasasiz, 64, describing himself as 'Turkish and Scottish' after 28 years in Fort William, told the court how 'very aggressive' Kopys 'swore at me and Abi' and said he would 'kill me and burn my shop'.

'I thought he was going to start hammering me, I was really frightened,' he said.

Sheriff Douglas Small deferred sentence on fish farm worker Kopys until October 15 for background reports and ordered him to stay away from the Pierhead Takeaway.

Double trouble on loch rocks

A FISHING boat trying to rescue another caught on rocks on Eilean Isay, Loch Dunvegan, on Sunday afternoon also ran aground.

Stormway Coastguard received a report at 3.30pm that fishing vessel *My Amber* was in trouble after suffering engine failure. The *Nil Desperandum* went to help, but at 4pm reported that it had grounded its keel.

After abandoning ship, nine men were rescued from the shore by Portree Lifeboat and fishery protection vessel *Norna* and taken to Dunvegan. The *My Amber* sustained serious damage to her underside.

Watch manager at Stormway Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre Murdo

Macaulay said: 'The crews are both safe but unfortunately their vessels are still aground at the moment.'

'There is no evidence of pollution from either vessel and plans are now being drawn up to recover both vessels.'

'This incident was created by an unfortunate sequence of events but thankfully the crews were wearing lifejackets and had life rafts to help them get ashore safely.'

Both boats were floated off on the next high tide. The *My Amber* is currently at Dunvegan undergoing damage assessment.

Portree Lifeboat and its six crew, led by coxswain Hamish Corrigal, returned to Portree harbour at 9.30pm.



MCA regional safety manager Brett Cunningham, right, presents George Lawrie with a plaque after the opening of the new Mallaig coastguard station.

New Mallaig coastguard centre opened

FORMER auxiliary in charge George Lawrie formally opened the new Coastguard station at Mallaig on Friday evening.

Mr Lawrie, a member of the fishing port's Coastguard team for 24 years and its head for 11, said: 'It's a privilege and an honour to open this new station,' he told the assembled guests. It's great to see this new building. Compared to what we had, it's absolutely tremendous. But it's not the building that counts, it's the job that counts.'

The new Mallaig Industrial Estate base replaces a shed at the harbour, which served as local operations centre for 40 years. Members of the local

coastguard team and their support staff, Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) Scotland and Northern Ireland regional director Bill McFadyen, regional coastal safety manager Brett Cunningham and Provost of Lochaber Allan Henderson all attended.

Mr Cunningham presented Mallaig man Ian MacNaughton with a medal and framed certificate to mark his 20 years service, while Mallaig Lifeboat coxswain Michael Currie presented John Hodgson from Lochaline with a valedictory certificate for his 22 years service.

Earlier, the MCA party opened a new storage centre on Rum, built by SNH.

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Bill, right, with the Chambers family. Arienne holds the spirometer helping to keep her cystic fibrosis at bay. 10_f40b1101

Bill's got a mountain to climb

ACE FUND-RAISER Billy McIsaac is heading for Everest Base Camp in aid of equipment to combat the debilitating disease affecting a young Lochaber girl.

Milngavie man Billy hopes his latest challenge, from November 7-25, will pull in enough cash to buy spirometers for Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. The machines measure airflow in the lungs of cystic fibrosis sufferers and play a vital role in managing the condition.

Billy, who has already raised more than £40,000 for Lochaber Therapy Pool, is a close friend of Darren and Annette Chambers, of Lochybridge, Fort William, whose six year-old daughter Arienne has cystic fibrosis.

The family, including Arienne's big sister Siobhan, met Billy in town on Monday to wish him well on his attempt to reach Everest Base Camp -

17,601 feet - along with adjacent peak Kala Patar - 18,192 feet.

Mum Annette said: 'It's fantastic what Billy is doing for us and all the children with cystic fibrosis.'

The machines Billy's sponsor money buys will go straight into the cystic fibrosis clinic at Raigmore Hospital for use there and across the Highlands and Islands in nurses' house calls. A donation will also go towards gene research.

Billy has raised £3,500 of his £5,000 target and hopes to pay for as many spirometers as possible.

Thanking everyone in Lochaber who are sponsoring him, he added: 'Everest would be a great way to celebrate my 60th birthday and in turn do something positive for others and myself.'

More information at www.justgiving.com/billymcisaac.

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The Oban Times Wedding Album



King - Collison

Dorothy King and Robert Collison were married on the banks of Loch Awe at the Taychreggan Hotel. Photo by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



Gray - Davidson

Anna Gray from Liverpool and Brian James Davidson, formerly of Caol, Fort William, were married in Liverpool. Brian is the son of Brian and Janet Davidson and grandson of Jessie and the late Johnny Macgillivray. The couple have settled in Edinburgh.

Thomson - Campbell

Elaine Thomson and Duncan Campbell, both of Glenshellach Terrace, Oban, were married in the town's Corran Esplanade Church. They held a reception in the Corran Halls, Oban. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.

McKnight - Tracy

Alison McKnight and Robert Tracy of Fort William were married in the Oban Bay Hotel. They chose this venue because of the large numbers of friends and family ties in the town. The couple also held their reception in the hotel. Photo by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.

Ferguson - Bain

Jan Ferguson and Paul Bain were married in Kilmichael Glassary Parish Church. The couple held a reception at the Galley of Lorne, Ardfern. Photo by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.

Kershaw - Moon

Jane Kershaw and John Moon, both of Bath, were married at Kingairloch Church. The couple held a reception in Kingairloch House. Photo by Highland Photos.



Gibson - McNab

Aileen Gibson and Mark McNab, both of Mauchline, Ayrshire, were married in a civil ceremony on Tralee Beach. The couple held a reception in the Falls of Lora Hotel, Connel. After many holidays in Tralee, the couple decided to marry there. Photo by Highland Photos.



Tanalgo - Shepherd

Maryville Tanalgo of the Philipines and Malcolm Shepherd of Achnalea, North Ballachulish, were married in Maryville's home town of Bacolod City.

Wilson - Mathieson

Patricia Wilson and Michael Mathieson, both of Kingsway, Mallaig, were married at West Highland Church of Scotland, Mallaig. They held a reception in The West Highland Hotel, Mallaig. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.

Jenkins - Morgan

Hannah Jenkins and Scott Morgan, both of Fort William, were married at St John's Church, Caol, Fort William, by Father Roddy Johnston. The couple held a reception in The Ben Nevis Hotel, Fort William. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.

MacDougal - Parsley

Rebecca MacDougal and Nigel Parsley, both of Ipswich, were married at Inverlochy Castle Hotel, Fort William. They also held their reception there. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



Beckett - Wallace

Amie-Louise Beckett, of Lundavra Road, Fort William, and Jason Wallace, Locheil Villa, Corpach, were married at the Moorings Hotel, Banvie. They also held their reception there. Photo by Claire Abernethy.



Loughran - Herron

Lisa Loughran and Graham Herron were married in Oban Cathedral. Lisa is a nurse at Oban's Lorn and Islands Hospital and Graham is the owner of a landscaping company based in Oban. The couple held a reception in The Oban Bay Hotel. Photo by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



Gregory - Muir

Louise Ann Gregory and Gordon Muir were married on Corran Beach, Isle of Jura.



Boner - Sweeney

Katie Boner and Marc Sweeney, both of Woodlands Drive, Glasgow, were married in St Mary and St Finnan Church, Glenfinnan, by Father Roddy Johnston. The couple held a reception in Glenfinnan House Hotel. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



Smith - MacKinnon

Jenni Leigh Smith and Michael MacKinnon, both of Fort William, were married at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Memorial Church, Fort William, by the Rev Donald MacQuarrie. They held a reception in the BA Social Club, Fort William. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



Andrew - Anderson

Karen Andrew and Drew Anderson, both of Oban, were married in St Paul's Bay, Lindos. Karen is the daughter of Ian and Sarah Irvine and Drew is the son of Andrew and Veronica Anderson. The couple held a reception in the Corran Halls, Oban, on their return.

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McLelland - Corrigan

Janet McLelland and Michael Corrigan, both of Wemyss Bay, were married in St Mary's Church, Arisaig. They held a reception in The Morar Hotel. Photo by Anthony MacMillan, Fort William.



MacIntyre - Bonar

Katie MacIntyre of Port Ellen, Islay, and Michael Bonar were married in St Paul's Bay, Lindos, Rhodes.

Mull Lines



TOBERMORY joins Singapore and Monaco with a city-centre leg of its annual rally.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Tour of Mull Rally, organisers have applied to Argyll and Bute Council to have a town centre stage of the race.

John Fife, organiser of the race, said: 'This year's rally, on October 9, 10 and 11 reaches its remarkable 40th anniversary. The rally is the biggest earner in Mull tourism and it's done more than Balamory to put it on the world map. To celebrate this unique milestone, the organising team from Lancashire has agreed with the council to stage a special treat on Friday evening, October 9, a city-centre special through the streets of Tobermory.'

'Last staged in the millennium, the route of this special stage in Tobermory will follow the road along the sea-front, up Back Brae, along Albert Street and out on to the Dervaig Road. Monaco on the Mediterranean seafarmer may have its Formula 1 racing cars, but for atmosphere it doesn't come close to the sight and sound of rally cars around Tobermory Bay. The entry list for the rally is now closed with a full entry of 140 cars.'

'Sometime in the past 40 years, someone came up with the unofficial title of 'the Best Rally in the World' for this event. No-one is quite sure who described it as such, but the title has stood the test of time and has never been disputed by anyone in British rallying.'



Young Tobermory band The Brief played a two set gig at the Mishnish Hotel in Tobermory.

HOT ON the heels of their successful gig supporting Colin MacIntyre at An Tobar, young Tobermory band The Brief made a resounding return to The Mishnish Hotel.

The band, with lead singer Tom Regan, played two sets featuring 10 of their own new songs, including: Goodbye, The Game, Have a Heart and Seeking the Answer which have already gained recognition and acclaim from the band's fast-growing fan base.

The Tobermory High School pupils are due to record some of their tunes over the next few months in the hope of releasing an album nearer the end of November.



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Dividends for schools

YOUNGSTERS from Barra will be centre stage when they perform the ribbon cutting ceremony at a new £1 million supermarket on the island next Tuesday.

Children from Castlebay Community School and Eoligary School will take the place usually filled by celebrities by opening the new Co-operative food store in Castlebay. In doing so, they will collect a lump sum of £250 for each of their schools.

Store manager Janet Jevons said: 'The opening of the store will be a special day for the island and we are delighted children from our local schools can play a central role in the celebrations.'

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Transportation of supplies is 'not creating shortage' Assurances given over water supply

A LACK of water on Mull has begun to affect residents in the Ross of Mull – but Scottish Water says the problem is down to burst pipes rather than the mass transportation of water from one end of the island to the other.

As The Oban Times reported recently, homes in the centre and north of the island were having problems with a shortage of water, during the wettest month since records began.

This week, residents around Bunessan have said they too have had problems including no water, low pressure and, on one occasion, a limited supply of bottled drinking water delivered to the village.

John Clare, of Kilpatrick, said: 'We have not been able to get any useful information

from Scottish Water customer services about our supply.

'One day when Scottish Water decided to give out free bottled water, it was only by rumour that we found out that it was in Bunessan and by the time we went up to get some it was all gone.

'We are not kept up-to-date with the situation.

'It seems to me that the area with the most demand, ie Tobermory, is being prioritised over people who live elsewhere on the island – and this doesn't seem fair.

'While I understand there will be occasional accidental and unavoidable interruptions to supply, it would seem to me that the water supply system in this area is now at its carrying capacity.

'This would suggest to me

that the water infrastructure for Bunessan should not be burdened with any further connections unless significant improvements are made.

'Scottish Water seems to be tankering water away from Bunessan and every time it does so we lose out on our water completely'

Risk

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'Scottish Water has balanced water volumes around Mull, and tankered water from Dervaig and Craignure water treatment works to Tobermory on a number of occasions when there has been a risk of a loss of supply in Tobermory.'

'There has been ongoing work to monitor our leakage in the Tobermory area since before the issue with the

local supply this summer and this will continue. We have also engaged with non-domestic customers about their water usage with a view to minimising this.

'We have not tankered water to Tobermory from Bunessan, as Bunessan is not considered suitable for this purpose.

'We believe the customer you refer to in the Bunessan area may have been affected by a burst, or bursts, to pipes in the local network.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'We usually include a condition that anyone applying to build on Mull has to arrange a supply with Scottish Water before they can proceed.

'Our officers have had several meetings with Scottish Water on this issue.'



Beachd Ailein

Nuair a nochd Coimisean na h-Eòrpa paipear uaine as a' Ghiblean air leasachadh air Poileasaidh Choitcheann Iasgaich an Aonaigh Eòrpaich, chan eil teagamh nach robh mòran a tha an sàs sa ghniomhachas ann an Alba beò an dòchas air atharrachadh bunaiteach, ach aig an aon àm gun chus dùil ris.

Fad bhliadhnaichean tha sinn air a bhith a' faicinn barrachd is barrachd den chhablach iasgaich Albannaich a-tighinn fo smachd luchd gnothaich ann an dùthchannan Eòrpaich eile agus teaghlachan a bha ris an iasgach fad linntean ann am bailtean iasgaich na h-Alba a' fàgail na h-obrach gu tur. Chan e sin a-mhàin ach tha dearbhadh làitheil aig an fheadhainn a tha ri iasgach mu na cladaichean gum bheil an stoc a' sìoladh, agus far an robh uair na chumadh teaghlachan ann am biadh fad na bliadhna chan eil an diugh cha mhòr dad ri ghlacadh. Tha cuid den choire air dòighean iasgaich, agus pàirt eile gun teagamh an urra ris na bheil de ròin a-nise ris na cladaichean againn. Tha fios agam gum bheil feadhainn a tha a' dìon "choitrichean" nan ròin a thèid nam aghaidh an seo, ach ma tha, mar eisimpleir, mìle ròin an diugh far nach robh ach ceud roimhe tha fhios gum bheil iad ag ithe am barrachd èisg!

Ach aon rud air an aontaich a' mhòr-chuid dhan aithne an gnìomhachas agus 's e sin nach eil am Poileasaidh a th' ann ag obair. Ged nach biodh ann ach na h-argamaidean guineach a nochdas a h-uile bliadhna cha mhòr mu cheadan iasgaich gach dùthcha tha e follaiseach nach eil coitcheannas a' ciallachadh na bu chòir.

Tha aithisg eadar-amail bho bhuidheann-sgrùdaidh, a stèidhich Riaghaltas na h-Alba gus stiùireadh a thoirt dhaibh air a' chuspair, ag ràdh gum bheil "ath-leasachadh poileasaidh deatamach" agus gum bheil "uireasbhaidhean òrdail" air a' phoileasaidh a th' ann. Tha an aithisg cuideachd a' comharrachadh a' phàipear-uaine mar chothrom sònraichte gus cùisean a leasachadh agus mòran a bharrachd smachd a thoirt dha na dùthchannan Eòrpaich fa-leth ann a bhith a' cumail smachd air an cuid iasgaich fhèin. Tha dùil ris an aithisg dheireannaich aig a' bhuidheann-sgrùdaidh toiseach 2010 agus tha dòchas gum bi na molaidhean aice nam pàirt mhòr de thagraidh Riaghaltas na h-Alba chun Roinn Eòrpa.

Tha dòchas iasgach na h-Alba an eisimeil leasachaidh a-rèir na h-aithisg, agus tha na h-iasgairan againn mar tha a' cleachdadh nam modhan glèidhteachais air am bheil feum. Mar sin, mar a bha riamh, tha na dubhain gan cur le dòchas!

An interim report from an independent inquiry group, established by the Scottish government to examine European rules governing Scotland's fishing industry, has reported that 'urgent reform' is necessary to address 'systematic failures'. The report adds that 'good regional governance' is critical if the industry 'is to have a future'.

Industry professionals have been saying this for years as they witnessed loss of ownership and control, so 'tight lines' from the European Green Paper on the Common Fishing Policy reform.

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Youngsters really dig archaeology

CHILDREN from the Uists and Benbecula took up shovels and trowels last weekend to find what their ancestors were getting up to some 4,000 years ago.

Around a dozen children aged between eight and 12 started an archaeological dig on the site of an Iron Age house on Baleshare beach, North Uist. It was exposed by the elements last year and is now seriously threatened by coastal erosion.

The idea for the dig came from archaeologists Kate MacDonald and Becky Rennell, of Uist Archaeology, as well as local group, Access Archaeology.

Ms MacDonald and Ms Rennell wanted to encourage the strong local interest that had grown from previous community digs.



A youngster is fascinated by his find.

Mull contributes to country's success with sea eagle chicks

THE SUCCESS of sea eagle chicks on the island of Mull has helped to make 2009 Scotland's largest breeding season for the past 150 years.

Figures released last week from the 2009 survey show there are now 46 territorial breeding pairs of the UK's biggest raptor, an increase of two pairs since 2008 – with one new pair setting up a territory on Lewis and one in Lochaber.

It has also been the most successful year in terms of chicks produced, with 24 successful broods fledging a total of 36 chicks.

Experts at RSPB believe there are now more than 200 sea eagles in

Scotland. Five of this year's chicks have been fitted with satellite tags, and several of these are starting to make exploratory flights away from the immediate nest site areas.

Progress

The progress of two of these chicks on Mull can be followed via RSPB's website at www.rspb.org.uk/mulleagletracking.

RSPB is keen to point out that Mull's sea eagles have become a firmly established tourist magnet, pulling in thousands of wildlife enthusiasts who boost the island's economy by up to £2 million annually, according to a recent economic survey.

CalMac improves services

FERRY operator Caledonian MacBrayne announced that it is making 22 changes to ferry timetables.

CalMac Ferries says it consulted widely with the local communities and received the go-ahead from the Scottish government to make the changes.

Integration

A spokesman said: 'The timetable changes, which include the introduction of a number of additional sailings on some routes, are largely aimed at improving connectivity and better integration with bus and rail services.'

Phil Preston, managing director of CalMac, said: 'We have succeeded in introducing 22 changes that we put to government and most of the planned changes proposed are being undertaken

as a result of direct requests from the communities we serve. I believe this amply demonstrates our desire to do what we can to provide the best service possible.'

Changes include a new Saturday sailing from Mallaig to Muck, Oban to Craignure timetable changes to improve access to and from Oban from Mull on Tuesdays and Thursdays, additional services between Tobermory and Kilchoan to improve access to Mull for Ardnamurchan residents, and Oban to Lismore timetable changes to improve access to hospital appointments and for Lismore residents who work in Oban.

Further information on the CalMac timetable is available at www.calmac.co.uk

Towel thrown in over Mull toilets

THE FATE of toilets on Main Street, Tobermory hangs in the balance this week after a councillor decided that the management structure behind the community-run conveniences has gone down the pan, writes Louise Lee.

A mere five weeks after the town's toilets re-opened to the public, Councillor Gordon Chalmers has decided to withdraw as secretary and treasurer.

The island councillor stated that a lack of communication between himself and the management committee of voluntary group Convenient Tobermory has led to this decision. The councillor is unclear whether they will remain open or not.

Mr Chalmers said: 'Keeping the toilets open was dependent on getting as much information as possible about visitors, donations, costs of materials, necessary cleaning and maintenance schedules which could only be gauged with the facility in operation. 'The first week or so was fine, as one

would expect, but with the busiest time of the season on us it was evident the cleaning and maintenance regime was suffering due to high usage.

'I found that there was no-one taking a grip of the situation. I had a narrow window of opportunity to get all the resources on board and was being denied the feedback needed to do so.

'Having spoken to Argyll and Bute Council's legal team, I have decided to sever ties with Convenient Tobermory, having been placed in a situation where my only other option would have been to seize the keys and lock the toilets up again.'

Mr Chalmers confirmed he had received pledges of money to keep the toilets open. He had also been seeking funding from grant sources.

Other members of the committee were unavailable for comment.

Visitors caught short in the town will be able to use the toilets in the Harbour Centre at the Ledaig car park for a small charge.

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By-pass is long overdue

CRANLARICH businesses may have understandable concerns about the effect a proposed by-pass will have on trade, but what really is the alternative? The twisting, turning A82 cutting through the village and passing under two, narrow railway bridges really is inappropriate for the level of traffic using it these days, particularly in the summer months. Perhaps that is why there is not a strong body of opposition to the by-pass. The village as a place to live should benefit enormously from reduced traffic, though residents in Willow Brae and Tyndrum Terrace are right to voice any worries about the proximity of the new route.

Glasgow Letter

Comunn na Gaidhlig

IN KEEPING with having their principal development activity in the communities where the language and its culture are most appreciated, Comunn na Gaidhlig held its recent annual general meeting in Glasgow, one of three locations where it has a main office.

Established in 1984 as a Gaelic development agency, its work can be described under two headings, service and development, and at this meeting chairman Donald MacDonald outlined in his 2008/2009 report much of the development activity. Twenty seven projects were successfully completed in communities using a community grants scheme made possible with support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and there has been a huge increase in the number of work experience opportunities, encouraged and made possible by an extra government grant of £70,000 for three years starting in 2008.

With the support of Bord na Gaidhlig and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, seven language development initiatives, all with dedicated officers working on them, have been established.

Although aware that Gaelic still faces many serious challenges, this was a relaxed meeting which highlighted many positive developments.

Mr MacDonald thanked all the partners which have supported Comunn na Gaidhlig and emphasised that the future of the culture and language would only be assured by all interested parties co-operating in this way.

Anyone wishing to know more about the work of Comunn na Gaidhlig should visit the website www.cnag.org.uk or call in at the Glasgow office, 22 Mansfield Street, G11 5QP, telephone 0141 357 5557.

Piping Times Trophy

THE RECENT final of the Piping Times Trophy between Dougie Murray and John Patrick resulted in a win for the latter.

Dougie was on first and left the stage to good applause but was pipped by John who played a slightly more

Keep flying the flag

Sir, It has been lovely to see Scotland's flag, the Saltire, adorn the large flagpole on the front green at Lochgilphead.

It seems to have enjoyed the windy and blustery weather of this autumn and it has proved to be an attraction for our visitors. A couple of weeks ago I watched as a group of French tourists took it in turn to have their picture taken with the flag in the background. They waited happily and patiently until the breeze was just right to show the flag off at its best.

Congratulations again to all our councillors on Argyll and Bute Council for deciding to fly our flag from all the council-owned flag poles. It is not just the tourists that have appreciated it because a number of shopkeepers in the town have remarked on what a nice attraction it is on the front green. I have not heard one complaint about it.
Bill McCondie, Achnamara.

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traditional programme. There were many excellent pipers in the audience to witness the culmination of a competition which showcased some of our best pipers and John Patrick now joins a long list of renowned pipers who have won this trophy.

Oban High School FP's

THERE are many former pupils of Oban High School in the Glasgow area.

Are you one of them? When did you last meet up with your contemporaries? The popularity of websites such as Friends Reunited and the plethora of year group functions organised for many schools highlight the desire of many to meet up with old school friends and perhaps even some of their teachers.

With this in mind why not book up for the former pupils' dinner to be held on March 13 2010 in the Swallow Hotel. Give it some thought and perhaps even book a table for yourself and your friends.

For further information or to book contact Anne Byiers 0141 943 0281 or Isabel Ross 0141 563 9729.

Diary dates

Thursday October 1: Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm with Colum Sands.

Friday October 2: Glasgow Islay Association Opening Concert, Woodside Halls, Glenfarg Street, 7.30pm.

Wednesday October 7: Voices for Hospices, Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra and guests, Royal Concert Hall Strathclyde Suite, 7.30pm.

Thursday October 8: Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, with Wizz Jones.

Friday October 9: Clydebank and District Highlander's Association ceilidh, Lesser Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Pub scene

IN THE Park Bar this weekend music will be provided by Eriskay Lilt on Friday, Pneumatic Drills on Saturday and Gunna Sound on Sunday while in the Islay Inn it will be Crooked Reel on Friday with Saturday still to be confirmed.

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Kinlochleven Fire Brigade - mid 1950s

Mrs Isobel Cameron of Worthing, West Sussex, submitted this week's flashback photograph which shows members of Kinlochleven Fire Brigade in the mid 1950s. Back row: Alex Robertson, Duncan Cassidy (Duschie), Ian MacGillivray (Tucks) and Ian Smith. Front: Donald Walker, Ian Napier, James Clarke (Spiv) and Bertie Robertson. We would like readers to send in flashback photographs and photographs of *The Oban Times* being read in far flung places. Please send prints to *The Oban Times*, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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Great advert for shinty

Sir, I was one of the many Kyles fans at Mossfield, Oban, on Saturday September 19 for the Camanachd Cup Final and what a great advert for shinty it was.

The field was in fantastic condition and the town seemed to be 'buzzing' with supporters of both teams sharing good humoured banter.

As an ex-Kyles player who has played in six finals I think I can comment on Camanachd Cup week with some degree of accuracy and honesty.

The *Oban Times* told the story very well, suffice to say I need to see the post match follow up to enable closure on this year's remarkable final.
Peter Turner, Oxford, by email.

Get working for Kinlochleven

Sir, We are fortunate to live in an area of outstanding natural beauty and in a village which has access to a tremendous amount of money.

Why is it then that Kinlochleven is dying on its feet? And what is the company, Kinlochleven Community Trust (KCT), doing about it?

A year ago KCT was gifted a valuable building, namely the library.

This building was gifted by the council with the vision of it being a tourist information centre incorporating the existing Aluminium Storey.

Twelve months on, the building remains empty with no reasonable explanation. This is a travesty for a village which relies heavily on tourism to keep it afloat.

Figures show Scotland to be up five per cent in tourism over England and Wales in 2009 yet Kinlochleven has been unable to capitalise on this increase.

So come on Kinlochleven Community Trust, quit with the smiley faces on your newsletters and get real and get working.
George and Nicola Lyden, Garbhein Road, Kinlochleven.

Dunollie investment vital to Oban

Sir, Oban can ill afford any more disastrous publicity describing it as a Third World destination, nor any more letters to *The Oban Times* bewailing the lack of things to do on holiday here.

Given it has a world class heritage attraction ready and waiting to be opened to the public, this is a nonsensical situation.

For £500,000 they can have Dunollie - ancient Royal site, capital of Dalriada and the Kingdom of Lorn; medieval castle of Somerled and the Clan MacDougall, the Jacobites and Covenanters; the Brooch of Lorn; Dunollie House, home of Admirals and lairds with its amazing Collection and archive; the Hope MacDougall Collection; historic gardens; country walks, beautiful views and a spectacular venue for events on the edge of Oban.

We all know and recognise Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise are in a tight spot in these difficult economic times, but with major tourism users publicly lambasting Oban as a third world destination the real question is whether they can afford not to invest in Dunollie.

Our council and enterprise company need to grasp the nettle and remember that recession favours the brave.

Investing in the tourism product now will make Oban fit for action when people really start to spend again.

And by the tourism product I, of course, mean Dunollie.
Catherine Gillies, Dunollie Project consultant, Dunollie House, Oban.

Wrong location for plant

Sir, Regarding *The Oban Times* story on the proposed biomass plant at Invergarry, only a few opinions were quoted. But 123 objections were lodged with Lochaber planning. The community council lodged objections on two occasions because of the inappropriate proposed location at the edge of the village, beside the graveyard and among housing.

No-one here opposes biomass, only the proposed location. It is understandable the lure of promised jobs is powerful. Unfortunately the job calculations remain obscure and none of these jobs, if they ever materialise, can be promised to local people.

Moving this proposed plant just a few miles to a more appropriate location would remove almost all the negative impacts and would avoid casting a blight on this small village which is heavily dependent on tourism.
Ken Grant, Faichem Wood House, Invergarry.

Unacceptable behaviour

Sir, The technical problem with the *MV Clansman* which required the Barra/Lochboisdale sailing on Sunday September 13 to return to Oban for repair was highly regrettable and we fully recognise the inconvenience caused to passengers.

However it does not justify the verbal abuse and aggressive behaviour which was directed by unhappy passengers at our port staff and crew. I am sure readers would agree that every Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) employee has the right to go about their business free from intimidation and I would therefore like to take this opportunity through your letters page to stress that CalMac will not tolerate any form of abuse directed at its staff and advise customers that should the circumstances require it, we will always refer incidents to the police.

We also have the right to refuse to carry any person and will not hesitate to exercise that right if required. I fully appreciate the situation was testing for everyone concerned but it is totally unacceptable for customers to take out their frustrations on CalMac employees, especially when they are doing their utmost to minimise the impact of disruptions which are not of their making.

In this case staff had made a considerable effort to organise overnight accommodation for passengers, despite the fact CalMac is not obliged to do so.

Our technical staff and engineers also worked through the night to repair the problem so the vessel could sail the next day. In these circumstances all we ask is for patience and understanding from passengers, particularly regular travellers who know full well that disruptions are a trying, but sadly unavoidable, fact of life.
Philip Preston, Managing Director, Caledonian MacBrayne Ferry Terminal, Gourrock.

Look to Europe for landslide solution

Sir, Are the plans for dealing with the landslide problem on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful the best we can manage?

You report there's to be a more robust 'early warning' system, to reduce, but presumably not eliminate, the danger of traffic getting caught in a mudslide or rockfall.

There are also plans to build a culvert next year at the site of the two most recent mud/rock slides, big enough to enable debris to flow under the road.

As there's apparently only one culvert planned on a seven mile stretch of road at risk, there'll obviously continue to be a risk of the road being blocked.

Watching the recent TV interview with Transport Minister Stuart Stevenson, I got the impression occasional detours via Tyndrum or the Dunoon ferry might have to be accepted as a fact of life, as if there really were no practical engineering solutions. But surely there are?

The A890 and Kyle Lochy at Attadale opposite Lochcarron are protected by a slide shelter, of the type that's two a penny in some mountainous areas of Europe, so why not the A83?

If the length of the hazard area make this option impractical, there's always the standard Norwegian and Faeroese solution of tunnelling, either into the mountainside at the high-risk areas or through Butterbridge to High Glencreoch, below the Rest, with the remainder of the at-risk stretch diverted along the valley floor.

If anyone thinks this is pure fantasy, it's not; a tunnel would be only a mile and a half long - by European standards easily manageable and entirely appropriate to safeguard such a key link in a vital road network.
Robert Wakeham, Castleton, Lochgilphead.

Morvern not part of Ardnamurchan

Sir, Katrina McDowell's achievement in becoming Regional Winner of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust's Young Entrepreneur of the Year certainly deserves our warmest praise.

It is a pity that your report is in part misleading. Although the garden is, indeed, in Morvern, it is actually in Lochaline itself.

Your reference to a customer base throughout Ardnamurchan again promotes the impression, quite wrongly, that Morvern is part of Ardnamurchan.

It is great for Lochaline and good for Morvern to have such talent in our midst but it would be a shame if potential customers were to attempt to find the garden by scouring Ardnamurchan for it!
Dr D A L Watt, by email.

A VIEW FROM THE TOWER

By McCAIG

Party conference brouhaha

IT'S THAT time of year when the political elite of all three major political parties travel to English seaside resorts for their annual conferences.

They hope that with extensive television coverage and outrageous sound-bites a tired and sometimes hungry electorate will be wooed to support this or that proposal which will be the panacea for all the nation's ills.

Sometimes, however, things go awry and normally smooth and politically attuned speakers get themselves in an awful mess and, in trying to extricate themselves, compound the damage they had hoped to avoid.

A prime example occurred at the Lib-Dems get together. Their treasury spokesman Vince Cable, normally sure-footed, espousing a strong degree of economic common sense that appeals even to those who support other parties and regarded generally as the best person to be Chancellor of the Exchequer in any government, slipped up and found himself at loggerheads with the uncharismatic leader and unashamed egoist Nick Clegg.

The cause: the 'mansionhouse tax' which seemed to upset most of the inner echelon of his colleagues. Did he or did he not discuss the proposal which would produce a trifling sum?

Being civilised chaps, they didn't fall out too outrageously in public but I would love to have been the fly on the wall when they got down to discussing whether it was to appear in the manifesto.

This is a new experience for the party faithful as from the time of Jo Grimond there has been a Scot in the driving seat, except for Paddy Ashdown. Just think of it, David Steel, Charles Kennedy, 'Ming Campbell' who are not only consummate politicians but have that warmth of character which made them electable.

While Dr Cable may have some of it, Mr Clegg is as cold as fish as can be found and has a brass neck that should glow as burnished gold when he tells us that he has what it takes to be the best prime minister ever.

Has someone not told him he needs a majority of seats in the House of Commons before The Queen summons him to the Palace to 'kiss hands'?

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Robert Wakeham, Castleton, Lochgilphead.

A long way to go

CREDIT must be given to Chief Superintendent John Thomson of Strathclyde Police who has admitted that he had to take cognisance of the overwhelming number of individuals and corporate bodies who fought the case for a fresh look at the policing of Oban, Lorn and the Isles and accepted that they couldn't all be wrong despite what he claimed was a modern look at policing numbers.

He also accepted that quoting statistics wasn't the answer as that word has

become discredited. We all know about 'Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics'.

Initially, the phrase seems to have been coined to describe the never ending diatribe that emanated from the Scottish Tourist Board, now VisitScotland.

Why have they become so discredited? Because if the police and the tourist authority clung to what their statistics said, no one else believed them and frequently derided and disputed them.

No, he agreed that the volume of criticism was so great that re-assurance was needed.

This resulted in 'an extra four policemen for Oban' as the billboards announced.

Almost everyone was so pleased that there had been movement on this concern that few have noticed that that number is less than the officers who had not been replaced, according to ex-Chief Inspector Fred Hall, and indicated that no extra officers had been drawn from the 1,000 officers that Alex Salmond, Scotland's First Minister, claimed to have recruited.

I'm told that Oban, Lorn and the Isles should have had four or five police officers from that tranche. After all, Dunoon and Campbeltown have had their allocation, why not us?

One would have thought that with all these extra officers there would be a recruiting programme for extra civilian staff to assist them. Not so, an advert in the Police Gazette invites civilian staff in Strathclyde Police who might be interested in voluntary redundancy to get in touch.

My informant tells me that if a civilian staff member does gain voluntary redundancy he/she has to be replaced by a police officer!

Whose matchstick economics rules in Scotland's largest police force?

Another Strathclyde Police PR gaffe?

DO YOU carry your passport, if you have one, with you wherever you go?

Well it seems that you should, especially if you intend to fly within the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

It seems the 'boys in blue' are empowered to demand sight of it under the Terrorist Act 2000.

But don't believe that airports are the only place where the police can demand you identify yourself positively.

The next time you are in the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry terminal in Oban, look carefully at the ground floor layout and you will notice an area that never seems to be used. This is for checks to be made on all ferry passengers if the terrorism level is at high alert!

On this occasion, Strathclyde Police are just doing their job, but the situation doesn't do much for our civil liberties.

McCaig

Your letters

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My Village

Killin

How much has Killin changed since you were a child?

We have an awful lot more people in the village now and a lot more houses. But since my childhood, the railway has closed.

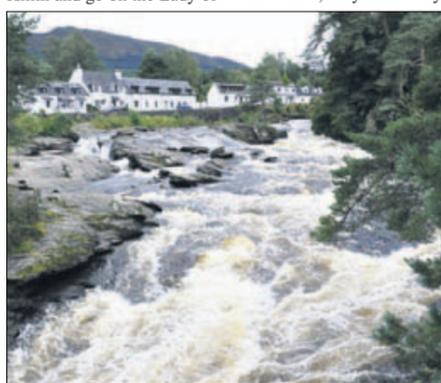
There used to be a train that ran from Killin to Killin junction where it met with the train coming from Oban to Stirling. I used to go to school in Callendar on the train. The old track goes down Glen Ogle and I always remember my father saying the bridge [viaduct] was hand built because there were no mechanical diggers in those days.

A lot of the shops are gone - there used to be two butchers' shops, two shoe shops, four grocer shops, two newsagents and two garages that gave quite a lot of employment.

There was also a livestock market until 10 years ago. One of the biggest changes in the village is that we don't have any light industries, apart from the garage, Lix Toll Garage, William Stitt, the builder and A & B Services.

Killin has always been a tourist village, since Victorian times, because of the Falls of Dochart; the big houses in Killin were all built by merchants from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

We used to have a boat on Loch Tay, the Lady of the Loch. I remember as a girl there used to be a special diesel train on a Sunday and people would get off at Killin and go on the Lady of



The famous Falls of Dochart, hugely popular with tourists and one Molly's favourite spots. Today, she describes it as 'my target for a short walk'. 15_t37molly09

Molly McRobbie (nee MacNee) was born in Killin and has lived there all her life. Her parents were from Killin and her grandparents from the Breadalbane area. 'To me every season brings its own beauty; it is always beautiful here,' she says. There are not many people these days who can boast of having always lived in the village they were born in, never mind living in the same house for 80 years. But even after 81 years, Molly McRobbie could not imagine or would want to live anywhere other than Killin, the village into which she was born. She only moved out of the house she was born in two years ago. That house is just across the street and she can still see it from her front room.

the Lake and then back on the train.

When the diesel train came it was like hundreds of ants coming up through the village, 300-odd people.

During the war, my mother had a boarding house and we ran a fish and chip shop and did homemade ice cream and my father had a butcher's shop and a van.

There wasn't a lot of meat you could get with one shilling and tuppence, so we started doing fish and chips. When my brother and I were growing up, we didn't have a lot of leisure time!

In the 1950s the dam was built up on Ben Lawers; hundreds of labourers came and boarded or stayed in work camps because they were tunnelling through the hill for the hydro-electric scheme. That saw the biggest change in the village - the social life was quite hectic with lots of young engineers. There were lots of firms working on the scheme and they all had a big dinner dance at the end of the season going into winter time; they were very

dressed up occasions. The village buzzed throughout that time. There were dances on a Saturday night in the hall, there was the badminton club, country dancing, carpet bowls, golf and football. It was a wonderfully happy time in Killin.

I met my husband, Douglas (Mac) through it all. He was a civil engineer on the inspection side of it and he came from Crieff. He was billeted in Killin and worked on the hydro-electric scheme. By the time we were married in 1954 he went to work on Cruachan power station when it was being built and then joined the North of Scotland Hydro Board. He died four years ago at the age of 92.

Even after all this time I am still in contact with a number of the engineers and their wives and we all try to get together every so often and we have had one or two reunions.

What makes the village special for you?

It is a very friendly wee village; if you are ever in trouble there is always someone there to help. It is a beautiful place to live. I used to have a boarding house in a small way and people used to say, have you no desire to live anywhere else and I said no, not at all. I still appreciate where I stay.

Do you have a favourite place in the village?

The Tarmachan Ridge and Ben Lawers and of course the Falls of Dochart - my target for a short walk is the falls.

How would you describe the village to someone who has never been there?

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When my cousin Moira was retiring from teaching at the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh, she said, 'I think I'm going to come to Killin.' I said, 'You should give it considerable thought being used to the city.' She saw three houses for sale in the village and came up on the Wednesday and she had bought one of them three days later.

Is there a time of year when you just want to be here?

To me, every season brings its own beauty; summer time, spring time and in the winter when the hills are covered in snow it is beautiful.

Do you have family here?

My son Douglas and his wife and two boys. I have a daughter

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How would you improve the village?

Have a better public transport system. The bus times only allow you an hour in Callender otherwise you don't get back until 7pm. Stirling is two hours by bus. The Oban to Dundee bus is great as it comes into the village once a day but it only runs from May to October.

Do you have a favourite building?

The McLaren hall because it holds such happy memories

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Also the Church of Scotland, which was built originally in 1744.

Is there anyone famous from your village?

The Rev James Stewart was the first person to translate the Bible into Gaelic and there is a monument to him outside the Church of Scotland. Killin is the home of the Breadalbanes and Clan McNab and has major connections to clan history, and St Fillan's healing stones came from Killin although they are in a museum in Edinburgh as is St Fillan's Crozier. [He was an Irish missionary who came to Breadalbane in the 8th century where he built a church at Strathfillan. Breadalbane or Bràghaid Albainn means high country of Scotland].



Molly McRobbie at her front door on Main Street. Across the road is the house where she was born and lived for 80 years. 15_t37molly01

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A monument to the Rev James Stewart, 1700-1789, who was the first person to translate the New Testament into Scottish Gaelic and was minister in Killin for 52 years. 15_t37molly06

The restored mill wheel turning at the Breadalbane Folklore Centre and Tourist Information Centre.
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15 Years Ago

Those Were The Days

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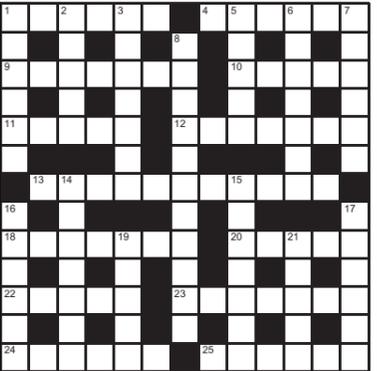
Cash boost for Tobermory Arts Centre
THE PROPOSED community and arts centre in Tobermory has landed a £77,000 cash boost.
An unnamed trust has donated £50,000 to the project which will enable the first stage to begin early in the New Year pending the finalisation of planning agreements.
The Scottish Arts Council has also awarded £17,000 which will be used to create a position for a full-time network co-ordinator for the centre.
The remaining money has been given by Strathclyde Regional Council and private donors.
The centre - which will serve Mull, Iona, Morvern, Coll, Tiree and Oban - is planned for Tobermory's former primary school which requires to be repaired and converted. Project organiser Mary Norton said: 'This is really the first step forward and we hope a lot more money will follow.'
The total required to set up the centre is £200,000 and it will require £25,000 in running costs.

£140,000 to renovate cowsheds
£140,000 will be spent on renovating some cowsheds on Tiree - but these are not just any old sheds they are of national importance.
The cash for the cowsheds at Lover Square, Hynish comes from a £1.6 million package announced by Historic Scotland this week, for repairs to the nation's historic buildings.
The Three cowsheds are going to be renovated back into use as storage space.
They are classed as a grade A-listed building - the highest category you can get, signifying they are of national importance.
The cowsheds were part of the community which was built between 1837 and 1840 to provide accommodation for the people working on the Skerryvore lighthouse.
The work comprised a barracks, cowsheds, stables, stores accommodation and a signalling tower.
Many of the buildings are still in use and when the renovation work is carried out on the cowsheds they will be used

as stores for the people living in the converted barracks.
Marine lab find life deep beneath seabed
SCIENTISTS from Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory have made a startling discovery beneath the seafloor, where it was thought that nothing could survive. Their work, published in the prestigious and famous scientific magazine, Nature, has been read by fellow scientists all around the world, and has attracted incredible interest. The bacteria, they discovered, were at a new depth of 500 metres into the sea bed.
This is so far down that the microscopic creatures do not rely on oxygen for life, but methane and other similar compounds. It is thought that bacteria were originally living on the seafloor more than four million years ago, where they were gradually buried by sediments that are being continually being laid down.
Dr John Parkes said: 'These findings are surprising since until very recently it has been generally thought that nothing could survive under these conditions.'

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

- Across**
- Way to ascertain intelligence (2,4)
 - Numeracy toy (6)
 - A mammal, city or river (3,4)
 - Annoyed (5)
 - Divided (5)
 - From the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (7)
 - Old coffin (11)
 - City in Israel (3,4)
 - Part of a coat collar (5)
 - Range (5)
 - Bliss (7)
 - Put in stitches (6)
 - Young waterbird (6)
- Down**
- Pour in (6)
 - Type of wave (5)
 - When one isn't sure something would work (7)
 - Buckwheat pancakes (5)
 - A French country estate (7)
 - Parts of kilt attire (6)
 - Mad under-foot (5,6)
 - Disorder (7)
 - Cause of itching (7)
 - Drooping of eyelids (6)
 - Flexible (6)
 - Deadly snake (5)
 - Everyday (5)



Last Week's Solution

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DORIAN GRAY	Cert 15 97 min FRI-SUN 6.30, 8.30 MON 4.45, 9.00 TUE-THURS 6.15, 8.30
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS	Cert U 89 min SAT/SUN 1.45, 4.15
MACBETH'S DISCIPLE	Cert PG 22 min SAT MATINEE 1.30 MON 7.30 TUE-THURS 6.00

CINEMA LISTINGS

FAME
CERT PG
A reinvention of the original Oscar-winning hit film, 'Fame' follows a talented group of dancers, singers, actors, and artists over four years at the New York City High School of Performing Arts, a diverse, creative powerhouse where students from all walks of life are given a chance to live out their dreams and achieve real and lasting fame...the kind that comes only from talent, dedication and hard work. In an incredibly competitive atmosphere, plagued by self-doubt, each student's passion will be put to the test.

DORIAN GRAY
CERT 15
In Victorian England, the young Dorian Gray (Ben Barnes) is enamoured with the hedonism of Lord Wotton (Colin Firth). After seeing a portrait that captures his beauty, Gray wishes the portrait would age while he stays forever young, but it's the painting, not his body, that carries the scars. Based on the classic Oscar Wilde novel.

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
CERT U
A scientist has spent his entire life creating inventions that did not work, or were not wanted. Finally, while trying to solve world hunger, he develops a method to directly convert water into food, and releases the effects on the world, only to see things go awry as food falls from the sky in abundance. Based on the children's book by Judi and Ron Barrett, the film has an incredible sense of unpredictability, coupled with some breathlessly paced and visually stunning action scenes, making this the animated success of 2009... at least until 'Up' opens next month.

Chance to win sumptuous dinner, bed and breakfast prize for two

THE OBAN Times has teamed up with the luxurious Loch Melfort Hotel, a stunning country house at Arduaine in Mid Argyll, to offer a sumptuous dinner, bed and breakfast prize for two worth £258 in the main house of the hotel – and for five runners-up, gift vouchers worth £70 for a meal for two in the two AA rosette restaurant.

The hotel, recently taken over by Rachel and Calum Ross, is fast becoming the number one choice for visitors to the west coast who want quality accommodation and the best of local food – which is sourced as close to the hotel as possible.

Rachel said: 'We are delighted with the response from regular visitors to our new look and recently refurbished hotel and website www.lochmelfort.co.uk.

'Our family-run hotel has the best views on the west coast. From all public rooms and bedrooms visitors can gaze upon the ever changing view over Asknish Bay towards Jura, Shuna and Scarba which will take your breath away. 'We pride ourselves on offering the very best in service, tranquil accommodation, tasteful decor and a gourmet dining experience.

'Our restaurant has been awarded two rosettes by the AA every year since 2000 and all our food is sourced as locally as possible. We have locally landed seafood, Barbrek Farm meat and locally grown fruit and vegetables wherever possible.



The stunning lochside location of the Loch Melfort Hotel make it the perfect location for a luxury break or a fine-dining experience.

'We are offering Oban Times readers the opportunity to discover the warmth and tranquillity of our lovely country house hotel, and the unique National Trust Arduaine Gardens next door.

'We look forward to welcoming you to our home.'

To book an overnight stay or meal in the Arduaine Restaurant please call reception on 01852 200233.

To enter our competition to win one night's luxury dinner bed and breakfast prize in a main house suite (subject to availability, excluding Christmas and New Year) worth £258 or one of five runners up prizes of gift vouchers for meals for two in the 2 AA rosette restaurant worth £70 each, all you have to do is answer the following question and send your

entry, on the entry form below, before October 19, to Loch Melfort Hotel competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB.

What is the name of the famous National Trust gardens next door to Loch Melfort Hotel?

Answer.....
Name.....
Address.....
Postcode.....
Tel. No.....
Entries by 12noon Monday 19 October 2009. Usual Oban Times rules apply. The Editors decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted.

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your essential guide to live music in argyll

Mon/Thurs/Sat >	Scottish Shows
Skipinnish Ceilidh House 8pm - 10pm	
Most Thursdays >	Karaoke
The Woody	
Every Saturday >	"Mixed" - Club Night
Skipinnish Ceilidh House (after Scottish Show) with DJs Mark & Stuart	
Every Weekend >	Live Music 9pm till 12
O'Donnell's	
Thursday 24 September >	Karaoke
The Woody	
Friday 2 October >	Autoban
The Woody	
Thursdays 8 October >	Karaoke
The Woody	
Friday 9 October >	Autoban
The Woody	
Saturday 10 October >	Chunks
O'Donnell's	
Saturday 10 October >	Brass Monkeys
The Woody	
Tuesday 13 October >	Skerryvore
Skipinnish Ceilidh House	
Wed 14 & Thurs 15 October >	Vatersay Boys
Skipinnish Ceilidh House	
Friday 16 October >	Vatersay Boys, Skerryvore
Skipinnish Ceilidh House and Skipinnish	

what's on

Various >	Ballet, Jazz
Ballet West Classes Body conditioning Tel: 01866 822641	
Various >	Kundalini Yoga
Energie Fitness Tel: 01852 300174 for details	
Mondays >	Pilates
Rockfield Primary Campus 6.30pm	
Mondays & Wednesdays >	Pilates
Energie Health & Fitness Club Monday 11am / Wednesday 7pm	
Thursdays >	Beginners Tai Chi
Church of Scotland Centre 7.45pm	
Friday 1 October >	25th Anniversary Celebration
FW Celtic Supporters Club BA Social Club 8pm	
Tuesday 6 October >	Ballet West
Energie Fitness Centre - 01866 822641	
Thursday 8 October >	Local Producers Market
Kintaline Farm, Benderloch	
Thursday 31 October >	Halloween Party
Wide Mouth Frog, 6.30 - 9.30pm	

West End star to give Oban workshop

AWARD-winning West End musical star Leanne Jones is visiting Oban to give a one-off workshop based on her starring role in the musical Hairspray.

Leanne Jones became an overnight star when she landed the role of Tracy Turnblad in the award-winning West End production of Hairspray in 2007, starring alongside Michael Ball and Mel Smith.

Hairspray was an instant success in the West End, wowing critics and audiences with its up-beat, feel-good message, memorable songs and stunning choreography.

The musical won many awards during its first year and 22-year-old Leanne was awarded the Critics Circle Award for Best Newcomer, the Theatregoers Choice Award 2008 for Best Actress in A Musical and The Laurence Olivier Award 2008 for Best Actress in a Musical. After almost two years in the role, Leanne decided to leave the show in July.

As well as her stage roles, Leanne has also appeared on numerous television programmes including The Paul O'Grady Show, The Royal Variety Performance



Leanne Jones performing in Hairspray.

2007, I'd Do Anything, BBC Let's Dance for Comic Relief 2009 and BBC1's Tonight's The Night with John Barrowman.

This is not Leanne's first visit to Oban. In 2003, she stole the show in Ballet West's production of Fame – the musical as Mabel Washington. She has maintained contact with Ballet West since the show and despite her very busy schedule is coming to the school to work with the full-time students

and run an open workshop. The event will be at Energie Fitness on Tuesday October 6 from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. Places are limited and the cost is £10. Call 01866 822641 for more details.

This is the latest development in a new partnership between Ballet West and Energie Fitness. Ballet West already has a small number of classes at the venue and will be starting more classes from the end of October.

Eye to Eye with John Wallace

Salutary lesson

growth to affect both eyes equally but it does not always happen. Sometimes, as in David's case, one eye is affected more than the other. This makes it more difficult for parents to spot if their youngster is developing eye problems.

If I, as a parent, failed to spot David's eyesight was changing it is entirely understandable that others, with no professional knowledge of eye care, are unaware of their child's developing vision problems.

The solution is simple. Children should have regular eye examinations even if they do not complain of any vision problems. How frequently they should have repeat eye examinations is

something your optometrist will advise you on. The statistics remain stubbornly unchanged. One in five school children will have some form of vision disorder which will cause them to under-perform. Children's eye examinations are free, so there really is no excuse for children having undiagnosed vision problems. As I have shown, it is very easy to be unaware your child has a vision problem.

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Recipe of the Month

At Am Birlinn I am very lucky indeed to have a neighbour in Gordon Turnbull who set up Isle of Mull crab company in 2007. Processing the freshest crabs landed at Craig from the creel boat "Eilean Ban", Gordon provides a superb product that we use constantly on our menus.

Brown crab is on the receiving end of very good publicity at the moment - as well as being low in fat and cholesterol - reports suggest that the high levels of certain essential oils and minerals can help increase sperm count. Crab meat is also delicious and due to its increased popularity, is more readily available than ever with many supermarkets selling processed crabmeat and fishmongers more likely to stock live crabs. Isle of Mull crab is now widely available on Mull and also from D. Watt and son's fishmonger in Oban.

Many people prefer to eat the pristine white meat from the claws of the crab, and for many recipes it has its advantages, but we must not disregard the softer creamy dark meat from inside the carapace, as it is arguably tastier. I am going to show you a cheaty version of classic French crab bisque which showcases beautifully the rich flavours of the brown meat. I say cheaty because bisque is usually made with crab shells and whilst this is the preferred method in the restaurant, it takes longer and involves much bashing and crushing of shells that would likely void the warranty on your domestic food blender!

Using half the butter in a large heavy based pan, gently sweat all the vegetables for 5 minutes, taking care not to brown them too much, add the chilli and the tomatoes and cook out for another 5 minutes. You should have a sweet smelling mulch of vegetables. Now add the Cognac or wine (or both) and reduce gently for another 5 minutes. Add the herbs and stock and bring to the boil, when the carrots are soft you can add your crab meat and cream and allow to heat through. Don't over-cook the crab, remember it is cooked already. Next you should blend the soup with a stick blender until smooth, incorporating the rest of the butter to make the soup velvety. Season to taste with salt and cayenne pepper (if you like spice) and serve in warmed bowls.

Am Birlinn brown crab bisque

Ingredients

- 1 180g pack of mixed crabmeat
- 1 large white onion, roughly chopped
- 1 stick of celery, roughly chopped
- 1 carrot, roughly chopped
- 4 cloves of garlic (more if you prefer)
- 1/2 medium red chilli, seeds removed
- 4 fresh ripe plum tomatoes (or X a tin)
- A splash of cognac (if you don't have any you can use white wine)
- A sprig each of fresh parsley and tarragon and
- 1 X pats fish stock or water
- 25g butter
- Splash of double cream

services 4

Best of Argyll's culture goes on show

THE BEST of what Argyll and Bute has to offer in music, photography and fashion will be showcased at a cultural event later this month.

The Homecoming Rhapsody events, to be held in Oban on October 28 and in Helensburgh on October 29, will celebrate Argyll's young talent.

There will also be internationally renowned musicians involved, such as Taynuilt's Donald Shaw, who will work with young people in celebrating the culture of Argyll and Bute from a 21st century perspective.

The two Homecoming Rhapsody events involve 120 senior pupils from all of Argyll and Bute's 10 secondary schools.

Following two days of residential rehearsals, the performers, artists and designers will open the event with a reprise of the unique Rhapsody musical work, written and directed specially for the young people of Argyll and Bute by Donald Shaw.

The performance will involve a mix of Gaelic song, pipes, drums, fiddles, accordions, guitars, woodwind, brass and percussion.

Exhibition

It will be accompanied by projected image representation of 'our space' – a photographic collection from pupils across the area's secondary schools who have worked with international photojournalist Colin McPherson in a series of school workshops. An accompanying stills exhibition will then tour Argyll and Bute secondaries.

The second half of the event will be a fashion show featuring hats, shoes, jewellery and garments designed and made by Art and Design students from all secondaries, on the theme of 'Scottish Influence Abroad'.

The hair and makeup for the show will be done by pupils from Islay High School, with assistance from professional hairdressers and make-up artists.

Each school has selected several pupils as models for the fashion show. Each will work on choreography and performance skills with a professional choreographer and drama consultant.

The event is sponsored by Argyll and Bute Council, Determined to Succeed, the Scottish Arts Council and Homecoming Scotland and locally by Oban Common Good Fund and Ferguson's Hair and Beauty.

YOUR STARS WITH PATRICK ARUNDEL

ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th 090 6612 4520
The good news is that as this week comes to a close, the tense stand off between Saturn and Uranus will begin to wane, yet there may still be unexpected issues, or unresolved tensions which need confronting. Fortunately, the Full Moon can aid your progress, as can a brisk Mercury/Mars link. But be prepared to listen to others, as well as speak out. Call for your in-depth forecast...

TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st 090 6612 4521
October is an astral month which is going to examine the very basis of your existence. And this can be a background factor for the next couple of years. This week, although there can be some jolly interludes, there can also be work stresses or a sense of being run down or below par. Give yourself a lifestyle audit. If you're in denial, it's time face it! Call now for more astral advice...

GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st 090 6612 4522
There can be lots of opportunities for fun this month, but someone close to you may not approve, particularly if they feel you are taking your eye off work or spending too much time in the pursuit of pleasure. Yet life is for enjoying, so be positive. However, this week good time management is essential. Someone can easily feel that you're neglecting them. Call for more news and advice...

CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd 090 6612 4523
Mars, in your zodiac sign still, continues to make a fine link to the speedy Mercury. This can give you the gift of the gab - great if you want to get chatting to someone new and desirable, or make an impression on the job front. Yet let sincerity remain your guiding principle. If you don't feel comfortable with a situation, respect and react to this Cancer. Call now for more astral advice...

LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd 090 6612 4524
October is set to be busy, with lots of comings and goings. Yet to make sure that you don't scatter yourself too thinly you need to prepare yourself a plan. It doesn't need to be set in stone and you can make changes to it as the weeks go by, but if you don't you may find yourself feeling pulled in several directions all at once, and ending up stressed out. Call your prediction line for more...

VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd 090 6612 4525
At your best, you can be very self-disciplined, but this is a week and month, when you may decide that a treat or ten are in order. That's fine if you have the extra income to pay for these, but if you don't, any impulse purchases you make will soon lead to a distinct case of buyers remorse. Make sure all your financial obligations are bang up to date. Call now for your financial forecast...

LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd 090 6612 4526
This can be one of the most important times you have experienced for a very long time indeed, with October packed full of particularly important events for you Libra. This week, someone close to you may demand your attention, but you may be preoccupied with worldly or work moves and be very determined to make them count. Try to stay sensitive. Call for your love scope in full...

SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd 090 6612 4527
Is it true that you are secretive, or is it an astral myth? Either way, things can have a habit of coming into the open this week, and throughout October, in a way which you may find a little bit uncomfortable. People could confront you with sides of your nature that you are unaware of or would prefer to keep to yourself. This could be a rude awakening. Call for more astral advice...

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st 090 6612 4528
This can be a super week for business affairs, and your creativity and flair can get you noticed. However, socially and around friendships, your natural openness may cause a pinch point. If there is someone who has been taking your generosity for granted, you may find yourself heading towards the end of your tether. Do not be too free and easy. Call for your in-depth forecast...

CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th 090 6612 4529
Your ambitions sector is sparking all month, but with success often comes sacrifice and if you're spending too much time away from your family, or doing a job just for the money it can lead to a profound sense of dissatisfaction. Then again, watch out for an overbearing type who expects everything on their terms and fails to see your needs. Call your special prediction line for more...

AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th 090 6612 4530
Differing values over shared finances and/or contracts can be the breeding ground for discontent. Perhaps you need to have a bit of a stand-off in order to find a solution. If someone has been lacking respect for what you bring to a situation you can stand up for your rights. Yet choose your words carefully and only use legalities as a last resort. Call now for your financial forecast...

PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th 090 6612 4531
Chase up money that is owed to you. Don't take people at face value be persistent in getting what is rightfully yours. Equally try to settle any debts that you have. Feeling that you are on top of all this - even if your budget is tight, will give a sense of being in control. In love, someone very alluring can enter your orbit and you CAN be interested. Call now for your love scope in full...

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Notes and quotes

By CAMPBELL CAMERON

Long-standing and successful

WHAT a pair of gentlemen Phil and Aly are. I had always suspected as much when you see them on TV or in the flesh as they were recently at the Ceilidh House in Oban. Playing all the favourites to a capacity audience their mixture of stories and song are legend. Fergie MacDonald, the star of The Oban Times column and epic ceilidh dances across Scotland, usually features in the yarns and is obviously held in high regard by the boys. 'Everybody in the world can relate to Fergie - he is an icon, a real highlander,' said Aly.

They said it was 23 years since they had joined on tour after the TV show 'Aly Bain and friends' had become a great success. Speaking after the show, I said to Phil that many marriages don't last that long. He confirmed with a laugh that they had outlived both their own. 'It's now me and the missus - Aly Bain.' I complimented Phil on 'Sarah's song', one of his accordion gems. 'It was written on the back of a napkin at a charity dinner when I realised the CD and sheet music I'd brought were not enough!' confirmed Phil. 'They auctioned it and it made good money.' The music gets better and better despite Phil's concern, in the early days, that they might grow stale. What ambitions are left I asked. 'Nothing since we appeared in Oor Willie and The Broons!' said Aly, proving the comedy is a double act. 'To keep playing to new audiences and its great the folk keep coming - the music to us is the most important thing,' he said.

Phil and Aly feature in the new series of Transatlantic Sessions on Sunday nights on BBC2. Great musicians and great men.

Water, water everywhere!

'Noah and the Whale' have moved on and created another gem in the form of the new album 'The first days of spring'.

Since the band's appearance last year at the Hydro Connect festival they have been growing in stature and confidence and the difficult second album is proof of the pudding. The new single is 'Blue Skies' and perhaps demonstrates a slightly more electric style from the contemporary folk merchants. Catch them at Glasgow's Oran Mór on October 15.

St Kilda success

The recent celebrations of the folk of St Kilda have proven a superb success and the organisers plan to create an annual day on August 29 has succeeded by public acclaim.

More than 7,500 people attended events as far afield as Edinburgh and Berneray. Anne Lorne Gillies and Rhona MacKay have made the islanders history and plight into a multi-media event and taken it on tour, lately arriving in Taynuilt.

The duo ably assisted by respective spouses entertained and educated the healthy audience in the Taynuilt hall with stories, songs, and photographs taken on the trips to the island with the National Trust for Scotland.

Water, of course, was the big barrier that separated the St Kilda islanders from 'mainland' Harris 54 miles away to the east. That has resulted in the songs from the islands archipelago being in very short supply and Anne is keen to hear from anyone with any music or information.

The dearth is due to lack of interaction between the islanders and their neighbours and the fact that 'singing and dancing were discouraged' by the various missionaries that came to tame the islanders,' explained Anne. As a result, that part of the tradition was, in the main, lost.

Life on the islands was tough but rewarding and the population thrived for 2,000 years. Population peaked and troughed but the advent of the 20th century saw the numbers decline badly until the islanders petitioned to be removed and resettled. In an act bordering on cruelty, the UK government decreed that they should have pay for the service of a ship and the cost of moving to the mainland - but the islanders rebelled.

Waulking in Benderloch

It's amazing just how quickly a gathering can take place. The Inverclyde Waulking Song group, Sgioba Luaidh Inbhirchluaidh, were in the area to take part in a Feis at Appin recently.

They were arriving the night before, so how about a few songs in Benderloch? 'No bother,' say the girls all of whom are refugees from the defunct Greenock Gaelic Choir. Voila, we have a gathering in place! A few phone calls and emails and we have an audience. On the night we are addressed by Frances Dunlop, who, as defacto leader, explains that there are more than four in the waulking group and for 'working the tweed' that is useful. Four is fine for a Feis but we will need volunteers hereafter. As the night progresses we are all educated in the arts of carding, spinning, and weaving of the tweed by the group - all in period costume to boot! A great evening of song and story ensues and when volunteers are needed for the finale they are easily found and at the centre table the cloth is soon at the regulation width! Sometimes it's best not to plan!

The story of 'Tweed' is showing on BBC 4 on freeview presently.

Burns is captured in style by Inveraray performance

AS PART of Homecoming Year celebrations, Inveraray Burns Club hosted a special entertaining performance recounting Robert Burns' one and only visit to Inveraray in June 1787.

The performance - part drama, part musical and part narration - was especially written and directed by club member Alison Duncan from Dunoon and staged in the Argyll Hotel, Inveraray where Burns is reputed to have stayed. Unusually for the poet, little was ever recorded about the West Highland tour, but the recital gleaned together snippets of information taken from letters, songs and poems, setting the visit in the perspective of his personal life and in Scottish and worldwide history.

Was his visit a personal pilgrimage to the home county of Margaret Campbell, with whom Burns was very much in love and who had died suddenly? Was his visit to meet up with the Duke of Argyll and collect subscriptions for his very successful book of poems which had just recently been published? Were there other reasons for his tour?

The one fact which is undeniable is that on Burns arrival in Inveraray the hotel was extremely busy on account of the Duke of Argyll hosting a fishing conference and he



Alison Duncan with some of her fellow performers.

regarded the welcome he received as less than satisfactory. As a result, and as was his habit of scratching lines of verse on window, Burns etched some very scathing remarks about his visit on a window pane of the hotel.

Alison's performance related how Burns left Inveraray the following morning and stopped in at Dumbarton where he was made a freeman of the town, but not before enjoying a rip roaring all night ceilidh with friends on the shores of Loch Lomond. Eventually Burns came to love the Highlands as evidenced by the beautiful song, 'My heart's in the Highlands' and the short verse 'A Highland Welcome'.

Club secretary, Kenny Stark, who hosted more than 60 friends and guests watching the show said: 'The performance was

outstanding. It was entertaining, humorous and informative and not only maintained the very high standard of evenings which Inveraray Burns Club has come to expect, but raised the bar to a new height. The work put into the presentation by Alison and the musicians and actors who supported her was very much appreciated by an audience who were enthralled.'

Alison said: 'This was my first time at writing or directing such an event and it could not have been done without great help, support and background information from lots of people to whom I am indebted.'

The next club night is St Andrew's celebration night on November 28 and further information can be obtained from www.inverarayburnsclub.org.uk or Tel: 01499 302617.

Village has big music schedule

CRAIGNISH Village Hall has launched a programme of music for the winter.

And with bands such as The Tim Kliphuis Trio from Holland, Long Gone Lonesome - a musical celebration of the life of Shetlander singer songwriter Thomas Fraser - and South African guitarist Tony Cox it will be an international programme.

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Karen Richmond, right, meeting her wild life idol Terry Nutkins and friend at the Sea Life Centre in Barcaldine.

Karen is just wild about meeting Terry

AN OBAN Sea Life Centre worker met her Really Wild idol, veteran Terry Nutkins.

Karen Richmond, aged 26, who came to work as an aquarist at the Barcaldine attraction after disaster struck her own aquatic business, met Terry at the centre last week.

Karen explained: 'Two years ago my aquatics shop in Oxford was robbed and the entire stock of tropical marine fish and equipment stolen.

'The theft left me penniless, but it failed to stop me carving out a career working with wildlife.

'After only applying for two jobs I was offered a job at the Sea Life Centre in Oban.

'I started in May and have loved every minute of it.'

Last week, naturalist Terry visited the centre with a TV crew.

'Thirty years ago he opened our seal and otter facilities

and was returning to mark the Sanctuary's anniversary.

'It was a real privilege to introduce him to otters Lewis and Isla and listen as he talked to the BBC about his early life helping author Gavin Maxwell to rear African otters on the west coast.'

Karen, who is looking for a new home in Oban, is just one training session away from being a fully qualified scuba diver.

Great night at Strachur Memorial Hall

A FULL house always creates a good atmosphere, and there is no doubt that the audience at Strachur Memorial Hall were well inclined to enjoy themselves at last weekend's concert.

Residents, and the masses of visitors, were extraordinarily

lucky with the first act. The moment harpists Tristan Le Govic and Ailie Robertson plucked their first notes, it was clear that the audience were in for something special. They quickly established a relaxed and appreciative atmosphere.

With such an opening,

could the next act keep up the standard? Rallion have roots in different parts of Scotland and different genres of music, with the international touch of a Dutch-born singer. Yet they have blended this into an individual, highly recognisable and distinctive style.

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Blackface ewes sell to £240 at Dalmally

AT the newly revamped United Auctions market at Dalmally, trade was electric in all sections at the Annual Breeding Sheep Sale on Saturday when 5,876 head were sold.

Leading the day's trading was Willie MacNicol, Claddich when his five-year-old Blackface Stud Ewes sold to £240.

M/s MacLarty, Littleport, topped the Blackface Draft Ewes at £70 and the 3,467 Blackface Draft Ewes sold to average £50.36.

Blackface Gimmers from Saulmore Farm and Balliemanoich led their section at £112 whilst Mule Gimmers from Glenshellach sold to £105 and Blackface Ewe Lambs from Mr MacKay, Millpark sold to £86.

Dalmally Market witnessed the largest ever turnout of buyers seeking breeding sheep from all the principal farming counties of Scotland.

Dearest trade of season at Fort

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 3,767 store sheep of all classes on Friday in Fort William.

Lambs (2,921) averaged £32.64 per head and sold to £63 gross for Crosses from 9 Bunlossit, Roy Bridge.

Ewes (787) sold to £63 gross for a Suffolk from Traigh Farm, Arisaig.

Feeding sheep (55) sold to £42 gross for a Blackface wedder from 9 Bunlossit.

Rams (4) sold to £110 gross for a Cheviot from National Trust for Scotland, Isle of Cana.

Occupancy requirement ruled out of crofting bill

Alternative ways of keeping land affordable for those wanting to take up crofting are to be explored with stakeholders

THE long-term damage caused by property speculation on croft land must be tackled, Scottish environment minister Roseanna Cunningham said this week.

However, an occupancy requirement, which would mean houses built on former croft land have to be used as main residences, will not be included in the Crofting Bill.

Alternative ways of keeping land affordable to those who want to take up crofting will be explored instead.

Addressing the Scottish Crofting Foundation in Grantown-on-Spey, Ms Cunningham said: 'Crofting is part of the social, cultural and economic fabric of Scotland. It is a unique way of life which we must ensure has a sustainable, profitable future in the 21st century.'

'This means tackling the problems of absenteeism, neglect and speculation.

There is consensus on this issue.

'In our draft Crofting Bill we consulted on an occupancy requirement for houses built on land taken out of crofting. The majority of respondents did not think this was the best way forward. We listened to those views and have decided not to include this measure in the Bill. Alternatives will have to be found, which is why it is vital to have constructive debate on this issue.'

Ms Cunningham also confirmed there were no plans to end the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants Scheme and the Croft House Grants Scheme.

She said: 'Both of these schemes are here to stay. Neither is under threat and nor will they be merged. They provide vital assistance to crofters and are an integral part of our future plans. Those that suggest otherwise are deliberately misleading

crofters and causing unnecessary alarm.'

The minister's announcement has addressed some of the primary concerns that NFU Scotland's crofting members had expressed when consulted this summer on the draft bill and which NFUS raised in a private meeting with the minister two weeks ago. Mrs Jo Durno, chair of NFU Scotland's Crofting & Highlands and Islands Committee said: 'When responding to the Scottish Government consultation on the draft Bill we saw the merit in updating the legislation.'

'However, following a widespread survey of our 700-crofting members, it was evident that there were huge concerns over much of what was originally proposed for inclusion. At the minister's request, we will now be feeding in to the committee's thoughts on alternative approaches to tackling

thorny subjects such as absenteeism as well as croft abandonment and neglect.'

The news was welcomed by the Western Isles' MP and MSP.

Alasdair Allan MSP said: 'Nobody disputes the need to tackle the speculation of croft land, but that can only be done through measures that are workable.'

'After much lobbying, not just from me, but from the Crofting Foundation and others, the minister has indicated that at least one measure in the draft bill will not appear in the Bill itself.'

Angus MacNeil MP said: 'In the islands the proposal was very unsettling for people. Now that proposal has been removed people can feel assured that the minister has listened. I am glad that good sense won through.'

North Uist looks to regenerate 'black lands'

A GROUP of crofters on North Uist have come together to form an association to look at how to regenerate the 'black lands' where they farm.

The Crofting Environment Improvement Association (CEIA) has been formed with a five-year plan of education, information and action to look at the sustainable use of the peaty, boggy moorlands on the east side of the island.

Seven east-side crofts now form an active part of the association, and over the coming months will have an environmental evaluation carried out on their land with a view to developing a sustainable programme of regeneration and use.

Regeneration trials will begin next year, with information-sharing with other crofters and the wider

public beginning in 2011, and project documentation published in 2014.

The association will also work as a resource for the crofting course, now in its second year, at Lionacleit secondary school in Benbecula.

CEIA member Mary Norton, of 5 Kenary, Grimsay said: 'The focus of agriculture is on the west-side machair, because that's what works best in modern terms. But the black lands on the east-side historically supported a lot of people and a lot of crops.'

'It seems a shame that it's just left these days with the fences down and the stock running wild. We've been in touch with scientists, including the Macaulay Institute and they also think it's interesting to look at.'



The Crofting Environment Improvement Association wants to regenerate the inhospitable black lands of Uist.

Markets

LOCHBOISDALE United Auctions

Bulls: AAx: £196 5 Milton 172p Hopewell Cottage. Limx: 199p 9 Milton 190p(2) 3 Ormiclate 189p 136 Stilligarry & 100 Caman 184p 15 Ormiclate 182p 136 Stilligarry. Heifer: Limx: 197p 136 Stilligarry 185p 101 Caman 174p 136 Stilligarry. Simx: 238p & 233p 91 Bualadubb. Lams: Sufix: £64.00 Doon £61.00 18 West Geminis £54.00 28 Balivanich £53.00 91 Bualadubb £51.00 Doon £48.50 44 Linque £48.00 414 Smerclate £47.00 - 366 South Boisdale. Text: £54.00 Doon £50.50 8 Pennerine £49.50 Doon £47.00 335 North Boisdale. Chev: £48.50 254 Dalburgh £46.50 & £45.00 Doon. Blackface: £40.00 356 South Boisdale

OBAN Caledonian Marts

Store Lambs: Chev: £55 & £45 2Allansdale, Isle of Barra; £45 & £44.50 Rhulios, Isle of Barra, £44.50 15 Gerygartgall, £44 Ardrevite, Kerrera; ContX: £48 Scallasaig, Colonsay, £46 Dalvore, £45 Plocaig; Mule: £45 Dalvore, £44 lochdar, £43 2Allansdale; Suff: £50 Hermitage, £49 Achnacreeone, £47.50 Upper Langie; Text: £44 Stalker Cottage; Blackface: £39 Balnahard Colonsay, £38.20 Sunipol £38.20, £35 Stronskar & Corrieglen. Ewe Lambs: Blackface: £40 Sunipol;

Fiart, Lismore and averaged £60.77 + £21.49.

Text: £38 Inshaig. Ewes: Blackface: £42 & £41 Sunipol, £37 Lagannulla & Torloisk; Chev: £57 Park, £53 Tengs, Cross: £38.50 lochdar, Mule: Suff: £50 Rhulios. Feeding Ewes: Blackface: £32.50 Kilom Farms Isle of Colonsay, £32 Scallasaig, £31.50 Drimmin, £31 Mid; Chev: £39 Torloisk Estates & lochdar, Tengs, Mule; Cross: £37.80 Kilom Farms, £36 Homesteads, £35.50 Achuran; Text: £43 Achuran, Lismore; £41 Ardrevite, Kerrera. Last Tuesday's leading prices and averages: (1252) BF Ewes sold to £61 Killundine Estates and averaged £42.43 & £19.69; (444) Chev x Ewes sold to £63 McGregor, Slatrich, Kerrera £51.14 & £27.15; (201) BF Gimmers sold to £76 A McColl, Mingary, Mule £56.15 & £22.00; (301) Mule Gimmers sold to £116 Achavaich and averaged £94.25 & £44.64; (640) BF Ewe Lambs sold to £51 Cadzow Brothers, Ardaraich, Lung and averaged £38.44 & £14.44; (388) Mule Ewe Lambs sold to £69 J Carmichael,

DALMALLY United Auctions

Warr ewes: Blackface: £240 Cladich £90 Saulmore £85 Cladich £80 Benmore £78 Cladich £70 Littleport £68 Arnie £67 Keilor £66 Eden Taggart & Littleport £65 Keilor & Corylorn £64 Littleport & Braglenmore £62 Balliemanoich & Arnie £59 Corylorn £58 Achnacarron, Braglenmore, Arnie & Tullochcan £57 Braglenmore & Braglenbeg £55 - Cladich £52 & £51 Ormsay Estate £50 - Cladich, Braglenmore, Blackmount & Barachander. SwaleX: £58 & £57 Dunroisk £55 & £54 Musdale. Cross: £60 Strommagachan £57 Brackley £50 Barndrinn & Strathochry. Gimmers: Blackface: £112 Saulmore & Balliemanoich £110 Achnamara £108

FORT WILLIAM Dingwall and highland Marts

Store lambs: Cross: Isle of Cana, £49. Mule: Glen Gloy Farms, Spean Bridge, £46. Text: Glen Gloy Farms, £46. Dorx: 5 Aird, Ardvassar, £45.50. Sufix: 9 Bunlossit, £45. Belt: Balliemanoich, Isle of Mull, £45. Chev: Inveraitort Estate, £43.50. Blackface: 5 Aird, & 6 Teangue, Sleaf, £43. Lyn: Langal, Argyll, £39.50. Ewes: Chev: 16 Upper Scotsiown, £53.00. Cross: Balnaha, Achateny, £45. Blackface: Keil Farm, Ardgoor, and Isle of Cana, £37.50. Sufix: Traigh Farm, £33. Feeding sheep: Blackface: 9 Bunlossit, £42. Sufix: 3 Eynort, Carbot, £40. Chev: 3 Eynort, £38.50. Cross: Isle of Cana, £37. Rams: Chev: Isle of Cana, £90.

Dalmally Show results

Cattle Section. Overall cattle champion confined: Willie MacLean, Invergleng, Barcaldine, Reserve: Her Majesty the Queen, Balmoral Estate; Overall Calf Champion, awarded sash and £100 presented by Scottish Woodlands: Willie MacLean; Overall Reserve Calf Champion, Her Majesty the Queen; Craig Perpetual Challenge Cup for Overall Champion, Willie MacLean; Captain R A Oldham Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for Reserve Champion: Her Majesty the Queen; Challenge Cup for best animal bred by a crofter, shepherd or stalker: Martin Hall.

Highland cattle: Confined champion Mrs J H Strickland, Keppochan, Cladich, Reserve Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, Duileter Farm, Glenstrae. Open champion HM the Queen, Balmoral Estate. Open reserve champion Mrs J H Strickland, Cladich, Perpetual Challenge Cup for best animal in Highland Section, Her Majesty the Queen, Balmoral Estate. Crunachy Challenge Cup for best Highland bull

Stirk bred by exhibitor, Her Majesty the Queen, Glenogie Perpetual Cup for best bull, Her Majesty the Queen, Brig RWL Fellows Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for Reserve Champion, Mrs J H Strickland, Achnacloch Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best group of Highland Cattle, 3 animals, Sir William Lithgow, Glenstrae Perpetual Challenge Cup for best animal in the confined classes, Mrs J H Strickland, Cow in milk, born before Jan 1 2005: confined, Mrs J H Strickland, Keppochan, Cladich, 2 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, Duileter Farm, Glenstrae. Cow in milk born before Jan 1 2005 - Open, Mrs J H Strickland, 2 Mr & Mrs J H Strickland, 3 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, Cow in milk, born in 2005-Open, Alan & Angela Garton, New Farmhouse, Ardornic, 2 John MacKay, 29 Harris Crescent, Old Kilpatrick, 3 G & M Porter, West Carrabus, Bridgend. Heifer calf, born in 2009 - Confined 1 and 2 Mrs J H Strickland, 3 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Heifer calf, born in 2009 - Open 1 Glasgow City Council,

2 Robert Leitch, Lagganulla, Isle of Mull, 3 Mrs J H Strickland. Bull calf, born in 2009 - Confined 1 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Bull calf, born in 2009 - Open, 1 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, 2 and 3 Alan & Angela Garton. Heifer born in 2006 - Confined 1 Mrs J H Strickland, 2 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Heifer born in 2006 - Open 1 Her Majesty the Queen, 2 Gordon Mitchell, Idvies Estate, Forfar, 3 R MacMillan & E Lawrence, Little Grenach Farm, Isle of Bute. Heifer born in 2007 - Confined, 1 Mrs J H Strickland, 2 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster. Heifer born in 2007 - Open 1 Gordon Mitchell, 2 Patricia Smith & Paul Burns, Craignagelt Farm, Stirling, 3 A & H Kirkpatrick, Strathmore, 4 Calum McDonald Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit in the Galloway Section: Willie MacLean. Rosettes for Champion and Reserve Champion awarded by DAS, SPS Medal awarded by DAS for the winner of the Best Galloway Opposite sex to the champion: Galloway Cow in calf/milk: 1 Kim Drysdale, Moor House, Coldingham,

Eymouth, Berwickshire, 2 G & M Porter, West Carrabus, Bridgend, Isle of Islay, 3 Kim Drysdale, Calf either sex born after December 1, 2008: 1 Kim Drysdale, 2 Kim Drysdale; Heifer one year old and under 2 years old: 1 Duncan Maxwell, 2 Duncan Maxwell, Bull any age: 1 Willie MacLean; Young handlers Class: 1 Lynn MacLean. Commercial Beef: Champion: Martin Hall Tombeie, Strommilchan, Dalmally, Reserve: Brian Walker, Carloan Farm, Inveraray; Open champion: Hamish MacDiarmid, Lavers, Aberfeldy, 2 Gregor Kennedy, Lephinkill Farm, Glendruce; 3 Hamish MacDiarmid; Calf, either sex, born after February 1, 2009 - confined: 1 Martin Hall, 2 Brian Walker, 3 Archibald Farms, Dalmally; Calf, either sex, born after February 1, 2009 - open: 1 Hamish MacDiarmid, 2 Martin Hall, 3 Brian Walker; Calf, either sex born after February 1, 2009 by a native sire - confined: 1 Brian Walker, 2 R W Mackay, 3 Brian Walker; Pair of cross bred cattle, 1 year old and under 2, bred by exhibitor - confined: 1 Brian Walker; Pair of cross-bred cattle, 1 year old and under 2, bred by the exhibitor - open: 1 Brian Walker, Bull - confined: 1 R W Mackay, 2 R W Mackay; Bull - open: 1 R W Mackay, 2 R W Mackay. Sheep Section: Blackface Sheep: Confined Champion: R D Schuster; Reserve: W McNeil, Cladich; Open Champion, awarded £100 and sash by Scottish Woodlands: Donald Shaw; Inishshaig, Ardfern; reserve: Gordon McDougall Drumquhasle, Milton of Buchanan, Ardfern; Young Farmer champion: Gordon McDougall; Reserve: Gordon McDougall; Confined Trophies: Perpetual Challenge Cup for best male sheep: W McNeil; Perpetual Challenge cup for best female sheep: R D Schuster; Anderson Memorial perpetual challenge cup for best female group of ewe, gimmer and ewe lamb: J & J Macpherson; Duncan Sinclair Memorial Perpetual Challenge Rosebowl for champion confined sheep: R D Schuster; John McConnachie perpetual challenge trophy for most points in the confined section: J & J Macpherson; Open Trophies Perpetual Challenge trophy for the best animal in young farmers' classes: Gordon McDougall; Balliemanoich Perpetual Challenge Quich for overall blackface female champion: Donald Shaw, Inishshaig, Ardfern; Blarghour Perpetual Challenge Quich for overall blackface male champion: Gordon McDougall; Royal Bank of Scotland Perpetual Challenge

confined reserve champion: Brian Walker; Cow in milk - confined: 1 R W Mackay, Strommagachan Farm, Inveraray; 2 Brian Walker, Carloan Farm, Inveraray; 3 Duncan Crawford, Brencloch Farm, Furnace, Cow in milk - open: 1 R W Mackay, 2 Brian Walker; Calf, either sex born September 1, 2008 - February 1, 2009 - confined: 1 Duncan Crawford; Calf, either sex born September 1, 2008 - February 1, 2009 - open: 1 Hamish MacDiarmid, Lavers, Aberfeldy, 2 Gregor Kennedy, Lephinkill Farm, Glendruce; 3 Hamish MacDiarmid; Calf, either sex, born after February 1, 2009 - confined: 1 Martin Hall, 2 Brian Walker, 3 Archibald Farms, Dalmally; Calf, either sex, born after February 1, 2009 - open: 1 Hamish MacDiarmid, 2 Martin Hall, 3 Brian Walker; Calf, either sex born after February 1, 2009 by a native sire - confined: 1 Brian Walker, 2 R W Mackay, 3 Brian Walker; Pair of cross bred cattle, 1 year old and under 2, bred by exhibitor - confined: 1 Brian Walker; Pair of cross-bred cattle, 1 year old and under 2, bred by the exhibitor - open: 1 Brian Walker, Bull - confined: 1 R W Mackay, 2 R W Mackay; Bull - open: 1 R W Mackay, 2 R W Mackay. Sheep Section: Blackface Sheep: Confined Champion: R D Schuster; Reserve: W McNeil, Cladich; Open Champion, awarded £100 and sash by Scottish Woodlands: Donald Shaw; Inishshaig, Ardfern; reserve: Gordon McDougall Drumquhasle, Milton of Buchanan, Ardfern; Young Farmer champion: Gordon McDougall; Reserve: Gordon McDougall; Confined Trophies: Perpetual Challenge Cup for best male sheep: W McNeil; Perpetual Challenge cup for best female sheep: R D Schuster; Anderson Memorial perpetual challenge cup for best female group of ewe, gimmer and ewe lamb: J & J Macpherson; Duncan Sinclair Memorial Perpetual Challenge Rosebowl for champion confined sheep: R D Schuster; John McConnachie perpetual challenge trophy for most points in the confined section: J & J Macpherson; Open Trophies Perpetual Challenge trophy for the best animal in young farmers' classes: Gordon McDougall; Balliemanoich Perpetual Challenge Quich for overall blackface female champion: Donald Shaw, Inishshaig, Ardfern; Blarghour Perpetual Challenge Quich for overall blackface male champion: Gordon McDougall; Royal Bank of Scotland Perpetual Challenge

Trophy for most points in open section: J Jackson & Son; Perpetual Challenge Cup for champion sheep in show: Donald Shaw; Perpetual Tankard for best sheep of opposite sex to the champion: Gordon McDougall; Trophy for best ram lamb bred by exhibitor: Gordon McDougall; Perpetual challenge cup for best female group of ewe, gimmer and ewe lamb: Donald Shaw; Special Prices: £10 Presented by D Fellows for Reserve Male Champion: J Jackson & Son; £10 presented by D Fellows for Reserve Female Champion: R & I Shaw; bottle of whisky for the shepherd bringing out the champion in the confined section: Neil Shaw; Rosette awarded by the BPSA for the champion sheep; Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes awarded by DAS. Young Farmers' Sheep Classes: 1 Adult Male: 1 A & G Macpherson, Balliemanoich, Dalmally, 2 Erin Cameron, Kintyre, Cladich, Glen 1 Adult Female: 1 A & G Macpherson, Fulton Ronald, Keilor, Crianich, 2 Fulton Ronald; 1 Tup Lamb: 1 Gordon McDougall; 2 A & G Macpherson, 3 Gordon McDougall; 1 Ewe Lamb: 1 Gordon McDougall, 2 A & G Macpherson, 3 Gordon McDougall. Sheep Classes: Aged ram, 2 Shear - confined: 1 J & J Macpherson; Aged ram, 2 Shear - open: 1 T Nelson, Glengorm, 2 A & I Duncan Millar, Remony, 2 J & J Macpherson, Balliemanoich; Shearling ram - confined: 1 J & J Macpherson, 2 J & J Macpherson, 3 W McNeil, Cladich; Shearling ram - open: 1 J Jackson & Son, 2 A & I Duncan Millar, 2 J & J Macpherson; Ram lamb bred by exhibitor - confined: 1 W McNeil, 2 J & J Macpherson, 3 J & J Macpherson; Ram lamb bred by exhibitor - open: 1 Gordon McDougall, 2 J Jackson & Son, 3 J Jackson & Son; Single ewe which has reared a lamb this season - confined: 1 J & J Macpherson, 2 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, Duileter, Dalmally, 3 J & J Macpherson; Single ewe which has reared a lamb this season - open: 1 Donald Shaw, 2 J Jackson & Son, 3 A & I Duncan Millar; Two year old ewe which has reared a lamb this season - confined: 1 Mr & Mrs R D Schuster, 2 Blarghour Farm, 3 Blarghour Farm, 2 year old ewe, which has reared a lamb this season - open: 1 W Walker, Cranie, 2 J Jackson, 3 John A Nudds; Single gimmer - confined: 1 J & J Macpherson,

Ormiclate bullocks sell at £1,000 at Lochboisdale

UNITED Auctions held their second sheep sale at Lochboisdale on Friday at the first show and sale of suckled calves.

A total of 1,467 all classes of sheep and lambs and 56 calves were sold.

The lamb entry consisted mainly of second draws and sold at similar rates to the first sale with Suffolk crosses from Doon selling to £64.

The show of calves was judged by Mr Donald Patullo, Millhaugh, Perth and the following were his awards:

Bullock Calf: 1 J J MacLean, £745, 9 Milton; 2 & 3 C Morrison, 136 Stilligarry, £865 & £840; Heifer calf: 1 N MacDonald, 101 Caman, £890; 2 & 3 C Morrison, 136 Stilligarry £845 & £800; Champion Calf: N MacDonald, Reserve Calf: J J MacLean.

Hector MacCormick, 15 Ormiclate, topped the store section section with Charolais crosses at £1,000.

The top call per kilo came from Mr Donald MacDonald, 91 Bualadubb when his Simmental cross heifers sold to 238 and 233 pence per kilo and Bullocks from 9 Milton sold to 199 pence per kilo.

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A total of 2,105 store lambs sold to £56 for a pen of Chev from A McDonald, Rhulios, Isle of Barra and averaged £35.60. Ewes (1,200) sold to £60 for a pen of Cheviots from K Way, Tenge, Mull and averaged £28.80.

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Derek Douglas
Forest Enterprise, 55 Moffat Road, Dumfries, DG1 1NP
 By no later than 16th October 2009
 Telephone 01387 272440
 derek.douglas@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Alan Reid MP

Constituency Tour
Meet your local MP

Alan Reid MP will be in your area for his Constituency Tour on the following dates:-

Thursday 8th October 2009
 Skipness - 10.00am - 10.30am
 Carradale - 11.00am - 11.30am
 Carradale East - 11.45am - 12.15pm
 Peninver - 12.45pm - 1.15pm
 Southend - 2.45pm - 3.15pm
 Machrihanish - 3.45pm - 4.15pm
 Glenbarr - 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Friday 9 October 2009
 Taynuilt - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
 Lochawe - 4.15pm - 4.45pm

For an appointment please call 01369 704840

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Argyll & Bute Council

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be:

Examined at Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on online planning applications.

Written comments for the following applications may be made to Planning Services, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR by the 22nd October 2009 for the following list of application for planning permission.

● Ref No: 09/01405/PP
 Applicant: Inverlussa Shellfish Co Limited
 Proposal: Erection of a 15 metre high 15 kilowatt wind turbine
 Site Address: Inverlussa Shellfish, Lochdon, Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute

● Ref No: 09/01391/PPP
 Applicant: Mr Alun Maxwell
 Proposal: Site for the erection of 1 no dwelling house, installation of septic tank and private water supply
 Site Address: Land Opposite Cleigh Mill Cottage, Kilmore, Oban, Argyll and Bute PA34 4XT

● Ref No: 09/01311/PP
 Applicant: Mr and Mrs David Colthart
 Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
 Site Address: Baranacallum, By Connel, Oban, Argyll and Bute PA37 1RN
 Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9am and 5pm at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8ST.

An extant list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Councils website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

A weekly list of applications which can be viewed at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Mary Jean Devon (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)
 Constituents can contact Councillor Devon on Tel: 01688 301215 or email - mary-jean.devon@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Gordon Chalmers (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)
 Constituents can contact Councillor Chalmers on Tel 01688 302689 or email - gordon.chalmers@argyll-bute.gov.uk or gordon.chalmers@btinternet.com

Councillor Donald McIntosh (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)
 Constituents can contact Councillor McIntosh on Tel: 07788 882200 or by email - donald.mcintosh@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Macdonald (E.W.5 Oban North and Lorn)
 Constituents can contact Councillor Macdonald on Tel: 01631 566367 or by email - donald.macdonald@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947
THE A82 TRUNK ROAD (CRIANLARICH BYPASS)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by the above mentioned Acts, on the Twenty-fourth day of September 2009, prepared the above mentioned Compulsory Purchase Order which affects the land described in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose of constructing a new section of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road at Criarlach . The Order is about to be made and comes into operation only if made. If the Order is made, a conveyance registered in implement of the Order may vary or extinguish rights to enforce real burdens and servitudes affecting the land.

A copy of the Order and of the map referred to therein may be inspected, free of charge, during normal business hours, from 24 September 2009 to 16 October 2009 at:
 The Offices of Transport Scotland, Reception, 9th Floor, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF;
 Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch G83 8EG;
 Stirling Council, Viewforth, Stirling FK8 2ET and;
 Criarlach Post Office, Station Road, Criarlach FK20 8QN.

Any objections to the Order must be made in writing stating the title of the Order and the grounds of objection to the Director of Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, Transport Scotland, Team 1, 7th Floor North, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF. Any such objection must be received on or before 16 October 2009.

A C MCLAUGHLIN
 A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers
 Transport Scotland
 Major Transport Infrastructure Projects
 58 Port Dundas Road, Buchanan House, Glasgow G4 0HF
 17 September 2009

The plot references and areas referred to below correspond to those given in the Schedule and plan annexed to "the A82 Trunk Road (Criarlach Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011".

Plot No	Land in the County of Perth.
1 & 4	Land consisting of grassland and verge, lying to the north of the A82 Trunk Road, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struith and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
2, 5 & 6	Land consisting of rough ground and burn, lying to the north of the A82, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struith and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
3 & 7	Land forming part of the solum of the A82 Trunk Road, east of the access to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struith and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
8	Land lying to the south of the A82, adjacent to No.11 Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.
9	Land consisting of heath and grassland, lying to the south of the access road and dwelling known as 1 Willow Brae, Criarlach.
10	Land consisting of wet heath and marshy grassland, lying to the south of the A82, extending from Tyndrum Terrace to Gleann Fiadh Lodge.
11 & 12	Land consisting of wet heath and marshy grassland, lying to the west of the A82, opposite Criarlach railway station and north-west of the dwelling known as Hillview, Criarlach.
13	Land forming part of the solum and verge of the A82, between the dwellings known as Strouna Cottage and Sharneil, Criarlach.
14, 15 & 16	Land consisting of wet heath and rough grassland, lying to the west of the A82, between the dwellings known as Strouna Cottage and Sharneil, Criarlach.
17	Land consisting of grassland and verge to the south of the A82, south-east of the access track to the dwelling known as Tigh na Struith and west of Tyndrum Terrace, Criarlach.

SCHEDULE

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND
 will hold a
PUBLIC EXHIBITION
 of proposals for the
The A82 Criarlach Bypass
 at
 Criarlach Village Hall
 on
 Friday 9 October 2009
 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm

A representative of Transport Scotland and their design consultants, Grontmij, will be available to discuss the proposals.
 An agency of The Scottish Government

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY and, where given, the alternative location(s).

Written comments should be made to the Area Planning and Building Standards Manager at this office within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
09/00333/PI/PO	Land to East of Achnaha Lochaline Morvern	Erection of 20 houses	Lochaline Post Office (14 days)
09/00353/PI/PO	Site 70m South East of Ardor Lochaline Morvern	Erection of house	Lochaline Post Office (14 days)
09/00369/PI/PO	Croft 3, 40m North of 4 Bunacaimb Aisaig	Demolition of old croft buildings & erection of house	Aisaig Post Office (14 days)
09/00381/FULLO	Site off A86 Craighog Loch Loggan PH20 2AE	Replacement of telecommunication mast and ancillary equipment	Roy Bridge Post Office (14 days)

Area Planning and Building Standards Manager, Ross, Skye & Lochaber:
 Dafydd Jones, Highland Council, Fulton House, Gordon Square, Fort William, PH33 6XY
 Tel: (01397) 707015 Fax: (01397) 707022
 e-mail: planning.lochaber@highland.gov.uk

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CROFTERS COMMISSION
 GORDON SQUARE FORT WILLIAM

Neil Munn and Mrs Mairi A Munn have applied to decroft part of the croft at 3 Balmeanoch, Tiree extending to 0.0024 ha for the purpose of extending their dwelling-house. Ref: 4.86.20286

James F Robertson has applied to decroft part of the croft at 78, 79 & 82 Portuairk, Ardnamurchan & Sunart extending to 0.162 ha for the purpose of providing a site for a 2 dwellinghouse. Ref: 4.86.20288

If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3EQ or info@crofterscommission.org.uk, by 19 October 2009 quoting the above case number.

A copy of any valid comments will be served on the applicant.

CHANGES TO OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Contact for the following services offered by Argyll and Bute Council is changing:

- Roads & Lighting Faults
- Domestic Special Uplifts & Bin Purchase
- Abandoned Vehicle & Fly Tipping
- Pest Control
- Car Parking Fines & Faults
- Domestic Bin Uplift Issues
- Dog Fouling & Dog Control
- General Enquiries

This change will happen on Monday 28 September 2009. Information will be available over the phone or face to face at our Customer Service Points.

For Oban Lorn and Isles phone the Enquiry Line on 01546 605514 where our fully trained customer service agents will help you with your request.

For face to face enquiries please visit your local Customer Service Points at:
 Council Offices, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban
 Council Offices, Broadabane Street, Tobermory, Isle of Mull

For all other services please contact your local office.
 To find all our latest news log onto the website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

FOREST ENTERPRISE & GREENPOWER (CARRAIG GHEAL) LTD
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (FORESTRY) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999

Notice is hereby given that Forest Enterprise and GreenPower (Carraig Gheal) Ltd have applied under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 to the Forestry Commission (as "Determining Authority") for consent to construct and operate a forest road (GR from NM 851,044 to NN 035,238) north of Loch Awe, Argyll.

The Forestry Commissioners may decide either to grant consent subject to the standard conditions required by Regulation 18 of the EIA Regulations, or subject to such further conditions as they see fit or refuse consent.

A copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the proposals in more detail is available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

Argyll & Bute Council Office	Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm	Lorn House, Albany St, Oban
Forestry Commission	Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm	Whitegates Office, Lochgilphead

Copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from GreenPower (Carraig Gheal) Ltd, The e-Centre, Cooperage Way, Alloa, FK10 3LP, at a charge of £10 for a CD copy.
 (tel: 01259 272158; inquiries@greenpowerinternational.com)

This application replaces a previous submission regarding this Project (December 2008), which has been withdrawn.

Any objections or representations to the application should be made in writing, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for support or objection, not later than 28 days from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation should note that under Freedom of Information legislation, representations will be provided in full to anyone who requests copies.

Representations should be made to:
 Nick Mainprize, Forestry Commission Scotland, Perth and Argyll Conservancy, Algo Business Centre, Glenearn Road, Perth, PH2 0NJ

The Scottish Government

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
A82 SIGNAL ROCK - SOUTH OF GLENCOE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20A AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they have determined that their proposal for the improvement of a section of the A82 Dalnottar - Inverness Trunk Road, approximately 2 kilometres south of the village of Glencoe is -

(a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 97/11/EC and Council Directive No. 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council;

(b) is a relevant project within the meaning of Sections 20A(9) and 55A(7) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the said Directive but that having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive it should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require the publication of an Environmental Statement.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
A84/A85 CRAGGAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20A AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS hereby give notice that they have determined that their proposal for the improvement of a section of the A84 Trunk Road starting approximately 600 metres south of Lochearnhead and finishing 87 metres past the A85 junction in Lochearnhead is -

(a) not a project which falls within Annex I of Council Directive No. 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Council Directive No. 97/11/EC and Council Directive No. 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council;

(b) is a relevant project within the meaning of Sections 20A(9) and 55A(7) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of the said Directive but that having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive it should not be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive, and accordingly the project does not require the publication of an Environmental Statement.

D M C MACNEILL
 A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers
 Transport Scotland
 Trunk Roads Network Management
 Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF
 16th September 2009

Scottish Natural Heritage
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba
 All of nature for all of Scotland
 Nàdar air fad airson Alba air fad

INFORMATION NOTICE
NATURE CONSERVATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004
Rum
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Scottish Natural Heritage gives notice that on 23 September 2009, in accordance with its rights under Section 9(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004, it intends to designate land at NM402997 within Highland Council as being of special interest by reason of its natural features (flora, fauna, geological or geomorphological features). A copy of the notification, a boundary map, a description of the natural features and an explanation of why SNH considers the land to be of special interest can be inspected and obtained free of charge from Scottish Natural Heritage, The Governor's House, The Parade, Fort William, PH33 6BA, together with clarification of any aspects of the notification.

SNH will consider any written representations received at the above address by 7 January 2010 and refer any outstanding scientific objections from persons with a legal interest in the SSSI to the Advisory Committee on SSSIs, established under Section 12 of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991 and continued under Section 21 of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

This new notification will cease to have effect if SNH withdraws it or does not confirm it to the notified interested parties by 23 September 2010.

Kristin Scott
 Area Manager, West Highland
 Scottish Natural Heritage
 The Governor's House
 The Parade
 Fort William
 PH33 6BA

Proposed Assignment of a Croft

Angus T MacKechnie, Crofter, is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to assign the tenancy of the croft at 2 Heylipol - 9 Heylipol - 3A Balinoe, Isle of Tiree, to Angus John MacKechnie of The Bungalow, Heylipol, Isle of Tiree. If you have any objection to the proposal, you may submit representations in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3EQ by October 22, 2009 specifying your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

The Highland Council
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 97, 2009 ARDLOCHY, GAIROLOCHY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Regulation 9 (b) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations, 1975 as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1981 that The Highland Council confirmed The Highland Council Tree Preservation Order No 97, 2009 Ardloch, Gairloch on 22 September 2009.

This Order applies to the mature Scots Pine, Larch and Beech woodland to the north of Ardloch House which is a long standing and important amenity feature on the north west coast of the Caledonian Canal and Loch Lochy.

Certified copies of the Order and of the map defining the position of the trees have been deposited for inspection at the offices during the hours mentioned below:-

The Highland Council Service Point, Lochaber House, High Street, Fort William - Monday to Fridays during normal office hours.

Leslie M S Johnstone
 Head of Legal and Democratic Services

22 September 2009

Council Buildings
 Glenurquhart Road
 INVERNESS IV3 5NX

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GalGael Trust

Project Officer (Barmaddy Restored) - Full Time

Salary: £ 19830 + pension SJC Scale AP2 (SP 22) (09-10 figures)
The post of Project Officer is a key member of GalGael's new rural staff team with specific responsibility for managing, implementing and developing GalGael's Barmaddy Restored project. Working with the Barmaddy Outreach and Development Officer, the key purpose of the Project Officer is to ensure achievement of the project aim to create a centre where people can come together to learn, work and aid in restorative processes, both personal, cultural & ecological. You will be based at Barmaddy Farm near Dalavich. An interest in and an understanding of the work of GalGael is essential as is a clean driving license due to the remote location.

This is an initial 12-month contract with continuation subject to securing future funding.

Any appointment subject to standard GalGael terms and conditions including Disclosure and reference

For more information including a job description, either go online at www.galgael.org or contact Helen Hollywood, Office Manager, GalGael 0141 427 3070 or helen@galgael.org

Scottish Charity No: SC026824

Closing date for applications: 5pm 16 October 09 (applications by email or post)

GalGael Trust

Outreach & Development Officer (Barmaddy Restored) Part-time

£ 18,813 + pension (pro rata) SJC Scale AP2 p20
The Outreach and Development Officer will engage the local community in GalGael's Barmaddy Restored project and develop the opportunities people can access there. This includes securing funding to support this work. Working with the Barmaddy Restored Project Officer, the Outreach and Development Officer will help in achieving the project aim to create a centre where people can come together to learn, work and aid in restorative processes, both personal, cultural & ecological. You will be based at Barmaddy Farm near Dalavich. An interest in and an understanding of the work of GalGael is essential as is a clean driving license due to the remote location.

This is an initial 12-month part-time contract with continuation subject to securing future funding.

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The successful post holders will also be required to provide cover for the full time member of staff during periods of annual leave, training and other absences so a degree of flexibility would be necessary.

A current driving licence is essential and Certificate in Supported Housing Level 2 is desirable, but training can be provided to achieve this qualification.

Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 9th October 2009
Interviews will be held in Mid October

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities. This post will be subject to a Disclosure Scotland check.

For recruitment pack please contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098 or email fiona.connor@acha.co.uk.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF NORTHERN LIGHTHOUSES require a

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Starting salary of £43944 rising to £62772 per annum

Based in Oban at its support base facility, the Northern Lighthouse Board is seeking a motivated, clear thinking and strategically minded individual to take up the position of Marine Operations Manager effective from December 2009.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to help build upon and further develop a successful Marine Operations Department. The Department which covers Marine Operations (including two vessels), the NLBs statutory Superintendence role, Business Development as well as a water-front support function based at Oban, employs a total of 100 shore and marine based staff.

Reporting to the Director of Marine Operations, you will be responsible for the day to day management and operational planning of the Northern Lighthouse Board vessels. You will have direct line management responsibility of some 70 marine and shore personnel along with responsibility for day to day relations with the boards helicopter contractor, other NLB departments and partner lighthouse authorities' marine sections. In addition, you will fill the position of company Security Officer and Deputy Designated Person Ashore. You must have held a senior post at sea and have experience in PSV, anchor handling or similar with DP2 accreditation as well as having undertaken a shore based ship management role in the last 5 years. A good knowledge of Scottish waters is essential, whilst experience of shipboard helicopter operations and Aids to Navigation are desirable. Practical experience working within a strong health and safety culture would also be desirable. You are expected in time to absorb the responsibilities of the Oban Support Base Manager when this post becomes vacant.

Benefits package includes flexible working, optional career average pension scheme, relocation assistance and competitive leave arrangements. This position offers a real opportunity to add value to a professional organisation dedicated to the safety of those at sea and to the protection of our maritime environment.

For an application pack please email jobs@nlb.org.uk or write to: Human Resources Adviser, Northern Lighthouse Board, 84 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DA. Closing date is Friday 23 October 2009 and interviews likely to be held middle of November 2009.

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STROKE NURSE

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CHSS is one of Scotland's leading medical charities and aims to improve the quality of life for people affected by stroke illness.

The aim of the Stroke Nurse is to facilitate a smooth transition from hospital back into the community, for people who have had a stroke and their families. The Nurse helps them adjust to the changes associated with the stroke, through the provision of information, advice and support.

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual with the ability to work on their own initiative. Candidates must have a first level general nursing qualification and four years post-registration experience in either a hospital or community setting. Car is essential. Experience working with people affected by stroke is desirable. Post is subject to enhanced Disclosure check.

For an informal discussion please contact Lead Stroke Nurse Geraldine Ditta on 01463 701192 or Director of Advice & Support Margaret Somerville on 07974958531.

For an application pack please contact Kay McGregor on 0131 225 6963 or email kay.mcgregor@chss.org.uk
Closing date for applications: 22nd October 2009.

CHSS aims to be an equal opportunity employer.

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Closing Date: 16 October 2009

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Shift Electrician Ref: 003232

We are looking for an EITB apprentice trained Electrician (or equivalent) with sound working knowledge of low voltage power distribution systems (including BS7671 and PLC control). In addition, you will need to have experience of machinery interlocking and motor control systems. You will undertake a variety of electrical tasks, including installation, operation, repair and maintenance; always ensuring that equipment meets all safety and production standards. You must be IT literate, able to make sound safety decisions and have a current driving licence. Quarrying industry experience would be advantageous but is not essential.

General Operatives Ref: 003545

We are looking for two hardworking individuals to join our team of General Operatives on a 'four on four off' rotational shift. You must have a flexible approach to work and an ability to multi-task, as there are a variety of different duties to undertake around the site. These duties comprise of operating machinery, ship loading, and running fixed plant, acting as a ships agent, helping in the Lab and being part of the fire team, also there is physically demanding elements to the role. No formal qualifications are required, as succession of training will be provided; however good literacy and numeric skills are required.

Isle of Arran

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Duties include some weekend work servicing holiday houses.

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CARE WORKERS required to provide a quality care at home service to persons living in their own homes in the Argyll and Bute area. Full time and part time shifts available including week-end shifts.

Experience preferred but not essential as a comprehensive training programme is provided. The use of a car is an advantage. We offer competitive rates of pay and an enhanced disclosure will be requested.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

If you are interested in either of the above posts please call Jacquie Mc Knight on 01631 566506 Monday to Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 17.00 p.m.



SALES ASSISTANT - Full-Time OBAN BRANCH

Candidates should:

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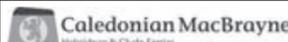
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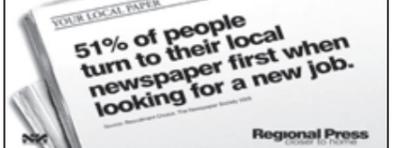
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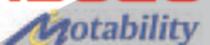
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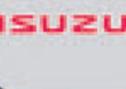


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Many thanks to Kate and all staff on Craichan Ward, also all staff on other wards and in other departments. Also all friends and neighbours for the very generous gifts, flowers, cards etc for my retirement and 60th. Thanks to Annie, Wilma, Seonaid and Moira for a great night at the Rugby Club. Thanks to George for music. Hope everyone had a good time. Thanks again. Kath.

EDNA AND JOHN PAYNE Would like to thank all the staff from Thomson Cooks Catering Company and The Corran Halls for making Emma and Sean's wedding so perfect.

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MARRIAGE

KENNEDY MACDOUGALL - In MacCaig's Tower on August 22, 2009 by Rev Bill Gray. David, elder son of Lily and the late John Kennedy, Ralston, to Sandi, younger daughter of Mollie Driver and the late Alistair MacDougall, Oban.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GRANT-MACARTHUR - At Iona Parish Church on September 24, 1959, Gordon to Helen, Achavaich, Isle of Iona.

DEATHS

BLYTH - Peacefully at Inverness House on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Mary Blyth, aged 95, dearly beloved wife of the late Dobbin. Much loved mum, gran and great-gran. Sadly missed.

BOWMAN - Suddenly on September 16, 2009, Stuart Finlay Bowman of Scalliste, Craignure, Isle of Mull, aged 63 years. Much loved brother and uncle. Funeral Service was held at Kilpatrick Cemetery, Duart, Isle of Mull on Wednesday September 30, 2009. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

EDWARDS - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on September 25, 2009, in his 96th year, Dr Clifford Edwards, Marine Scientist, Swiss Cottage, Benvoullin Road, Oban, formerly of SMBA (now known as SAMS), Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban. Much loved husband of the late Enid and dear brother of May and Dorothy. Funeral Service will be held in St John's Cathedral, Oban, on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 7pm, followed by cremation service at Clydebank Crematorium, on Thursday, October 8, 2009, 1.30pm.

MACLEAN - Passed away peacefully at Belford Hospital, Fort William on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in her 91st year, as a result of a stroke, Ida (MacLellan) (Holden) dear wife of the late Rev Hector MacLean, Duro, Argyll much loved mother of the late Valerie, grandmother of Woody and the late Siani, great-grandmother of Tali, Safin and Jayda, Australia and dear friend of Hector's daughters, Maeta and Patricia. Funeral service was held at Duror Church of Scotland on Monday, September 28, 2009 followed by interment at Duror Cemetery.

MACLENNAN - Donald. Peacefully at Tigh an-Rudha, Tirce on Sunday, September 27, 2009, age 86 years. Beloved husband of Mary Ann, dear father of Roddy and Angus and the late Donald. Loved by his daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SLOAN - Peacefully, at Beaumont Care Home, Stamford Bridge, York, on Friday, September 18, 2009 in his 84th year, John Michael Templeton, loved son of the late William Newlands and Marie Caroline Ada and much-loved brother of the late George Christopher. There will be a graveside service held at Pennyfuir Cemetery on Friday, October 2, at 1pm.

TOWNSLEY - Peacefully after a short illness, at Glenaray Ward, MidArgyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on September 26, 2009, Mary Cameron Townsley, aged 68 years, of 1 Duncholgan Cottages, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of Sandy, much loved mother of Fiona, Willie and Daddie and cherished granny and great gran. Dearly loved sister, aunt and mother-in-law to all the family. A much respected member of the local community. 'Gone but not forgotten.' Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. All relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

WARREN - Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on Monday, September 28, 2009. After a long illness bravely fought, Elizabeth (Betty nee Fraser) beloved wife of Stewart and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral service private. No flowers please. Donations in lieu if desired to cancer Research.

YEUDALL - Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on September 23, 2009 Christina (Chrissie) McLean aged 77 years, formerly of Balephetrish, Tirce, beloved wife of the late John Yeudall, dearly loved mother of Anne and Iain and devoted gran of Jennifer. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLYTH - The family of the late Mary Blyth wish to thank all relatives and friends for their support following their recent sad loss. A very special thanks to the staff of Inverness House for the devoted care and attention given to Mary over the last year, the Rev Corbett for the comforting service and Mike McFall for the efficient funeral arrangements.

MACFARLANE - The family of the late Dolly MacFarlane would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, letters and phone calls received during their sad loss. Thanks also to Home Helps, Argyll Home Care, Fyne View and especially all staff at Glassary Ward. To Father William MacLean for his comforting service and Rev MacLeod for the kind words spoken at the graveside. Thanks to Stan Lupton, Funeral Directors for their helpful and dignified service, and Cairnbaan Hotel for their excellent catering. The retiral collection for Glassary Ward raised £225.

IN MEMORIAMS

CAMERON - In memory of Iain, a dearly loved husband and father who passed away on the September 30, 2008. Quietly remembered and missed everyday.

- Jessie, John and Andrew.

GRAY - In loving memory of Willie, a loving dad, granda and great-granda, who died September 29, 2004. Silent memories true and tender

Just to say we still remember.

- Love Irene and family.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Grace Anne MacDonald, who died October 2, 2008. A dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

- From all the family.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Iain who died October 6, 2004, a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great-grandpa.

Though absent you are ever near

Still missed, still loved and ever dear.

- Joan and family.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of my dear mother, Julia, who passed away on September 30, 2008. Will miss you forever.

- Julie and Roddy, Oban.

Your always in our thoughts
And will be forever in our hearts.
- Mum and Dad
Precious memories of John. Remembered always with our love.
- Marina, Cammy and Emma.
MACKENZIE - In loving memory of Jamie died October 1, 2000 aged 24 years.
The tears in our eyes we can wipe away
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- Mum, Dad and Andrew.
MACKENZIE - Treasured memories of my dear grandson, Jamie. Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way.
- Granny Henderson.
MACLEAN - Fondest memories of our dearly loved mum, Bella, who passed away October 3, 2007.
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Loved and remembered every day
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- Teen, Angela and Alexander.
McCOLL - In loving memory of Archie, a dear husband, father and grandfather, who died October 1, 1991.
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- Inserted by wife, Mabel and families in Caol, Calthness and Canada.
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But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there.
- Your loving children and grand children xxx
NICHOLSON - Treasured memories of my darling wife, Patricia, who passed away October 4, 1993.
Sixteen years have passed
Since I saw you last
I shared with you such happy days
I miss you in so many ways
You left a place no one can fill
I miss you now and always will.
- Ever loving husband, Bryan.
NICHOLSON - In loving memory of our beloved mum and granny who died October 4, 1993.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day
Sadly missed.
- Shirley, Stewart, Bryan, Sarah and grandchildren.
OWENS - In loving memory of my late husband, Tommy, who died October 1, 2006. Close in our hearts you will always stay
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- Sandra, Jill, Allison, Morven, Carol and families.
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Heaven sent angels whispering your names
We remember the sparkle in your eyes
We remember the smile on your faces
We remember the love in your hearts
When the winds of heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ears
To tell you how much we miss those happy years
To tell you how much we miss you both
Your memories we treasure
You two brought so much pleasure
Cherished memories locked within our hearts
Will stay with us whilst we're apart
Loving you always and forgetting you never
You're in our hearts forever
- Scott of all 'us'.
SCOTT - In loving memory of Jean, a loved and loving wife, mum and granny who died October 1, 2000.
Loved and missed every day.
- Eddie, Pamela, Edmund, Gordon, David, Bronwen, Kirsten, Caitlin, Gavin and Sarah. xxxxx
THOMSON - In loving memory of Isabel, a very dear mum, gran and great-gran who died September 28, 2001.
Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered everyday.
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WALKER - In loving memory of my very dear mother, Mary Bell, who died October 4, 1990.
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- Inserted by her loving son Archie.
WHITTET - Precious memories of our dear parents George and Jessie Whittet, mum who died November 29, 1977 and Dad on October 6, 1993. Remembering with love and affection all the happy times when we were all together.
- Family in Lossiemouth, Islay, Ayrshire and Norfolk.

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Grimsay celebrates Michaelmas at croft

THE TRADITIONAL Celtic feast day of Michaelmas, An Fheil-Micheil, was celebrated this weekend on Grimsay, North Uist. The event took place at 5 Scotvein, a croft which formerly belonged to the well-known Stewart boat-building family and which has now been taken over by Grimsay resident Mary Norton.



On Saturday, the old Stewart boatshed was re-opened after repair, and now houses a new exhibition on Grimsay boats.

A new shed next door was home to an exhibition of the Community Quilt, spinning demonstrations and a variety of talks, including one on organic wool production by Cornish producers Matt and Julia Hopson, and on the Uist Oat Trials by agri-botanist Maria Scholten.

The croft house was bedecked with examples of historic and modern wool work by Uist knitters and weavers, part of an exhibition shortly to move to the Taigh Chearsabhagh centre.

In the evening renowned scholar and musician Margaret Bennett gave a talk on the traditional calendar days, Latha na Ràithean, and sang with fellow musicians.

Left: Cornish organic wool producer Julia Hopson gave a talk at the Michaelmas open day.

Oban cancer fundraisers acknowledged

FUNDRAISERS from the Oban branch of Cancer Research UK are making a huge difference in the fight against cancer by raising almost a quarter a million pounds since 1987. At an evening to present long service awards it was business as usual as volunteers were sought for bag packing at Morrisons' supermarket in Fort William.

Dorothy Rodger, area volunteer manager, praised the group: 'The committee in Oban has been going since 1967.

Exactly how much money has been raised since the group started has been lost in the mists of time, however, since 1987 when the records started on our database they have raised a life saving £223,363.77. In the past 10 years they have raised an amazing £115,488.08.

'Cancer Research UK relies almost

entirely on voluntary donations to fund our work.

'The continued support of committees such as Oban, and the support they receive from the local community, is absolutely vital to our continued ability to fund cancer research.

'I cannot thank all the volunteers enough for the huge amount of time and effort they have given over the years.'

Five-year long service awards were presented to Laura Mackay, Anne Nicolson, Moira Logan, Alistair Dewar and Peggy Logan; 10-year awards were presented to Glynnis Dewar, Margaret MacGregor, Sandra Ross, Jessie MacFarlane; 15-year award was presented to Christine Dairon; a 20-year award to Sheila Henry; and a 25-year medal to Morag Gartshore.



Morag Gartshore takes centre stage at the Cancer Research UK long service awards presented at Glencruitten Church Hall in Oban.

Historical society tours Episcopal churches



Appin Historical Society opened their new season with a tour of local Episcopal Churches. Pictured outside St John's, Ballachulish, the group also visited Glencoe, Onich and Appin. At Duror, members enjoyed an organ recital by Kerr Jamieson.

Dalmally Show results

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Baking and Preserves: Ardlea Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in the baking section: Helen Gibson, Dalmally; Tullich Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Baking Section: Andrea Scott, Dalmally; Mary Smith Memorial Trophy for most points in classes 87,89,91,96,100: Helen Gibson; Arichastill Trophy for best exhibit in the largest classes: Anne Blythe, Inveraray; St Noble Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the best griddle scone: Helen Gibson; Three oatcakes (Triangle): Helen Gibson, 2 J Speirs; 3 Julia Keay; Three griddle scones: 1 Helen Gibson, 2 Julia Keay; 3 J Speirs; Three cheese scones: 1 Catherine Nevison; 2 M Macintyre, 3 Kathleen M McLennan; Three pancakes: 1 Kathleen M McLennan, 2 Sheena Rodgers, 3 Speirs; Three epper biscuits: 1 Helen Gibson, 2 S Campbell, 3 Kate Craig; Fruit Loaf: 1 Helen Gibson, 2 Kathleen M McLennan, 3 Caroline Manson; Gingerbread (melted method): 1 J Speirs, 2 S Campbell, 3 Helen Gibson; Chocolate sponge (filled): 1 S Campbell, 2 Senga Muir, 3 M Macintyre; Novelty cake: 1 Andrea Scott, 2 Kate Frew, 3 Joanne Nevison; Three shortbread fingers: 1 A Henderson, 2 Kathleen M McLennan, 3 S Campbell; Bakewell tart: 1 Wilma Cameron, Slicky Slickle tart (made to given recipe): 1 Anne Blyth, 2 Karen Campbell, 3 D MacMahon; Three meringue shells: 1 Wilma Cameron, 2 Helen Gibson; Clotie Dumpling: 1 Roy Nicholl, 2 Brenda Bruce, 3 M Macintyre; Quiche: 1 David Morris, 2 Catherine Nevison, 3 Wilma Cameron; Pate: 1 Anne Blyth, 2 Peta Robb, 3 Mhairi Brown; Apple Pie (men only): 1 Brian Walker, 2 David Morris, 3 Harris Fraser; Preserves: 1 J H Strickland, 2 M MacKenzie, 3 M MacDonalld; Vase of flowers: 1 M MacKenzie, 2 N J MacLean, 3 D MacGregor; Collection of six vegetables (2 of each) - tomatoes not allowed: 1 M MacKenzie, 2 J Wits; Dahlias, four blooms: 1 J N MacLean, 2 M MacKenzie, 3 M MacDonalld; Vase of gladioli, three blooms: 1 M MacKenzie; Vase of nine sweet pea blooms: 1 C Manson, 2 J Strickland; One rose bloom: 1 J H Strickland, 2 M MacKenzie, 3 M MacDonalld; Vase of four roses: 1 J H Strickland, 2 H Gibson, 3 M MacDonalld; Assortment of herbaceous flowers: 1 Emma McGrigor, 2 M MacDonalld; Assortment of annuals: 1 M MacDonalld; Home grown pot plant in flower: 1 N J MacLean; Home grown pot plant in foliage: 1 M MacKenzie, 2 N J MacLean.

Floral Art, Trophies: Dorothy Bingham Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the floral art classes 159-164: Doreen Penwick; Kath Martindale memorial cup for the best exhibit in class 164: D MacMahon; Special Prize: Liz Fellowes memorial prize for the most points in the floral art section: Doreen Penwick. Arrangement of flowers and foliage: 1 E McGrigor, 2 D Penwick, 3 S Macpherson; Green arrangement: 1 D Penwick, 2 E McGrigor, 3 S Macpherson; Arrangement in an unusual container: 1 E Spalding, 2 E McGrigor, 3 S Macpherson; Arrangement with fruit and vegetables: 1 D Penwick, 2 E Spalding; Arrangement depicting a nursery rhyme: 1 S Macpherson, 2 D Penwick, 3 E McGrigor; Arrangement in an egg cup: 1 D MacMahon, 2 G Strickland, 3 S Macpherson.

Crooks and Sticks, Trophies: Kerrera Cup for the best hazel Cromag: Arthur Dent; Perpetual Challenge Tankard for the most points in open classes 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176-179: A Dent; Perpetual challenge trophy for best exhibit in the stick section: A Dent; Jewep Cup for best horn head shepherds crook: A Dent; Shepherd's crook, natural wood - open: 1 A Dent, 2 A Dent, 3 R Campbell; Walking stick, natural wood - open: 1 A Dent, 2 T Stewart, 3 J Rennie; Walking stick, horn head - open: 1 A Dent, 2 A Dent, 3 D Bell; Fancy stick - open: 1 T Stewart, 2 A Dent, 3 R Campbell; One piece hazel stick - open: 1 A Dent, 2 A Dent, 3 D Steven; Antler thumb stick - open: 1 T Stewart, 2 T Stewart, 3 A Dent.

Paintings and Drawings, Trophies: Annual Challenge Cup for the best painting: M Brown. One painting, mounted ready for hanging: 1 M Brown, 2 M Gray, 3 A Blyth; A drawing: 1 A Scott.

Home Industries Trophies: MacLennan Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in home industries: Helen Gibson; Jamieson Memorial Trophy for most points in knitting 115-119: H Gibson; Challenge Trophy for best piece of embroidery, class 121: June Taylor, Dalmally; Special Prize: £5 from DAS for best exhibit in class 129: Joan Howarth.
Pair of adult's mitts: 1 H Gibson, 2 J Speirs, 3 Elizabeth Jamieson; Adult's knitted sleeveless pullover: 1 H Gibson, 2 E Jamieson, 3 Jenni Crookes; Child's knitted poncho: 1 J Crookes, 2 Ross Turner, 3 E Jamieson; Baby's knitted garment: 1 H Gibson, 2 R Turner, 3 Catherine Nevison; Baby's knitted bonnet: 1 H Gibson, 2 J Crookes, 3 J Speirs; Cross stitch picture: 1 Marie Nicoll, 2 Willa Denham, 3 Helen McNeill; Any piece of embroidery: 1 June Taylor, 2 J Crookes, 3 Brenda Bruce; Machine sewn shopping bag: 1 J Speirs, 2 M Macintyre, 3 D MacMahon; Crochet decoration: 1 R Turner, 2 J Crookes; Decorative hair band: 1 E Jamieson, 2 J Taylor, 3 Sheena Rodgers; Decorated box: 1 Joan Howarth, 2 E Jamieson, 3 Lynn Ferguson; A piece of tapestry (canvas work): 1 J Crookes; Article made from felt: 1 Andrea Lines, 2 J Taylor, 3 Helena Hruha; Handcraft not eligible for previous classes (up to three entries per exhibitor): 1 J Howarth, 2 Andrea Scott, 3 M Nicoll.

Horticulture Trophies: Dunoran Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in 130-147: M MacKenzie, Dunbeg; Braeside Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in classes 149-156: J H Strickland Keppochan; Glenview Perpetual Challenge Cup for best exhibit in the horticulture section Classes 130-147: M MacKenzie; Maitland Rose Bowl for the best pot plant:

1 S Lawson, 2 M Bruce, 3 M MacMillan; Mountains: 1 A MacMillan, 2 M Bruce, 3 M MacMillan; A Rainbow: 1 S Lawson, 2 L Shaw, 3 K Kucharzewski; Pet Snaps: Dog: 1 C.Robb, 2 K Craig, 3 S Rodgers; Cat: 1 A Henderson, 2 P Taylor, 3 W Lealanders; Group: 1 L Shaw, 2 B Jenkin, 3 K Dow; Any other pet: 1 L Ferguson, 2 A Scott, 3 L Shaw.
Dogs: Champion Dog: A Dryan, Ormsay - Bly; Reserve: P Bishop, St Catherine's - Jake; Trophy: Murch Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in class 192: 1 Grierson, Cornel - Jake; Amuree Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in class 193: P Bishop - Jake; Glenquich Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in class 194: A Dryan - Bly; MacLurg Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in class 196: J Salway - Daisy; Dalchena Tankard for best exhibit in class 197: S Sturrock, Dalchena Tankard presented by Mr & Mrs A Chyvalot for the best exhibit in class 197: J Sturrock - Pepe; Cameron Perpetual Challenge Trophy for overall champion dog: A Dryan - Bly; Loma Schuster Perpetual Challenge Quathe for best Terrier class 195: P Robb, Inveraray - Tinka; Special Prizes: Medal for the winner of class 191: Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes from DAS. One Dog or Bitch to be shown by a child, aged 12 or under: 1 M Squire, Bendersloch - Betty, 2 A Dryan, Ormsay - Bly, 3 Angus ? - Corrie; Collies, best bitch or dog, 1 J Grierson - Jake, 2 E Chalmers, Dalmally - Millie, 3 F Boa, Isle of Mull - Meg; Spaniels, best bitch or dog: 1 P Bishop - Bly; A Wyndhouse - Daisy, 3 J McNulty, Dalmally - Duke; Any other breed of gun dog: 1 A Dryan - Bly, 2 Owen? - McDufr, 3 G Chrystal, Dalmally - Ruadh; Terriers, best bitch or dog: 1 P Robb - Tinka, 2 Owen? - Paddy, 3 MCKay, Appin - Tyson; Any variety not classified, large breed: 1 J Salway - Daisy, 2 P Wrightly, Bute - Stanley, 3 Mrs Summers, Oban - Harvey; Any variety not classified, small breed: 1 J Sturrock, Polvinster Dow - Pepe, 2 Owen? - Basky, 3 N Gordon, Hatfield - Spike; Terrier Race: Ardteale Tankard for winner: G Kennedy, Barcaidne - Speedy.

Children's section: Trophies: Children's Trophy for best exhibit in the children's section: Ella MacKeehan; Upper Sonachan Cup for best exhibit in the largest Class(es): Katrina Dow; Dennis Turner Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in class 214: Lydia Morrow; Ken Baird Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in class 217: Angus Macaskill, Inveraray; Special Prizes: Medals, presented by DAS for all 1st Prize winners; Thomas Potter memorial prize of £5 for winner class 199: Ruairidh Rankin; Thomas Potter memorial prize of £5 for winner of class 202: R McGrigor; Francis Baird Memorial prize of £10: Angus Macaskill; Pre-School classes: Collage: 1 Emily Jamieson, 2 Sam McKinnon, 3 Charlotte Stirling; Leaf print painting: 1 Ruairidh Rankin, 2 Sam McKinnon, 3 Craig Rankin; Picture of Mum: 1 Sam McKinnon, 2 Daisy McGro, 3 Charlotte Stirling; Primary 1-2: A drawing: 1 Lisa Thom; 2 Leanan MacKeehan; 3 Rebecca Morrow; Painting - my favourite toy: 1 R McGrigor, 2 Lenan MacKeehan; An edible necklace: 1 Lisa Thom, 2 Calum Sumson, 3 Lenan MacKeehan; A hanging mobile: 1 Lisa Thom; Primary 3-5: Garden on a plate: 1 Katrina Dow; 2 Rosie Sumson, 3 Lucy McKinnon; A decorated T-shirt: 1 Ella MacKeehan, 2 Duncan McNeil, 3 Kenni Gray; a painting: 1 Duncan McLaughlin; 2 Craig McMillan, 3 Lucy McKinnon; Drawing - my teacher: 1 Kenni Gray, 2 Ella MacKeehan, 3 Violet McGro; Primary 6-7: Painting: 1 A McGro, 2 Isla Thom, 3 Ross McMillan; Robot: 1 Lorn Dow, 2 Kerry Denham, 3 A McGro; poem about the environment: 1 Selina Keppie, 2 A McGro, 3 Lucy McKinnon; Animal made from vegetables: 1 Selina Keppie, 2 Kerry Denham, 3 Isla Thom; Under 16s: Three decorated fairy cakes: 1 Selina Keppie, 2 Emily McGro, 3 Leanan Macintyre; A Handcraft: 1 Lydia Morrow, 2 A McGro, 3 R McGro; A Scarerow: 1 Duncan McNeil, 2 Duncan McLaughlin, 3 Murn Cameron; Computer generated design: 1 Mary Jane MacLaughlin, 2 Connor Keppie, 3 Duncan McLaughlin; photograph of 'holidays': 1 Angus Macaskill, 2 Murn Cameron, 3 Shira Macaskill.

Saturday fixtures

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
 Inveraray v Fort William
 Graham Irving
 Kyles Athletic v Kingussie
 Colin MacDonald
 Lochaber v Newtonmore
 Donald MacRae
 Oban Camanachd v Bute
 David Mitchell

Marine Harvest North Division 1
 Beaulieu v Strathglass
 Graham Cameron
 Kinlochshiel v Lochcarron
 John Angus Gillies
 Skye v Lovat
 Neil Ferguson

Marine Harvest South Division 1
 Ballachulish v Kilmory
 Deek Cameron
 GMA v Inveraray
 Charles Young
 Lochside v Oban Celtic
 Robert Baxter Jnr

Marine Harvest North Division 2
 Fort William v Caberfeidh
 Ronnie Campbell
 Glenurquhart v Newtonmore
 Ron Kennedy
 Kinlochshiel v Lovat
 John MacLeod
 12.00 Throw Up

Marine Harvest South Division 2
 Aberdour v Kyles Athletic
 Euan Pearson
 Ballachulish v Glenorchy
 Innes Wood
 Bute v Strachur
 Dougie Cameron
 Col Glen v Tainuult
 Dunkie Kerr

Marine Harvest North Division 3
 Aberdeen Uni v Boleskine
 George O'Rourke

Lochside retain fourth Bullough Cup

Bullough Cup final
 Kyles Athletic 4
 Lochside Rovers 6
 (AET)

PLAYING this final on home turf turned out to be no advantage for Kyles Athletic as they were edged out by Oban's Lochside Rovers in an enthralling Bullough Cup final.

Division 1 leaders Lochside Rovers, inspired by captain Johnny Will and veteran David MacCuish, came from behind to retain the trophy and win for the fourth time in the last five years.

Having lost the toss of a coin, which meant the game being played at their opponent's ground, Lochside started brightly with youngster Lewis Cameron

going close after only two minutes.

However it was the homeside who raced into an early 3-0 lead through Ally Mackay, Gordon White and Peter Mobeck.

Lochside at this point made positional changes in order to get back into the game with Drew Walker scoring midway through the first half to make the half time score 3-1 to Kyles.

Five minutes into the second half and substitute David MacCuish made it 3-2. Only minutes before, Lochside's Lorne Dickie's well struck penalty had been saved by Kyles keeper Whyte.

Further changes by Lochside saw Keith Macmillan come on as

Lochside began to dominate the midfield area. It was no surprise when prolific scorer Johnny Will made it 3-3 and a further goal by Drew Walker put the cup holders into the lead for the first time.

With five minutes to go Kyles equalised to send the game into extra time at 4-4 but Lochside dominated the extra time period and further goals from Johnny Will and Lorn Dickie made sure that the cup was on its way to Oban.

This Saturday Lochside Rovers have a chance to complete a unique league and cup double when they play Oban Celtic in their last game of the season, knowing that a draw or a win will see Gussie Campbell's men win the league.



Bullough Cup champions - Lochside Rovers.



Kingussie versus Bute was a closer contest than the score suggested.

Kingussie remain league favourites

Scottish Hydro Premier Division Kingussie 4 Bute 1

THE 90 minutes at the Dell finished a lot closer than the 4-1 scoreline may suggest with two goals in the last 10 minutes ensuring that Kingussie maintain their positions as favourites to

retain the league. Kevin Thain took only two minutes to open the scoring against Bute and when Ronald Ross added a second 12 minutes later it looked like plain sailing for the home side.

But Bute stuck determinedly to their task and Kingussie failed to open the defence again throughout the

first 45 minutes. Bute opened up more after the break and Robert Walker drew a goal back in the 65th minute. With 10 minutes remaining, however, Fraser Munro netted Kingussie's third goal - Thomas Borthwick putting a somewhat flattering edge to the scoresheet.

Kyles Athletic showed no

Camanachd Cup hangover at Spean Bridge with a goal in the opening minute from Grant Irvine but Lochaber were back on level terms within four minutes through Martin Johnston. Matthew MacColl, Duncan Kerr (2) and Thomas Whyte all scored for Kyles to make the final score 5-1.

Rockfield six-a-side success

TWENTY-two teams and more than 200 children from across the south of Scotland entered this year's Primary School Sixes at Tainuult.

Oban's Rockfield won the primary seven-and-under section by overcoming Strachur 2-0 in the final, which a lot of spectators stayed to watch, despite the miserable weather.

The final could be the first of its time to be won by two shies - which highlighted the importance of the skill and the obvious hard work that the Rockfield coaches put into training at the school.

Strachur did not leave empty handed, as Lewis Montgomery was named player of the tournament.

In the Primary five-and-under section, a delighted Ballachulish headed back north with the shield after conquering Rockfield Rovers 2 - 0 in a final that showed some excellent shinty by both sets of players.

Craig Kirkpatrick from Rockfield Rovers was named as player of the tournament.

Dave Thompson of Tainuult Shinty Club presented the trophies.

Triumphant Tainuult still unbeaten

South League Division Two Strachur 0 Tainuult 6

TAINUULT recorded a comfortable win against Strachur on Saturday to keep their 100 per cent league record intact.

Willie Gillies gave the visitors an early lead after only five minutes and Willie Neilson added number two after 25 mins.

Further goals from Gillies (2) and Willie Neilson, made the half-time score 5-0.

The second half was more evenly contested, the highlight being a fourth goal from Willie Gillies.

Tainuult travel again this week to Colglen, where the right result will see them edge closer to division one shinty next season.

Glenorchy secured two important league points on Saturday at Dalmally with a hard-fought victory against Glasgow Mid-Argyll.

James Paterson and Duncan Smith were on the scoresheet for the home side.

Inveraray have no answer to clinical finishing

Scottish Hydro Premier Division Newtonmore 8 Inveraray 0

NEWTONMORE produced a fine display of clinical finishing to net eight times against Inveraray at the Eilan on Saturday.

The visitors got off to a bad start when they left their kit at home and had to borrow the South of Scotland Under 21 colours for the day.

Despite losing heavily, Inveraray didn't play badly but they found the home side too hot to handle as a combination of quick passing and good off the ball running finally found reward.

Danny MacRae opened the scoring with an accurate low strike to the bottom corner of John MacKenzie's net.

Within five minutes Newtonmore were two ahead thanks to a spectacular drive from David Cheyne, who blocked a badly struck free-hit out of defence and picked out the top corner from 25 yards.

Stephen MacDonald got on the end of a cross field



Action from Saturday's game.

ball to give Newtonmore a three-goal cushion by the interval.

In the second period some fine finishing resulted in another two goals a-piece for Cheyne and MacRae with

Evan Menzies also getting on the scoring act.

By this point Newtonmore had found an attacking flow to their game that had been lacking in previous league encounters.

Ross returns as Scottish squads announced

SCOTTISH International manager Fraser Mackenzie said the players selected to play Ireland on October 31 are those best suited to the shinty/hurling game, including a return for experienced talisman Ronald Ross.

The 2009 Shinty/Hurling Internationals will this season take place at Bught Park in Inverness with the senior game scheduled to start at 2.10pm.

The day of international fixtures will also feature under 21s (throw-up 11am) and womens shinty/camogie (12.30pm) matches.

Manager Mackenzie said: 'We have had to make some very tough decisions in selecting this year's squad.

'We have spent a great deal of time looking into and selecting the type of players that are suited to the shinty/hurling game.'

The game is being broadcast live on BBC2 Scotland from 2pm.

Squads: **Senior** - Scott MacNeil, Neil Robertson, Gary Innes (capt), Niall MacPhee (all Fort William); Norman Campbell, Scott Campbell, Paul MacArthur, David Cheyne (all Newtonmore); Ronald Ross (Kingussie); Jamie Gannon (Skye Camanachd); Hector Whitelaw (vice-capt), Ian Macdonald (both Bute); Alan Mackenzie, Angus Mackay (both Lochcarron); John Barr, Eddie Tembo (both Glenurquhart); Finlay MacRae (Kinlochshiel); Shaun Nicolson (Lochaber); John Stewart (Kilmallie). Stand-by players: Stewart Mackintosh

(Glenurquhart); Neil Macdonald (Lochaber); James Hutcheson (Kingussie); Innes Simpson (Beaulieu); Gillesbuig Macdonald (Skye); Andrew Corrigan (Glenurquhart); John Macdonald (Fort William); Aiden Macintyre (Oban Camanachd).

Under 21s - Gavin Stobbart, Scott MacMillan, Daniel Cameron (Oban Camanachd); Grant Irvine, Roddy MacDonald, Robbie MacLeod, Tom Whyte (Kyles Athletic); Ali MacIntosh, Lewis MacLennan (Glenurquhart); Owen Fraser (Newtonmore); Finlay Nicolson (Lochaber); Alex MacPherson (Glenorchy); Duncan Rodger, Drew Howie (Fort William); Stevie Morrison, Ian Nicolson (Skye Camanachd) Michael Rodger (Kilmallie); Mark Sproule (Locharron); Kevin Bartlett (Caberfeidh).

Camanachd crumble after promising start

Scottish Hydro Premier Division Oban Camanachd 2 Fort William 5

FORT William fielded their Camanachd Cup-winning side in Oban but it was the home team who started brightly with two goals from Scott MacMillan and Ian MacMillan.

This stung the Fort into

action and just before half time Gary Innes took advantage of poor defending to pull a goal back.

The loss of the goal seemed to unnerve Oban and, at the same time, act as a spur to the Fort. Oban were glad to hear the half-time whistle.

The proverbial game of two halves seemed to be in evidence as a rejuvenated

Fort team began to take control allowing the Fort forward line to come more and more into the game.

James Clark scored three times in a blistering 20-minute spell that put the Camanachd Cup holders in command.

Then veteran Victor Smith capped a fine comeback to complete the scoring.

Spot the SHINTY BALL Competition

WIN £1650

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We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

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This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
 B MacDonald, Alma Road, Fort William and D MacDonald, Letters Way, Strachur

Ex-Scotland stars bring SPL trophy to Oban

Football

THE CLYDESDALE Bank kicked off its season-long SPL Roadshow in Oban on Monday.

The roadshow sees the league sponsors take the trophy around the country, where they host an evening of football chat with sports broadcaster Rob MacLean and ex-Scotland international players Billy Dodds and Craig Burley.

Around 200 guests attended the entertaining evening in Oban's Royal Hotel, where Mairi Lynch won a Rangers strip signed by Davie Weir in the quiz.

One of the guests said: 'Billy, Craig and Rob were all really good guys and mixed with all the guests, even after the official question and answer session was finished.'

Earlier in the day Craig and Billy visited Atlantis Leisure, where lucky schoolchildren got their hands on the trophy.



Mairi Lynch receives her quiz prize from Billy Dodds.



Ex-Scotland internationals Craig Burley and Billy Dodds brought the SPL trophy to Atlantis Leisure for some of Oban's young footballers to see. SEC 16_40p01

Oban Football Festival

Football

ARGYLL and Bute Council in partnership with the Scottish Football Association will hold its October Football Festival at the Community Pitch, Oban High School from October 12 to 16.

The five day coaching festival for 5 to 16 year olds only costs £45 or £30 for the second or subsequent children from the same family.

Each player will receive specialised coaching from qualified SFA coaches.

Application forms can be set out from Football Development, Argyll and Bute Council, Library Headquarters, Highland Avenue, Sandbank, Dunoon PA23 8PB or from members of Oban Saints Football Club.

Closing date for applications is Friday October 2.

Applications will not be accepted after this date.

Due to a high demand for places coaches will not accept bookings on the day.

Mull revs up for weekend

Rally

THE TUNNOCK'S Tour of Mull Rally will take place with a local father and son duo whetting the appetite, on October 9 to 11.

Mull rally veteran Neil MacKinnon and his son Paul will be among the contenders this year.

Neil has won the event 12 times in the past and Paul won it for the first time last year.

Once again, the rally has attracted a full entry of 140 cars and crews (plus reserves) from all areas of the UK with rally headquarters based in Tobermory.

There will be 17 Special Stages this year, all run over Closed Public Roads, which are roads closed by Act of Parliament for the purposes of staging a timed competition. That's what makes this event so different in British rallying.

Clan clash

Rugby

OBAN High School held its first clan clash of the new session when the S2 students took part in an afternoon of rugby.

The event was organised and run by the senior students in the Sports Coaching Group, who have been working with Argyll and Bute Rugby Development Officer Billy Thompson.

The teams were looked after by the newly appointed senior clan captains. Also helping out was Alan Wright, Argyll and Bute's Apprentice Rugby Development Officer. The four clans were separated into boys and girls teams for the event with each clan having two teams. All of the teams played each other in a round robin style competition and after a very exciting afternoon's play it was Diarmid who won for the second year running.

Youth results

Football

WEEKEND results: The Under 13s and Under 15s had no games but the Under 19s went down 6-0 at home to an impressive Mossvale BC.

This Saturday's games - Under 13s no game; Helensburgh v Under 15s; St Andrew's BC v Under 19s.

Tides

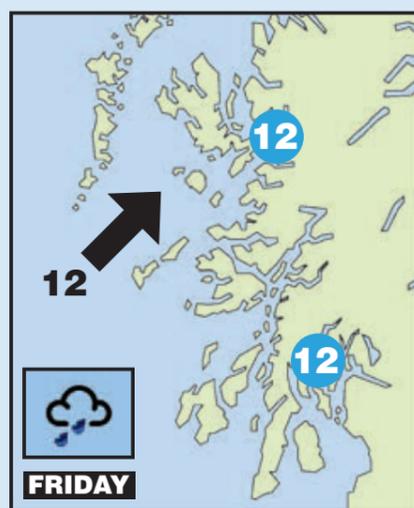
Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, October 1, 2009** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

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Sat	05.03 3.7 11.20 0.9 17.21 4.0 23.35 0.9	
Sun	05.32 3.8 11.48 0.9 17.51 ** *** **	
Mon	00.05 0.8 05.56 3.9 12.16 0.8 18.19 4.1	
Tues	00.35 0.8 06.22 3.9 12.46 0.8 18.47 4.0	
Wed	01.06 0.8 06.52 3.9 13.19 0.9 19.19 3.9	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrihaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

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the weather

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Thursday

Light rain and showers throughout the day with a breezy north/north-westerly wind. Temperatures 4°C to 11°C

Friday

Expect a day of heavy rain. Winds light south-westerly. Temperatures 11°C to 13°C.

Weekend Outlook

Heavy rain and showers will continue to the weekend and evenings will be cloudy. Expect strong west/north-westerly winds on Saturday, easing up slightly on Sunday. Temperatures 11°C to 12°C.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Oban to Barra/South Uist - Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

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Argyll medallists mix it with the best

Archery/Athletics

TWO Argyll sports stars have taken podium finishes at international level.

Archer Kyle Dods and runner Nicola Meekin represented Scotland at Commonwealth events in their chosen sport.

Oban archer Kyle returned from a warm up competition for next year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi with a silver medal.

Kyle, along with two other members of the Scottish 2010 Commonwealth Games squad, shot his way to a gents compound team silver medal in 40 degree heat in Delhi, India.

The 13-strong Scottish squad was invited to the fourth Asian archery Grand Prix to prepare for next year's



Silver: Kyle Dods. 08_240k31e01

Commonwealth Games in Delhi in which Kyle and the rest of the Scottish team will take part. In all, Scotland won three silver and two bronze medals.

The event was televised live in India where archery is second only to cricket in

popularity.

Scotland competed against teams from India, who won two golds at the event, Northern Ireland, Singapore, Butan, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Iran.

35-year-old Kyle, who is sponsored by Oban firm Clark Thomson, said: 'It was a great result for the team, absolutely brilliant.'

'These countries are some of the best archery teams in the world and will be competing at the 2010 games but we have a very strong side for the games and all the work we are putting in is starting to pay off.'

Kyle, a facilities manager at Atlantis Leisure in Oban who shoots for Oban Shooting and Fishing Club, is set to return to Delhi



Bronze: Nicola Meekin

some time in the new year for a 'dry run' before the games.

Nicola Meekin, of Appin, performed admirably at the Commonwealth Fell Running Championships in Cumbria on Sunday, helping the Scottish team to a bronze

medal.

The Appin runner has called up to represent her country for only the second time and finished in 14th place overall against 30 top runners from all around the Commonwealth.

Nicola, who runs for Lochaber Athletics Club, said: 'There were runners from all over the Commonwealth including New Zealand and Canada. The standard was very high, so I am delighted with the result, especially as I was the second Scot.'

Her Scottish compatriots also finished well with the experienced Angela Mudge finishing in 5th place, and Sue Ridley and Fiona Maxwell finishing in 15th and 16th place respectively.

Oban maintain home form Saints back in action

Scottish Hydro West Division 1 Oban Lorne 20 Paisley 0

OBAN Lorne returned to action last Saturday after a free weekend.

Several line-up changes were made from the team's previous game away to Strathendrick.

Andy MacDougall was moved forward, to prop, and there were starting places for Jamie MacMillan in the second row, Craig Nicholson in the back row, Allan Wright on the right wing and Billy Thomson at full back.

Oban started the game as the better team with the majority of possession and eventually made their pressure tell with a well taken try by Chris MacDonald 10 minutes from half time.

Oban took confidence from the score line and created several more chances. Andy MacDougall crashed over the line on the stroke of half time to give Oban their second try of the afternoon and a half time lead of 10-0.

Rugby

The second half saw Paisley start to come into the game and had a spell of pressure on Oban's 22.

However, they did not capitalise on this and the home side eventually found their form from the first half with wave upon wave of attacks on the Paisley try line.

Another try came this time from player/coach Corrie Louw who crossed over from close range giving Oban a 15-0 lead.

Oban fought hard for the rest of the game, getting a fourth try for the bonus point and were rewarded on the final whistle by a superb try by Chris MacDonald. He dived under the posts to score his second try of the afternoon and seal a 20-0 win for Oban Lorne.

Meanwhile, Oban Lorne Ladies lost their first away match in the Women's National League Two on Sunday to an experienced Stirling County RFC.

The home team had a strong squad of 24 players, which made it very difficult for the ladies in green who had a squad of 10.

Oban made an encouraging start to the game with a fantastic team effort and excellent running rugby that culminated in a try by Oban's Donna Smith.

She converted to make the score 7-0 within the first 10 minutes.

However this was short lived and three easy scores were given away in the first half.

A valuable addition to the Oban squad is Mo Macgillivray, from Thailand, who was named player of the match in her first outing.

Oban's other tries came from Audrey Barr and Karen MacCorquodale. The final score was 50-24.

If Oban Lorne Ladies are to progress in this league they must boost their numbers and get players to training. Training sessions are held on Thursdays 6-7:30: new members are welcome.

Football

OBAN Saints get back to action on Saturday after the September weekend break with a home league game against Postal United.

The match will take place at Glencruitten with a 2pm kick-off. Referee in charge is John Scott.

Manager Iain Jackson wants to keep the momentum going after a great start to the league programme. He said: 'We can't afford to be complacent as all the teams in the league are capable of beating each other. Postal haven't had the best of starts, but they always give us a close game and I don't expect anything different this weekend'.

The following Saturday,

SCOTTISH AMATEUR LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Oban Saints	6	5	0	1	18	4	15			
Aikenhead Thistle	4	2	1	1	17	8	7			
Greenock HSFP	3	2	1	0	6	3	7			
Greenock HSFP	2	1	1	0	3	2	4			
Kilpatrick	1	1	0	0	4	0	3			
Cambria	3	1	0	2	4	8	3			
Castlemilk	2	0	1	1	3	7	1			
Postal United	3	0	1	2	7	13	1			
St Josephs	1	0	1	0	2	0	0			
Glencastle Sparta	4	0	0	4	3	22	0			