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Expenses relief for west MPs

MPS IN the West Highlands were sighing with relief, although there was one slightly red face among them after Sir Thomas Legg's review of their Additional Costs Allowance.

Western Isles MP Angus MacNeil has been asked to pay back £133 claimed in council tax in 2007-08 on his Lambeth flat in London after he overclaimed by £11.08 each month.

Previous and subsequent years were no problem, it was just a mistake, he said.

'Last year I had the third lowest expenses claim for any back bench MP in Scotland, excluding travel,' he pointed out.

Difficulties

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, who claims for a second house within his constituency because of the geographical difficulties of travel within it, was relieved the advice he had been given from the Fees Office was not countermanded by Sir Thomas. 'The conclusion is that no action is required by me on this matter,' he said.

A spokeswoman for Ross, Skye and Lochaber MP Charles Kennedy said the MP was also not being asked to repay any expenses but had been asked to provide some 'paperwork' on his mortgage.

First minister Alex Salmond, MP for Banff and Buchan, has been asked to repay a claim of £790 in legal fees for his share of costs in trying to impeach former prime minister Tony Blair for his role in the Iraq war.

Prime minister Gordon Brown has been asked to repay a total of £12,415 relating to when he was chancellor.



Strath of Appin Primary School's only competitor at this year's Mòd is little Molly Gregory Beard, who was third in the solo singing 5-6 years (fluent). 07_142mod03

Youngsters are flocking to the Mòd in record numbers

Rules may have to change to cope

THE Mòd has a big problem – but it is good news for the future of the Gaelic language.

There are so many children wanting to take part in the Mòd this year that the rules may have to be changed so that everyone can take part.

It is all down to an upturn in parents choosing Gaelic education for their youngsters.

This year there will be more than 3,000 people taking parts in events – making it the largest competition to date. And the news from Gaelic educationalists and Mòd organisers is that the increase in numbers is down to Scottish residents choosing to make the language part of the country's future.

Children's competitions were near to capacity in Gaelic language and singing competitions – some taking more than four hours to complete. There was a rise in the numbers taking part in instrumental competitions – reversing the trend from pop to traditional music.

Mòd organisers are aware that the way the competitions are organised may soon have

EXCLUSIVE
By LOUISE LEE

to be changed. Speaking to The Oban Times, John Macleod, An Comunn Gàidhealach president, said: 'We are a very successful event. Competitions have seen as many 1,000 children in a single day. But the Mòd is also about keeping our language and culture alive.'

'We do not want to have to put anyone off coming to the Mòd but due to the huge increase in the numbers taking part we will need to think seriously about the future.'

'Options being considered include using local Mòds as heats for the National Mòd, or indeed swapping events around to make them over a few days such as extending the Saturday programme and including events into the Wednesday.'

'The last thing we want to do is put people off attending the Mòd, but waits of four or more hours and children rushing all over the place to take part in competitions is very demanding.'

John Morrison, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, said: 'The size of the Mòd is something that is starting to be a problem – albeit a good one. We are seriously debating what to do in future Royal National Mòd meetings.'

Arthur Cormack, of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the organisation charged with growing Gaelic language and culture, said: 'It is great we have come so far. Bilingualism is the choice for many parents and I can see that we are only going to continue to grow.'

'The Royal National Mòd is thriving because children love the language and want to use it, love the music and want to play it – and we are in some ways holding them back by offering them, at times, a piecemeal education in the language.'

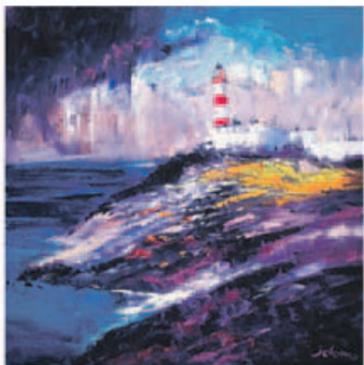
'Bòrd na Gàidhlig want the Scottish government to really invest in Gaelic language and culture by offering Gaelic schools not only Gaelic units within schools. That way the size of the Mòd will really grow – and local Mòds will also thrive and feed people into the National Mòd.'



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Village is determined to remain a destination

VILLAGERS in Crianlarich turned out in force last week to view the plans for a by-pass around their village on the A82.

Many are having difficulty in believing that the project will go ahead – the first time a by-pass for Crianlarich was mentioned was 1939 and, they say, has been mentioned almost every decade since.

This did not stop more than 50 people turning out to see the plans to take a by-pass from just north of the house The Shealing, south east to a point just north of the house called Sharnail, with a roundabout at either end.

The exhibition included an environmental statement

covering everything from geology to traffic noise and vibrations.

Cameron Taylor, who owns Portnellan Highland Lodges, said he was still disappointed that the village had not been consulted prior to the plans coming out.

'In the years past my father, along with the community council, campaigned for the previous proposed bypass and he even succeeded in getting the relevant people from government organisations around a table to discuss facilities and amenities required to give Crianlarich the chance to exist,' he said.

He said he was told that

Transport Scotland preferred to use the community council as a springboard for public opinion.

'We have been given until November 6 to make objections.'

Benefit

As a member of Strathfillan Community Council, he said: 'Our action now is to let the public objections run, but as a community council we will try to get as much benefit as possible.'

He said they were keen to make Crianlarich a destination, rather than somewhere for traffic to pass on its way north.

He said they would be looking to Loch Lomond and Trossachs

National Park for support for, among other things, road and pedestrian signage, suitable cycle and paths in and around the village, dedicated parking and seating in the village, riverside walks, serviceable public toilets and a public transport intersection.

'We would be happy as a community to champion these projects but they need to run in parallel with the by-pass construction. We want to keep people in the Crianlarich area and the national park rather than driving them out.'

Transport Scotland anticipates it being open sometime between 2011 and 2012.

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Seven tour operators on awards shortlist

SEVEN top tourism operators in Lochaber, Skye and Lewis feature in the shortlist of the region's best tourism businesses in this year's Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards.

Nominees are: Christina Macdonald, Roybridge, Young Ambassador of the Year Award; The Prince's House, Glenfinnan, Highland Dining Out Experience Award; Hebridean Luxury Holidays, Stornoway, Marketing Initiative Award; Duisdale House Hotel, Skye, Marketing Initiative Award; Toravaig House Hotel, Skye, Highland Dining Out Experience Award; Sonas Hospitality, Skye, Most Entrepreneurial Business Award, and Simon Wallwork, Glenview Inn and Restaurant, Skye, Young Ambassador of the Year Award. The winners will be announced at an award ceremony and dinner at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness, on Friday November 20.

Bike ace Ben on Olympic trail

MOUNTAIN bike ace Ben Miller has won a place on the cross country Olympic Talent Team in the 15 to 16 age group after impressing selectors.

Ben, aged 15, from Duror, has consistently been placed in the top three in competitions across Scotland.

Ben will now regularly travel to Manchester for training with other top riders and get the chance to race internationally.

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Oban teenager accused of breaking curfew

AN OBAN teenager appeared in private at Oban Sheriff Court this week after allegedly breaking the conditions of a curfew.

Colin Penrose, aged 18, of Oban, appeared in court in relation to breaching bail conditions imposed at Oban Sheriff Court in May this year and related to a sexual matter.

Mr Penrose, who was granted bail, was committed for further examination and made no plea or declaration.



Chrissie's choir continues Mod winning streak

Còisir Òg Lochabair, under the baton of Chrissie MacEachen, continued their Royal National Mòd-winning run with success this year in Oban in the unison competition for under-13 choirs (learners).

Community split over hospital buyout plan

SOUTH Lochaber appears divided over a possible community buyout of the former Glencoe Hospital.

South Lochaber Community Company (SLCC) last week had its registration of interest in the Victorian building approved by the Scottish Government under community right-to-buy legislation. Adjacent buildings, ponds and woodland also form part of the bid.

NHS Highland will now have the assets valued, triggering a process that allows the company a set time to come up with the cash - possibly a substantial seven-figure sum.

The idea has received mixed reviews in South Lochaber, with Ballachulish Community Council particularly sceptical.

Chairman Mel MacAaskill told *The Oban Times*: 'The company has no idea what the people of Ballachulish feel about it. They have said people should go to Edinburgh to view the proposals, but if you are claiming to represent the community surely you should be transparent.'

'We don't support this in any way and believe it will just be a money pit. The official position of Ballachulish Community Council is that we don't support this because it will be an absolute disaster for the community. The people in Edinburgh have already told us to write to them with our concerns.'

But SLCC chairman Donald Stewart told *The Oban Times* 'roughly' 15 per cent of all South Lochaber residents signed a questionnaire last autumn backing the principle of buying Glencoe Hospital for community use, which include centres for the elderly, youth, arts and crafts and small business start-ups. Its fully fitted kitchens made it 'viable' as a tourist centre and café and for weddings and functions, Mr Stewart said.

The year's delay between the questionnaire and last week's registration of interest, Mr Stewart said, was because of lengthy investigations to ensure NHS Highland actually owned the subjects. 'It's taken quite a lot of time to identify who owns what up there,' he said. He added: 'Every person in south Lochaber who is a registered voter will have a vote in the next step - a secret ballot. It will only be when we get a valuation from NHS Highland and establish access to the Heritage Lottery Fund that we can put a business plan together. We can't ask the community to go to a ballot until we present the business case, and that will depend on two things - the value and the funding. We are saying 'if you like it, vote for it, if you don't, then don't'.'

'All I am asking is for people to be open minded about it. All we are doing is presenting them with an opportunity.'

Mr Stewart declined to say when the secret community ballot would be held, but said 'the clock was ticking' now that the registration of interest had been accepted. Ballachulish Community Council, he said, had 'no locus' in the process.

Mothers step up school bus campaign

EXCLUSIVE: By STEPHEN NORRIS

GLENFINNAN mothers are stepping up their campaign for dedicated school transport after it emerged children as young as four were making their own way to school in Fort William on public bus services.

Five local mums are currently taking in it turns to relay five primary one children into town and back because they believe current arrangements are not safe.

A mini baby boom in Glenfinnan has seen the number of children going to Banavie or the Gaelic Medium unit at Fort William RC Primary School jump to seven, with another seven reaching school age soon.

Such numbers, say local parents, justify a proper school bus or taxi service to minimise risk to children.

Glenfinnan parents stopped using the free Highland Council service bus when tots became distressed at having to sit beside strangers.

Until recently, Glenfinnan youngsters got on the Shiel Buses service from Acharacle at 8.15am to the A861 junction at Kinlochiel, where they got off to walk next to the busy A830 to the waiting White Heather bus from Achaphubuil to be resealed.

Glenfinnan mum Debbie Fox moved to Glenfinnan from Laggan, near Kingussie, 18 months ago. She told *The Oban Times* at least one known paedophile lived locally and parents were not prepared to expose their tots to even the slightest risk.

She said: 'On the public buses, there's no one person responsible for the children. The bus driver's job is to drive the bus - it's not fair to ask them to make sure the kids are okay.'

'There's nothing to stop anyone getting on the bus and grabbing a child.'

Ms Fox said parents decided to ferry their children to school themselves after one four year-old girl became distressed at being separated from her friends and had to sit next to an adult male on the busy bus.

She said: 'The council are telling the children one thing by telling them not to talk to strangers, yet they expect four-year-olds to sit beside strangers on service buses. Between the three parents in Glenfinnan we have to share the driving into town. We feel at the moment that's the only safe way for the children. It's a big worry for parents and really stressful.'

Caol and Mallaig councillor Eddie Hunter was head teacher at Banavie Primary School from 1985 to 2000 and welcomed Glenfinnan children to his school during his tenure.

Councillor Hunter, a member of the education committee, told *The Oban Times* part of the 'deal' when Glenfinnan primary closed in the early 1980s had been that a school bus would take pupils to school in Banavie or Fort William.

That school service was withdrawn when Achaphubuil primary closed in 2007.

He said: 'It would be sensible that if an arrangement for a dedicated school transport service does not exist at the moment that it should be reinstated. If any parents want to contact me to set up a meeting I would be more than happy to do so.'

Glenfinnan subpostmaster Ronnie MacKellaig, aged 80, believes mothers are right to be concerned. He said: 'With all these questionable people around it must be a worry for parents. I'm quite sympathetic to them.'

Glenfinnan Community Council secretary Eileen O'Rua, whose daughter also started school this year, has written to the council, councillors, MSP David Stewart and met a 'supportive' Fergus Ewing MSP to press the parents' case.

Adventure tourism management degree is success story at Lochaber College UHI



Building for success: Lochaber College Board members and degree course students.

BOARD members of Lochaber College UHI joined some of the latest higher education students to celebrate the start of the new academic year.

Forty-three students of an international mix chose the adventure tourism management degree course, firmly establishing it as a top choice for anyone wishing to make a career in the industry.

The Lochaber-based course is the very first degree to be awarded by the UHI Millennium Institute under its taught degree powers and is the result of a vision pursued by board members for a number of years.

The first batch of students on the popular three-year course reach their final degree award in 2010.

Future predictions envisage numbers reaching more than 60 by next year and 90 by 2011, to the benefit of both the college and the Lochaber economy. Local businesses in the outdoor industry have also given their practical support, in using their facilities and experience during course work.

Higher education head Dan Morgan said: 'We have enjoyed great encouragement and participation from many businesses in the area playing a part in the course and giving students the opportunity to work with them in a real business environment.'

'The course has proved very successful and is growing year on year and in response to this we are increasing our capacity.'

'This year we have a distinctly international course with students not only from the local area, other parts of Scotland and the UK, but also from Germany, Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic and the Irish Republic, with a good mix of ages.'

Board chairman, Dr Michael Foxley said: 'We fought long and hard to get this course established and are now delighted that it is a great success story, both for Lochaber College UHI and as the first degree course offered by the UHI Millennium Institute under its taught degree powers.'

'This is the first part of our long term vision to develop courses and research at Lochaber College relevant to our wild land and mountain culture interests.'

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Charity tin thief jailed

A THIEF who stole a charity tin meant for orphaned children has been sent to prison for 121 days.

John Francis McIntyre, aged 31, of 4 Pulpit Road, Oban had offered to pay the money back - and to pay for the window he broke while stealing the cash - after admitting breaking into a hairdressing salon in High Street, Oban on October 5 this year and stealing a charity tin.

The tin had £45.97 inside meant for the Baranardo's charity.

At Oban Sheriff Court this week procurator fiscal Craig Harris told Oban Sheriff Court this week that McIntyre, who works for a landscaping firm in Oban, had kicked in a glass door at the salon in the early hours of the morning.

'He made a large hole in the glass, reached inside and was able to take a charity tin from within the premises,' said Mr Harris.

Running off

'While police were making enquiries he was seen nearby and was then seen on CCTV running off. Police were then able to trace him and found him crouching in a lane near Shore Street.'

'He was found to have a large quantity of loose change which would appear to have come from the charity tin. He has a considerable record populated by matters of dishonesty.'

Defence agent David Watt said: 'This was a foolish offence committed while he was drunk. He had no need for money, in fact he had £60 in his possession at the time. Clearly he will repay the money which was in the charity box.'

60 extra berths for marina

DUNSTAFFNAGE Marina is to get 60 extra berths, bringing the total to 250. Planners gave the green light last week to the expansion of the steel-framed, wooden decked pontoons at a cost of £150,000.

However, they also confirmed that any further development at the marina will require improved access from the A85.

Drug man fined £300

AN OBAN man who appeared on warrant at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday has been fined £300.

Neil McInnes, aged 30, of 23D Shuna Terrace pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Class B drug on July 5 at Station Road, Oban.

In search of the lost orchards

A MAN who is keen to uncover any lost or hidden orchards in Argyll will be at the Lorn Producers Market in Benderloch today (Thursday).

John Hancox, of Children's Orchards and Commonwealth Orchards, is bringing around 100 different varieties of apples to the market to show people and help people to identify different varieties they may have in the gardens.

'I run a project that is trying to develop community orchards and schools orchards across Scotland,' said John.

He is also trying to find out where there might be orchards or walled gardens with forgotten apple trees and try to encourage people to bring them back.

'We are hoping to uncover the lost orchards of Argyll,' he said.

He will be bringing an apple juicer and slicer and is asking anyone who may have fruit spare from their gardens to bring it along and he will juice that too.

More information can be found at www.commonwealthorchard.com.

Break-in at Barcaldine

A WOOD burning stove supplier in Barcaldine had their premises broken into last week and a large number of items stolen.

The door to the workshop at the Backwoodsman was forced open and among other things a Plastimo dinghy and Honda outboard motor were stolen.

Oban police believe that whoever carried out the break-in would have needed a vehicle and are asking for anyone who saw anything suspicious to come forward.

A computer, specialist monitor - NEC multisync 19-inch LCD - film scanner, laptop and a rucksack with a number of smaller items were also among the items taken.

Anyone who may any information or have seen anything suspicious should contact Oban police on 01631 510500.

Driver charged

THE DRIVER of a Red Vauxhall Astra has been charged with alleged careless driving following an accident just outside Oban on Saturday morning.

The accident happened on the A85 by Pennyfuir farm house, where a wall was knocked down after the car left the road.

Police and ambulance were called to the scene as the 22-year-old driver, from the Johnstone area, suffered a minor head injury but the other two occupants of the car were unharmed.

Argyll shops flaunt law on sale of cigarettes to under 18s

SHOPS in Argyll are regularly breaking the law by selling cigarettes to people under the age of 18, according to new research.

Alarming results were found when Argyll and Bute's Trading Standards surveyed 24 licensed premises which

sell tobacco in August. A volunteer 16-year-old test purchaser was used, and at 23 of the premises involved the teenager was able to buy cigarettes from a vending machine.

Banning
The survey was carried out in response to the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill now progressing through the Scottish parliament, which proposes the banning of cigarette vending machines.

Councillor Daniel Kelly, chairman of Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing committee, said: 'It is against the law to sell cigarettes to people under 18 years of age, and licensees have the same responsibility as other retailers when it comes to refusing sales and obeying the law.'

Reported
The onus is on them to place vending machines where staff can see them, and to train their staff to be on the lookout for youngsters trying to use them. Traders who persistently break the law will be reported to the procurator fiscal.

All of the premises revisited have demonstrated a desire to comply with legal requirements placed upon them in relation to the selling of tobacco and tobacco products.

Community council plea to Dunbeg residents: Don't lose your voice

VILLAGERS in Dunbeg are being urged to join their community council in order to have a voice in years ahead about substantial developments in their village.

At the recent community council elections, a minimum of seven nominations were needed and a maximum of 10 before an election would need to be held - but only six people put their names forward.

Concern over the lack of a constituted community council was raised at last week's Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee by councillors, who were discussing developments for Dunbeg.

Councillor Neil Mackay said he was worried the villagers would have no voice without a constituted community council and was told that it was the statutory body in any consultation process.

Following the meeting Councillor Roddie McCuish appealed to villagers to put their names forward by November 5 for the community council by-election.

'It is vital Dunbeg has a community council because it will be asked as a statutory body for its input - it is the only way people will be able to get their voices heard,' he said.

'If Dunbeg wants any part in its development then it is vital it has a community council.'

Dunbeg Community Council's previous chairwoman Gwyneth Neal said the council, despite a common belief, did a lot to help the village.

'It is even more important

because there is potential for future community activities and facilities and there is going to be huge growth,' she said.

'There is a lot of people who don't want it because all the new housing planned is going to change the whole face of the village.'

'We really need some young people's voices on the community council; some people in the village who have young families, who it really affects.'

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has bought land with Scottish government funding for 150 plots but there is a huge area between Pennyfuir, Ganavan and Dunbeg which has been allocated for housing in the Local Plan.

As well as this the Scottish Association for Marine Science is expanding its learning facilities, and Highlands and Islands Enterprise has plans for a business estate on the east side of the village.

Councillors heard that a masterplan was being drawn up for the village, with all those involved having an input and the village being consulted too.

Chief executive Lesley McInnes of WHHA said finalisation of the roads option was hoped for by the end of 2010 and the first part of the masterplan.

She said there had already been some consultation with the community, but she would be raising the importance of the community council to Dunbeg Development Group.

Recycling is the way forward

ROADS on Islay are to be repaired using a new method with re-cycled road materials.

Councillors at the Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islands Committee heard that the new method to be used on Islay, Jura and Colonsay recycles most of the old surface,

which is added to new bitumen, cutting down on the amount of new materials that needed to be shipped to the islands.

But work at Keills on Islay, including a footway, is being done now using materials transported to the island.



Rachel MacGregor is waiting patiently for sharks to hatch. 08_141dogfish01

Long wait for a plan to hatch

RACHEL MacGregor, aged 9, has got a long wait on her hands.

The Park School pupil won the Scottish Sealife Sanctuary competition to look after some shark babies. But little did the

youngster know that she had nine months to wait before they would hatch.

Rachel said: 'It is really good to have the shark eggs in our classroom - I just hope they hatch

before we break up for our summer holidays.'

The sharks are dog fish eggs and will eventually emerge in June or July - just before the schools break up.

CalMac director repays £13,000

FERRY company Caledonian MacBrayne has moved to defend one of its most senior directors who agreed to pay back nearly £13,000 after an investigation into his expenses claims.

Alan Moffat, human resources director at CalMac's parent company, David MacBrayne, returned the money to CalMac last month after an investigation by auditors KPMG was ordered by the company it his expenses claims which included around £5,000 on takeaway meals, a £30 parking fine, 19 red roses and £137 for a crystal figurine.

However CalMac has stood by 54-year-old Mr Moffat saying that it is entirely satisfied that there was no intention to defraud the company which receives a £15 million subsidy from the Scottish government each year.

The KPMG investigation was

ordered following concerns among the directors of David MacBrayne about Mr Moffat's spending over the past three years.

Investigators allegedly came across what they termed as 'irregularities' in Mr Moffat's expenses, including missing and altered receipts.

Disciplinary
Mr Moffat agreed to pay back a total of £12,899.64 at a disciplinary hearing which followed the KPMG investigation.

Papers from the accountancy firm reveal that by September 10 Moffat had repaid around £7,500 from takeaways and other grocery purchases, more than £5,000 from service stations, a £50 fee from the DVLA, a £30 parking fine, a £20 charitable donation, a £39 invoice for home internet and a £10 taxi fare.

AspokesmanforDavidMacBrayne

said: 'An audit of Mr Moffat's expenses identified a number of items which we considered merited closer examination.'

'Mr Moffat gave a full account of these but agreed on reflection that some were inappropriate and agreed to repay in full the relevant amounts.'

'This has now been done and as far as the company is concerned the matter is now closed. Mr Moffat is a valued member of staff and we are entirely satisfied that there was no intention to defraud.'

A source also told The Oban Times that the flowers were for an employee's funeral which Mr Moffat had to attend in the course of his duties and the figurine was for a competition sponsored by the company.

The company also confirmed that Mr Moffat, who lives in Bearsden in Glasgow, has retained his position

Alarm problems triggered evacuations

GUESTS at Oban's Caledonian Hotel had to evacuate the premises a number of times last week.

Firefighters from Oban's Community Fire Station attended on Monday morning after fire alarms were accidentally triggered and again on Wednesday morning. There was another evacuation on Thursday evening.

Fire station commander Greg McMillan said the hotel had problems with fire alarms being set off by steam from en suite bathrooms and staff were working to address the problem.

Hasty
The incidents follow another hasty exit for guests a fortnight ago after a fire broke out at a chip shop in George Street which backs onto the hotel.

A spokeswoman for the Caledonian Hotel said: 'We can confirm that the fire alarm was activated at the hotel initially by steam from a shower in one of the guest rooms. We have improved the ventilation to this room to ensure this doesn't happen again.'

'The subsequent callouts to the fire brigade were caused by a fault in the system which has been reset and is now working correctly. We can only apologise if any of our guests feel they were inconvenienced unnecessarily. The feedback that we have been receiving from them is better to be safe than sorry.'

Warning given over council budget

AN ARGYLL and Bute Council director has warned that next year's budget is going to be a tough one.

Members of the mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Area committee got an inkling of what is to come from George Harper, director of development services, at their meeting last week.

'We are about to go into a budget, which will be pretty severe,' he said. 'The senior management team is already starting to look into the council's budget.'



New jackets make for bright kids at Easdale Primary

PUPILS from Easdale Primary are cutting a dash across the islands of Seil and Easdale this year thanks to some bright yellow waistcoats. Head teacher Maggie Anderson bought every child in her school a jacket to make sure they are easily seen when they are walking and cycling to and from school, particularly in the darker winter months. 08_141newvests01



Argyll and Bute MSP Alan Reid and Tesco Oban deputy manager Kenny MacCallum with pupils from Rockfield, Park, Dunbeg, Lochnell and Kilninver primary schools. 08_142tesco01

Supermarket vouchers scheme pays off for schools

CHILDREN from five Oban and Lorn schools were rewarded at Tesco Oban for collecting thousands of Tesco vouchers to exchange for school and sports equipment.

Pupils from Rockfield, Park, Dunbeg, Lochnell and Kilninver were given certificates marking their achievement and a box of sports equipment for their school by Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid.

Through the Tesco for Schools and Clubs scheme,

pupils and their parents collected a voucher for every £10 spent at Tesco between March and June this year.

Kenny MacCallum, deputy store manager in Oban, said: 'Tesco for Schools and Clubs is a scheme that my team are proud to be part of.'

'Thousands of customers have been collecting vouchers to help their local schools and clubs to get this new equipment showing what can happen when a whole community gets involved.'

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Taynuilt couple celebrate diamond wedding anniversary

A COUPLE, who ran the butcher shop in Taynuilt for nearly 40 years, have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Bob and Rita Coulter were married at Calderhead Church in their native Shotts on August 20 1949 before moving to Oban a year later.

In 1953 they moved to Taynuilt and bought the butcher shop from John McNiven.

Bob, aged 86, said: 'When we bought the butcher shop, people were still on rations. The rations then were worse than they were during the war; there was hardly any meat.'

'The animals would be slaughtered in Oban and the meat came to Taynuilt by rail. I would collect the meat in a wheelbarrow at the station.'

In 1969 they built a new butcher shop, moving from the old butcher's adjoining Graham's Grocers, and the name Coulter's became well known throughout Argyll.

The shop they built is still the butcher's in the village and is owned by their son Ian. It is leased and run by Mark Grant.

Rita said: 'We had a quiet time for our anniversary because Bob had to go to hospital for dialysis but we had a nice lunch with some of the family and that weekend we had a meal at the Taynuilt Hotel.'

Rita said that the secret to a long and happy marriage was compatibility.



Bob and Rita Coulter cut their diamond wedding anniversary cake.

Contributions to the community recognised by Lorn area committee

FIVE members of the Oban and Lorn community were recognised for their contribution to the town and area at a special presentation by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee.

Principal teacher of maths at Oban High School John MacKenzie was earlier this year presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Scottish Education Awards.

In recognition of this, vice-chairman of the area committee Councillor Roddie McCuish presented him with a quaiach on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council and the wider community.

'This is in thanks for all of the tremendous work that you do. Perhaps if I had a teacher like you at high school I wouldn't be in the rut I am in today,' he joked.

Councillor Mary Jean Devon presented Oban's Emma MacDougall with a quaiach and explained that Emma, coached for a year by Betty Alcorn, had been part of the Scottish West equestrian team at the Special Olympics in Leicester in July and had returned with two bronze medals for dressage and handy pony.

'You are a wonderful role model and we would like you to accept this to let you

know that we are proud of the honour you have brought to us,' said Councillor Devon.

Remarkable Rotarians Charles Colberry and Bill Taylor had their 40-plus years working hard for the community recognised by councillors Donald MacDonald and Elaine Robertson respectively.

Achieved

Graham Fraser of card and art shop Alba in Albany Street was presented with a quaiach by Councillor Neil Mackay in recognition of what his business has achieved in the town and for winning the equivalent of the retail Oscars, The RETAS, for best non-specialist independent retailer of greeting cards in the UK.

Inspector Neil Wallace, Strathclyde Police, formerly in Oban but since moved to Lochgilphead, was also presented with a quaiach in recognition of his service to the community but was unable to attend on the day.

'This area committee does recognise and continues to acknowledge the extra effort that is made by individual members of this community,' said Councillor McCuish, adding that although no one individual person could do it all there were those that stood out.



Front, Graham Fraser, Bill Taylor, Emma MacDougall, John MacKenzie and Charlie Colberry were presented with quaiachs by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee. 15_142Quaiach01

£1.66m saving if alcohol minimum pricing was introduced claims MSP

ARGYLL and Bute would save £1.66 million a year if minimum pricing for alcohol was brought in.

According to the area's MSP Jim Mather, minimum pricing

for alcohol is the key to tackling 'Scotland's unhealthy relationship with alcohol'.

Mr Mather said: 'Argyll and Bute stands to save £1.66 million per year from minimum pricing

and the proposal will not adversely affect the important whisky export market.'

The substantial savings, based on population, would be in the cost of services such as health,

ambulance, police and other emergency services as well as lost productivity through the misuse of alcohol.

'When a two-litre bottle of high strength cider costs less in some

outlets than a similarly sized bottle of water, the need for regulation is obvious.

'Selling alcohol is not a right; it carries a substantial responsibility,' said Mr Mather.

ACHA highlights a year of achievements and challenges

A MEETING of the board of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has heard that the association faces some challenges to its housing upgrade over the coming year. But figures show that the association has already managed to improve the quality of a large number of its homes.

At ACHA's annual general meeting, held in Inveraray last week, members heard from association chairman, Norman Beaton who highlighted a number of achievements delivered by the association since the housing stock

transfer in November, 2006.

Improvements included the provision of new kitchens and bathrooms in 1,770 tenants' homes, 1,441 new windows and doors fitted and 1,384 heating and rewire installations.

Overall, the association claimed, £21 million will be invested in ACHA homes this year. The chairman reported on progress being made with ACHA's new build housing programme which encompassed 52 new homes being developed in Campbeltown, 18 in Ardrishaig, 12 in Garelochhead, eight in Oban and

five in Inveraray.

He also highlighted that during the year seven tenancies had been ended through the courts on the grounds of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing.

In terms of challenges Mr Beaton reported that the withdrawal of the Supporting People funding made the provision of sheltered housing more challenging but the association remained committed to providing a sheltered housing service.

He also highlighted that a draft Scottish government budget for 2010/11 indicated a drop in

housing investment of £173 million compared with the previous year.

Mr Beaton concluded his speech by stating: 'The previous year has seen the association improve homes and build new ones. In the coming year we will continue to try and be a force for good in providing excellent services and decent affordable homes.'

Following the annual general meeting, office bearers are: Norman Beaton from Ardrishaig, chairman, Bill McIntyre, from Helensburgh, vice chairman, and councillor Roddy McCuish from Oban, secretary.

Warning to groups over council grants

A MESSAGE has been sent out to organisations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles applying for grants from Argyll and Bute Council that the funds should not be relied on.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles councillors were discussing applications to their leisure development and educational grants at last week's meeting when the issue came up.

While wishing to encourage all kinds of different organisations to apply for small grants, there was acknowledgement that the same groups applied each year.

Councillor Roddie McCuish, chairing the committee, said: 'My concern is that the groups are depending on this money each year as part of their income and there is no guarantee that they will get it.'

This year the area committee has £19,220, of which £4,680 is left, in its leisure development fund and £19,150 in its education development fund, of which £11,730 is left.

There is likely to be considerably less to allocate from these funds next year because of the council's bleak financial outlook.



The four SAMS graduates, front, with their lecturers, behind, after the graduate ceremony at SAMS.

First graduates gain degrees at SAMS

FOUR students from the Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS) are the first to graduate with a degree in marine science from the UHI Millennium Institute - including one with a first class honours.

Previously, degrees were validated by the Open University but the Privy Council granted UHI the power to award its own degrees for taught programmes last summer.

The four students, Heather Robertson, John Bainbridge,

Andrea Veszelovszki and Anita Eriksson, were awarded their degrees at a recent graduation ceremony at SAMS attended by friends, family and lecturers.

Dedicated

Three graduated with honours in marine science after four years' study and one after three years with a BSc Marine Science with distinction.

Professor Axel Miller, head of education and academic development at SAMS, said: 'This year's graduates

were very dedicated and as lecturers we are delighted with their results.'

'We awarded Anita Eriksson, who graduated with first class honours, the SAMS Council Prize for Academic Excellence and Andrea the SAMS Prize for Outstanding Achievement but all the graduates are to be congratulated on their sustained efforts.'

The degrees were conferred by UHI vice principal of research and commercialisation Dr

Jeff Howarth and Moya Crawford, managing director of deep water salvage company Deep Tek Ltd, gave the keynote speech.

Students and lecturers thanked Dr Keith Davidson, who had acted as programme leader for the marine science degree since 2000 but who stood down from the role to focus on his research career.

The role has been taken on by Linda Robb, marine ecologist.

Community fund distributes £1,500 to area's charities

A COMMUNITY fund for Oban and Lorn, which makes money by selling donated items, has distributed £1,500 to the area's charities.

Removal and storage company MacQueen Bros., through its Community Benefit Fund, sells furniture and other items left behind by their customers.

Using The Oban Times' under £50 section, the items are sold and the proceeds put straight into the Community Benefit Fund.

The charities and organisations to benefit this month are: Oban High School Activities Fund (£500); Strathfillan Lunch Club (£250); Crossroads (£250); Lochnell Primary School (£250); Homestart Lorn (£500); Friends of Oban Hospice (£250); North Argyll Carers Centre (£250) and Oban and Lorn Riding for the Disabled (£250).

The money was a timely welcome for the Riding for the Disabled group, as Rockfield Primary School was unable to continue funding a riding class



Donnie McPhee of MacQueen Bros. hands over a cheque for £250 to Oban and Lorn Riding for the Disabled instructor Betty Alcorn as members look on. 08_142rda01

for pupils with learning difficulties.

Oban and Lorn Riding for the Disabled (RDA) chairwoman Lorna Carmichael said last Friday: 'It is fantastic to get this donation and it has come at just the right time.'

'Rockfield school could no longer afford to bring the pupils here and today would have been their final lesson

had it not been for this money. We can now carry on their riding for another six weeks.'

Lessons

The charity, which is based at Achmalraig Farm, Glencruitten, has 47 riders aged seven to 70 who come to the farm's stables for riding lessons throughout the week and are instructed by a small team of volunteers.

Lorna said: 'The riders make bonds with the horses and learn to trust them. Their co-ordination and confidence improves and that allows them to trust people too.'

Graham MacQueen of the MacQueen Bros. Community Benefit Fund said: 'We live in a community where people pull together and the RDA group is an example of this with volunteers coming

out in all weathers to help out. However, like many charities they need funding and volunteers and I would urge people to help this worthwhile cause if they can.'

The Oban and Lorn RDA photo competition has been won by Hannah Prill. Hannah can claim her prize by contacting the RDA group on 0845 241 6389.

Argyll and Bute raises £27,000 from world's biggest coffee morning

WEST coast residents raised £27,000 in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Around 80 coffee mornings were held in the area as part of the huge fundraising event.

Elsie Riley, Macmillan's head of fundraising in Argyll and Bute, said: 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning was a fantastic success. I would like to thank everyone who took part.'

'Once again the people of Scotland got behind us whole-heartedly, helping us raise thousands of pounds to fund our services.'

'We rely almost entirely on donations, and without all the hard work from our coffee morning hosts and goodwill from those who go along to their events we wouldn't be able to keep offering the fantastic services that so many people rely on.'

This is the 19th year of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and Macmillan estimates that two million people around the UK took part, raising around £8m.

Quick-fingered Scots can still support Macmillan by buying a virtual coffee by texting BEANS to 70123.

The text will cost £3 and a minimum of £2.19 will go directly to Macmillan.

Elsie, added: 'It's still not too late to support Macmillan, so get texting and help us raise even more to help people affected by cancer.'

Mary's Meals gain from art exhibition

MANY well known Scottish artists held an exhibition in Glasgow for the charity Mary's Meals.

Fifty artists in total took part in the event at Macgregor Fine Art gallery including Tom Shanks, Jolomo and Emma Davis. Half of all artists' sales were donated to the charity with some donating their full fee.

Visitors were delighted and dazzled by the 150 pieces. Around £13,000 was raised through out the week-long exhibition.

Generous

The idea for the event came from Netta Ewing and Lorna Hutcheson at the charity headquarters in Dalnally. The pair told friends about the initiative and a chance encounter with gallery owner Iain Macgregor resulted in his generous offer of free gallery space for a week. The response from Scottish artists willing to participate was overwhelming.

Netta Ewing was delighted with the sales result. She said: 'I hope we have made enough money to build a kitchen at a village school somewhere in the world where children are in need. We now hope to have a sale of drawings, prints and cards at Mary's Meals Open Day in the Coupar Institute on November 28.'

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Lorn Lines



THE LORN Drama Festival held its annual general meeting recently and celebrated the success of its first ever five-night programme. Plans are now following for another five-night festival at Oban's Corran Halls next year on March 15-19.

'A sad note was the tragic deaths of two of our regular performers not long after the festival,' said secretary Martyn Gibson. 'There is always a great sense of community and involvement in the festival; we do share the highs and lows. Due to other commitments we have temporarily lost some members of our committee and are looking for more of the Lorn people to get involved.'

'If you think you can help out or would like to know how to help, please get in touch with me at martyn@phinecoop.coop'

'My message to local drama clubs is that first call to register for the 2010 festival - I dare you to make it bigger next year,' he added.



Hog roast helpers, from left, Beth MacDonald, Katrina Morrison, Ronnie Campbell and Shelley Perkins hand over donations to Melanie James and Lynne Turner from Oban's Cancer Research shop (centre) as well as Alison McCaig and Tracey Henderson of Friends of Ardochattan School. 16_142ardch01

MORE THAN £1,100 raised at a North Connel charity hog roast this month has been distributed to good causes. Friends of Ardochattan School and Cancer Research each benefited to the tune of £580 from the banquet organised by Ronnie Campbell and helpers in North Connel Hall.

Ronnie, who is from Ardochattan, said he had been looking for an excuse to hold a roast for years and the response had been fantastic: 'It was a brilliant night, so everyone wants to do it again. Hopefully it will become an annual thing.'

He thanked all those who helped with catering and the bar, Neil Sinclair for entertainment, and the Stirlingshire company which provided the hog roast at no charge after they saw the impressive community spirit behind the event.

Melanie James, manager of Oban's Cancer Research Shop, was delighted to receive the donation, which will help fund research at the Beatson Institute. Alison McCaig of the Friends group said their cash will support community events, starting with a bonfire night party.

OBAN SEA cadets has been awarded a pendant for efficiency. The group was awarded this honour following inspection by Commander Redstone, the northern area commander. Commander Redstone said the group made a tremendous effort to receive the pendant.

As a registered charity, the sea cadets are holding an AGM in the cadet hall, Tweedale Street on October 29 that will be open to the public. The cadets will be on parade for the event.

AN OBAN shop is putting out a final call for its charity of the year. The Original Factory Shop has decided to support one local charity for the next 12 months and has invited applications to shop manager Gwen Cameron.

Shop manager, Gwen Cameron, said: 'We want to give 100 per cent support over the next year so that we can help make a real difference. We have had applications from a wide variety of equally deserving community groups and it's going to be a very difficult decision as to which one we go with eventually.'

'Applications are welcome from anyone who is committed to making Oban a better place to live.' Applications should be made to the shop in writing by Monday October 19.

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

£50,000 of liability payments to education staff 'modest'

EDUCATION staff who have been victims of accidents and incidents at work in Argyll and Bute have received payouts of almost £50,000.

The figures just revealed show that Argyll and Bute Council has paid out the sum on 52 different cases over a five-year period - and unlike the many other council areas has paid nothing out to claims from children for compensation.

The numbers show that educational employees were mostly compensated for personal injuries and damage to cars and personal effects.

Modest

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'In total we've had 52 claims under the Employers'

Liability cover for the period 2004/2009. This is an average of 10 a year which is a relatively modest figure.

'All claims are investigated fully, and payments are only made when negligence or a failure on the part of the council is shown.'

'We obviously monitor all educational establishments for potential health and safety risks, and will take action where appropriate.'

But, as the number of claims increase, so does the premium for the cover - paid for by residents through council tax.

Hit out

The chief executive of the Tax Payers' Alliance, Matthew Elliott hit out at the massive payouts.

He said: 'The cost of these claims is high, keeps on rising and should be a concern to taxpayers everywhere. Local authorities must be vigilant and make sure they do not kow-tow to the growing compensation culture in this country. Then more taxpayers' money could go towards better teachers and textbooks.'

Flooded family fear long delay for repairs

By LOUISE LEE Home is left 'damp and smelly'

A YOUNG family whose home has been destroyed by a flood from the flat above has been told that they may have a long wait for repairs.

The private tenants of Colonsay Terrace were shocked last week when a cistern-leak from the ACHA property above them cascaded into their home. With water pouring over their seven-month-old baby's cot and five-year-old's bedroom as well as their kitchen and hallway, neighbours called out ACHA's emergency services.

Plumbers duly arrived and drilled holes in the ceiling of their home. Electricians came and cut off the mains supply to ceiling fitting and heaters in the three-bedroomed apartment. The house is now damp, smelly as well as damaged where holes were drilled to let the water through.

Mum-of-two Louise Lyall said: 'We have been left with a dreadful smell and damp carpets, and our walls and ceilings need to be completely redecorated. My daughter cannot crawl on the carpets and my husband, Chris, suffers from asthma which the damp conditions in the house are making worse.'

'We don't have any money to re-instate the house.'

Louise added: 'ACHA has to put this right - it was their property that flooded our house, and we are being made to suffer. I want an apology and £2,000 to sort this mess out.'

The landlord of the property has phoned his insurers and was hoping that ACHA would deal with the situation 'as quickly as possible.' But he fears that re-instating the home through insurers may take a 'long time.'

Alistair MacGregor, chief executive of ACHA, said: 'This is a matter that will be determined by respective insurance companies with respect to any liability.'

'If the owner concerned is of the view that the association is liable then his insurance company should make a claim against the association's insurers.'



Rockfield Primary School pupil Jack Tennant is given some encouragement by fellow pupils and Andy Gatenby of Extreme Dream. 08_142wa1001

Pupils hit the heights in fundraiser

SCHOOLCHILDREN are always being encouraged to aim high but Rockfield and St Columba's primary pupils in Oban have taken the advice literally by completing a sponsored climb.

The money raised will go towards building a climbing wall in the playground of the campus that both schools share.

Around 160 children from primary three to seven took part in the sponsored event last Thursday, as they set out to climb a combined height of 3,407 metres on a 12-foot high training wall provided by Aviemore-based climbing company Extreme Dream.

Dale Kupris, chairman of Rockfield Parent Council and Active Schools co-ordinator, said the money raised by the children, added to grant funding already in place, has been enough to meet climbing wall project costs of more than £6,000.

He said: 'This climbing wall is a joint project between Rockfield PTA and parent council and St Columba's parent council.'

'The wall will give the kids something else to do at playtime and will appeal to those who don't play traditional team sports like football.'

'There is no extra supervision or safety equipment needed, as the children's feet will never be above the height of a picnic bench.'

Grant funding for the climbing wall, which should be ready for use in spring next year, has come from MacQueen Bros. Trust Fund, Oban Cash for Kids, Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease Rockfield Primary School PTA and an anonymous donor, who gave £1,000.

St Columba's pupil Hubert Zyrka, who took part in the sponsored climb, said: 'I can't wait to get our own wall.'



Councillors Roddie McCuish and Mary-Jean Devon praised the workers of Soroba Shop for the Mòd decorations in their shop window. 15-142soroba01

All dressed up for the Mòd

SOROBA is all geared up for the Mòd with a Scottish themed window and specially commissioned poem in its local shop.

In celebration of the Mòd, shop's assistants Lorna Taylor, Margaret McLugash and Fiona Mackie decided to kit out the normally drab window with all things tartan - including making Hector, Morag and the bairn out of paper maché.

And to thank the girls for making so much effort Argyll and Bute councillors Mary-Jean Devon and Roddie McCuish asked for a photograph to be taken. Councillor McCuish said: 'It is great that Soroba people are getting behind the Mòd. It just shows that the Mòd is for everyone in Oban not only for the Main Street.'

THREE members of the student leadership team of Oban High - Lisa MacKenzie, Angus Scott, and Charlie Harris - accompanied by Mr MacPherson, senior depute, attended an evening event in Oban called 'A National Conversation - Choosing Scotland's Future'.

Oban High School news



People from the area got the chance to listen to Fergus Ewing MSP and Stewart Stevenson MSP discussing the government's plans for Scotland.

The floor was then open to questions from the public, which ranged from plans for improving roads in the area, Scottish independence, the possibility that Scotland might have its own shipping register to the prospect of Scotland lowering the voting age to 16 for a referendum on independence.

Oban High head boy Angus Scott also asked several challenging questions to the MSPs, and enquired as to whether they could assure the young people of Scotland that tuition fees would remain at zero in an independent Scotland, and received an astute, political response.

The MSPs were also happy to discuss any further issues with the pupils after the presentation, something they found very rewarding. It was an insightful event, and it was very interesting for the young people of Oban to get the chance to find out about what plans our government had for our future - a future that the voters in Scotland will soon play a key part in deciding.

Oban man swore at girlfriend's parents

AN OBAN man has admitted shouting, swearing and making offensive gestures at his girlfriend's parents.

Michael MacDougall, aged 35, of 13 Nelson Road, pled guilty at Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday to a breach of the peace in Shuna Terrace, Oban, on August 7.

Procurator fiscal Craig Harris said MacDougall and his girlfriend had fallen out after drinking alcohol and she had gone to her parents' home.

Shouting

Mr Harris said: 'He went to the parents' house and started shouting at her from outside the property.'

'Her father went outside and asked him to leave. The accused was shouting and swearing and made offensive gestures with his hands towards the father.'

MacDougall refused to leave and the police were called.

Defence agent Duncan Durbin said MacDougall and his girlfriend's had been in an 'on-off relationship' for three years that had been blighted by alcohol.

Sheriff Gordon Fleetwood deferred sentence until November 3 for background reports and continued bail.

Window accused cleared

AN APPIN man was cleared of intentionally smashing a window at the Woodside Hotel in Oban after Sheriff Gordon Fleetwood gave a verdict of not proven at Oban Sheriff Court.

Ian Black, aged 49, of The Barn, Burnside, maintained his plea of not guilty last Tuesday to striking and breaking the window of reinforced glass with his arm on April 5.

The court heard from two members of staff who said they saw Mr Black near the window seconds after it had smashed but did not see him break the window.

Crash

In giving evidence, Mr Black said that day was the first he had been in Oban since his son had died in a road crash and that he had been invited by friends inside the Woodside for a drink. He admitted that by the time he left at 1am he had consumed a lot of alcohol.

Mr Black said: 'I was walking out of the pub when I lost my balance and fell back, banged my head on the wall and my elbow went through the window.'

Mr Black was arrested and on his release the following day he paid £40 towards the replacement of the window.

'I thought that would be the end of the matter,' he added.

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Development Coll AGM

THE ANNUAL General Meeting of Development Coll was held on October 1 in the village hall, chaired by Doug Young.

Twenty six members and two associate members attended to vote for the re-election of directors and office-bearers and to re-appoint accountants.

Full minutes will be available at www.developmentcoll.uk or by telephoning 230 000.

Peter Wilson reported on the appointment of three development officers following interviews on September 17. These posts will be funded by a new source of income entitled 'Growth at the Edge'. A total of 41 hours will be worked between the three officers.

The annual report summarising Development Coll's activities over the year was read by Doug Young. All the projects currently underway are part of the original development plan, drawn up as a result of community consultation.

Included in this year's activities were:

An Cridhe - new community centre project: In November 2008 an application was made to the Lottery for £850,329. This bid was successful and has led to other funders coming on board. £230,000 further funding is secured, of which £50,000 has been raised by the community. Another £210,000 is promised in principle. These funders include the local council, Highland and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Natural Heritage, Argyll College,



Lochnell Primary School's P4 class with teacher Alison McCrindle and Homebase staff during their visit to the store.

Pupils shape up on visit to Homebase

TOPIARY was the subject of the moment when Lochnell Primary School's P4 pupils paid a recent visit to Homebase in Oban.

As well as showing the Benderloch school youngsters different plants, ways of planting and making gardens look good, Mark MacDougall captured their imaginations by explaining the art of topiary.

He then set them a 'home growing challenge', sending them back to school with a flower seed packet of their choice to take home and grow.

They were also given mushroom, tomato and herb growing kits and a variety of bulbs for the school.

The pupils said: 'We would like to say a huge thank you to Mark and Homebase for their time and generosity.'

Community Energy Scotland and a variety of trusts and foundations. Formal confirmation of another £940,000 is due soon. Recent events relating to the Lottery award mean there will be a number of drop-in sessions during the next few weeks and a public meeting is scheduled for November 3. These events will provide information on the details of the An Cridhe project and, wherever possible, professionals will be present to answer questions. An independent consultant, employed by the Lottery, will conduct a door-to-door survey after that date.

Village enhancements: A new community information noticeboard was bought and erected outside the shop, funded by donations from the Discover Coll Fund.

The stone wall behind the upgraded water pump was repaired, funded in part by Scottish National Heritage.

The upgrade of playpark equipment has continued and extra funding received for Argyll and Bute to complete the renovation. A partnership agreement has been established with Argyll and Bute Council for the council to take responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the playpark.

The Crown Estates has given consent for a slipway to be constructed at the Middle Pier improving the launch and recovery of boats.

Renewables: A new project to reduce the carbon footprint of Coll began with two fact finding trips, to Mull Renewable Fair in February and to Eigg's Giant Green Footstep Festival in April. These were funded by Community Energy Scotland and resulted in an open day in the village hall. The result of a funding application for a glass imploder to the Climate Challenge Fund is awaited.

Development Coll continues to help the recycling committee to liaise with the council over improving recycling services on Coll.

Communications and other work: The Development Coll website was created and the An Cridhe website was upgraded and developed. This was part funded by LEADER. Development Coll helped the Cholla Feis Committee with a successful application to Clòre Duffield Foundation and assisted with the constituting of the youth group, Coll Kids Club which received funding for youth activities in summer 2008.

Gaelic medium education and the Gaelic language.

It is therefore good to see there is a great deal of support amongst parents for Gaelic medium education on Islay and demand for it is high.

This current academic session has seen a big increase in the number of children being educated in Gaelic at Bowmore Primary School, particularly the unprecedented number of pre-school children.

As a result of this increase, extra classroom accommodation is required and funding has been made available from the Scottish Government's Gaelic Schools Capital Fund to provide a new modular building for the children in Gaelic medium early years education, which should hopefully be in place next year.

We campaigned successfully to have transport provided for children attending Gaelic medium education. In the past, many parents felt that the lack of transport to Bowmore from other parts of the island was a barrier to them sending their children to the Gaelic unit. Now, a minibus picks up several children en route from Portnahaven to Bowmore, allowing more children access to Gaelic education.

Travelling on the minibus with friends has proved to be a very positive and sociable experience for the children, as well.

The committee would also like to extend a welcome Miss Ann Chris MacLean who takes up her probationary teaching post in the Gaelic unit from October and also

Miss Jan Bruce who is now the Gaelic pre-5 assistant.

Dr Reamai Mathers from Ballycastle was in Islay a few weeks ago to talk about the success of Irish medium education in the north of Ireland and to discuss a strategy to support and promote Gaelic on Islay.

In addition, CnamP are establishing links between schools on Islay and in Ballycastle, which should be both fun and worthwhile for everyone involved.

Finally, the Gaelic playgroup 'Rionnagan Beaga' is now up and running, and has been very well attended. It takes place each Saturday morning during term-time in the Howat Room at the MacTaggart Leisure Centre from 10.30 to 2.30pm.

Loganair supports midwives

GRAHAM Everrett, Customer Services Manager of Loganair, lent his voice and his influence to a campaign by local midwives for better services for new mothers flying back to Islay from Glasgow Airport.

Midwives had raised the issues of lack of an appropriate space for feeding new babies at Glasgow Airport's departure lounge for the island.

Once beyond the security gate on the pier leading to the departure lounges, there is no place for nursing mothers to feed their babies.

There is well signposted provision in the main areas of the airport, including beyond the initial security check area, but there is nothing in the lounge at present.

Also, frequently that area is cold as doors out to the runway and planes are often left open, even in stormy weather.

New mums had also reported difficulty in gaining access back to the main airport if they arrived at the departure area and then found there was a delay to their flight.

Mr Everrett pointed out that this provision was the responsibility of Glasgow Airport and not the airline, but that he would lend Loganair's voice to the campaign to improve departure lounge facilities.

Subsequent to the recent meeting, he has responded by advising that the comfortable space for new mums beside Starbucks is available at any time.

This area is within the security clearance zone, and new mothers can ask the staff on duty or the security staff at the doors on the pier itself for assistance to get there from the departure lounge. Passengers must have their boarding cards with them.

Mr Everrett is also looking into the matter of having a designated private space for mothers and babies provided in the departure lounge, and has made links with local midwives to work on seeing this through.

Alexander Technique classes

THIS summer two courses in the Alexander Technique were run at the Gaelic Centre.

There was a good mix of visitors and local people working together, and both group courses and individual classes will be offered through the autumn and winter.

Alexander Technique is a way of looking at changing habits to improve movement, health and well-being.

Learning it is fun and relaxing. It's often used by singers, actors and sportspeople to improve their performance.

Scalpay

Your correspondent is Donald Morrison: 01859 540217

Puffins

OLDER members of the Harris population, including those on Scalpay, remember seeing puffins in Loch Tarbert with a collection of fry pinned to their beaks.

The fry and sand eels have almost gone from the inner shore these days so the puffins eventually failed to make an appearance.

Fishing

HERRING, according to fishermen, is scarce at the moment.

Mackerel is plentiful locally and can be found in sheltered waters. Pollock is found further out to sea.

Yachts

THE YACHTING season will soon be coming to an end and so will the trips into the local harbour.

We will miss seeing these yachts but hoped they enjoyed their journey to the Western Isles.

Preservation

PEOPLE are fortunate to have the benefit of a fridge and freezer nowadays because at one time fish and mutton had to be preserved by salting them.

Forecasts by nature

A SEAL swimming into the shelter of a harbour was believed to be a sign of severe gales following.

A cat running about the house would mean a period of unsettled weather, beginning the following day, and sheep grazing on the top of hills suggested good weather the following day.

These old superstitions have long since been forgotten by most as we tend to rely on the television weather forecasts.

Other superstitions once held included a bird flying onto a windowsill means bad news in its way and mentioning deer on board a fishing boat is bad luck.

Solan goose

THE SOLAN goose was the fisherman's friend for detecting herring.

Depending on where they dived, the geese would tell the Minch fishermen where the good fishing spots were.

Moderator

MODERATOR designate for the Free Church on Scalpay is Rev Calum MacDonald of Callanaish, Lewis.

First plane

A SEAPLANE, which landed at the entrance to the North Harbour in Scalpay in 1930, was the first plane to come to the island.

The aircraft had fisheries officers on board.

Convenience

A TIMBER pier was built on Scalpay in 1889 and at Tarbert, Harris, years earlier for trading vessels to land.



The pupils enjoy the forest school.

Forest School fun for young pupils

TAYNUILT Primary School's P1-2 and Kilniver Primary School have been going down to the woods once a week over nine weeks to learn a variety of skills, from learning about keeping safe while outside to learning about different trees and flowers.

The Forest School programme, led by Ross Preston and Janie Steel with help from Mandy Peden, sees the youngsters spend the day in the woods learning about everything from how to do 'risk assessments' and respect

their surroundings to activities including building a shelter, making a fire pit, making colour catchers and learning about trees, leaves, animals and woodland creatures.

In Taynuilt the P1-2s go to a woodlands near the village's golf course with their pack lunches for the day, with time for storytelling and play.

The Forest School is based on a Scandinavian idea to bring the curriculum to an outdoor context.

Islay

Your correspondent is Susan Campbell: 01496 850215

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The festival musicians gather on stage for the finale.

Top names at Colonsay Music Festival

SOME OF the biggest names in Scottish folk music were drawn to the recent Colonsay Music Festival - Ceòl Cholasa.

The event culminated in a grand finale of all the participating musicians on stage at the island hall. Among them were Aly Bain, Phil Cunningham, Patsy Reid, Breabach, Heidi Talbot, Donald Shaw, Karen Matheson,

James Grant, Brendan Roddy Woomble, Kris Drevver, John McCusker, and Callum McCrimmon and Donal Brown from Breabach.

The event culminated in a grand finale of all the participating musicians on stage at the island hall. Among them were Aly Bain, Phil Cunningham, Patsy Reid, Breabach, Heidi Talbot, Donald Shaw, Karen Matheson,

just over 200 people and it was full for the weekend, starting off with Robin Laing's musical whisky tasting on Thursday to the Sunday night finale.

'We were worried the success of the first year would be hard to match but the general view was that the festival had lived up to expectations and tickets for next year are selling well already.'

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Elderly man's body found in garden

THE BODY of an elderly Fort William man who failed to return home after a walk round the town on Saturday afternoon was found in a garden on Victoria Road on Sunday afternoon.

It is understood 92-year-old Alexander MacDonald, known as Alistair MacDonald, of Victoria Road, had gone for a walk after being visited by family members earlier on Saturday, when they found him fit and well.

When the family returned around mid-day on Sunday they discovered he was missing and alerted police. A neighbour found Mr MacDonald's body in his garden shortly afterwards.

Standard enquiries will continue and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in Fort William.

A post mortem will also be carried out, police said.

Search teams stand down

SEARCH teams looking for a Channel Islands pensioner who failed to return from an afternoon walk near Kinloch on the Isle of Skye have been stood down.

Saturday saw the last major combined effort to find Alderney man Clifford Wannop, aged 83, who failed to return from a walk in a forest on October 2.

Members of Glenelg, Torridon, Kintail and Skye mountain rescue teams, RAF Kinloss backed up by five or six police officers were involved.

Sergeant Richard Baird of Portree police told *The Oban Times* a further search would be made of the area once vegetation had died down.

Sergeant Baird said: 'We are confident we have covered the area with dogs and persons on the ground and helicopter sweeps. We are continuing background inquiries into the missing person.'

'We would hope that sooner or later some of the questions the family would want to be answered will be answered.'

'In a week or two when the bracken dies down the ground will be much easier to search.'

Village trust needs volunteers

KINLOCHLEVEN Community Trust is looking for volunteers to help clear up the pier area, boat shed and park.

The trust is particularly keen to clear up the area to discourage fly tipping.

Longer term, the trust is keen to recruit birdwatchers and other outdoor enthusiasts to manage the wilder areas in and around the village to improve wildlife habitats.

Anyone who can spare a morning or a day should call 01855 831779.

Visitors love Clachaig Inn

GLENCOE hostelry the Clachaig Inn has been nominated by British holidaymakers as one of Scotland's best places to eat and drink.



The whale is recovered from Loch Linnhe on Friday.

'Lilly' the whale loses fight for survival

THE HUGE human effort to rescue a bottlenose whale stranded in Loch Eil has ended in failure. The whale, dubbed 'Lilly' by volunteers, died before reaching the open sea and was recovered from Loch Linnhe at Gorsten fish farm slipway on Friday.

Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inspector Dawna Connolly co-ordinated the rescue team of the St Andrews Sea Mammal Research Unit, the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, British Divers Marine Life Rescue, local coastguard

and Lochaber Yacht Club. The team played killer whale sounds underwater in an attempt to drive Lilly towards the sea. Ms Connolly said: 'It is a very sad ending to what was a real team effort to try to help this beautiful creature. However, we have learned a lot from the

techniques used in the operation which will be helpful for future rescues. The Scottish SPCA would like to thank everyone who took part in the rescue operation. 'We did everything in our power to give Lilly the best chance of survival, but sadly it was not meant to be.'

Rally traffic road mayhem

Chaos on A82 as Corran Ferry queue blocks carriageway

By STEPHEN NORRIS

CHAOS on the A82 last Thursday afternoon caused by traffic queuing for the Corran Ferry en route to the Mull Rally has sparked calls for Highland Council to act before there is a major incident.

The 25-vehicle *MV Corran* is currently undergoing its four weeks of annual maintenance at Rothesay and has been replaced by the *Maid of Glencoul*, which only takes 14 vehicles. The smaller boat could not cope with demand as people tried to get to the rally via the council-run service and by 3pm afternoon traffic was backed up almost to the Bunree turnoff.

Motorists heading north got caught up in the queue, which at times extended 200 yards along the main road from the designated waiting lanes next to the Corran Inn.

Frustrated northbound motorists pulled out and drove past the stationary line of vehicles, many narrowly avoiding a collision with southbound traffic before making it back into their own lane.

Vehicles waiting to turn right also blocked the southbound carriageway, already busy with Mòd traffic. Some impatient drivers drove across the road and parked across the northbound lane until the cars moved down the ramp. Police arrived on the scene to control traffic and the situation eventually eased.

Chief Inspector John Chisholm told *The Oban Times*: 'We began receiving reports of severe congestion about the Corran Ferry yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, which we investigated. We found the root of the problem was that the relief ferry could

not cope with the volume of traffic. Traffic wardens and police officers intervened and began directing traffic on the A82 and assisting with getting the vehicles on to the slipway at Corran.

'Clearly the volume of traffic was considerable and that led to extensive delays. The situation remained fairly hectic until around 5pm.

'Tempers were becoming frayed and apart from traffic duties, police officers and traffic wardens were

involved in a great deal of peace keeping activity.'

Strontian resident Liz Ford was on the way back from a shopping trip to Fort William when she got stuck in the jam.

Her husband Peter said: 'The usual ferry was away for its annual service. They seem to do it every year at this time. The boat is away for at least four weeks. I don't think Highland Council is being very clever about it. It's an accident waiting to happen.'



Going nowhere fast: Mayhem on the A82 at the Corran Ferry last Thursday. 10_f42corran01

Ardgour Community Council chairman David Corrigan said: 'The ferry has been a bone of contention for years. For the amount of traffic using the Corran Ferry, the *Maid of Glencoul* is not suitable for the run.'

'We should have a fixed link, either a tunnel or a road bridge, or a bigger replacement ferry. All five community councils on Ardnamurchan are of the same opinion - it's a united stance.'

Highland Council area transport manager Jim Tolmie told *The Oban Times* the extension of summer sailing schedules to October 28 meant ferry operators had less time to find a yard capable of doing refit and maintenance work.

Suitable west coast yards had fallen from five to two and capacity at peak demand was limited.

Marine and Coastguard Authority safety certificates issued after the annual service were only valid for 12 months and could not be extended to give operators more leeway in timing the service check. 'We'll try our best to move it later for next year,' he said.

Morvern follows Knoydart lead North Road repairs underway

MORVERN Community Land Acquisition Group is to seek local support for investigating the possibility of buying assets under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

The group is keen to develop schemes to regenerate the remote area, which community leaders feel has fallen behind others now enjoying the benefits of owning the land they live on. According to secretary Michael MacNeill, the group formed to tackle Morvern's ageing population and long-term unemployment, decided to act following Tarmac's decision to close the Lochaline Silica mine in December with the loss of 11

full-time jobs. None of the former workers have found work 10 months on.

The abundance of natural resources meant Morvern's 400-strong population 'punched well above its weight' in terms of per capita GDP, said Mr McNeill, but despite the potential for wealth Morvern was 'the poor relation' with profits from its exploited resources going to government, large corporations and individuals.

He said: 'When compared with successful and progressive communities such as Eigg, Gigha and Assynt, Morvern is many years behind in spite of its huge advantage in natural

resources. The steering group intend to consult fully with the wider community in Morvern to gather their views before deciding on their long-term strategy.'

But Knoydart Foundation development manager Angela Williams warned tough times lay ahead.

She told *The Oban Times*: 'The Knoydart Foundation has been in existence for 10 years now but we would not have got where we are today if we hadn't had a significant amount of support from agencies such as HIE's community land unit, the Highland Council and others. This allowed us to invest time in improving our hydro scheme, housing and

bunkhouse. This investment is now paying off to a point where we are financially sustainable on a day-to-day basis. We would not be in this position without the level of support received in the early years and for groups who do not have the same level of support and are having to rely purely on volunteers it must be an incredibly difficult situation.'

Ms Williams' comments came after former HIE chairman Professor James Hunter warned a community ownership groups conference in Harris that the community land buyout movement was in danger of stalling because of red tape and money constraints.

WORK to repair North Road between Nevis Bridge Roundabout and Ben Nevis Industrial Estate at Fort William began on Sunday.

The work is being carried out at night to minimise delays to daytime traffic and is scheduled to take two weeks.

According to Scotland Transerv, on average 15,057 vehicles use the road every day and it is now in need of extensive repair.

Around 280 metres of carriageway will be resurfaced and other patching works will take place near the bridge.

Traffic will be controlled by temporary traffic lights and convoy working with a 10mph speed restriction.

A Scotland Transerv spokesperson said motorists should allow extra time for their journeys.

Fort musician heading home

THREE-PIECE band *The Ghosties*, with Fort William man Malcolm Hunter on drums and vocals, will release their debut single 'Betty Love's Dead' on Monday.

Malcolm, aged 27, from Torcastle, Banavie, is in Lochaber frequently with the band for gigs.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'I really enjoy being able to take the band back home as often as possible to play and to catch up with family and friends.'

'Because we are kept so busy it's the only way to mix the two - get everyone to come to the gigs so I get a chance to see them now and again. I'm quite excited about the whole idea of releasing a single. It's the result of three years hard work but hopefully it will all be worth it.'

Ayrshire boys John Davidson and Steven Lopez comprise the other 'Ghosties', who have played more than 400 gigs in the British Isles and Europe.



Just capital! Portree pupils on tour at the Scottish Parliament.

Portree pupils make history with first Gaelic tour

FOURTH year modern studies pupils at Portree High School made history in the Scottish Parliament last Thursday by being the first group to take a free tour of the building in Gaelic.

Highlands and Islands SNP MSP Dave Thompson hosted the group in the Parliament and answered questions after they watched First Minister's Question Time in the chamber's public gallery.

Mr Thompson said: 'The students seemed very interested in seeing the building and learning about the work of an MSP. I look forward to more schools taking advantage of this fantastic service and visiting their Parliament their way.'

Skye Bridge 'stitch up' celebration

THE SKYE Bridge will be decorated with 500 metres of knitting and crochet from Friday October 23 to Monday October 26.

Luban air an Drochaid (Stitches on the Bridge) will join together knitting and crochet pieces before mounting them on bridge ramparts to celebrate Highland Homecoming and Skye's links worldwide.

Woollen works have been arriving from as far afield as China, Australia, the US and

Europe, as well as from all over Scotland. The spectacular event should cause minimum disruption to traffic as Scotland Transerv will be assisting the knitters to display their artwork.

Fiona MacEwan, of Luib na Luban, a local text textile arts group organising the event, said: 'This project connects the West Highlands with the rest of the world, with knitters in their 80s and children as young as five taking part.'

Stitches on the Bridge, celebrates the links between Skye and communities worldwide in the year of Scotland's Homecoming, a year-long event celebrating Scotland's contribution to the world. Organisers are also asking for participants to contribute some words about their work and their significance to be included in a new book.

Other events taking place are Under the Bridges, Kyle Youth Cafe's stovies supper and Under the Stitches.

Plockton-based school shinty tournament grows in popularity

A PLOCKTON-BASED sporting event is continuing to grow in popularity by bringing together pupils from across the north and west Highlands.

The annual S1 six-a-side shinty tournament at Plockton High School was originally

established as a millennial event in 2000 to promote the sport among new pupils. But the event has mushroomed, last Wednesday attracting 15 teams from 10 schools: Charleston, Inverness High, Lochaber High, Kinlochberrie, Plockton,

Dingwall, Ardnamurchan, Portree, Kingussie and Glenurquhart.

Rector of Plockton High Duncan Ferguson told *The Oban Times*: 'Shinty has a central place in secondary school sport and we all need to

build on the enthusiasm for our great Gaelic game.'

Tournament winners were Lochaber High who defeated Portree High in the final. In the Plate final, Plockton High B and Inverness High drew 1-1.

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Local voice should be heard

THERE has often been difficulty in enough nominations being made to make up constituted community councils – two weeks ago we learned that there were 13 areas in Argyll and Bute facing such a predicament – but as highlighted in our story this week about the village of Dunbeg, it is vital that people respond to the call. How else can a community have a collective voice if it is faced with the likes of controversial plans for housing developments or windfarms?

Glasgow Letter

Success in Milngavie and Bearsden

THERE was a time when Glasgow was able to support several adult shinty teams but today, outwith the university system, only Glasgow Mid Argyll is still in existence. The sport, in general, has seen many changes with various league re-organisations and a move to summer shinty but for Glasgow the major change has probably been the fact players can now travel home to play for their local teams much more readily.

Back in the mid 1990s it became apparent that local boys would have to be introduced to the game. Jordanhill School and Blantyre Secondary School offered the sport to pupils but since the successful youth team in the Kelvin area prior to this time there was no route into the sport for other youngsters.

The introduction to the sport was successful for a few years in the Gryffe area and the Menteith area but the real success story belongs to Milngavie and Bearsden Shinty Club.

Relying on a succession of enthusiastic adults, and even more enthusiastic boys and girls, the club has gone from strength to strength. The name of the club features in finals and semi finals of tournaments throughout the country with a particular success being the winning of the under 14 National Hydro Electric Development Cup on Saturday September 19.

Girls from the club have represented Scotland in the annual adult shinty/camogie international and many of the boys now play for Glasgow Mid Argyll, several of them in the first team.

A great success, I am sure you will agree, but there is more to Milngavie and Bearsden Shinty Club and it was all too evident at a ceilidh dance it held recently.

Often in this column the subject is ageism, but not on this occasion.

To be present at this ceilidh was a joy.

Here we had youngsters thoroughly enjoying themselves, dancing to the wonderful music of the Monarch Isles Band, as part of this big happy family that has become Milngavie and Bearsden Shinty Club. What a credit to everyone concerned.

Coaching takes place as follows: Wednesdays, Auchenhowie, under 14s, 8pm to 9.30pm. Fridays, Douglas Academy, primary 5 and under, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, and primary 6/7, 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

At a time when there is so much emphasis on encouraging youngsters to take part in sport, the club would welcome any new members.

Govan Choir celebrations

TO CELEBRATE its 80th birthday, Govan Choir would like to invite all former members and friends of the

choir to a dinner to be held on Saturday November 21 at the Swallow Hotel, Paisley Road West, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Isabel Ross, telephone 0141 563 9729, or from any choir member.

Alan McMillan

MANY congratulations to Alan McMillan who is to take up the post of chief executive of the amalgamated men's and women's outdoor bowling governing bodies.

Alan, of course, was the first appointed shinty development officer and we wish him well in his new role.

National Youth Pipe Band

AS PART of Homecoming 2009, the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland has teamed up with YDance and Scottish Youth Theatre to bring Burn's epic poem *Tam O'Shanter* to life in a new production.

It will take place at Stirling Castle - the Great Hall - on Friday October 16 and Saturday October 17 at 8pm before going to Eden Court, Inverness, on Monday October 26 and then Friday October 30 and Saturday October 31 as an extra special Hallowe'en performance of this ghostly tale in Haddo House, Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

This prospect will, I am sure, showcase the exceptional talent of the band's members while at the same time fulfilling their commitment to providing entertainment which differs from the traditional pipe band scene.

Tickets can be purchased for Stirling 01786 274000 or by calling personally at the Tolbooth.

Diary dates

Thursday October 15: Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, with Sarah McQuaid.

Friday October 16: National Youth Pipe Band - see above. Donnie Munro, Paisley Town Hall.

Saturday October 17: National Youth Pipe Band - see above. Donnie Munro, Rothesay Pavilion, 2.30pm, to raise funds for the Waverley paddle steamer.

Monday October 19: Young Traditional Musician of the Year Tour, Stirling County Rugby Clubhouse, 8pm.

Tuesday October 20: Crooked Still with Emily Smith, Old Fruitmarket, 8pm.

Thursday October 22: Star Folk Club, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Rab Noakes.

Saturday October 24: Glasgow Skye Association, Marag Supper, Partick Burgh (Lesser) Halls, 7.30pm.

Pub scene

DEOCH 'n Dorus will play in the Park Bar on Friday, Calum Iain McCorquodale on Saturday and Stewart Cameron on Sunday while in the Islay Inn it will be Parting Glass on Friday and Crooked Reel on Saturday. **Neil Murray, Tel: 0141 954 8105. Email: neilmurray@yahoo.co.uk.**



Benderloch before 'Beeching'

Mrs C Bullock of Coventry sent us this week's flashback photograph which shows staff at Benderloch Railway Station in 1965 prior to the closing of the railway line to Ballachulish. Pictured are Station Master Donald MacDonald, Hector MacColl, Shonan MacDonald and Jackie MacLaren. 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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Unjustified criticism

Sir,
I must respond to the letter in last week's *Oban Times* from Julie Burnett of Leeds who voiced a number of criticisms about Oban.

While she might have a point that some shops probably do sell too much 'mass produced trivial rubbish', there is little else in her letter I would agree with.

I am angry she should question if the local authority employs gardeners.

From my perspective and, I know for a fact many other residents of the town also consider that our town gardeners do an outstanding job throughout the year and produce and maintain floral displays which we much admire.

Their efforts can best be judged over a long period of time not by someone who had made her first visit to the town and probably had only been here for a few days at most.

Vagaries of weather can influence floral displays

and for the latter part of this summer we unfortunately had more than our share of rain, so perhaps that had an effect on the gardens and coincided with this lady's visit.

She questions where is the Scottish pride and is disappointed she cannot find seafood being sold from glass fronted cabinets.

Be assured Mrs Burnett, the town has excellent seafood shops selling fresh fish of the highest quality.

Very many Oban residents feel extremely privileged to live in such a beautiful area, and many of them put in a lot of effort to look after the town and make improvements.

This, I am confident, will continue to be the case.

We are realistic enough to know that the town is by no means perfect and there will on occasions be criticism, but I consider many of the views expressed by Julie Burnett to be unjustified.

Alistair Dewar, by email.

What Mod?

Sir,
For weeks, maybe months, we have been told that the

Royal National Mod was 'coming home' to Oban.

Well who arriving in the town last Friday morning for the official opening would really have known?

There was some bunting in George Street but that has been there a while. Where were the banners that shout out that something big is going on? Remember in Gaelic terms, this is the equivalent of the Olympics or football's World Cup.

Some colourful banners from CalMac and other organisations went up, were brought down, were relocated and then taken down again just as quickly. It is my understanding there were conflicting points of view on the part of Argyll and Bute Council, Transerv staff and some businesspeople about what should be allowed and where, but that should have been sorted out a long time ago.

The Mod lasts just over a week for goodness sake, and there is no suggestion of there being any real health and safety issues. I suspect the problem here is a mix of jobsworths, killjoys

and political correctness. Whatever, it gives the appearance that Oban does not know how to hold a party.

G Wallace, Oban.

Proud of Tainuilt youth

Sir,
I would like readers to know how proud I am of some Tainuilt youngsters who, after causing a disturbance in the village and at my door over the past week, were given the opportunity to apologise by knocking on my front door, not knowing what kind of reception they might face, and saying how sorry they were.

This took great courage. I want our youth to feel proud and safe in Tainuilt, after all this is their village too, to be the defenders of the people they misguidedly annoyed, and be respected for their courage to face up to the realities of their actions and consequences.

Thanks too to the vigilance of our local force for his guidance on this matter. **Lorraine Philips, Tainuilt.**

Islay Letter

Vacant churches

ALL THE Church of Scotland charges on the island are now vacant following the departure of the Rev Steve Fulcher for pastures new.

Steve has accepted a call to minister to the congregations of the parishes of Canonbie and Liddesdale near the Borders town of Langholm. He preached his last sermon at St Kieran's Church, Port Charlotte, on September 27 and bade farewell to his Kilmeny congregation the previous Sunday.

Steve arrived on the island from Gloucester in 2003 as the minister for the churches in the Kilchoman and Rhinns parishes. These became linked with the Kilmeny parish two-and-a-half years ago and became the Argyll Presbytery approved Northern Parishes grouping.

Steve proved to be a popular parish minister and this was reflected in the departure gifts he and his wife Chris, a trainee auxiliary Church of Scotland minister, received from the three churches under his charge. Everyone wishes Steve, Chris and the family every blessing in their new sphere of labour.

The linked parishes of Kilarrow and Kildaton and Oa, incorporating St John's Church, Port Ellen, and the famous Round Church at Bowmore, have now been without a resident minister for more than three years.

They are presently administered by Interim Moderator the Rev David Carruthers of Ardrishaig and South Knapdale.

Things are looking brighter, however, as the nominating committee is currently considering a number of applications for the linked charge.

Acting as Interim Moderator for the Northern Parishes is the Rev Anne MacIvor of Gigha and Cara and a former minister of the Kilarrow and Kilmeny parishes.

Generous masons

MEMBERS of the island branch of the Royal Arch Chapter have been making generous donations to worthy local causes.

The Chapter's George Jamieson handed over a £5,000 cheque to the island hospital and this was gratefully received by local GP Dr Jean Knowles.

The adjoining Gortanvogie Eventide Home was also on the receiving end and a £1,500 cheque was happily accepted by Shona Hutchison.

Members of Islay Pipe Band, fresh from their successful gig at the Jura Music Festival, are also indebted for the donation of £1,500 from lodge members.

Marie Graham Gillespie

FAMILY, friends and neighbours gathered at Portnahaven Parish Church on Saturday for the funeral service of Marie Graham Gillespie who died in the Marie Curie Hospice on October 1.

Marie was the wife of former police inspector and well known Mod gold medallist Dougie Gillespie and they enjoyed more than 50 years of happy married life together.

One of triplets, Marie was born in Glasgow in 1936 and was a loving wife and devoted mother to daughters Sheena, a radiographer at the local hospital, Mairi, and son Neil. She was also a proud Nana to her grandsons

Gregor and Euan. The funeral service was conducted by family friend Michael Selby and Jean Campbell provided the organ accompaniments. The tribute opened with the poem 'Someday', penned by her father-in-law the late Neil Gillespie and set to music and sung by her opera singing son Neil.

Actress daughter Mairi read Masefield's 'Sea Fever' and Neil Gillespie's arrangement of the Lord's Prayer was sung by Michael Selby.

Marie was a friendly and warm person who took delight in her family and greatly supported her husband's singing career. She enjoyed her many visits to Islay and especially to the family home at Portmahaven.

Sadly, her latter years were dogged by ill health but she showed great fortitude even when faced with the terminal illness which claimed her life. Her coffin was carried from the Thomas Telford church to the strains of an English version of 'An Ataireachd Ard', movingly sung by Dougie, and interment followed at the nearby Nerabus cemetery.

The island community, along with the whole of Gaeldom, extends its sincere sympathy to Dougie and the family at this time of deep felt loss. Be assured love and music will endure.

Good wishes

WE WISH all the best to the island children and adults who are strutting their stuff this week at the National Mod in Oban.

May your 'homecoming' be enhanced and laden with much silverware!
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A VIEW FROM THE TOWER

By McCAIG



Hair shirts required

WELL, the Tories have had their annual conference in rainy Manchester and have probably gone home feeling rightly proud of themselves – but it wasn't that great a conference.

There is nothing like a Leader's closing speech to rouse the faithful to go forth and spread the gospel of positive action and urge that jam really is available for the masses required to put David Cameron into No 10.

And yet 'there's many a slip...'. Yes, they are ahead in all the opinion polls but the overwhelming support they appear to have seems 'soft'.

Let's face it, the evil deeds alleged to have been perpetrated by Margaret Thatcher is still a factor in the thinking of many now in middle age who remember her behaviour when she was prime minister.

As far as they are concerned she's the biggest and best-known Tory of them all. Who is to say that this generation will not produce an even more 'wicked' one.

A friend said to me: 'David Cameron was so negative and gloomy that you could believe that he had cornered the market in hair shirts and was happy to issue to all and sundry.'

Another said that he was so gloomy and censorious that it wasn't surprising that he didn't get the rapturous ovation normally awarded to a Tory leader who was claiming to be leading the party to a magnificent victory with a big majority over all the other parties put together.

In my opinion, and one shared by many, his speech was a big mistake. Gone are the days when a public flogging was greeted with rapturous enthusiasm. Our lifestyle doesn't encompass a strict telling off with a promise that there will be more suffering and unemployment before there will be any light at the end of the tunnel. That is not the mood of the country.

It is said to expect a few weeks of hardship, then a fairly swift return to a comfortable standard of middle class living – after all, wasn't it the leading Socialist David Miliband, currently the Foreign Secretary, who said recently 'we are all middle class now'.

I gather that the ladies, not the blue-rinsed battle axes who want to bring back public flogging and hanging with the trial coming after the execution, feel that gloomy political posturing certainly did embrace the Tory leader's speech which was not full of promises, of assurances of milk and honey and positive euphoria.

As one said to me on the day

after the Cameron speech: 'We still don't know where we are with him. All these gloomy prognostications are a warning too many for me to give him my vote.'

'At least with Alex Salmond he doesn't behave like a headmaster who can't quite cope but as one who believes it will all come right in the end.'

'Suas Leis A'Ghaidhlig'

THE ROYAL National Mod of An Comunn Gaidhealach is 'at home' in its birthplace and seems to be in rude health with so many positives that it is really brimming over with good health.

Maybe Mr Cameron should have been here to hear the satisfaction breaking out of many of Friday night's speeches, brilliant from the chairperson downwards.

Those of us who have known Janet Tandy - now MacDonald - for more years than we care to admit knew she would give a fine demonstration of keeping the proceedings 'rolling along'.

Pity the agenda was so long.

However, the Minister of Culture Mike Russell was in good fettle delivering his announcements of further government largesse and reminding us that one of 'our own' was now the Scottish Government Ambassador for Gaelic – Dr Anne Lorne Gillies.

She, herself, is an outstanding example of what can be done with the language, so often decried as a dialect, uncouth and crude.

It may be a long time before the language of the Gael can be spoken and written by a majority of those who live in this nation, but one can see progress there thanks to a number of initiatives, not least the ever-growing number of Feisean.

It was good to see Arthur Cormack, the chief executive of Feisean nan Gael, now in the post of chairman of the Bord na Gaidhealach.

It was great to look back over the years since we first met and chatted about the future of Gaelic.

Arthur had definite answers to many of the questions that needed resolution and he has had much to do with making them happen. He is far too modest to say that the Feis movement has made an enormous difference to the use of Gaelic as a living language and a medium for young people to learn to play instruments and sing songs, old and new.

Long may the Feisean continue to grow.

McCaig

A warm sense of community

Sir,
I was privileged to visit the 'Ardchattan Parish Homecoming' exhibition in Achnaba church.

The same enthusiasm was shown here as in the centenary celebration for St Modan's in 2005. Contributions in photography and print from parishioners of the '20's onwards made very interesting browsing. One would need to make several visits to absorb it all.

Congratulations and much appreciation are due to Isobel Campbell, Sandra Munro and Jane Eccles who labelled and dated the ever-changing photographic display and assembled written contributions.

Overall, a warm sense of community prevailed - a quality sadly lacking in present times.

Ena Bullock, 80 The Mount, Coventry.

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Royal National Mòd an t-òbain 2009

Minister boosts Argyll Gaelic learning

IT WAS good news for Argyll and Bute in the Gaelic minister's address at the opening ceremony of the Royal National Mòd in Oban.

Mike Russell MSP announced an extra £15,000 to be spent, in the most part, on Ulpan courses for Gaelic beginners throughout the region. He is determined, he said, 'to create a new generation of Gaelic speakers'.

£50,000 for education
Mr Russell announced further support for the language throughout the country and he stressed said that the Scottish government was keen to invest in Gaelic education and development to the tune of £50,000.

The minister also awarded £35,000 for the Royal National Mòd to appoint a Gaelic development officer to take forward plans for the 2010 Mòd in Caithness and to support Gaelic learning in the area.

Speaking in Oban's Corran Halls, Mr Russell said: 'The Scottish government is committed to taking urgent action to create a new generation of Gaelic speakers. That is why I am investing a further £50,000 in projects which will support Gaelic education and development.'

'The Mòd's new development officer will not only oversee preparations for next year's celebrations but support Gaelic learning and development in Caithness and the surrounding areas. Argyll and Bute Council will use its award to boost the

number of Gaelic speakers in the area by offering adult learning classes using the innovative Ulpan method. These investments recognise the important role local communities play in Gaelic learning and in building a strong and sustainable future for Gaelic.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Dick Walsh said: 'I am delighted to hear of this further funding from the Scottish government for Gaelic language classes. As a council we take responsibility for the continuation of the Gaelic language very seriously. The preservation of Gaelic is vital not only for Argyll and Bute but for Scotland as a whole. Since Argyll and Bute Council adopted the Gaelic Language Plan in 2008 we have promoted, and continue to promote, Gaelic and we are proud to be a part of this.'

Speaking at the event, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, chairman of the Oban and Lorn Area Committee, said: 'We were delighted that the Mòd was returning to Oban for the 15th year. It is a big festival and some would say that Oban is best suited to hosting such an event.'

Ulpan is a system of language learning that has been used for other languages. It has now been adapted for Scottish Gaelic, and Ulpan classes are currently being offered throughout Scotland. It is taught in a series of modules with the main emphasis on speaking.



Well known Gaelic singer Anne Lorne Gillies with her award in her home town.

Oban's Anne is named Gaelic Ambassador of the Year

THE FIRST day of the Royal National Mod in Oban brought with it an award for one of its own when Oban-born Anne Lorne Gillies was presented with this year's Gaelic Ambassador of the Year Award.

She is only the second person to be awarded the honour, the first being singer-

songwriter Julie Fowles who became the first recipient at the Mod at Falkirk last year.

Announcing this year's award at a lunch in Oban's Royal Hotel last Friday, Scottish culture minister Mike Russell acknowledged the 'immense' contribution that the long-serving Gaelic activist has made to both

the language and its culture. Throughout a career in broadcasting, the arts, education and publishing, Ms Gillies, who was born within a stone's throw of Oban High School and who won the Mod Gold Medal for solo singing in Oban in 1962, has promoted many different aspects of Gaelic

and is currently involved in the publication of a Gaelic poetry book compiled from the writings of children from throughout Scotland.

In accepting the award, Anne Lorne Gillies said: 'It is an enormous honour to receive this award, particularly in my home town of Oban. I hope that

this award will give me even greater opportunity to carry on this important work, both at home and abroad.'

President of An Comunn Gaidhealach John Macleod thanked Ms Gillies for her huge contribution to the development of Gaelic and looked forward to her continuing success.



Left: Lochaber High School pupil Màiri Sandison, aged 15, was first in the prescribed poetry recitation (aged 13-15).

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Adjudicator says suffer the little children

A GAELIC adjudicator in a duet competition spoke out against a request from the audience to have a talkative toddler removed.

During Allan Campbell's adjudication in the under-13 duets (fluent) competition in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls on Tuesday, a member of the audience asked for a babbling toddler to be removed, as she could not hear what Mr Campbell was saying.

Despite being told there was no need to leave, the embarrassed mother of the toddler hurriedly took the child out of the room.

Before resuming his adjudication, Mr Campbell was roundly applauded after saying: 'If we are to have no children at the Mod, then we might as well pack up now.'

Bòrd highlight education

A BILINGUAL leaflet explaining the success and benefits of Gaelic education was launched this week at the Royal National Mod in Oban.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig has produced the leaflet to inform parents of the opportunities that exist in the education system and help Gaelic learners to become fluent in the best and shortest possible ways.

The bòrd's education director Rosemary Ward said: 'The background to the leaflet is the current campaign and focus on creating a new generation of Gaelic speakers.'

Jo MacDonald of the bòrd's interim support team said the key focus remained on Gaelic in the home and the pre-school ages.

'Parents need to be well informed about the options available and the career paths and job opportunities which could result from choosing to take a Gaelic pathway.'



Kirsty Watt, left, and Josie Duncan from Nicolson Institute, Lewis, won the duet singing for 13-15 years (learners). They are both part of the folk group, Na Caileagan, whose members have had pink Harris Tweed waistcoats made for this year's Mòd. 08_142mod10



Silver Medal winners Eilidh NicCarraig from Portree and Kenneth Rankin from Plockton. 16_142mod88c



Lewis girls Eva Edgar and Jenny MacTaggart shelter from the rain after winning the duet singing under-13 years (fluent) on Tuesday. 07_142mod05



Kathryn Nic à Mhaoilein was presented her silver medal for singing in a traditional style by Jo MacDonald, senior manager with Bòrd na Gàidhlig. 16_142mod83

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Lewis MacMillan keep it in the family

IT WAS a family affair for the MacMillans from the Isle of Lewis at this year's Royal National Mòd in Oban.

The four-piece folk group Clann Mhìc a'Mhaoilein took part in the under 19s folk group competition. Iain Murdo, brother Alasdair, and sisters Kirsteen and Kathryn all took part in other competitions over the week.

Iain won first place in the boys solo 16-18 years (traditional) competition on Tuesday. Brother Alasdair was due to sing against him but unfortunately took ill and was unable to.

Kathryn, aged 12, won a gold badge in the poetry competition, scoring a 97, winning against a strong field of 35 other competitors.

She also took silver in the under 13 years (traditional) singing, as well as bronze in solo singing for 11-12 year olds.

The MacMillan family has seven children, with five of these competing at this year's Mòd.

'Flu' leaves children singing the blues

A SICKNESS bug hit some of the young performers in the children's events at the Mòd. The cold and flu-like symptoms struck children down for around 24 hours - before they seem to make a full recovery.

One parent said: 'I hope they do not do drugs testing at the Mòd on the kids because I don't know if Calpol is on the banned list.'

NHS 24 are advising parents to throw away tissues after one use and remind children to wash their hands every time they sneeze to reduce infection.

Nipper gets the nod at the Mòd

A FERRET by the name of Nipper has been attracting the attention of Mòd goers this week as he is walked along the Esplanade each day on a lead.

Owner Joseph Devaney walks Nipper and his dog Tyson along Oban's waterfront and foreshore every day and is becoming used to being stopped and asked questions about his companions.

He said: 'I use Nipper for catching rabbits but I feed him all sorts of meat and he has been getting a bit fat. That is why I have to take him for long walks every day but he has become a talking point with lots of people.'

Miss Scotland pays a surprise visit to the Mòd

MISS Scotland attended the Royal National Mòd in Oban on Tuesday to surprise a young Scalpay girl, who won solo singing competition.

Dunblane's Katharine Brown, who won the Miss Scotland title on May 14, presented the Nancy Craik Memorial Trophy to 10-year-old Rona Morrison,

who took first place in the girls solo singing 9-10 years (fluent) competition.

Katharine, who was in the same primary school class as Scottish tennis ace Andy Murray, has already made a film and recorded a single, *Wonderland*, in her role as Miss Scotland, but the 22 year old said she was delighted to be in Oban.

She said: 'The Mòd has invited previous Miss Scotlands to attend and it is an honour to be here.'

'I have never been to Oban before but the drive up here from Glasgow was extraordinarily beautiful; it took my breath away.'

'The children have been great, saying how glittery my shoes were, how tall

I was and that I was very pretty, which is really nice.'

'When you come to things like this and you see how excited the young children get by me being here. I feel really honoured to be in that position.'

Katharine admitted she did not speak Gaelic but learned the language in primary school.



Miss Scotland, Katharine Brown presents 10-year-old Rona Morrison from Scalpay with the Nancy Craik Memorial Trophy 07_142mod04



Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society member Donald Harrison from Taynuilt.

Fiddlers rally has reel talent on show

UP TO 60 members of Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society took to the stage at this year's Royal National Mòd Fiddlers' Rally.

The event, held in the Corran Halls, Oban, last Saturday also featured some of the prizewinners in the piano, accordion and fiddle events held earlier in the day.

Hosts Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society were joined by fiddle players from all over Scotland but they all played well together under the baton of Helen Jordan.

One of the players said: 'It was a great evening with some really good young talent on show.'

'It was a great feeling to be on stage with 60 other people, many of whom we only really see at these kind of events. So, in that respect it was good to catch up with them too.'

'I think the musicians on the first Saturday of the Mòd always give the event a great start.'

Fear an Tighe John Carmichael kept the evening running smoothly and an appreciative audience enjoyed the singing of Luig's Mòd gold medallist Hugh MacQueen.

Oban and Lorn Strathspey and Reel Society hold an annual fiddlers' rally in April every year.



Little Alexander Ferguson, aged 8, from the Isle of Barra who took part in the fluent speakers poetry recitation for 7-8 year olds. 16_142mod77



Cathal Callan, aged 6, from Fernhill Primary School has been taught Gaelic in the home. 16_142mod82



Sir E Scott School, Harris, receive The Oban Times Challenge Trophy from editorial director Stewart MacKenzie. The choir also won the Angus M Ross Trophy for highest Gaelic marks in the union 13-18 years (fluent). 07_142mod01



A delighted Morven McKerrell, Oban High School music teacher said: 'I was told that the Gaelic choir had won not one but two trophies, and I couldn't believe it.' The school won the Donald D MacIsaac Trophy and the Hugh MacPhee Trophy. Pictured with the first trophy is Morven and CalMac historian Ian McCrorrie 16_142mod72



Iain Murdo Mac a' Mhaoilein, Carloway, Lewis won The Neil MacLaine Cameron Memorial Trophy for boys 16-18 traditional solo (fluent). 07_142mod10



Craig Paterson, aged 12 competed in the solo singing, poetry and choral during this week's Mòd. His mother Elizabeth (née Graham) is originally from Gigha and still has family in the area. The family now stay in Forfar. 04_142mod01



Community choir Còisir Òan Rubha lifted the Choral singing under 13 year's Aberfoyle and District Branch Trophy at Atlantis Leisure on Tuesday. The choir, conducted by Seumas Mactaggart, only formed last year. 04_142mod6b

Above left: Bowmore Primary School wait their turn for a choral performance at the Mòd. 16_142mod59

Right: The Mòd Gold Medalist from the Royal National Mòd at Perth in 2004 Gillebride Mac'Illemaoil from Uist was on hand to present the silver medal to Claire Frances NicNill from the Isle of Barra for the narration in traditional style of an ancient folk tale. 16_142mod85



Charlotte Mooch competed in the girls 9-10 year's poetry competition. Her mother Morag is originally from Lismore and attended Oban High School. She also competed in the poetry section at the Mòd as a child. The family now stay in Clackmannanshire but still have a lot of family in the area. 04_142mod02



Next week don't miss the chance to win Norman Maclean's autobiography 'The Leper's Bell'





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Dunbeg Primary School Gaelic Choir. 08_142mod16

Mòd on crest of a wave after CalMac promises funding

CALMAC has signed a contract with the Royal National Mòd to provide funding for the next three years. Although the exact figure was not revealed the smiles of Mòd organisers showed that the cash has given the event financial security. Phil Preston managing director of CalMac said: 'We have a long and proud

tradition of supporting the Mòd. We value the chance it provides us to meet our customers face to face – it is a good way to give something back to the community. 'Using the Gaelic language as part of everyday life is part of our agreement with the Scottish government and we are proud to do that by supporting the Mòd.' John Macleod from An

Comunn Gàidhealach welcomed the funding. He said: 'It is good to have a partnership with CalMac – so many people who come into daily contact with the ferry company are in daily contact with the Gaelic language.' Mr Macleod said that they were looking for other funding streams for the Mòd. He said: 'We would consider funding for many source

– including that of a distillery or brewery.' When he was asked if it was irresponsible to take money from a drink company he said: 'I don't think that we are in the position to refuse funding. We had a very successful arrangement with Islay Mist and we didn't find people taking too much alcohol simply because we were associated with them.'

Drink aware week

IT MAY BE coincidence that national Alcohol Awareness Week lands on the same dates as the Royal National Mòd, also dubbed the 'whisky olympics'.

Mòd participants, known for their love of a social dram or two, are being advised by officials to be drink aware.

Recommendations for the intake of alcohol are: men should not drink more than three to four units of alcohol a day – that's equivalent to two whiskies, and women should drink no more than two to three – on a good day that is one nip.

A spokesman for the department of health said: 'Drinking more than this has an array of health risks attached.'

'It doesn't make a difference if you're drinking every day or once a fortnight, exceeding the recommended guidelines is risky.'

'Saving up your weekly units so you can drink them all on a Friday night is not the way to interpret the Department of Health's advice. People at the Mòd should be very careful about drinking too much.'

The NHS public health department will be on hand at the Mòd to offer advice on all aspects of health including being drink aware.

A Royal National Mod official, who did not wish to be named said: 'People attending the Mòd are always very careful about their dram – there is seldom a drop spilled!'

'Seriously, we would encourage people to drink responsibly.'

'The Royal National Mòd is a very social event and pubs and clubs throughout Scotland have seen a huge growth in traditional music and 'ceilidh culture'. This week there is a great party atmosphere in Oban and we would just ask people to be careful.'



Glasgow Islay School was well represented at last Saturday's competitions, with this little group happy to have their photographs taken. 16_142mod20a



Fergus MacVicar, aged 10, from North Uist who competed in the under 13 chanter. The young lad only started playing chanter last February. 16_142mod25a

Ferry operator launches its 2010 Explore brochure

FERRY operator Caledonian MacBrayne launched its 2010 Explore brochure at the Royal National Mod in Oban. The brochure includes CalMac's winter and summer timetables from October 25, 2009. The brochure also provides information on rail and bus connections and

suggestions on what visitors can see and do around the CalMac network. Speaking at the launch, Phil Preston, managing director of CalMac, said: 'Explore 2010 is our main leisure brochure and an essential planning tool for everyone interested in travelling to the

24 destinations off Scotland's west coast that are served by the CalMac ferry system. Delighted 'Last year Explore was made available via the internet for the first time and this has proved very popular with around 20,000 people around the world accessing

it on-line. We are delighted that so many people chose to plan their trips this way but we will also continue to have a printed version with copies of the brochure available from CalMac ferry terminals and on our ferries, as well as from other tourism outlets around the country.'



Coisir Og Thobar-Mhorie won the Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee Trophy for unison singing 16_142mod62



Rhuraidh Buxton from Newtonmore took third in the under 13 boy's traditional style singing on Tuesday. Rhuraidh's two sisters were also competing 04_142mod03



Barcaldine Primary School folk group. 08_142mod14



Pupils from Lochaline Primary School gave a good performance in the unison singing competition. 16_142mod58



Silver medallists, from the Island of Lismore, who competed in the under 13 folk group competition. 16_142mod55



The action song group from Achaleven Primary School, Connel were dressed for the part as they performed Gàrradh Iain Eairsidh. 08_142mod01



Christine Johnston from Lochgilphead is joined by her gold and silver medal winners. 16_142mod65



The kilted Donald Morrison, from Oban, who competed in the Strathspey and reel competition for 16-18 year olds is joined by his brother Ruairidh, who competed in the accordion under 19s. Both attend Oban High School. 16_142mod08b



Port Ellen School Gaelic Choir, pictured with conductor Maureen MacDonald won the under 13 learners puirt-a-beul and took The Olive Campbell MBE Trophy and The MacIntyre Cup back to Islay. 08_142mod18

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Jessica Gow, aged 7, from Glasgow takes a good look her new trophy, the Rotary Club of Falkirk Trophy. The youngster attends Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. 16_42mod69



Music teacher Morvern McKerrrell keeps a very tight grip on the Donald D MacIssac Trophy that was won by Oban High School

Mòd convenor walks the streets

ROBIN Banks, convenor of the local Mòd committee, took a group of 16 Mòd goers on a tour of Oban on Sunday.

The tour included the Masonic Hall on Oban's Albany Street where the first ever Mòd was organised.

Robin's wife, Ishbel, said: 'We planned to go up to McCaig's Tower but after two hours of walking we were too knackered!'

Nominations wanted online for Trad Awards

JUDGES are on the look-out for the winner of this year's Scottish Traditional Awards.

And *The Oban Times* are hoping, with all the talent in the town for the Mòd, the winner might come from the west coast.

The Scottish Traditional Music Awards, a highlight of the Homecoming Scotland celebrations, are being in Dumfries on Saturday November 28 and nominations have opened for traditional musicians and tutors.

And this year this newspaper is almost certain that someone from the vast talent of performers from the west coast will make it to the shortlist - but only if acts, soloists and tutors are nominated.

For further information and to see the 16 categories open for nomination visit www.handsupfortrad.co.uk/tradmusicawards.

Oban High School find their way back to Gaelic with a bang

IT IS the sterling success of Oban High School Gaelic Choir that may encourage some pupils to revisit their roots in the Gaelic language.

With only two fluent speakers Gaelic choir, the first Gaelic choir from the school for a number of years - many thought music teacher Morven McKerrrell may have had her work cut out entering 20 or so young people in the Mòd.

But all her effort and determination have paid off when Còisir Ard-sgoil an Obain won the Donald D MacIsaac

Trophy for choral singing, on Monday morning.

And on the back of that first win the Oban High School Gaelic Choir are hoping that they will go from strength to strength - perhaps even competing at Caithness next year.

Ms McKerrrell said: 'I am just delighted with our success. The choir have worked very hard to get to the Mòd. Children giving up their own time to practice at lunch times, and even on Sundays.

'It is everyone's commitment that

helped us in our win. I hope that our choir will be able to continue. They are part of the main choir and as such anyone in the school is welcome to join. It would be a real challenge to go to Caithness but with the enthusiasm of the children and support of parents - perhaps it would be possible. We will see.

'Most of the children in the choir do not have Gaelic, in fact there are only two fluent speakers - so this is an extra special win for the children and the high school.'



Presenting Còisir Creag an Fhithich with the Caledonian MacBrayne Trophy is Phillip Preston, managing director of the company. 16_42mod57



Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile won the Rona MacVicar Trophy and the Dugald Campbell Cowan (Oban) Trophy - the first of many for some of the girls 16_42mod53



Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir won the Tom Crawford Trophy for under-19 area choirs (learners). 08_142mod04



For the second year running little Maria Clark takes the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Silver Medal for oral competitions in the learner category. 16_42mod51



Sarah Cairns and Roisin Turner from Lochgilphead won the David C B Maitland Memorial Trophy 16_42mod64



Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle with conductor Arlene McKerrrell. 08_142mod02



Rhiannon Kilpatrick from Bun-sgoil Chondobhrait won silver in the oral learners competition. The first time entrant was delighted with her prize 16_42mod67



Lochaber girls took silver and bronze at the hotly contested solo singing competition. Laura Davies won the silver badge while school friend Rhiannon Cameron took the bronze badge from An Comunn Gàidhealach president John Macleod. 16_42mod56



Provost Pat Reid Provost of Falkirk Medal presents Katy McAdam from Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile with her medal, friend Georgina Durie took the silver medal from the same competition. Looking on is Falkirk Mod convenor Angus MacDonald. 16_42mod61



Left: Five-year-old Ewan MacPherson wasn't even born the last time the Royal National Mod was in Oban and he was the youngest pupil from Barcaldine Primary School to take part in this year's event. 08_142mod15





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Ellen MacKechnie from Oban took a silver medal in the oral competitions. The youngster was very pleased with her win. 16-142mod80



Sir E Scott School, Harris, pupil Jayne Morrison won the girls traditional solo 13-15 (fluent). The 15 year old also placed second in the girls' silver medal. 07_142mod08



Following her family's musical footsteps

Ciorstaidh Pheutan, aged 17, who formerly attended Kilmuir Primary School on Skye won the Margaret Hill-Boyle Memorial Trophy. Ciorstaidh is following in the footsteps of her mother, grandmother and great grandmother by winning at the Mòd. Her grandmother was Jenny M B Currie and was a favourite pianist at the events in the early part of the 20th century. Ciorstaidh now attends the City of Edinburgh music school and plays a number of instruments. When asked if she sings, the young musician said: 'I've not really tried singing yet, maybe next year.'



Samantha Parkinson, from St Columba's School and sister Lisa, from Oban High School were taking part in oral, singing and storytelling competitions. 16-142mod79



The Nicolson Institute won the Puirt-a-beul 13-18 years (fluent) and the unison singing for the same age group. They shared both aggregate trophies, the Rev Archie M Beaton Trophy and the Heather K Moore Cup with Harris rivals Sir E Scott School. 07_142mod02



Sim MacDhòmhnaill with his gold badge. 07_142mod07

Young singer is 50 per cent Indonesian, 95 per cent Gaelic

Almost perfect Gaelic and music marks

A YOUNG Gaelic singer, who is half Indonesian, has been awarded 95 marks out of 100 for his Gaelic and was given the same mark by the music adjudicator for his solo.

Wowed judges

Sim MacDhòmhnaill from Edinburgh, who has been through Gaelic Medium Education at Tollcross Primary School, wowed the judges in the boys solo 11-12 years (fluent) competition with the prescribed song *Tugainn do Sgalpaigh*.

When asked what he thought of his near perfect performance, 12-year-old Sim replied: 'I feel really, really happy.'

But when Sim's parents, Ian, from Sutherland, and Rita, from Indonesia,

moved to Scotland from Japan nine years ago, the last thing on their minds was to teach their children Gaelic.

Ian said: 'My grandparents spoke Gaelic but they were discouraged from speaking it at school.'

'But not long after we moved back to Scotland I was watching an episode of Speaking Our Language and decided to learn a bit of Gaelic myself, around the time Sim was born.'

'It is nice to think that Sim has brought fluent Gaelic back into the family.'

Oban is a special venue for Sim, as he attended his first Mòd in the town six years ago. He also took part in clarsach and chanter competitions during the week.

Right: Oban's Malcolm Clark, aged 15, competed in the fluent boys 13-15 years solo singing at the Corran Halls. Malcolm has competed in Mòds for the last 10 years and helped his wee cousin Jamie Hardie (top) to enjoy his first one. For Malcolm's brother, seven-month-old Oliver it was also his first Mòd. Their sister Mairi, 6, from Rockfield Gaelic Medium Unit took part in the 5 to 6 years learner's recitation of prescribed poetry and conversation. 04_142mod04



Young conversationalists were the talk of the town when their competition lasted more than two hours. The kids were happy to continue talking and show off their smiles. 16_142mod87



Beachd Ailein

Mun àm a bhios sibh a' leughadh seo bidh Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2009 aig àrd ire agus chan eil teagamh nach bi cuid làn aobhneis air cho soirbheachail 's a bha iad, agus cuid eile le briseadh dùil! Ach sin mar a tha farpais agus mar a chanar a thaobh a bhith a' cur gill, mura bheil thu deiseil gus call na feuch idir!

Ach 's e cruinneachadh math a th'anns a' Mhòd, agus ged a tha cuid fhathast a thogas an sròn ris mar gum b' e rudeigin neo-ghlan a bh' air nochdadh air faire chultarail na Gàidhlig, cha chreid mi fhìn gun d' rinn am Mòd fhèin cron air a' chànan riann. Bho chionn bhliadhnaichean air ais bhiodh naidheachdan luideach a' togail ceann aig àm a' Mhòid, cuid aca air an cruthachadh le luchd-naidheachd aig nach robh an còrr ri dhèanamh, agus gu mì-fhortanach cuid eile a bha an urra ri Gàidheil fhèin. Bha coire mhòr aig daoine a bha an sàs as a' chuir ris gun robh an iomhaigh a bha a' nochdadh bho àm gu àm gan cur fhèin is an cuid cànan ann an suarachas. Cha b' ann a dh' aon ghnathach a bha sin a' tachairt ach ri linn dìth aire agus snas, agus nach math an naidheachd gum bheil na làithean sin seachad agus gum bheil iomhaigh agus inbhe na Gàidhlig, agus a' Mhòid, a-nise proifeiseanta agus tarraingeach. Gum bu fada mhaireas an suidheachadh sin, agus gum bu fada cuideachd a mhaireas an cothrom agus an rùn aig Gàidheil cruinneachadh airson beagan ciùil, crac agus aighearachd. An turas mu dheireadh a bha sinn aig Mòd as an Oban bha seachdain de shìde shònraichte againn agus chuir sin ris an t-lachd a fhuair a h-uile duine às.

Ge b' e dè nì an aimsir air seachdain a' Mhòid am bliadhna, agus co dhiubh bhios i fuar neo a chaochladh, tha aon rud a tha cinnteach agus 's e sin gum faigh na h-uile a theid dhan Oban fàilte bhlàth chridheil. Chan eil mise deònach a dhol a shabad ri duine mu cò am baile as fheàrr airson Mòd, ach chan eil eagal sam bith orm a ràdh nach eil àite as fheàrr lean fhìn aig Mòd na 'n t-Oban!

The 2009 Royal National Mòd is now in full swing and there will have been moments of elation and disappointment among competitors. But Mòd competitions are like any other, and if you cannot lose gracefully you shouldn't take part!

While there are still some who regard the Mòd as an anachronism I enjoy it and I don't believe it has ever harmed Gaelic. Silly headlines from past Mòds were attributable to journalists with too much time and too few ideas, and on occasion also to a lack of care by Gaels themselves. Happily these days are gone and Gaelic, and the Mòd, are now seen as professional and entertaining.

Competitor or spectator, you are guaranteed a warm welcome in Oban!

Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell)
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Julie Fowlis hosts traditional music workshop

COMPETITORS on Mòd Tuesday were given a unique opportunity to be tutored by traditional music star Julie Fowlis as she held a singing workshop in the Corran Halls.

A small but enthusiastic class had the benefit of her expertise, from toddlers to high school pupils.

Julie, originally from North Uist, said: 'So many children are in more than one competition so I think a lot of them were unable to come.'

'But the ones that did arrive did really well and were very enthusiastic.'

Julie said she was not performing in Oban this week but had come to the Mòd for the social aspect.

'I'm just here for the enjoyment. The Mòd is a great social event, where you can catch up with people you have not seen for ages.'

SNH go Gaelic to put across natural history lesson

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage is joining the push to encourage young people to use the Gaelic language by producing a new series of educational materials.

Mu Dheadhinnn features work sheets, games and colour posters for schools across Scotland for projects and the exploration of Scotland's natural history through the Gaelic language.

The posters and worksheets tell the story of each species through images, facts boxes, poems, art activities and

even drama in both English and Gaelic.

Gaelic communications officer for SNH Shona Sloan, from South Uist said: 'We have tried to put together an entertaining educational package which will inspire the children's imagination to explore the natural world around them and learn about the life cycles of some of Scotland's species such as water voles, red squirrels, great crested newts, fungi, freshwater pearl mussels and bumblebees.'



CalMac backs the Mòd

CalMac managing director Philip Preston, left, is pictured signing a three-year sponsorship deal to back the Royal National Mòd with An Comunn Gàidhealach president John Macleod. Mr Preston said: 'We have a public duty to support the Gaelic language, and the Mòd and CalMac are perfect partners in supporting Gaelic culture and heritage. I hope this partnership lasts a long time.'

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EU written in to Gaelic

Gaelic speakers can write to the European Union in their mother tongue and expect to receive a reply in the same language.

The memorandum of understanding on Scots Gaelic is similar to one signed for Welsh last July and despite not seeing it added to the EU's list of official languages it does allow for correspondence to EU bodies to be written in Gaelic and meetings to be translated into Gaelic.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather said: 'I am delighted that the Gaelic language has received another significant boost with the signing of today's memorandum of understanding and that Gaelic is finally receiving European recognition.'

'I especially pleased that this announcement has coincided with the Mòd in Oban.'

'I hope that one day soon we may also see Gaelic accepted as one of the 'official' languages of the EU, of which there are currently 23, but for the moment I am sure that this is a measure which all supporters of Gaelic will welcome.'



Anne-Louise Stewart, aged 17, won the Hebrides Haulage Trophy for melodeon music in the under 19 category by playing a selection of traditional tunes. Anne-Louise attends the Sgoil Mhic Neacail (Nicholson Institute). 16_42mod34a



Winning a silver medal for a slow Gaelic air and march on piano was Tobermory 11-year-old, Keir Carmichael. The young lad is having a very successful year after winning four gold medals at Mull Local Mòd. 16_42mod11b



James MacPherson, aged 12, competed in the under 13 fiddle and the under 13 accordion competitions. The young Oban lad is also a member of Oban High School Pipe Band and was part of the ensemble pipe band that played for the opening ceremony for the Mòd. 16_42mod13a

Wide reaching legacy of Falkirk Mòd

THE LEGACY of hosting the Mòd in Falkirk has been 'wide reaching and long lasting' says the chairman of its organising committee Angus MacDonald.

The central-belt town hosted the Mòd in 2008 and despite wide ranging criticism about the town's lack of understanding about the event it seems that the annual festival has left a lasting mark on the lowland town.

Councillor Angus MacDonald, a committed follower of the Mòd said: 'In Falkirk we had a great time. It was something that reminded people of their Scottish roots and heritage.'

'The legacy of the Mòd is that we are planning a Gaelic medium

nursery, something that would have been unthinkable before the festival. The legacy is long lasting and wide reaching. We have encouraged many, many more children to take up traditional instruments. Some children have even signed up for competitions here in Oban. The Mòd connects us as Scottish people and makes us stronger. The festival encouraged people from the central belt to take a look at themselves and perhaps readdress who they were.'

'Local bars and venues say that they have had an increase in traditional musicians and bands playing in their venues. For instance, the evening events of traditional music have

become a regular feature of some of the bars in town. I am not saying that didn't happen before but perhaps because of the Mòd it is seen as something more acceptable.'

Mr MacDonald confirmed that the town would consider hosting the event again. He said: 'It is a lot of work - but we have a dedicated and committed team in Falkirk.'

'We have even been nominated for a national award for our work in promoting Gaelic and the arts festival that we managed to run. I am very proud of our work as a Mòd committee. We managed to find a large amount of money to fund it and it was worth every penny.'



The Benderloch Boys: Angus MacColl, pipe major of Oban High School's pipe band, and who won the James R Johnston Memorial Trophy, is pictured with son Angus junior, aged 14, who took silver in the open 13-15 age group Strathspey and Reel. 16_42mod04b



John Macfarlane, Taynuilt, reads Psalm 8:4 at the start of the Celtic Praise at Atlantis Leisure. 15_42praise01

Packed audience uplifted by traditional Celtic praise

ATLANTIS Leisure's main hall was packed on Sunday evening for what has become the traditional Celtic Praise on the Sunday evening of Mòd week.

Organised this year in the home town of Christian volunteer group Hope 2 Oban (H2O), the

uplifting evening's praise encompassed many of the elements of the Mòd.

Starting with brigadier John Macfarlane of Taynuilt reading Psalm 8:4 in Gaelic, the evening moved poignantly on to a lone piper, Angus MacColl of Benderloch, playing the

opening notes of Highland Cathedral before being joined by members of Oban High School Pipe Band.

The H2O band led the audience in singing Amazing Grace and from there the tone of the evening was well and truly set. As well as solo singing from former double

Gold Medal winner Mary Catherine MacNeil of Barra and Oban, there were songs from Argyll ladies choir Atomic Piseag and folk group Clan Latharna.

A Gaelic service was also held on Sunday afternoon at Kilmore and Kilbride Parish Church in Oban.



Hannah MacRae, aged 11, from Lochaber High School in Fort William took gold in the hotly contested under 13s fiddle group. 16_42mod19c



Isabelle Bain triumphed in the Salar Flaky Smoked Salmon Trophy for under 13 years melodeon music. It is the second time that this young girl from Lewis has won the trophy. 16_42mod33a



Fiddler Gavin Marnoch, aged 9, from Lewis takes a short break with his brother, solo singer Alasdair Marnoch, aged 12. 16_42mod12



Seamus O Baoighill, Skye, junior piping 13 years won the The Roderick Ross, Ferintosh, Memorial Trophy on Saturday. The musical young lad also plays the banjo, bagpipes, small pipes and fiddle. 16_42mod29b



Gordon McCance from Bishopton, aged 17, won the Strathspey and Reel competition 16-18 years, taking home the Col Murdoch MacTaggart Memorial Trophy. 'I feel as though I have won the X-factor of the piping world,' he said. 16_42mod31b



Ciorstaidh-Sarah Chaimbeul, Skye won the Daniel G R Burt (Chapelhall) Airdrie Memorial Trophy in under 13 accordion, while sister Brighde took first in piano under 13 winning, for the second year, the Jenny B Currie kilt pin. 16_42mod28



Iain Mac a' Ghobhain from the Isle of Tiree, aged 16, took silver in the Smith Mearns Trophy for Highland March, Strathspey and Reel 16_42mod10



Lochaber Music School's Fuaim Ceolmhor won the under 19s fiddle group. Traditional music instructor at the music school is Deirdre MacDonald 16_42mod30b



Arlene MacKechnie, aged 10 from Strachur Primary School, took bronze in the under 13 fiddle competition. She will be competing again today (Thursday) in the Highland dancing competitions. 16_42mod15b



Scott McLean, Kilmartin took gold in the 16-18 years piping march and won the Royal Highland Fusiliers Cup. He also won the Dr D S MacLaggan Memorial Trophy for best aggregate score in piping competitions C130 and C131. Fellow competitor and younger brother Alasdair looks on in awe. 16_42mod02a



Connor Sinclair, Crieff, aged 13, took gold in the under 15 March, Strathspey and Reel, Connor has had a good season competing all over Argyll with notable successes in Campbeltown, Inveraray and Benderloch. 16_42mod03b



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Film director searches for young accordionists

TALENTED accordionists at this year's Royal National Mod are being sought by an Edinburgh casting director for a major Scottish feature film.

Unfortunately only boys between aged 14 and 20 years need apply as the part is for a screenplay called *Dirt Road to Lafayette*, written by Booker prize winner James Kelam and features a 16-year-old called Murdo.

The story charts his potential as an artist and the obstacles he has to overcome to realise his dream.

Described by casting director Orla O'Connor as a 'part road movie, musical, part coming of age drama' the film is set against a

background of traditional Scots and Irish music as well as Acadian, Cajun, Bluegrass, Blues, Soul, Cerole and Zydeco.

'The music is the core of the film,' said Orla, who was in Oban on Monday and Tuesday for auditions in Skipinnish Ceilidh House.

'I am looking for a great young musician and also someone with a desire to act.'

'This is a fantastic opportunity and I would like to make sure that any young interested musician is in with a chance.'

Anyone who is interested can contact Orla by email at searchforaccordionplayer@gmail.com or contact her on 0131 553 0559

MacRae actually won gold medal twice

IT IS inscribed in Royal National Mòd rules that singers cannot win the gold medal twice but the feat was achieved by a well-known Kinlochleven singer who won his second gold medal in Oban in 1920.

Kenneth MacRae's name is recorded in the history books as having won the gold medal at the Oban Mòd of 1920.

What is not recorded is that he first won the competition in 1913 but was stripped of the accolade after he was found to be under age.

However, following his 1920 success, Kenneth went on to have a successful professional singing career.

Inveraray man Niall Iain MacLean, whose father Neil was one of Kenneth's musical peers, said: 'Kenneth MacRae and my father could fill halls on their own, so there was no need for them to share the stage. People assumed they were rivals but they were good friends.'

Charity for elderly is looking for performers

A CHARITY which entertains elderly people across Scotland is on the look-out for Gaelic speaking singers and instrumentalists at this year's Mod.

Music in Hospitals is looking for musicians to perform either in small ensembles or as solo artists in hospitals or long-stay care homes.

Singer and clarsach Marie-Louise Napier entertained residents at Eadar Glinn Care Home on Wednesday.

The group will also have a stand on Oban's North Pier during the Mod.



Elizabeth Campbell, left, and her daughter Clare with the Tom Crawford Trophy. 08_142mod05

Memorial trophy with Islay links goes 'home'

WINNING the Tom Crawford Trophy for under-19 area choirs was particularly special for at least one member of the Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir.

Clare Campbell from Erskine is the granddaughter of the late Islay man and it was the first time she had won the trophy, which was donated in her grandfather's memory.

Presenting the trophy to the winning conductor, Port Ellen's Jane McQueen,

Clare's mother Elizabeth was delighted to see her daughter's choir take home the trophy.

Elizabeth said: 'My father died in 1978 and the trophy was donated in time for the Mòd the following year.'

'He was a keen Mòd competitor himself. He was runner-up in the gold medal three times and he and his wife Cath conducted the Islay senior and junior Gaelic choirs.'



Stornoway Primary School fiddle groups and choir with parents and family who came to the Oban Mod by coach, to the right is music teacher Peter Marnoch. 16_142mod17b



Hannah MacDonald from Bettyhill, Caithness who played in the junior piping competitions for March 13-15 years. 16_142mod21



Graham MacLennan from Stornoway, Sgoil Mhic Neacail (Nicholson Institute) played in the accordion under 19 accordion competition. 16_142mod06a



Scottish minister of culture Michael Russell, left, with Arthur Cormack, and Hugh Dan McLennan of Bord Na Gaidhlig. Arthur won the Mod Gold Medal in 1983 while still in his teens and is believed to be the youngest ever to win it. 16_142mod42



Finlay Bennett, aged 9, from North Connel, competed against 39 other contestants in hotly contested under 13 years fiddle competition. Finlay attends Lochnell Primary School. 16_142mod01



Oban High School Pipe Band with local Mòd convenor Robin Banks at the Caledonian MacBrayne reception at Oban's Caledonian Hotel. Mr Banks said: 'I think it is marvellous the way the Oban High School Pipe Band has developed over the past few years. I believe it has something like 55 band members. Their performances are appreciated by everyone who hears them.' 16_142mod37



Author, entertainer and former Oban High schoolteacher Norman MacLean met Connor Sinclair, piper to the first minister. Connor was chosen to be the official parliament piper after first minister Alex Salmond got to know the young lad's family. Connor's brother was seriously injured in Afghanistan and his parents were touched that Mr Salmond visited the hospital he was in to speak to him. Connor was later asked if he would like the auspicious role of piper - a job that has allowed him to meet some famous people. 16_142mod23a



John Dick of Larbert Village Primary School, who competed in the chanter under 13 competition. John has been encouraged to take up piping since the Mod was held in Falkirk last year. 16_142mod18b



Donnie McKerral from Campbeltown competed in the novice under 13 years and is in Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. 16_142mod27



Biz Campbell, vice chairwoman of the Gaelic committee of Highland Council, Mary Jean Devon, Argyll and Bute Councillor from the Isle of Mull, Elaine Robertson, Oban and Lorn councillor, Hamish Fraser, Highland Council and chairman of the Gaelic committee. 16_142mod35



The folk group from Tiree High School, competed in the under-19 competition. 08_142mod06



Sophie Campbell, competed in the under 13 fiddle competition. The young musician attends Park Primary School in Oban and lives in Connel. 16_142mod09

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CERT '12A'

Robert Downey Jr. stars as LA journalist Steve Lopez, he's a man in search of a story. Thanks to a cycling accident, he finds one in colourful tramp with psychological problems, Nathaniel Ayers, played by Jamie Foxx, who has a secret history as a musical prodigy. Over time, though, Lopez becomes more than a story; he becomes a mission. Intelligent and uncompromising, with knock-out performances from Downey Jr. and Foxx. Directed with considerable style by Joe ("ATONEMENT") Wright.

Katyn
CERT '15'

Polish film about the Katyn massacre and is the story of women - mothers, wives and daughters of the Polish officers who were mass-executed on Stalin's orders in 1940. The film is directed by famous Polish director Andrzej Wajda. This is a heartfelt work of commemoration and accusation, focused on the cover-up of the massacre and its grievous consequences. Inspired by the suffering of his mother, Wajda brings art and heart to history in interweaving strands about women awaiting their men in vain and children searching dangerously for the truth. Polish with English subtitles.

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'Hang in there' West End star tells Oban's budding dancers

A WEST End musical star, who has been teaching at Ballet West dance school, held a workshop in Oban for budding dancers.

Leanne Jones played lead character Tracy Turnblad in the Hair-spray musical, opposite Michael Ball and Mel Smith, from October 2007 to July this year.

At the workshop at the Energie gym in Oban she demonstrated and taught the choreography from the show and gave the younger dancers advice on how to start a career path to the big stage, before signing pictures of her Hairspray character.

Leanne said: 'I am at Ballet West for a week to teach the choreography

and to talk about careers and what the dancers should be doing next.

'It's important they know to hang in there because the best roles don't come to you straight away.

'After I graduated I was cleaning, working in pubs and doing all sorts of jobs before I got the role in Hairspray.'

Speaking after the workshop at Energie, Leanne added: 'It was a brilliant class tonight; there is obviously a lot of talent in Oban.

'They were very quick to pick up the steps and were very enthusiastic. We had a range of ages tonight which is not unusual because Hairspray appeals to all ages.'



West End star Leanne Jones, centre in white t-shirt, held a dance workshop at Energie gym in Oban. 08_142hair01

Fine night for club

THE NEW session of the Oban Accordion and Fiddle Club got underway earlier this month in the Argyllshire Gathering Hall. Chairman Michael Garvin, Oban, welcomed a large audience and the evening began with Michael on accordion, Archie Cameron, drums, and Tom Adams playing keyboard.

The other accordion players for the evening were Robert Robertson, with his five row button key, all Oban, Ruairidh Morrison, Kilmore, David Hunt, Tarbert, Janet Graham, Cumbernauld, and Ross MacPherson, Connell. On melodeon was James MacArthur, Oban.

The guest artiste was Alec MacAllister, Campbeltown, on piano accordion with Fraser MacInnes, Tobermory, on drums. The duo gave a wonderful night of entertainment. Michael thanked them and all the local players for making the evening such a success. The evening closed with a stramash.

Nex month's guest artistes are Ian Muir's trio.

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THE OBAN Times have teamed up with the Rally of Scotland to provide three days of high-octane rally action for five lucky readers and their families.

Attracting top-class rally cars and formidable driving talent, the final round and climax of the prestigious 2009 Intercontinental Rally Challenge is a must-see for any motorsport, or sporting fan and an unmissable outing for all the family.

Covering Stirling and Perth and Kinross, over the weekend of November 19-21, over 13 enthralling stages and more than 210 kilometres of competitive driving distance the rally will showcase some of Scotland's most breathtaking scenery and challenging terrain - pushing the drivers and their cars to their limit.

The Rally of Scotland will feature two service parks, where the cars are repaired and refuelled, allowing you to get up close to all the action. One situated in the beautiful grounds of Blair Castle, and the other in Stirling city centre, offering picturesque sur-

roundings and excellent amenities alongside the hive of activity assured in such an event. Adding to the thrill and excitement of the occasion is the resurrection of classic rally stages that have not seen competitive action in nearly two decades; something rally fans will not want to miss.

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YOUR STARS

WITH PATRICK ARUNDEL

ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th 090 6612 4520
The week begins with Venus squaring with the powerful Pluto. Professional interactions need careful handling. An apparently innocent remark or gesture can be seen as an attempt at being conniving. Be conscious of how your moves are perceived. Yet your ruler Mars is set to pep up your activity sector on end, and for an extended eight months! Call now for more news and advice...

TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st 090 6612 4521
The New Moon gives you a fabulous opportunity to get your life running more smoothly. This may not sound like very sexy stuff Taurus, but needs must, and if you are permanently tired or behind on the household chores, some changes may be required. Don't let your dislike of this stop you from giving yourself an honest lifestyle audit and reacting to it. Call your prediction line for more...

GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st 090 6612 4522
This is an action packed week, and all sorts of positive developments can unfold. And yet a personal matter - perhaps linked to romance, or paradoxically a business involvement, may rake up some deeply held feelings, ones which can surprise you. Keep yourself as busy as possible Gemini. A social invitation can be a particularly welcome diversion. Call now for your love scope in full...

CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd 090 6612 4523
Mars moves into an area which can see you highly determined to improve your finances. This window lasts until next June 2010. This can also bring a sultrier dimension to bear. And yet with both Mercury and Venus on the move, and clashing with Pluto, what you want may not correlate to what those around you favour. Some moodiness can follow. Call now for your financial forecast...

LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd 090 6612 4524
Mars arrives in your sign. This may not sound particularly remarkable, but a Mars transit usually lasts sixty days, this one is going to last eight months and the energy this planet gives you, can be a real shot in the arm and make you far more positive and determined. Yet co-operation is vital to achieve your hopes, you are not an island Leo. Do reach out. Call me for your in-depth forecast...

VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd 090 6612 4525
Your financial situation can truly revive. But if you immediately squander any gains, you could be left feeling worse than ever. So, don't be too quick to splash out on impulse purchases or to bend the plastic. In love, there may be strings attached to an involvement, the problem is they may not be obvious right away. Someone, could get hurt! Call your prediction line for your financial scope...

LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd 090 6612 4526
Mercury gets a bigger toehold on your sign, and your ruler Venus arrives too. With a splendid New Moon this can be a turnaround time, one where you can gain confidence and feel more energised. So what's the catch? There may be some sensitive strands which can't really be brushed under the carpet. Sporty? You may be asked to join a team or club. Call now for more news and advice...

SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd 090 6612 4527
Mars gives you more gravitas from now on, but if you're over forceful or over bossy, you may find that people will quickly oppose you. There's a lot going on behind the scenes, and you should be aware that not everyone will be open in challenging you. Gossip does the rounds, or something you have wanted to keep hush-hush can creep into the open. Call your prediction line for more news...

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st 090 6612 4528
Get a case packed because the chances are travel is going to become a more frequent event. At the least, your more adventurous streak will surface. Friendships are stressed too, and the strongest of these, will play more and more of a role. But if anyone has been taking your generosity for granted, there could be a parting of the ways Sagittarius. Call your special prediction line for more advice...

CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th 090 6612 4529
Someone important can take a shine to you, but don't feel you can't be yourself. If you try too hard it can get in the way. You may need to let them do what they can to help. You could also find yourself helping a youngster. The desire to make home improvements can also surface. If you have spare cash, this can be where you choose to spend it. Call me now for more news and astral advice...

AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th 090 6612 4530
If you are a singleton, your whole outlook to loving can change in the next eight months. Rather than being happy to stay friends, you can start to enjoy closely sharing life's ups and downs. Settled? Things may get sparky and things can get said, which may be hard to hear. However, you are much better off knowing where you really stand Aquarius. Call me now for your love scope in full...

PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th 090 6612 4531
Some group politics can creep in or a simmering attraction can develop with a friend. Yet at first you may find this hard to accept. With Mars moving, this can be the beginning of a phase when you can work very much harder towards your goals. Any job which is related to nursing, care work, retail, gardening or the food trades can take your fancy Pisces. Call me now for your in-depth forecast...

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Toilets grant has Kerrera feeling flush

COMPOSTING toilets on Kerrera, a dancing platform and a local Mod are among the projects that are to receive funding from Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee.

Isle of Kerrera Development Trust has decided to tackle the problem of a lack of public toilets on the island and around 10,000 visitors each year by building composting toilets.

The MacDougall Estate has agreed to partner the trust by providing the land at the ferry slip and near Gylen Castle at the south end of the island.

Councillors decided to give the trust £2,000 towards the £6,000 costs of the project.

It was also decided to award Kilmore and Kilbride Highland Games £250, dependent on all the paperwork being made available, to build a new dance platform which could also be hired out to other organisations.

Mod Ionadach na Dreoluinn (Mull provincial mod) was awarded up to £1,000 to cover potential losses from the costs of running this year's mod on the island.

Because the committee now only meets every two months, it was decided to make a retrospective award on this occasion.

Pupils' healthy lesson

DERVAIG Primary School enjoyed a day out at Tobermory High learning about healthy living.

Pupils were offered activities such as choices for life, team building, juice making, the feel good factor, and art.

Polish man cleared of killing friend in Islay car crash

A POLISH man has been cleared of killing a friend in a fatal car crash – after claiming he was not the driver.

Dariusz Krzepisz was accused of being behind the wheel when countryman Jacek Kaplon died after a car they were in ploughed into a tree on the Isle of Islay in April this year.

The 33 year old went on trial at the High Court in Glasgow but he lodged a special defence that it was the dead man's cousin Krzysztof Kaplon who was the driver.

Krzepisz was acquitted last week after

a jury returned a unanimous not guilty verdict on a charge of causing death by dangerous driving.

The court heard Krzepisz had travelled up from London to help the Kaplons, who had joined other Poles working on the island.

Vodka

He had brought with him a bottle of vodka, which was consumed among the group on the evening of the tragic accident on April 4.

It was claimed Krzepisz had then got behind the wheel of a green Volvo

– while almost three times the drink-drive limit – with the two cousins his passengers.

A crash then occurred near Kildalton churchyard after the vehicle spun out of control.

Jacek Kaplon, aged 33, died after he broke his neck as a result of the impact.

The jury was told how Krzysztof Kaplon was rushed to hospital badly injured.

Krzepisz was found near the vehicle 'extremely upset and distraught'.

Krzysztof Kaplon – who would also have been over the limit – later told police that it was Krzepisz who was driving the Volvo.

But Krzepisz's lawyer Tim Niven Smith told the court that Krzysztof Kaplon had a motive to blame someone else as he would have to face being responsible for causing the death of a relative.

In his speech to the jury, Mr Niven Smith said: 'He would have to go to the family to say that he had killed his cousin.'

Carry on camping...

...but with more care and control, urge islanders

'SOMEONE will be killed' if action is not urgently taken on the volume of people coming to the islands of Coll and Tiree under the government's Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) scheme.

Islanders, who have seen a massive influx of campers and vehicles, up by 150 percent this summer, have set

up a public meeting to try and 'stop the onslaught' before someone is seriously injured or worse by the sheer number of visitors to the island.

John Bowler, of the Tiree Access Group, said: 'While we welcome responsible visitors to the island, the volume of

traffic this June, July and August was incomparable with anything we have seen.

'We have asked Councillor Mary-Jean Devon to come to Tiree to help us find a way forward.'

Argyll Estate's factor Andrew Montgomery said: 'We urgently need a pragmatic solution to a real problem.'

The islands have had a huge number of visitors this year, many of whom have arrived on the islands without an official place to stay, and while this 'wild camping' freedom is enshrined in law we need people to take responsibility for their actions while they are here.

'Over the past few months roadways have been eroded, fences destroyed, new tracks have been made on the Machair and people are being irresponsible with their waste.'

'Almost 90 percent of the land is under the ownership of the Duke of Argyll, and I will be charged with the repair of it. Together the island community and the authorities must come up with an action plan to keep the islands special.'

Solution

Mr Montgomery points to a solution in a scheme already running on Colonsay.

'We identify a place for every camper van coming to the island,' explained Andrew MacGregor of Colonsay Community Council. 'A few years ago we had a dreadful problem with camper vans and we decided people bringing the vehicles to the island should have permission first.'

'CalMac have been very helpful in promoting this

scheme in its brochure. People who want to bring camper vans have to make the booking through the ferry terminal on the island.'

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon suggested that the solution is not stopping visitors to the islands but controlling them. 'Not one person of the many who have raised their concerns with me have said that they want to stop visitors to the islands. People are very concerned, however, that those arriving are not as careful with the land as they should be.'

'I have heard stories of people putting their toilet waste into the streams and rivers on the island and of dangerous driving. Someone will be killed if nothing about the problem now.'

'The RET pilot has been a wonderful scheme that has boosted the economy of the islands, but the repercussions are that the infrastructure cannot cope with the scale of the visitors.'

'I have written to first minister Alec Salmond and MSP Jim Mather to tell them of the islanders' concerns. We are holding a public meeting on Tuesday, October 20 to forge out a way forward before a serious problem occurs.'



The film crew and celebrities with Coastal Connection at Craignure.

Bird Watch celebrities swoop on Mull

FIVE celebrities took to the seas off Lorn and Mull last week to film a television series called Bill Bailey's Big Bird Watch.

Comedian

Local charter boat owners Cameron and Struan Smith of Coastal Connection spent the

day ferrying comedian Bill Bailey and his contestants writer and comedian Jeff Green, TV presenter Jayne Middlemass, comedian and TV presenter Alex Zane

and investigative journalist Donald MacIntyre from Loch Feochan up around Lismore

and across to Craignure on Mull.

Cameron said: 'Bill Bailey sets the challenge for the two teams to find as many different birds as they can.'

The programme is to go out on Sky1 sometime at the beginning of next year.

Mull organic farmers are all the fashion

A FARM on Mull is at the centre of a fashion frenzy.

Ardalanish Farm on the Ross has been making tweeds in their workshop for more than six years. But this year, thanks to the tweed making it onto the catwalks of designer brands Hebridean tweed is fast becoming a fashion must-have.

Organic farmers Minty and Aeneas Mackay, who were organic producers long before they became fashion gurus, are delighted that so many people are interested in tweed.

Heritage

Anaeas said: 'The tweed is woven right here on the farm – from Mull animals living in one of the most beautiful places in the world. It is one of the best products on the market in terms of its organic heritage.'

'The popularity of tweed goes to show it is not about what you are doing, it is the way that you are doing it.'

The tweed can be found at Jigsaw, Howie's, 21st Century Kilts, Eloise Grey, Iona Crawford, Sarah Hunt-Smith and handbag maker Catherine Aitkien.

It seems that it is not only the tweed making it onto the catwalk – Antler Designs from Tobermory are riding high on the back of a 10-antler chandelier order from Top Shop New York by appearing on TV programme 60 Minute Makeover.



The trilby and jacket made from cloth at Ardalanish Farm on Mull.

Dervaig youngsters lift rugby trophy

PUPILS at Dervaig Primary School on Mull have won the Golden Challenge Rugby trophy for the first time in four years.

Held at the Garmony Pitch, near Craignure, the annual tournament

brings together all pupils from Salen, Bunessan, Tobermory, Dervaig and Lochdon to play at the matches. Each team had their own coach.

Slippery

Dervaig pupil Brooke said: 'This is the first

time the event has been held after the summer holidays. The weather wasn't great and the pitch was very muddy and slippery and we didn't always stay on our feet. Lochdon held this tournament and supplied

food and drinks for all the players.

'Our team won the trophy for the first time in four years! We were extremely pleased and we took it to our school. It was a fantastic day playing tag rugby.'

• Do you have an island story? Call The Oban Times reporters on 01631-568000



ARGYLL Community Housing Association's first Mull in Bloom competition has been won by a tenant in Salen. Mrs Judith Donaldson of Ardmor Road won an engraved shield for her horticultural skills.

The shield was presented to Mrs Donaldson by ACHA's chief executive, Alastair MacGregor when he visited association tenants on Mull.

Mr MacGregor said: 'Her garden is a testimony to hard work and dedication. The lawn was so pristine I was worried about standing on it. I was also really impressed with the discreet rope barriers she had erected above her garden fence to stop the deer getting in to eat her plants.'

ACHA will be extending in Bloom awards throughout Argyll and Bute next year following on from the participation and success of the initiative in the Oban and Mull this summer.



ACHA's chief executive Alastair MacGregor hands over the ACHA shield to Judith Donaldson of Salen.

SOFT fruits will be on the menu of an Iona Hotel – that is if anyone on the island has any to spare.

At a local producers menu in the St Columba Hotel on Friday, October 23 the restaurant is hoping to offer a menu made in the main from vegetables, salads, fruits, seafood and meats from the island.

Dot Stewart, hotel manager, said: 'Our aim is to create a menu which features as many ingredients from Iona as possible, and we have invited the community to help us do that. In particular, we're looking for contributions of soft fruits.'

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With Christmas creeping up on us most people are beginning to think of ways to celebrate with meals out with relatives, friends and work colleagues. The trouble is, if you leave it too late it's almost impossible to get booked into anywhere and the larger the group of people involved, the harder it is. The fact is, booking for any Christmas related outing should be done when Christmas itself is but a dim promise on the horizon of consciousness. So even though its only autumn, if you want to do anything at all to celebrate the festive season, now is the time to organise it. In short, book early to avoid disappointment.

So what might you wish to do? Well a celebratory lunch with work colleagues might be nice. Most pubs, hotels and restaurants will have special menus for just such a party. They may also have sample menus for you to take away so each member of the group can choose in advance - essential for large groups of diners. Be advised though, get each person accepting a place to give you a small deposit - a fiver say, just in case they decide at the last minute, not to come.

An evening celebration is very popular these days and again, most caterers will have special menus and often entertainment laid on too. The best venues get booked up fast however, so don't delay with your booking arrangements.

If you are planning a real party, you could consider hiring a hall or functions room in a catering or exhibition establishment. You could get a local publican to organise and man the bar and outside caterers to provide the food - a buffet would be ideal.

Whatever your celebration, how are you going to get there and back home? Obviously none of you will drink and drive, so unless there is an abstainer in your party prepared to do all the driving, it is essential you make necessary transport arrangements. Taxis will take small parties there and back but they will also need to be booked up well in advance to be certain of arriving at the venue on time, and getting home safely. For larger parties a mini bus or coach will transport you from a pick-up point and drop you all off at the end of the evening. Again, these especially will need to be booked as soon as they date has been fixed.

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Royal National Mod 2009 Results

SATURDAY

Accordion Open U13

Daniel G R Burt (Airdrie) Memorial Trophy
1st Ciorstaidh-Sarah Chaimbeul - Bun-sgoil Shléite
The Daniel G R Burt (Chapelhall) Airdrie Memorial Trophy.
The Smith Mearns Trophy.
Gold Badge £10 (Smith Mearns Recordings)

2nd Innes MacKintosh - Ard-sgoil Lochabair Silver Badge £5 (Smith Mearns Recordings)
3rd Cameron Bennet - Achaleven Primary

Accordion Open U19

Smith Mearns Trophy
1st Graham MacLennan - Sgoil Mhic Neacail - The Smith Mearns Trophy - Gold Badge £10 (Smith Mearns Recordings)
2nd Iain Mac a' Ghobhain - Ard-sgoil Thriodh Silver Badge £5 (Smith Mearns Recordings)
3rd Anne-Louise Stewart - Sgoil Mhic Neacail Bronze Badge £5 (Smith Mearns Recordings)

Bagpipes Open 13-15

Play a Strathspey and Reel Own Choice
1st Connor Sinclair - Crieiff Gold Badge
2nd Angus J McColl - Oban Silver Badge
3rd Iain Crawford - Strathaven Academy Bronze Badge

Bagpipes Open 13-15

Roderick Munro Quaich
1st Connor Sinclair - Crieiff
The Roderick Munro Quaich Gold Badge
2nd Iain Crawford - Strathaven Academy Silver Badge
3rd Bruce MacDonald - Ard-sgoil Phort Righ Bronze Badge

Bagpipes Open 16-18

Col Murdoch MacTaggart Memorial Trophy
1st Gordon McCance - Bishopton
The Col Murdoch MacTaggart Bowmore Memorial Trophy Gold Badge
2nd Scott McLean - Lochgilphead Silver Badge
3rd David Shedden - Glasgow Bronze Badge

Bagpipes Open 16-18

Royal Highland Fusiliers Cup
1st Scott McLean - Lochgilphead
The Royal Highland Fusiliers Cup Gold Badge
2nd David Shedden - Glasgow Silver Badge
3rd Steven Leask - Irvine Bronze Badge

Bagpipes Open U13

Roderick Ross, Ferintosh, Memorial Trophy
1st Séumas O Baoighill - Isle of Skye - The Roderick Ross, Ferintosh, Memorial Trophy - Gold Badge
2nd Sandy Cameron - Spean Bridge Primary Silver Badge
3rd Brighde Chaimbeul - Bun-sgoil Shléite Bronze Badge

Chanter Open U13

Play a March own choice
1st Fergus J B MacVicar - Sgoil Chàirinis Gold Badge
2nd Sim MacDhòmhnaill - Bun-sgoil Crois na Cise - Silver Badge
3rd Eòghann Peutan - Bun-sgoil Chille Mhoire - Bronze Badge

Fiddle Groups Open U19

1st Fuaim Ceòlmhor - Gold Badge
2nd The Nicolson Fiddle Group - Silver Badge
Fiddle Groups U13
1st Fonnmhor - Gold Badge
2nd Mánranach - Silver Badge
3rd Binneas - Bronze Badge

Fiddle Open 13-15

Robert MacCallum Memorial Tro-



Kevin Cameron from Lochaber who was competing in the under 13 Fiddle Music competition.

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1st Amy Westwell - Orkney - The Robert MacCallum Memorial Trophy Gold Badge
2nd Ewan Zuckert - City of Edinburgh Music School - Silver Badge
3rd Jayne Paterson - Ard-sgoil a' Phluic - Bronze Badge

Fiddle Open

Own Choice
Sutherland Cup
1st Erin Smith - Aberdeen
The Sutherland Cup £50 (ACG)
2nd Cairna Campbell - Isle of Skye - £25 (ACG)

Fiddle Open U13

Play a slow Gaelic Air and March Strathspey Reel
1st Hannah MacRae - Ard-sgoil Lochabair - Gold Badge
2nd Séamus O Baoighill - Isle of Skye - Silver Badge
3rd Arlene MacKechnie - Strachur - Bronze Badge

Keyboard Open 13-18

Play a slow Gaelic Air and March
1st Ewan Zuckert - City of Edinburgh Music School - Gold Badge
2nd Lisa Marie Parkinson - Silver Badge
3rd Pádraig J P Moireasdan - Sgoil Lionacleit - Bronze Badge

Keyboard Open U13

Play slow Gaelic Air and March own choice
1st Eilidh MacAlpine - Sgoil Mhic Neacail - Gold Badge
2nd Isabelle Bain - Còisir Og a' Bhac - Silver Badge

Melodeon Open U13

Salar Flaky Smoked Salmon Trophy
1st Isabelle Bain - Còisir Og a' Bhac - Salar Flaky Smoked Salmon Trophy Gold Badge
2nd Lisa Marie Parkinson - Silver Badge

MONDAY

Action Song Open U13

Song with actions
1st Bun-sgoil Phort-Righ - Gold Badge
2nd Clann Throdairnis - Silver Badge
3rd Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile Bronze Badge

Choral 2 Part Harmony

Learner U13
Caledonian MacBrayne Trophy
1st Còisir Crag an Fhithich
2nd Còisir Og Lochabair
3rd Còisir Og Bun-sgoil Bruach na Mùilne

Choral 2 Part Harmony

Learner U19
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Melodeon Open U19
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Hebrides Haulage Trophy Gold Badge
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Piano Open 13-18
Play a slow Gaelic Air and March
1st Ciorstaidh Phéutan - Kilmuir
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2nd Robert Robertson - Ard Sgoil Lochabair - Silver Badge
3rd Christina L MacLeod - Ard Sgoil Mhic Neacail Bronze Badge
Piano Open U13
Jenny M B Currie Kilt Pin
1st Brighde Chaimbeul - Bun-sgoil Shléite
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2nd Keir Carmichael - Tobermory - Silver Badge
3rd Finlay Sinclair - Ard-sgoil an Obai - Bronze Badge
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Hornpipe and Jig
1st Angus D MacColl - Oban £100 (ACG)
2nd Pipe Major Gordon Walker - Ayrshire £75 (ACG)
3rd Gavin Ferguson - Glasgow £50 (ACG)
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3rd Euan MacCrimmon - Inverness £50 (ACG)
The Sheelah J Nicol Memorial Trophy and £50 (ACG) for the highest aggregate marks in competitions B360 and B361.
Shared by Angus D MacColl and PM Gordon Walker
Piping Ceòl Mòr
James R Johnston Memorial Trophy
1st Angus D MacColl - Oban - The James R Johnston Memorial Trophy £150 (ACG)
2nd Pipe Major Gordon Walker - Ayrshire £100 (ACG)
3rd Euan MacCrimmon - Inverness £75 (ACG)
Fiddle Open
Own Choice
Sutherland Cup
1st Erin Smith - Aberdeen
The Sutherland Cup £50 (ACG)
2nd Cairna Campbell - Isle of Skye £25 (ACG)

Competitions C173,C174,C175.
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Jean Walker Memorial Trophy for Music- Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir
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The Hugh MacPhee Trophy for the highest marks in competitions C113,C114,C115.
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The Donald Morrison Memorial Award for the highest marks in learner choral competitions.
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3rd Còisir Ghàidhlig Bun-sgoil Steòrnabhaigh
The Darlington Society Silver Jubilee Trophy for the highest marks in Gaelic.
Còisir Og Lochabair
The Morag Robb Memorial Trophy for the highest marks in Music.
Còisir Bun-sgoil Achadh na Creige
Choral Unison Learner U19
Queen Elizabeth 1937 Coronation Trophy
1st Còisir Og Dhailriata
2nd Còisir Og Ghàidhlig Ile
3rd= Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir
3rd= Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic

1st Fuaim Ghlaschu
The Allan Thomas Mitchell Trophy £100 (Donated by the Mitchell family)
2nd Clann Strath Ailein
3rd Oidhche Chiadain
Original Drama Open U13
Donald MacDonald Memorial Trophy
1st Còisir Og a' Bhac
2nd Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile
3rd Bun-sgoil Phort-Righ
Poetry Recitation Learner 11-12
Recite prescribed poem
1st Andrew MacNeil - Bowmore Primary
2nd Sophia MacKay - Bun-sgoil Steòrnabhaigh
Poetry Recitation Learner 7-8
Rotary Club Falkirk Trophy
1st Jessica Gow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu
2nd Kayla Woodrow - Bowmore Primary
3rd Ryan Johnston - Bowmore Primary
Poetry Recitation Learner 9-10
The Cowal Trophy
1st Mairead Elizabeth MacSween - Royal School of Dunkeld
2nd Rhianna Hayes - Bowmore Primary
3rd Laura Woodrow - Bowmore Primary
Reading Prose Learner 13-15
Reading prose chosen by adjudicator
1st Gillian MacKechnie - Ard-sgoil an Obain
2nd Danielle Martin - Ard-sgoil an Obain
Silver Medal Learner 13-15 Boys
James C McPhee Memorial Medal
1st Robert Robertson - Ard-sgoil Lochabair
2nd Ruairaidh MacKinnon - Ard-sgoil Ile
3rd Alasdair Currie - Islay
Solo Singing Learner 13-15 Girls
James C McPhee Memorial Medal
1st Kirsty Watt - Sgoil Mhic Neacail
2nd Laura Davies - Ard-sgoil Lochabair
3rd Rhiannon Cameron - Ard-sgoil Lochabair
The Alexander Hamilton Trophy for the highest marks in Gaelic in competitions C102 and C103.
Kirsty Watt - Sgoil Mhic Neacail
Solo Singing Learner 5-6
Joan Campbell Memorial Trophy
1st Abigail Cavanagh - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu
2nd Lachlan Kennedy - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu
3rd Rachael Johnstone - Bun-sgoil Steòrnabhaigh
Solo Singing Learner 7-8
Hugh MacIntyre Memorial Trophy
1st Brodie Carmichael - Ard-sgoil Thobar-Mhoire
2nd Kirsty Thomson - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu
3rd Isobel Ferguson - Keills Primary School
Solo Singing Learner Boys 11-12
1st Fergus Munro - Còisir Og Lochabair - Dunoon Observer & Argyllshire Standard Medal
2nd Hugh Morrison - Sgoil Sir E Scott
3rd Michael Mallinder MacLeod - Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir
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North Uist island's buildings recorded

A TEAM from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) has visited the tidal island of Vallay in North Uist to make an up-to-date record of the main buildings there.

The team, led by survey and recording operational manager Alan Leith, worked on Erskine Beveridge's Vallay House, the Tacksman's House, and the farmhouse known as the Chamberlain's House.

Mr Leith said: 'Our visit came on the back of the Erskine Beveridge exhibition and book of his photographs launched at Taigh Chearsabhagh arts centre this summer. Our head of collections, Lesley Ferguson, was behind this, and it has proved very popular. As a result we realised there was a need to update our records of Vallay House and the other buildings on the island.'

The team made detailed plans and a photographic record of Vallay House, albeit limited in their access by the parlous state of the building.

Mr Leith said: 'The roof is down, the floors are down and it's pretty derelict. We could only get onto the ground floor, and couldn't get access to some of the rooms because of the dangerous conditions, but the details we have recorded, with interior and exterior



Vallay House on North Uist has been surveyed by RCAHMS.

photographs, all add to our knowledge.'

The team also made detailed plans of the 1727 Tacksman's House. Mr Leith said: 'The house has history. The entrance has been moved from the south to the north, and there have been many modifications. Its

last use was as a laundry, and a school.'

The Chamberlain's House is a big 1870s farmhouse, which Mr Leith describes as typical of its time, with a large entrance lobby and central staircase.

Mr Leith said the purpose of the RCAHMS visit was

simply to record the buildings and to place the information in the public archive. A copy of the survey will also be made available in Taigh Chearsabhagh.

The Erskine Beveridge photographic exhibition is now on display at Eden Court

GP and The Oban Times make art

A KILLIN GP is one 2,400 people who has – or will be – part of an unusual art installation in London's Trafalgar Square.

Dr David Syme recently took a turn in the One & Other live artwork sculpture created by Antony Gormley on the fourth, empty plinth in Trafalgar Square and took The Oban Times with him as reading material.

'I wanted to do something Scottish, in a way,' said Dr Syme, who wore the full kilt and jacket outfit and had Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain playing out over speakers from his iPod.

'I took The Oban Times and the Killin News with me,' he said. 'I had read about it coming up ages ago, where for 100 days 24 people a day would stand on the plinth for an hour and it sounded like the chance to do something that you wouldn't ever get to do again.'

Kilt

Trafalgar Square being a popular tourist destination, Dr Syme had quite a few people asking what he was doing standing on the plinth as well as the inevitable question of what he was wearing under his kilt.

'I told them I wouldn't give out the answer unless they had strangled a haggis with their bare hands.'

'They also wanted to know if I had any whisky in my Irn Bru bottle, but you aren't allowed to take an alcohol on to the plinth.'

'It was a great experience and having done it once it would be good to do it again; I would have



Dr David Syme fills in his time as an art installation on the fourth plinth in London's Trafalgar Square by reading The Oban Times.

Picture Courtesy of Sky Arts.

the music a bit louder.'

Dr Syme is not unknown in Killin, where he has been a GP for 28 years, for his exploits including the odd-beard shave for charity and taking part in the Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon, which involves swimming, walking seven Munros, kayaking and cycling in and around Loch Tay.

The idea behind the human sculptures, which anyone can apply to be, is that they will become 'an image of themselves and a

representation of the whole of humanity.'

The fourth plinth, managed by the Mayor of London's office, was built in 1841 to display an equestrian sculpture but a lack of funds left it empty and it has been used since for a number of temporary displays.

One & Other is commissioned by the Mayor of London. Watch all the action live from the plinth every Friday at 7pm on Sky Arts 1/HD.

See Dr Syme at www.obantimes.co.uk and click on video.

My Village Invergarry

What makes Invergarry special for you?

Invergarry is a very close community. Everyone helps each other. No matter what goes wrong there is always someone there you can rely on.

Does Invergarry have an interesting history?

Invergarry has a lot of history. King Edward was here, and it is well chronicled that the poet Robert Burns stayed here.

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

It is a sleepy picturesque village in winter surrounded by trees and hills, but it comes alive in spring when you see more walkers about and canoeists in the River Garry. The Garry runs through the village and is a powerful river in spate.

Flowing into Loch Oich, it used to be a good, early season salmon river. Apart from the increased traffic in the summer months, it is a quiet, peaceful place to live and has retained a lot of its original character. Were you born in the



Patricia Buswell, above, works in the Glengarry Heritage Centre, and tells The Oban Times what living in Invergarry means to her. 10_036garry06

village? How long have you lived there?

I was not born in Invergarry. My husband and I moved up here in 1989. We ran a B&B and

also mini tours. We later took over the running of the local petrol station until BP sold it to Gleaner Fuels. Now I help to run the heritage centre which



The bridge over the River Garry. 10_039garry03



Invergarry Parish Church. 10_039garry06

I enjoy very much. I love to tell people what to do and see, as I love anything to do with history.

How much has Invergarry changed since you were a child or moved to the village?

Invergarry has not changed much, except having a new community hall built when the other one fell down.

Do you have a favourite place or building in Invergarry?

There are many places and buildings I enjoy, but if I had to choose it would be Glengarry Castle and Glengarry Castle Hotel.

Do you have a favourite time of year in the village?

My favourite time has to be autumn when the trees are changing colour. The season makes it a paradise

for photographers. What do visitors like about Invergarry?

I would have to say calling in at the heritage centre and cafe. There people can learn about their ancestry.

Is there anybody famous from the village?

The only person I can think about is Angus Grant who played the fiddle.

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Council cover up?

A MIX-UP with a batch of district council diaries presented a councillor with the chance of a quip that proved too good to resist.

Argyll and Bute District Council received 250 information diaries for in-house distribution, last week, which were supposed to have the council's name across the front.

But 24 of them had Gordon District Council on the front instead. And on receipt of his unusual 1995 diary – which had details of Argyll and Bute on the inside – Councillor Archie McCallum, Kintyre South, was heard to say: 'These diaries are personalised, I've got Gordon's.'

Hotelier made a Freeman of London

A MID ARGYLL hotelier joined a distinguished roll of honour recently when he was granted the Freedom of the City of London.

Mr Nick Ryan, proprietor of the Crinan Hotel, received the 14th century honour at a prestigious ceremony in the Lord Chamberlain's Court.

This honour follows the announcement in May that he was elected a Master Innholder and Fellow of the Hotel Catering and Institutional Management Association.

Prior to receiving the Freedom of London, he attended the Innkeepers Court where he was interviewed by members of the Worshipful Company of Innholders, a body committed to attaining the highest international standards. Mr Ryan is uncertain who is responsible for recommending him for the honour.

Over the years the Crinan Hotel has played host to film stars, leading government officials, and the rich and famous – a reflection of the high standards held by the proprietor and staff.

Argyll under siege

ARGYLL was under attack last week when more than 1,750 armed soldiers took part in the largest territorial army exercise in six years.

The five TA battalions from the 52nd Lowland Volunteers who took part in the exercise called Bonnie Dundee converged in Kintyre for the final

episode of the week long exercise that began in Tayside.

Troops, supported by many other logistic units, including the recently formed 74 Independent Field Squadron Royal Engineers from Bangor in Northern Ireland, were ferried across Loch Fyne by assault craft to Ardcastle Wood, near Lochgair, where they harboured overnight before their final assault into Kintyre.

The three-phase exercise was heralded a success by Brigadier Johnny Wardle, 52 Lowland Brigade, Edinburgh Castle HQ, who said that it displayed extremely competent professional soldiering. 'It tested the men and women taking part and it is very satisfying to see such determination and enthusiasm. In exercises like this it is vital that every piece of the jigsaw gels.'

The scenario was that a few pockets of Pictish resistance following civil war three years ago, remained in the area and these were to be eliminated.

The Picts however, had indulged in ethnic cleansing and a number of refugees and other minorities had to be moved to safe areas. The royal marines played the enemy during the exercise.

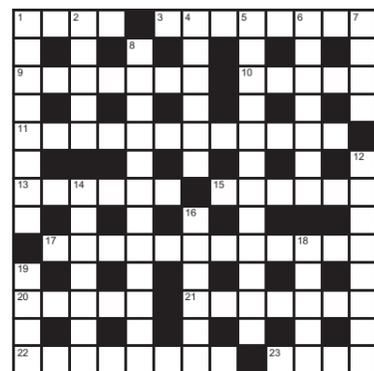
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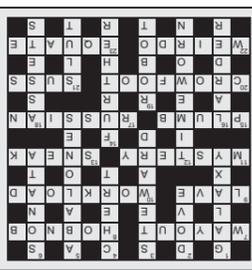
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Kingsburgh Simmental heifers sell to 288.5p per kilo at Portree

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 166 weaned calves and store cattle, 55 breeding cattle and 25 Over 30 Months cattle at Portree on Monday when there was an excellent demand for all classes with spring born calves particularly dear.

Bullocks averaged 190.4p and sold to 274.3p per kg for a 175kg Charolais cross from 3 Ardmore, Waternish and £755 for 510kg Simmental cross from 14 Linciro, Portree.

Heifers averaged 184.2p and sold to 288.5p per kg for a pen of 130kg Simmentals from 9 Kingsburgh, Snizort and £810 for a 530kg Aberdeen Angus cross from 5/6 Shearer, Uig.

In-calf heifers sold to £1020 for a Shorthorn cross from 1 Herbusta, Kilmuir. In-calf cows sold to £1000 twice for a Limousin cross from 13 Flodigary, Portree and a Limousin cross from 12 Upper Edinbane, Portree.

Cows with calves at foot sold to £920 for a Limousin cow with male calf from 2 Sartle, Staffin.

Bulls sold to £720 for a Charolais from Glendale Estate, Dunvegan.

OTM cows sold to 100p per kg twice for a 660kg Limousin cross from 1 HolomanPark, Isle of Raasay, and a 650kg Limousin cross from Raasay Home Farm, Isle of Raasay, and £810 for an 860kg Limousin cross from 4 Bay, Waternish.

Lamb trade remains firm at Fort William

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd., sold 2,000 store sheep of all classes at Fort William last Thursday when all classes continued to maintain a firm trade.

Lambs averaged £29.99 per head and sold to £50 for Cheviots from Annbank, Kilchoan.

Ewes sold to £55 for Crosses from 2 Achnaphuibuil, Fort William.

Feeding sheep sold to £37 twice for a Blackface wedder from Fersit, Roy Bridge, and a Lleyn wedder from Craigard Cottage, Langal.

Rams sold to £150 gross for a Cheviot from Annbank.

Blackface ram trade hits £44,000 at Dalmally

DALMALLY'S all-new mart saw a sale total of over half a million pounds at its annual ram sale.

Blackface breeders from Crieff dominated the sale with Mary McCall-Smith of Connachan leading the trade at £44,000 while Ian Hunter, Dalchirla grossed nearly 35 per cent of the takings with the 53 shearlings and 12 ram lambs he sold on the day, bringing in £158,240 out of a sale total of £524,568.

Average prices were well up on the year which reflected big rises seen in prime and store rings in 2009.

Selling to an average of £732 were 570 shearlings, against £479.51 for 30 fewer animals last year.

Up over £36 on last year were the 172 ram lambs at the sale, with only 162 sold last year.

United Auctions has recently invested over £250,000 in new penning arrangements and a new sale ring and it was an excellent start for the new look market which was officially opened by Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor.

The sale topper was a

shearling from Ms McCall-Smith's 1,100-strong Blackface flock called Connachan Highland Storm.

Ms McCall-Smith retained a quarter share of the ram with the remaining 75 per cent shared equally by Mr Hunter, Ewen MacMillan, of The Lurg, Fintry, Glasgow, John Harkin, of Loughash Road, Dunamanagh, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and Jim Kay, of the Gass, Straiton, Ayr.

Leading for Mr Hunter at £26,000 was a shearling by a £28,000 Midlock and two other shearlings off Mourinho, sold at £12,000.

Ram lambs also did well at Dalmally with two lambs selling to £9,000.

Elmscleugh sold to £9,000 while Ian Hunter took the same amount for a son of a £14,000 Elmscleugh.

Mr Hunter, Dalchirla also donated a lamb to raise funds for the cancer charity Clic Sargent, the donation raised £2,400.

Leading averages at Dalmally were (flock, number sold, top price, average):

Shearlings	Connachan, 10,	344,000,
	£4,865;	Elmscleugh, eight,
	£14,000,	32, 581.25;
	Dalchirla, 53,	£26,000,
	£2,281.13;	Pole, 13, £8,500,
	£2,200;	Lurg, eight, £9,000,
	£11,591.25;	Auchloy,
	11, £10,000,	£1,481.81;
	Glenrath, seven,	£3,000,
	£1114.28;	Auldhouseburn,
	three, £1,600,	£1,100;
	Sidlaw, four,	32,500,
	£808.33;	Dyke, 11, 33,800,
	£722.73;	Balliemanoach,
	seven, £1,500,	£714.28;
	Nunnerie, 11,	£3,800,
	£704.54;	Midlock, 14,
	£1,300,	£682.14;
	Kilbride	and Cowburn, 10, £1,100,
	£560;	East Bracklinn
	(three aged),	£1,100,
	£550;	Cladich, 15, £2,000,
	£463.33;	Merkins, eight,
	£850,	£493.75;
	Pirnataton,	four, £700, £425.
	Ram lambs	
	Dalchirla, 12,	£9,000,
	£3,112.50;	Auldhouseburn,
	four, £3,700,	£2,075;
	Elmscleugh, nine,	£9,000,
	£1,827.77;	Midlock, eight,
	£1,800,	£775;
	Connachan,	three, £900,
	£533.33;	Nunnerie, three, £1,000,
	£550;	Glenrath, five, £800,
	£476;	Pirnataton, three, £600,
	£466.66.	



A packed ringside at Dalmally saw trade rise dramatically for quality rams



Officially opening the newly upgraded Dalmally Mart, Donald Morrison, David Leggat, and Jamie McGrigor.

MSP officially opens refurbished market at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions marked the completion of upgraded facilities at Dalmally mart when Highland and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor 'launched' the newly refurbished facility immediately before the Blackface Ram Sale on Saturday.

The £250,000 upgrade, which were completed this month, include replacing the entire penning area with steel pens - including a new livestock auction ring - and resurfacing the concrete as well as upgrading the washing system and installing electronic display equipment.

The upgrade improves health and safety, bio-security and animal health and welfare.

Dalmally auction mart is an important seasonal centre for hill sheep and cattle and supports around 50 jobs. It also provides an essential facility for marketing stock from the islands, which is supplemented by facilities at Oban, including livestock trailers for ferry animals to and from the islands and an overnight lairage shed for animals being transported to the Dalmally sales.

Jamie McGrigor, who as local farmer uses the mart himself, said: 'My family has been using Dalmally market since 1956 so I know first hand that it is more than a market - it is an institution to people in the

area where it also plays an important social role as a place to do business, often not connected with the sale of the day.

'It is a place where breeders meet fatteners, farmers meet hauliers and it provides a general meeting point on Saturdays during sale periods.'

'The market has always overcome the hurdles put in its path by governments and EU Commissioners and I have great confidence in the ability and commitment of United Auctions and those who provide the stock so that further generations may continue to use this vibrant market in what is undoubtedly the most picturesque setting of any market in Scotland.'

Another supporter of the market Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism and SNP MSP for Argyll and Bute Jim Mather. He said: 'This upgrade is a significant boost to agriculture in the West of Scotland and should be seen as a mark of confidence in the future prospects of the industry.'

Donald Morrison, area managing director for Argyll and the Islands said: 'The Dalmally market provides an essential link in marketing livestock in the West of Scotland together with the area office at Oban and the markets on the Islands of South Uist, Tiree and Islay.'



The first ram through the ring at Saturday's sale at Dalmally

European breeders keep keen eye on Highland cattle show at Oban

EUROPEAN breeders made up a large proportion of the enthusiasts at the 112th annual autumn show of The Highland Cattle Society at Oban Livestock Centre on Sunday.

A large crowd gathered to see the 167 entries judged by Hugh MacPhail of Calachally Farm, Salen, Mull.

Female champion
Taking the female championship was Malda 1st of Sunnyside, a three-year-old by Marloch Dubh of Rannoch out of Malda Dubh 16th of Rigg, in calf to Jacobite of Benmore.

Owners Robert and Margaret Weir of Sunnyside, Lanark, were 'delighted' with the result from the heifer's first showing, especially as they do very little showing.

However, the champion's half sister Malda Dubh 4 of Sunnyside was bought from R & M Weir in May last year in Perth for 800gns

by Duncan Buchanan, Oban and was reserve champion in Oban last year before being sold at 3,200gns to Gary Braines of Co Durham.

Mr Weir said he was keeping his bull and changing his stock of cows and was thinking of buying a couple of calves from the Oban sale.

Reserve female champion was the two-year-old Ailleag Og 29th of Millerston, by Seumas 5th of Leys out of Ailleag Og 25th of Millerston, being sold by Jack P Ramsay, Millerston, Mauchline, Ayrshire.

Calin of Douglas, a five-year-old bull from Orbest on Skye, took the male championship.

The quiet, gentle bull, which was also on its first showing, was bought by Keith Jackson three years ago.

'I brought him out of the box - because I wasn't going to buy anything that day - and walked him up

to the house and knocked on the door. When my five-year-old daughter saw him she said, 'Can I ride him?' and she went on his back and he didn't bother.'

Keith was sorry to see his bull sold but has been cross breeding Highlanders on high ground at his small holding - 'he came off a heather hill and has never eaten grass' - with Shorthorns to sell for the commercial beef market.

Calin of Douglas is by Calin of Coirefuar, previously owned by former Highland Cattle Society chairman Angus Mackay, Crieff, and out of Isabel 5th of Douglas.

Mr Mackay was delighted to see one of his bull's progeny pick up the championship at the show.

Reserve male champion was yearling bull Ceathamach of Balmoral by Dubhlanaiche of Balmoral out of Lady White 25th of Balmoral.

Dippen Charolais is Stirling champion

UNITED Auctions had forward 1,800 suckled calves at their show and sale at Stirling on Monday, plus 3,291 breeding sheep.

Bullocks averaged 209.8p per kilo and sold to 270.6p per kg for a 194kg Charolais cross from Ballygrogan and £900 for a 654kg Charolais cross from Threipland

Heifers averaged 196.1p per kilo and sold to 268.4p per kg for a 188kg Charolais cross from Ballygrogan and £840 for a 388kg Simmental cross from Nuide.

The show champion was a Charolais cross from Messrs Semple, Dippen Carradale, with the reserve, a Limousin from McGregor, Saddlefield.

Mule gimmers from Killearn Home Farm sold to £118 with Texel cross gimmers from Holton to £104 and £100 for Cheviot cross gimmers from the same home.

Mule ewe lambs from Glenfermat sold to £78.

Prize List
Charolais bullocks

- 1 Mr Semple, Dippen
 - 2 Mr Armour, High Tirfergus
 - 3 Mr Armour, High Tirfergus
- Charolais Heifers
- 1 Mr Semple, Dippen
 - 2 Mr Semple, Dippen
 - 3 Mr Semple, Dippen
- Limousin bullock
- 1 M/s McDiarmid, Ben Lawers
 - 2 Mr Johnstone, Marchfield
 - 3 Grove Farms
- Limousin heifer
- 1 Mr McGregor, Saddlefield
 - 2 Mr McGregor, Saddlefield
 - 3 M/s McDiarmid, BenLawers
- Any Other Breed
- Bullock
- 1 Mr Warnock, Mid Shawton
 - 2 Mr Warnock, Mid Shawton
 - 3 Mr Warnock, Mid Shawton
- Pen of Four
- 1 M/s MacDonald, Ardloch
 - 2 Mr Semple, Dippen
 - 3 Mr McGregor, Saddlebank
- Champion
- Mr Semple, Dippen
 - Reserve Champion
 - Mr McDiarmid, Saddlefield

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 - Mr McDiarmid, Saddlefield

Dingwall prime trade slips slightly

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 72 prime cattle and 464 prime sheep at Dingwall on Monday with trade for both cattle and sheep back slightly on the week.

Prime bullocks averaged 168.5p (-0.3p) and sold to 182p per kg for a 555kg Limousin cross from Pithogarty, Tain, and £1,159.20 for a 690kg Limousin cross from Ankerhill, Nigg.

Prime heifers averaged 167.6p (-4.2p) and sold to 185p per kg for a 565kg Limousin cross from Bridgend Farm, Dingwall, and £1,081.60 for a 640kg Charolais cross also from Bridgend Farm.

New season lambs averaged 132.8p (-4.2p) and sold to 140.5p per kg for 44kg Texel crosses from Bunchrew Farm, Inverness, and £65 for a pen of 50kg Texel crosses from Torgorm, Conon Bridge, to John M. Munro Ltd., Dingwall.

Feeding sheep averaged £32.65 and sold to £58.50 for a pen of Suffolk cross ewes from Cantraywood House, Croy.

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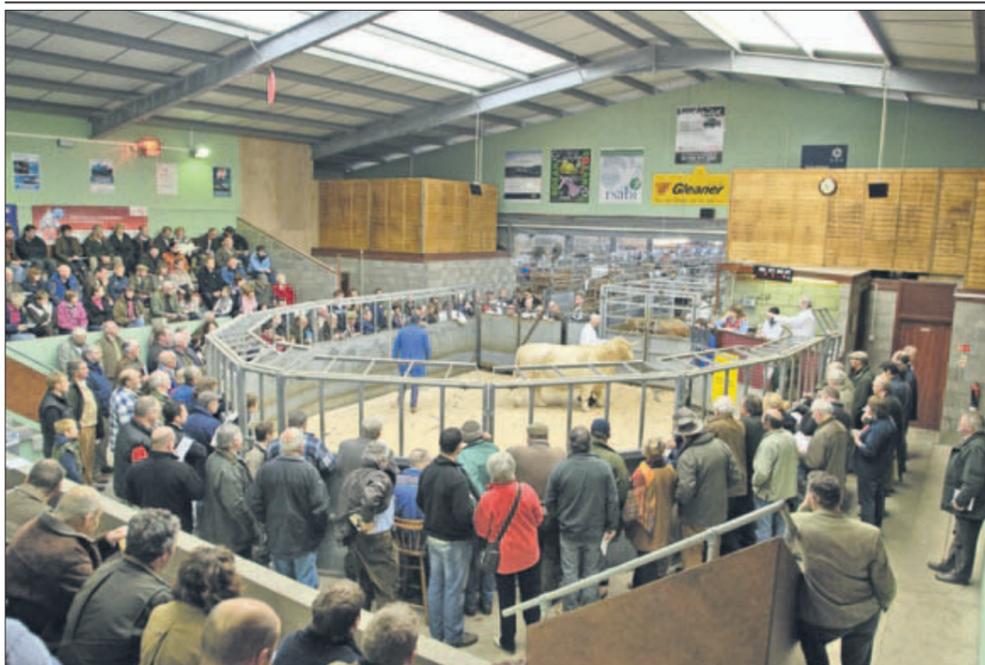
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Oban Livestock Centre was packed on Monday for the annual autumn sale of pedigree Highland cattle. 08_142highland01

Interest and averages up at Highland sale

WHILE the top price at the pedigree Highland cattle sale in Oban on Monday struggled to reach the significant 3,000gn mark, average prices and numbers traded were both up.

One hundred and two heifers sold to average £888.49 against £783.36 for 98 the year before.

Five bulls averaged £541.80 a head, with 11 cows at £930.68 and 13 steers £324.69.

Among the purchasers was a strong contingent of European buyers, who took around a third of the sale entries back to the Continent.

However, there was some criticism of some of the cattle by one of the top buyers, former dairy farmer Marco Oldenhof from Denmark, who felt that some were either too heavy or too fat.

He paid 2,800gn for Kirsty 6th of Craigowmill, a three-year-old heifer by Russell of Balure out of Kirsty 2nd of Craigowmill, sold by Ken and Eva Brown of Ledlanet, Kinross.

Mr Oldenhof, who has a 40-cow fold on his farm, also bought the black two-year-

old Fiona Dubh of Bien Esk by Thom of Bien Esk out of Bhuidhe Bhoideach 4th of Whangie, for 2,700gn from Patricia Smith and Paul Burns, Craigenfelt Farm, Carron Bridge.

A cow and calf from Duncan Buchanan, Ledaig, Connel, also fetched 2,800gn and it was Duncan who took show champion Malda 1st of Sunnyside, a three-year-old black heifer by Marloch Dubh of Rannoch out of Malda Dubh 16th of Rigg, into the ring for R&M Weir, Sunnyside,

Lanark. She fetched 2,300gn and was bought by Gary Braines, of Millfield, Co Durham, who also bought the champion's half-sister and reserve champion at last year's show, Malda Dubh 4th of Sunnyside, for 3,200gns.

The reserve, yellow two-year-old Ailleag Og 29th of Millerston, by Seumas 5th of Leys out of Ailleag Og 25th of Millerston, from Jack Ramsay of Millerston, Mauchline, was bought by Peter Edwards of Green Farm, Shordley, near Wrexham, for 2,100gn.

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Broadband boost for businesses

BUSINESSES in remote and rural areas of the Highlands and Islands could soon find their broadband connections improving.

BT and the Scottish government have come to an agreement that will see around 50 exchanges, still to be selected, upgraded at a cost of £3 million after new technology was successfully trialled in the remote north-east.

A BT spokesman said this would deliver a stable broadband service over lines that were up to seven miles away from exchanges – more than double the current three miles.

Scottish government finance secretary John Swinney said the plan recognised the frustration of some communities that faster internet services were not available.

Hotel is up for awards

AHOTEL and restaurant bear Killin has been shortlisted for both the Hotel of the Year Award and Wine Award in the Scottish Licensed Trade News (SLNT) awards.

The Ardeonaig Hotel and Restaurant has been shortlisted along with two other establishments for both awards, the winners of which will be announced on October 31.

Chef/owner Pete Gottgens said: 'We have achieved a great deal and come a long way in the past 18 months. Being recognised in the top three for both the Hotel of the Year and Wine Award is a huge credit to the whole team here at Ardeonaig.'

The SLNT awards recognise the brightest and best in Scotland's drinks retailing, leisure and hospitality industries.

Funding poser for ferry firm

THE COMPANY that owns and operates ferries in the Western Isles and West Highlands may have to look to public private partnerships (PPPs) to fund a programme of replacing ageing vessels.

As part of its management statement for Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), the Scottish government has not ruled out PPPs to replace ferries in the Caledonian MacBrayne fleet.

Six of the 31 vessels are more than 30 years old and two are 35 years old but only one new vessel, the Islay ferry, is in the pipeline or has been ordered in the last 10 years.

A proposal to procure smaller ferries in conjunction with Northern Ireland and Ireland is being looked at.

Distillery lifts top plaudit

SPRINGBANK Distillery Campbeltown has been named Scottish Whisky Distiller of the Year 2010 in the Icons of Whisky Awards.

At the same awards ceremony run by *Whisky Magazine*, Peter Currie from Springbank was named as Young Whisky Ambassador of the Year.

'Whisky Magazine editor Rob Allanson said: 'The judges felt that Springbank is bucking the economic trend and starting to expand now and is recruiting staff.'

There is also a Kintyre connection for Peter's runner up, Susan Colville of Wemyss Malts is the daughter-in-law of Councillor Rory Colville and wife, Mary. Susan is married to their son Donald, who began his career with Springbank and now works for Diageo.

Fish farm enjoys taste of success

A GIGHA halibut farmer has won the title of UK Food Champion of the Year and in the process a £10,000 prize and a contract with a national supermarket chain.

Alistair Barge, of Isle of Gigha Halibut, was presented with the Waitrose and Country Living Made in Britain Award last month, beating competition from two other Scottish food producers.

The halibut farm was started after Alistair worked with his father, Ronal Barge, in the salmon farming industry on Loch Fyne.

'Starting up back in the 1960s farming salmon, we moved to halibut farming in the 1990s because as a small independent company it became impossible for us to compete with the large salmon producers, so we decided to look for new species to farm,' said Alistair.

Ideal

'As a species halibut seemed ideal, it was premium fish with a declining wild fishery; it grew well in ambient temperatures in the west of Scotland. We thought Gigha, being surrounded by the Atlantic, would be a good place for growing halibut. I think we made the right decision and hit a niche in the market,' he said.

The sea water around Gigha offers ideal conditions for growing halibut. Although land-based, sea water enters tanks through sluices and the farm is powered by a community-owned wind farm.

'It takes around three and a half or four years for the halibut to reach maturity. They spend a year and a half at the marine hatchery and two



Alistair Barge, of Isle of Gigha Halibut, has been named UK Food Champion of the Year.

and a half years in Gigha, until they are ready to harvest,' said Alistair.

Isle of Gigha Halibut now accounts for 80 per cent of all the halibut produced in Scotland and is now available through 75 Waitrose stores in the UK.

'Halibut has a firm texture and melts in your mouth; it is beautifully fresh and white. It's known as a meat eater's fish, so anyone looking for a healthy alternative to fillet steak

should opt for halibut,' said Alistair.

'Our long term plans are to keep specialising in halibut farming and improving what we are doing. But I'm also keen to promote the island of Gigha and to strengthen the connection between the halibut and the island, which is community owned. We'd like to work closer with our customers to promote the fish as Gigha halibut not just halibut.'

'As a family business we're

extremely proud of how far we have come,' said Alistair.

Congratulating Alistair on his win, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the environment Richard Lochhead said: 'This is another recognition of the trailblazers who truly make Scotland a land of food and drink.'

'It's innovators like Alistair Barge who have prompted sales of Scottish produce to increase by 21 per cent across Scotland, England and Wales.'

Marine Harvest may create 40 jobs

MARINE Harvest Scotland, one the west coast's biggest employers, is looking to create another 40 jobs in the Highlands and islands under a £40 million investment in ocean-based fish farms.

Until now farmed salmon production has been concentrated in sea lochs, but now the company is looking to the open sea to boost production as demand for Scottish salmon continues to grow.

MHS is investigating possible fish farm sites off the Western Isles, the west Highlands, Argyll and Bute and in the Minch.

Four optimal locations from Berneray, Barra, Sandray, Eriskay, Pabbay, Mingulay, and several areas off the Small Isles will be put forward for consideration by planning authorities, with Barra pencilled in as the centre for shore-based operations.

The company is keen to adopt the Canadian model of siting fish farms in deep open water to reduce environmental impacts.

'The time is right for the next generation of Scottish salmon farming,' managing director Alan Sutherland said.

Residential barges

Fish farm crews will work in a similar way to oilrig staff, with teams of six living on residential barges on site, working a shift pattern.

Western Isles MSP Alasdair Allan said: 'This is a very positive development for Barra and the Western Isles. Fish farming is one of the most important sectors for the Western Isles economy, and we need to encourage all companies who have an interest in this area.'

Western Isles MP Angus Brendan MacNeil said: 'This is great news on the jobs front and a much-needed boost to the islands economy. I would also look for Marine Harvest to link processing with production, which would provide additional jobs.'

The company says turnover could be boosted by 50 per cent under the expansion.



The new jetty at Isle of Eriska Hotel is made from recycled plastic.

Recycled plastic pier offers hotel a solution

AN ARGYLL hotel has found an innovative solution for replacing its old and decaying sea pier by installing a new floating jetty made from recycled plastic.

The steel pier at the five-star Isle of Eriska Hotel, near Benderloch, had become increasingly dilapidated in recent years and was suffering from serious rot and corrosion.

Chay Buchanan-Smith, co-proprietor of the Isle of Eriska Hotel, said: 'Replacing the pier was seen as a priority, given that it formed an essential part of the hotel's operation providing guests with boat trips and enabling yachts and other visiting craft to tie-up alongside.'

Following close consultation by Fusion Marine on the hotel's exact requirements, an individually designed 30-metre plastic jetty was specially manufactured and installed. Anchored to the shore by a concrete plinth, the jetty rises and falls with the tide ensuring around-the-clock access.

Abrasion

Mr Buchanan-Smith added: 'One problem with the old pier was that of abrasion caused to boats moored alongside by the metal pillars.'

'This does not happen with the plastic jetty, which is also much more cost effective as it is tougher and will not corrode. We were particularly attracted to the fact that the structure is made from recycled material.'

Iain Forbes of Fusion Marine said: 'We have manufactured and installed a number of these pontoons for hotels and estates on the west coast of Scotland. They are a great way of boosting business by attracting yachts and offering guests the option of boat or fishing trips.'



David McHardy, left, and Gary Gladman at the newly-opened Plumbing Trade Supplies centre in Glengallan Industrial Estate. 15_141ps01

David plumbs in to his roots

Return to Oban makes sense to manage new supplies centre

WITH plumbing and heating engineering running in the family blood, it comes as no surprise to find David McHardy behind the counter at the new PTS centre in Oban.

Open just six weeks, the new Plumbing Trade Supplies centre in Glengallan Road was just the incentive this former Oban man needed to pack up his family and come home.

David grew up learning about the plumbing trade at the feet of his late father, George McHardy, who ran a plumbing and heating business.

He then worked in his father's business: 'It was mainly in the office ordering stock and dealing with customers.'

So when he moved down to Glasgow to be with his wife Hilary, he started work with a national plumbing merchant and worked his

way up to a managerial position.

But after adopting two young children, now two and three, the couple decided that a move back to Oban from Cumnock to be close to family was in order and the PTS job provided the prime opportunity.

PTS has 300 branches all over the UK and specialises in plumbing and heating supplies to the trade as well as offering a range of bathrooms and fittings to retail customers.

David said that already business was building up with local and Argyll-wide plumbing and heating engineers pleased to have a dedicated plumbers merchant in the town.

Stock not already in store can be ordered and will be in the Oban PTS store within two days.

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Hard work pays off as Kilberry Inn keeps winning awards

A SMALL restaurant-with-rooms in Kilberry, near Tarbert, is picking up awards right, left and centre.

The Kilberry Inn has just won a prestigious César award by the Good Hotel Guide and been named Scottish Dining Pub of the Year by the Good Pub Guide.

Likened to the Oscars of the hotel industry, the César has been awarded to The Kilberry Inn for Inn of the Year 2010.

Clare Johnson and David

Wilson, who run the inn, said: 'It has been quite a year for us at Kilberry, from winning the Scottish Restaurant of the Year Award back in January to now being named Inn of the Year by the Good Hotel Guide.'

'The Guide's César awards are much sought after, particularly because it is one of the few independent guides for our industry. We are thrilled to have been chosen.'

David added: 'Since we

took over the Kilberry Inn four years ago, we've been working hard to develop its reputation for great food. We are fortunate to have some of the world's best seafood right on our doorstep, as well as the wonderful beef and lamb produced just along the road at Ormsary.'

'For us, it is all about using the freshest of ingredients and treating them simply and with care. We source as much as we can from the local area and

complement what we offer on the menu with an interesting and eclectic wine list.'

These latest accolade come just a few days after Kilberry was featured on television in The Hairy Bikers Tour of Britain.

Celebrated

The Good Hotel Guide nominates 10 hotels every year for the award, named after César Ritz, the most celebrated of hoteliers.

These are for a mixed

selection of places each of which is considered to be outstanding in its own class.

Desmond Balmer, joint editor of the guide, said: 'This unpretentious inn is run with friendly efficiency by Clare and David.'

'The atmosphere is happy, the food is sublime and the bedrooms are simple but stylish.'

'It is just the sort of personally run place that our readers are looking for.'

Eilidh hopes to help grow the success of D.M.G. Hair Studio

D.M.G. Hair Studio in Mamore House on The Parade in Fort William has a new face. Local girl Eilidh Cameron trained and then worked in Fort William for ten years in hair styling before a career move took her to Inverness.

But after a short spell in the Highland capital, Eilidh has returned to her native Fort William to work alongside owner Donna McGeever in the stylish new salon.

Eilidh started work on Tuesday – and cannot wait to build up her clientele in a studio that shouts quality.

'As a team we hope to deliver the customer service we believe the Fort deserves,' she says. 'Jointly we will be keeping up to date with the latest advances in the hairdressing industry on our frequent visits to Glasgow and beyond.'

Donna added: 'We understand the importance of consultation and communication to help clients achieve the look they want to project.'

Shake it! Donna, left, welcomes Eilidh to D.M.G. Hair Studio.

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FT 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
09/00346/FULLO	Site 70m West Of Invergarry Hotel, Invergarry	Erection of 2 blocks of 4 flats	Invergarry Post Office (21 Days)
09/00374/PIPLO	Land West Of Former Primary School, Glen Borrodale, Acharacle	Erection of house	Acharacle Post Office (14 days)
09/00380/FULLO	Land 40m South Of Ar Dochaidh, West Larch, Ballachulish	Erection of house	Ballachulish Post Office (14 days)
09/00383/MSCLO	Land 135m North East Of Rose Cottage East, Burnakaiga, Achnacarry, Spean Bridge	Erection of house and garage	Achnacarry Post Office (14 days)
09/00385/FULLO	Nevis Bank Hotel, Balford Road, Fort William, PH33 6BY	Alterations and renovations to hotel and formation of one staff flat	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
09/00390/PIPLO	Housing Site To West Of Fir Cottage, Glencoe	Erection of 4 houses & upgrading of access - renewal of 06/00191/OUTLO	Glencoe Post Office (14 days)
09/00392/FULLO	Onich Hotel, Onich	Section 42 application to vary conditions 2, 3, 4 & 5 - 09/00129/FULLO (operation & retention of marquee)	Ballachulish Post Office (14 days)
09/00395/FULLO	Grounds Of Inverwallace, Albert Road, Ballachulish	Erection of residential annex	Ballachulish Post Office (14 days)
09/00396/FULLO	18 Loch Nevis Terrace, Mallaig, PH41 4QH	Alterations & extension to house (amended design)	Mallaig Post Office (14 days)
09/00397/PIPLO	Site 80M North West Of Portbag Cottage, Omsaigbeg, Kilchoan, Acharacle	Erection of house (plot 1) - amended access to 08/00199/OUTLO	Kilchoan Post Office (14 days)
09/00398/PIPLO	Site 90M North West Of Portbag Cottage, Omsaigbeg, Kilchoan, Acharacle	Erection of house (plot 2) - amended access to 08/00200/OUTLO	Kilchoan Post Office (14 days)
09/00399/FULLO	East Glen Mhor, North Road, Fort William, PH33 6TD	Erection of holiday letting unit	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
09/00400/PIPLO	Site At 15 Upper Inverroy 45m East Of 13 Upper Inverroy, Roy Bridge, PH31 4AQ	Erection of house	Roy Bridge Post Office (14 days)
09/00401/PIPLO	Land 200m North Of Achaidh Cartuig, Morar	Erection of house - renewal of 04/00451/OUTLO	Mallaig Post Office (14 days)
09/00402/FULLO	Site West Of Lochview Letterfinlay, Spean Bridge	Erection of pontoon & jetty (retrospective)	Spean Bridge Post Office (14 days)
09/00404/PIPLO	Site 90m North West Of 13 Old Golf Course, Plot 9 Old Golf Course, Kilchoan, Acharacle, Argyll	Erection of house	Kilchoan Post Office (14 days)
09/00406/FULLO	Land 200m South East Of Onsay, Back Of Keppach, Aisaig	Erection of garage	Aisaig Post Office (14 days)
09/00407/FULLO	14 Loch Nevis Terrace, Mallaig, PH41 4QH	Extension to rear/front dormers	Mallaig 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



**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 a.m. and 5 p.m. 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 5th November 2009 for the following list of application for planning permission.

- **Ref No: 09/01181/PP**
Applicant: Mr M Robinson and Mrs S Walker
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse, workshop and 2 chalets
Site Address: Land North East Of Drumlang Lodge, Gruline, Isle Of Mull
- **Ref No: 09/01209/PP**
Applicant: John D Clark
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and installation of a septic tank
Site Address: Barecroft Holding, Southwest of Port Charlotte, Islay
- **Ref No: 09/01230/PP**
Applicant: Alastair D McKinnon
Proposal: Erection of 2 dwelling houses with detached garages
Site Address: Land North Of 6 Church Street, Portnahaven, Isle of Islay, Argyll and Bute
- **Ref No: 09/01259/PPP**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs H Isaac
Proposal: Site for erection of 2 no. dwelling houses with septic tanks
Site Address: Land Adjacent To Burnside, Ledaig, Argyll
- **Ref No: 09/01289/PP**
Applicant: Mr J Butler
Proposal: Amended house design and site layout to that approved under Reference Number 07/00528/DET
Site Address: Land East Of Grouse Cottage, Torloisk, Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute
- **Ref No: 09/01299/PP**
Applicant: Colin Logan Building Contractors
Proposal: Relocation of workshop (amended proposal to approval reference 08/01869/DET)
Site Address: Land West Of Workshop, Gortanovogic Road, Bowmore, Isle of Islay, Argyll and Bute, PA43 7JB
- **Ref No: 09/01359/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Tim Esson
Proposal: Relocation of septic tank and soakaway relative to application reference 08/00657/REM
Site Address: Lower Caolis, Caolis, Isle of Tiree, Argyll and Bute, PA77 6TS
- **Ref No: 09/01468/PPP**
Applicant: Mr Norman MacDonald
Proposal: Erection of a 2 Semi-detached dwellinghouses
Site Address: Land North of the Surchey, Rockfield Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute
- **Ref No: 09/01479/PPP**
Applicant: Mr Phillip Wight
Proposal: Site for the erection of 10 dwelling house,
Site Address: Land South of Clachanduh House, Balvicar, Isle of Seil, Argyll and Bute

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 am and 5 pm 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

**CORPORATE SERVICES
CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
PROPOSED TAXI FARES**

Argyll and Bute Council propose to carry out a review of taxi fare scales. Any changes to the existing fare scales will take effect from 8th February 2010. Any individual or organisation wishing to make representations on the review should make them in writing to the undersigned by the 4th December 2009. Copies of the existing fare scales can be obtained by telephoning Argyll and Bute Council on (01546) 604198
Susan Mair, Head of Legal and Protective Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillor Donald McIntosh (E.W.4 Oban, South and the Isles) will be holding a surgery in the Business Centre, Isle of Tiree on Wednesday 21st October from 10.00am - 12 noon. Appointments are not necessary.

Glen Gloy Blackface dispersal at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 3,827 breeding ewes and lambs at their annual Blackface and Cross ewes, gimmers, ewe lambs sale at Dingwall when the HISHA Accredited dispersal of the Glen Gloy Blackface flock sold at extreme rates. All other classes met a highly satisfactory demand.

Blackface ewes sold to £95 for correct ewes from the dispersal of the Glen Gloy Farms Ltd flock, Spean Bridge.
Blackface gimmers sold to £94 for a pen of 25 from Ness House, Inverness.
Blackface ewe lambs sold to £60

for a pen of 20 from Glen Gloy Farms Ltd.
Correct ewes sold to £130 for Mules from Galcantray Farm, Cawdor.
Gimmers sold to £140 for a Bluefaced Leicester from Broomhill Farm, Muir of Ord.
Ewe lambs sold to £72 for a pen from Borlum Farm, Fort Augustus.
Feeding ewes averaged £39.08 and sold to £64 for Cheviot ewes from Achscrabster Farm, Thurso.
Feeding sheep sold to £39.50 gross for a Mule wether from Lower Gartally, Lewiston.
Rams sold to £360 for a Texel from Glebe Farm, Allarburn

Shearling is champion at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 116 Blackface rams at their PK Nutrition sponsored show and sale at Dingwall on Friday when quality rams met a strong demand.

The judge, Mr I. Macpherson, Stallions Field, Daviot, awarded the champion to a shearling ram from Messrs K. & J. Matheson, Milton of Aberarder, Dores, realising £1,100 to Mr D. Mackenzie, The Retreat, Kildary.
The reserve champion, a shearling also from Milton of Aberarder, realised £650, to Mr D. Macdonald, 9 Clachan, Isle of Skye.
The 78 shearlings averaged £363.46 and sold to £1,400 gross from Messrs C & I MacIntyre, Lower Nuide Farm Cottage to Mr M. Morrison, 17 Habost, Ness, Isle of Lewis. The 27 aged rams averaged £227.41 and sold to £450 gross for a three shear from Blackford Farm, Croy. Eleven tup lambs averaged £136.36 and sold to £480 gross from Tigh N'Ulaidh, Tomatin.

Perth bull sales move to Stirling

'PERTH Bull Sales' are being held for the first time in Stirling next week.

The Autumn bull sales are taking place at United Auctions' new Stirling Agricultural Centre from Monday October 19 to Wednesday October 21.

More than 800 pedigree cattle from Scotland, England and Wales - including 40 bulls from Northern Ireland - are coming to the sales.

David Leggat, executive chairman of UA said: 'We're looking forward with great excitement to the Perth Bull Sales at the new Stirling venue and we're delighted by both the high number and high quality of entries from leading herds across the UK and Northern Ireland.'

'Specialised facilities for pedigree cattle have been incorporated into the new centre and it will be very satisfying to see them in operation for the first time.'

Livestock market reports

**PORTREE
Dingwall and
Highland Marts**

Bullocks up to 200kg - 4 Ardmore, Watermish, £500, 2 Brogaig, Staffin, 273.3p;
201-250kg - 5/6 Borneskitaig, £605, 246.9p;
251-300kg - 4 Bay, £610, 7 Ullinish, Struan, 217.9p;
301-350kg - 44 Borneskitaig, Kilmuir, £610, 190.6p;
351-400kg - 14 Linrico, £600, 157.9p;
401-450kg - 2 Tote, Skeabost Bridge, £640, 142.2p;
451-500kg - Carbstmore, Carbost, £735, 147p.

Heifers up to 200kg - 27 Stenscholl, Staffin, £465, 251.4p;
201-250kg - 5/6 Borneskitaig, £505, 2 Brogaig, 223.8p;
251-300kg - 7 Ullinish, £610, 217.9p;
301-350kg - 4 Balnacnoc, Uig, £610, 184.9p;
351-400kg - 1 & 2 Stenscholl, Staffin, £605, 5 Kilvaxter, Kilmuir, 165.3p;
401-450kg - 3 Glen, Claigan, £650, 5/6 Shearer, 154.9p;
451-500kg - 5/6 Shearer, £710, 5 Kilvaxter, 147.3p.

Breeding cattle
In-calf heifer: Lim - 1/2 of 8 Camustinaivaig, Braes, £760 (twice).
In-calf cow: Lim - 12 Upper Edinbane, £950; CharX - 12 Upper Edinbane, £820; AAX - 8 Digg, Staffin, £760; ShoX - 1 Herbusta, Kilmuir, £760.
Cow with heifer calf: LimX - 2 Sartle, £780; SimX - 1/2 of 2 Kendram, Portree, £750.
Other leading prices per head
OTM cows: 2 Peiness, Skeabost Bridge, (SimX) £705; 3 Fanks, Arnisort, (LimX) £680.
Other leading prices per kg
OTM cows: 3 Fanks, (LimX) 95.8p; 2 Peiness, (SimX) 90.4p.

**STIRLING
United Auctions**
Bullocks:
Up to 250kgs Townhead £555,

Ballygroggan 270.6p;
251-300kgs Grove £735, 253.5p;
301-350kgs Low Polquheys £750, 238.8p;
351-400kgs - Knowehead £845, 224.7p;
401-450kgs - Threipland £880, Taiglem 209.7p;
451-500kgs - Threipland £900, 192.3p;
501-550kgs - Carse of Trowan £855, 165.1p

Heifers:
Up to 250kg Polquhairm £550, Ballygroggan 268.6p;
251-300kgs Grove £640, Grove and Craig (Paton) 226.2p;
301-350kgs Dippen £780, 239.3p;
351-400kgs - Nuide £840, 216.5p;
401-450kgs - Sadelbank £810, Macherquhat 190.5p;
451-500kgs - Skelfhill £835, 167.7p;
501-550kgs - Bankhead £710, 138.7p

**FORT WILLIAM
Dingwall and
Highland Marts**
Store lambs:
SuffolkX : Blairconard, Fort Augustus, and Ardtornish Farms, £47.50;
Blackface: Mamore, Fort William, £47.50;
Cheviot: Annbank, £47; Cross: Roughburn, Roy Bridge, £46.50;
TexelX: Callart Farm, Fort William, £45.50;
Mule: Borlum Farm, Fort Augustus, £43.
Ewes:
Cheviot: Annbank, £51.00; Lley: Craigard Cottage, £39;
Blackface: Croft 6, Glenuig, £38.
Rams:
Cheviot: Annbank, £85.

**DINGWALL
Dingwall and
Highland Marts**
Blackface ewes - Glen Gloy Farms Ltd, £89; Balmaglaister, Spean Bridge, £64.
Blackface gimmers - Glen Gloy Farms Ltd, £90; 19 Holmsdale,

Isle of Skye, £68.
Blackface ewe lambs - Auchnafem, Grantown on Spey, £57; 5/6 Shearer, Isle of Skye, £56.
Correct ewes: Mule - Galcantray Farm, £125; CHM - Glebe Farm, £86; TexX - Glebe Farm, £82; SuffX - Bogburn Farm, Duncanson, £74; Chev - Glebe Farm, £70; Cross - Lower Arboll Farms, Tain, £64; Lley - Corrimony, £50.
Gimmers:
BFL - Broomhill Farm, £100; Chev - Aberchalder, £85; Lley - Corrimony, £80.
Ewe lambs: SuffX - Mountrich Farm, Dingwall, £71; Mule - Culbin Farm, Dingwall, £68.
Feeding ewes:
SuffX - Bogburn Farm, £51; Mule - 5 Tomich, Beauly, £50.50; Cross - Drynie Farm, Dingwall, £44; BFL - 5 Tomich, £44; Chev - Calrossie Mains, Nigg, £42; Lley - Corrimony, £41.50.

Rams:
Tex - Glebe Farm, £220; Suff - Glebe Farm, £110.
**DINGWALL
Dingwall and
Highland Marts**
Shearling rams:
Blackface: Milton of Aberarder, £1,100; Abersky, Torness, £950; Balchraggan, Dores, £850; Swaledale: Balchraggan, £320.
Aged rams:
Blackface: Blackford Farm, £350; Tulloch Farm, Dingwall, £320 (twice); Dalbuick, Carrbridge, £300; Swaledale: Knockandhu, Tomatin, £420.
Ram lambs:
Blackface: Tigh N'Ulaidh, £300; Tigh N'Ulaidh, £280.
Flock averages
Lower Nuide, £687.50 ave, £1400 top;
Milton of Aberarder, £507.85 ave, £1100 top;
Balchraggan, £402.85 ave, £850 top;
Abersky, £355.38 ave, £950 top;
Knockandhu, £350 ave, £420 top

**Osspower Ltd
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000**

Further to the notices of application for consent to construct and operate the following hydro schemes near Crianlarich and for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the developments be deemed to be granted:

- Ben Glas (Central Grid Reference NN 3221 1996). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be approx 1.6MW
- Allt Fionn (Central Grid Reference NN 3326 2072). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be approx 2.1MW
- Derrydaroch (Central Grid Reference NN 3451 2154). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be approx 2.0MW
- Upper Falloch (Central Grid Reference NN 3692 2372). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be approx 1.0MW

Notice is hereby given that additional information has been received by Scottish Ministers on this application. Copies of this information have been forwarded to Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park to be made available for public inspection by being placed on the planning register.

Any queries about this additional information should be directed in the following ways:
This information can be obtained via the Scottish Government Energy Consents website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Energy-Consents> or Writing to the Scottish Government Energy & Deployment Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU or emailing to energyconsents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG

Any subsequent additional information received by Scottish Ministers before determination of the application, if considered to be materially relevant, will be similarly forwarded to Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park to be placed on the planning register and made available for public inspection, and will also be placed on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website, at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Energy-Consents>. However, no further public notice will be issued.

Any representations should be made in writing to The Scottish Government Energy & Deployment Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU or emailed to energyconsents@scotland.gsi.gov.uk identifying the proposal and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than 16th November 2009. Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return email or postal address of those making representation. All representations to the Scottish Government will be copied to the planning authority on request, and made available to the public on request, unless the individual requests otherwise.

All previous representations received in relation to this development remain valid

**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:-

- Friday 23 October 2009**
Muasdale - 10.00am - 10.30am
Tayinloan - 11.00am - 11.30am
Gigha - 1.45pm - 2.45pm
Clachan - 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Tarbert - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
 - Saturday 24 October 2009**
Kilmelford - 9.30am - 10.00am
Balvicar - 10.45am - 11.15am
Easdale Island - 12noon - 12.30pm
Ellenabeich - 1.00pm - 1.30pm
Tobronochy - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Cullipool - 4.00pm - 4.30pm
- For an appointment please call 01369 704840**

**Notice of Application For
A Premises Licence Under
The Gambling Act 2005**

Notice is hereby given that Mrs Violet Mitchell, 57 Shore Street, Oban PA34 4NT is applying for a family entertainment centre premises licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005. The application relates to the following premises:
A & V Leisure, Mitchell's Amusements
142 George Street, Oban PA34 5NX
The application has been made to Argyll & Bute Licensing Board

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application: A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities. A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities. A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories.

Any representations must be made by 12 November 2009 It is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 if a person, without reasonable excuse, gives to a licensing authority for a purpose connected with that Act information which is false or misleading.

**Proposed Division
of a Croft Tenancy**

Mrs Georgina May Duncan, Cnoc-na-atha, Langal, Acharacle is applying to divide the croft at 1/4 Langal, Aisaig & Moidart into two parts.

If you have any objections to the proposal, you may submit representations in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3EQ by the 12th November 2009 specifying your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

**Lorn Counselling Service
Annual General
Meeting**

6pm on Thursday 26th Nov 2009
Seminar Room, Lorn and the Isles District General Hospital, Oban
Further information from: **Catrina Young**
Co-ordinator
01631 566666
icservice@tiscali.co.uk

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**WEST ARGYLL
FOREST DISTRICT
INVITATION TO TENDER**

Restocking and Beat up
West Argyll, Lorne and Lochaber

Applications from contractors are invited for Restocking and Beating-up operations in the West Argyll, Lorne and Lochaber Operational area.

Please note that all planting gangs will require to have GLA certification.

Leave details at reception or contact Barry Bruce for tender details on 01546 602518

Closing date for tender submissions is 12th November 2009

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04 (04) DEFENDER 130 Td5 TIPPER Rutland Red, heavy duty chassis & suspension..... £14,995 + VAT

04 (04) DEFENDER 110 Td5 HARD TOP in Rutland red, tow pack, one owner..... £7,250 + VAT

02 (02) DEFENDER 90 Td5 HARD TOP in Silver, 2 seats, tow pack, alloys..... £6,750 + VAT

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SCHUSTER - Lorna Frances of Nether Worton, Oxfordshire. On October 8, 2009, peacefully at Glenkinglass in her 99th year. Much loved mother of Joanna, Peter and Richard. Funeral at St James, Nether Worton on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 2.30pm. No flowers. Enquiries to J and M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury O1295 265424.

STRUTHERS - Peacefully on Sunday, October 11, 2009, in the loving care of Ladywalk House Care Home, Anstruther. Robert Struthers, aged 100, formerly of Dunolliebeg Farm, Oban, loving husband of the late Baba Forbes, much loved father of Grace, Anne, Robert and the late Archie and John, granpa of Robbie, Gail, Jennifer, Andrew, Douglas and Jamie and friend to all. Funeral service at Church of Scotland, Corran Esplanade, Oban on Monday, October 19, at 1.30pm. Thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection/donations if desired for Marie Curie Nurses.

WADDINGTON - Eilidh died peacefully in hospital on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, after recent ill health. Dearly loved wife of John and mother of Ian and Mairi. A funeral service will be held at 10.30 am on October 19, 2009 at Beaconsfield United Reform Church.

MACQUEEN - The family of the late Nellie E MacQueen of Arisaig would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kind expressions of sympathy, mass cards, sympathy cards and flowers received on the death of their dear mother. A very special thank you to the staff of the Mackintosh Centre, Mallaig, Dr Gartshore, Dr Sabine, Dr Young (Grant) and all the District Nurses for the wonderful care provided to mum over the years. Grateful thanks to Fr Andrew Barrett and Fr Joe Calleja for their comforting funeral service and spiritual care, to Mrs Angela Hardman and Mr Allan Henderson for the uplifting music, both in the church and at the graveside, and to Mr Bobby Corson for the efficient funeral arrangements. A special mention for Mrs Cathy MacDonald and Miss Winnie MacPherson for the lovely floral arrangements in the church. Thanks, also to the Arisaig Hotel for providing the catering services. A retail collection of £653 will be shared between the Friends of the Mackintosh Centre, Mallaig, and the District Nursing Fund.

MATHESON - Hugh, Doreen and Duncan MacNeil would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all cards, phone calls and floral tributes received following the passing of Auntie Mary. We would also like to thank all who attended Mass and graveside, to Fr Donald MacKay for a wonderful service and spiritual comfort while Mary was in hospital, to all staff in the Cruachan Unit Lorn and Islands Hospital and to Hamish Hoey and Son for courteous funeral arrangements. Holy Mass will be said for the intentions of all.

MACKILLOP - Remembering with love a dearly loved and respected brother and uncle, Willie, who passed away October 14, 2007. You always had a smile to share. Time to give and time to care. A loving nature kind and true. Is the way that we'll remember you. Rest in peace. - Helen and Joe. There's a face we shall always remember. A voice we shall always recall. A memory to cherish forever. Of an uncle who was dear to us all. Loved and remembered always. - Iain, Deirdre and Mhairi.

MACKILLOP - In loving memory of Willie, a much loved brother-in-law and uncle, who passed away October 14, 2007. Precious memories keep you near. As time unfolds another year. - Norma, Peggy, Keith, Joanna and families.

MACLEOD - Treasured memories of Ian a loving husband, dad and papa died October 14, 2002. Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day. - Nancy, Mary, Iain and families.

STEWART - Remembering our dear parents and grandparents, Marjorie, died September 17, 1996, Ernie, died November 11, 1999. No special day is needed. For us to think of you. You were both so very special. And we thought the world of you. - Maureen, John, Fraser, Sheena and family.

WILSON - In loving memory of Hector, our dear husband, dad and granddad who passed away on October 19, 2007. Rest in God's peace. - From all the family.

WOODROW - In loving memory of our David, a dear son and brother who died October 16, 1990, aged 21 years, result of an accident. Wishing today and we wished before. That God could have spared you many years more. In our heart your memory is kept. To love, to cherish and never forget. - Mum, Dad, Fraser, Sheena and family.

Church NEWS

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Church News, The Oban Times, PO Box 1
Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB or FAX: (01631) 568001

Kilmelford and Kilninver lunch swells church coffers



Church members served up tasty treats to raise a record amount for the parish. 08_142kil01

A TASTY lunch which has become an annual fixture for an Argyll congregation has raised the best ever total for church funds.

Volunteers from Kilmelford and Kilninver Church of Scotland parish served up bowls of hot soup on a cold day last week at Kilmelford Village Hall raising £1,185 for church funds.

Georgina Dalton, one of the organisers, said they were delighted so many parishioners, villagers, visitors and members of sister parishes had turned out to support the event.

She said: 'A really big thank you to everyone who came and supported it, the stallholders and all those who contributed. It's not just a fundraiser, it's a way of people getting to know new folk in the area.'

The parish also has an ongoing special appeal to pay for the restoration of church buildings.

BIRTHS

DODS

Kyle and Catherine are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Claire Ann, on October 4, 2009, a little sister for Sam. Special thanks to midwives Elaine and Katherine and all at Oban Maternity Unit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EDWARDS - The family of Dr Clifford Edwards wish to express their thanks to all his friends and colleagues who attended the service at St John's Cathedral and for their expressions of sympathy following the death of our dear brother and uncle.

- Dorothy, May, Allan and Sandra.

GILLIES - The family of the late James Gillies would like to thank all relatives and friends for cards, letters and support following their recent sad loss. Thanks also to all who visited dad faithfully over the past year and to the staff of the North Argyll Home for their devoted care and attention. And the family has not forgotten the loving care shown by the staff of the Cruachan Ward at the Lorne and Isles Hospital. Our gratitude goes to Rev Catherine Knott and Rev Dr Roddy MacLeod for the comforting service. Also to Ian McInnes and staff, D and A Munn Funeral Directors for efficient and dignified organisation. The sum of £476 was raised at a retiring collection for the Meningitis Research Foundation.

LINTOTT - Brian and Colin would like to say special thanks to family and friends, who paid tribute by cards, at the church and at Pennyfuir, at the loss of our mum. Also, the families of Joyce and Gillian, (Lancashire), Tracey Edwards, (Fernhurst), Marie Anne Dickier, (Havant) and Ena Colbert, (Liss, Hampshire). Thank you to the emergency services, Dr Emma Boyle, Provost MacCallum and D and A Munn for excellent services provided. The retiring collection taken for Oban Hospice and St John's Cathedral raised the sum of £212.80. To a loving mum, special memories of all things we did and done, your love will be forever in our hearts, loving you always, Brian and Colin.

MACLEOD - Ronan's family would like to thank relatives and friends for the flowers, mass cards and kind expressions of sympathy shown to them following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Fr Roddy Johnston and Monsignor Thomas Wynne for the comforting Requiem Mass and to Mike, Angus and John for the professional and caring funeral arrangements. Many thanks to all who attended the service at Glenfinnan and for the very generous donations to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. The collection total received to date is £2,020. Ronan will be sorely missed, our lives will never be the same without him.

MACPHERSON - The family of the late Michael MacPherson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls and cards received. Special thanks to Moss Park Nursing Home, Belford Hospital and Glen Mor Medical Practice for their care and attention to Michael over the years, also to Fr Roddy Johnston and Fr Donald MacKinnon for a comforting funeral service and MacLellan Funeral Directors for the funeral arrangements and the Railway Club for refreshments. A retiring collection of £135 was raised for Moss Park Residents Fund.

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD - In loving memory of my mum, Cathy, who died October 9, 2004. Sadly missed.

- Allan, Eileen and family.

GALBRAITH - Remembering with love our dear mother, mother-in-law, granny and great-granny Barbara, who died October 13, 2007. Mum, no words no verse could ever say. How much we miss you every day. - Barbara, Nancy and families.

MACASKILL - In loving memory of a dear twin sister, Margaret Ann (Annie) who passed away on October 16, 2000. Close in our hearts. You will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. - Morag and all the family.

MACCALLUM - In memory of a loving wife and mother Isobel, who died October 18, 1982. We keep in our hearts Our love of the past Today and for always. As forever it lasts. - Inserted by her husband Donald and family, 11 Longdale Terrace, Oban.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Iain, a dear father and grandfather who died October 16, 1981. Remembered always. By his family - Bunessan, Mull and Oban.

MACDONALD - Remembering with love, Margaret, mum, gran and great-gran, who died October 20, 2005. We keep in our hearts The love of the past For there it was planted Forever to last. Too deep in our hearts For death to divide Each day of our lives You walk by our sides. - Inserted by Doshie and family.

MACGIBBON - Remembering our dear parents and grand-parents, Effie, died December 8, 2001, Angus, died October 19, 1993. No special day is needed. For us to think of you. You were both so very special. And we thought the world of you. - Maureen, John, Fraser, Sheena and family.

MACKILLOP - In loving memory of William MacKillop, a dear husband, much loved dad, father in law and papa who died October 14, 2007. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home. - Love Iona, Margaret, DJ, Dean and Megan, Yvonne, James, Eviejay and James.

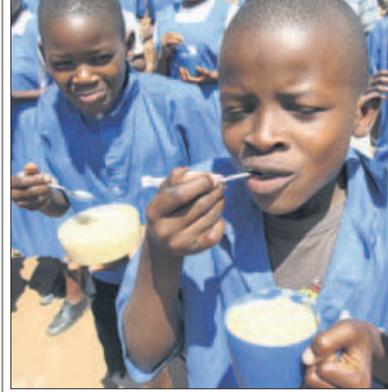
MACKILLOP - In loving memory of William MacKillop, died October 14, 2007, much loved dad, best friend and papa. If tears could build a stairway And memories a lane I'd walk right up to heaven And bring you home again. Sadly missed. - Keith, Tracy, Demi and Harry MacKillop.

CHARITY DONATIONS

Oban Hospice
CARING FOR THE FUTURE
Donations always gratefully accepted
Please contact David Mudie (Treasurer) Oban Hospice Ltd The Croft Kilmore

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Working towards a time when every person in Scotland has equal and ready access to the best information, treatment and care for cancer
West of Scotland Fundraising Office
1st Floor, Erskine House North Avenue, Clydebank Business Park, Clydebank G81 2DR
Tel 0800 100 6000 In memory of Dawn Joyce

FOR THE BLIND CHILDREN OF SCOTLAND'S ACADEMIC TUITION AT THE ROYAL SCHOOL IN EDINBURGH
Please give your financial support by donation, deed of covenant or legacy
Please send to Appeals Department, Highland Arts Effort, Royal Blind Asylum School, P.O. Box 500, Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 4HZ



Pupils at Chiperoni Primary School in Malawi tucked into their daily school meal, courtesy of the charity Mary's Meals and its supporters in Connel and Dunbeg.

Connel and Dunbeg celebrates reaching Mary's Meals target

THE PARISH of Connel and Dunbeg has raised more than £7,000 in a year to support children at its sponsored school in Malawi.

The money raised and donated through the Dalmally-based charity Mary's Meals has allowed every one of the 1,200 pupils at Chiperoni Primary School to have a daily meal at school.

The parish campaign began more than a year ago, in August 2008, when The Oban Times published an article inviting the public to attend a lunch and talk about Mary's Meals' programme, providing school meals for children in some of the world's poorest countries.

Maureen Nicol, who co-ordinated fundraising effort, said: 'The Oban Times' coverage, and stories about later fundraising events, helped to spread the word about the project which grew to involve the whole community, from the church congregations of St Oran's, Connel, and Dunbeg, to local musicians, dancers and pupils at both Achaleven and Dunbeg primary schools.

'The funding target appeared very daunting at the beginning,' said Maureen. 'We thought it was almost impossible to meet, but people have worked really hard and organised so many different events, that now we're ready for our next challenge.'

Fundraising activities included a concert, dinner parties, a Sunday school barbecue, Scottish dance evening in North Connel Hall, a sponsored walk, non-uniform days and a bring and buy sale. Maureen added: 'Reaching the £7,000 target is cause for celebration, and we plan to mark the achievement with a lunch at Connel Village Hall on October 24.'

As well as marking their success so far, this event will be a first step towards the parish's next challenge.

MARRIAGES

HARPER - WILLIS - At Balbirmie House, Markinch, Fife, on Friday, October 2, 2009, Dr Katie Harper, younger daughter of Peter and Margaret, Taynult, to Dr Neal Willis, younger son of Ian and Margaret, Dalgety Bay.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GRACIE - FERGUSON - At Kilmore and Kilbride Parish Church, Kilmore on October 22, 1959. By the late Rev I Carmichael, Alan to Margaret. Present address, Amulree, Laurel Road, Oban.

MACCUISH - **MACINTYRE** - At the Holy Cross RC Church, Glasgow on October 20, 1959, by Fr Owen Gallacher, Alastair to Peggy, present address 11 Islay Road, Oban.

DEATHS

BARRIE - William (Bill). Peacefully on October 6, 2009, beloved husband of the late Nan, treasured father of Peter and his wife Susi and much loved grandfather of Ruth, Jessica and Freya and great-grandfather to Ruth's son Theodore.

BROWN - Catherine (Catriona, née MacPhee), died peacefully on October 10, 2009 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Dugald and mother of Eive, Lorne and Colin, a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral to take place at Warriston Crematorium, Warriston Road, Edinburgh, on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 11.30 am. Retiring collection for Oban Hospice Ltd. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

CAMPBELL - Peacefully with his family by his side at Belford Hospital, Fort William, Donald Campbell, in his 90th year, of 9 Victoria Road, Fort William, beloved husband of Cathie MacInnes and dear father of Alisdair. Sadly missed.

DONALD - Mary (née Grimshaw). Very peacefully, on October 6, 2009 at Islay Hospital, Bowmore. Isle of Islay. Widow of Captain Graham Donald, D.F.C. H.W.C. F.S.A (Scot). Dear mother of Catriona and Anne. Funeral service at St Kieran's Church, Port Charlotte, Islay on Friday, October 16, at 11.30, thereafter to Kilchoman Cemetery.

MACINTYRE - Peacefully, at Eadar Glinn, Oban, on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, aged 84 years, Peggy (née MacKay), 34a Soroba Road, Oban, beloved wife of the late Hugh, much loved mother of Helen and Mary, proud granny of Carol and David and sister of Joan and the late Ewen, Sheila and Archie, all of North Uist.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANGLICAN COMMUNION
Sunday 18 October 2009
Trinity 19
St John's Cathedral, Oban
Holy Communion.....08.00
Sung Eucharist.....10.15
Loop System
Large Print Hymn Books
All Welcome
Norman MacCallum, Provost
☎(01631) 562323
St Columba, Gruline, Mull
Holy Eucharist.....11.00
St Columba, Bishop's House, Iona
Holy Eucharist.....08.00
Evensong.....20.00

LORN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Sunday 18th October
Skippinich Ceilidh House
10am
All Welcome
Telephone
07876 735 794
www.lorncf.org.uk

ASSOCIATED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OBAN
Campbell Street Church
Sunday 18th October 2009
11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Phone-In 'Worship Link' available
Rev. Archie McPhail
MA, MTh
☎(01631) 567076
All welcome

Muckairn Church Guild new season

THE FIRST meeting of the new season of Muckairn Church Guild, Taynult, was held on the evening of Monday October 5.

The Guild theme for the next three years is taken from Micah: 'What does the Lord require of you, to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' This first year the theme is 'Called to Act Justly'.

Marlene Stanners welcomed everyone who then sang a hymn 'Called to Act Justly' to the tune Bunessan. A reading on judging others from Matthew Chapter 7 was followed by prayer.

Marlene then introduced Peter Darling, a justice of the peace, who had accepted this voluntary and important commitment after serious consideration.

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All these non-custodial sentences are supervised by Rosslyn's team, frequently with satisfactory results.

Both speakers impressed their audience with their fairness and concern for justice and they were asked many questions.

The meeting ended with tea and biscuits, the hymn 'We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer' and the Celtic Blessing.

First Aid for Gambia fundraisers, brother and sisters Bill and Fiona Nelson, back, with committee member Jerry Moncrieff and treasurer Betty Graham showing off one of the 24 first aid packs heading for Gambia.

AN INVERARAY charity is sending out much needed first aid equipment to the Gambia and providing first aid training free of charge.

First Aid 4 Gambia will provide 24 schools in the African country with first aid kits and much needed supplies to offer front line first aid to patients. Training will be then be provided to those same schools by an Inveraray family.

The charity, run by brother and sister team Bill and Fiona Nelson and friend Betty Graham, will see its first consignment of pallets make their way to western Africa in early October.

Charity founder Bill Nelson said: 'We are determined to make a difference in frontline first aid services in western Africa. My sister and I are both first aid trainers and we recognise the difference having emergency skills makes to people here on the west coast of Scotland so we can only hope that these first aid kits and our training will make a difference in western Africa.'

'My sister and I grew up in Africa, living the first 20 years of our lives in the Sahara, so when we go out to the country to provide first aid training it will be as though we are returning something to this country that was so kind to us as children.'

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Storming home victory for Duffy



Calum, right, and Iain Duffy celebrate after their dramatic win.

'Dervaig Dervish' fights back from 24th place to snatch fifth Mull Rally win

BROTHERS Calum and Iain Duffy from Dervaig stormed to victory on a rainswept and gusty Tunnock's Tour of Mull Rally at the weekend.

The four times winners of the annual event did not make it easy for themselves. Following a puncture on the third test of 17, the duo dropped to 24th place overall, thereafter staging an exciting, nerve-tingling fightback to get back into contention.

The highly anticipated family duel between 12 times winner Neil MacKinnon and his son Paul who won last year did not materialise. Neil crashed out on the fourth test and Paul slid off the road on the 10th.

Cumbria's Dougi Hall then took over the rally lead, but a cruel twist of fate ruined his chances yet again. He suffered not one, but two punctures in two successive tests that dropped him out of contention. A rueful Dougi said afterwards: "Yes, I've led this rally a couple of times in the past, but I've been lying second more often before trouble struck. That's rallying, eh?"

Reputation

Meanwhile, the driver nicknamed the 'Dervaig Dervish' after his home village on Mull lived up to that reputation with a high-speed flight across Mull's twisting roads and undulating contours to score a remarkable victory in his rear wheel drive Ford Escort.

It was made even more remarkable by the fact that second place was won by another local crew, James MacGillivray and Ian Fraser (Ford Escort MkII), while third were Lancashire's Daniel Harper and Chris Campbell (BMW MINI) - and they were all driving two wheel drive cars!

The first turbocharged four wheel drive machine home was the Subaru Impreza of Nelson's John Cope and Rob Fagg



Winner Calum Murray.

who were holding third place till a wrong tyre choice dropped them into the clutches of Harper and Campbell.

Other island crews who did well included the son and father team of Iain and Angus Ogg who won their class in their 1600cc Peugeot 106 and finished a superb 14th overall and previous outright rally winner Andy Knight and Drew Sturrock who won the 1400cc class in their Vauxhall Nova and finished in a quite exceptional 16th place overall in one of the smallest cars in the rally.

Trouble

Not so fortunate were Salen's Eddie O'Donnell Jnr and Eddie O'Donnell Snr who struck clutch trouble on the Friday night section, then spent all night repairing it ready for the second and third legs on Saturday only to encounter more trouble when their Ford Escort struck a rock and damaged the front suspension, while Oban's Willie Bonniwell was forced out with gearbox failure in his Subaru Impreza.

This Tunnock's sponsored annual event marked the 40th anniversary of the rally which has been dubbed 'the best rally in the world' and had attracted 150 cars and crews from all parts of the United Kingdom.

It also brought a welcome boost to the island's coffers at the end of a tough tourist season in these recession hit times, with early estimates of some £3 million plus being injected into the island economy.

- 2009 Tunnock's Tour of Mull Rally results:
- 1 Calum Duffy/Iain Duffy, Ford Escort MkII, 2h 09m 25s,
 - 2 James MacGillivray/Ian Fraser, Ford Escort MkII, 2h 10m 30s,
 - 3 Daniel Harper/Chris Campbell, BMW Mini Cooper S, 2h 11m 05s
 - 4 John Cope/Rob Fagg, Subaru Impreza WRC, 2h 11m 18s
 - 5 Tony Barty/Reg Smith, Nissan Sunny GTI R, 2h 11m 38s
 - 6 Tristan Pye/Andrew Falconer, Subaru Impreza N15, 2h 12m 50s
 - 7 Shaun Sinclair/Chris Hamill, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9, 2h 14m 31s
 - 8 Dougi Hall/Sam Hall, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9, 2h 14m 58s
 - 9 Wayne Sisson/Daniel Stone, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9, 2h 15m 39s
 - 10 Tugs Sherrington/Sam Bould, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 4, 2h 15m 49s



Co driver Iain Duffy gives a confident wave as he and brother Calum drive relentlessly through the places to secure a fifth Mull Rally win.



Calum Murray, right, leads the champagne celebrations.



Daniel Harper and Chris Campbell finished third.



Above: the Mitsubishi Lancer Evo of Connel's Shaun Sinclair and Chris Hamill finished seventh overall.



James MacGillivray and Ian Fraser en route to second place overall.



Nelson's John Cope and Rob Fagg.

'A cruel twist of fate ruined Dougi Hall's chances yet again'

Pictures courtesy of Angela Luke and Neil Loughnane

Right, Mull's MacKinnon and Ewan MacGillivray before sliding off the road in the 10th test.



Shinty fixtures

Shinty

Saturday, October 17

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Bute v Kingussie
Charles Young
Inveraray v Fort William
Colin MacDonald
Kyles v Glenurquhart
Ted MacDonald
Oban Camanachd v Lochaber

Marine Harvest North Division One
Lovat v Lochcarron
Donald MacRae
Kinlochsheil v Strathglass
Graham Cameron

Marine Harvest South Division One
Ballachulish v Kilmory
Euan Pearson
Inveraray v Tayforth
Dougie Cameron 12 noon

Marine Harvest North Division Two
Fort William v Skye
Calum Duff
Glengarry v Glenurquhart
Deek Cameron
Kilmallie v Caberfeidh
Jock Matheson
Kinlochsheil v Newtonmore
John MacLeod 12noon

Marine Harvest South Division Two
Glenorchy v Taynuilt
Billy Wotherspoon
Kyles Athletic v Bute
George O'Rourke 12 noon

Marine Harvest North Division Three
Inverness v Lochcarron
Innes Wood
Lochaber v Boleskine
Ron Kennedy

Results

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Fort William 5 Bute 0
Kingussie 8 Inveraray 4
Kyles P Glenurquhart P
Lochaber P Newtonmore P

Marine Harvest North Division One
Kilmallie 6 Strathglass 1
Lochcarron 1 Inverness 0
Lovat 6 Kinlochsheil 3

Marine Harvest South Division One
Inveraray P Tayforth P
Kilmory P GMA P
Lochside 5 Oban Celtic 2

Marine Harvest North Division Two
Caberfeidh3 Glenurquhart 4
Kinlochsheil 2 Glengarry 4

Marine Harvest South Division Two
Col Glen 3 Bute 2
Kyles P Ballachulish P
Glenorchy P Strachur P

Marine Harvest North Division Three
Boleskine P Strathglass P



A jubilant Lochside Rovers with the Royal National Mòd Cup and the Dunn Cup.

Rovers achieve league and cup double

First junior team to win senior league

Royal National Mòd Cup victory

LOCHSIDE Rovers became the first junior team in shinty to win a senior championships when they defeated Oban Celtic at Mossfield on Saturday to clinch the South Division One title and the Dunn Cup.

Lochside, however, will not be promoted to shinty's Premier division, as they are the reserve squad of already Premier side Oban Camanachd.

Saturday's league match became a cup double bill when the teams were selected by the Camanachd Association to play for the Royal National Mòd Cup, an annual award to be played in, or near, the host town of the annual Gaelic cultural event.

Over an even opening 15 minutes both teams created scoring chances and half-chances until team captain Jonathan Will put Lochside ahead after 17 minutes. Celtic continued to press forward but were almost caught out at the back in the 36th minute, with keeper McNab making a good save from David MacCuish. One minute later McNab could do nothing to stop the veteran striker as McCuish tidily collected a long through-ball and produced a typical McCuish turn-and-shot to put Lochside two goals ahead.

With four minutes of the

Shinty

Royal National Mòd Cup Final
Marine Harvest South Division One
Lochside Rovers 5 Oban Celtic 2

first half remaining Alan Duffy missed a golden opportunity to reduce the deficit following a poor by-hit, while at the other end, Will missed an even easier chance to put Lochside out of reach before the interval.

At half-time, Lochside made two changes - bringing David Devine into full centre to replace Keith MacMillan and Lewis Cameron joining the forwardline in place of David Stephen. The moves had immediate effect, with young Cameron arriving unmarked at the back post



post before Lee Askew fired an effort just over Dunning's crossbar and Neil Carmichael pulling a finish wide. As Lochside struggled to get the ball into the forwards, Celtic gained the upperhand in midfield with substitute Kenny Wotherspoon drawing a goal back when his shot from range deflected off the keeper and into the Lochside net.

In the closing 10 minutes, David McCuish flicked a neat finish over McNab but was ruled offside before David Lafferty met a loose clearance from the Celtic defence to fire home Lochside's fifth goal with a powerful finish. Oban Celtic added a second goal to their tally following a short-free hit, Alan Millar, who was Celtic's best player throughout, firing a bouncing shot through a ruck of players to evade the keeper.

At referee Ronnie Campbell's final whistle, Camanachd Association president Duncan Cameron called on John Macleod, president of An Comunn Gaidhealach to present the Royal National Mòd trophy and medals to Lochside Rovers. Duncan Cameron then invited former Oban Camanachd Club secretary Mary MacKenzie to present the Dunn Cup and South Division One winners medals to a jubilant Lochside.

Ross nets six more to thwart Inveraray

Shinty

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Kingussie 8 Inveraray 4

ANOTHER half-dozen goals from Ronald Ross at the Dell on Saturday keeps Kingussie's bid to retain their Premier Division title on track - but for the first 45 minutes against Inveraray there must have been doubts.

In a whirlwind start, Kevin Thain opened the scoring for the home side after only three minutes but with another five minutes Scott Robertson had put Inveraray back on level terms. Ronald Ross regained the Kingussie advantage after 13 minutes but Robertson took only a minute this time to restore parity and neither team could add to their goal tally before the interval.

Kingussie came out with renewed determination at the start of the second period and within eight minutes had struck three times through Ryan Borthwick and two from Ross. Neil Andrews pulled a goal back after 55 minutes but Ross when on to net another three times before Alasdair Munro deceived keeper Andrew Borthwick with a bouncing effort to net Inveraray's fourth.

The 12-goal encounter leaves Kingussie closing the points gap on Newtonmore ahead of next weekend's tie with Bute, while Newtonmore will not have a fixture for the third consecutive Saturday - Inveraray are still in a tight relegation triangle with Bute and Lochaber and will aim to take points at home this Saturday at the expense of Fort William.

Kilmallie go top as all eyes now follow Lovat

Shinty

Marine Harvest North Division One
Kilmallie 6 Strathglass 1
Lochcarron 1 Inverness 0
Lovat 6 Kinlochsheil 3

KILMALLIE firmly staked their claim on the North Division One title with a convincing 6-1 win over Strathglass at Canal Parks - however, with Lovat victorious by six goals to three over Kinlochsheil at Balgait, and with two games in hand, the focus will now be firmly on Lovat next two fixtures to decide which club with return to the Premier Division next season.

A hat-trick from John Stewart, plus a double from Trevor Jackson and one from Liam MacDonald had Kilmallie 4-0 ahead by the interval - 6-0 ahead with three minutes to play, before Strathglass gained a consolation goal through Rupert Williamson.

Lovat opened through Raymond Rennie after 5 minutes but Keith MacRae equalised on 15 before Greg Matheson restored Lovat's lead in the 20th minute.

In the second period Fraser Gallagher scored twice in 10 minutes to stretch the home side's lead but Paul MacRae also scored twice for 'Shiel as they staged a late fightback. In the final minutes Lovat's James MacPherson added a fifth, with Jimmy MacKenzie sealing the victory from the penalty spot.

Shinty leagues

Premier Division

Newtonmore	15	11	4	0	61	14	26
Kingussie	14	10	3	1	70	23	23
Fort William	17	9	2	6	38	28	20
Glenurquhart	16	8	2	6	32	31	18
Kyles Athletic	15	7	3	5	40	33	17
Oban Camanachd	15	7	1	7	26	33	15
Lochaber	15	4	3	8	21	42	11
Bute	14	3	8	18	32	9	9
Inveraray	14	4	1	9	29	45	9
Glenorchy	17	1	21	13	67	4	4

North Division 1

Kilmallie	16	12	0	4	67	32	24
Skye	16	11	1	4	43	23	23
Lovat	14	9	3	2	36	20	21
Caberfeidh	16	9	0	7	27	25	18
Strathglass	15	7	1	7	44	31	15
Kinlochsheil	14	7	1	6	39	36	15
Beaully	15	6	1	8	28	35	13
Inverness	14	2	1	12	10	57	5
Lochcarron	15	1	0	14	12	47	2

South Division 1

Lochside Rovers	12	10	1	1	47	21	21
GMA	11	8	1	2	44	18	17
Kilmory	9	6	0	3	27	17	12
Oban Celtic	12	4	2	6	35	38	10
Inveraray	11	3	1	7	26	42	7
Ballachulish	11	2	1	8	23	35	5
Tayforth	10	2	0	8	17	44	0

North Division 2

Glenurquhart	17	14	2	1	69	18	30
Kingussie	17	12	1	4	66	35	25
Fort William	13	9	1	3	47	15	19
Glengarry	16	8	2	6	45	33	18
Lovat	16	9	0	7	55	44	18
Newtonmore	16	8	1	7	36	44	17
Skye	16	5	2	9	34	51	12
Kilmallie	16	5	0	11	25	50	10
Kinlochsheil	15	2	1	12	21	63	5
Caberfeidh	16	2	0	14	31	71	4

South Division 2

Taynuilt	13	13	0	0	66	13	26
Aberdour	16	9	0	7	54	48	18
Strachur	15	7	1	7	33	37	15
ColGlen	15	6	2	7	29	38	14
Kyles	10	6	1	3	30	18	13
Bute	15	6	1	8	34	32	13
GlasgowMid Argyll	15	4	4	7	35	45	12
Glenorchy	12	4	2	6	20	24	10
Ballachulish	13	1	1	11	17	63	3

North Division 3

Beaully	18	15	0	3	72	15	30
Lochbroom	18	14	1	3	75	21	29
Aberdeen U	18	12	2	4	65	27	26
Lochaber	17	11	0	6	77	37	22
Strathglass	15	7	0	8	52	53	14
Boleskine	14	6	1	7	30	33	13
Inverness	16	5	1	10	27	53	11
Lochcarron	14	4	0	10	18	46	8
Ardnamurchan	17	4	0	13	31	75	8
Kinraig	15	0	1	14	11	92	1

Fort net five over struggling Bute

Shinty

TWO first-half goals from Gary Innes, two second-half strikes from Victor Smith - and a Daniel Stewart goal in the 13th minute took Fort William to 5 - 0 home win over struggling Bute.

Innes opened the scoring in the 10th minute with young Stewart adding a second three minutes later. Innes scored his second, and Fort's third, from the penalty spot 10 minutes off the interval whistle to give the home side a comfortable cushion going into the second 45 minutes.

Two goals, 10 minutes apart from veteran Victor Smith gives Fort William added confidence ahead of their trip to Inveraray while the result leaves Bute with a tough, uphill run-in to the end of the season - the island-side facing Kingussie this coming week.

Spot the SHINTY BALL Competition

WIN £1750

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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:
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Windsurfers brave Tiree's waves

This year's Wave Classic promises to be one of the best ever after surf provides the longest day ever for competitors

SOME of the world's best windsurfers have gathered to brave the full Atlantic furies of wind and waves off Tiree as the annual Wave Classic got underway this week.

The island, which claims the most sunshine hours in the British Isles as well as the highest average wind speed, has seen more than 70 windsurfers register for this year's event to battle it out over six days.

The Tiree event is for one

Windsurfing

of the most sought-after prizes in world windsurfing. To start the competitions off this year the windsurfers competed on Sunday for what was the longest day of competition in the event's 23-year history.

Close

Irish Timo Mullen was leading early on in the competition for the pro-windsurfers and John Skye,

fifth on the World Series, was running a close second.

The Caledonian MacBrayne Coll Challenge, a tri-sport adventure race, is also due to return for its second year and will take place today (Thursday).

Rachel Cavers, spokeswoman for event organisers GMFCo said: 'The weekend got off to a fantastic start and we have some of the world's best competitors up at Tiree this year including Dany Bruch from Germany and John Skye which is also very exciting.'

'With international TV lined up and a number of media outlets coming up to cover this year's event, the 2009 Tiree Wave Classic is shaping up to be one of the best.'

Duncan Coombes, Head Judge from the World Tour, is judging this year's Tiree Wave Classic and the waves and weather forecast for the rest of the week is promising.



Action from Sunday - the longest day in Tiree Wave Classic event history.



Windsurfers Timo Mullen (Ireland), John Skye (England), Dany Bruch (Denmark) and Jack Hunt.

Saints ladies to take on Rangers

Football

OBAN Saints Ladies FC will travel to Murray Park to take on Rangers Ladies in a challenge match probably on Wednesday, October 28, kick-off 8.30pm.

Coach Chris Picken will be taking a squad of around 16 players to Murray Park. He said: 'This is the first 11-a-side game the girls have played as a team, so we wanted an easy match to start off with!'

'Obviously this will be a very difficult game for us, but it will show our girls what the standard is like at the top level of ladies football.'

Youngsters entertain East End United

Football

THE Under 13 and Under 15s had no fixtures due to the October school holidays. The Under 19s lost 2-0 at home to Barrhead.

This Saturday the 13s and 15s have no games again due to the school holiday but the 19s are at home to East End United.

The Under 13s and 15s are back in action on Saturday, October 24 in the Regional Cup.

The 13s are away to Gow Valley and the 15s are away to Netherton.

Lucy on tip top form at Dalmally

Golf

LUCY McNulty enjoyed an excellent season at Dalmally Golf Club this year with a haul of wins including the ladies club championship.

Heather Clement also had a good season winning the handicap club championship.

Results:
Club Championship
Scratch - Lucy McNulty
Handicap - Heather Clement
Raglan Decanter and two best medals

1 Lucy McNulty 208
2 Colleen Brown, Janet Buchanan 209

Silver (best net 4 medals)
Lucy McNulty 265

2 Sheila Tolan 273
Bronze (best net 4 medals)

1 Heather Clement
2 Caroline Manson

Summer meeting, medal and Baranardos

Division One
1 Lucy McNulty 68-6=62

2 Sheila Tolan 84-18=66
3 Colleen Brown 85-18=67

Division Two
1 Heather Clement 100-36=64

2 Ann Hay 100-28=72
3 Eive Brown 110-31=79

Ladies Open
Scratch

1 Lucy McNulty 72
2 Wilma Frew (Glencruitten) 78

3 Jill McGill (Kyles of Bute) 86
Handicap

1 Colleen Brown 84-19=65
2 Mary Plunkett (Glencruitten) 96-29=67

3 Margaret Douglas (Windyhills) 91-24=67
July Stableford

1 Ann Colthart 29-39=68
2 Janet Buchanan 30-34=64

3 Alison Livingstone 25-32=57
Medal and Charity Match

1 Janet Buchanan 84-21=63
2 Sheila Tolan 84-18=66

3 Alison Livingstone 87-20=67
August medal

1 Lucy McNulty 75-6=69
2 Heather Clement 106-36=70

(bih)
3 Janet Buchanan 91-21=70

4 Sheila Tolan 88-18=70
Medal and Arc Shield

1 Lucy McNulty 72-6=66
2 Heather Clement 103-36=67

(bih)
3 Janet Buchanan 88-21=67

4 Alison Livingstone 87-20=67
Autumn Meeting and Breakthrough Broch

1 Alison Livingstone 97-20=77

(bih)
2 Sheila Tolan 95-18=77

3 Lily MacKay 105-28=77

Oban lose 11 year record at Glencruitten

Rugby

West Division One
Oban Lorne 0
Cumbernauld 24

OBAN Lorne lost an eleven year record this week after a well-drilled Cumbernauld team came to Oban and won a match.

The day had not started well as transport problems meant the Cumbernauld side arrived in Oban five minutes after the scheduled kick off time.

After a half hour delay Cumbernauld started the game the better team with the majority of possession.

It did not take long for Cumbernauld to break the deadlock when 15 minutes in a well worked line-out move allowed Alan McLeod to go over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Despite the early score and domination of possession Cumbernauld could not add to their lead in the first half as a determined Oban defence cleared their line on several occasions.

The first half finished with Cumbernauld 5-0 up.

The second half started

much in the same vein with the well-drilled Cumbernauld pack physically dominating, providing quick ball for the backline, with only last ditch tackling preventing Cumbernauld from crossing the line.

The continuous pressure was soon to tell and Cumbernauld's Grant Cowie beat the last defender to score under the posts.

Soon after Cumbernauld were awarded a penalty and from the resulting lineout Alan McLeod went over for his second try.

Cumbernauld now had the bit between their teeth and were looking the bonus point try. Grant Cowie again beat his opposite man and raced past the full back for the second time to score under the posts for a converted try.

Argyll runner wins in Birmingham

Athletics

ARGYLL runner Susan Partridge won the women's EDF ENERGY Birmingham Half Marathon on Sunday.

The race was run immediately after the World Championship

race and Susan's time of 72 minutes 50 seconds was faster than four of the five athletes representing Great Britain.

Champion autumn show at Benderloch

Equestrian

A WET morning failed to dampen the spirits of competitors for the Benderloch Equestrian Centre's Autumn Show.

Judge Clare Cathro selected Yvonne Sloss with the mare *Antique Paeasi* as champion with Rebecca Scott's Welsh pony *Stoak Grace* as reserve.

The afternoon saw some exciting jumping classes with 11-year old Olivia Foster tackling the open jumping on the little Welsh *Micha*.

The Bryony Trophy for Open Jumping was won by Janice Burnip on *Ali Dante*.

Islay club results

Golf

Bank of Scotland Trophy
1 Charles Holyoake 75-5=70
2 Arthur Holyoake 78-6=72

3 John Ferguson 88-14=74
October Medal

1 Angus MacAulay 84-15=69
2 John Macintyre jnr 80-7=73

3 Kevin Johnston 89-16=73

Stroll in the park for Saints

Football

Scottish Amateur Cup Second Round
Oban Saints 11
Drumpellier Thistle 0

SAINTS played their first cup tie of the season and it turned out to be a no contest as the Oban side blew visitors Drumpellier Thistle away with a superb display, the highlight being the five goals scored by Donald Campbell.

David Dunlop made a return between the sticks after an absence of three years and the big keeper made it look as though he had never been away, although he will be the first to admit that it wasn't one of his busiest afternoons.

The home side took the lead as early as the fourth minute when Ross Maitland crossed for Asen Gaydardzhiev to head home.

Donald Campbell and Allan MacKay then played Asen in to score his second goal after eight minutes. The game was over in the 15th minute when Saints netted their third goal. Donald Campbell passed to Sean

Ford and the wee midfielder made no mistake. Saints took a 4-0 lead in the 27th minute when Allan MacKay and Donald Campbell combined for the latter to score a well taken goal.

Asen then completed his hat-trick, before Allan

MacKay netted to give Saints a 6-0 lead.

The home side made the half time score 7-0 when that man Campbell, who had a great game, was at it again, scoring after some clever play by Allan MacKay.

It took Saints less than a minute at the start of the

second half to score number eight when Allan MacKay sent Ross Maitland clear and Ross helped himself to a piece of the goal scoring action, netting a well taken goal.

With two minutes left on the clock it was fitting that Campbell had the final say in this match when Sean Ford sent through a clever pass and Donald waltzed past the keeper before stroking the ball home to make the final score 11-0.

Manager Iain Jackson said: 'OK maybe Drumpellier weren't the toughest of opponents, but you can only play and try and beat the team that is put in front of you, and we certainly did that today. There will be a lot harder games to come in this season's campaign.'

Saints are at home this Saturday when they take on Eaglesham in the Jimmy Marshall Trophy at Glencruitten, kick-off 2pm.



Action from Saturday's Scottish Cup tie between Oban Saints and Drumpellier Thistle. 15_042Saints02

Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, October 15, 2009 are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

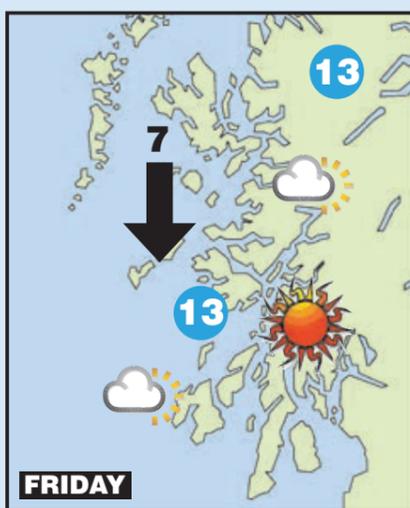
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Date	am			pm		
Thur	03.41	3.4	09.18	1.0	15.47	3.8
Fri	04.19	3.7	10.08	0.8	16.24	4.0
Sat	04.51	3.9	10.53	0.6	16.58	4.2
Sun	05.22	4.0	11.35	0.6	17.32	4.2
Mon	00.03	0.8	05.54	4.1	12.15	0.6
Tues	00.37	0.8	06.27	4.1	12.53	0.8
Wed	01.12	1.0	06.59	4.0	13.30	1.0

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

Cloudy with showers or longer spells of moderate to heavy rain. Winds light to moderate westerly. Temperatures 6°C to 13°C

Friday

Will see brighter weather with some sunny intervals throughout the day. Winds moderate northerly. Temperatures 4°C to 13°C.

Weekend Outlook

Saturday will be sunny with the risk of some cloud or light rain. Winds moderate south-easterly. Temperatures 4°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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