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Argyll's first
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Oban High School pupils present a cheque to Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow - the Dalmally man who set up the international charity.

Dalmally-based charity Mary's Meals presented with coveted Queen's Award

CONGRATULATIONS were well deserved this week for the Argyll charity that is changing the lives of more than 1.17 million children all over the world, every day. Even Her Majesty the Queen agrees, presenting the Dalmally-based charity with the coveted Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. See the full story on page five.

TIMESLINE

Oban singer wins trad award place

AN OBAN girl has reached the finals of BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician Awards 2017.

Gaelic singer Kim Carnie was one of 13 musicians who competed last Saturday for a coveted final place.

Alongside Kim as finalists are Charlie Stewart, fiddle, from Perthshire; Dougie McCance, bagpipes, from Glasgow; Ella Munro, Scots song, from Skye; Grant McFarlane, accordion, from Paisley; and Iona Fyfe, Scots song, from Huntly.

The finals concert will be held in Glasgow's City Halls on Sunday February 5 at 5pm.

Oban Marks and Spencer update

MARKS and Spencer has confirmed it is interested in moving to Oban and will update *The Oban Times* over the next few weeks.

A company spokesperson said: 'We are interested in bringing a M&S foodhall to Oban. We will update the community when we can.'

Allegations lead to resignation call

CROFTING Commissioner Colin Kennedy is calling for the Scottish minister for rural affairs Fergus Ewing to resign over allegations of cronyism.

Mr Kennedy, from Coll, has been asked to step down by Mr Ewing but says 'hell will freeze over' before this happens. Full story, page seven; opinion piece bycrofting lawyer Brian Inkster on page 21.



Jobs and lorries axed as bin runs cut to every three weeks

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ELEVEN members of staff and eight bin lorries will be lost to Argyll and Bute when the new three-weekly refuse collection starts next month.

Despite agreements with unions to protect front-line services and staff, and claims by councillors that the three-weekly collections would not lead to job losses, council insiders say staff members in the bins department are already at breaking point.

The council has not planned any further education with householders to get the maximum from recycling bins, but will issue calendars to inform

people when collections are taking place.

On Mull, where the programme has already started, many homes were not aware the new scheme had begun because the council had not written to service users.

A council worker, who did not want to be named, said: 'It is already a disaster and it has not even begun. People are having to prove they have extra waste to get a bin, but there are not enough extra bins to go around because so many people need them. If there were savings to be made then I don't know where they are.'

'We hear complaints every single time we are on the street. No-one who works in this coun-

cil service wants this. It has been forced on us by people who have never emptied a bin in their life. They couldn't run a bath, far less a bin collection service.'

In Oban, resident Kenny MacLennan asked pertinent questions of his councillors.

He said: 'My wife and I are very conscientious regarding recycling and are very aware of the need for cut backs and savings within the finances of Argyll and Bute Council.'

'So let's say we produce four kgs of waste for our green bin every week, that is eight kgs per two weeks which is collected and taken away to landfill.'

'Under the proposed new system, using the same figures, we will produce 4kgs per week,

but now built up to 12kgs to be collected and disposed of in landfill every three weeks.'

'This works out at 208kgs to landfill per annum, two weekly or three weekly, where's the savings? These figures, whether they be weight or volume, will not be consistent weekly but will still end up with the same amount going to landfill per annum, so landfill tax will not be reduced.'

'That leaves the costs/savings related to the 8.67 fewer collection days, that is 33.3 per cent reduction, which will reflect on savings in wages only if there is a 33.3 per cent reduction in staff, which I would be the last to condone. All too often this is the easy way out.'

Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed the reduction in staff and fleet.

A council spokesman said: '[we will] reduce [the fleet by eight [from 32 to 24] and reduce posts by 11.5 FTE (full-time equivalent).'

The spokesman continued: 'Recycling more will save space for general waste in green bins and it will save money for council services.'

'For every tonne of waste that goes to landfill, the council has to pay over £80 tax, which means about £2.6 million in total. The more we can recycle the more we can save.'

'Funding for our council services has reduced significantly. We must change how we do

things so we can continue to provide a wide range of services.'

'Like all local authorities we must work with our residents to meet national targets for reducing waste. The new arrangements for collecting refuse help meet both these challenges.'

'The more we reduce the amount of general waste we send to landfill, the more we can save, so we would say to everyone, please avoid wasting money on waste - recycle.'

The council spokesman confirmed all recycled material was taken to landfill, as it was 'illegal' to do otherwise. Recycled items are shipped all over the country including Birmingham, Hartlepool, Northampton, Bo'ness and Yorkshire.

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Power firm battles 'pesky' peckers

IT'S NOT wind or torrential rain or indeed a terror attack that could potentially bring down West Coast power lines, causing untold devastation - it is a flock of 'pesky' woodpeckers which is threatening to pull the plug on household and business electricity.

The boldly-patterned migratory birds, with their chisel-like bills, are chipping away 'day and night' at electricity poles - with Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSE) having to take urgent remedial action to help keep the lights on.

Great spotted woodpeckers are skilled at drilling away at the poles in a short period of time, leaving them unstable and liable to fall over, or loosen power cables in even the slightest wind or

inclement weather. The woodpeckers are causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage between Oban and Kilmelford as workers try to beat 'Woody Woodpecker' in replacing poles before the elusive birds bring down the entire power network.

Woodpeckers are protected under legislation for migratory birds.

In a letter to householders, SSE's manager Barry MacTaggart told residents a temporary interruption to household electricity supply was to 'allow us to safely carry out wood pole changes on our overhead line between Oban and Kilmelford which require changing due to woodpecker damage.'

'The safety of our customers and staff is at the heart of what we do and all our

work has been planned to ensure people are without power for the shortest period necessary.'

Homes were without power for almost 10 hours on Tuesday October 11 to try to replace the 20ft-30ft high poles.

Residents say by the 'chipping-away' or drumming noises from the woodpeckers they know there are many of them about but no-one can see them because they hide away when they notice predators.

Electricity companies have tried many solutions over the years to stop the woodpeckers causing damage, including decoys, objects that move, shiny objects, noises and smells but none of these works for very long because the clever woodpecker soon realises these things do not pose a threat.

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Website spotlight on autism

A NEW website has been launched to inform and connect those living with autism and their carers in the Outer Hebrides.

The website, www.ohautism.org.uk, aims to pull together a range of information on local agencies and support providers which can make a positive difference in the lives of those living with autism.

It also provides a map of services across the islands and which was drawn together in consultation with the community in March 2016.

Councillor Catriona Stewart, chairwoman of the Education and Children's Services Committee of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, said: 'As part of our commitment to working in partnership with community members living with autism, the Outer Hebrides Autism Hub will provide a new means of communicating with families across the Outer Hebrides.'

'We know how vital it is for relevant and up-to-date information to be available for people no matter their age or location and the hub pulls together what we hope will be a helpful range of resources.'

In addition, a number of national resources have also been highlighted in a bid to ensure those in unpaid caring roles, as well as professionals from across health, education and social care have the best information available to support their work with families and individuals living with autism.

Tiree Wave Classic gets under way

THE 30th annual Tiree Wave Classic gets under way this Saturday and will end on Saturday October 22.

The event, which was founded in 1986, is the longest running windsurfing event in the world.

A camp to help youngsters get in to the sport will also run alongside the wave classic.

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland in partnership with Wild Diamond Tiree and the British Wave Sailing Association (BWA) will run the camp for young windsurfers.

RYA Scotland has also announced that The Mailing Room is now sponsoring the camp.

Luing trust urges council to up car ferry crossings

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LUING'S Atlantic Islands Centre Trust is appealing to Argyll and Bute Council to increase the number of car ferry crossings from Seil to bring more visitors, revenue and jobs to the island.

Trustees are seeking to extend the vehicle ferry service, operated by Argyll and Bute Council, between Cuan on Seil and Luing to Sundays and weekday evenings throughout autumn, winter and spring.

Currently the car ferry service only runs on Sundays and weekday evenings during the 12-week summer period through June, July and August.

For the rest of the year it is a passenger-only service running on Sundays and late on weekdays at 7.30pm and 10pm.

With no public transport on Luing, visitors must arrange lifts to Cullipool's new Atlantic Islands Centre, which continues to open and host week night events seven days a week throughout the year.

Luing's £1.3 million Atlantic Islands Centre opened in May 2015, providing a community hub, café and business, exhibition and arts spaces for the island's 165 inhabitants, and attracting thousands of tourists.

At last month's Argyll TSI volunteer awards, the Luing Com-

munity Trust won the Social Enterprise of the Year award. Vice chair Norman Bissell said: 'It's been a big success beyond our wildest dreams. We've had 15,000 visitors this year: three times as many as predicted in the business plan. More people would come over on a Sunday and on a weeknight if they could come over in a car. It is holding back the progress of the centre.'

The centre, he said, is supported by 36 volunteers, and has brought six full time jobs – a 30 per cent increase on the island's existing 20 full time jobs – and it could support more with more visitors. 'Over the summer we had 12 people working for us,' he said. 'The salary stays on the island.'

Earlier, John Robertson, chairman of the Luing Community Trust, appealed to Argyll and Bute Council in a letter to help boost the centre's, and its own, revenues: 'Our Atlantic Islands Centre has attracted increasing numbers of tourists to Luing, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sundays, and this will have increased revenues to the council's ferry service to the island this year and last year.'

'In 2016-17 the centre will be open seven days a week all year round as it was in 2015 and we believe it would be in our mutual interests to provide a vehicle ferry service instead of a passen-



Luing Community Trust members accept the Social Enterprise of the Year prize at last month's Argyll TSI volunteer awards. Photograph: Sheila McIntyre.

ger-only service on Sundays and evenings all year round. From August 2015 to June 2016 many visitors had to walk or get lifts to the centre on Sundays and for evening meals and events since there is now no public transport on Luing.

'We are aware the council is in a difficult financial situation, but we understand that the main cost of our ferry service is that of the ferry staff's wages and two staff require to be on duty

for the passenger ferry as for the vehicle ferry. The income from the vehicle ferry at £7.60 return per car, plus £1.90 return per person, would be much greater than from the passenger ferry at £1.90 return per person, and would more than cover the fuel and staff costs of running a vehicle service on a Sunday and on evenings during the week.'

Mr Bissell said: 'It would not cost any more.'

'The council have to pay for

two ferrymen, whether there are passengers or vehicles.'

Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Discussions regarding the possible transfer of the operation of the Luing Ferry to Transport Scotland are ongoing.'

'Following feedback from the local community consideration is being given to the overall improvement of the service and the timetable and we are currently in the process of recruiting additional ferry staff.'

Tiree beach hut objectors spell out concerns ahead of planning site visit

RESIDENTS who want a beach hut on the island of Tiree removed have written to *The Oban Times* to raise their concerns.

Saying any development on the island has to be with partnership and respect for the environment, they say the 'profit'-making hut is now stopping them going to the beach.

A spokesperson for a group of residents who live in the small township of Balevullin said: 'We are a township divided and portrayed as an anti-tourist, negative bunch of locals who resist any form of development. This is untrue.'

'We welcome sustainable and planned development that will attract families and tourists to the island but only as part of a managed process which puts the

conservation and preservation of the township at the centre.'

'The beach hut currently situated on Balevullin beach was erected within a few hours without any consultation with the people who live near the beach.'

'The year prior to the erection of the hut saw record numbers of people on the beach.'

'The position of the beach hut means that that part of the beach is lost forever to other beach users.'

'The presence of the hut creates an environment of ownership of the beach.'

'The decision to allow structures on the beach should be made taking into account how this will affect all the beaches on Tiree. Should permission be

granted, it will set a precedent for huts all across the island.'

'The decision not to grant permission for the hut is not Argyll and Bute being obstructive to small business but taking an overall view of the implications for the whole island.'

'The erection of the hut has placed increased pressures on the infrastructure for car parking and erosion can now be quite clearly seen on the machair.'

'This section of machair had been allocated for car parking by Argyll Estates, with the consent of the local crofters prior to the hut being erected.'

'That is a good example of working in partnership to support the tourist industry. The ground is now destroyed with large pot holes and is practically

unusable. The support for the beach hut has in the majority been from tourists who use the hut for a small proportion of the year.'

'We acknowledge that it is a benefit to them to have somewhere to change, however, that does not need to be directly on the beach.'

'We hope the local boys competing in the surf competition the best of luck, however, we note the irony in that one of them is the son of the owner of the beach hut and the other lives 300 yards from the beach.'

'Their success is guaranteed regardless of the existence of the hut.'

'So you see it is not so clear cut as Argyll and Bute Council preventing two boys from going

to the Olympics or a business functioning.'

'The people who live in Balevullin will continue to protect the beach and environment.'

'The surf culture continually promotes itself as pro environment. It has on Tiree for us become a culture which puts people before machair, beach, wildlife, crofting. That does not reflect our values and beliefs as a community.'

Councillor Neil MacIntyre who had made comments on the planning application has decided to remove himself from the process and will not be part of the planning committee when it visits Tiree.

The date for Argyll and Bute planning meeting visit has still to be arranged.

New ferry contract in force

THE £900m contract to operate ferry services on the west coast of Scotland, awarded to CalMac Ferries Ltd by Transport Scotland in May this year, came into force on October 1.

Customers travelling by ferry from the first day of the contract saw a new 'operator mark' which has been produced to show Caledonian MacBrayne is operated by CalMac Ferries Ltd. It will not replace the familiar iconic lion rampant logo on ships but will be rolled out across the network in a variety of places, including on uniforms, on ships, in ports and in printed material, as part of a tender requirement set by Transport Scotland.

CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'The new operator mark is symbolic of the positive changes we are bringing to the new contract and will be worn and displayed with pride by everyone at CalMac.'

He added: 'The start of this contract marks the culmination of almost two years of hard work to develop and submit our bid for the new contract and everyone at CalMac and the communities who rely on our ferry services, who provided input and support can be very proud of their achievement.'

'Since the announcement in May and the formal signing of the new contract at the end of August we have been doing the ground work to convert our winning proposals into improvements which will transform the onboard travel experience for our customers.'

'These include providing up-to-date customer information; providing a modern ticketing system; improving accessibility for customers; improving integration with other modes of transport and investing £6 million to refresh the appearance of ports and vessels. After years of uncertainty over our future, I know everyone is looking forward to playing a part in this exciting new chapter in the story of CalMac and these vitally important ferry services.'



CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester and Bid Director Robbie Drummond with a ferry-shaped cake and the new mark.

Hugh Smith's letter from Islay



The Marigold Stone at Nerabus Chapel.

Nerabus Chapel

ON A FLAT area of land overlooking the east coast of the Rhinns of Islay can be found the ruined Nerabus or Nereabolls Chapel, halfway between the villages of Port Charlotte and Portnahaven and Port Wemyss.

Little is known of the history of this former place of worship which was likely to have been dedicated to St Columba. It probably dates from around the 14th or 15th century and may have been part of the territories, which came under the jurisdiction of the Benedictine order based in Derry in Ireland.

The chapel was originally surrounded by three burial sites which are now contained within the stone wall encircling the site.

The Finlaggan Trust owns the land at the Nerabus lower burial ground which was previously in the possession of the Clan Donald Lands' Trust. Until recently a medieval carved cross stood beside the burial ground. It commemorated one of the MacKays of the Rhinns who were named the hereditary keepers of the island peninsula by the MacDonald Lords of the Isles. Two sections of this cross are now housed in the Museum of Islay life at Port Charlotte.

At the Nerabus site one can view a number of grave slabs which were unearthed by a local farmer while tilling a field of turnips.

These have been cleaned, repaired and placed on a stone plinth which is covered with protective glass. This plinth was constructed by local mason and builder Douglas Smith and the restoration work was carried out by a stone conservation company.

Some of the slab carvings point strongly to the Iona school of sculpture and among the most interesting is one which is carved with a circular pattern reminiscent of a sunburst. Experts suggest that this may be a marigold symbol and these were frequently found in Ireland and may date back to the 7th century.

The jury is still out on this claim as others are of the opinion that this particular marigold symbol carving would suggest that it dates from the late medieval period.

A visit to the Nerabus Chapel is recommended as the workmanship on the medieval carving cannot fail to fascinate.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig visit

MEMBERS of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, headed by their chairman Allan MacDonald, visited the island last week when they held their regular board meeting for the first time in Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle.

The St Columba Gaelic Centre venue overlooking Lochindaal looked resplendent in



Bòrd na Gàidhlig members with Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle directors and staff.

the autumn sunshine and greatly impressed the visiting Gaels. Following the main business of the day members met with local Gaelic activists for a buffet lunch which was followed by a discussion on the aims and aspirations of the Board which was established in 2003 and had as its first chairman the distinguished Ieach and Portnahavenite Duncan Ferguson, a former rector of Plockton High School.

Among Board officials addressing the audience were CEO Shona MacLennan, Mona Wilson, director of Gaelic education, and David Boag, director of language planning and community development.

The visitors certainly enjoyed their visit to the Queen of the Hebrides who had donned her best weather gown for the occasion.

Islay marathon

CONGRATULATIONS to Rhona Hutchens, nee Gillies, on her winning ways at the Islay marathon which saw her outrunning all others in 3 hrs, 41 minutes and 17 seconds.

Veteran long distance runner Jim Lutomski was the men's champion clocking in at 4 hours, 2 minutes and 19 seconds. His grit and boundless energy was also much to the fore one week later when he pounded it out at the Loch Ness marathon.

The trio comprising Bronwen Currie, Matt Jackson and Andrew Davis won the team relay race in just under 3 and a half hours and seemed oblivious, as did all the competitors, to the far from ideal weather conditions.

The race helps to finance the local high school's overseas trips and commemorates the memory of Royal Marine Corporal Menzies MacAffer whose untimely death 4 years ago at the age of 35 greatly saddened his family, his friends and his regiment.

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It's a family affair

Keeping it in the family: It was all hands on deck for Kate, Ruaridh, Erin and Murin Cameron at the Highland Cattle Sale in Oban on Monday. Dad John and mum Wilma run the Dunach fold of Highland cattle in Oban for Lord and Lady Denholm.

Highland cattle sale special on pages 20 and 21.



'Urgent' call for crash barriers at site of A816 tragedy in July

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CALLS for crash barriers on the 'uneven surfaces' of the A816 will be considered by Argyll and Bute Council, but not until the findings into a tragic accident in July are determined by the Procurator Fiscal.

The death of toddlers Leia, three, and Seth, two, McCorkrisken, highlighted the need for a barrier near Kilmelford.

Another accident last week saw a car missing the loch by metres after hitting a gabion basket.

Eyewitnesses to the recent accident said it was 'a miracle

the driver got away with his life'. Christopher Liversedge, a resident of Kilmelford, said he believed that over a number of years the maintenance on the road had become 'non-existent' and fears are circulating in the village that another accident will happen before something is done.

Mr Liversedge, an architect, said: 'Why is there a crash barrier at the A816 at Oude Dam and not at Loch na Druimnean where the roads are closer to the water and the drop is steeper?'

'I regularly travel the A816 between Oban and Lochgilphead and know it is littered with

potential accident black spots and, in particular, the one at Kilmelford, where there is no dedicated or safe pedestrian crossing between the church or the village shop and the village.

'One has to take one's life in one's hands when crossing the road as blind spots prevent traffic and pedestrians from getting a clear view.

'The cost of such an upgrade is well beyond the finances of Argyll and Bute and pressure must be put on the Scottish Government to take up its responsibilities and grind into action.'

Councillor Elaine Robertson

said she had been contacted by residents. She said: 'Concerns have been raised with me regarding the road running alongside the loch, the scene of the tragic accident.

'I spoke to the executive director of operational services shortly after the accident regarding barriers along the side of the loch. She advised that no action could be taken until the police investigation into the accident was concluded, after which this would be considered along with other areas of concern throughout the area.

'As a regular user of the road, I am well aware of the problems.'

Councillor Kieron Green added: 'I would support a survey of the need to place barriers along the A816 being carried out.

'I recognise though that while barriers are one way of improving road safety, each site needs to be considered individually. In some places, space for a barrier is limited, while in others a vehicle remaining on the road following an accident could prove an even greater danger to other road users.

'Barriers need to be considered along with other measures, including signs, non-slip surfaces and straightening out corners.

'The cost of large-scale road realignment is beyond what the council could afford, however, I believe this should have remained a trunk road.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'We will await the findings of the police investigation into the tragic accident and if any improvements to the road corridor are recommended look to progress these as a matter of urgency.

'We are committed to ensuring our 1,400-mile road network is as safe as possible. We have made a number of improvements to this section of road over the past few years.'

TIMESLINE

Argyll and isles in tourism spotlight

ARGYLL and the Isles will take centre stage at the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards 2016.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) and 15 other tourism businesses will represent the region as finalists in categories ranging from accommodation to events and tourism innovation to tourism and hospitality hero.

AITC has been nominated in the 'Working Together for Tourism' category for its collaborative working including last year's Taste for Tourism conference in Oban, the many itineraries they have created for travel writers and the ground-breaking 'Wild About Argyll' adventure and film project. The Taste for Tourism conference in Oban in 2015 brought prestigious food journalists and international speakers together with tourism operators and food producers from across Scotland to Argyll for a two day event to discuss 'has Scotland got what it takes to be a global food tourism destination?'

With partnership working as its cornerstone, AITC illustrates the kind of collaboration and joint working which the prestigious Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards couldn't ignore.

Lifeboat races to help sick sailor

THE VOLUNTEER crew of Oban RNLI lifeboat was called out to transport a man from a yacht in the Sound of Mull for medical reasons on Saturday October 8.

The lifeboat was called out at 12.52pm to assist the middle-aged male.

The lifeboat arrived alongside the vessel at 1.17pm and took the man to Oban where he was transferred to a waiting ambulance.

The other occupant of the yacht sailed the boat to Oban.

Getting into the spirit of new gin

TO GIVE cooks inspiration this Seafood Week, one Scottish food blogger has invented moule écossaise, marrying West Coast mussels with Scotland's flourishing craft gins.

Claire Jessiman said: 'Scottish artisan gin is undergoing a huge revival and in this recipe I've teamed my favourite shellfish with my favourite drink: gin and tonic.

'I just love Scottish mussels. And, with their plump and sweet tasting flesh, they are one of the best and most affordable types of Scottish seafood around.'

The recipe, which serves two people as a main course or four as a starter, uses 25g salted butter, half an onion, very finely chopped, one large crushed garlic clove, 150ml tonic water,



Claire's recipe makes the most of Scottish mussels and artisan gin.

50ml Scottish gin, 1.5kg mussels, four tbsp double cream, one bunch of chopped parsley, and salt and pepper.

Claire instructs: 'Wash the mussels under cold running water and pull out any beards. If any are open, give them a wee tap to see if they will close shut. Discard those that don't close, along with any that are cracked or damaged.'

'Melt the butter in a large heavy-based pan. Make sure it's one with a well-fitting lid.

Gently fry the chopped onion and crushed garlic until soft. Pour in the gin and tonic and when it comes to the boil add the mussels.

'Cover with the lid and simmer for four or five minutes, occasionally shaking the pan, until all of the mussels are opened. Add the cream and parsley and season with freshly ground salt and pepper. Serve with plenty of crusty bread to soak up all the gin and tonic-infused mussel juices.'

Man is jailed for assault

A 24-YEAR-OLD Oban man has been sentenced to 15 months in jail for an 'extremely violent' assault.

David Kyle Bruce, of Rock Haven, Glenmore Road, Oban, pleaded guilty in August to assaulting a man at Station Road, Oban, on the night of September 26, 2015, by repeatedly punching him on the head, causing him to fall to the ground, and then kicking him in the head to his loss of consciousness and severe injury. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for a criminal justice social work report.

Defence agent Kevin McGinness told Oban Sheriff Court on Tuesday: 'Mr Bruce's fiancée was involved in a short relationship with the complainer. He has felt a hostile attitude towards him by the complainer; glares in bars, bumping into him in bars, which the accused took to be provocative.

'Mr Bruce accepts the violence was excessive. He has been plagued by guilt. It is highly regrettable these injuries were inflicted on this young man. He knows he has to face the consequences of his extremely violent behaviour.

'Mr Bruce has never appeared in a criminal process before. Given his previous impeccable record, given his attitude to the offence, which is full of remorse, given his suitability for a community-based disposal, custody may be avoided.'

Sheriff Anderson told Mr McGinness: 'Custody is the obvious realistic disposal.' She said: 'I am aware you are a first offender and have very good family support, but I have to look at what you did.

'The unprovoked assault on him was one of extreme violence. There is no realistic disposal except one of custody.'

She sentenced him to 15 months imprisonment, reduced from 20 months.

GP is banned from the road after driving at over 100mph

A DOCTOR from Appin has lost his driving licence for six months after being caught driving at more than 100 miles per hour.

At Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday, Stuart Cairns, of Laich Cottage, pled guilty to speeding. The offence, which saw Cairns clocked at 102.4mph when the speed limit is 60mph, took place on June 5 this year on the A82 at Loch Ba near Glencoe.

The court heard Cairns, 53, had flown into Glasgow and travelled north after visiting his three children in Somerset. His trip had been slow and when the road opened up he built up his speed and was spotted by police.

Procurator fiscal depute David Morton said: 'The police noticed the vehicle approach at an excessive speed, namely 102.4 mph. It was, however, noted in the report that the danger was limited to a certain extent as no

other cars were around. Further, when Mr Cairns was pulled over around a mile down the road, he was visibly shaken when told the speed.'

This point was reiterated by Cairns's solicitor to which Sheriff James Taylor said: 'Is that not doubled-edged? If he is travelling at that speed, 42 miles per hour over the limit, and does not even realise, then surely he is putting the public in even more danger?'

The solicitor said Cairns knew he was speeding but not by that much as his focus was on the road, not the speedometer.

The court was told Cairns is the local GP for Appin and also covers Ballachulish.

His surgery takes place Monday to Friday from 8am to noon and he cares for approximately 850 patients, most of whom are elderly. From noon to 3pm, Cairns carries out home visits and therefore a driving licence is essential.

Cairns's guilty plea was to an alternative charge. The original charge was for dangerous driving. Sheriff Taylor reminded Cairns that punishment for that offence can include up to six months imprisonment, disqualification from driving, a requirement to sit an extended test and three to 11 penalty points.

The defence said Cairns was remorseful and asked the sheriff to take into consideration his status as a doctor, pointing out that without a licence Cairns would not be able to continue to carry out his responsibilities, which include attending emergencies.

Sheriff Taylor said: 'I have listened very carefully and taken in all evidence. However, it is in the public interest to ensure the limit of 60 mph.

'It is important to protect hill walkers, other drivers and animals.'

Sheriff Taylor disqualified Cairns from driving for six months and fined him £500.

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Let's fight for safety barriers on A816

IT SHOULD come as no surprise that a campaign has been launched to have crash barriers erected on stretches of the A816.

This was, after all, the road where the dreadful tragedy occurred back in July that saw two young children lose their lives.

Toddlers Seth and Leia McCorriskin, from the isle of Luing, died when the car in which they were travelling sank after plunging into Loch nan Druimnean near Kilmelford on the main road between Oban and Lochgilphead.

The appalling incident saw desperate, gallant attempts by members of the public to try to save the siblings but the situation proved impossible because of the depth of the water right up to the roadside. The car was estimated to have ended up 40 feet beneath the surface.

Hindsight, of course, makes it clear crash barriers on this particular stretch could have avoided the tragedy.

That's why I am right behind the campaign for the safety measures to prevent a similar tragedy occurring. It is unthinkable to consider anyone else might die for the sake of proper safety equipment.

There are barriers on countless roads, many of them far less dangerous than the A816. The costs involved will be paltry in relative terms and the work would be straightforward.

I can think of no good reason why anyone might oppose the installation of barriers.

Well done to organisers of the Mòd

AS THIS week's *Oban Times* highlights, the Royal National Mòd begins tomorrow, Friday.

The annual cultural celebration will be a fantastic showcase of all things Gaelic, and it is fitting the Mòd is returning to its home in the Western Isles.

As you would expect, *The Oban Times* will be there throughout with our top team on the ground to record all the events as they happen.

We will provide unrivalled coverage over the coming weeks with special eight-page supplements to detail all the competitions and the outcomes.

I know everyone who attends the Mòd in Stornoway will have a brilliant time.

Sadly, I won't be able to go but I wish all the competitors the best of luck and doff my cap to those tireless souls who work behind the scenes to make the Mòd happen.

Have a great time and well done.

Who left the lights on at Lidl?

THERE has been a widespread welcome for the new Lidl supermarket in Oban, and rightly so.

But what's happening to its former premises, close to Tesco, Argos and Homebase?

For the past few days, the lights have been on in the empty store. Why? There doesn't appear to be any shopfitting work being carried out, so why keep the lights on?

Not only will it be costly for whichever business is now resident there, but it's bad for the environment.

Go along and support rugby clubs

ANYONE who knows me will be well aware that rugby is my sport of choice.

We have a number of thriving clubs in this area, among them Oban Lorne and Lochaber, both of whom are at home this weekend.

Oban will be hoping to build on an excellent result last Saturday, when they travelled to Helensburgh and thumped their hosts 44-7. Lochaber, however, have had a tougher start to the season and are still trying for their first win of the league campaign.

This Saturday Oban entertain second-placed Carrick while Lochaber are at home to Moray. Why not go along and show your support for the local teams? They could do with the backing and you will be well entertained.

Get in touch with your thoughts

Do you have something you want to share? Let me know by writing to me at The Oban Times, Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB, or by email to mlaing@obantimes.co.uk.



Park Primary School, Oban, held a sponsored Born to Move Dance-athon on Wednesday to fund new reading books. The children raised the fantastic sum of £4,000 and thank everyone who supported them.

Gian wins praise in House of Commons

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A SHOP worker in Oban had a surprise recently when his MP visited him while he was working to tell him he'd been recognised in Westminster for his voluntary work.

Homebase's Gian Bove thought it was just another day when he was called to the front desk on Thursday September 22.

Brendan O'Hara MP was there to present Gian with parliamentary papers to notify him he was being recognised by the House of Commons for his community work - specifically for his work with the Care Inspectorate.

Gian is a volunteer inspector with Argyll and Bute Council. He recently became the local authority's first volunteer Young Inspector for Services for Children and Young People, a role that sees him visit care services in the region, assessing levels of care, as well as running focus groups with those who use these services to ensure their thoughts and feelings are heard. Gian spent time in children's



Homebase store manager Andrew Spence joins Gian Bove and MP Brendan O'Hara to receive his parliamentary notice.

services growing up and was keen to give back in some way to those who had helped him.

When contacted by his former care worker about an opening with the Care Inspectorate, Gian grasped the opportunity.

He said: 'I hope this recognition will encourage young people to do more work with the Care Inspectorate in the UK and not just Scotland and I hope it motivates people to give back to their communities.'

'I also want to thank my manager, Kirstin Black, for being open to my development, for allowing me to progress and supporting my outside work, even when it's meant changing shifts.'

Praise for retiring coxswain John



John Hill has retired after 17 years as a lifeboat coxswain.

THE dedication of Oban's full-time coxswain has been celebrated as he brings to an end his tenure of one of the busiest stations in the UK.

John Hill has retired after 17 years with the lifesaving charity. John first joined the RNLI as a volunteer crew member at Campbeltown lifeboat station in 1999. He quickly moved on to the role of navigator and soon after became a deputy coxswain. Often covering as a relief coxswain for nearby stations such as Oban, Tobermory and Mallaig, John

was also a deputy coxswain for Buckie lifeboat until 2012, when he took on the role as full-time coxswain at Oban.

Answering the pager 24 hours a day, seven days a week, John has attended 134 call-outs, covered 2,335 miles and spent 252 hours saving lives at sea as coxswain of Oban lifeboat.

Now, after nearly four years, John retires with mixed emotions. He said: 'Like most crew members at lifeboat stations across the country, I enjoy the buzz of being part of a team and

helping others in distress. It's been an honour and a privilege to be part of Oban lifeboat and I've many happy memories from my time here.'

John won't be walking away from the RNLI completely. He said: 'I still plan to carry on as a volunteer both at Buckie and as a relief coxswain at other stations when needed.'

Everyone at Oban station wished John all the best on his well-deserved retirement. The new full-time coxswain will be formally introduced shortly.

POLICE FILES

POLICE are calling for witnesses to a driver who performed a dangerous manoeuvre to the east of the Tainuill Hotel on the A85 on Monday October 3 at 5.30pm.

Police particularly want to speak to a male cyclist who was wearing a fluorescent jacket.

Any witnesses should contact PC Andrew Hogg on 101.

A SERIOUS assault saw two men end up behind bars over the weekend.

The men, from Easterhouse, Glasgow, were arrested by police in the early hours of Saturday after they caused serious harm to each other.

One man is said to have had his ear bitten off, while the other has a 2cm laceration to his face.

Both were treated in hospital before being locked up for the weekend.

TWO MEN were apprehended by police officers after causing a major disturbance at a caravan park on Loch Awe-side.

When the men were arrested on Sunday by officers, they were found to be wanted by Glasgow police under court warrants.

A FISHERMAN was arrested by officers on the isle of Mull after they suspected him of drink driving.

A roadside test showed the man was almost seven times over the drink drive limit.

The man was due to appear in court.

Rockfield scoops top award

THE RURAL Innovators Award 2015-16 for land was presented to the Rockfield Centre at the Scottish Rural Parliament in Brechin last week.

Gordon McNab, chairman of Oban Communities Trust, received the award on behalf of the Rockfield Centre as an example of exciting rural innovation.

Oban Communities Trust completed the community purchase of the building in less than a year and activities are already breathing life into the huts and the B-listed building.

The main aim of the Rockfield Centre is to create a cultural 'hub' to celebrate art, history and heritage and to embrace education, enterprise and community well-being.

National co-ordinator of the Scottish Rural Parliament Emma Cooper said: 'The Rockfield Centre is a fantastic project and a great example of rural innovation.'

Mr McNab added: 'We are delighted to have won this award which gives us national recognition. This is a hugely innovative project driven for and by the community and gaining this award illustrates just how much public support there is.'

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks

North Argyll Reinforcements Project Public Consultation Events

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks have further developed proposals to reinforce the transmission network in the Tainuill, Kilchrenan, Portsonachan and Dalmally area to enable renewable energy to connect to the network and enhance security of supply.

The project team are hosting a series of open door events where members of the community can drop in at any time to receive further information on the development of the proposals.

The consultation events will take place on –

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Tainuill	Village Hall	Mon 24 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Kilchrenan	Village Hall	Tue 25 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Portsonachan	Village Hall	Wed 26 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Dalmally	Community Centre	Thurs 27 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30

For more information and to provide your comments, please come along to an event. Further information is available via our project website: <http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/north-argyll/>

If you are unable to attend the event and would like information on the project, please contact our Community Liaison Manager:

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A couple of diamonds

DUNCAN and Joan Campbell celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last weekend.

The couple were married in Oban Old Parish Church on October 2 1956.

Family and friends enjoyed a dinner in Coast restaurant.

Instead of presents, donations of more than £500 were collected for the Mary's Meals charity.

The couple were also presented with gifts and a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Graham McQueen on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.

Winners mussel in on titles

THE WINNERS of Scotland's best oysters and mussels were announced in Oban last week at the annual two-day conference of shellfish growers in the Corran Halls.

Celebrating its 30th birthday this year with a magnificent cake, the Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers (ASSG) awarded the three winners with painted dinner plates decorated with seafood.

Shellfish farmer Craig Archibald of Islay Oysters at Loch Guinart won best gigas or 'rock' oysters, while the best mussel title was picked up by Michael Tait of Shetland Mussels, and Tristan Hugh-Jones of Loch Ryan Oyster Fishery near Stranraer won best native oysters.

Dr Nick Lake, chief executive officer of the ASSG, said: 'Our annual conference is well supported by shellfish growers, equipment suppliers, regulators and the Scottish Government, with everyone coming together to discuss achievements and to look at opportunities and areas for collaboration, not just in Scotland but in the wider world.'

'It is particularly exciting this year to celebrate the longevity of the ASSG, which has been helping shellfish farmers for 30 years.'

'During that time, Scotland has developed an enviable reputation for the quality of its cultivated shellfish and, in particular, the way in which it has developed sustainably in the Highlands and islands.'

The first day, Thursday October 6, featured an investigation by Michael Tait, managing director of Shetland Mussels Ltd, into where the industry has room to grow, and by Ian Wright, of Traighe Mhor Oysters on the isle of Barra, into investments and assets to secure business development.

Day two focused on future opportunities for shellfish businesses, with Gregg Arthur, from North Atlantic Fisheries College, speaking about progress with the mussel hatchery project, which aims to help secure future seed supplies.

Dr Tom Aston, from Xelect Ltd, discussed genetic selection opportunities for the industry and questioned whether farmers are cultivating the right stock.

Dr Gavin Burnell, from University College Cork in Ireland, also looked at shellfish as part of integrated aquaculture projects and outlined associated production possibilities. The session continued with a look at Scottish shellfish on the international stage, with guest speakers from the USA and New Zealand taking the floor.

Dr Carter Newell, of Pemaquid Mussel Farms, related developments in the USA to those in Scotland, while Joe Franklin Jr, of Quality Equipment Ltd, gave delegates an insight into the growth potential of the global mussel industry.

Dennis Overton, chairman of Scotland Food and Drink's Vision 2030 group, closed the conference by setting out the Vision's implications for shellfish producers.



Right to left: Walter Spiers, a founding director of the Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers, cuts its 30th birthday cake, beside director Nick Turnbull and chief executive officer Nick Lake.



Shellfish growers Michael Tait, Tristan Hugh-Jones and Craig Archibald won decorated plates for their best mussels, native oysters and gigas oysters respectively.

Families urged to step out on school run

IT'S WALK To School Month this October when the UK charity Living Streets is urging families across Scotland to walk to school to tackle 'the growing inactivity crisis' amongst children.

Just 43 per cent of primary school age children walk to school in Scotland, the charity for everyday walking states, compared with 70 per cent a generation ago. At the same time, it adds, levels of obesity and inactivity are on the rise with more than a quarter of Scottish children obese or overweight.

Stuart Hay, director of Living Streets Scotland, said: 'Many of us need to start moving more and walking to school is a free and achievable way to fit more activity into a family's day. We work in nearly 300 schools across Scotland to increase the number of pupils walking to school through WOW - our walk to school challenge.'

'If walking the whole way isn't possible, we encourage 'Park and Stride'. It reduces congestion and pollution around the school gates and allows children to get active for the last few minutes of their journey. Enjoy the sounds of leaves crackling under your feet this October and join families across the world walking to school for International Walk to School Month.'

Living Streets offers a special month-long trial package of WOW. This can be used by schools at any time throughout the year to see if WOW could work for them.



Mary's Meals honoured with top Queen's award

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MARY'S MEALS has been presented with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the UK's highest accolade for charitable activities.

The charity, which provides a daily meal to more than 1.1 million children in some of the poorest countries in the world, received what is known as the 'MBE for voluntary groups' at a celebration event in its Oban shop last Thursday October 6.

Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart MBE, Her Majesty's representative in Argyll and Bute, presented the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the charity which provides a meal to 1,187,104 children every school day.

Volunteers are crucial to the work of Mary's Meals - from the local communities who prepare and serve the meals to hungry children in the countries

“Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do”

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow
Founder and chief executive of Mary's Meals

where the charity works, to the thousands of volunteers who dedicate their time to support work of Mary's Meals in the UK.

Accepting the Queen's Award on behalf of the charity's UK volunteers was Bill Clifford who helps raise awareness of Mary's Meals by delivering talks on its

work. Bill, 68, from Appin, one of more than 800 Mary's Meals volunteers in the UK, said: 'The work of Mary's Meals is so simple and effective. For a small amount of money, you can give a child a daily meal and education for a whole year.'

'As a volunteer, it's an amazing feeling to see peoples' faces light up at talks when they learn that even a small amount can help transform the life of a child.'

'Everyone can play a part in supporting the work of Mary's Meals.'

Even if you choose to volunteer a couple of hours a week, you are still making a difference and it is great fun too.'

Founded in 2002, Mary's Meals provides a daily meal at schools in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. It costs the charity a global average of just £12.20 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year.

Congratulating Mary's Meals on receiving the award, the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute said: 'I am delighted to present, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, this award to Mary's Meals.'

'Based on an inspirational idea, nurtured by a first-class organisation which has its roots grounded in widespread and enthusiastic volunteering, the charity is performing untold good by feeding young people and tying that essential to another essential, their education.'

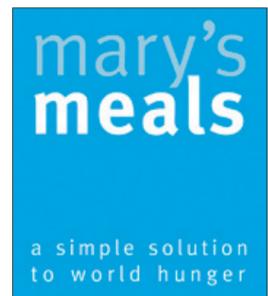
Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and chief executive of Mary's Meals, who attended the celebration event alongside volunteers and supporters of the charity, paid tribute to everyone playing a part in reaching the next child with a daily meal.

'Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do and it is wonderful the achievements of all those generous people across the UK who dedicate their

precious time in supporting our vision are being recognised by this award,' he said.

'Mary's Meals is a movement made up of thousands of people all over the world walking together with the same very simple goal: that the hungry child receives a meal every day they attend school.'

For further information on Mary's Meals and how to get involved, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.



Long-serving duo praised for work



OBAN and Lorn Lions Club stalwarts Rob Chipchase, left, and Bill Coutts, right, were presented with long service certificates by Malcolm Hogg, centre, the Lions' 1st vice district governor, at its meeting on Wednesday September 28.

Rob and Bill have held different posts in the club for 10 and 20 years respectively.

Fellow member Alex Milligan paid tribute to the pair: 'They have volunteered a lot of energy and time to helping others locally and elsewhere, wherever and whenever possible.'

This, they say, is what the Lions are all about and they will continue to serve in their community as a long as possible.'

Extra cash for computing science and digital skills

A £250,000 funding pot supporting computing science and digital skills for young people has been increased by £150,000.

The Scottish Government's Digital Xtra Fund was launched in May 2016 to develop digital skills and make extracurricular computing science activities available to all young people aged 16 and under, whatever their background and wherever they live in Scotland. In August the fund awarded £250,000 to 12 projects supporting diverse activities including the use of

wildlife cameras to help school pupils learn to code using Raspberry Pi computers, coding taught through local libraries and a forensic investigation project. The additional £150,000 was made available as a result of the high number of applications received for the first round of funding.

Applications are open until November 4 via Public Contracts Scotland and eligible organisations can bid for grants from £1,500 to a maximum £25,000 per project.



Manager's work on patient safety earns shortlist place

AN NHS Highland manager has been nominated as a finalist in one of this year's top healthcare manager awards.

The board's senior quality improvement lead (patient safety), Maryanne Gillies has been chosen as one of three finalists invited to the prestigious Institute of Healthcare Management - Scotland Annual Conference Awards dinner on October 6.

Since 2008, Maryanne has helped NHS Highland staff identify and apply simple, consistent steps in treatments

that have helped to significantly reduce infections and harm to patients while in the board's care. Maryanne, pictured right with quality improvement practitioner Pam Burrows raising sepsis awareness, said: 'This award is not just for me, it's for all the dedicated staff that have helped to make the Scottish Patient Safety Programme such a success in NHS Highland.'

The winner of the 2016 award will be announced at the dinner, at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel, Clydebank.

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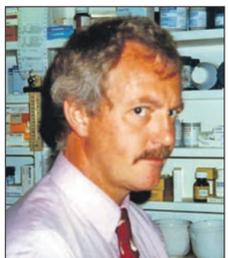
Taynuilt Swing Band.

DURING the past few months there have been changes to practice staff at Taynuilt Medical Practice. Dr Martin Flynn has left and returned to Ireland, while new partner Dr Dave Harden and GP Dr Catherine MacElroy are new faces at the practice. Nurse Diane Dixon will be leaving in September and relocating back to Inverness to be closer to her family.

TAYNUILT Swing Band are looking for new members, particularly trombonists and saxophonists. Anyone interested should contact band member Susan Forrest at susanjoanforrest@gmail.com.

TO HAVE your news from Taynuilt, Lochawe and Dalmailly printed here, email Davy Paterson at david.paterson2@hotmail.com.

Lochgilthead



Then and now: John in his early days and today.

LOCHGILPHEAD pharmacist John McNulty retires on October 30 after 40 years' service in Argyll and Bute.

Since qualifying in pharmaceutical practice while working for Parkinson Chemists in Glasgow in 1974, Mr McNulty moved for a short stint in Oban before going on to Inveraray's Main Street where he opened his first pharmacy, The Apothecary, taking over from Jimmy Tuft.

In 1984 John opened his second pharmacy in Lochgilthead, and sold it 30 years later in 2014, and it

is still successfully trading. 'Over the years Argyll Pharmacy's grew and has become an iconic sight in the Argyll community,' John's friend, David Lapsley, said.

'All John's family and friends would like to wish him a very happy and well earned retirement and all the best of luck in his future.

'As an avid model boat builder and sailor he will now be able to fully concentrate on his ship building and sailing Provider on the West Coast in peace.'

Benderloch

SIGHTINGS of 'HH' are creating quite a stir in the Benderloch and North Connel area.

The white horse with pink spots is crafted from an arrangement of farmyard items from barrels to broom heads. HH is hoofing it around the roads and lanes of the area, choosing to travel under cover of darkness. He was last spotted in a field along the Moss Road. Locals are asked to post sightings of HH onto the Facebook page www.facebook.com/hectorandhamish.

ARDCHATTAN Parish Archive is holding sessions every Friday at Kintaline

Farm from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome to join these sessions to explore the people and the places between Loch Etive and Loch Creran. For details call 01631 720223 or email: archive@ardchattan.org.uk

WALKERS along the beach are reminded that if they come across dead or stranded marine animals they should call the Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Hotline on 07979 245893 or email strandings@sruc.ac.uk.

Send your news from North Connel, Benderloch and Barcaldine to Breege Smyth: breege_131@btinternet.com.

Jura



Johnny was presented with a long-service award after a day of helicopter training.

Crofter retires from Coastguard after 47 years of dedicated service

JURA crofter Johnny MacDonald retired from the island's Coastguard after 47 years of service earlier this month.

After a glorious day of helicopter training, the 73-year-old from Ardfin was presented with a long-service certificate by the coastal operations area commander Jonathan Hart at the Jura Hotel.

'It was quite a do - all the boys were there,' said Johnny, who now lives in Craighouse. 'I thought somebody a wee bit younger could do it.'

The work over the past five decades was mostly search and rescue, he reflected, looking for walkers who got lost up the mountainous Paps of Jura, or elsewhere in one of Britain's last great wildernesses. But it has not all been hard

work. 'There's not a lot that happens in the Coastguard,' he added. 'I hope the next 47 years don't pass so quickly.'

Johnny's colleagues in the Jura Coastguard also paid tribute to his 'outstanding contribution to the Isle of Jura community'.

North Connel



Village hall trustees gather in £7,000

NORTH Connel Village Hall trustees would like to thank local businesses for generously donating almost £7,000 so far to renovate the facility.

Soon after announcing their fundraising appeal, hall

secretary Fiona McCormick received a cheque for £800 for a new dishwasher from David Lamb of Aggregate industries, pictured above with the village's Girl Guides and Cubs who use the hall.

The campaign was kicked off by a large legacy from Jean McDonald, formerly an active member of the hall committee, which was also promised an 'amazing' £5,000 from Ian Campbell of D&J Campbell Hauliers and PMG services.

There has also been an anonymous donation of £1,000 and talks are under way with other businesses active in the area which would like to support the community by contributing to the hall facilities.

Argyll



Alex Ellis-Roswell enjoyed his visit to Lomond School and is now heading for Oban.

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IMAGINE walking for three years, in British weather.

Well that's what Alexander Ellis-Roswell is currently doing. On August 3, 2014, Alex left Kent and started walking the coastline of Britain and Ireland to raise money for RNLI lifeboats. He has now walked about 5,000 miles and has raised nearly £25,000.

Lomond School in Helensburgh hosted a visit from Alex on September 30. He spoke with primary six and seven pupils about his experiences and answered a variety of questions about his adventure. The school held a collection and Alex also collected in and around the town.

Alex said on social media: 'I loved spending the morning in Lomond School. I met great kids with knowledge of the sea and sailing. Huge thanks to all the students and parents who brought in donations for my RNLI collection.'

'Now I'm walking towards Tighnabraich, then Campbeltown, Islay and up to Oban.'

Returning to Scotland in September, he made his way up from Stranraer via the Ayrshire coast to Arran and on to Argyll. At each RNLI station he makes a stop and donates what he has collected to the station.

Alex said on his donating page: 'In my opinion, the volunteers who give up so much of their time and put themselves at risk for others in need are heroes. They

put themselves right in the thick of what is our most unforgiving environment: our sea.

'They receive no government funding for their lifesaving service. If you agree with me, that RNLI lifeboat crew members are heroes and deserve to be funded accordingly, please consider donating.'

Alex stayed two nights in Helensburgh, firstly as a guest of Lomond School and then with the local RNLI crew.

When Alex reaches the finish line he will have walked 9,500 miles in total.

To follow the highs and lows of the walk, find Alex on Facebook and Twitter. Simply search for: Alex Ellis-Roswell. To donate, go to www.bt.com/Donate-ToLifeboats.

MORVERN lines

Sheer poetry

I WAS a bit sorry - no, disappointed - to see that no one in the Gaelic heartland of Argyll, so renowned for its music and song, drew attention to or, as far as I know, contributed to last week's National Poetry Day, especially so close to the Royal National Mòd.

National Poetry Day, the mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical, fell on Thursday October 6. It takes place annually in the UK and Ireland on a Thursday in late September/early October. Since its inception, it has engaged millions of people across the country with live events, classroom activities and broadcasts.

The theme this year was 'messages'. This week, to make up for the omission, here is a small selection of some of my favourite poems, local and national.

'I am wandering homeless in the Eastern lands, where the blaze of sunshine never leaves me, and I long for water in the desert sands, where the palm-tree vision but deceives me.

'But my memories roam to a rock-bound shore, where the wild waves foam and the rivers roar and my mind wings homeward and I see once more, the lovely Lynn of Morvern.

'Though I toil in silence in the lifeless north, where the black night's menacing surround me; and the icy tempests send their armies forth and the gloom of death is all around me.

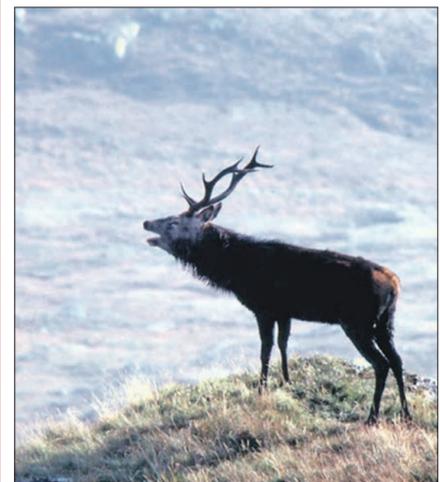
'Yet I sit and dream of a woodland scene where the bluebells gleam in their gowns of green, and the seabirds screaming over Lochaline and the lovely moors of Morvern.

'In my heart I feel I shall come one day, and at evening steal into Miodar Bay; and in silence on the heather pray for my lovely home in Morvern.'

In this song, called the *Exiles*, Rosslyn Mitchell visualises two Morvern men serving in the armed forces - one a soldier in the desert sands of Libya and the other a sailor in the Arctic regions, each dreaming of Morvern.

'That is the land of lost content, I see it shining plain, the happy highways where I went and cannot come again'. (A E Housman).

'Afar I have been but no place have I seen, like Mull's Sound the Queen of them all: no change I desire, for no place can inspire the love that has held me in thrall. 'To the nor-ard ships sail in the teeth of the gale,



The stag at eve.

round the Steersman the fierce billows break; to the south-ard they sweep with speed through the deep, and their furrows lie far in the wake.

'With joy I've been filled and with rapture enthralled, while watching the storm-king at play; but sweeter thy calm which lulled with its psalm my soul at the close of the day.

'My beloved are no more, they have gone from the shore, in silence they creep to their graves; oh, sweet is their sleep by the side of the deep, but they hear not the mirth of the waves!

'I cannot depart from the joys of the heart, though the voices alluring me call; for wherever I've been, no place have I seen, like Mull's Sound the Queen of them all'.

Caol Muile - the Sound of Mull - was composed in Gaelic by the Rev John Macleod (1801-1882), for 58 years, minister of Morvern. The translation is by Morvern schoolmaster, the Donald B Fletcher, who taught at Lochaline and Fiunary.

'That old lonely lovely way of living in Highland places - twenty years a-growing, twenty years flowering, twenty years declining - father to son, mother to daughter giving ripe tradition; peaceful bounty flowing; one harmony all tones of life combining - old wise ways, passed like the dust blowing.

'That harmony of folk and land is shattered - the yearly rhythm of things, the social graces, peat fire and music, candle light and kindness. Now that they are gone it seems they never mattered much, to the world, those proud and violent races, clansmen, and chiefs whose passionate greed and blindness made desolate these lovely lonely places.' (For the *Old Highlands* by Douglas Young (1913-73).

'Out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be, for my unconquerable soul.

'In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance, my head is bloody but not unbowed.

'Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms the horror of the shade, and yet the menace of the years finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

'It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.' *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley (1849-1903).

'The stag at eve had drunk his fill, where danced the moon on Monan's rill, and deep his midnight lair had made, in lone Glenartney's hazel shade; but, when the sun his beacon red had kindled on Benvoirlich's head, the deep-mouthed bloodhound's heavy bay resounded up the rocky way, and faint, from farther distance borne, were heard the clanging hoof and horn.'

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Crofting chief to fight on

CROFTING Commissioner **LOUISE GLEN**
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Colin Kennedy is refusing to resign as the group's chairman, saying he was 'elected by crofters' and he'll continue to fight for their rights.

Last week in an unusual step Fergus Ewing MSP called on Mr Kennedy to resign. Mr Kennedy said 'hell will freeze over' before he steps down.

Mr Kennedy claimed it is the government minister is contravening crofters' human rights by not allowing access to their own share of European cash. Mr

Kennedy said: 'The MSP should be standing down himself.'

Mr Kennedy, from Coll, claims he has uncovered cronyism within practice endorsed by the Scottish Government. He said: 'I am being vilified because I am standing up to the government.'

Arguments about his conduct will not, he said, 'stop the truth about cronyism within the Crofting Commission come to the fore'.

The influential Crofting Federation also called on Mr Kennedy to resign.

Mr Kennedy, speaking exclusively to *The Oban Times*, said: 'There are practices going on within grazing committees in

some places in Scotland and within the commission that are not fair and equitable.

'Grazings committees are empowered under section 48 of Crofting Commission legislation, which states their powers. But it does not set them out with any statutory ownership of the land.'

Mr Kennedy believes if the grazing committees do not have any legal 'personable' rights, then they are not eligible to apply for the limited European funding available to crofters and farmers in occupancy of the land through the Scottish Government.

But to date the grazings committees that have accessed

funding, he believes, have potentially done so on behalf of their shareholders (those who have rights under law to use the land) to whom the money rightfully and legally belongs.

Or, if the land has some industry on it – ie, wind turbines – then under legislation 50 per cent of the development is the equitable share to be distributed to crofters through common grazings committees. 'They have no right to keep the money for any other purpose.'

Mr Kennedy said the law provides for compensation for crofters for any piece of land removed from crofters and common grazings 'and in some

cases the crofters are not getting that money'.

Mr Kennedy said it is going into a grazing committee pot that is neither accounted to the tax authorities nor distributed equitably among the shareholders, and in some cases can be used without the express permission to all shareholders – and is being distributed 'willy nilly'. In some cases this can be multi-million-pounds-worth of money.

Mr Kennedy said there is a real crisis in the Scottish Government as it tries to cover its back and leave itself open to legal challenges that could cost it millions.

A Scottish Government

spokesman said: 'Serious allegations about Scottish ministers were attributed to Mr Kennedy in the press following the Crofting Commission's meeting in Brora on September 28.'

'The Scottish Government has requested further information from the convener in relation to these allegations and will give this further consideration, as appropriate. While this matter is ongoing, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity [Mr Ewing] will continue to monitor the situation at the Crofting Commission closely.'

■ Crofting column – page 21.

Trad music world mourns for Angus

RENOWNED Scottish fiddler and the frontman of one of the country's leading folk and Celtic bands, Shoooglenifty, has died.

Angus R Grant passed away at home on Sunday following a short illness.

Son of the well-known left-hand fiddle player Aonghas Grant, Angus grew up in Lochaber before heading south to perform with bands Swamptrash and Shoooglenifty. The band celebrated its 25th anniversary just last year. The band's Facebook page has been flooded with tributes.

Tribute – page 10.
Obituary – page 27.

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Old folk celebrate with free cakes from Oban Times

THE *Oban Times* team in Fort William visited Invernevis House this week to give readers there some free cake.

As part of the new look newspaper incorporating *Lochaber News* we have been giving away a free slice of sponge cake or cupcake to every reader.

And this week we were with residents at Invernevis House in Fort William serving up cupcakes courtesy of Tanya Warner from Farmstead Fayre.

Deputy manager Nik Grainger helped to give out the cakes to just some of the 29 residents currently at Invernevis.

Manager Kit Cameron said that 'everyone really enjoyed the cake', while Invernevis's best-known resident, William the dog, was disappointed he hadn't managed to sneak a bite.



CalMac training comes home for apprentices

A LINK-UP with City of Glasgow College means all ferry operator CalMac's engineering and deck apprentices will now be trained in Scotland.

Previously the 10 modern apprentices currently taken on every year were required to travel to South Shields Marine College near Newcastle for the desk-based part of their training.

The new agreement with the College's Faculty of Nautical Studies will mean the apprentices will be able to study closer to home in working towards their SQA level five in maritime studies.

CalMac's director of human resources, Christine Roberts, said: 'I'm delighted to welcome our latest batch of apprentices and look forward to building a strong relationship with City of Glasgow College.'

'Not only is it a world-class facility at the newly opened Riverside campus, it will also make it significantly more convenient for apprentices going home at weekends – something that was just not practical with our previous training provider down south.'

'As part of our winning bid to run the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service contract, we committed to increasing the numbers of modern apprentices we employ and this new relationship with the college will be an important step towards helping us achieve this.'

The college's faculty of nautical studies offers a wide range of courses for seafarers from mandatory training to professional development.

Angus Ferguson, curriculum head (nautical), City of Glasgow



Jamie Sinclair and Cameron MacCuish, both from Oban, start their new course at the City of Glasgow College Faculty of Nautical Studies.

College, said: 'City of Glasgow College is the only college in Scotland offering a modern apprenticeship for deck and engineering ratings. We are proud to be partnering CalMac in this project, which will enhance the maritime skills base in Scotland.'

'The state-of-the-art facilities at our Riverside campus, including Scotland's only 360-degree shipping simulation suite and one of UK's most modern working ships' engine rooms, have allowed us to develop this course which trains our students in vital skills that will benefit communities and the local economy.'

The current intake of six deck ratings and four engineering apprentices will spend an initial four weeks in Glasgow before joining a vessel for on-the-job training.

Modern apprentice Cameron MacCuish, from Oban, said: 'I'm really looking forward to the course and the opportunity to combine it with hands-on experience on board. A modern apprenticeship gives the best of both worlds – on the job training and college qualifications – that's what attracted me to it. It's a great first step towards building a long career and CalMac is great company to start with.'

Island communities join for special event

ISLAND communities in Argyll and Bute are coming together for a special event aimed at sharing best practice and to find out how partners and communities are working to address issues for island life.

Islands Connections – being held on Seil on Thursday October 20 – will discuss the proposed Islands Bill, economic growth, transport and infrastructure, health care, housing and digital connectivity.

Speakers from such as the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust will provide insights into current policy and actions.

The council formed the Argyll Islands Taskforce to focus not only on the challenges that face islanders but the opportunities and attractions that exist for the area's 23 inhabited islands – each with its own distinct identity – that share issues that affect those living, working and visiting them.

Chairman of the group, Councillor Len Scoullar, said: 'The taskforce was formed to ensure we can build a prosperous and sustainable future for our islands.'

'Argyll and Bute is one of the country's most promising areas and our islands play a vital role in delivering economic growth. Our islands deserve to prosper and grow,

providing education and employment for our young people, supporting and growing our businesses and communities and benefiting from the communication, transportation infrastructure and services necessary for them to be sustainable.

'This event is an ideal opportunity to get together with the intention of making a difference. The council is delighted to have been invited to join the Scottish Government's Strategic Islands Group and have the opportunity to address island issues.'

To book go to <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/islands-connections> before October 18.

Royal National Mòd gets unique design

HARRIS Tweed Hebrides of Shawbost has created an exclusive design to celebrate the return of the Royal National Mòd to the Western Isles.

The Mòd will bring thousands of visitors to Lewis and Harris.

There is further cause for celebration as this is the 125th anniversary of An Comunn Gaidhealach's founding.

Harris Tweed Hebrides' design team has incorporated the

colours of An Comunn's crest, blended with the Hebridean summer landscape and seascape, to form a striking tartan pattern which will feature in a range of accessories, as well as adorning Mòd stages.

Margaret Ann Macleod, of Harris Tweed Hebrides, said: 'The link between Gaelic culture and Harris Tweed is exceptionally strong, so it is natural to have the Clo Mor

represented at a celebration of the language, particularly when it is being held in our own community. The vibrant colours will reflect the spirit of the Mòd.'

The accessories range – which includes corsage, purses, make-up bags, hand-bags, men's ties and, of course, hip flasks – has all been made in Scotland with local firms By Rosie and Rare-bird among the suppliers.

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The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

This week saw a number of people recognised for the fantastic work they do, not only in their own community but also further afield.

On page four Gian Bove, who works in Homebase, received a visit from Brendan O'Hara MP to tell him he was being recognised by the House of Commons for his voluntary work with the Care Inspectorate – he recently became Argyll and Bute's first volunteer young inspector for services to children and young people. And on page

five the volunteers who work tirelessly for Mary's Meals were presented with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the UK's highest accolade for charitable services.

None of these people do what they do for self gain or recognition, but it is important that we recognise their efforts, not only as a way of saying thank you, but because as role models and ambassadors for their chosen organisations, it puts their work in the spotlight and hopefully encourages others to get involved.



Days gone by...

We don't have a date for this picture, but the photograph shows Coisir og Thobarmhoire – Tobermory choir – who won the under-18 harmony competition, beating the main school choir. They also won the primary unison choral competition. If you were part of the choir and can see yourself here, let us know.

Glasgow Letter

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Fantastic line-up for Clydebank cèilidh

THE Clydebank Highland Association are holding a cèilidh tomorrow (Friday October 14) in the Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £7, which includes tea, home baking and a fantastic line-up featuring Mary C Maclean, Sheena Walker, Alasdair Whyte, Ryan Young, Luke Pringles, Kirsteen Grant and chaired by the Rev Fred Booth.

Highlanders' Club new session under way

THE Highlanders Club will dance to the music of Susan MacFadyen for their first dance of the 2016-17 session this coming Saturday night, October 15, in the Partick Burgh Hall with bar and catering.

The dance begins at 8pm and will run until 11pm. Tickets are £9 and are available at the door.

Association prepares for annual gathering

SUCH is the pulling power of this year's Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual gathering weekend that some people are looking into the possibility of hiring a bus to come all the way from the Western Isles,

picking up passengers in Skye, down to the city for the weekend.

That's according to the latest rumour winging its way round Glasgow at the moment.

That's a fairly big journey for a dance. It is incredible considering neither the line-up for the concert, nor the band for the dance, has even been announced yet.

Stand by for those announcements in the coming weeks. More details of the whole weekend are below in this week's What's On section.

Tickets are currently on sale via PayPal or by emailing angelajenkins34@hotmail.com. They will go on sale in the Park Bar later this month.

Shawfest success raises cash for trust

SHAWFEST, the fundraising festival in memory of musician Fraser Shaw from Islay, took place on Saturday September 24, in St Peter's Hall, Partick, and raised a great deal of money for the Fraser Shaw Trust.

Among the craft stalls, stovies and music, the committee auctioned off the rights to name a tune by Hamish Napier.

The rights were purchased by fellow musician Ross Ainslie, who decided to name the tune *Frien'ship Brings Us Here the Night*. This title is an excerpt from a classic, and very appropriate, Scots song called *Happy We Are a' Thegither*.

or speed limits enforced by cameras – something to slow down the people who think 60 is too slow and need to pass, safely or not!

Willie Reid agreed: 'Along the wee loch where the kids were drowned yes. There's a lot of black ice around there in winter. My wife spun our Subaru around three years back.'

Allan Strang Jnr wrote: 'Yeah. Being a

What's on

Friday October 14: Clydebank Highland Association cèilidh in the Napier Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday October 15: Highlanders' Club dance in Partick Burgh Hall from 8pm to 11pm.

Friday October 28: Glasgow Uist and Barra Association cèilidh in the Crawford Hall, Beith Street.

Friday October 28: The first ever Eriskay annual gathering in the Glasgow University Union.

Saturday October 29: Glasgow Skye Association Marag supper in the Crawford Hall, Beith Street, at 7.30pm.

Thursday November 3: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual dinner, Pond Hotel, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Friday November 4: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual gathering concert, Glasgow University Union, 7.30pm.

Friday November 4: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual dance, Glasgow University Union, 10.30pm-2am.

Pub scene

Park Bar.

Friday October 14: Nicky McMichean
Saturday October 15: Dodgy Ground
Sunday October 16: Martainn Skene.

Islay Inn.

Friday October 14: Black Velvet
Saturday October 15: Twist of Fate
Wednesday October 19: quiz night.

local in Melfort using that road Daily. Definitely need barriers. Unfortunately too late for some. Why there was never one in the first place we'll never know.'

John DM Kerr said: 'Yes and also pot hole free roads.'

Heather Brennan demanded: 'Yes! After what happened a couple of months ago I think that should be reason enough?'

Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB.

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Beach hut damages island's environment

Sir, Balevullin is a small Hebridean township on the Isle of Tiree. It comprises scattered whitewashed houses against the stunning machair landscape.

The township is home to a beach, birds, cows and people. People come last because, in order for people to live and raise families in Balevullin, there has to be partnership and respect with the environment.

We are now a township divided and portrayed as an anti-tourist, negative bunch of locals who resist any form of development. This is very untrue. Balevullin beach is one of the most lovely on the island and is a haven for surfers, dog walkers, families, stargazers and sunset-watchers. Visitors have always received a warm welcome and a tow out of the sand every time they get stuck.

We welcome sustainable and planned development that will attract families and tourists to the island but only as part of a managed process which puts the conservation and preservation of the township at its centre.

Therein lies the problem. The beach hut currently situated at Balevullin was erected within a few hours without any consultation with the people who live near the beach.

Our objections, which are continually shouted down by the owners of the hut and derided by their supporters, are as follows. We would also like to address a few of the points raised in your article about the Argyll and Bute Council decision.

Blackhouse Watersports is a business which makes a profit from water-based activities. The use of emotive headlines distracts from the reason the beach hut was erected. Balevullin beach is one of the most popular and accessible beaches for watersports. The year prior to the erection of the hut saw record numbers of people on the beach. It is not the altruistic community service it has been portrayed as.

There are other watersports providers on the island who have never felt the requirement to erect permanent structures on the beach. This ensures that, at the end of the day, the beach returns to its natural form.

The assumption that a hut is an essential part of watersports delivery is not true. The structure referred to in your article was actually an old boathouse for the loch, therefore was pre-existing and services a lochside location. The position of the beach hut means that part of the beach is lost forever to other beach users. The presence of the hut creates an environment of ownership of the beach. Many of the residents of Balevullin no longer go to the beach as they feel intimidated by the beach hut users.

The decision to allow structures on the beach should be made taking into account how this will affect all the beaches on Tiree. Should permission be granted, it will set a precedent for huts all across the island. The decision to not grant permission for the hut is not Argyll and Bute being obstructive to small business but taking an overall view of the implications for the whole island.

The erection of the hut has placed increased pressures on the infrastructure

Beachd Ailein

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MAR AS SINE a dh'fhàsas tu 's ann as luaithe a dh'fhaicreas tu an ùine a' dol seachad.

Tha cuimhn' agam nuair a bha mi òg agus a bhithinn mi-fhoighidneach a' feitheamh ri rudeigin, an t-annas a bha mi a' gabhail nuair a bhiodh inbhich ag ràdh sin rium. Bidh mi tric a' còmhradh air daoine a bha mi a' meas "sean" nuair a bha mi beag ach a' tuigsinn a-nise nach robh cuid aca ach beagan bhliadhnaichean nas sine na mi fhin! Ach aois ann neo às tha mi gu cinnteach ag aontachadh gum bheil mi a-nise a' faireachadh na h-ùine a' dol seachad gu math luath.

'S gann a chreideas mi gum bi bliadhna a-màireach bho dh'fhosgail Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2015 anns an Oban, agus 's e fìor chuirim shoirbheachail agus thaitneach a bh' ann. A-màireach fosglaidh Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2016 ann an Steòrnabhagh, agus tha sinn a' guidhe gach soirbheachadh leis agus sàr thoradh air saothair na h-uile a dh'obraich cho dìcheallach fad còrr air trì bliadhna agus a thoirt gu buil. Cha bheag an obair

for car parking and erosion can now be quite clearly seen on the machair. This section of machair had been allocated for car parking by Argyll Estates, with the consent of the local crofters prior to the hut being erected. That is a good example of working in partnership to support the tourist industry. The ground is now destroyed with large potholes and is practically unusable.

The support for the beach hut has, in the majority, been from tourists who use it for a small proportion of the year. We acknowledge it is a benefit to them to have somewhere to change, but that does not need to be directly on the beach. We hope the local boys competing in the surfing competition the best of luck, but we note the irony that one of them is the son of the owner of the beach hut and the other lives 300 yards from the beach. Their success is guaranteed regardless of the existence of the hut.

Some of the quotes on social media have been extremely upsetting. Recently a house which is currently up for sale in Balevullin was put onto a Facebook page recommending that it be pulled down and replaced with beach huts. A councillor's personal contact details and place of work was also published so people could contact him directly. This person had expressed concern over the planning application.

So it is not as clear cut as Argyll and Bute Council preventing two boys from going to the Olympics or a business functioning.

The people who live in Balevullin will continue to protect the beach and environment. The surfing culture continually promotes itself as pro-environment. It has, on Tiree, for us become a culture which puts people before machair, beach, wildlife and crofting. That does not reflect our values and beliefs as a community.

A Tiree resident.

What about the McKelvie Hospital?

Sir, I enjoyed last week's Bodach article on the ever-changing face of the NHS.

He made many pertinent observations about finite NHS resources and the difficult choices that have to be made as a result, the advances in diagnostics and treatment which have changed and enhanced so many of our lives, difficulties in recruiting professionals to rural areas, and the development of modern integrated community health facilities.

I also enjoyed seeing again that photograph of the nurses outside the West Highland nurses home and recognising a couple of the faces.

But wait a minute, Bodach. What about the McKelvie Hospital?

After an outbreak of infectious disease in 1897, Dr Robert Barbour McKelvie (1836-1901), a greatly respected practitioner for the town and surrounding areas, presented the hospital to Oban.

It also played an important part in health care provision until 1995, when it, with the other four hospitals, closed and staff were transferred to the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital.

John Hay, Taynuilt.

Concrete brigade are destroying our town

Sir, Oban is one of the more attractive towns in Scotland and it is hard to understand why it has not already been designated a conservation area.

This would preserve the best and ensure future developments were in keeping with the Scottish baronial style.

Recently we have seen two new homes on Pulpit Hill which spoil the view for the numerous tourist visitors now travelling to the islands. One house has more than four metres of underbuilding despite underbuilding being banned by Argyll and Bute Council. It is no wonder, then, that the Duke of Rothesay, perhaps better known as Prince Charles, has been speaking out against ugly houses.

Now we have had the concrete brigade destroying the trees next to the port at the bottom of the front brae. I appreciate that council planners love living in their converted oil tanks and dream of a new Ardrossan heaven with ever more concrete. Surely destroying our town for 150 years needs a bigger debate?

Mike Foster, Pulpit Hill, Oban.

Cattle society was made very welcome

Sir, I would like to thank the volunteers from Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, Islay from the Ewe and, of course, the wonderful Oban High School Pipe Band for their support in assisting the Highland Cattle Society to promote their show and sale on Saturday.

The society comes to the town twice a year (October and February) and attracts enthusiasts from all over the world to Oban. This time, in addition to the normal mix, there was a coach load of Danes. So thanks again to all those that helped make the society feel welcome.

Derek Connerly, Chief executive, BID4OBAN Ltd.

Fighting for residents at a considerable cost

Sir, I refer to the letter from S White in last week's edition of *The Oban Times*. There are aspects of his letter that I cannot comment on because they might provoke another complaint against me, believe it or not.

I firmly believe that all I have done is represent the interests of the people in my community. I accept that I have been persistent in trying to get a remedy for their concerns.

That's why I have fought this at great personal and financial cost and I'll continue to fight to clear my name. Let this be a lesson to anyone wanting to be a councillor. Step out of line, even a bit, and you are in danger of being stood on.

I thank Mr White for his support.
Michael Breslin, Toward, Argyll.

Ailean Caimbeul

neach bho luchd-taice saor-thoileach cha b' urrainnear Mòd sam bith a chur air adhart mar a tha sin a' tachairt, agus cha ghabh tomhas ciallach dèanamh air luach na h-obrach aig na mìltean a tha an sàs san obair sin fad na bliadhna. Saoilidh mi nuair a tha daoine deònach dèiligeadh ris na h-uallaichean agus na dùblhain a tha an lùib leithid sin de dh'obair gum bheil e a' dearbhadh meas agus luach air an dualchas. Chan eil iad a' sireadh neo a' faotainn tuarastail, ach gu cinnteach tha iad uile airidh air moladh agus taing nach beag.

BEST WISHES to the organisers of the Royal National Mòd 2016 in Stornoway. Every Mòd reflects tireless effort by many volunteers, and the National Mòd is justly recognised as a hugely successful and professionally staged festival which delivers significant economic benefit to its host community.

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A HIGHLY-PRIZED astroturf pitch could be saved by the community following the formation of a steering group.

Residents of Upper Achintore met last week to discuss an action plan over the future of the pitch, which was closed earlier this year.

Following a public outcry and successful petition to save the astroturf pitch, the Highland Council's education, children and adult services committee agreed funds of around £10,000 for the pitch to be repaired and brought back into temporary use back in August.

Since then, a consultation organised by the council has taken place, asking local residents to put forward their suggestions for what should be done moving forward.

At a public meeting last Thursday October 6, Voluntary Action Lochaber (VAL) and Fort William councillors called for the community to decide how to progress with plans to save the pitch.

And Upper Achintore residents have now formed a steering group to take forward the management of the astroturf pitch and surrounding area.

Chairwoman of the meeting and VAL manager Flora McKee said: 'We went out into the community and we got a pretty good response to what people want. We now need to look at forming a group to take on the management of the astro pitch.'

'We need to look at what kind of area people want to be kept for the community and demonstrate that the community are behind this project.'



The public consultation meeting took place in Lunavra Primary School last week to discuss plans for the astroturf pitch at Upper Achintore.

Fort William and Ardnarnachan councillor Bren Gromley said: 'The astroturf can't be open unsupervised. We know the value of it so now we need to move forward with plans to get a better quality play area for the community.'

'The £10,000 from education committee will be used to fix the astroturf just now so that it can remain open for the time being, but we need somewhere that children can go and play freely without having to book it out first and it can be whatever the

community want to make of it.' Councillor Brian Murphy, for Fort William, added: 'The community is going to have to be quite vocal with its views for the area. If the community is united on plans for the area and the astroturf, then it could be possible to get results.'

'I think the council needs to back up the community with this.'

Community-run parks already exist in Spean Bridge and at the Plantation.

Mum-of-three Wendy Lev,

who set up the petition earlier this year and is a member of the steering group, said: 'The council will make the area safe for the kids to play, but won't do it up exactly the way we want. That's why we would fundraise and get money to update things.'

'Forming a steering group is a positive thing and a step in the right direction. It would be great to have more people involved, but at least now we can try to keep it open for the kids, and possibly get access to the surrounding area.'



Voluntary Action Lochaber manager Flora McKee and Fort William councillor Thomas MacLennan discuss plans with the community.

TIMESLINE

Businesses are up for tourism awards

THE CONTEST to find the best tourism operators in the Highlands and Islands is well under way.

The Highlands and Islands tourism awards have seen the biggest response in their 12-year history, with five business from Skye and three from Lochaber among the 50 shortlisted.

Ardgour Estate and Knoydart Hide, Lochaber, have been nominated, alongside The Grange, Fort William, Kinloch Lodge Hotel and Restaurant, The Three Chimneys, Dunvegan Castle and Gardens, Lochshore House B&B, and Kinloch Lodge, all of which are based in Skye and have been nominated for various awards.

Talk will explain history of archive

LOCHABER Archive Centre will be holding a talk on the records of Arisaig House this month.

The event, which will be held on Wednesday October 26, will look at the paper held at the archive centre in relation to the history of Arisaig estate from 1850-1993.

For further information, contact Lochaber Archive Centre on 01397 701 942/700946 or Lochaber.archives@highlifehighland.com.

Second climber dies on Ben Nevis

POLICE in Lochaber have confirmed the death of a man after he fell while climbing on Ben Nevis.

Emergency services were alerted to the incident on the north face by the man's companion, who was uninjured, at around 6pm on Friday October 7.

It was the second fatality on the mountain last week following the death of Kieran Shaw.

Centre's staff and volunteers raise awareness of mental health

STAFF AND volunteers at the Glengarry Centre in Fort William were helping to break down the stigma of mental illness last week.

The group had a display in town's library as part of the '1 in 100' campaign in the run-up to last Monday's World Mental Health Day.

The display in the library and regular year-round work at the centre are aimed at removing the stigma and encouraging people in Lochaber to drop in to see them.

The centre is next door to what was the Station Bar in Middle Street, and volunteers said people can stop in even if just for a cup of coffee and chat. They also have a lunch time cafe with home-cooked food.

Following funding from Lochaber Housing Association, the group has also been able to sponsor a course at the recently opened Three Wise Monkeys climbing wall. Volunteers hope this will 'help build confidence and provide a physical activity, which studies have shown can help fight conditions such as depression.'

Staff from the centre also took



Helen Leggat and Joe Rochford help John Northover on the climbing wall and, inset, Ellen Nicolson, left, and Eilidh Campbell of the Glengarry Centre. Pictures: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

to the street, setting up a stall selling books and home-baking these are to raise funds and awareness of mental health.

Glengarry Centre assistant manager Ellen Nicolson said: 'We are all about supporting people in the community with mental health issues. The 1

in 100 campaign highlights just how widespread these are and that no-one should feel ashamed about it or unable to seek assistance.'

'All are welcome and nobody is judged, so I would encourage anyone to drop in, even for a chat.'

Sheriff brands trio 'disgraceful'

'UTTERLY disgraceful' were the words used by a sheriff to describe the behaviour of three men as he decided on how to punish them for assault.

Jordan Grant, James Stevenson and David Eardley appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court on Monday and pled guilty to assaulting Cameron Wilson in an 'unprovoked attack' on February 18, 2016.

The court heard the men, who are all tree surgeons, are not from the area but had come to Fort William to work.

Fiscal deputy David Morten explained that, having finished their job ahead of schedule, the men, aged 21, 47 and 31 respectively, went to a pub, proceeded to drink a sizeable amount of alcohol, and were described by witnesses as 'extremely intoxicated.'

Mr Morton said: 'Words were briefly exchanged between the men and Mr Wilson outside a licensed premises and all

three of the accused went on to assault him.'

'The assault initially resulted in Mr Wilson falling to the ground but all three continued kicking and punching him repeatedly. The assault went on for some time and eventually a party left the nearby pub to see what was the commotion and were clearly concerned about Mr Wilson. Grant then set upon one of the party and repeatedly kicked and punched him. The police were called and finally managed to bring matter to a close.'

The court heard all three had little recollection as to what started the incident but accepted the witnesses' account and their involvement.

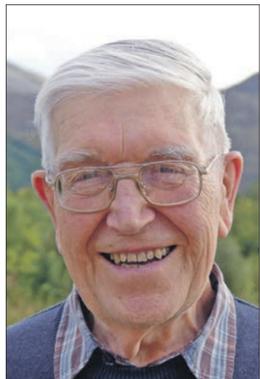
Stevenson, 47, from Cambuslang, is married with three children and had spent 22 years in the armed services. His solicitor told the court Stevenson does not usually drink, to which Sheriff William

Taylor responded: 'Is that not worrying for the public? That the next time he gets drunk this type of incident could happen again and the public could again be in danger?'

The court heard Grant, from Rutherglen, cares for his mother and 87-year-old grandmother. He was described as being the catalyst of the incident which was caught on CCTV.

All three were ordered to pay £500 in compensation to Mr Wilson as well as a £500 fine. Grant was told to pay an additional £200 fine and £200 compensation for his assault on the second man.

Sheriff Taylor said: 'You should know the court finds your behaviour utterly disgraceful and utterly condemns your actions. I know only one of you pleaded guilty to the second charge but I will deal with you all identically because I think you were all acting together.'



Rev Canon Gerald Kaye.

Minister clocks up 60 years

LOCHABER churches joined together last week to celebrate a prominent member of the clergy.

The special celebration for Reverend Canon Gerald Kaye, on Monday October 3, marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The Rev Richard Baxter, of Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church, said: 'Gerald has had a remarkable ministry by any standard, and continues to be an active and welcome preacher in a wide range of local churches.'

Since 'retiring' to Lochaber, Mr Kaye has been a member of a Church of Scotland congregation and regularly leads worship in Scottish Episcopal, Baptist, Free Church, Church of Scotland and independent churches.

His working life involved posts in Widnes, St Helens and south London before he went to Canada as a missionary minister among First Nation settlements, where he had to learn to fly to get around his far-flung congregations.

Mr Kaye's final charge was in Slough in Berkshire before moving to Torlundy.

Mr Kaye said: 'It is a great privilege to be able to share the good news of the gospel in so many different places and settings around Lochaber. God is at work in people's lives here as he has been in all the places I have served over the years, so this is really a celebration of God's goodness.'

At the celebration there was an offering in support of a range of missionary causes close to Mr Kaye's heart.

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Iconic drama stays as topical today as it has ever been

AN 'ODE to the Highlands and Islands', a play called *The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil* is on its first professional tour of Scotland in 20 years, performed by Dundee Rep Theatre.

The show, billed as 'a cornerstone of contemporary Scottish theatre', explores themes such as the Clearances, the decline of the Gaelic language, land ownership and the oil industry. It is also known the 'ceilidh play', with lots of live music, dancing and some audience interaction.

'It is considered one of

Scotland's first theatrical examples of docu-drama and verbatim story-telling,' a theatre spokesperson writes, 'and has been hailed as greatly influencing generations of theatre-makers in Scotland and beyond, as well as drawing in new audiences through its unique storytelling.'

'It is written by British playwright, director and political theorist John McGrath, who often took up the cause of Scottish independence in his plays. McGrath is renowned for embracing the techniques of music hall, variety and

especially the ceilidh to appeal to audiences across the social classes.

'Many issues and themes covered in *The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil*, are as topical today as they were back in the 1970s, such as Scottish land reform, the North Sea oil industry and the treatment of working people in the Highlands and Islands.'

The show performs in Inverness's Eden Court Theatre until Saturday October 15, and then moves to the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow, until October 22.



The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil is on its first tour for 20 years: Picture: Tommy Ga-Ken Wan



The leading light of a generation

I was about to begin my piece for this week, which was going be centred on a trip down to Corrieveckan, but the terrible news that hit the Scottish music world on Monday morning has meant a change of article. I did not know Angus Grant Junior well but his standing as a musician and character has meant that his death at just 49 has sent waves of sadness throughout the realm of traditional music.

From Lochaber, and son of legendary left-handed fiddler Angus Grant Senior, he was an innovative, energetic and totally original musician who was a significant trend-setter and most certainly never a trend-follower. Angus and his band Shooglenifty brought the fusion that became known as 'acid-croft' to the world – and many of the tributes that have been flowing this week give thanks and credit to him for inspiring an age of young musicians by developing, and then exposing them to, this genre. He died following a short illness diagnosed in early August.

Possibly a mark of getting older and possibly a reflection of the turns and trials that life has brought over recent

times, the fickle nature of existence has never been nearer the forefront of my mind as it has in the past year. We are all guilty sometimes of losing sight of what is important as we are bogged down by the drudgery and insignificances that can fill our lives if we are not careful. Monday morning's news was yet another jolt to keep our perspective on an even keel and not to allow the inevitable fleeting negativities and hassles of everyday existence to dampen the moments of joy that life can bring when fortune smiles momentarily upon us.

The lyrics on the right are those of a new song on that theme. The stories of Angus Grant Junior's spontaneity, warmth, lack of regard for convention, love of freedom and enjoyment of the moment are already legendary. He lived with an ethos of liberty that most aspire to but never attain.

Our friends Angus Grant Senior and his wife Moira, can be proud that their son was the leading light to a generation of musicians and helped lay the foundations of an entire genre of traditional music. His tunes, his influence and his spirit are still very much alive.

Alive – Angus MacPhail

We may not see tomorrow but today the earth is ours
Unknown the new horizons in the hands of higher powers
But now we bear the blessings when the golden stars align
Feel the grace and hold the wonder you're alive

Chorus

You're alive, you're alive and the stars are on your side
Feel the wonder of the world you are alive

For the days, for the days when the world's in your hand
The silver dawn is waiting.
On the hallowed ground you stand
When all the gods are giving and Polaris is your guide
Feel the glory of the gift you are alive.

When fortune gives the glow of peace and plenty on our way
Surrender to the ocean and ride the seventh wave
We sacrifice our solace in the struggle to survive
But now you're on the wave and you're alive.

Our battles with the tempest in the dark unyielding skies
The giver of our wisdom when from the fight we rise
Hold your dreams and passion and again you'll find your fire
When the storm passes by you'll be alive.

It's a warm night in summer on your island of the grain
The sea reflects the moonlight and the magic comes again
There's music in the air, and a promise on the tide
Feel the bliss wash your being, you're alive.

Up and coming band take the road to isle of Coll's An Cridhe

UIST band Eabhal come to the Isle of Coll's An Cridhe on Wednesday October 19.

Eabhal (pronounced Aval) are a young quartet who met and began making music together on the Uists in the Outer Hebrides, taking their name from the iconic North Island hill.

Playing folk and traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Asturias and further afield, alongside self-penned tunes and Gaelic songs, they produce a melting pot of sound representative of their different backgrounds.

The group, composed of Megan MacDonald

on accordion, Nicky Kirk on guitar, Jamie MacDonald playing fiddle and Gàidhlig song, and Hamish Hepburn on bagpipes, flute and whistles, are described as 'one of Scotland's brightest up and coming bands that continue to evolve our music', by Angus Lyon of Blazin' Fiddles.

Since the release of their self-titled EP, the band have toured throughout the UK and taken their music over to Europe, with plans to return later this year. The concert starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for kids and £25 for a family.



Eabhal are heading for the Isle of Coll.

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- A temporary substitute in the surgery (5)
- Anything added (9)
- Barley bristle (3)
- Sense (5)
- To such an extent (7)
- One of twelve in the year (8,5)
- Tungsten (7)
- Prime minister of the republic of India from 1947 - 1964 (5)
- An electrically charged atom (3)
- Pole or paper? (9)
- A type of light beam (5)
- Type of kit to make engine pistons move faster (7)

Down

- Letters online (1-4)
- Droning sound (3)
- Greek dictionary (7)
- Distance at sea (8,5)
- A tall member of the onion family (5)
- Rust-red breasted male bird (9)
- Royal leader (7)
- Cultivated area to play ball (4,5)
- Female ranch hand (7)
- One who runs the business (7)
- Chopper blade (5)
- One who puts you in your place (5)
- Question (3)

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Friday 14 - Thursday 20 October

BRIDGET JONES'S BABY | 15 | 145 MIN

Fri: 19:00, Sat: 16:30, Sun: 19:30, Mon: 16:30, Tue: 19:45, Wed: 16:30, 19:45, Thu: 19:45

The continuing adventures of British publishing executive Bridget Jones as she enters her 40s.

DEEPWATER HORIZON | 12A | 127 MIN

Fri: 16:30, Sat: 19:30, Sun: 15:45, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 19:15

On April 20th, 2010, one of the world's largest man-made disasters occurred on the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. This story honours the brave men and women whose heroism would save many on board, and change everyone's lives forever.

HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE | 12A | 121 MIN

Fri: 17:00, Sat: 18:45, Mon: 17:00

Silver Screening: Sun: 14:30

Ricky is a defiant young city kid who finds himself on the run with his grumpy foster uncle. A national manhunt ensues and the two are forced to work together to survive.

KIDS CLUB: FINDING DORY | U | 123 MIN

Sat: 11:00

Disney-Pixar's "Finding Dory" reunites everyone's favourite forgetful blue tang, Dory, with her friends Nemo and Marlin on a search for answers about her past.

KUBO AND THE TWO STRINGS | PG | 122 MIN

Fri: 12:30, 14:15, Sat: 14:15, 16:30, Sun: 12:00, 13:30, Mon: 12:30, 14:15, Tue: 14:15, 16:30, Wed, Thu: 12:30, 14:15

Kubo lives a quiet, normal life in a small shore side village until a spirit from the past turns his life upside down by re-igniting an age-old vendetta. This causes all sorts of havoc as gods and monsters chase Kubo who, in order to survive, must locate a magical suit of armour once worn by his late father, a legendary Samurai warrior.

MISS SAIGON | 15 | 187 MIN

Sun: 18:30

The epic love story tells the tragic tale of young bar girl Kim, orphaned by war, who falls in love with American GI Chris - but their lives are torn apart by the fall of Saigon.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN | 12A | 153 MIN

Fri: 19:15, Sat: 21:00, Sun: 16:45, Mon: 19:15, Tue: 16:30, Wed: 17:00, Thu: 16:30, 17:00

Parent & Baby Screening: Tue: 11:30

With the sleepy town of Rose Creek under the deadly control of industrialist Bartholomew Bogue, the desperate townspeople, led by Emma Cullen, employ protection from seven outlaws, bounty hunters, gamblers and hired guns. As they prepare the town for the violent showdown that they know is coming, these seven mercenaries find themselves fighting for more than money.

STORKS | U | 109 MIN

Fri: 12:00, 15:00, Sat: 12:00, 14:15, Sun: 11:30, Mon: 12:00, 15:00, Tue: 12:00, 14:15, Wed, Thu: 12:00, 15:00

Storks deliver babies...or at least they used to. Now they deliver packages for global internet giant Cornerstone.com. Junior, the company's top delivery stork, is about to be promoted when he accidentally activates the Baby Making Machine, producing an adorable and wholly unauthorized baby girl.

HARRY POTTER MARATHON PART 1 | 12

Wed: 21:30

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

HARRY POTTER MARATHON PART 2 | 12

Thu: 21:30

Harry Potter and the Order of The Phoenix, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2.

Harry Potter marathons 1 & 2 will take place in the cinema overnight and are entry by donation. Dress in wizarding attire and bring warm clothes/blankets!

Hebridean jewel celebrates its food, drink and natural wonders

CONNECT with Colonsay, the island's autumn festival, is underway until October 22, celebrating this 'Hebridean jewel's' food, drink and nature.

Beer tasting with the island's own brewer, Chris Nisbet, of Colonsay Ales starts this Friday evening's entertainment in Colonsay Hotel at 8pm, with an evening of folk music beginning there at 9pm.

Colonsay is making a bid to have the most pristine beaches on the West Coast, so Kevin Byrne is leading a beach clean ramble at Kiloran Bay at 10am on Saturday October 15, followed by an afternoon garden tour of Colonsay House, and then a wine and cheese tasting evening with Donald Paterson at Colonsay Hotel at 8.30pm.

Knitting and crocheting kicks off Sunday morning at Colonsay House at 10.30am, followed by a lunch celebrating island produce at the hotel, and a cooking demonstration from Marine Harvest at 3pm on using salmon from the local fish farm. Then in the evening at 8.30pm Andrew McMorris gives an illustrated talk about a fascinating West Coast character, titled Donald, son of Norman the Fair.

Monday morning begins at 11am with a lesson on how to turn ordinary spirits and wines into delicious bottled liqueurs and aperitifs in Colonsay House, and the crafting continues there at 2.30pm with a baking class for adults and kids with William Joll. In the afternoon David Hobhouse leads a farm walk around the animals and habitats of Balnahard, followed in the hotel at 8.30pm by an evening talk with the Heritage Trust called Circles and Stones, on the island's historical sites.

Cooking delicious



There was a great turn-out for a wine tasting at the Colonsay Hotel.

confectionary with Pru Irvine and her latest cook book starts Tuesday (and Wednesday) at 10.30am in Colonsay House, and then a guided expedition to the mystical island of Oronsay, titled Norsemen, Monks and Chieftains, will meet at the Strand Road end at 12.30pm. Alongside the kids' DVD night, there will be dedication of the new church bell by Kevin Byrne, who coordinated its restoration, at 6.30pm in the Church of Scotland.

On Wednesday an archaeological walk with the Colonsay Heritage Trust tours the historical sites on the south of the island, starting at 1.30pm at Scalasaig Pier, before Colonsay House Gardens open and Christmas decoration fun begins at 2pm, and a fresh fish night in the Pantry from 6-8pm. A nature ramble to Kiloran Caves embarks at 10am from the bay carpark, just before Donald Paterson's lesson on how to make the perfect smoked fish tart in Colonsay House at 10.30am. The RSPB then lead a guided bird walk in the south east of the island at 2pm, on the important avian species that migrate through and live on Colonsay.

On Friday morning at 10.30am join Andrew McMorris for an enlightening walk over



A cookery demonstration was also well attended.

the high road from the hotel, touching on folklore, history and Gaelic, finishing with a pint or a coffee in the pub. Or, starting at 10am in Colonsay House, you can make your own cosy scarf using simple printing techniques. A games afternoon in the hotel between 2.30pm and 4.30pm is followed, from 9pm, by an evening of music and song with Colonsay's musicians. On the last weekend, on Saturday Kevin Byrne leads a guided expedition to Uragaig at 10.30am, and William Joll repeats his tips on bread making at 2.30pm in Colonsay House, while on Sunday the hotel hosts another lunch of Colonsay produce.

'The programme may be subject to some minor alterations in the run up to the event,' the organisers note, 'so please keep checking the website. All visitors will be supplied with the latest timetable on their arrival off the ferry.'

The ticket office will be in the Colonsay Hotel every morning from 9am to 11am.



Foraging for seaweed was a popular activity.



Colonsay is renowned for its pristine beaches, including Ardskenish.

ADVERTORIAL



There is a scene in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* where the children being shown round Willy Wonka's factory are amazed by the wonders of the place. They sit mouths wide open in awe at the wonder of all the magic they can see.

In my many experiences of The Taynuilt Hotel - my local hostelry - I am always impressed. But a few days ago there was an extra special feeling of magic about the place.

I was visiting with family friends and their children and we had booked at the last minute (and we were delighted to get a table).

Every single one of us was made welcome with smart and efficient service.

Shortly after ordering, we were brought an edible magic trick to the table.

I won't tell you what it was but suffice for you to know that it had the Willy Wonka effect on both the children and the adults.

The amuse bouche that sat alongside the wonderment equalled in taste to

what was provided in magic. This entrance set the tone for something quite wonderful - local food, staff who were knowledgeable in their understanding

both wine and spirits, and the provenance of the food.

But above all we were made to feel like the only guests in the room. This was a (very

reasonable) treat for a wonderful night out with no hassle.

I can't wait for our next foodie adventure together in the Taynuilt Hotel.

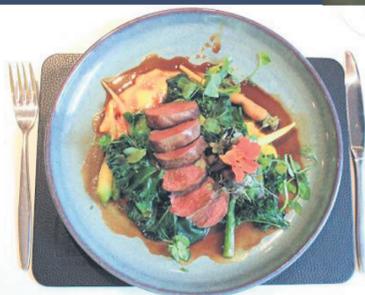
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Scotland's textile heritage celebrated at Dunollie Castle

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PRIMARY schools have been getting creative for this year's Fasanta Festival.

Schools in the Argyll area were asked to design costumes for someone who may have lived at Dunollie Castle. More than 100 entries were received, including designs of jesters, cooks and knights.

The winning two designs are to be turned into outfits which will be modelled at the Fasanta Fashion Show on Saturday October 22 at 7.30pm. All the designs by the pupils will be on display in the Corran

Halls over the duration of the weekend, where the main festival activities will be taking place.

The festival, which is run by Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, celebrates Scotland's textile heritage through a weekend of workshops, talks, exhibitions and events. This year's Fasanta Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23.

An assortment of workshops will be available that encompass both traditional and modern craft skills, including hand weaving,

Jacobean embroidery and natural dyeing, to name but a few.

On Sunday, leaders in the textile industry provide a fascinating selection of presentations, including Naomi Tarrant (textile curator at the National Museums of Scotland), Jenny Hunter (Cowell Tweed Project) and Ardanish Weavers.

A weekend 'makers market' will be open to all and hosts an array of quality products, crafting tasters as well as a 'crackin' crown making' children's activity on Saturday. Dunollie Museum,

Castle and Grounds will take attendees back in time to the festival's roots. For the Fasanta weekend only, the Dunollie house drawing room is opened up to the public for unique ancient textile tours.

Tickets are on sale now via Eventbrite. Festival programmes can be picked up from Dunollie, Crafty Ewe, Visit Scotland and Oban Library.

All information can be found at www.fasantafestival.org or call the Dunollie office on 01631 570550 for further information.



Dalmally get ready to become all woolly minded

DALMALLY is preparing to celebrate its woolliest residents at the village's first sheep festival.

The event, from noon on Saturday October 15 at Dalmally shinty field, coincides with the annual blackface ram auction, or tup sale at Dalmally Mart, and will include activities for families, as well as local arts and crafts. The highlight will be the wool sack race, a test of strength and speed in which teams of four competitors carry a large, full wool sack the width of the village shinty field (approximately 80m) competing for glory, and a prize sponsored by local brewer Fyne Ales.

Sheep farming remains central to Dalmally's landscape and culture, with the autumn tup sale a key event in the Scottish farming calendar. The auction brings the best of the blackface breed, as well as hundreds of visitors, to the little village every year.

The festival has been set up to welcome these visitors and mark the occasion of the sale, raising funds for community groups such as the local primary school and playgroup, who are hosting a cafe, children's craft stall and sheep-themed games.

Wool is set to be a big feature of the day, with spinning demonstrations, an earth loom, and plenty of hands-on woolly experiences. The sheep theme will be explored further at the baking stall, which is appealing for donations, and offering a prize – sponsored by Cruachan: The Hollow Mountain Visitor Centre – for the best sheepish creation.

Anyone interested in having a stall or entering a team, or who would like to know more about the event, should go their Facebook page Dalmally SheepFestival, or contact co-ordinator Louisa MacDougall on 01838 200724.

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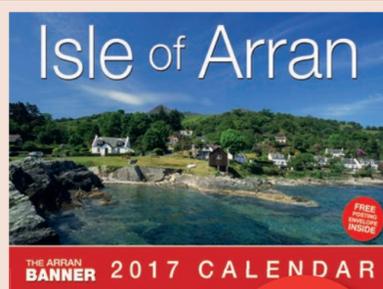
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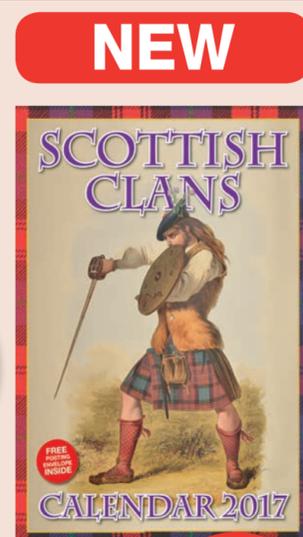
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Definitive report on the famous Calanais Stones is published

Calanais Survey and Excavation 1979-88, by Patrick Ashmore



AFTER many years in the making, the definitive full report on excavations at the stone ring and alignments at Calanais in the Western Isles has now been published.

The Calanais Standing Stones are an extraordinary cross-shaped setting of ancient monoliths, erected 5,000 years ago. They predate Stonehenge and were an important place for ritual activity for at least 2,000 years.

Patrick Ashmore is a former principal inspector of ancient monuments with Historic Scotland, now Historic Environment Scotland. His report 'Calanais Survey and Excavation 1979-88' recounts the details of a series of important excavations at the site during the 1980s and provides, for the first time, comprehensive detail and analysis of these important excavations, making a wealth of material available for archaeologists and other interested parties to develop their ideas and theories about one of Europe's most important neolithic sites.

Mr Ashmore, said: 'I have always distrusted archaeological excavation reports which contain only summary certainties. My 30 years of inspecting excavations and reading the final reports on them convinced me that a lot of observation is faulty, a lot of recording is inadequate, and much interpretation is more speculative than its authors admit. All this is true of this report on Calanais, apart perhaps from the last; for I have (to some people's taste, tediously) described many doubts and disagreements. On the other hand, I have described the findings very fully so the report provides material from which others can advocate different interpretations. It is very good that Historic Environment Scotland has now been able to publish it on its website along with publications like the superb inventories of monuments and sites produced by the old Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.'

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You can read or download the full report free at our website: www.historicenvironment.scot/calanais-survey-and-excavation.

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Scottish dog walkers warned as warm weather extends tick season

5 October 2016 - The Met Office has predicted that temperatures will rise above 20C during the first weeks of October, making for one of the warmest autumns in recent years. However, according to experts, this also means that the tick season will be longer than usual with the tiny parasites more likely to continue breeding and feeding in the UK's grassland and wooded areas.

Dogs and their owners are most at risk as they are more likely to venture into the countryside on walks. Autumn is a popular time to seek out wooded areas due to the rich colours. However, while more than a third (39 per cent) of dog owners visit a forest at least once a week, research from Bob Martin reveals nearly a quarter do not know of any associated risks from ticks.

In addition, many dog owners are not prepared, with fewer than half (44 per cent) treating their pets preventively for ticks, despite the fact that almost one third of dogs have had a tick.

Ticks are small, blood-sucking arthropods

which look like tiny spiders with a flatter body. Ticks do not swell in size until they have attached and started feeding, so immature ticks which are less than 1mm can be very difficult to spot. A small number carry conditions such as Lyme disease and Babesiosis which can be very serious for animals and humans.

Ticks can usually be removed quickly and safely using a special tick remover, without the need for a trip to the vet and prevention is key with many products on the market available from pet stores and your local vet.



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- 21st** - NTS Guided Walk to the Hidden Valley
- 21st-30th** - Inner Tubing at Glencoe Mountain Resort
- 21st-23rd** - Ballachulish Heritage Anniversaries Exhibition & Ballachulish Timeline Anniversaries Exhibition
- 21st & 27th** - FREE Mountain Bike Trail Building Workshop
- 21st - 23rd, 25th-29th** OctoberFest presented by the Clachaig Inn
- 21st & 27th** - Guided Walk and Tour of the Glencoe Mountain Ski Area
- 21st - 30th** - Jeanie Lazenby Photographic Exhibition, MacDonald Hotel, Kinlochleven
- 21st - 24th** - Psychic Readings with June L Harrison at Caolasnacon
- 21st & 22nd** - Holroyd Art Gallery Exhibition work by Catherine Putman and Jessica Crighton
- 22nd - 30th** - Daily Drop in for some fun at Glencoe Activities
- 21st & 22nd** - Prisoner of War Camp and Conscientious Objectors Internment Camp
- 21st - 29th** - 100 Year Anniversary Exhibit
- 21st** - The Impact playing live at The Loch Leven Hotel
- 22nd** - Family Disco Caolasnacon Caravan Park
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- 22nd & 24th** - Guided Walk with Rich Mountain Experiences
- 23rd** - Sunday Fun-day & Highland BBQ at Glencoe Activities
- 24th** - Full Day Walk Rich Mountain Experiences
- 25th** - Bright Productions presents a play: "Wan Fur The Weans"
- 23rd & 25th - 27th & 30th** NTS Landrover Safari
- 26th** - FREE Kids Seafood Adventure and Interactive Learning Session with Lochleven Seafood Cafe
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- Start: 11:00 am
- End: 12:00 noon
- Cost: Free
- Location: Lochleven Seafood Cafe on the B863 between Kinlochleven and the A82 junction in North Ballachulish.
- Booking: No need to book
- 26th** - Navigation for Beginners and Advanced with Rich Mountain Experiences
- 26th & 29th** - Nordic Walking with Sibe at Dragon's Tooth Golf Course
- 26th** - Pudding & Bingo Family Night in Kinlochleven High School
- Family friendly event
- 27th** - Whisky Tasting Masterclass at the Clachaig Inn
- 27th** - Concert: An Evening of Celtic Folk Music with Sarah Fanet and Musicians
- 28th** - Guided Walk and Tour of the Ski Area at Glencoe Mountain Resort
- 28th** - Half Day Hike with Rich Mountain Experiences
- 28th** - Haunted House Experience at Kinlochleven High School
- 28th** - 60s/70s/80s Rock
- n Roll Evening featuring Rough Edges
- 29th** - Family Ceilidh with The Midgies Ceilidh Band at The Leven Centre, Kinlochleven
- 29th** - Fancy Dress Halloween Party with the Glencoe Rangers
- 29th** - Live Music with Moonshine Maggie at The Clachaig Inn
- 29th** - Halloween Howl Hike with Rich Mountain Experiences
- 29th** - Children's Film at The Venue, Kinlochleven.
- 30th** - Final Day of 2016 Mountain Bike Season at Glencoe Mountain Resort
- 30th** - Open Music Session Clachaig Inn



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Lists for Thursday 13 - Thursday 20 October 2016

DIARDAOIN 13 DÀMHAI
THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's Programming
- 19.00 Air an Toir - Iain Mackenzie's political career in New Zealand (rpt)
- 19.30 Greim Bidh - the role of food in our culture - Episode 2 (rpt)
- 19.55 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber - music (rpt)
- 20.00 An Là - News
- 20.30 ÙR | NEW: Ò Mo Dhùthaich / From Uist with Love - Episode 4
- 21.00 An Dùbhlain - Sanjeev Kohli

does Gaelic (rpt)

- 22.00 Niteworks: Baile air Bhoil - music from Niteworks
- 22.30 ÙR | NEW: Aghaidh ri Aghaidh - Pepsi v Coca-Cola
- 23.25 Bannan - Episode 4 (rpt)

DIHAOINE 14 DÀMHAI
FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's Programming
- 18.35 Machair (rpt)
- 19.00 An Là - News
- 19.25 As an Eilean - film (rpt)
- 21.00 Seirm - Altan & Julie Fowlis (rpt)
- 22.00 Dualchas a' Chaisteil - renovating Lews Castle - Episode 4 (rpt)
- 19.55 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber - music (rpt)
- 20.00 An Là - News
- 20.30 ÙR | NEW: Ò Mo Dhùthaich / From Uist with Love - Episode 4
- 21.00 An Dùbhlain - Sanjeev Kohli

DISATHAIRNE 15 DÀMHAI
SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

- 16.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's Programming
- 17.05 BÈO | LIVE Ball-coise: Airdrie v Peterhead
- 19.20 Earrann Eachdraidh - History Shorts (rpt)
- 19.25 Machair (rpt)
- 19.50 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
- 20.00 Ceilidh @ Blas 2012 - music (rpt)
- 20.30 Alba: 1985 - the news making the headlines (rpt)
- 20.55 ÙR | NEW: Seirm - music from Celtic Connections 2016
- 21.55 Ball-coise: Hearts v Dundee
- 22.55 An Dùbhlain - Sanjeev Kohli does Gaelic (rpt)
- 23.55 Blondie: Parallel Lines - music documentary (rpt)
- 24.50 Cuirm @ Celtic: Moving Hearts - music (rpt)

DIDÒMHAICH 16 DÀMHAI
SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

- 16.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's Programming
- 17.30 De a-nis? (rpt)
- 17.55 Donnie Murdo / Danger Mouse (rpt)
- 18.30 Seachd Là - News Review
- 19.30 Slighe Anndra - the Church of Scotland throughout Europe (rpt)
- 19.55 Binneas: Na Trads - music short (rpt)
- 20.00 Eòrpa - Current Affairs - Episode 4 (rpt)
- 20.30 Ò Mo Dhùthaich - From Uist with Love - Episode 4 (rpt)
- 21.00 Cluineam - deaf lives transformed (rpt)
- 22.00 Ball-coise: St. Johnstone v Kilmarnock
- 23.00 Aghaidh ri Aghaidh - Face to Face - Pepsi v Coca-Cola (rpt)
- 23.50 Fraochy Bay (rpt)

DILUAIN 17 DÀMHAI
MONDAY 17 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's programming
- 19.05 Muir is Tir - nature and wildlife (rpt)
- 19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)
- 19.50 Cuirm @ Celtic: Moving Hearts - music (rpt)
- 20.00 An Là - News
- 20.25 Binneas - Kathleen MacInnes (rpt)
- 20.30 ÙR | NEW: Dualchas a' Chaisteil - following the Lews Castle renovation - Episode 5
- 21.00 Trusadh: Ceòl Pìoba - Island Pipers (rpt)
- 22.00 ÙR | NEW: Mòd 2016 - Mòd na Cloinne - Children's Mod
- 23.30 Horo Gheallaidh - Celtic music (rpt)

DIMÀIRT 18 DÀMHAI
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's programming
- 18.30 Air an Toir - James Morrison and 'The Bounty' (rpt)
- 19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)
- 19.50 Cuirm @ Celtic: Moving Hearts (rpt)
- 20.00 An Là - News
- 20.30 Alba: 1986 - the stories making the news (rpt)
- 21.00 Murchadh MacPhàrlain - the Melbost Bård (rpt)
- 22.00 ÙR | NEW: Mòd 2016: Mòd na Cloinne - Children's Mod
- 23.30 Slighe Anndra - the Church of Scotland in Europe (rpt)
- 23.55 Binneas: Na Trads - music from The Shee (rpt)

DICIADAIN 19 DÀMHAI
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's programming
- 19.00 ÙR | NEW: Eòrpa - the biggest stories from around Europe
- 19.30 BÈO | LIVE Mòd 2016 - Gold Medal Finals
- 21.00 An Là - News
- 21.10 BÈO | LIVE: Mòd 2016 - Gold Medal Finals
- 22.00 ÙR | NEW: Bannan - Gaelic Drama - Episode 5
- 22.35 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber - music (rpt)
- 23.00 Seirm - Celtic Connections 2016 (rpt)

DIARDAOIN 20 DÀMHAI
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

- 17.00 Prògraman na Cloinne - Children's Programming
- 18.00 ÙR | NEW: De a-nis? - the team visit Mòd 2016
- 19.00 Speaking our Language (rpt)
- 19.25 Binneas: Na Trads - music from The Shee (rpt)
- 19.30 BÈO | LIVE Mòd 2016 - Traditional Medal Finals
- 20.00 An Là - News
- 21.10 BÈO | LIVE Mòd 2016 - Traditional Medal Finals
- 22.00 ÙR | NEW: Ò Mo Dhùthaich / From Uist with Love - Episode 5
- 22.30 ÙR | NEW: Aghaidh ri Aghaidh - Puma v Adidas
- 23.20 Earrann Eachdraidh - History Shorts (rpt)
- 23.25 Bannan - Gaelic Drama - Episode 5 (rpt)

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Councillors in plea for plain English

TWO ARGYLL and Bute councillors have made a plea for plain English.

Councillor George Freeman complained at last Thursday's meeting of the full council that reports from the local authority contain too many acronyms and that their meaning may not be clear to many members of the public.

While the council discussed policy lead councillors' reports, Councillor Gordon Blair agreed.

'Could I make a plea,' he said, 'for all documents to be in plain English as many are for public use?'

The reports also attracted complaints from members that some policy lead councillors appeared to have cut and pasted sections of text from original reports by officers rather than being in their own words.

Tackling a growing weed invasion

AS INVASIVE non-native weed species such as Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed become an ever-growing problem, Councillor Elaine Robertson raised the issue at last week's council meeting.

The Oban North and Lorn member said that concerns over the issue had been raised with her by people in her ward. Council officers advised the member that Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust is currently developing a bid for European funding for the control and/or eradication of non-native invasive species.

Glencoe Autumn Festival attractions

THE COUNTDOWN is on to the 2016 Glencoe Autumn Festival

From Friday October 21 to Sunday October 30, there will be numerous activities, both day and night, celebrating the area's history, language and heritage. Visitors to the events can revel in music, culture, food and drink as they explore and enjoy Glencoe's unspoilt land.

For full details on events visit <http://discoverglencoe.scot/autumn-festival>.

Oban welcomes Highland Cattle Society to town



Oban High School Pipe Band performed in the town centre to welcome the Highland Cattle Society.

VOLUNTEERS from Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, Crafty Ewe, Oban, and the 'wonderful' Oban High School Pipe Band were praised by community business development company BID4Oban for their support in assisting the Highland Cattle Society to promote their show and sale at an outdoor stall in Station Square on Saturday.

The Highland Cattle Society comes to the town twice a year in October and February and attracts enthusiasts from all over the world to the town. This time, in addition to the normal mix, there was a coach load of Danes!

BID4Oban manager Derek Connerly said: 'Thanks again to everyone who helped make the society feel welcome.'

For our Highland cattle show and sale special, turn to pages 20 and 21.

Family appeals to late mother's colleagues for clues about asbestos dust exposure

LOUISE GLEN
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THE FAMILY of a Highland woman are appealing for former work colleagues to come forward to help them find out how their mum contracted the disease that killed her.

When Margaret McClounnan died in August, aged 65, she was mid-way through an investigation into her own health's deterioration.

Her family want to continue that investigation in her name. They say all the clues to her

condition, mesothelioma, lie with her former work colleagues who may also have been exposed to the same dangers as she was.

They believe her premature death came about because they believe she was exposed to dangerous asbestos dust.

Mrs McClounnan was a well-known face in Oban having worked as a cleaner throughout her life. She worked in various jobs in the town, with one position lasting for more than 20 years until 2000. After being diagnosed with the exposure-to-asbestos related condition in May this year, Margaret, of Mossfield Avenue,

“She wanted to find out what caused her condition.”

Margaret McClounnan's sister Isobel

began her fight to find the source of her condition.

The family are appealing to any old work colleagues of Mar-

garet who may be able to assist in providing information about her job roles. Margaret was born in Glencoe and spent her childhood with her parents and two sisters. She was married, in her twenties, to Malcolm (Callum) McClounnan and spent her married life in Dalavich and then Oban, where she resided until her death.

Margaret's sister Isobel, who now lives in England, described her sister as an active lady who enjoyed visiting Uist every summer and attending live music events. She said: 'We are devastated to have lost Margaret

before her time. Margaret was a very loving mother who was adored by her two sons and had many friends in the area. The diagnosis of mesothelioma came as a huge shock to both Margaret and the rest of the family, but she was determined to fight it. She also wanted to find out what caused her condition to potentially help others and secure justice for what happened to her, and we would ask anyone with information to get in touch.'

Anyone with information should contact Louise Glen or Sandy Neil on 01631 568000 or email editor@obantimes.co.uk.

Different approach to get people moving

AGE SCOTLAND is hoping its new campaign Let's Get Moving will promote the benefits of physical activity.

The project involves highlighting what people do to keep active and their motivation to keep doing regular exercise.

Keith Robson, head of charity services for Age Scotland, commented: 'In a recent survey we found that only 55 per cent of respondents were getting the recommended minimum of 30 minutes of moderate exercise five times a week. Instead of telling people off for not doing exercise, Age Scotland is taking a different approach and telling the stories of what people do to keep active and why.'

'While all the people who we spoke to knew the benefits of activity include helping to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and dementia, this was never the first reason they gave for taking part in an activity. Being social, keeping up with the grandkids and feeling a part of a community were more often quoted reasons for being active. So Age Scotland will be focusing on promoting these stories to encourage more people to get moving and loving later life.'

Oban to host Memory Fest for dementia

OBAN will be home this October to Memory Fest – a night of retro fun and music – all to raise funds for the UK's leading dementia charity, Alzheimer's Research UK.

Keen fundraiser Elinor Dodgson wanted to raise money for dementia research after her grandfather, George Dodgson, was diagnosed with it in 2013. He died last month.

Memory Fest is set to be a rocking night of live music from the 1970s, 1980s and glam rock era. It will be held on Friday October 28 at The Wide Mouthed Frog in Dunstaffnage Marina.

Alongside a live set from Glasgow-based singer, Simply Mo, and other art-

ists, there will also be a quiz, karaoke, disco and free food for ticket holders. Fancy dress is welcomed and a prize of a night's accommodation, free meal and wine from The Wide Mouthed Frog will be awarded to the best costume.

Elinor, who is originally from Leeds, works at Taychreggan Hotel near Oban. The 20-year-old first started fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK in July. She began a project called 'A Challenge to Remember' where people could nominate challenges for her to undertake in exchange for donations to the charity.

Elinor's parents, Stephen and Cathy, organised an event in May 2016 called Memory Fest in Kirkintilloch. The night

of live rock music raised nearly £2,000 for dementia charities. As a result, Stephen decided to challenge his daughter to organise Memory Fest.

Elinor said: 'My grandad had always been a happy and relaxed man. He used to love travelling, playing golf and doing the odd spot of DIY. When he developed dementia, everything changed. He had no energy and was unable to care for himself, meaning he could no longer live at home.'

GeorgespentmostofhislifeinNewcastle working as a tooling and operations manager. He married Shirley in 1955 and they had four children together.

Elinor commented: 'His diagnosis was

devastating for the family, especially my gran. They'd been married for over six decades and her life was turned upside down. She is a very strong woman though and I am very proud of her.'

'This experience has shown me just how many people are affected by dementia – not only the people diagnosed with it, but also their family and friends. Anything that can help people with dementia or can even find a cure is very important to my family and me.'

April Davidson, of Alzheimer's Research UK, said: 'We want to say a big thank you to Elinor and her family for creating Memory Fest and supporting Alzheimer's Research UK.'

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MÒD NAN EILEAN SIAR 2016

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Friday 14th to Saturday 22nd October 2016

Celebrating all things

Gaelic



1. This bonnie baby is sitting in the centre of McCaig's Tower in Oban but who is he? Can you help?

THE Royal National Mòd – Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail – is a celebration of the Gaelic language, music and culture.

It is a superb annual Gaelic cultural festival which is staged by An Comunn Gàidhealach in a different location each year.

This year the Mòd returns to the Western Isles – na h-Eileanan an Iar – from October 14 to 22.

This will be the sixth time that the Mòd has been hosted in the Western Isles, with previous visits in 1979, 1989, 2001, 2005 and 2011.

It is extremely appropriate that the Mòd returns to the Western Isles as these islands are at the heart of the Gaelic language and culture. Gaelic remains the language of the community, and islands, and there is no better place to showcase Scotland's main Gaelic festival.

The Mòd is an imaginative, inspiring and innovative festival. It hosts competitions and events across a range of disciplines from Gaelic music and song to clàrsach, accordion music, piping, sport and Highland dance.

Fiddle and drama emphasise the diversity of the event. Old friendships are renewed and debate and discussions flourish. Bàrdachd and literature capture the pulse of the event and reflect the spirit of the festival.

Competitions and events will be held throughout the islands at this year's Mòd, with the piping competitions taking place in Benbecula and the Highland dancing competitions in Harris. Competitors and spectators will descend on the venues from all of the islands and beyond.

Town centre venues in Stornoway will always be the main focus of activity at the Mòd. Smaller outlying villages and communities will also be represented in hosting other related events. Hotels, restaurants, pubs and shops will all benefit from the economic boost that the Mòd brings to each host venue.

The local organising committee has worked hard to make the event the focus of the year in the Western Isles and its members deserve praise for the diligence and organisation that they have demonstrated.

Equally worthy of praise are the many businesses – big and small – throughout the Western Isles which have stood behind the local committee, offering financial and organisational support to the event.

The opening ceremony will be on Friday October 14. A torchlight procession will march from the centre of Stornoway to the Lewis Sports Centre.

An inspirational opening will showcase some tremendous Gaelic music with Dàimh taking centre stage before relocating to an Lanntair for a late-night opening finale.

On the following day, the focus will turn to sport and music – piping, fiddles and accordion. A shinty match between Skye

The Mòd gold medal final is also being broadcast live on Wednesday evening. The silver pendant final – the premier competition for Gaelic learners – is also staged on Wednesday, in the afternoon.

Thursday and Friday allow the spotlight to fall on the adult competitors and choirs. The ever popular traditional medal final is now staged on Thursday evening and broadcast live on BBC Alba.

Choral competitions commence on Thursday and conclude with the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield and the Margrat Duncan Trophy on Friday October 21.

For the first time ever, these competitions are being screened live on BBC Alba on the Friday afternoon.

The Mòd will close on Saturday October 22 with the massed choirs singing a fond farewell to friendships renewed and forged over many years.

Participants of all ages and abilities, from throughout the UK and beyond, take part in the Mòd and each individual enjoys their time in the spotlight, whether as a solo entrant or as a member of a choir. Participation in the Mòd encourages confidence and a belief in the Gaelic language, music and culture.

In addition to the official Mòd events, a programme of informal, non-competitive events follows Mòd from one venue to another.

This year, the fringe includes a showcase of local Gaelic and Gaelic-related products and services, pipe bands, massed Gaelic choirs, music sessions and ceilidhs; debates, discussions and book launches; drama and dancing; puppet shows and prose, interspersed with chat and craic.

Pubs and hotels in the locality will provide the floor for a diverse range of Gaelic and Celtic music. From loud ceilidhs to a contemplative walk around the Lewis Castle grounds, the Mòd has it all.

The Mòd is a showcase and focal point for Gaels. An Comunn Gàidhealach is proud to bring the 2016 Mòd back to the Western Isles.

Everyone will receive a truly warm island welcome at Mòd 2016 and those who attend will leave with warm memories of the time spent in the Western Isles. For more information, visit ancomunn.co.uk.

“It will be a unique event, the like of which has never been witnessed in Stornoway before”

Camanachd and Lewis Camanachd will be staged at Shawbost, while football is centre stage at Garrabost Point.

On Saturday evening, an inspirational concert Ar Cànan 's ar Ceòl will be performed in the Sports Centre Theatre in Stornoway.

It will feature a unique gathering of musical groups from Lewis and Harris. An orchestra of fiddles, accordion and button boxes, together with a choir, pipe bands and a dance company, all directed by local musician Andrew Yearley, will entertain. It will be a unique event, the like of which has never been witnessed in Stornoway before.

Sunday allows attendance at the Mòd church service and the Celtic praise. Both events will be held in Stornoway.

Monday and Tuesday will see the focus turn to children's competitions, while Wednesday provides the floor for the drama competition and literature awards.

Can you help us to identify photographs from the past?

THE OBAN TIMES has covered stories of the Royal National Mòd since its very beginning.

Our extensive newspaper archive is like a who is who of the event, recording all the winners and the many competitors, alongside every choir and performer.

This year we will have a collection of photographs from our archive that have lost their history.

People from all over Scotland, and far beyond have come to the national gathering and had their photograph taken by the photographers and journalists of the newspaper and we would like to know who they are.

That's where we need the help of our loyal readers and supporters ... dotted throughout this supplement are photographs that have lost their

captions. We have given each of them a number.

What we need is for you to give us some help to record the names and faces of people throughout the ages.

When we get information about the photographs we will record them and put them on obantimes.co.uk and our Facebook page.



2. It is Oban, it's a centenary year (we know by the flowers) but who is the squad?

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The full programme of



3. As a photographer you can normally recognise a conductor by their backside. But we are stumped with this one.

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DIHAOINE 14MH DÀMHAIR FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

CAISMEACHD LÒCHRANACH TALLA BHAILE STEORNABHAIGH BHO 6.30F, A' FÀGAIL AIG 6.45F
Tha na h-Eileanan Siar a' cur fàilte air a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail, le caismeachd mhòr nan Lochran, le Còmhlan Fìobla Leòdhais air an ceann. Bithear a' caismeachd tro bhaile Steornabhaigh gu ruige Ionad Spòrs Leòdhais, airson cuirm fosglaidh a' Mhòid.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION STORNOWAY TOWN HALL FROM 6.30PM, DEPARTING AT 6.45PM
The Western Isles welcomes the Royal National Mòd with a torchlight procession led by the Lewis Pipe Band through Stornoway to Lewis Sports Centre for the Opening Ceremony.

FOSGLADH OIFIGEIL IONAD SPÒRS LEÒDHAIS 8F BALL: AN ASGAIDH
Tachartas fosglaidh a' Mhòid Nàiseanta Rìoghail, le ceòl bho Dàimh agus ceòl-triùir Mischa Nic a' Phearsain, air a thaisbeanadh le Kirsteen NicDhòmhnaill.

OFFICIAL OPENING LEWIS SPORTS CENTRE 8pm
The opening ceremony of

the Royal National Mòd, featuring music from Dàimh and the Mischa Macpherson Trio, presented by Kirsteen MacDonald.

CÈILIDH A' MHÒID AN LANNTAIR 10.30F
Tiugainn a'dhanna! Cuide ris a' chòmhlan Ghàidhlig traidiseanta aithnichte 'Dàimh'.

MÒD CEILIDH AN LANNTAIR 10.30PM
Dance the night away with Gaelic supergroup Dàimh. www.ancomunn.co.uk

DISATHAIRNE 15MH DÀMHAIR SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

CAMANACHD A' MHÒID PAIRC SHIABOIST 2F
AN ASGAIDH Leòdhais agus An t-Eilean Sgitheanach a' dol an aghaidh a chèile airson Cupa a' Mhòid.

MÒD SHINTY SIABOST PITCH 2PM
Lewis and Skye compete for the Mòd Cup.

BALL-COISE A' MHÒID PAIRC GHARRABOIST, AN RUBHA AN ASGAIDH 3PM
Sgioba Leòdhais 's na Hearadh a' dol an aghaidh Glasgow Island AFC airson Cupa Ball-coise a' Mhòid.

MÒD FOOTBALL GARRABOST PARK, POINT

3PM
Lewis and Harris Select and Glasgow Island AFC compete for the Mòd Cup.

CÈILIDH PHÌOBAIRE-ACHD TALLA AN IOCHDAIR 7.30F
Ceòl bho chuid de na prìomh bhannaichean ann am far-paisean piobaireachd an latha. Cuideachd a' toirt a-steach ceòl bho John Alex Mackay agus caraidean agus òrain bho Rona Lightfoot agus cuid eile de na seinneadairean as fheàrr ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig.

PIPING CÈILIDH IOCHDAR HALL 7.30PM
Performances from some of the top prize winners from the day's piping competitions. Also featuring the music of John Alex Mackay and friends with songs from Rona Lightfoot and some of Gaeldom's finest singers.

FUAIGH FOSGAIL TALLA CHOIMHEARS-NACHD BHAGH A' CHAISTEIL 8F
Cèilidh bheòthail eadar-ghnìomhach le òrain, bàrdachd, ceòl, dealbhan is sgeulachdan agus cothrom don luchd-èisteachd a bhith nam pàirt den taisbeanadh. Bidh Gillebrìde MacIleMhaoil agus Rona Dhòmhnaillach nam fear is bean an taighe aig a' chuir. Chaidh an tachartas seo a leasachadh airson cuimhneachan 10 bliadhna aig Taigh-cluiche Nàiseanta na h-Alba agus tha an taisbeanadh seo air a chur air adhart gu sònraichte airson a' Mhòid Nàiseanta Rìoghail.

FUAIGH FOSGAIL
A spectacular evening of music drawn together by Anna Murray, Andy Yearly and Jane Hepburn with approximately 200 of our finest island performers together on stage. For one night only, this will showcase

CASTLEBAY COMMUNITY HALL 8PM
A lively interactive ceilidh with songs, poetry, music, visuals and storytelling and the opportunity for the audience to be a part of the show.

SEIRBHEIS GHÀIDHLIG EAGLAIS MHÀRTAINN 3F
Seirbheis eadar-eaglaise, fo stiùir an Urramach Seumas MacIomhair, Eaglais Shaor Steornabhaigh.

AR CÀNAN 'S AR CEÒL: CEÒL NAN INNSE GALL IONAD SPÒRS LEÒDHAIS 7.30F
Sàr chonsart de cheòl air a tharraing ri chèile le Anna Mhoireach, Anndra Yearly is Jane Hepburn, agus còmhla riuthasan air an tèidse tha suas ri 200 de luchd-ciùil nan eilean. Airson aon oidheche a-mhàin chì sinn orcastra traidiseanta de bhogsaichean, dh'fhidhlean, phìoban, ghìotàraichean, ionnstramaidean pràis, dannsairean agus mòr-chòisir agus nan cois bidh an fheadhainn a choisinn duaisean tron latha. Na caillich an cothrom seo!

AR CÀNAN 'S AR CEÒL: A HEBRIDEAN MUSICAL SHOWCASE LEWIS SPORTS CENTRE 7.30PM
A joyous Sunday musical celebration of praise in Martin's Memorial Church.

a specially assembled traditional orchestra of boxes, fiddles, pipes, guitars, brass, dancers and massed choirs with solo performances highlighting the days instrumental winners. Don't miss it!
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DIDÒMHNACH 16MH DÀMHAIR SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

SEIRBHEIS GHÀIDHLIG EAGLAIS MHÀRTAINN 3F
An Ecumenical service led by the Rev James MacIver, Stornoway Free Church.

CELTIC PRAISE EAGLAIS MHÀRTAINN 8.30F
Seirbheis aobhneach Sàbaid de cheòl is moladh ann an Eaglais Mhàrtainn.

CELTIC PRAISE MARTIN'S MEMORIAL CHURCH 8.30PM
A joyous Sunday musical celebration of praise in Martin's Memorial Church.

DILUAIN 17MH DÀMHAIR MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

IÒGA LE PUPAID (GACH AOIS) MUN CUAIRT 10M-11M & 1F-4F
Leasanan iòga teachlaich còmhla ri pupaid socair air obrachadh le triùir chleasaichean. Pupaidean agus clas iòga uile aig an aon àm. Ma 's e neach-tòiseachaidh a th' annad no eòlaiche iòga, tha

fàilte romhad tighinn agus gabhail pàirt, no fuireach airson faicinn dè as urrainn don bhodhaig dèanamh (agus dè nach urrainn).

PUPPET-LED YOGA (ALL AGES) OUT AND ABOUT 10AM-11AM & 1PM-4PM
Family yoga sessions led by a serene puppet operated by three hard working puppeteers. A storytelling show inside a puppet show inside a yoga class. Whether you're a total beginner or confirmed yogeeek you're welcome to come and take part, or simply stay to observe what the human body is (and isn't) capable of.

CUILEAN CRAICTE TLACHD-LEUGHAIDH SA GHÀIDHLIG: CARSON A THA E CUDROMACH DHAN CHLOINN, NA DÙBHLAIN, AGUS CIAMAR AS URRAINN DHUINN AN CUIDE-ACHADH? SEÒMAR 3, SGOIL MHC NEACAIL 2F
Anns an t-seisean eadar-ghnìomhach seo, seallaidh sinn mar a tha an rannsachadh as ùire a' mineachadh buannachdan an lùib tlachd-leughaidh sa Ghàidhlig do chomasan cànanais is foghlaim chloinne agus an ceangal a bhios aca ris a' chànan. Bruidhinnidh sinn air na dùbhlain a bhios aca agus air ro-inleachdan a tharraingeadh iad gu tlachd-leughaidh sa Ghàidhlig. Bidh fàilte air pàrantan agus luchd-cùraim chlànn-sgoile.

CUILEAN CRAICTE READING FOR PLEASURE IN GAELIC: WHY IT MATTERS TO OUR KIDS, WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES, HOW CAN WE HELP? ROOM 3, NICOLSON 2PM

This interactive workshop session, drawing upon up-to-date research, will outline the benefits of reading for pleasure in Gaelic for children's linguistic and educational development, and their emotional connection with the language. We'll explore some of the difficulties they can experience, and share strategies that work to help them develop a 'reading for pleasure' habit in Gaelic. All parents and carers of school-age children welcome.

CÈILIDH NA CLOINNE SEÒMAR GARRY TAIGH-ÒSTA A' CHALADH 7F
Ceòl, dannsaichean agus geamaichean gu leòr dhan chlànn.

CHILDREN'S CÈILIDH GARRY ROOM, CALADH HOTEL 7PM
Time for the children to let off steam with music, games and dancing.

TAISBEANADH EALAIN AN LANNTAIR 10M AGUS FAD NA SEACHDAIN
Ealan air a bhrosnachadh tro sgrìobhadh Bård Mhealaiboist, Murchadh MacPhàrlain.

EXHIBITION AN LANNTAIR 10AM AND ALL WEEK
Art work inspired by the Melbost Bard Murdo Mac Farlane.

DIMÀIRT 18MH DÀMHAIR TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

IÒGA LE PUPAID (GACH AOIS) MUN CUAIRT 10M-11M & 1F-4F
Leasanan iòga teachlaich còmhla ri pupaid socair air

obrachadh le triùir chleasaichean. Pupaidean agus clas iòga uile aig an aon àm. Ma 's e neach-tòiseachaidh a th' annad no eòlaiche iòga, tha fàilte romhad tighinn agus gabhail pàirt, no fuireach airson faicinn dè as urrainn don bhodhaig dèanamh (agus dè nach urrainn).

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CEÒL AIG NA CLACHAN CALANAIS 11M
Òigridh na sgrìre a' cluich ceòl aig Ionad Chalanais.

MUSIC AT THE STONES CALLANISH 11AM
Emerging musicians entertain at the Callanish Visitor Centre. www.ancomunn.co.uk CUIMHNEACHAN

IONAD COIMHEARS-NACHD SGIRE AIRIDH AN TUIM 7.30F
AN ASGAIDH Call, cràdh agus iobairt a' Chogaidh Mhòir ga chuimhneachadh ann an oidheche de bhàrdachd, òrain agus sgeulachdan.

MEMORIES CLAN MACQUARRIE CENTRE, BORVE 7.30PM FREE
The tragedy, the sacrifice and the pain of the Great War is recalled in an evening of poems, songs and stories.

SOLAS AN LANNTAIR 8F
Dràma ùr èibhinn stèidhichte air seann sgeulachdan Gàidhealach agus na sgrìobhadhean aig Niall Rothach. Thig còmhla ri neach-reic aodaich Jimmy Swan (Dàibhidh Walker) agus e a' libhrigeadh na briathran glic is aighearach aige fhèin. Air a stiùireadh le Artair Donald.

SOLAS AN LANNTAIR 8PM
A humorous new drama based on Highland Folk tales and the writing of Neil Munro. Join drapery salesman Jimmy Swan (Davie Walker) as he delivers his words of wisdom and joy. Directed by Artair Donald. www.ancomunn.co.uk.

DICIADAIN 19MH DÀMHAIR WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER

SRADAGAN AIG A' MHÒD SGOIL MHC NEACAIL 10M-3F
Geamaichean, ealain, spòrs agus cur-seachadan spòrsail eile do chlànn air clasaichean 1-7 aig an bheil Gàidhlig.

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4. Riona Whyte (she features fairly heavily in our archive – maybe the photographer had a wee liking for her) but who is she with? And where?

Cosgais £10.00 gach latha. Thoiribh leibh lòn. Bidh na cur-seachadan air fad sa Ghàidhlig. Tuilleadh fiosrachaidh agus Foirmean Clàraidh mairi@cnag.org and 01851 701802.

SRADAGAN AIG A' MHÒD
NICOLSON INSTITUTE
10AM-3PM

Games, crafts, sport and loads of fun activities for Gaelic-speaking youngsters classes 1-7. Cost £10.00 per day. Please bring a packed lunch. All activities will be in Gaelic. Further information and Registration Forms mairi@cnag.org & 01851 701802.

ÒRAID CHUIMH-NEACHAIDH AONGHAIS MHCLEÒID SEÒMAR NA COMHAIRLE
3.30F
AN ASGAIDH
'S e cuspair òraid na bliadhna-sa. Àite na Gàidhlig ann an Alba Ùr-nodha', mar chumhneachan air Aonghas 'Ease' MacLeòid, MBE, a bhuineadh do Chalbost, Eilean Leòdhais. Bidh An Leas Prìomh Mhinistear, John Swinney a' hìghreachadh na h-òraid.

ANGUS MACLEOD
MEMORIAL LECTURE
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3.30PM
FREE
This year, the prestigious annual lecture in honour of the late Angus 'Ease' Macleod MBE of Calbost,

Lewis, will take place during the Mòd on the topic 'The Place of Gaelic in a Modern Scotland'. Lecture given by Scotland's Deputy First Minister John Swinney.

GACH SGEUL
TAIGH DHONNCHÀIDH, NIS
7.30F
Nach tig sibh a dh'èisteachd sàr sheanchaidhean leithid Essie Stiùbhart, agus luchd-ciùil traidiseanta a chumas a' dol sibh le seanchas is fuinn a th'air a thiginn thugainn tro na linntean. Dibhearsain is abhachdas gu leòr a' beothachadh dhuinn saoghal iongantach is os-nàdarra.

GACH SGEUL
TAIGH DHONNCHÀIDH, NISS
7.30PM
Leading storytellers, including Essie Stewart, and traditional musicians entertain with tales and tunes handed down through the generations. Laugh at the humour and listen in wonder as our storytellers recount stories of the weird and wonderful supernatural world.

MANIFESTO, MÒDS AND MOVIES
CRUINNEACHAIDHEAN GÀIDHLIG ANN AN LEABHARLANN NÀISEANTA NA H-ALBA SEÒMAR GARRY, TAIGH-ÒSTA A' CHALADH
6F-7F
Ionnsaichibh mu eachdraidh a' Chomuinn Ghàidhealach tro irisean, le Jennifer Giles; glèidheadair nan cruinneachaidhean coitcheann

aig Leabharlann Nàiseanta na h-Alba. Bidh film goirid 'Stories from the Western Isles', a chaidh a chlàradh anns na Hearadh ann an 1941, ga shealltainn cuideachd. Air a libhrigeadh le Ailean MacAoidh, a tha os cionn tasglann nam filmichean aig an leabharlann Nàiseanta. Dh' fhaodadh gu faic sibh sealladh air seann eòlaich!

MANIFESTO, MÒDS AND MOVIES
GAELIC COLLECTIONS IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND GARRY ROOM, CALADH HOTEL
6PM-7PM
Discover the history of An Comunn Gàidhealach through its publications, with Jennifer Giles, General Collections Curator, and enjoy 'Stories from the Western Isles'- unique film footage from Harris in 1941 - which is presented by Allan Mackay, Moving Image Archive Curator. You never know, you may even spot someone you know!

DIARDAOIN 20MH DÀMHAIR
THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER
SRADAGAN AIG A' MHÒD
NICOLSON INSTITUTE
10AM-3PM

ANT TAC AN TEINE
IONAD GRINNEABHAT (SEANN SGOIL BHRÀGAR)
5.30F-7.45F
Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba a' toirt thugaibh Prìomh Shealladh: An Tac an Teine.

An-asgaidh ach feumar ticeadan ro-làimh. Sgoilearan bho Sgoil an Taobh Siar ann am film stèidhichte ri taobh an teine ann an Taigh-dubh Àrnoil. Eistibh ri na sgeulachdan agus cuimhnicibh air làithean a dh'fhalbh. Thoiribh leibh dealbhan no cuimhneachan sam bith mu bhith fuireach ann an taigh-dubh airson an cur ris a' chruinneachadh againn!

BESIDE THE FIRE
GRINNEABHAT CENTRE (FORMERLY BRAGAR SCHOOL)
Historic Environment Scotland present: An Tac an Teine/Beside the fire. Film Premiere starring pupils from Sgoil an Taobh Siar; a drama set by the fire in Arnoil Blackhouse. Listen to the stories and be transported to times gone by. Bring along any photos or memories you have yourself of living in a blackhouse to be added to the collection!

CEÒL AIG NA CLACHAN CALANAIS
11M
Òigridh na sgìre a' cluich ceòl aig Ionad Chalanais.

MAC-TALLA COGAIDH TALLA BHAILE STEÒRNABHAIGH
5F
Tha an taisbeanadh cumhachdach seo a' cnuasachadh air blàran fuilteach tro òrain is cheòl. A' gabhail pàirt tha Erik Spence, Eòghann MacEanraig, Seonag Garvin, Seumas Greumach,

Kirsteen Menzies, Linda NicLeòid agus Còisir Ghàidhlig Inbhir Pheothfarain.
ECHOES OF WAR STORNOWAY TOWN HALL
5PM
This powerful production reflects on bloody conflicts through song and music. It features Erik Spence, Ewen Henderson, Joan Garvin, James Graham, Kirsteen Menzies, Linda MacLeod and Dingwall Gaelic Choir.

GACH SGEUL
HARRIS DISTILLERY
7.30F
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BREABACH (CONSAIRT)
AN LANNTAIR
8F
Còmhlan a tha air clùid agus duaisean a chosnadh aig ìre eadar-nàiseanta le dreach de cheòl 'folk'.

BREABACH (IN CONCERT)
AN LANNTAIR
8PM
The internationally acclaimed Breabach showcase their brand of contemporary folk music. It is a style that has won them numerous awards across the globe.

CÈILIDH THRAIDISEANTA
AN NEACH-GAIRM TAIGH-ÒSTA CHABAR- FEIDH
10F
Còmhlan-cèilidh agus sreath de sheinneadairean tàlantach a tha air cuireadh gu seinn fhaighinn bho Neach-gairm Comataidh Ionadail a' Mhòid, Tormod Dòmhnallach.

CONVENER'S
TRADITIONAL CÈILIDH CABAR- FEIDH HOTEL
10PM
Cèilidh band and an array of talented singers invited to perform by Mòd Local Committee Convener Tormod Dòmhnallach.

DIHAOINE 21MH DÀMHAIR
FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

ÀITE MO GHAOIL
AN LANNTAIR
7.30F
Prìomh sheinneadairean a' seinn òrain bho na h-eileanan aca fhèin. Kirsteen NicDhòmhnaill a' toirt a-òigheachd dha Iain MacAoidh, Kathleen NicAonghais, Linda NicLeòid, Art MacCarraig, Amy NicAoidh, Lisa NicNèill agus Còmhlan Cèilidh Ghleann

Fhionghain.
PLACE OF MY HEART
AN LANNTAIR
7.30PM
Leading singers perform songs from their own islands. Kirsteen MacDonald presents Iain MacKay, Kathleen MacInnes, Linda MacLeod, Arthur Cormack, Amy MacKay, Lisa MacNeill and the Glenfinnan Cèilidh Band.

CÈILIDH DEIREAN-NACH A' MHÒID
AN LANNTAIR
11F
Cha bhiodh Mòd ann gun deagh chèilidh! Bidh an 'Glenfinnan Cèilidh band' a' toirt Mòd na bliadhna-sa gu ceann, le cèilidh a chumas sibh air ur casan gu uairean beaga na maidne!

MÒD CLOSING CÈILIDH
AN LANNTAIR
11PM
It wouldn't be a Mòd without a rousing ceilidh and dance to help bring the event to a close. The renowned Glenfinnan Cèilidh Band are the musicians to get you wheeling and reeling.

A' MIRE RI MÒIR
LEWS CASTLE
10AM
Ceòl agus còmhraidh le Mòrag Dhòmhnallach 's i a' craoladh beò bhon Chaisteal.

A' MIRE RI MÒIR
LEWS CASTLE
10AM
Music and chat with Mòrag MacDonald as her show is broadcast live from the Castle.

DOL FODHA NA GRÈINE
TALLA BHAILE STEÒRNABHAIGH
AN ASGAIDH
Bidh 'Dol fodha na grèine' a' meòrachadh air buaidhean is àmhgharan a' Chogaidh Mhòir, tro sgrìobhaidhean agus tro dhealbhan coimhearsnachdan bho Nis gu Baile an Truisceil, ann an Leòdhais.

DOL FODHA NA GRÈINE
STORNOWAY TOWN HALL
2PM
The Going Down Of The Sun charts the triumphs and sorrows of the First World War through the writings, photographs and artefacts of the communities from Ness to Ballantraushal on Lewis.

DISATHAIRNE 22MH DÀMHAIR
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

CAISMEACHD NAN CÒISIR
BIDH NA CÒISIREAN A'CAISMEACHD BHO TALLA BHAILE STEÒRNABHAIGH GU SGOIL MHC NEACAIL
10.30M
Bidh na còisirean a'caismeachd bho talla bhaile Steòrnabhaigh gu Sgoil Mhic Neacail, airson taisbeanadh mòr seinn nan còisir; a bhios a' comharrachadh dìreachd a' Mhòid. Thèid bratach a' Mhòid a thoirt seachd do Chomataidh Ionadail Loch Abar, 's Mòd na h-ath bhliadhna a' dèanamh air Loch Abar.

MASSED CHOIRS
CHOIRS MARCH FROM STORNOWAY TOWN HALL TO THE NICOLSON INSTITUTE
10.30AM
Choirs march from Stornoway Town Hall to the Nicolson Institute culminating in an incredible mass sing along. The Royal National Mòd banner will be handed over to Lochaber Local Organising Committee as they take over the reins for next year's Mòd.

A' BHEAIRE: THE LOOM SHARMANKA - IOMHAIGHEAN DE GHNÌOMHACHAS A' CHLÒ HEARAICH LE ROBIN MITCHELL
AN LANNTAIR
1 DÀMHAIR - 13 SAMHAIN 2016
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AN LANNTAIR
1 OCTOBER - 13 NOVEMBER 2016
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5. Mod pose number 56 ... but who is it doing the waving?



8. Some happy looking youngsters. Who are they, where are they and what year is it?



9. Kenneth Thompson, James Bond of the Mòd – but who are his coo-ing women?



6. If you guess who this is, you can then ask him for a wee drink. And what year is it?



7. What is the year? Who is the choir? Should Atomic Piseag swap their kilts for these fabulous dresses with super puffy sleeves?



10. Lochgilhead Choir – any ideas about the date or indeed any of the folks in the winning choir?

Fàilte gu Mòd 2016 le BBC ALBA agus BBC Radio nan Gàidheal



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Diluain 17 Dàmhair agus Dimàirt 18 Dàmhair

Mòd na Cloinne
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Air BBC ALBA agus BBC Radio nan Gàidheal, 7.30f

Diardaoin 20 Dàmhair

Buinn Òir an t-Seann Nòis – Beò
Air BBC ALBA agus BBC Radio nan Gàidheal, 7.30f

Dè a-nis?
6.00f

Dihaoine 21 Dàmhair

Sgiath MhicShimidh agus Thulaich Bhàrdainn agus Na Còisirean Sgìreil – Beò
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Mòd nan Còisirean
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Seòid a' Mhòid – 1
12f

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Seòid a' Mhòid – 2
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Didòmhnaich 16 Dàmhair
Seirbheis a' Mhòid
3f

Diluain 17 Dàmhair
Seòid a' Mhòid – 3
12f

Breab do Rapal aig a' Mhòd
An Lanntair | 7f

Mòd na Cloinne
10f

Dimàirt 18 Dàmhair
Anna Dholaidh
12f

Mòd na Cloinne
12.30f

Rapal aig a' Mhòd
An Lanntair | 7f

Mòd na Cloinne
10f

Diciadain 19 Dàmhair
Guthan Binn nam Bonn
12f

Mòd na Cloinne
12.30f

Aileag aig a' Mhòd
An Lanntair | 4f

Buinn Òir a' Chomuinn Ghàidhealaich – Beò
Air BBC Radio nan Gàidheal agus BBC ALBA | 7.30f

Diardaoin 20 Dàmhair
Iar-Chuairtean Buinn Òir an t-Seann Nòis
An Lanntair | 9m

Guthan Binn nam Bonn
12f

Crac a' Mhòid
An Lanntair | 12.30f

Là Mòr nan Còisirean Dùthchail
1.30f

Buinn Òir an t-Seann Nòis – Beò
Air BBC Radio nan Gàidheal agus BBC ALBA | 7.30f

Dihaoine 21 Dàmhair
Coinneach, Dan agus na caraidean
Caisteal Leòdhais | 9m

Cèilidh Mire ri Mòir
Caisteal Leòdhais | 10m

Là Mòr nan Còisirean Sgìreil – Beò
Air BBC Radio nan Gàidheal agus BBC ALBA | 1.30f

Mòd nan Còisirean
10f

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UK asking prices continue to rise post-Brexit

Asking prices from UK buyers experienced a rise in September after having suffered from falls in the two months prior, according to the latest findings from Rightmove.

In September, the average asking price for homes across the UK climbed by as much as 0.7 per cent. While it may not sound like a substantial rise, this was the first time post-Brexit that buyers were asking for more than they had in the month before. It also represented a climb of, on average, £2,277.

It means that the average asking price in the UK is now more than £306,000, which marks a four per cent climb when compared to the same month a year ago.

This was compared to August, when eight of the ten UK regions saw a fall in asking prices, which shows a remarkable turnaround

overall nationwide in the space of just a few short weeks.

While the referendum result has created additional downwards price pressure in some upper segments of the market that were already slowing, those who do not own a home and arguably have the greatest housing need are now finding it harder to achieve their goal in the post Brexit vote aftermath. In their favoured target sector with two-bedrooms or fewer, average asking prices have jumped by over £6,000 in the last month as we enter the typically active Autumn market.

Even though there are still a large number of first-time buyers who have the intention of getting themselves onto the property ladder at present, more are now likely to find that it becomes harder as affordability falls, which could lead to a rise in rental activity in the coming months once more.



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5 Falls View Apartments, North Connel

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Overview: The property is accessed via its own private external door leading to a small porch and on to the central hallway. Located at the front of the property and enjoying views towards the Connel Bridge is the bright and well proportioned lounge. Similarly the kitchen/diner enjoys plentiful natural light provided by patio doors to the front, allowing access to a small patio area with views of Loch Etive. The hallway leads to the rear of the apartment where there are two double bedrooms. The master bedroom benefits from a built in wardrobe and an en-suite shower room. The family bathroom is decorated in neutral tiles and has WC, sink, bath and mains shower. The property is presented in walk-in condition, decorated in neutral decor and with double glazing throughout. Heating is provided via electric storage heaters and hot water via an electric immersion heater located in the hall cupboard. We are informed that there is a residents association in place to allow communal maintenance works to be completed as required. With its popular location and practical layout this property would make an ideal permanent residence or holiday property. Viewing is highly advised.

Location: 5 Falls View Apartments is situated in the highly desirable area of North Connel overlooking Connel Bridge and the Falls of Lora. Connel Village close by is a thriving community offering a broad range of facilities including a Primary School, Doctor's Surgery, Post Office/Village Shop, Railway Station, Bus Routes, Restaurants and Pubs. Just five miles to the south-west is the bustling port of Oban, boasting excellent transport links and a good range of shops, supermarkets, bars, cafes, restaurants and leisure facilities.

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Angus MacKay, master of ceremonies, with his Highland cow cake baked by Iona Keyes and Niamh Cameron. Picture: Kevin McGlynn



Stockman Alan Bosomworth with Susan 20th of Ormsary owned by Sir William J Lithgow Bt, a three-year-old heifer out of Callum the 2nd of Goldenberry and dam Susan 11th of Ormsary at the 119th autumn sale by the Highland Cattle Society at Oban Livestock Centre. Picture: Kevin McGlynn

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Action-packed show and sale draws crowds

Beth Noble, winner of the young handler prize, with Wayne Eaton-Jones from Barclays who presented the prize for the Highland Cattle Society. Picture: Kevin McGlynn



THE 119th autumn show and sale turned out to be an action-packed weekend starting with a Highland cattle promotional event in Argyll Square in Oban, in partnership with Bid4Oban and Jackson Brothers Butchers.

A drinks reception in the Royal Hotel welcomed new members, visitors, vendors and buyers on Saturday evening. On Sunday October 9, Robert Phillip from Hellfield Highlanders Yorkshire capably judged the autumn show and found his

champion in Susan 20th Ormsary from Sir William Lithgow Bt & Son from Ormsary. Iona Keyes from the Keyes Fold and her friend Niamh Cameron, aged 12, baked Highland cow cupcakes and sold them in the market, raising £200 for the Hurricane Matthew Appeal in Haiti.

Some 160 people attended the society dinner and ceilidh on Sunday evening where the grand raffle was drawn and members played 'shove the pound' to raise more than £900 for Marie Curie.

On Monday, the sale commenced at 10am, and two animals shared the top price of £3,000 – Ailsa 9th of Craigowmill from Ken and Eva Brown of Kinross, who was sold to Michael and Sally Nairn of Balnabroich Farms, and Raineach of Eilean Mor from Karen and Michael MacGregor, who was sold to Mr A Fitzsimon, from Dumfries.

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LAMBS
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TEX: 185p – Newfield, Lismore : 178p – 66 Tangasdale, Barra : 177p – Silvercraigs : 175p – Ardbeg : 171p – Cornaigmore, Coll : 168p – 2 Keil Crofts.
CHEV 194p – Cairnbaan, Benderloch : 183p – Ardnacross : 170p – Stonefield Farms : 164p – Kingairloch Estate.
CROSS 180p – 4 Glenaros, Mull : 165p – 3 Balevullin, Tiree.
BE 186p – Morvern Cresc, Lochaline : 176p – Raera : 164p – Rhudie Farm.
STORNOWAY, Dingwall and Highland Marts – October, 3, 2016
The sale sold 163 rams of all classes. Rams (163) sold to £450 gross for a Blackface from 17 Habost, Ness, Isle of Lewis. Other leading prices per head Rams: Suff – Cloverdale, 25 Lower Barvas, £400; BF – 7 Ivorhill, Stornoway, £400, 5 Shulishader, Point, £320, 1 Tong, Stornoway, £300; Chev – 6/7 Borve, Harris, £350, 11A Portnaguran, Point, £280, Dell Farm, 5 Swainbost, £260; Texel X – 5 Shulishader, £200; Tex – 8 Sand Street, Stornoway, £200, 6 Glen, Kyles, £150. Ram lambs: Tex – 11 New

Shawbost, £320; BF – 1 Eordale, £250, 41 Upper Carloway, £180, 5 Shulishader, £150, Chev – Dell Farm, Ness, £100.
LOCHMADDY, Dingwall & Highland Marts – October 7, 2016
The sale sold 2,245 store sheep of all classes. Lambs (1,534) sold to £70 per head for Mules from 32 Lincilate, Isle of Benbecula. Ewes (592) sold to £65 per head for Crosses from Borve View, Lincilate. Gimmers (53) sold to £102 per head for Mules from 32 Lincilate. Feeding Sheep (66) sold to £71 per head for a Cheviot wedder from 8 West Gerinish, Lochboisdale. "Weathered sheep met a trade to be expected with quality kinds exceeding main centre prices." Other leading prices per head Store lambs: Chev – 7 Balranald, Lochmaddy, £68, Dunskeellar, Sollas, £65, 8 Clachan Sands, Lochmaddy, £64; SuffX – 4 Middlequarter, Sollas, £67, 3 Claddach Kirkibost, Lochmaddy, £66.50, 7 Sollas, Lochmaddy, £65; TexX – Seaview, Bayhead, £64, 10 Rushgarry, Berneray, £61, 7 Malaglate, Lochmaddy and 4

Claddach Kyles, Lochmaddy, £60; BF – Sidinish, Lochport, £62 (twice), Corunno, Baleshare, £54; Cross – Seaview, £58.50, 7 Malaglate, £54, 34 Lincilate, Benbecula, £52. Ewes: Chev – 17A Lincilate, Benbecula, 9 Malaglate, Lochmaddy and 10 Malaglate, Lochmaddy, £62, 3 Claddach Kirkibost, Lochmaddy, 2/3 Clachan Sands, Lochmaddy and 6 Middlequarter, Sollas, £60, Druim Torrach, Lochmaddy, £59; SuffX – 12 Rathad, Ballivanich, £59, 7/8 Gramsdale, Benbecula, £51, 2 Balranald, Lochmaddy, £46; Cross – 7 Balranald, £58, 3 Claddach Kirkibost, £55, 8 Clachan Sands, £51; BF – Failte, Berneray and 32 Lincilate, £50, 1 Nunton Hill, Gramsdale, £48, 12 Lochport, Carinish, £43. Gimmers: Chev – 8 West Gerinish, £100, Druim Torrach, £95 (twice), 3 Claddach Kirkibost, £90; TexX – 32 Lincilate, Benbecula, £54. Feeding sheep: TexX wdr – 1 Knockline, Bayhead, £59; Chev wdr – North Uist Estates, North Uist, £58; Cross wdr – 9 Malaglate, £56; SuffX wdr – 6 Borve, Berneray, £55.



Angus MacKay with Iona Keyes from Kerrera, left, and Niamh Cameron of Oban. The girls bake to raise funds for the disaster in Haiti. Picture: Kevin McGlynn



Sophie Brydso, 10, from Denmark and Emily Armstrong, 11, of Tiree, helping out stockman Stuart Campbell from the Cladich fold. Picture: Kevin McGlynn



Kate Cameron, 10, daughter of John and Wilma Cameron who run the Dunach fold of Highland cattle, gives her calf Abernethy of Dunach a hug.

The full results were as follows:

Overall Female Champion and Best Three Year Old winning the Invernairn Cup and Bell Ingram Quaich SUSAN 20TH OF ORMSARY UK540930402575. Born 01/04/13. Vendor: Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary). Stockman who brought out the Overall Champion winning the K W Walker Memorial Quaich Mr Alan Bosomworth of Ormsary.

Reserve Overall Champion and Best Two Year Old winning the George Bruce Memorial Trophy NEMANDA 4TH OF KNOCKENDON UK584024500186. Born 24/03/14. Vendor: Ronald & Frances Fergie.

Reserve Three Year Old RAINEACH OF EILEANMOR UK500029600085. Born 04/07/13. Vendor: Karen & Michael Macgregor.

Reserve Two Year Old JENNY 5TH OF MOTTISTONE UK282865500638. Born 24/02/14. Vendor: Mr Michael Poland.

Best Yearling Heifer winning the Braes of Greenock Challenge Bowl PRINCESS DUBH 2ND OF CRAIGLUSCAR UKUK544529400282. Born 25/03/15. Vendor: Hamish E T Irvine.

Reserve Yearling Heifer HOLLY OF CRAIGLUSCAR UKUK544529500283. Born 30/03/15. Vendor: Hamish E T Irvine.

Best Heifer Calf winning the Myrecairn Perpetual Trophy HEATHERBELLE OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989201996. Born 18/04/16. Vendor: Messrs Brown.

Reserve Heifer Calf UNA 11TH OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989601993. Born 14/04/16. Vendor: Messrs Brown.

Best Cow winning the Thaggnam Cup BAN RIGH OF MOTTISTONE UK282865200250. Born 07/02/08. Vendor: Mr Michael Poland.

Reserve Cow NEOINEAN OG 9TH OF WHITSLAID UK560288400285. Born 01/05/08. Vendor: Blairlogan Highlanders.

Best Bull Calf winning the Neil Jackson Memorial Perpetual Trophy 600499 OF DUNACH UK541151600499. Born 06/03/16. Vendor: Lord Denham.

Reserve Bull Calf 100494 OF DUNACH UK541151100494. Born 25/02/16. Vendor: Lord Denham.

THREE YEAR OLD HEIFERS Section 1, Class 1 Born on or between 01/01/2013 and 06/04/2013

1 SUSAN 20TH OF ORMSARY UK540930402575. Born 01/04/13. Vendor: Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary). Sold for 2000 guineas, Falko Steinberg.

2 GRUAGACH 49TH OF ORMSARY UK540930502569. Born 23/03/13. Vendor: Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary). Sold for 2200 guineas, Volker Halm.

3 ISEABAL 20TH OF CARSAIG UK540930502576. Born 02/04/13. Vendor: Lady Lithgow. Sold for 2200 guineas, Volker Halm.

4 BEAN BHUIDHE 6TH OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989701728. Born 17/04/13. Vendor: Messrs Brown. Sold for 3000 guineas, Balnacroich Farm.

1 SIUSAN 10TH OF GLENGARNOCK UK580657200218. Born 08/04/13. Vendor: A & H Kirkpatrick. Sold for 1500 guineas, Manfred Ruser.

2 BEAN BHUIDHE 6TH OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989701728. Born 17/04/13. Vendor: Messrs Brown. Sold for 2200 guineas, Volker Halm.

3 CAPLEADH MAIREAD 5TH OF GLENGORM UK540990400721. Born 24/04/13. Vendor: Glengorm. Not sold.

4 LILLIAN 7TH OF ISLE OF BUTE UK585263700111. Born 26/04/13. Vendor: R & E McMillan. Sold for 1500 guineas, Darryl Harris.

THREE YEAR OLD HEIFERS Section 1, Class 3 Born on or between 01/05/2013 and 31/12/2013.

1. RAINEACH OF EILEAN MOR UK500029600085. Born 04/07/13. Vendor: Karen & Michael Macgregor. Sold for 3000 guineas, Fitzsimon, Dumfries.

2 CATRIONA 2ND OF GARTOCHARN UK541401400059. Born 15/06/13. Vendor: Mr & Mrs J S McKechnie. Not sold.

3 BROOMRIGG UK581560300065. Born 12/06/13. Vendor: Mr & Mrs D R Fountain. Sold for 1350 guineas, Jonathan Weir.

4 NEOINEAN RUADH 2ND OF ACHNACROISH UK546383500014. Born 29/05/13. Vendor: S & I McKay. Sold for 1300 guineas, Jonathan Weir.

TWO YEAR OLD HEIFERS Section 2, Class 4 Born on or between 01/01/2014 and 31/03/2014.

1. NEMANDA 4TH OF KNOCKENDON UK584024500186. Born 24/03/14. Vendor: Ronald & Frances Fergie. Sold for 2000 guineas, Mr Anderson, Dalry.

2 JENNY 5TH OF MOTTISTONE UK282865500638. Born 24/02/14. Vendor: Mr Michael Poland. Not sold.

3 LILLI 23RD OF ACHNACLOICH UK541139200716. Born 22/03/14. Vendor: Thomas Nelson. Sold for 1000 guineas, Michael Poland.

4 LIZZIE 9TH OF KNOCKENDON UK584024200183. Born 27/01/14. Vendor: Ronald & Frances Fergie. Sold for 1000 guineas, Sir Jim Paice.

TWO YEAR OLD HEIFERS Section 2, Class 5 Born on or between 01/04/2014 and 31/12/2014.

1. WENDY OF CORNTOWN UK509977500002. Born 21/06/14. Vendor: Mr Ron MacLean. Sold for 1200 guineas, Brian Thomas.

2 MAIREARAD BHUIDHE OF BORLAND UK542205200538. Born 06/04/14. Vendor: Mr K Howman. Sold for 2000 guineas, Jonathan Weir.

3 MACEY OF EARN UK507623100652. Born 10/05/14. Vendor: Mrs Heather Corrigan. Not sold.

4 AGNES OF EARN UK507623400648. Born 16/04/14. Vendor: Mrs Heather Corrigan. Not sold.



Champion two-year-old heifer and reserve female champion Newmanda 4th of Knockendon with stockman Angus MacGillivray. Picture: Kevin McGlynn



Raineach of Eilean Mor, owned by Michael and Karen MacGregor, Ardnamurchan, was reserve champion three-year-old heifer.



Wayne Eaton-Jones from Barclays hands over the prize for female champion to stockman Alan Bosomworth at the livestock centre in Oban. Picture: Kevin McGlynn

2 HOLLY OF CRAIGLUSCAR UKUK544529500283. Born 30/03/15. Vendor: Hamish E T Irvine. Not sold.

3 KATE 9TH OF JEDDERFIELD UK561724200096. Born 28/03/15. Vendor: Caroline Cuthbertson. Not sold.

4 ANNA RUADH 4TH OF JEDDERFIELD UK561724100095. Born 27/03/15. Vendor: Caroline Cuthbertson. Sold for 700 guineas, Manfred Ruser.

HEIFER CALVES Section 4, Class 7 Born on or between 01/01/2016 and 17/02/2016

1 BARABEL 2ND OF CHEDLEY UK230842700012. Born 13/01/16. Vendor: Mr Graeme Keep. Sold for 800 guineas, Manfred Ruser.

2 MARIEAD 2ND OF BLAIRLOGAN UK541302600136. Born 01/02/16. Vendor: Blairlogan Highlanders. Sold for 800 guineas, Montgomery.

3 LYNSEY 2ND OF KEILLMORE UK544550500338. Born 01/02/16. Vendor: Stuart D Campbell. Sold for 1400 guineas, Hendrick Hoof.

4 SORCHA DUBH 4TH OF CLADICH UK54550400344. Born 10/02/16. Vendor: Mrs Jon H Strickland. Sold for 700 guineas, Hendrick Hoof.

HEIFER CALVES Section 4, Class 8 Born on or between 18/02/2016 and 06/04/2016

1 PRINCESS VICTORIA OF CLADICH UK544550100348. Born 20/02/16. Vendor: Mrs Jon H Strickland. Sold for 700 guineas, Hendrick Hoof.

2 FURAN BEATHAG 27TH OF GLENGORM UK540990500848. Born 25/02/16. Vendor: Glengorm. Sold for 900 guineas, Caroline Ronald.

3 MORAG MINGEAL 12TH OF GLENGORM UK540990700857. Born 15/03/16. Vendor: Glengorm. Sold for 600 guineas, Neil Fletcher.

4 SOPHIE OF CHEDLEY UK230842200014. Born 23/03/16. Vendor: Mr Graeme Keep. Sold for 420 guineas, Manfred Ruser.

HEIFER CALVES Section 4, Class 9 Born on or between 07/04/2016 and 31/05/2016.

1 HEATHERBELLE OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989201996. Born 18/04/16. Vendor: Messrs Brown. Sold for 1500 guineas, A Ruckenschau, Austria.

2 UNA 11TH OF CRAIGOWMILL UK541989601993. Born 14/04/16. Vendor: Messrs Brown. Sold for 800 guineas, Caroline Ronald.

3 GILLIAN 3RD OF BLAIRLOGAN UK541302700144. Born 28/04/16. Vendor: Blairlogan Highlanders. Sold for 600 guineas, Michael Poland.

4 DOROTHY NIGHEAN 14TH OF GLENGORM UK540990500876. Born 11/04/16. Vendor: Glengorm. Not sold.

COWS & SENIOR HEIFERS Section 5, Class 10 Born on or before 31/12/2012.

1 BAN RIGH OF MOTTISTONE UK282865200250. Born 07/02/08. Vendor: Mr Michael Poland. Sold for 1200 guineas, A Hyslop & Son.

2 NEOINEAN OG 9TH OF WHITSLAID UK560288400285.

Born 01/05/08. Vendor: Blairlogan Highlanders. Sold for 1100 guineas, Montgomery.

3 MOLAG OF ARDENTRAIVE UK544270100096. Born 30/06/11. Vendor: The Keys Family. Sold for 700 guineas, Mr Grant.

MALES Section 5, Class 10 Born in 2016.

1 600499 OF DUNACH UK541151600499. Born 06/03/16. Vendor: Lord Denham. Sold for 900 guineas, Yann Guisnel, France.

2 100494 OF DUNACH UK541151100494. Born 25/02/16. Vendor: Lord Denham. Sold for 300 guineas, J Fraser & Son.

3 600492 OF DUNACH UK541151600492. Born 14/02/16. Vendor: Lord Denham. Sold for 300 guineas, J Fraser & Son.

4 400497 OF DUNACH UK541151400497. Born 03/03/16. Vendor: Lord Denham. Sold for 300 guineas, J Fraser & Son.

YOUNG HANDLERS CLASS – The Oban Times Best Young Handler Trophy.

Judge: Melissa Sinclair of the Pollok Fold.

1 Beth Noble, 2 Laura Hunter, 3 Dougie MacDonald, 4 Sophie from Denmark, 5 Emily Armstrong, 6 Kate Armstrong, 7 Asha Nelson, 8 Ruaridh Cameron.

Judging of the Best Pair of Suckled Heifer Calves Bred by Exhibitor

Winning the Cladich Cup for the best pair of suckled heifer calves bred by exhibitor was Mrs J H Strickland of Clach with GHEILDER DUBH 2ND OF CLADICH UK544550600346. Born 17/02/16. Vendor: Mrs Jon H Strickland.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF CLADICH UK544550100348. Born 20/02/16. Vendor: Mrs Jon H Strickland.

Judging of the Best Pair of in-calf Heifers.

Winning the Thomas McLatchie Memorial Trophy for the best pair of in-calf heifers was Sir William Lithgow Bt & Son with SUSAN 20TH OF ORMSARY UK540930402575. Born 01/04/13. Vendor: Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary).

GRUAGACH 49TH OF ORMSARY UK540930502569. Born 23/03/13. Vendor: Sir William J Lithgow, Bt & Son (Ormsary).

Prettiest Calf Trophy. Winning the prettiest calf trophy was Kenny & Lesley Matheson from Brue Highlanders. Craigmillar Trophy Mr Cameron and Lewis Singer shared the Craigmillar Trophy for the Best Young Handler throughout the year.

Large Show Fold Trophy R & E McMillan from the Isle of Bute Fold. Small Show Fold Trophy Mr Robert Wain of the Rose Fold.

Sale Averages Section 2016 2015 Difference

Three Year Olds £1931.25 (14) £2019 (13) -£87.75

Two Year Olds £1348.84 (13) £1253 (15) +£94.84

Yearlings £791 (6) £672 (14) +£119

Heifer Calves £775.14 (17) £628 (18) +£147.14.

Opinion: The Crofting Column



Common grazings row comes to a head

By Brian Inkster, Inksters Solicitors

A ROW has been going on for several months over the removal from office by the Crofting Commission of three common grazings committees – two on the Isle of Lewis and one in Lochaber – and the imposition in their place of grazings constables.

Each case involved payment of monies alleged to be due to certain shareholders that had not been paid out by the committees in question.

The convener of the Crofting Commission, Colin Kennedy, took the view that any monies received by a grazings committee had to be 'immediately' paid out by them. If a grazings committee required funds for maintenance and improvement of the common grazings, then a separate levy had to be made on the shareholders in order to gather funds for that purpose.

This was widely decried by crofters throughout the Highlands and Islands at the time as being unworkable, impractical and nonsensical.

The Scottish Government agreed with the crofters. Fergus Ewing MSP, cabinet secretary with responsibility for crofting, issued a letter to Mr Kennedy advising him that the government's view was 'diametrically opposed' to his and that it was not sustainable for the Scottish Government and one of its public bodies to take opposing interpretations of the law.

The Crofting Commission at its board meeting on August 17 agreed to accept what the Scottish Government was telling it and support the terms of the letter from Fergus Ewing.

By this stage there was just one grazings constable still in post and that was at Upper Coll on the Isle of Lewis. This was Colin Souter, a retired chief inspector of police. He had, however, been going about his role as substitute grazings clerk in an investigatory manner. He had been looking through the past eight years or more of grazings records trying to find something, anything, to justify the Crofting Commission having appointed him in the first place.

I and others, including, ironically, the Crofting Commission executive in a report to the board, had taken the view that in law when a grazings committee is removed from office, a grazings constable cannot be appointed in its place. A grazings constable is only appropriate where shareholders fail to appoint their own committee. If removed from office a new committee (not a grazings constable) may be appointed by the Crofting Commission.

Thus, arguably, there was an illegal grazings constable carrying out investigations into the history of successive grazings committees at Upper Coll (not just the one removed from office which had only been in office for six months or so) rather than dealing with day-to-day clerking duties.

Mr Souter proceeded to meet with four out of 42 shareholders in a four-hour meeting, with a Crofting Commission official in attendance, to agree a list of business items on behalf of the shareholders, including the introduction of new grazings regulations. This was despite 11 shareholders walking out on the meeting at the outset and a petition being presented to him, signed by 26 out of the 42 shareholders, calling for him to step aside and allow a new democratically-elected committee to take over.

On anyone's reading of the situation, this was a Crofting Commission and a grazings constable out of control and not actually heeding the word of Mr Ewing.

This resulted in Mr Ewing having to intervene once more. This time he called the Crofting Commissioners to meet with him in person at Holyrood.

At this meeting he told the commissioners he expected them to rescind their decisions to dismiss and issue an apology to the three grazings committees in question.

This implied that it would bring to an end the imposition by the Crofting Commission of the grazings constable, Mr Souter, on the Upper Coll common grazings.

Mr Ewing also apparently instructed government officials to carry out a review of the governance of the Crofting Commission.

The Crofting Commissioners met in Brora two weeks ago to consider this ministerial direction. It was anticipated that convener Colin

Kennedy would have to issue the required apology in person following that meeting.

If Mr Kennedy had made this apology, it would have been the first time he had been seen appearing on the commission's behalf for some time. He did not turn up at the last two meetings of the cross-party group on crofting at Holyrood or to the last meeting of the Scottish Government Crofting Stakeholder Forum. He has been conspicuous by his absence at these meetings.

However, matters took a dramatic turn at the outset of the meeting in Brora. Commissioner Murdo MacLennan from Lewis advised that he was withdrawing his declaration of interest in the two Lewis common grazings cases. He had cleared this with the commissioner for ethical standards in public life. He wanted access to the papers and would be voting on any matters concerning these two cases. Mr Kennedy disputed his ability to do so. Crofting Commission staff present at the meeting said that it was in order for Mr MacLennan to do so. Mr Kennedy then closed the meeting and walked out.

The remaining commissioners called a special meeting of the Crofting Commission at short notice to continue the business of the day without the convener in attendance. They decided to issue the apology to crofters in Lewis and Lochaber. But they also asked for the convener, Mr Kennedy, to resign.

The Scottish Crofting Federation welcomed this news. Its chairwoman, Fiona Mandeville, said: 'Surely now the convener will do what he should have done weeks ago – stand down and let the people who genuinely care about crofting get on with their work. So much time and energy has been wasted during this inexcusable debacle. We have had enough of Mr Kennedy and want to see the back of him. By his action in walking out from the board meeting and refusing to meet the minister's request for an apology, we take it that he has finally abdicated.'

'We welcome the commission board taking this decisive action at last and look forward to working with it to rebuild trust in the commission and to developing strategies for crofting, taking up again all the positive initiatives which had been set aside while Mr Kennedy was in control.'

'We also naturally welcome the apology issued by the board after the convener's departure.'

However, Mr Kennedy told the BBC for *Sunday Politics Scotland* that he had no intention of resigning. He said: 'As matters stand, I believe the commission has acted wholly within the law at all times and until such times as we have legal advice to the contrary, I will maintain my position.'

I have asked the Crofting Commission on a number of occasions to justify the actions taken by it with reference to statutory provisions and/or case law. It has failed to do so. The best it can do is to say that a decision taken by it is a final one and cannot be revisited. That is to say it can, in effect, make illegal decisions and then doesn't need to justify them or revisit them.

Numerous legal arguments have been made by me and others as to why Mr Kennedy got it wrong. He has not, as yet, sought to put forward a reasoned contrary view.

The Scottish Government has clearly taken its own legal advice on the matter and it disagrees with Mr Kennedy.

Section 1(3) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 states: 'The commission shall discharge its functions in accordance with such directions of a general or specific character as may from time to time be given to it in writing by the Scottish ministers.'

Directions have been given to Mr Kennedy. He appears to be ignoring those directions.

Nicola Sturgeon said at First Minister's questions recently: 'While the government would not ordinarily intervene in the internal operations of an independent statutory body, the legislation does give Scottish ministers power to act if required.'

We now await the next move by Mr Kennedy and/or Scottish ministers. In the meantime, the Crofting Commission has confirmed it has written to shareholders of Upper Coll common grazings to advise that the grazings constable, Colin Souter, will step down as soon as possible.

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WITH Generation EQ, Mercedes-Benz shows how electric cars can soon move into the fast lane: the concept vehicle, with the appearance of a sporty SUV coupé, gives a preview of a new generation of vehicles with battery-electric drives.

The dynamic exterior design with its new electro-look underlines the focus on the powerful electric drive system: two electric motors, with a system output that can be increased to up to 300 kW thanks to scalable battery components and permanent all-wheel drive deliver the guarantee of dynamic high-level performance. With a range of up to 500 kilometres and the typical Mercedes strengths of safety, comfort, functionality and connectivity, Generation EQ meets every demand in terms of contemporary, sustainable mobility. Also on the inside, the vehicle offers innovative solutions, including a new interior concept.

Celebrating its world premiere at the Paris Motor Show, Generation EQ is the forerunner of Mercedes-Benz's new product brand for electric mobility, EQ. The name EQ stands for 'electric intelligence' and is derived from the Mercedes-Benz brand values of emotion and intelligence.

'The mobility of the future at Mercedes-Benz will stand on four pillars: connected, autonomous, shared and electric. Generation EQ is the logical fusion of all four pillars,' said Dr Dieter Zetsche, chief executive officer of Daimler AG and head of Mercedes-Benz Cars. 'The emission-free automobile is the future. And our new EQ brand goes far beyond electric vehicles. EQ stands for a comprehensive electric ecosystem of services, technologies and innovations.'

Electric-vehicle architecture for all models

The new generation of electric vehicles will be based on an architecture developed specifically for battery-electric models, which is scalable in every respect and usable across all models: the wheelbase and track width as well as all other system components, especially the batteries, are variable thanks to the modular building-block system. The vehicle concept is thus optimised to meet every requirement of a future-oriented, battery-electric model family. The basic architecture is suitable for SUVs, saloons, coupés, cabriolets and other model series.

Similar to the latest series-produced models from Mercedes-Benz, the vehicle architecture builds on an intelligent multi-material mix of steel, aluminium and carbon fibre. This ensures the requirements in terms of lightweight design, strength and cost efficiency are ideally met.

EQ: the new electric mobility brand from the inventor of the automobile

EQ offers a comprehensive electric mobility ecosystem with products, services, technologies and innovations. The spectrum ranges from electric vehicles to wallboxes and charging services to home energy storage units. Mercedes-Benz will market future battery-electric vehicles under the brand name EQ. The name stands for 'electric intelligence' and is derived from the Mercedes-Benz brand values of emotion and intelligence. The new brand encompasses all key aspects for customer-focused electric mobility and extends beyond the vehicle. Future models will embody the essentials of state-of-the-art electric mobility: the fusion of emotively appealing and intelligent design, exceptional driving pleasure, high everyday practicality and maximum safety,

a hallmark of every vehicle from the inventor of the automobile. The close-to-production concept vehicle Generation EQ marks the launch of an architecture for battery-electric vehicles across all models. Dieter Zetsche said: 'In 2007, the e-smart was a pioneer of electric motoring. We're now flipping the switch. We're ready for the launch of an electric product offensive that will cover all vehicle segments, from the compact to the luxury class.'

Lighting mood: from welcome scenario to electric blue

As the driver approaches the car, it automatically activates to welcome him or her with a specific colour mood in the interior. The welcome scenario is rounded off by digital light in the perforated interior door panels. Once the driver has taken their place, the lighting mood switches to electric blue, with the lights in the doors and on the seats dimming slowly. The wide-screen display gradually builds up to present the energy level. The navigation map shows all the destinations that can be reached on the current battery charge.

Adaptive ambience lighting for a feel-good atmosphere

A special feel-good atmosphere is produced by the adaptive ambience lighting on board Generation EQ. There are lighting elements in the light strip underneath the windscreen, on the side and middle air vents, seats, door handles and interior door panels, on the centre console and around the Mercedes star in the steering wheel.

Exterior design with new electro-look

'Generation EQ is hot and cool,' said Gorden Wagener, head of

Design at Daimler AG. 'Its fascination lies in a reinterpretation of our design philosophy of sensual purity, the aim being to create an avant-garde, contemporary and distinctive electro-look. At the same time, the design of the visionary show car, which has been reduced to the essentials, reveals an alluring progressivity.'

The monolithic basic form of Generation EQ unites the genes of an SUV with the dynamic character of a coupé and a dash of shooting brake at the rear end. The squat, elongated greenhouse gives rise to muscular-purist proportions.

The new electro-look is the result of a flowing transition from the gleaming black bonnet across the windscreen to the dark-tinted panoramic roof - an exciting contrast to the alubeam silver paintwork.

Scarcely visible body panel joins, concealed windscreen wipers, cameras instead of exterior mirrors and an absence of conventional door handles emphasise the stretched, dynamic silhouette, making the SUV crossover appear as a unified whole while reducing its air resistance. An intentionally reduced side view, broad shoulders and large 21-inch light-alloy wheels make for a dynamic presence even before the vehicle moves off.

Driver-oriented cockpit with new electro-look

The focus of the driver-oriented cockpit is on simple, touch-based controls with a new electro-look consistently reflecting the exterior styling. The asymmetrical design of the instrument panel with its large, floating wide-screen display is tailored to the driver. The innovative, digital user experience differentiates Generation EQ from the familiar control logic in today's vehicles, while giving a peek into the future of user interaction at Mercedes-Benz.

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BIRTHS

STEWART – Harry, born October 6, 2016 at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Rory and Victoria. A brother to Charlotte, grandson to Neil and Judy and a nephew to Stuart and Claire.

MARRIAGES

STEWART - JACK - At Oban on October 7, 2016, Janette, youngest daughter of the late Jessie and Joe Stewart, Lismore with Charlie, elder son of the late Isa and Donnie Jack, Leith.

GOLDEN WEDDING

WOODROW - STEWART - At Kilarrow Parish Church, Bowmore by the Rev. Muir Watson on October 19, 1966, John to Maureen. Present address - Sgeir Mhaol, Bowmore, Islay.

DEATHS

ALLISON - Suddenly at his home, 6 McCracken Court, Lochgilhead, on September 29, 2016, Cyril John Allison, aged 87 years, formerly of The Drovers, Achagoil, Minard, former husband of the late Peggy McGilp, a dear nephew, cousin and uncle to all the family and a good neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Friday, October 14 at 11.00am, in Lorne Street Funeral Parlour, Lochgilhead, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard at approximately 12.00 noon.

CAMPBELL - Auctioneer (Fort William). Peacefully, at home, Dykelands, Camaghael, with his family round him, Ewen MacMillan Campbell in his 71st year. Dearly loved husband of Isabel, loving father of Ewen and Linda and daughter-in-law Elaine. Dearest paps to Alice and Archie, a special brother of Donald. A celebration of Ewen's life will be held in Ben Nevis Auction Mart on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 12 noon to which all family and friends are warmly invited. No flowers and cremation private at his own request. Ewen was a good friend to many and will be greatly missed.

JOHNSTONE - Peacefully, at Ashdene Court, Crieff, after a long illness bravely borne, on Sunday October 9, 2016. Nicol Sinclair Johnstone, aged 77 years, of Double Dykes, Inverlmond, Perth. Devoted and loving husband of Christina, dearly loved father of the late John Johnstone (of Crieff), much loved brother of Jeannie, Margaret and Cathy, sadly missed brother-in-law of Willie and loving uncle to all the family. Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at Gauds Funeral Home, Addison Terrace, Crieff, PH7 3AT, on Friday October 21 at 11:00am. Interment thereafter at Pennyfuir Cemetery, Oban, cortege arriving 1:35pm.

MACDONALD - Peacefully, at Eadar Glinn Care Home, Oban, on Sunday, October 9, 2016, Mary, (May), in her 95th year, formerly of 9D Longsdale Terrace, Oban, wife of the late Duncan and mother of the late Allan, much loved mother-in-law of Margaret, adored gran of Allan and Emma and special great-gran of Beth and Aidan. Funeral Service from Oban Parish Church, Glenruitten Road, Oban, on Friday, October 14 at 1.00 p.m. and thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery.

MARKS - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on Wednesday October 5, 2016, Ronald J B Marks, dear son of the late Rev and Mrs James Marks, late of Southend, Kintyre and of Dunoon, beloved brother of Kathleen and dear cousin of Anne, Kenneth, Gill, Barbara, Celia, Marjorie, Sheila and Evelyn. Funeral will take place from Oban Parish Church, Glenruitten Road, Oban on Thursday October 13, 2016 at 7.00 pm. Interment will take place at Dunoon Cemetery on Friday October 14 at 12.00noon. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection/donations if desired for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

ROSS - Suddenly but peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital on October 5, 2016, Ian Ross (Tubby) of Port Appin. Husband of the late Mary Ross (née Evans), dear dad of Stephen and Carol and adored Grandpa of Findlay and Susannah. Funeral arrangements to follow.

WRIGHT - Alexander Edwards, aged 86 years, passed away peacefully, at the Lynn of Lorne Care Home, on October 4, 2016, beloved husband of the late Heather, dear father of Lorna and Robert, devoted grandpa to Tara, Allan, Sean and Craig. Sadly missed brother, father-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Funeral will take place at Oban Parish Church, Glenruitten Road, Oban, on Thursday, (today), October 13, 2016 at 1.00 p.m. Thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ALLAN - The family of the late James (Spiv) would sincerely like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to the staff of Ward I, Lorn and Islands Hospital for their tender care to James. Sincere thanks to Rev C Fulcher for her comforting service. Thanks also to D&A Munn Ltd for their support and guidance and The Royal Hotel for catering. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service and graveside and to all who donated to Oban Hospice. A total of £523.17 was raised.

MACAULAY - The family of the late Marie Macaulay, of 16 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, would like to

thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls received following her sad passing. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for his comforting services, to Donald MacDonald for all funeral arrangements, to the Grey Gull Inn for their fine purvey and to all those who attended at church and graveside. Special thanks to all doctors and nursing staff who cared for Marie during her recent illness. Donations raised for the Renal Unit at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital raised £215. Forever in our hearts.

MACNEIL - Mavis and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following Roddy's death. Cards, flowers, phone calls and visits have been much appreciated. Special thanks to Easdale Medical Staff for their wonderful care, Fr MacNeil for the service and Hamish Hoys for their kind and efficient service. All donations have been given to RNLI.

MENZIES - Joy, Jammie and family of the late Kenneth Menzies junior, of Stenhousemuir and formerly MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilhead, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support given to them all, following the sudden death of Kenny Jr. Grateful thanks to all those who travelled to Falkirk Crematorium to pay their respects. Cherished memories of a much loved son and brother, loved and respected by all his family members.

MONCRIEFF - Ken and the family of the late Betty Moncrieff, wish to thank all who have sent messages and cards of support and comfort at this time and to those who attended the Parish Church service. They also wish to thank Rev. Dugald Cameron and Rev. Chris Fulcher, for a comforting and meaningful celebration of life and subsequent committal. Thanks are due to Margaret MacLean for the floral decoration of the Church, to the Flower Basket and to Dr. Andy Henderson for his organ playing. Grateful thanks to the MacInnes family of D & A Munn for making arrangements sensitively and efficiently and also to the Royal Hotel for catering. The family also wish to record grateful thanks for the care and sensitivity shown by all staff of 3 West and HDU, in the Golden Jubilee Hospital, to Betty during her time with them and especially in her final days. The retail collection/donations taken for 3 West and HDU, amounted to £949.48.

REID - All the family would like to thank everyone for telephone calls, cards, flowers, visits, home baking and various other gifts.

You have given us so much support on the loss of Cathie. Many thanks to Rev. Robert Brookes for splendid service, Organist, Elders and D&A Munn for their help and efficiency. Thanks also to Aileen for excellent purvey, Renal Units at Belford and Raigmore for their care and to all those who attended the funeral and gave donations, over £900 being raised for Renal Unit at Belford. Thank you all.

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McLAREN - In loving memory of a very special aunt, Mary, who died October 10, 2015. Always in our thoughts. - The Sutherland family, home and away.

STEWART - Remembering our dear parents and grandparents, Ernie, died November 14, 1999 and Marjorie, died September 17, 1996 Your lives were a blessing Your memories a treasure You are loved beyond words And missed beyond measure - Maureen, John, Fraser, Sheena and family

WOODROW - Treasured memories of our David, a dear son and brother, died October 16, 1990, aged 21 years, as a result of an accident. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Loved forever - missed forever - Mum, Dad, Fraser, Sheena and family

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Obituary Angus R Grant - 1967-2016



Angus Roderick Grant, musician and inspiration.

ANGUS first picked up a fiddle at five years old. He was given a quarter-sized instrument by his uncle and the family were amazed when in just few days he had three tunes on the go. Perhaps they shouldn't have been so surprised. As the son of the renowned left-handed fiddle player and teacher from Lochaber - Aonghas Grant - his destiny was to follow in his father's footsteps.

Not that he saw it quite in the way Grant senior intended. In fact, his teenage years were full of filial rebellion, as he gave up the fiddle and took up the electric guitar. It was the time of punk and a do-it-yourself vibe. Spending hours practising pibroch and puirt tunes seemed less attractive than thrashing away at a guitar. In those days, playing fiddle was decidedly uncool, ironically something Angus did much to change in the next 30 or so years.

It was his school friend Kaela Rowan, now providing vocals for Shooglenifty, who persuaded Angus to dig out his fiddle again and go along to a session. Shortly after, Iain Macfarlane, himself a fine fiddler, persuaded Grant junior to join his band Pennycroft, with Kaela as third member. The threesome worked their way round the bars of Glenfinnan, Glenuig and Loch Ailort, not forgetting Fergie's Bar in Mingarry, which was a particular favourite.

Angus became a regular visitor to Edinburgh from 1985, following in the wake of his old school friend James Mackintosh and James' sister Fiona, both art college students. Encountering other players in the capital opened his eyes to other musical possibilities and he persuaded James to take their music to the streets during the Edinburgh Festival in that first summer.

As James headed back to

college he left with his fiddle for a busking tour of Europe. In that trip he visited Vigo in Spain which inspired one of his most famous tunes Two Fifty to Vigo. On his return, Angus joined James and Fiona's boyfriend Malcolm Crosbie in experimental punk bluegrass combo Swamptrash. Also in the line-up were Orcadian banjo player Garry Finlayson and bassist Conrad Molleson. Swamptrash fitted the late 1980s Edinburgh music scene. It was a time anything could be thrown into the musical pot and musicians from all disciplines jammed together. By the time Swamptrash split up in 1990, it wasn't unusual to find jazz musicians forming folk bands, trad musicians discovering improvisation and a young piper called Martyn Bennett hanging out in the city's clubs.

As Swamptrash ran its course, Angus, James and Malcolm were at a loose end and took themselves off to Spain for a spot of busking. By this time Angus had begun to embrace his father's tradition once more. But now the music of the bagpipes and Gaelic song were peppered with a mixed bag of more modern influences: Captain Beefheart, the Fall, Brian Eno, Talking Heads and Miles Davis among them.

Returning to Edinburgh, the embryonic Shooglenifty found a regular table in Christie's Bar in the West Port. They drew in Finlayson, Molleson and mandolin maestro Iain Macleod and, as bigger and bigger crowds were drawn to their stirring tunes, they moved down the road to a residency at Cowgate club La Belle Aisle.

Shooglenifty's sound was brewed in those early sessions - Iain's precisely handled mandolin, Malcolm's pumping guitar, Garry's wayward banjo, Conrad's grooving bass line, James'

tight as a drum dance beats. And soaring above was the, by turns, wild and serenading fiddle of Angus R Grant. They were a rock band with a fiddle player as a front man.

With Venus in Tweeds, Shooglenifty's first album, the band took the folk world by the scruff of the neck, and they've kept on shaking ever since. Through seven studio albums, gigs to a few hundred in small Highland village halls, playing to tens of thousands in festival fields across the globe, and a couple of line-up changes, Angus was there, centre stage. He had never missed a gig until this July when illness forced his hand, but he returned to the stage to complete Shooglenifty's run of August festival appearances.

In addition to the iconic first album's title track Venus in Tweeds and Two Fifty to Vigo, Angus wrote some of Shooglenifty's most memorable tunes including She's in the Attic, Nardal Rhumba, Glenfinnan Dawn and Fitzroy Crossing, the haunting closing track to the band's most recent release.

Shooglenifty filled most of Angus' musical life over the past 26 years. He rarely played in other combos and, latterly, was happiest playing traditional music in pub sessions in the Highlands and around his adopted home of Edinburgh.

Somewhat bohemian in outlook, Angus was more rigorously unconventional on stage, leading audiences in a merry dance for more than 30 years and influencing a whole generation of musicians. With his rock n roll swagger, he made fiddle playing cool.

The Shoogle front man was a flighty and mercurial figure; he lived on the breeze, loving to disappear on walkabout or, more often, hitchabout, in the Highlands, to pop up in far flung bars and drop by for random visits with a legion of much-loved friends. He eschewed modern technology, never owning a mobile phone and remained a stranger to social media. He lived without ties and responsibility, but was devoted to his music, his family and his fellow musicians. He was asked recently if he and the other Shoogles were like brothers after so long playing together. He said: 'Worse: wives!'

Angus is survived by his father Aonghas, his mother Moira, sisters Deirdre and Fiona, niece Eva and Shoogle 'wives' Ewan MacPheron, Garry Finlayson, James Mackintosh, Malcolm Crosbie, Quee MacArthur and Kaela Rowan.

Angus Roderick Grant, musician and inspiration, born February 14 1967; died October 9 2016.

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Ruth Lamb
Graduated with a BA Honours in Philosophy and Politics 2:1 from Glasgow University. Ruth is a former pupil of Rockfield Primary and Oban High School. Ruth is the daughter of Jim and Patricia Lamb of Oban and is living and working in Glasgow.

Louise MacLean
Graduated on July 1st from the University of the West of Scotland, Ayr, with a Bachelor of Education, Honours in primary teaching. She is the daughter of Fergie and Rosie MacLean, Camusnagaul, Fort William and the granddaughter of Mary Horne, Caol. Louise was educated at Achaphubil Primary and Lochaber High School.

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Christmas comes early for Ferguslie

'It's not like us to be giving goals away like we did today'

Ferguslie Star	5
Oban Saints	4
SAFL Premier Division	

AN uncharacteristically sloppy defensive performance at Seedhill, Paisley, last Saturday afternoon ended Saints' unbeaten start to the season.

The Oban side were up against Scottish Amateur Football League Premier Division new boys Ferguslie Star who took full advantage of Saints' beneficence to edge a nine-goal thriller in the first meeting between the two clubs.

Saints were without top scorer Donald Campbell, his place in the front three taken by Paul Carmichael who proved an able deputy acquitting himself well up front with Craig MacEwan and Dean Smith. Dean was a late replacement for Ross Maitland who dropped to the bench suffering from a heavy cold.

The visitors kicked off in bright sunshine, attacking the Seedhill Pavilion end, and immediately took the game to the hosts. Star lined up with a rigid 5-4-1 formation and appeared content to sit in and hit Saints on the break which they did successfully in the sixth minute, capitalising on a slip by Myles McAuley midway inside his own half.

Steven Finlay broke quickly from midfield and found David Edwards on the 18-yard line. The Star skipper cut into the box drilling a low shot past Thomas McCulloch's left hand to open the scoring.

An eighth-minute free kick won by Paul Carmichael on the corner of the box gave Saints their first opportunity to put Star keeper Raymond Brown under pressure, but Willie Gemmill's cross was headed behind for a corner.

Willie tried again from the corner flag, this time finding Marc Maccallum at the near post who hooked the ball on target with the Star keeper showing good reactions to beat the ball out.

The home side counter attacked again to devastating effect in the 15th minute. Willie Gemmill was dispossessed in the centre circle, with Steven Finlay picking up the loose

ball and striding forward unchallenged through the inside right channel. Finlay reached the edge of the Saints box and squared for David Edwards who stroked another good finish past Thomas McCulloch to double the host's advantage.

Saints were finally able to work the home keeper in the 20th minute when Dean Smith turned on the 18-yard line and rifled in a shot which Brown did well to hold.

Skipper Marc Maccallum then popped up in an unusual position wide on the right and sent a dangerous cross into the box which the Star defence forced behind for a corner kick.

On the half-hour mark Saints had a hopeful appeal for a penalty turned away by referee James Tedford claiming in vain that a Star defender had used an arm to control a Scott Maitland corner kick before clearing his lines.

Scott tried again from the left and this time found the head of Willie Gemmill who made good contact but flashed his header wide of Brown's right hand post.

Saints finally made the breakthrough in the 37th minute from an opportunity created by Dene Cassells. The Saints central defender made a good interception on the half-way line and made a driving run forward which was halted unceremoniously 28 yards from goal by Derik McGrory earning the Star defender the game's second yellow card.

Willie Gemmill sent the free kick from the right across Raymond Brown. The Star keeper got his finger tips to it but turned the ball onto the inside of his left hand post and into the net.

The final action of the first half saw Star defender David Cunningham become the third name in Mr Tedford's notebook for a late challenge on Paul Carmichael.

The first half pattern continued in the opening stages of the second half with Saints playing some good football but still unable to find the incisive pass to unlock the well-organised home defence.

Willie Gemmill had another



Dene Cassells, No 5, heads over the bar during the first half of Saturday's SAFL Premier Division league encounter against Ferguslie Star in Paisley.

Match report and photos: Derek Black

opportunity to display his dead ball prowess in the 49th minute when Dean Smith was bundled over 20 yards from goal when trying to get on the end of a cut back from Myles McAuley. Willie lifted the ball up and over the five-man Star wall, easily beating the keeper, but was denied by quick thinking from David Brown who dropped back to hook the ball off the goal-line and over the crossbar.

Saints put together their best move of the match in the 54th minute with Paul Carmichael and Dean Smith linking up well to send Paul spinning in behind the Star defence. Paul's run on the right was tracked by Darren Wilson but the Saints man beat the Star left back and cut

back onto his left foot before firing in a shot which Raymond Brown did well to push over the crossbar.

Just as in the first half, Saints left the back door for the hosts to nip in and help themselves to another goal in the 59th minute. Dene Cassells missed an attempted clearance 10 yards inside his own half and, with no cover behind him, David Edwards ran through unchallenged to slot a good finish past Thomas McCulloch.

Three minutes later, the Saints' keeper had to look lively to tip over a 25-yard shot from Andrew Turner after the Star midfielder had robbed Scott Maitland inside the centre circle.

Saints defended the resulting

corner kick well and launched a swift counter attack with Dean Smith sending Paul Carmichael tearing up the right wing. Paul once again had the beating of Darren Wilson and sent a low cross along the six-yard line which Craig MacEwan met at the back post sending the ball high into the net past Raymond Brown to make the score 3-2.

Manager Alex Craik then made the first of his changes bringing on Brian Mackay for his first appearance of the season to replace Dean Smith.

The change in personnel also brought about a switch to a 4-4-2 formation with Mackay adding his all-action style to the Saints midfield.

Barely two minutes later Saints drew level with Craig MacEwan again slamming home at the back post from a Paul Carmichael cross after Myles McAuley had sent the big striker wide with an excellent through ball.

After working extremely hard to get themselves back in the game, Saints again pressed the self destruct button. Scott Maitland saw yellow for a late challenge on second half Star substitute Stephen McCormick conceding a free kick 10 yards inside the Saints half.

The visitors repelled the free kick but couldn't fully clear their lines with Myles McAuley conceding a further free kick in an almost identical position to that from which Willie Gemmill had scored for Saints

in the first half. Derik McGrory stepped up and curled a wonderful finish into the top corner leaving Thomas McCulloch firmly rooted to the spot.

Saints went in search of a second equaliser with Dene Cassells hooking over a Willie Gemmill free kick after Myles McAuley had his heels clipped racing through from midfield.

With 15 minutes remaining, Alex Craik made his final changes bringing on Dougal Graham and Matthew Kelly to replace Willie Gemmill and Paul Kerr.

Dene Cassells picked up an 82nd minute booking which he would later regret for a foul midway inside the Star half.

A fairly innocuous looking straight delivery from the free kick should have been easily dealt with by the Saints defence. However, Marc Maccallum sliced his attempted clearance behind him allowing David Edwards to stroll in and slot the ball beyond a bemused Thomas McCulloch.

This latest calamity failed to knock the stuffing completely out of the determined Saints and they kept plugging away looking for a way back into the match.

With the watch ticking past the 90 minute mark, Saints gave themselves a glimmer of hope of salvaging a draw when Craig MacEwan burst through to meet a Brian Mackay pass and calmly lifted the ball over the head of the advancing goal-

Football

keeper and into the unguarded net to complete his hat-trick.

The late drama didn't end there and Saints looked to have sprung the Star offside trap once again in the 92nd minute. However, the referee gave the benefit of a tight decision in favour of the home side sparking a furious backlash from the Saints players and sideline.

Unsurprisingly the complaints fell on deaf ears with Dene Cassells continuing his complaints too long for the referee's liking, earning himself a red card in the process.

The game restarted with Raymond Brown launching the free kick up field and the full time whistle sounded before Saints could launch another attack.

Manager Alex Craik was gutted after the game. He said: 'I thought we played well and were the better side for long spells in the game, but the goals we gave away were poor and all preventable. It's not like us to be giving goals away like we did today. Christmas certainly came early for Ferguslie.'

The Oban side have no game this weekend but are back on West of Scotland Cup duty away to Petershall Villa on Saturday October 22.

This game will be played at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge, kick-off 1.30pm, with extra time and penalties if required.

Lochaber High School hosts basketball festival

ONE-HUNDRED and forty primary schools attended this six pupils from eight local



Winning team from the morning sessions.

Lochaber High School. The event, organised by the PE department and Active Schools staff, with high school pupils helping to run the day, was the first time many of the P7s had visited the high school.

The pupils were split into teams on arrival, giving them a chance to meet, mix and work with P7s from other schools in preparation for next year's transition into first year.

The festival was split into two sessions, one in the morning attended by Banavie, Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar, Lundavra, St Columba's RC and Invergarry, and one in the afternoon attended by Caol, Inverloch and Spean pupils.

Each team was managed on the day by an S2 pupil having prepared for the role as part of the sports leadership elective run by PE teacher Mrs Clark.

The S2 team managers looked after their players, giving support, advice and feedback.

S5 pupils Amy Disher, Brandon Lopez, Mairi Duncan and Cian Kirk refereed the games, ensuring fair play.

At the basketball festival, with matches taking place on three courts simultaneously, each team played six others in a round robin format. Points were awarded for wins and draws. In the morning session, after a play-off between the two highest scoring teams, the winners'

medals were won by Cory Muir and Erin Clarke, both from Banavie, Arda Yuksel, Coreen Mulvey and Ewen Gibb from Lundavra and Emma Campbell and Michael O'Meara from St Columba's RC, managed by Alexander Kennedy.

In the afternoon, the team managed by Kia Sims took top billing.

Congratulations to Sarah Harper and Ewan MacKenzie from Caol, Archie Bowman from Inverloch and Sarah Louise Buchanan from Spean Bridge.

Active Schools Co-ordinator Bridget Thomas said: 'It's great to see so many pupils, both primary and secondary, enjoying



The afternoon's winning team.

themselves, taking part in sport and working together. The high school pupils were instrumental in the success of this festival and many others run through-

Basketball

out the year. Thanks also go to Lochaber High School PE department for their support.'

Personal best times tumble at Mid Argyll Dolphins trials



Nine-year-old Innes Cameron receives the September swimmer of the month prize from Dave Danson, general manager of new club sponsor Landcatch. 06_a40dolphins02

THE FIRST time trials at Mid Argyll Dolphins swimming club have been completed, with excellent results for young members.

In the juniors, Anya Gritten and Tom West achieved three personal best (PB) times, with two for Jacob Potter, who took six seconds off his 40m butterfly best.

Rhona Love, Ellen Moir, Alasdair Toner and Hannah Young attended their first time trials with the Dolphins.

New records
Six new club records were set in the senior ranks.

Innes Cameron set three records, Ben Maddox two and there was one for Lorne Barrie. Megan Danson matched Jilly Lefebvre's 40m freestyle record.

A clean sweep of first places was achieved by Ruby Bosomworth, Innes Cameron, Megan Danson and Oliver Summer. There were PBs for Innes Cameron (five); Euan Gilmour, Eillie Gregory and

Swimming

Ruth Neville (four); and Megan Danson (three).

Eillie slashed 10 seconds from her 40m butterfly best; Ruth was 15 seconds quicker than before in her individual medley; a massive 22 seconds was chopped off Innes' previous 40m butterfly best; and Euan Gilmour also cut 22 seconds from his previous fastest time in the individual medley, while slashing 10 seconds from his 40m freestyle best and 15 seconds from his PB in the butterfly.

The fastest swimmers in the club are:

14 years and over - Lorne Barrie - 40m freestyle (25.12 seconds) and butterfly (30.81 seconds). Ruby Bosomworth - 40m back crawl (30.58). Felix Maddox - 40m breaststroke (33.12)

12-13 years - Megan Danson - 100m individual medley (1 minute 25.02 seconds)



Members of Mid Argyll Dolphins gather to hear the time trial results. 06_a40dolphins01

Mull win the battle of North Argyll

Isle of Mull	48
Argyll and Bute	0
BT West Division Four	

IN WHAT was dubbed 'the battle of North Argyll', Mull played some of their best rugby of the season so far against local rivals Argyll and Bute RFC – but the casualty count was high.

Both weather and pitch conditions were nearly perfect as a good crowd waited in anticipation of the neighbours'

first meeting of the season. Argyll and Bute had interestingly overtaken Mull in the league after their win against Hyndland the previous week, and must have sailed across the Sound with high hopes. The home team fielded a strong squad, welcoming Hamish Cumming to the front row for his debut. Meanwhile, the back line saw the return of Tobermory's Douglas Swinbanks, who was to have a decisive influence throughout the afternoon.

Within the first 30 seconds of the kick off, former club captain and talismanic back row Alex Craig seriously injured his ankle in a collision. He was substituted, and later flown off the island for treatment. This unlucky start unfortunately became one of the themes of the match, with quite a few serious injuries occurring on both sides – not through malice it must be stressed, however.

Mull picked themselves up and made a strong start. They

Rugby

were rewarded when veteran James Gibbons opened the scoring after 10 minutes, getting to the line and scoring after a dummy. Shortly after, some great interpassing between the islanders saw Angus MacLeannan from Aros score after being set up by Sean Black. Mull were 10-0 up after 20 minutes.

A contender for try of the season was next – a great break from Sean Black with some quality offloading allowing Stuart Crichton in. An Andrew MacLeannan conversion made it 17-0.

Bonus point

Just before half-time the Muileachs earned their bonus point when a break from Stuart Crichton allowed Craig O'Donnell to get on the score sheet. It has to be said that Mull's style of free-flowing rugby was greatly encouraged by the excellent performance by referee Davie Jamieson, who controlled all aspects of the game but still allowed the play to flow.

Mull's form continued in the second half as Angus MacLeannan bagged another try, and Stuart Crichton got his hat-trick. The score was now 41-0 against a now 14-man Argyll, who were still putting



One of the many hard-fought scrums during the game at Garmony.



Mull win this lineout during Saturday's match against Argyll and Bute.

up a valiant defence. The first aiders on duty were again kept busy as debutante Hamish Cumming was helped off with a serious hip injury, later having to attend the hospital in Oban. Meanwhile, several Argyll players were injured on the pitch, receiving treatment simultaneously.

Mull's final try came from a MacLeannan brothers' double act, Andrew both scoring and converting. With yet another

serious injury for Argyll and yet another visit from the ambulance, the referee wisely decided to blow the whistle 15 minutes early. The final score was 48-0.

Professionalism

Praise has to be given to the Red Cross team, ambulance crew and off-duty first responder for their professionalism in dealing with all of the incidents

The win now raises the boys in black and white to third

place in the league. Club captain Craig O'Donnell said 'it was an absolutely terrific result for Mull Rugby and great to see the team back at their best. On behalf of the team, I'd like to wish a speedy recovery for everyone with serious injuries and look forward to the return match in two weeks.' Mull face Argyll again in their next match, in Oban, on October 22 in what is sure to be an intriguing encounter.

Difficult conditions as Stewart wins Tighnabruaich open shoot

THE Tighnabruaich open shoot was held at the Glendaruel and Colintravae Shooting Ground at the end of last month with 27 guns present.

Unlike last year's pleasant weather, throughout the day heavy showers and a high wind made shooting very difficult.

The field competed for four trophies, with the aggregate score determining the cash prizes. The competition was in three parts with two 'down the line' competitions of 15 and 25 clays, followed by five random pairs. This combination gave a maximum score of 145 points including the difficult pairs.

Stewart McNeill, East Kilbride, took first place and the Pat Currie Memorial Trophy with 141 points out of a possible maximum of 145. This was exceptional shooting in the difficult conditions. Gordon Griffiths, Garelochhead, posted a 136 to take second place. The McQuiston Trophy was won by Paul Chalmers, Cairndow, with 132 points which included a clear round of 45 ex 45 in the 15 bird down-the-line round. Close behind, David Milton, Dumbarton, was in fourth place, and took the G Cameron Shield with 130 points.

Clay target shooting

This included a maximum 75 ex 75 points in the 25 bird down-the-line round. John Gilchrist, Campbeltown, was in fifth place on 128.

The difficult doubles round for the Ardlamont Trophy was won by Stewart McNeill with a maximum possible score of 25 ex 25 points. It is a great credit to the standard of shooting, despite the conditions, that a maximum score was achieved in each of the three rounds.

Thank

The club wishes to thank all the members and visitors who helped to run the shoot, in particular Pat Currie and Ann McPhail for providing the excellent refreshments.

A good day's shooting where stoic shooters triumphed over the weather.

Glendaruel and Colintravae Gun Club welcomes persons interested to try clay target shooting. A short tutored session can be arranged, supervised by a senior club member. For further details, please contact Alex Gray on 01369 703444.



Prize-winners from the Tighnabruaich open shoot were David Milton, Stewart McNeill, Paul Chalmers and Gordon Griffiths.

Highland too good for Lochaber

Rugby

LOCHABER travelled away to Highland Reds last weekend with a depleted squad. However, they put in a big shift against Highland but a numbers advantage showed for Highland.

Christopher Simpson scored Lochaber's only try of the game, with Jonathan McCook converting and also scoring a penalty. The final score was Highland 68, Lochaber 10.

Lochaber are at home to Moray this Saturday with a 3pm kick-off where they will be looking to get their first win of the season.

Winning numbers Lottery

THIS week's Ballachulish Shinty Club lottery numbers were 4, 6 and 9. There were no winners so the jackpot rises to £1,000 for next week's draw.

The numbers for the Caol Regeneration lottery draw were 3, 12 and 20. There were no winners so next week's prize fund stands at £400.

Lochaber Shinty Club's winning numbers were 3, 18 and 20. Mary Chalmers of Spean Bridge £100. Next week's jackpot is £100.



Friday mornings are eagerly awaited throughout the summer by Lorn Resource Centre, as they arrive at Oban Bowling Club for fun sessions and refreshments. Here they pose for a group photo on their last visit before the green closes for the winter.



Members of Oban indoor and outdoor bowling clubs joined forces to compete for the Alistair MacNab Memorial Trophy on a glorious afternoon on Saturday October 1. The winning skip Gerry Flannigan shows the cup to his team-mates Norrie Etherson and Richard Baldwin – only the panther looks unimpressed!

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SHINTY

Best for all shinty news, results and fixtures

Oban Celtic lift South One silverware

NEWTONMORE continued their winning ways and it's all becoming a bit clearer at the bottom of the Marine Harvest Premiership following the shinty action on Saturday October 8.

Marine Harvest Premiership

Oban Camanachd 1

Newtonmore 5

Seven-time title winners Newtonmore turned in another good performance to beat second-placed Oban Camanachd 5-1 in their 1pm throw up at Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd manager Iain Hay was without the injured Garry Lord and David Lafferty but Scott McKillop was free of suspension and started in defence. Andrew MacCuish also returned to the Oban Camanachd starting line-up after missing the win over Lovat at Balgate a week earlier. Gary McKerracher was included after missing the Lovat game but was named as one of the Oban Camanachd substitutes.

Newtonmore boss Paul John MacKintosh had Paul MacArthur free of a one-match ban which saw him miss the previous weekend's title-clinching 7-1 victory over Kinlochshiel at Kirkton and Neil Stewart was still injured.

Oban Camanachd shocked the champions by taking the lead after only 20 seconds. The ball was played up the line to Daniel MacVicar who squared the ball to Malcolm Clark who was between the penalty spot and the 'D'.

Clark stopped the ball which allowed Andrew MacCuish to drive it into the bottom left

corner of the net to make it 1-0.

It didn't take Newtonmore long to regain their composure though and Evan Menzies found the back of the net with a half-volley after seven minutes to make it 1-1.

Norman Campbell scored twice in two minutes on 25 and 26 minutes to make it 3-1 as 'More got a grip of the game. Both goals were rebounds off Oban keeper Gavin Stobbart with Campbell reacting first to knock the ball home. Keeper Gavin Stobbart could have expected more protection from his defenders.

Norman Campbell had the chance to complete his hat-trick from the penalty spot. Evan Menzies had cut in from the wing, past Daniel Cameron, and was brought down inside the 'D' by goalie Stobbart and referee Deek Cameron pointed to the penalty spot. Campbell hit the penalty well enough but Stobbart made a good stop and the chance was gone.

Norman Campbell made amends when he completed his hat-trick with just a couple of first half minutes remaining. Campbell hit a low drive into the net from 10 yards out to make it 4-1.

The game went a bit flat in the second half and Newtonmore took the opportunity to give some of their young substitutes a chance.

Fraser MacKintosh completed the scoring on 78 minutes. Evan Menzies played the ball across the penalty area and MacKintosh finished accurately into the corner of the net past a helpless keeper.

The match completes Oban Camanachd's league season. They are currently in second spot, two points ahead of third-placed Kyles Athletic. The

Tighnabruaich side still have two matches left though – away to Newtonmore this weekend and at home to Kingussie at the end of the month.

A win in either game should see Kyles finish runners-up on goal difference, but Oban Camanachd must be pleased with a season which has seen them consistently competing at the top end of the table as well as reaching the Camanachd Cup Final.

This was Newtonmore's twelfth successive victory and they are determined to remain unbeaten for the rest of the season.

They have dropped only one league point – away to Kyles Athletic who will visit the Eilan this coming Saturday. Newtonmore round off the season at home to Skye Camanachd when they will be presented with the Marine Harvest Premiership trophy.

Kinlochshiel 5

Skye Camanachd 0

Skye Camanachd's top division survival hopes are hanging by a thread after they lost 5-0 to Kinlochshiel at Kirkton.

The sides had already met twice this season, drawing 1-1 in the league in Portree with Kinlochshiel winning 4-3 at the same venue on their way to lifting the Artemis Macaulay Cup.

Kinlochshiel manager Colin Fraser's main absentee in recent weeks has been defender Conor Cormack but the former Beaulieu man made his return from a hand injury suffered in the Camanachd Cup semi-final defeat to Newtonmore eight weeks earlier. Cormack, with an eye on the shinty/hurling international between Scotland and Ireland later this month, came into the defence in place



A jubilant Oban Celtic squad after being presented with the Marine Harvest South Division One Trophy last Saturday.

Photos: Stephen Lawson.

of defender Mark MacDonald who was unavailable.

Skye manager John MacLeod was working so assistant managers Donnie MacDonald and Aonghas MacDonald took charge of the side. They were forced to make changes to the squad which beat Kingussie 2-1 a week earlier at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree. Top scorer Jordan Murchison was ruled out with a hamstring problem whilst Neil John Campbell had a knee injury – both suffered in the Kingussie match. Steven Morrison returned to the defence, whilst fellow defender Chris MacLennan was also back but started on the bench.

Kinlochshiel made a strong start to the match with Skye looking shaky at the back. Skye created the first real chance on seven minutes, however, when Iain Nicolson was unable to control a low Kenny Campbell cross from the left and the home defence cleared the danger.

Play quickly switched down the slope where John MacRae rounded Skye goalie Jamie Gannon, but Steven Morrison got back onto the goal line to block MacRae's goal-bound effort with his mid-rift.

Jamie Gannon had to move quickly to his left to keep out an Oliver MacRae snap-shot on 21 minutes.

A couple of minutes later, Skye lost wing back Ally 'Spod' MacLeod with a suspected dislocated finger. Chris MacLennan came on at wing centre with Neil MacVicar dropping back into defence and Gillesbuig MacDonald going to full centre.

'Shiel were edging closer to the opening goal and Jamie Gannon used his caman to turn a Keith MacRae strike from the left away for a corner.

The home side went in front on 29 minutes when Keith MacRae played the ball down the right flank to John MacRae who crossed to the back post where Jordan Fraser controlled the ball before stabbing it home at the second attempt.

Kinlochshiel went 2-0 ahead in controversial circumstances on 36 minutes. Jordan Fraser burst through the heart of the Skye defence, kicking the ball just before he took it round keeper Jamie Gannon to score. Goal Judge Eoghan Stewart flagged for the infringement but referee Evan MacRae judged that the kick was not deliberate and allowed the goal to stand to the fury of the Skye camp.

Skye went back up the park and, a couple of minutes later, a Will Cowie shot from the left flicked off the ground on the way across 'Shiel keeper Scott Kennedy but the ball came back off the post.

Skye were forced into a second change a minute before the break when Gillesbuig MacDonald was withdrawn with a shoulder injury. Ally 'Cleod' MacLeod came on in his place.

There was a tousy start to the second half and both teams made changes around 10 minutes after the re-start.

John Don MacKenzie came

on at wing centre for 'Shiel whilst Skye made a positional switch with recently-named Scotland U21 defender John Gillies and forward Iain Nicolson swapping roles.

Kinlochshiel added a third on 71 minutes when John MacRae was allowed too much space 15 yards from goal and his shot went into the corner of the net with Jamie Gannon stretching his foot to the right in vain.

Gordie MacDonald and Iain Nicolson were spoken to by referee Evan MacRae after a late spat but both got away with a warning.

Two late goals put gloss on the final score. First, a turn and shot from Duncan 'DA' MacRae, on as a substitute for Alasdair Nixon, made it 4-0 with 81 minutes played.

Skye lost defender Steven Morrison with a foot injury and Iain Murray came on in his place.

Then, with a couple of minutes remaining, Jordan Fraser picked out Keith MacRae at the edge of the 'D' and MacRae had time to pick his spot to make it 5-0.

Fourth-placed Kinlochshiel's final home league match of the season comes this weekend when fifth-placed Lovat visit Kirkton.

Skye, who have a mounting injury list, have two matches remaining – at home to Fort William this coming weekend and away to Newtonmore at the end of the month. They must win both to have a chance of escaping relegation back to the Marine Harvest National Division.

Kyles Athletic 4

Lochaber 1

Doubles from Gordon Whyte and Scott MacDonald helped Kyles Athletic to a 4-1 win over Lochaber at Tighnabruaich.

Kyles were still without the injured Grant Irvine, Roddy MacDonald and Dunkie Kerr and they only had one substitute. Andrew King was back though and he had an excellent game in the less familiar role of wing forward.

Lochaber travelled without keeper Callum MacDonald who was at defender Lachlan Campbell's wedding in Mexico. Their other absentees included Martin Johnstone, Pat Toal and Zandz Ferguson. There was a debut in goal for Grant Matheson.

Gordon Whyte put Kyles in front on seven minutes and Scott MacDonald made it 2-0 on 17 minutes.

Shaun Nicolson pulled a goal back for Lochaber on 65 minutes when his well-stuck 20 yard shot nestled in the bottom corner of the net to make it 2-1.

Kyles struck twice in the last 15 minutes to settle the outcome. Scott MacDonald got his second on 75 minutes and, five minutes later, Gordon Whyte got his second to make it 4-1.

Kyles Athletic's final two matches are away to Newtonmore this coming Saturday and at home to Kingussie at the end of the month and they know that their goal difference is such that two more points



Oban Celtic captain Daniel Madej with the South Division One championship trophy.

should be enough to secure a second spot finish.

It was the end of an era for Lochaber. With Lachlan Campbell having already announced his retirement from first team shinty, this was a last match at senior level for Neil MacDonald. Both players have been loyal and committed servants to the Spean Bridge club for around 20 years.

Lochaber's league programme is now complete and they know that Skye have to beat Fort William in Portree and Newtonmore at the Eilan to threaten the Spean Bridge men's top flight status.

Marine Harvest National Division

Ballachulish 0

Beaulieu 7

Ballachulish and Beaulieu completed the Marine Harvest National Division fixture programme when they met at Jubilee Park.

Beaulieu got off to a flying start and led 3-0 after nine minutes. A quick-fire Jack MacDonald double on five and six minutes made it 2-0 and Calum Morrison added a third on nine minutes.

Robbie Brindle made it 4-0 on 29 minutes and that's the way it stayed until the break.

Jack MacDonald completed his hat-trick on the hour mark with what was his 32nd goal of the season.

A second from Robbie Brindle on 76 minutes rounded off the scoring to give fourth placed Beaulieu the points, whilst Ballachulish finish their league campaign at the bottom of the table.

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Kinlochshiel 0

Skye Camanachd 2

The Skye Camanachd second team scored a goal in each half to beat their Kinlochshiel counter-parts 2-0 in the reserve team derby at Kirkton.

Kinlochshiel boss Willie MacRae was unavailable for this noon throw up so first team keeper Scott Kennedy took charge of the side. He welcomed both Jonnie MacAskill and Douglas Campbell back from suspension but forward

Neil Fraser was missing.

Skye Camanachd second team manager Davie Pringle made a number of changes to the squad which lost 3-2 to the Fort William second team in their league match in Portree a week earlier. He gave youth a chance with six players from the club's U17 side, which has reached the 2016 London Shield Final, included in the pool.

Skye created the first real chance of the game when full forward Ryan Morrison slipped the ball to Ruairaidh MacLeod but his effort looped over the bar.

'Shiel came close to taking the lead when Scott MacLean gathered the ball wide on the right, but Skye goalie Iain MacLeod made a fantastic save as he stretched to tip away his effort just under the crossbar.

The opening goal came on 43 minutes. Ruairaidh MacLeod played a quick one-two with Ryan Morrison and MacLeod's shot from the left of the 'D' flew past Raymond Gillies in the 'Shiel goal.

Both teams had chances before Skye sealed the win. And it was two of the islanders' substitutes who combined to double their team's advantage.

Good battling from Skye captain David Grant, on at full forward in place of Ryan Morrison, released the ball to the Skye left where youngster Martin Pringle, who had just taken over from Daniel Morrison, drove the ball low into the net with his first touch of the match. Skye now led 2-0 with 62 minutes played.

There were late bookings for Kinlochshiel's Duncan Campbell and Skye's Andrew Banks, with referee Iain Kennedy flashing yellow cards following a flare up.

This was the final league game of the season for both sides and the victory lifts Skye up to fourth spot in the division although they will drop a place if the Glenurquhart seconds win their final match of the season at home to the Fort William seconds this coming Saturday.

Fort William 0

Kingussie 3

The Kingussie reserves beat the Fort William reserves 3-0 in their noon throw up at An Aird.



Oban Camanachd's Scott MacMillan and Newtonmore's Glen MacKintosh in action during last weekend's premiership match at Mossfield Stadium. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Camanachd Cup Macaulay Cup MacTavish Cup Celtic Society Cup

Sutherland Cup Balliemore Cup Strathdearn Cup Bullough Cup



Fort William had Mark Grant at full back, whilst Arran MacPhee, recently named in the Scotland U21 squad, continued his rehabilitation from injury with a full centre role.

Kevin Thain was back to lead the Kingussie attack after missing the previous weekend's defeat to Newtonmore. There were also places for Robert Mabon, Darren Hanlan and Ryan MacWilliam.

Ruaridh Anderson gave Kingussie a first-half lead when he scored from a Kevin Thain pass.

Kevin Thain blasted the ball into the net from distance to make it 2-0 at the break.

Ruaridh Anderson made it 3-0 at the start of the second half with his second goal of the game. Anderson's shot from the edge of the 'D' took a deflection on its way into the net.

Kingussie's winning margin could have been greater had it not been for some fine saves from Fort William goalie Donnie Walker.

Kingussie will finish third in the league, irrespective of the outcome of their final match against Lovat.

Glenorchy full forward Graham Morrice just before half time.

In the second half, Taynuilt could not make the extra man count as Glenorchy veteran defence of McNulty, MacKechnie and MacDougall kept Taynuilt at bay.

The visitors were awarded a penalty in the 65th minute, but Steven Parr's effort was wide of the goal. Taynuilt did have the ball in the net but it was correctly disallowed for an infringement.

Despite being a man down, Glenorchy put the visitors under pressure in the last ten minutes and it was Taynuilt's back line of Parr, McLaren and Neilson who held firm until full time.

A point each was about the right result as neither team deserved to win. The point apiece was enough to ensure both teams stay in Division One next season.

If Taynuilt can beat Aberdour next Saturday they will move into the top half of the league and have still to play Inveraray at home.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

**Oban Celtic 8
Kyles Athletic 0**
Marine Harvest South Division 1 champions Oban Celtic finished a fine season in style with an 8-0 victory over the Kyles Athletic colts in their 3.30pm throw up at Mossfield.

Oban Celtic went into the game in fine fettle and, with the title already in the bag, they had a trophy presentation to look forward to at the end of the game whilst a depleted Kyles Athletic party travelled with just 11 players.

Daniel Madej opened the scoring on 11 minutes whilst Ally McKerracher made it 2-0 on 28 minutes.

Madej went on to complete a first half hat-trick with goals on 33 and 38 minutes and a second from McKerracher on 44 minutes made it 5-0 at half time.

Ally McKerracher completed his hat-trick on 57 minutes whilst two late goals added gloss to the win.

Andy MacDonald added a seventh with 10 minutes remaining whilst it was perhaps fitting that man of the match George MacMillan rounded off the scoring 60 seconds later to make it 8-0.

After referee Robert Baxter's final whistle, Camanachd Association Chief Operating Officer Torquil MacLeod presented the Marine Harvest South Division 1 trophy to Oban Celtic captain Daniel Madej.

Speaking after the game, Oban Celtic player/manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'It's been a long season.'

'We started training in January but it's been well worth all the time and effort we've all put in.'

'I'm delighted for the boys and the club to get their hands on some silverware. We will enjoy the break and re-group at the turn of the year.'

There's no question the National Division will be a tough task but it's one we look forward to. Personally, I would love a crack at leading the team in the National Division next year but I'm still unsure what the future holds.'

Glenorchy 0 Taynuilt 0

Glenorchy hosted Taynuilt in a local derby at the Mart Park on Saturday.

Both teams were in need of points in the relegation struggle at the foot of the table.

The first half was hard fought, with long grass making it impossible to play a passing game.

Referee Scott McNeil, who had an excellent game, needed eyes in the back of his head as both teams resorted to late challenges and off-the-ball incidents which culminated in a straight red card for the

Marine Harvest North Division 2

**Inverness 0
Aberdeen University 3**
Champions Aberdeen University rounded off their season with a 3-0 win over the Inverness second team in their 2pm throw-up at the Bught Park.

Former Lewis Camanachd player Scott Murray gave the Aberdeen side a 12th minute lead. Alex Duncan made it 2-0 on 27 minutes.

The visitors tightened their grip of the game a minute later when Stuart Cameron made it 3-0. All three goals came from good play from the Aberdeen forwards.

Some good defending and several good stops from Inverness keeper Ally Fraser prevented the free-scoring Aberdeen side from adding to their lead.

Camanachd Association director and former Aberdeen University stalwart Steven MacKenzie presented the Marine Harvest North Division 2 trophy to Aberdeen Camanachd University captain Greg Tillman.

The students, who finish their 18 match league campaign with a 100 per cent record, travelled to the Highland capital by train and they were sure to be in celebratory mode as they made the train journey back to the Granite City.

Lochcarron W/O v Lochaber

Second-placed Lochcarron were given a walk-over when the Lochaber colts were unable to field a team for their match at Battery Park.

Lochaber's resources were stretched as they had a number of first team absences for their visit to Tighnabruach.

Caberfeidh P Kilmallie P

The Kilmallie seconds were unable to raise a team for their trip to Castle Leod to play the Caberfeidh seconds so the home team have been awarded the points.

Marine Harvest South Division 2

**Dunoon Camanachd 2
Aberdour 5**
Aberdour's second team fought off a determined Dunoon Camanachd challenge to eventually win 5-2 in their noon throw up.

The home side twice fought back from a goal down before the visitors sealed the win with three goals in the last half hour of the contest.

Kieran Burns put Aberdour ahead on 12 minutes but a goal from Roddy Cairns on 38 minutes meant the sides went into the break level.

The second half was just three minutes old when Jamie Anderson put Aberdour back

in front but Jonathon Black scored on 56 minutes to pull Dunoon level for a second time.

Three goals in the last half hour gave the Fife side the points. Jamie Anderson went on to complete his hat-trick when he netted on 60 and 68 minutes and Craig Girvan rounded off the 5-2 win when he found the back of the net with 20 minutes remaining.

The win keeps the Aberdour seconds ahead of Dunoon at the bottom of the table.

2016 Mod Cup

Lewis Camanachd and Skye Camanachd's second team will meet at Shawbost to compete for the 2016 Mod Cup on Saturday October 15.

The Mod Cup is contested between the two shinty teams based closest to that particular year's Royal National Mod.

Oban Camanachd are the current holders. Lewis Camanachd were previous winners in 2011 when they beat Uist Camanachd 2-0. Three time winners Skye Camanachd's last success came in 1998 although the Kyleakin youths were winners in Harris in 2001.

Lewis Camanachd haven't played competitively since they beat the Inverness second team 4-1 at Shawbost on Saturday September 3. Duncan MacIntyre's side should be along usual lines, although Innes Lamont is likely to be missing and there is a doubt as to whether former Skye player Stuart Campbell will be available to face his former club.

The Skye colts go into the match on the back of a 2-0 derby win over the Kinlochshiel colts.

They will be without Ally 'Cleodh' MacLeod who will be on first team duty whilst youngsters Ruaraidh MacLeod, Connor Gilpin and Ross Gordon are on holiday.

Throw up is at 2pm.

2016 London Shield semi-final

The 2016 London Shield semi-final between Beaulieu U17 and Oban Camanachd U17 has been rescheduled once more; this time to Saturday October 29.

The tie was originally moved as it was to take place at An Aird in the lead up to the Camanachd Cup Final between Oban Camanachd and Newtonmore with Oban youngsters Daniel MacVicar and Ross MacMillan involved with both the youths and the seniors.

The rearranged date of Sunday October 9 coincided with the school holidays so the game will now take place at An Aird on Saturday October 29.

Throw up is at 1.30pm and Deek Cameron is the match referee. The match will be played to a finish. There will be 40 minutes each way and 10 minutes each way extra-time and penalties if necessary.

The winners will play Skye Camanachd in the 2016 London Shield final on Saturday November 5.



Kinlochshiel's number 9 Keith Macrae squeezes goal number five past Skye keeper Jamie Gannon. Photo: Neil Paterson.

Ronald Ross names Scotland shinty/hurling squad

SCOTLAND head coach Ronald Ross has named his senior squad for the 2016 Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international against Ireland at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday October 22.

Ross has included four new

Stuart MacDonald – Lovat
John Barr – Glenurquhart
Rory Kennedy – Newtonmore
Steven MacDonald – Newtonmore
Conor Cormack – Kinlochshiel
Lee Bain – Kingussie
Andy MacKintosh – Newtonmore
Mark MacDonald – Kinlochshiel
Daniel Cameron – Oban Camanachd
Lorne Dickie – Oban Camanachd

caps with places for Oban Camanachd's Lorne Dickie, Kingussie's Thomas Borthwick, Lovat's Greg Matheson as well as Andy MacKintosh from Newtonmore.

One-off match
The 2015 double-header

saw the Scots win 24-14 at the Bught Park before going down 16-14 to the Irish at Croke Park four weeks later.

This year's contest will be a one-off match in Inverness with the Marine Harvest Quaiach at stake.

Read the thoughts of Scotland head coach Ronald Ross in next week's Oban Times

SCOTLAND Under 21 head coach Allan MacRae has named his squad for the shinty/hurling international

against Ireland U21 at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday October 22.

Camanachd defender John Gillies is amongst the new caps as is Oban Camanachd youngster Daniel MacVicar.

Cameron Sutherland – Ballachulish
Rory MacKeachan – Kingussie
Ewen Campbell – Beaulieu
Michael MacKenzie – Lovat
Euan Lloyd – Glenurquhart
Blair Morrison – Caberfeidh
Callum Grant – Kingussie
John Gillies – Skye Camanachd
Innes Blackhall – Kilmallie
Danny Kelly – Lovat

Barry MacDonald – Lochaber
Will Cowie – Skye Camanachd
Oliver MacRae – Kinlochshiel
Savio Genini – Kingussie
Arran MacPhee – Fort William
Daniel MacVicar – Oban Camanachd
Charlie MacDonald – Inverness
John McNulty – Glasgow Mid Argyll
Craig Morrison – Caberfeidh
Nick Dalgety – Lochcarron

Innes Wood to referee shinty/hurling international

FORT William official Innes Wood has been confirmed as match referee for the Marine Harvest shinty/hurling international between Scotland

and Ireland at Bught Park, Inverness, on Saturday October 22.

Took charge
Grade 1 referee Innes Wood

previously took charge of a meeting between the Scots and the Irish at the Bught Park in 2014 which Scotland won 23-14.



Camanachd Association director Steven MacKenzie, back row left, presented Aberdeen University with the North Division Two championship trophy. Photo: Donald Cameron.



Fixtures

Saturday October 15
Marine Harvest Premiership
Kinlochshiel v Lovat
John Angus Gillies
Newtonmore v Kyles Athletic
Innes Wood - 1pm
Skye v Fort William
Graham Cameron

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Glenurquhart v Fort William
Martin MacLean

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Taynuilt v Aberdour
Deek Cameron

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Kilmallie v Inverness
Iain Kennedy

Throw-ups 2.30pm, unless stated.

Womens Camanachd Association
Sunday October 16
Marine Harvest North Division 2
Strathglass v Strathspey

Results

Saturday October 8
Marine Harvest Premiership
Kinlochshiel 5 v Skye 0
Kyles Ath 4 v Lochaber 1
Oban Cam 1 v Newtonmore 5

Marine Harvest National Division
Ballachulish 0 v Beaulieu 7

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Fort William 0 v Kingussie 3
Kinlochshiel 5 v Skye 0

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Glenorchy 0 v Taynuilt 0
Oban Celtic 8 v Kyles Ath 0

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Caberfeidh P v Kilmallie P
Inverness 0 v Aberdeen Uni 3
Lochcarron w/o v Lochaber

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Dunoon 2 v Aberdour 5

Lochaber High School win 2016 Wade Cup

LOCHABER High School won the 2016 Wade Cup at the Dell on Wednesday October 5.

The tournament took place in Kingussie with Kingussie, Lochaber, Plockton and Glenurquhart secondary schools all playing each other in 30-minute games.

All the league matches were closely contested and fiercely competitive. Kingussie topped the league on maximum points with Lochaber clinching second place so these teams went forward to the tournament final.

Lochaber made the all-important breakthrough in the second half with an excellent individual goal from Lewis Clark.

Lochaber could have increased their lead minutes later when Victor Smith found himself in space at the back post but his snapshot hit the post and was cleared by the Kingussie defence.

Kingussie pressed for an equaliser but Lochaber stood firm and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Tommy Wade from Kingussie, who donated the trophy in 1974, presented Lochaber captain Callum MacDougall with the Wade Cup.

Craggy Island Triathlon proves to be another big success



Host of BBC Scotland's *The Adventure Show* and Deacon Blue drummer Dougie Vipond was one of the contestants in the Craggy Island Triathlon. Photo: Stephen Lawson

AROUND 500 competitors took part in the annual Craggy Island Triathlon last weekend.

The event, which is organised by Dirty Events, raises money for Oban Mountain Rescue Team.

Paul McGreal of Dirty Events said: 'It was absolutely fantastic and the good weather helped. Kerrera being beautiful also helped with the racing.'

'Around 500 or so racers and around the same amount of spectators came over.'

'So we probably had a thousand people here [Kerrera] over the weekend.'

Paul also said that a lot of people told him they will be back next year and that they love

being in the area. He added: 'The race is just not possible without the island residents and the farmers being on board. We're really grateful.'

One of the participants was television broadcaster and Deacon Blue drummer Dougie Vipond.

Challenges

Dougie, who finished the race in a time of 02:10:59, is no stranger to mammoth challenges as he is the host of *The Adventure Show*.

The monthly BBC Scotland programme focuses on a couple of events each episode, which are often gruelling, long-distance races.

Paul said: 'He [Dougie] seems

to becoming a triathlete. He did a race in Fort William three weeks ago and now this. I think we can officially call him a triathlete.'

The Craggy Island Triathlon sees competitors swim from Gallanach to the isle of Kerrera, then ride 14km on a mountain bike, before running 8km over the bumpy off-road terrain.

The winning time was Peter Fenwick's time of 01:22:50, followed by Gregor Stewart, who finished 58 seconds after Peter.

The first woman to cross the finish line was Caroline Wallace of Borders Triathletes, with a time of 01:37:04.

Tim Brand, who lives in Oban,

Triathlon

finished in eighth place with a time of 01:31:52.

One of the organisers, Duncan Maceachen, said: 'The event went very well. It was a roaring success and we had great weather.'

'It was a really great effort from Oban Mountain Rescue and all the volunteers - it's very much appreciated. The event could not run without all the help and all the contributions. As an organiser, we just want to thank everyone.'

For a full list of results, visit www.dirtyevents.com.



Swimmers at the start of the race. Photo: R Bott



Determined to make it across to Kerrera. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

Football

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup - Broomlands 2, Campbeltown Pupils 3; Premier Division - Ferguslie Star 5, Oban Saints 4; Premier Division 2A - Lochgilphead Red Star 0, Rossvale 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Premier Division - Oban Saints no game; Campbeltown Pupils v Ferguslie Star; Premier Division One - Rosehill Star v Dunoon; Premier Division 2A - Castlemilk v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division 2B - Strathaven Dynamo v Tarbert.

Oban Saints' youth results and fixtures

Youth football

LAST weekend's results: Under 13s 1, Dumbarton United 1. Scoring for Saints was Innes MacDonald. Under 14s no game; Under 15s 3 Drumchapel United 3. On target for Saints were Euan Finlay, Jamie Forgive and Aidan MacPhee. Under 16s 11 Loch Lomond 0. Saints goalscorers were Rory Dowd (3), Keir MacLean (2), Scot Mossman (2), Cameron Kerr (2), Oran Bryce and Nathan Allan; Under 17s no game.

There are no youth fixtures next week due to school holidays.

Green Machine turn on the style in Helensburgh

Helensburgh	7
Oban Lorne	47
BT West Division 1	

THE GREEN Machine arrived at a sunny Ardencaple in Helensburgh in a confident mood, coach Corrie Louw asking all but one question of the boys during the warm-up - not the calls or lineout codes, but who do you play for? It was a question that every player answered, not only verbally but between the white lines also. This was to be a make or break game for the season ahead down to the poor start to the campaign.

The game started with a Helensburgh kick-off and, after a few phases, Carmichael opted to kick long, Helensburgh retained possession and, on the five-minute mark, the outside centre made a break in the midfield. Good scrambling defence and a turnover saw this attack thwarted but the midfield battle looked like it was going to be a fascinating one. Two minutes later, scrum-half Vasil Borisov make a great dart from the ruck, a Helensburgh defender only just catching him and dragging him to the floor. Both teams were having a go.

Ten minutes in saw a break from cumberstone fullback Calum MacLachlan take Oban deep into the Helensburgh half. After a few phases of quick ball, a knock-on from Dave McCabe

saw a scrum awarded to Helensburgh. The resulting set piece saw Burgh pushed back off their own ball and a penalty awarded to Oban, thanks to invaluable work from the tight five.

Thirteen minutes into the game, Oban were awarded a penalty for a Helensburgh player being offside. Captain Craig Wright opted for the corner with the kick finding the edge of the 22.

From the lineout, Oban set up a back line move that saw the centres hit it up in midfield, a quick ruck and a break from second row Andrew MacDougall probably provided the most comical moment of the match. After ignoring the close support, he opted to throw a 30-meter pass to the wing only to find out the player on the wing was a Helensburgh one. A good giggle for spectators but another sign that Oban were taking control in the match.

Fortunately, for MacDougall the Burgh winger knocked the ball on and a scrum was awarded for Oban 10 meters out. Another huge scrum for Oban saw the home team collapse it but No8 Cameron Smith proved yet again that nothing can stop him that close to the line and, after bumping off two tacklers and dotting down, Oban had scored their first try in more than 100 minutes of rugby.

The next score of the game came from the boot of Carmi-

chael shortly, followed up by another try by Cameron Smith.

A knock-on from Helensburgh saw Oban awarded a scrum five meters out, and a superb kick to touch from centre Dave McCabe was the catalyst for the next Oban score, his kick finding the Burgh five-meter line.

Good disruption at the line-out saw Oban awarded a scrum for a knock-on and another try followed, Lorne MacLachlan touching down. The conversion went wide and the half-time whistle from referee Willie Malone saw Oban leading 20-7.

More of the same was the message from coach Louw, who used all three of his available substitutes at half-time, David McLaughlin making his first appearance this season.

The second half saw no let up from Oban, who ran in a further three tries, the first the icing on the cake for Cameron Smith who completed his hat-trick. The second then came from a quick dash from stand-off Finlay Carmichael, who stood up to the fullback and played in No12 David McCabe for a try under the posts. Lorne MacLachlan scored the third off the back of an uncontested scrum from a pass from Steven Povey after bumping off two tacklers. Carmichael added all three kicks, and a further two conversions taking the final score to 47-7.

This win was a huge relief to the men in green who have been

frustrated with their efforts so far this season. Even more pleasing was the fact that Oban were beaten by a similar score-line by Helensburgh at the end of last season.

Things look like they have finally clicked for the Green

Machine. Further evidence of Oban Lorne's progress will hopefully be seen this Saturday as they entertain third-placed Carrick RFC at Glencruitten. Meetings between the teams have been physical affairs over the past few years and this

Rugby

promises to be another entertaining match. Kick-off 3pm at Glencruitten.

Man of the match: Richard McKay.



Chris Paterson with members of Oban Lorne RFC at the specialist kicking session.

Scotland legend Chris coaches the art of kicking to members of Oban Lorne RFC

A MIXTURE of youth, 1st XV and ladies players were fortunate to attend a specialist kicking session delivered by Scotland legend Chris Paterson at BT Murrayfield last Friday.

The session arranged by Oban Lorne RFC committee member Tommy Sutherland was set up to help Oban centre Alessandro Franzo with his university studies but also acted as a fantastic opportunity for some of the club's players to be exposed to a top level coach.

The players invited by Oban Lorne RFC to attend the sessions were as follows:

Blair MacFarlane, Oban U-13s; Angus Neil, Oban U-16s; Ben MacFarlane Barrow and Andrew Ritchie, Oban U-18s; Alessandro Franzo and Calum MacLachlan, Oban Lorne 1st XV; and Ellie MacNiven, Oban Lorne Ladies.

Oban Lorne RFC would like to thank both Chris Paterson and Scottish Rugby with their help in organising a fantastic day for the players.

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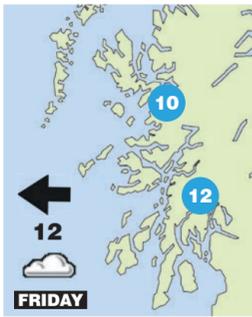
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Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday October 13, 2016** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour) BST)

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Crofting chief to fight on

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CROFTING Commissioner Colin Kennedy is refusing to resign as the group's chairman, saying he was 'elected by crofters' and he'll continue to fight for their rights.

Last week in an unusual step Fergus Ewing MSP called on Mr Kennedy to resign. Mr Kennedy said 'hell will freeze over' before he steps down.

Mr Kennedy claimed it is the government minister is contravening crofters' human rights by not allowing access to their own share of European cash. Mr

Kennedy said: 'The MSP should be standing down himself.'

Mr Kennedy, from Coll, claims he has uncovered cronyism within practice endorsed by the Scottish Government. He said: 'I am being vilified because I am standing up to the government.' Arguments about his conduct will not, he said, 'stop the truth about cronyism within the Crofting Commission come to the fore.'

The influential Crofting Federation also called on Mr Kennedy to resign.

Mr Kennedy, speaking exclusively to *The Oban Times*, said: 'There are practices going on

within grazing committees in some places in Scotland and within the commission that are not fair and equitable.'

'Grazings committees are empowered under section 48 of Crofting Commission legislation, which states their powers. But it does not set them out with any statutory ownership of the land.'

Mr Kennedy believes if the grazing committees do not have any legal 'personable' rights, then they are not eligible to apply for the limited European funding available to crofters and farmers in occupancy of the land through the Scottish Government.

But to date the grazings

committees that have accessed funding, he believes, have potentially done so on behalf of their shareholders (those who have rights under law to use the land) to whom the money rightfully and legally belongs.

Or, if the land has some industry on it – ie, wind turbines – then under legislation 50 per cent of the development is the equitable share to be distributed to crofters through common grazings committees. 'They have no right to keep the money for any other purpose.'

Mr Kennedy said the law provides for compensation for crofters for any piece of land removed from crofters and com-

mon grazings 'and in some cases the crofters are not getting that money'.

Mr Kennedy said it is going into a grazing committee pot that is neither accounted to the tax authorities nor distributed equitably among the shareholders, and in some cases can be used without the express permission to all shareholders – and is being distributed 'willy nilly'. In some cases this can be multi-million-pounds-worth of money.

Mr Kennedy said there is a real crisis in the Scottish Government as it tries to cover its back and leave itself open to legal challenges that could cost it millions.

A Scottish Government spokesman said: 'Serious allegations about Scottish ministers were attributed to Mr Kennedy in the press following the Crofting Commission's meeting in Brora on September 28.'

'The Scottish Government has requested further information from the convenor in relation to these allegations and will give this further consideration, as appropriate. While this matter is ongoing, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity [Mr Ewing] will continue to monitor the situation at the Crofting Commission closely.'

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Trad music world mourns for Angus

RENOWNED Scottish fiddler and the frontman of one of the country's leading folk and Celtic bands, Shooogenifty, has died.

Angus R Grant passed away at home on Sunday following a short illness.

Son of the well-known left-hand fiddle player Aonghas Grant, Angus grew up in Lochaber before heading south to perform with bands Swamptrash and Shooogenifty. The band celebrated its 25th anniversary just last year. The band's Facebook page has been flooded with tributes.

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Obituary – page 27.

Old folk celebrate with free cakes

THE *Oban Times*' team in Fort William visited Invernevis House this week to give readers there some free cake.

As part of the new look newspaper incorporating *Lochaber News* we have been giving away a free slice of sponge cake or cupcake to every reader.

And this week we were with residents at Invernevis House in Fort William serving up cupcakes courtesy of Tanya Warner from Farmstead Fayre.

Deputy manager Nik Grainger helped to give out the cakes to just some of the 29 residents currently at Invernevis.

Manager Kit Cameron said that 'everyone really enjoyed the cake', while Invernevis's best-known resident, William the dog, was disappointed he hadn't managed to sneak a bite.



GP banned for driving at 102mph

A DOCTOR from Appin has lost his driving licence for six months after being caught driving at more than 100 miles per hour.

Stuart Cairns, of Laich Cottage, pled guilty to speeding at Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday. The offence, which saw Cairns clocked at 102.4mph in a 60mph zone, took place on June 5 on the A82 at Loch Ba near Glencoe.

The court heard Cairns, 53, had flown into Glasgow and travelled north after visiting his three children in Somerset. His trip had been slow and when the road opened up he built up his speed and was spotted by police.

Procurator fiscal depute David Morton said: 'The police noticed the vehicle approach at an excessive speed, namely of 102.4 mph. It was, however, noted in the report that the danger was limited to a certain extent as no other cars were around.'

'Further, when Mr Cairns was pulled over around a mile down the road, he was visibly shaken when told the speed.'

This point was reiterated by Cairns's solicitor to which Sheriff James Taylor said: 'Is that not doubled-edged? If he is travelling at that speed, 42 miles per hour over the limit, and does not even realise, then surely he is putting the public in even more danger?'

The solicitor said Cairns knew he was speeding but not by that much as his focus was on the road, not the speedometer. The court was told Cairns is the local GP for Appin and also covers Ballachulish. His surgery takes place Monday to Friday from 8am to noon and he cares for approximately 850 patients, most of whom are elderly. From noon to 3pm, Cairns carries out home visits and therefore a driving licence is essential.

Cairns's guilty plea was to an alternative charge. The original charge was for dangerous driving – Sheriff Taylor reminded Cairns that the punishment for this can

include up to six months imprisonment, disqualification from driving, a requirement to sit an extended test and three to 11 penalty points.

The defence said Cairns was remorseful and asked the sheriff to take into consideration his status as a doctor, pointing out Cairns would not be able to continue to carry out his responsibilities, which include attending ad hoc emergencies without a licence.

Sheriff Taylor said he didn't believe any special treatment was owed to those in the medical profession and disqualified Cairns from driving for six months and imposed a £500 fine.

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Location:
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Booking:
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Tickets:
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New peer support groups starting this month.
See page 2 for more details

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Maryanne Gillies, right, with quality improvement practitioner Pam Burrows, doing their bit to raise sepsis awareness in the Highlands.

Maryanne wins top award for care work

A HEALTH board manager from the Highlands has won a prestigious award for her health-care work.

Maryanne Gillies won the Top Healthcare Manager Scotland 2016 award at the Institute of Healthcare Management's annual conference on October 6.

In nominating Maryanne for the award, the board's chief executive, Elaine Mead, said: 'Maryanne Gillies has led the Scottish Patient Safety Acute Programmes (SPSP) across NHS Highland with a passion and enthusiasm that is contagious.'

The award was in recognition of the implementation of the ground-breaking SPSP methodology in NHS Highland under Maryanne's management over the past seven years.

Elaine added: 'Her attention to detail is no match for her patience, and she will never compromise on the rigour of the process in order to maximise the impact of change.'

After the awards dinner, Maryanne said: 'This one is for the brilliant healthcare teams I work with - putting safety first. This is our award.'

Help for vision and hearing

AN EVENT is taking place to help people with hearing or vision loss.

On Monday October 17, Lochaber Sensory Care for Sight and Hearing Support representatives will be at Abbeyfield Care Home in Ballachulish, from 10.30am till 12.30pm, to have a chat with Abbeyfield residents and members of the local public to offer support and advice to anyone with a hearing loss or sight loss.

They can also help with the supply of NHS hearing aid batteries, re-tube and maintain the hearing aids, and help with any difficulties.



The children - and some parents - play musical chairs at the family ceilidh.

Fèis celebrates in fine style

FÈIS NA MARA celebrated its 19th year in style with a host of musical themed events over the weekend.

Things kicked off on Friday October 7, with a gig from Gaelic supergroup Dàimh at Mallaig High School, followed by a ceilidh in the community centre at night, with performances from Fràs, Niteworks, Scott Wood band and Gaelic singer Mischa MacPherson, from Lewis.

Committee member Lorraine Edgar said: 'The music at the concerts has been amazing.'

'This is the one time of the year where all the bands from this way come together and do something like this, so it's fantastic.'

On Saturday, a family lunchtime ceilidh was held, where member of Fràs played some tunes for the children.

The Hector Henderson Quattro

were performing at the Steam Inn in the afternoon, with the high school pupils closing the day's events with a session afterwards.

The community gathered once again on Saturday night, ending this year's fèis with a ceilidh in the hall.

Eilidh Shaw, the festival director, has been on the committee for five years.

She said: 'We normally put on

workshops during the fèis but we have made them their own thing now. This is the first time we have had a lunchtime family ceilidh.'

'There are only eight of us on the committee so we all chip in here and there'

'This year we had support from Scottish Sea Farms, which helps bring in good quality music and keeps the ticket prices down for people.'

'There is a really good music scene here. The kids formed a band a few years ago from the workshops that we ran, and they have gone on to play at the Blas Festival and other events.'

Lorraine added that they hope next year's landmark anniversary will be a showstopper.

She said: 'We will be doing something really special for the 20th year next year.'



Pamela Burns, left, enjoys the music on Saturday with Lorraine Edgar and Catherine McDonnell.



Mischa MacPherson, third left, with Fràs on Friday night, where both performed for Fèis na Mara. Picture: Louis DeCarlo

Major success for first rescue day

AROUND £1,900 was raised at the first 'rescue day' in aid of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team (LMRT).

Held at Nevis Range, the day included a mix of demonstrations, while some tried their hand at knot-tying and first aid.

Peter MacFarlane, managing director at Nevis Range, said: 'We were delighted to work alongside members of the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team to put on this rescue day and ceilidh to raise funds for the work of the team.'

A Nevis Range spokeswoman said: 'The day was a complete success from start to finish. Afternoon activities included a mix of demonstrations such as a search and rescue dog demonstration, a gondola evacuation demonstration and a helicopter fly-by which proved popular with visitors of all ages.'

About 90 people attended a ceilidh in the evening which Nevis Range said 'was fantastic. The Pinemarten cafe bar was packed with around 90 people enjoying Scottish music and dancing from the local ceilidh band, everyone had a great time.'

She added: 'In the week leading up to the rescue day, we ran an auction on our Facebook page, selling off some amazing money-can't-buy experiences, with all the money raised going towards the rescue team.'

'On the day, there was LMRT merchandise for sale, as well as some



special rescue day homebaking in the Pinemarten cafe bar.

'We're delighted that we managed to raise around £1,900 for Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team, and would like to thank all those who attended and donated for their support.'

LMRT thanked everyone who supported the rescue day after what had been 'a busy and tough' week for the team who have been involved in three call-outs, two of which resulted in fatalities.



Above, Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team (LMRT) along with some of the staff from Nevis Range. Left, Tom Gilchrist from the search and rescue dog unit, young Aiden Hanley, whose dad is a dog handler on the Isle of Skye, and Fiona Henderson with three rescue dogs. Picture: Abrightside

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Information: For more information, contact Fiona Thompson fionat@actionondepression.org or 07497 547273

This group is affiliated with Action on Depression www.actionondepression.org SC034740

Public respond to appeal for support to save astroturf pitch

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A HIGHLY-PRIZED astroturf pitch could be saved by the community following the formation of a steering group.

Residents of Upper Achintore met last week to discuss an action plan over the future of the pitch, which was closed earlier this year.

Following a public outcry and successful petition to save the astroturf pitch, the Highland Council's education, children and adult services committee agreed funds of around £10,000 for the pitch to be repaired and brought back into temporary use back in August.

Since then, a consultation organised by the council has taken place, asking local residents to put forward their suggestions for what should be done moving forward.

At a public meeting last Thursday October 6, Voluntary Action Lochaber (VAL) and Fort William councillors called for the community to decide how to progress with plans to save the pitch.

And Upper Achintore residents have now formed a steering group to take forward the management of the astroturf pitch and surrounding area.

Chairwoman of the meeting and VAL manager Flora McKee said: 'We went out into the community and we got a pretty good response to what people want. We now need to look at forming a group to take on the management of the astro pitch.'

'We need to look at what kind of area people want to be kept for the community and demonstrate that the community are behind this project.'



The public consultation meeting took place in Lundavra Primary School last week to discuss plans for the astroturf pitch at Upper Achintore.

Fort William and Ardnarnachan councillor Bren Gormley said: 'The astroturf can't be open unsupervised. We know the value of it so now we need to move forward with plans to get a better quality play area for the community.'

'The £10,000 from education committee will be used to fix the astroturf just now so that it can remain open for the time being, but we need somewhere that children can go and play freely without having to book it out first and it can be whatever the

community want to make of it.' Councillor Brian Murphy, for Fort William, added: 'The community is going to have to be quite vocal with its views for the area. If the community is united on plans for the area and the astroturf, then it could be possible to get results.'

'I think the council needs to back up the community with this.'

Community-run parks already exist in Spean Bridge and at the Plantation.

Mum-of-three Wendy Lev,

who set up the petition earlier this year and is a member of the steering group, said: 'The council will make the area safe for the kids to play, but won't do it up exactly the way we want. That's why we would fundraise and get money to update things.'

'Forming a steering group is a positive thing and a step in the right direction. It would be great to have more people involved, but at least now we can try to keep it open for the kids, and possibly get access to the surrounding area.'



Voluntary Action Lochaber manager Flora McKee and Fort William councillor Thomas MacLennan discuss plans with the community.

TIMESLINE

Businesses are up for tourism awards

THE CONTEST to find the best tourism operators in the Highlands and Islands is well under way.

The Highlands and Islands tourism awards have seen the biggest response in their 12-year history, with five business from Skye and three from Lochaber among the 50 shortlisted.

Ardgour Estate and Knoydart Hide, Lochaber, have been nominated, alongside The Grange, Fort William, Kinloch Lodge Hotel and Restaurant, The Three Chimneys, Dunvegan Castle and Gardens, Lochshore House B&B, and Kinloch Lodge, all of which are based in Skye and have been nominated for various awards.

Talk will explain history of archive

LOCHABER Archive Centre will be holding a talk on the records of Arisaig House this month.

The event, which will be held on Wednesday October 26, will look at the paper held at the archive centre in relation to the history of Arisaig estate from 1850-1993.

For further information, contact Lochaber Archive Centre on 01397 701 942/700946 or Lochaber.archives@highlifehighland.com.

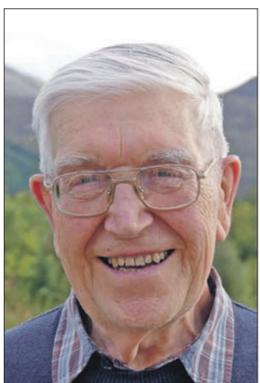
Second climber dies on Ben Nevis

POLICE in Lochaber have confirmed the death of a man after he fell while climbing on Ben Nevis.

Emergency services were alerted to the incident on the north face by the man's companion, who was uninjured, at around 6pm on Friday October 7.

It was the second fatality on the mountain last week following the death of Kieran Shaw.

Centre's staff and volunteers raise awareness of mental health



Rev Canon Gerald Kaye.

Minister clocks up 60 years

LOCHABER churches joined together last week to celebrate a prominent member of the clergy.

The special celebration for Reverend Canon Gerald Kaye, on Monday October 3, marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The Rev Richard Baxter, of Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church, said: 'Gerald has had a remarkable ministry by any standard, and continues to be an active and welcome preacher in a wide range of local churches.'

Since 'retiring' to Lochaber, Mr Kaye has been a member of a Church of Scotland congregation and regularly leads worship in Scottish Episcopal, Baptist, Free Church, Church of Scotland and independent churches.

His working life involved posts in Widnes, St Helens and south London before he went to Canada as a missionary minister among First Nation settlements, where he had to learn to fly to get around his far-flung congregations.

Mr Kaye's final charge was in Slough in Berkshire before moving to Torlundy.

Mr Kaye said: 'It is a great privilege to be able to share the good news of the gospel in so many different places and settings around Lochaber. God is at work in people's lives here as he has been in all the places I have served over the years, so this is really a celebration of God's goodness.'

At the celebration there was an offering in support of a range of missionary causes close to Mr Kaye's heart.

STAFF AND volunteers at the Glengarry Centre in Fort William were helping to break down the stigma of mental illness last week.

The group had a display in town's library as part of the '1 in 100' campaign in the run-up to last Monday's World Mental Health Day.

The display in the library and regular year-round work at the centre are aimed at removing the stigma and encouraging people in Lochaber to drop in to see them.

The centre is next door to what was the Station Bar in Middle Street, and volunteers said people can stop in even if just for a cup of coffee and chat. They also have a lunch time cafe with home-cooked food.

Following funding from Lochaber Housing Association, the group has also been able to sponsor a course at the recently opened Three Wise Monkeys climbing wall. Volunteers hope this will 'help build confidence and provide a physical activity, which studies have shown can help fight conditions such as depression'.

Staff from the centre also took



Helen Leggat and Joe Rochford help John Northover on the climbing wall and, inset, Ellen Nicolson, left, and Eilidh Campbell of the Glengarry Centre. Pictures: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

to the street, setting up a stall selling books and home-baking items to raise funds and awareness of mental health.

Glengarry Centre assistant manager Ellen Nicolson said: 'We are all about supporting people in the community with mental health issues. The 1

in 100 campaign highlights just how widespread these are and that no-one should feel ashamed about it or unable to seek assistance.'

'All are welcome and nobody is judged, so I would encourage anyone to drop in, even for a chat.'

Sheriff brands trio 'disgraceful'

'UTTERLY disgraceful' were the words used by a sheriff to describe the behaviour of three men as he decided on how to punish them for assault.

Jordan Grant, James Stevenson and David Eardley appeared in Fort William Sheriff Court on Monday and pleaded guilty to assaulting Cameron Wilson in an 'unprovoked attack' on February 18, 2016.

The court heard the men, who are all tree surgeons, are not from the area but had come to Fort William to work.

Fiscal deputy David Morton explained that, having finished their job ahead of schedule, the men, aged 21, 47 and 31 respectively, went to a pub, proceeded to drink a sizeable amount of alcohol, and were described by witnesses as 'extremely intoxicated'.

Mr Morton said: 'Words were briefly exchanged between the men and Mr Wilson outside a licensed premises and all

three of the accused went on to assault him.'

'The assault initially resulted in Mr Wilson falling to the ground but all three continued kicking and punching him repeatedly. The assault went on for some time and eventually a party left the nearby pub to see what was the commotion and were clearly concerned about Mr Wilson. Grant then set upon one of the party and repeatedly kicked and punched him. The police were called and finally managed to bring matter to a close.'

The court heard all three had little recollection as to what started the incident but accepted the witnesses' account and their involvement.

Stevenson, 47, from Cambuslang, is married with three children and had spent 22 years in the armed services. His solicitor told the court Stevenson does not usually drink, to which Sheriff William

Taylor responded: 'Is that not worrying for the public? That the next time he gets drunk this type of incident could happen again and the public could again be in danger?'

The court heard Grant, from Rutherglen, cares for his mother and 87-year-old grandmother. He was described as being the catalyst of the incident which was caught on CCTV.

All three were ordered to pay £500 in compensation to Mr Wilson as well as a £500 fine. Grant was told to pay an additional £200 fine and £200 compensation for his assault on the second man.

Sheriff Taylor said: 'You should know the court finds your behaviour utterly disgraceful and utterly condemns your actions. I know only one of you pleaded guilty to the second charge but I will deal with you all identically because I think you were all acting together.'

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Call goes out for pipers to join the band

ARE YOU a piper without a band? A drummer who hasn't played for a while but wants to get back into it? If so, Glen Mor Pipe Band is welcoming new members.

The community band, which has been out of action for the past two years, is getting ready to celebrate its 10th anniversary. But with 'existing members bored of sitting idly', the band is keen to attract additional members to give it a new lease of life.

Formed in 2006, the band is one of three in Lochaber, and is open to all pipers and drummers in the area.

Glen Mor has achieved numerous prizes, coming second at the Cowal games and the British championships, and winning first prize at the Scottish championships in 2013.

The band is led by Pipe Major Willie Evans, who played with Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band and Spirit of Scotland, and Pipe Sergeant Brian Heriot who has been a pipe major with the Scots Guards for a number of years.

It is also supported by former member, Paul Rosie who now plays with Greater Glasgow Police Pipe Band.

Yoshimi Barker, the band secretary, said: 'We are low on our membership so are looking to boost our strength for the competitive season.'

For more information, email pipe-major@glenmorpipeband.com or visit www.glenmorpipeband.com.



The prize-winning Glen Mor Pipe Band is on the hunt for new members.

Cash gift helps set up units for girls

IT IS hoped a cash injection by a local Rotary Club will help young girls develop their potential.

The Rotary Club of Lochaber has agreed to help fund new Rainbows and Brownies units.

After hearing that the existing unit in Caol was oversubscribed and had a long waiting list, the club agreed that Fort William needed a unit of its own and awarded £500 towards the initial set-up costs.

Leaders Becky McCook and Louise Giles plan to start the new groups in the Salvation Army Hall in Glen Nevis Place from October 26.

Betty said: 'By setting up these units, we can help more of our young community get involved in an organisation that believes in helping girls develop their potential and make a difference to the world.'

Rainbows and Brownies groups are junior members of the Scottish Girl Guide movement. Rainbows are aimed at five- to seven-year-olds, and activities include having their first sleepover.

Meanwhile, Brownies are for girls aged between seven and 10 and involve earning confidence badges.

Rotary Club president Paula Ross said: 'We were very happy to help with the initial funding. This is a worthwhile project that should help reduce the lengthy waiting list and, at the same time, provide a good range of activities, badges and challenges to inspire and ignite girls' imaginations.'

Robber grabs handbag

POLICE are investigating after a woman was robbed of her handbag near Fort William.

The incident happened around 4.30pm on Tuesday October 4 in a lay-by on the A82 trunk road, north of the Corran Ferry junction. A dark-coloured car pulled in behind the victim's green Land Rover and a man holding a map approached her before grabbing her handbag and driving off in the direction of Fort William.

The male is described as 18 to 20 years of age, of medium build and wearing a black baseball cap.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident to contact them and for anyone who may have cameras mounted on their vehicles to check for any footage which could assist the investigation.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the police on 101 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Grieving family donate money in memory of tragic dad Paul

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A BEREAVED family who donated funds raised at their loved one's funeral have been thanked by a local school which was 'touched by their generosity'.

Paul Mills, the husband of Jill, a guidance and home economics teacher at Kinlochleven High, tragically died during week the first week of term after this year's summer holidays.

Paul's life was celebrated on August 28, 2016, at Ballachulish Village Hall where collection buckets were put out and £2,100 was raised.

Paul was a great supporter of Macmillan cancer care, so his family decided half of the money raised should be donated to the charity.

Jill, and her two children – Ruaridh, 19, and Erin, 20 – wanted to use the remainder of the collection to support any youngsters who went to their school, Kinlochleven High, who were suffering from bereavement through the loss of a parent or living with a family member with depression.

During an assembly at the school, head teacher Rebecca



Jill Mills with Macmillan nurse Derek McBride and with head teacher Rebecca Machin.

Machin explained the wishes of the Mills family and the youngsters decided they would like to add to this by taking part in Macmillan fundraising events, such as a community coffee morning, a cup cake competition and a bake sale within the school.

Mrs Machin said: 'We wanted to be able to contribute, say

thank you and show our sympathy and support to the Mills family.'

'It is hard to express how touched we were that they could think of us in this way when they themselves had been so affected by mental health issues, supporting Mr Mills throughout the years with his illness.'

'To be so generous at a time

of such loss is a powerful lesson to us all.'

The family agreed with the idea so it was arranged for a local representative from Macmillan to attend the coffee morning where just short of £500 was raised, taking the total donation to £1,469.75.

Beth Grant, who works in the school's front office, said: 'I

have never seen so much cake. There was literally gridlock at the front door as they came in with the most beautifully decorated cakes.'

'And I have to say that was an added bonus having to taste them for the cup cake competition.'

Jill also presented a cheque for £1,116.84 to the head teacher,

to support the school's mental health programme.

Mrs Machin added: 'To be so courageous, not only in fighting the stigma of depression but making such a positive statement in support of those who are affected just says so much. It is very humbling. We are very lucky to have them in our community and we send them every best wish.'

Cadet girls earn their stripes

TWO Fort William girls have made history this week.

Jodie Standen and Corran Wineberg have become Fort William's first ever female cadet sergeants.

The 15-year-old girls have been with the Fort William army cadets since they were 12.

Fort William detachment commander James Standen told *The Oban Times*: 'It's absolutely fantastic to have the first female cadet sergeants. We have been working for years to get to this point, so to have two girls in post at the same time is great.'

'We want our cadets to do the very best they can, so to see them get to sergeant is amazing. I am very proud to have them in my detachment.'

Female cadets were only introduced in 1992, but since then Fort William has had a

combination of both men and women in the detachment.

Jodie and Corran have also recently travelled to Dundee where they took part in senior cadet instructor training.

Mr Standen said: 'The girls will be learning to do more advanced things now. They did the junior training last year but now this will enable them to teach the army cadet syllabus to junior cadets, and they will be able to help out the older instructors with teaching the younger ones.'

The Fort William cadets parade on a Wednesday night from 7-9pm at the Tri Cadet centre in Fort William.

Jodie Standen with Corran Wineberg have become the first ever female cadet sergeants in Fort William.

Picture: Abrightside



Patrizia Gillies, right, and volunteers of Talk Lochaber with the plaque and new duplicator. Picture: Iain Ferguson

Talking paper boost

TALK LOCHABER has received £902 thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

The group, which has been running for 17 years, produces a free weekly recording of local news and stories onto memory sticks and sends them out free of charge to people who are visually impaired.

This funding boost from the Postcode Community Trust has enabled Talk Lochaber to buy an up-to-date duplicator, which copies the recordings to be sent out to around 50 people in Lochaber who use the service.

This new piece of equipment has sped up this process and has given the volunteers at Talk Lochaber more confidence in knowing all the memory sticks sent out are properly copied and there are no blank sticks among them.

The talking newspaper is run by volunteers who work on a rota basis, mostly doing a couple of hours a month.

If you would like to find out more or know someone who would benefit from the service, call Heather Gunn on 01397 702240 or Patrizia Gillies on 01397 704005.

Scottish & Southern
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North Argyll Reinforcements Project Public Consultation Events

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks have further developed proposals to reinforce the transmission network in the Taynuilt, Kilchrenan, Portsonachan and Dalnally area to enable renewable energy to connect to the network and enhance security of supply.

The project team are hosting a series of open door events where members of the community can drop in at any time to receive further information on the development of the proposals.

The consultation events will take place on –

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Taynuilt	Village Hall	Mon 24 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Kilchrenan	Village Hall	Tue 25 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Portsonachan	Village Hall	Wed 26 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30
Dalnally	Community Centre	Thurs 27 th Oct	14:00 – 19:30

For more information and to provide your comments, please come along to an event. Further information is available via our project website: <http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/north-argyll/>

If you are unable to attend the event and would like information on the project, please contact our Community Liaison Manager:

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Marina proposal will provide huge lift to Lochaber tourism

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A DETERMINED community group has high hopes that a £2.5 million marina project will stop Fort William 'losing out on potential marine tourism'.

Members of the Thomas Telford Corpach marina project held a public consultation in Kilmallie community hall last Thursday (October 6) to showcase the latest design plans for the development, before submitting a planning application to the Highland Council this week.

The work, which is being done under the Caol regeneration project and in partnership with Scottish Canals, will see an all-weather, 40-berth marina built on Loch Linnhe.

Vice-chairman of the group Andrew McKenna told *The Oban Times*: 'The marina would give Fort William an extra facility and another way for people to get to the area. People can leave their boats and get on the train or a bus to various places in Lochaber. It would give yachts easy and safe access to the water, as the marina is all-weather and very sheltered.'

With no major marinas between Inverness and Oban the group hopes that this will allow Fort William access to an untapped market.

Mr McKenna said: 'Cruising the west coast of Scotland is growing all the time and at the moment Fort William is missing out on its potential.'

'There are roughly 1,200 boats coming through the Caledonian Canal every year and they don't have anywhere to stay and keep their boat in Fort William. This project would hopefully increase the footfall in Fort William and slow down the rate people move

through the area, giving them an opportunity to take their time seeing Lochaber.'

Plans will see the marina comprise of a shop, cafe, reception, office for people from Scottish Canals and modern toilet and shower facilities for visitors. There will also be a new car park and 'a raised deck area outside for people to enjoy the views'.

Mr McKenna said that 'no new buildings will be made - all the existing buildings will be given a new lease of life'.

The work will be done in three stages: refurbishing the existing buildings first, then building the car park and slipway, before finally putting the marina in the water.

Mr McKenna added: 'The marina would float on the water, held down with chains and anchors which makes it quite unobtrusive compared to other marinas.'

'We have been consulting with the community for more than a year now.'

'We have talked with Kilmallie, Caol and Inverlochy and Torlundy community councils, and the feedback has been mostly positive. Most local firms have supported it because they know how it could add to their businesses.'

The group, which has been active since 2011, will be looking at funding from the lottery, coastal community funds and possibly the Scottish Government.

Mr McKenna said: 'I think Fort William's future is tourism so we need to make sure we are catering to everyone who comes here. This will bring people here and the more tourism we have the better.'

Caol and Mallaig councillor Ben Thompson said: 'Corpach marina is a vital development



Marina group chairman Douglas MacDairmid, right, and vice-chairman Andrew McKenna, left, discuss plans at the public presentation in Kilmallie Community Centre. Below, site plans for the Corpach marina. Main picture: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image

for the local economy and local small-boat owners.

'The marina is an important aspect of Fort William's claim to be the outdoor capital of the UK. It's reassuring that it has a strong team behind it as well as support from local users.'

'The potential economic boost for the area around the development shouldn't be underestimated.'

A spokesperson from Scottish Canals said: 'The Corpach

marina development proposal offers a fantastic opportunity for Scottish Canals and the local community to work in partnership to enhance the welcome to Lochaber for visiting craft and tourists.'

'The canal has a role to play as part of the wider marine tourism and leisure network in the area, and the proposed marina would provide instant access to the sea, adding to the attraction of the area in sailing terms.'



Footpath to close until the end of October

FOLLOWING a significant rockfall at Steall Gorge, the Glen Nevis footpath is set to remain closed until the end of October.

Fort William-based Thistle Access started work on Monday to remove remaining rock and tree debris from the slopes above the footpath but it will be closed for the duration of the work, until October 30.

The John Muir Trust has updated signage in the area warning of the increased danger of debris falling onto the path while the work takes place.

Alison Austin, Nevis land manager at the trust, said: 'It will be extremely dangerous to be on the path while the team at Thistle Access conduct the safety work above it.'

'Our intention is to dislodge as few rocks as possible to limit further damage, but there is an increased likelihood of further debris falling onto the path while the operations take place.'

Once the operation is complete, contractors Stonescape will start a second phase of work which involves repairing damage to the path itself. This is expected to begin in early November.

Ms Austin continued: 'When the safety work is finished, we will have a path team from Stonescape on site immediately to repair the damage. We will aim to reopen the path at this time, with public access maintained as far as possible while the repair work is under way.'

The trust thanks supporters of its Wild Ways Path Appeal which has enabled the estimated £30,000 repair works to be initiated quickly.

Anyone interested in supporting the work of the charity to maintain access to wild places can donate at www.johnmuir-trust.org/wildways

Lochaber Ideas Week

November 14-18, 2016

Make sure you book a place at the free tourism conference

AS PART of Ideas Week 2016, we are delighted to announce our tourism conference - free of charge to all attendees.

Lochaber Chamber of Commerce Ideas Week 2016 is in association with West Highland College UHI and *The Oban Times*, powered by No Fuss Events and hosted by The Moorings Hotel.

The tourism conference takes place on Thursday November 16.

There are a number of events as follows. 9am to 9.45am - Story coach

Dr Michael Williams is an international story coach and storyteller with more than 40 years of experience, working with children, teens and adults, as well as with numerous community and corporate organisations, including VisitScotland.



Michael is a popular story coach and storyteller who helps individuals and organisations create and communicate the stories that improve community health and wellbeing.

Recently, he has been speaking to support VisitScotland's Spirit of Scotland project, sharing stories celebrating Scotland as a prime tourist destination.

He's also a father and grandfather who lives in Forres.

9.45am to 10.15am - VisitScotland Spirit of Scotland update

VisitScotland will be telling us all about the Spirit of Scotland campaign and how it has progressed throughout 2016.

'We want to harness the spirit of a nation to share inspirational stories and experiences about Scotland. Tourism is the most competitive industry in the world and we need to think differently, pooling our collective knowledge, passion and enthusiasm to attract visitors. That's where we need you.'

10.30am to 12.30pm - CalMac's Digital Journey

Caledonian MacBrayne shares why it chose to build collaboration into its business and how that fitted into its bigger digital journey.

CalMac is the UK's largest ferry operator. In this session, CalMac will introduce its digital strategy, a work in progress, and discuss the business reasons for moving to the cloud - building a new network, moving on premises application to the cloud, email for all and collaborating in new ways of working.

CalMac will also discuss the adoption programme needed to support users as they embrace new technologies to help them achieve their business targets.

To find out more and book your free place at the tourism conference, please visit www.lochaberchamber.co.uk.

Meet the Dragons: Angus MacDonald

Angus MacDonald, 53, has built two significant publishing companies, the latter originally a newspaper called *Financial News* that morphed into *enfinancialnews* and *enfinancialcareers* and sold to *The Wall Street Journal* and two private equity firms in 2007 for £80million.

He now has a series of businesses in recycling, renewable energy, internet education and forestry.

He founded The Caledonian Challenge, which



has raised around £14 million for charity, and runs the Moidart Trust to help businesses in the West Highlands grow and flourish.

He is a deputy lord lieutenant for Perthshire and was awarded an OBE for services to the Highlands.

The publisher Birlinn has just released his debut novel, *Ardnish was Home*, about a Highland lad fighting in Gallipoli in 1915, and falling in love with his nurse.

Don't miss Angus in Dragons' Glen on Tuesday November 15 at the Moorings Hotel. To find out more visit www.lochaberchamber.co.uk.

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Lewis and Harris

THE OUTER Hebrides LEADER programme has announced three grant awards to projects in Lewis worth nearly £235,000.

LEADER grants totalling almost £115,000 have been awarded to First Love Music Ltd, Hebridean Castle Trading and Kinloch Historical Society.

Colin Gilmour, chairman of the Outer Hebrides LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) said: 'The LEADER LAG is delighted to support three projects which deliver economic benefits through

income-generation opportunities in local communities, with a range of cultural and social benefit spin-offs in addition.'

POLICE and Trading Standards are advising residents that a door-to-door collection in Lewis and Harris on behalf of the British Heart Foundation has been suspended.

Authorities are encouraging people to report any unlicensed charity collections by calling police on 101 or Trading Standards on 01851 822694.

Western Isles

THE Western Isles Development Trust (WIDT) is inviting community groups with a focus on preventing fuel poverty and promoting renewable energy to apply to funding.

Almost £80,000 has been invested in grant payments to Western Isles groups such as Cothrom Limited, South Uist; Kinloch Historical Society, Lewis; Western

Isles Association for Mental Health, Stornoway; Back FC, Lewis; the West Harris Trust; and the Hebrides Energy Community Interest Company, Stornoway.

If a community group in the Western Isles is looking to improve energy efficiency or develop a renewable energy scheme they should visit the WIDT website for more information.

Fort William



Wilderness Scotland kayaking team that Ms Farkic joined.

SUCCESS has come for one Fort William researcher whose work has been chosen for presentation at the prestigious Doctoral Colloquium.

Jelena Farkic's award-winning research, 'Hospitality in adventure tourism,' was co-funded by University of the Highlands and Islands and Moffat Charitable Trust, and will be presented at the Doctoral Colloquium on service management in the University of Edinburgh's business school.

The conference will take place within CenSE's

inaugural conference, 'The future of the service sector,' on October 28.

Ms Farkic's thesis offers new knowledge of commercial hospitality and service skills in outdoor tourism scenarios by examining concepts of hospitality, tourist experiences and tour guiding practices.

The research aims to maximise the tourism value and realise the economic potential of its wild places, assisting the industry sector in facilitation of tourist experiences while journeying in the Scottish outdoors.

Plockton

TREES for Life, in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland and other landowners in the area, is to carry out a red squirrel reintroduction in Plockton this autumn.

The charity is hoping to

involve the local community in the project and will give a talk about the re-introduction in the Plockton hall on October 24.

Becky Priestly is the wildlife officer involved in the project.

Skye

SPORTS clubs from Skye and Lochalsh have been awarded more than £1,300.

Skye and Lochalsh Sports Council met in Portree last month to award grants to four of the area's clubs.

Nine members were

present at the meeting on September 26, where grants were given to Portree Junior Sports Club, Plockton Small Boat Sailing Club, Broadford Badminton Club and Sleat and Strath FC, totalling £1378.90.

Ardnamurchan



Ardnamurchan High School pupils on stage at the Shielbridge Hall, Acharacle, performing their musical.

Talented students take to the stage

ARDNAMURCHAN High School (AHS) musicians have been on tour.

The pupils visited Lochaline on Wednesday September 28 and Acharacle the following day as part of their rolling programme of musical village hall tours.

Poor weather meant there was a limited attendance for the Lochaline performance but better conditions in Acharacle helped to ensure draw out a big

crowd, with the hall almost packed full.

Head teacher Christopher Millar-Craig, who was MC on the Thursday, thanked the community for their welcome and support.

He said: 'The village hall tours give us an opportunity to go out to the villages within the catchment of Ardnamurchan High School and give something back to the communities that support us.

'We're very proud of the talent of all our young people and this is an opportunity to share this with parents and partners in the area.'

Music teacher Ms Anderson added: 'It was great to see the pupils getting recognition for the hard work they have been putting in. It has really paid off as every performance was fantastic.'

Featured in this year's programme was AHS S3 group

were Mitchell MacPherson, Hannah Hunter, Bethan White, Rachel Bolton, Iona Cameron, Eilidh MacArthur, Janie and Herbie Patterson, Chris McCowan; Hunter's Heroes Aaron, Herbie, Nathan, Finn, Calum; Rachel White; AHS Gaelic medium folk group Rachel, Francis, Seamus, Sean, Maryann; Liljana Alexander; Chris MacCowan; Fern MacGillivray; Kate Bradley; and Clare Ford.

Mallaig

Heather's art proves she's real poster girl

MALLAIG High School pupil Heather Thomson has won the Write Highland Hoolie art competition.

Thirteen-year-old Heather designed a poster for the book festival which will feature on the programme of events.

Heather, who is from the Isle of Eigg, will receive a prize for her art work at the festival on Sunday October 23 at the West Highland Hotel in Mallaig.

A Write Highland Hoolie, Mallaig's first book festival, will run from Friday October 21 to Sunday, October 23 to 23.

Heather Thomson from the Isle of Eigg, and a pupil at Mallaig High School, with her art work for a Write Highland Hoolie for which she will receive a prize.



Work on pool is to start soon

REFURBISHMENT work to Mallaig pool and leisure centre will soon begin following public donations of more than £10,000.

The work will take place in three phases.

The first one will see the replacement of essential

heating and plant equipment to help reduce the energy, due to start in early November.

A new pool hall air-handling unit and heating control system will also be installed.

Fundraising for brand

new gym equipment is under way and the centre's Jacuzzi is now in working order.

The pool will be closed from November 7 to 28 for the work, but gym and fitness classes will continue as normal.



Organisers said all of the young chefs should be proud of their achievements

THE WINNER of a young chef competition was announced in Lochaber last week.

Eight students took part in the Lochaber Rotary Club's contest from which Georgia Dennis from Mallaig High School claimed first prize and Hannah

Hunter from Ardnamurchan High School was runner-up.

The final took place in Mallaig High School and sponsors Marine Harvest praised the high standard of cooking and thanked all of the other participating schools, which were Kin-

lochleven, Lochaber and Ardnamurchan.

The students each cooked three courses and were judged individually on presentation of set table, menu choice, cost, hygiene and neatness while cooking, taste and presentation, as well as other criteria.

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Sheer poetry

I WAS a bit sorry – no, disappointed – to see that no one in the Gaelic heartland of Argyll, so renowned for its music and song, drew attention to or, as far as I know, contributed to last week's National Poetry Day, especially so close to the Royal National Mod.

National Poetry Day, the mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical, fell on Thursday October 6. It takes place annually in the UK and Ireland on a Thursday in late September/early October. Since its inception, it has engaged millions of people across the country with live events, classroom activities and broadcasts.

The theme this year was 'messages'.

This week, to make up for the omission, here is a small selection of some of my favourite poems, local and national.

'I am wandering homeless in the Eastern lands, where the blaze of sunshine never leaves me, and I long for water in the desert sands, where the palm-tree vision but deceives me.

'But my memories roam to a rock-bound shore, where the wild waves foam and the rivers roar and my mind wings homeward and I see once more, the lovely Lynn of Morvern.

'Though I toil in silence in the lifeless north, where the black night's menacing surround me; and the icy tempests send their armies forth and the gloom of death is all around me.

'Yet I sit and dream of a woodland scene where the bluebells gleam in their gowns of green, and the seabirds screaming over Lochaline and the lovely moors of Morvern.

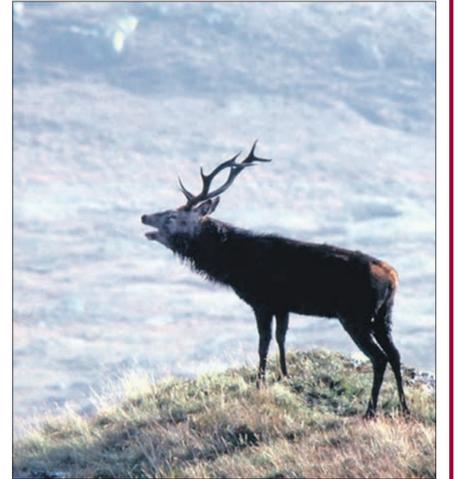
'In my heart I feel I shall come one day, and at evening steal into Miodar Bay; and in silence on the heather pray for my lovely home in Morvern.'

In this song, called the *Exiles*, Rosslyn Mitchell visualises two Morvern men serving in the armed forces – one a soldier in the desert sands of Libya and the other a sailor in the Arctic regions, each dreaming of Morvern.

'That is the land of lost content, I see it shining plain, the happy highways where I went and cannot come again'. (A E Housman).

'Afar I have been but no place have I seen, like Mull's Sound the Queen of them all: no change I desire, for no place can inspire the love that has held me in thrall.

'To the nor-ard ships sail in the teeth of the gale,



The stag at eve.

round the Steersman the fierce billows break; to the south-ard they sweep with speed through the deep, and their furrows lie far in the wake.

'With joy I've been filled and with rapture enthralled, while watching the storm-king at play; but sweeter thy calm which lulled with its psalm my soul at the close of the day.

'My beloved are no more, they have gone from the shore, in silence they creep to their graves; oh, sweet is their sleep by the side of the deep, but they hear not the mirth of the waves!

'I cannot depart from the joys of the heart, though the voices alluring me call; for wherever I've been, no place have I seen, like Mull's Sound the Queen of them all'.

Caol Muile – the Sound of Mull – was composed in Gaelic by the Rev John Macleod (1801-1882), for 58 years, minister of Morvern. The translation is by Morvern schoolmaster, the Donald B Fletcher, who taught at Lochaline and Finlary.

'That old lonely lovely way of living in Highland places – twenty years a-growing, twenty years flowering, twenty years declining – father to son, mother to daughter giving ripe tradition; peaceful bounty flowing; one harmony all tones of life combining – old wise ways, passed like the dust blowing.

'That harmony of folk and land is shattered – the yearly rhythm of things, the social graces, peat fire and music, candle light and kindness. Now that they are gone it seems they never mattered much, to the world, those proud and violent races, clansmen, and chiefs whose passionate greed and blindness made desolate these lovely lonely places.' (*For the Old Highlands* by Douglas Young (1913-73).

'Out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be, for my unconquerable soul.

'In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance, my head is bloody but not unbowed.

'Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms the horror of the shade, and yet the menace of the years finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

'It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.' *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley (1849-1903).

'The stag at eve had drunk his fill, where danced the moon on Monan's rill, and deep his midnight lair had made, in lone Glenartney's hazel shade; but, when the sun his beacon red had kindled on Benvoirlich's head, the deep-mouthed bloodhound's heavy bay resounded on the rocky way, and faint, from farther distance borne, were heard the clanging hoof and horn.'

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Oban High School pupils present a cheque to Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow – the Dalmally man who set up the international charity.

Dalmally-based charity Mary's Meals presented with coveted Queen's Award

CONGRATULATIONS were well deserved this week for the Argyll charity that is changing the lives of more than 1.17 million children all over the world, every day. Even Her Majesty the Queen agrees, presenting the Dalmally-based charity with the coveted Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. See the full story on page five.

TIMESLINE

Oban singer wins trad award place

AN OBAN girl has reached the finals of BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician Awards 2017. Gaelic singer Kim Carnie was one of 13 musicians who competed last Saturday for a coveted final place. Alongside Kim as finalists are Charlie Stewart, fiddle, from Perthshire; Dougie McCance, bagpipes, from Glasgow; Ella Munro, Scots song, from Skye; Grant McFarlane, accordion, from Paisley; and Iona Fyfe, Scots song, from Huntly. The finals concert will be held in Glasgow's City Halls on Sunday February 5 at 5pm.

Oban Marks and Spencer update

MARKS and Spencer has confirmed it is interested in moving to Oban and will update *The Oban Times* over the next few weeks. A company spokesperson said: 'We are interested in bringing a M&S foodhall to Oban. We will update the community when we can.'

Allegations lead to resignation call

CROFTING Commissioner Colin Kennedy is calling for the Scottish minister for rural affairs Fergus Ewing to resign over allegations of cronyism. Mr Kennedy, from Coll, has been asked to step down by Mr Ewing but says 'hell will freeze over' before this happens. Full story, page seven; opinion piece bycrofting lawyer Brian Inkster on page 21.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2014

Jobs and lorries axed as bin runs cut to every three weeks

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ELEVEN members of staff and eight bin lorries will be lost to Argyll and Bute when the new three-weekly refuse collection starts next month. Despite agreements with unions to protect front-line services and staff, and claims by councillors that the three-weekly collections would not lead to job losses, council insiders say staff members in the bins department are already at breaking point. The council has not planned any further education with householders to get the maximum from recycling bins, but will issue calendars to inform

people when collections are taking place. On Mull, where the programme has already started, many homes were not aware the new scheme had begun because the council had not written to service users. A council worker, who did not want to be named, said: 'It is already a disaster and it has not even begun. People are having to prove they have extra waste to get a bin, but there are not enough extra bins to go around because so many people need them. If there were savings to be made then I don't know where they are. 'We hear complaints every single time we are on the street. No-one who works in this coun-

cil service wants this. It has been forced on us by people who have never emptied a bin in their life. They couldn't run a bath, far less a bin collection service.' In Oban, resident Kenny MacLennan asked pertinent questions of his councillors. He said: 'My wife and I are very conscientious regarding recycling and are very aware of the need for cut backs and savings within the finances of Argyll and Bute Council. 'So let's say we produce four kgs of waste for our green bin every week, that is eight kgs per two weeks which is collected and taken away to landfill. 'Under the proposed new system, using the same figures, we will produce 4kgs per week,

but now built up to 12kgs to be collected and disposed of in landfill every three weeks. 'This works out at 208kgs to landfill per annum, two weekly or three weekly, where's the savings? These figures, whether they be weight or volume, will not be consistent weekly but will still end up with the same amount going to landfill per annum, so landfill tax will not be reduced. 'That leaves the costs/savings related to the 8.67 fewer collection days, that is 33.3 per cent reduction, which will reflect on savings in wages only if there is a 33.3 per cent reduction in staff, which I would be the last to condone. All too often this is the easy way out.'

Argyll and Bute Council has confirmed the reduction in staff and fleet. A council spokesman said: '[we will] reduce [the fleet by eight [from 32 to 24] and reduce posts by 11.5 FTE (full-time equivalent)'. The spokesman continued: 'Recycling more will save space for general waste in green bins and it will save money for council services. 'For every tonne of waste that goes to landfill, the council has to pay over £80 tax, which means about £2.6 million in total. The more we can recycle the more we can save. 'Funding for our council services has reduced significantly. We must change how we do

things so we can continue to provide a wide range of services. 'Like all local authorities we must work with our residents to meet national targets for reducing waste. The new arrangements for collecting refuse help meet both these challenges. 'The more we reduce the amount of general waste we send to landfill, the more we can save, so we would say to everyone, please avoid wasting money on waste - recycle.' The council spokesman confirmed all recycled material was taken to landfill, as it was 'illegal' to do otherwise. Recycled items are shipped all over the country including Birmingham, Hartlepool, Northampton, Bo'ness and Yorkshire.

CalMac training comes home for apprentices

A LINK-UP with City of Glasgow College means all ferry operator CalMac's engineering and deck apprentices will now be trained in Scotland. Previously the 10 modern apprentices currently taken on every year were required to travel to South Shields Marine College near Newcastle for the desk-based part of their training. The new agreement with the College's Faculty of Nautical Studies will mean the apprentices will be able to study closer to home in working towards their SQA level five in maritime studies. CalMac's director of human resources, Christine Roberts, said: 'I'm delighted to welcome our latest batch of apprentices and look forward to building a strong relationship with City of Glasgow College. 'Not only is it a world-class facility at the newly opened Riverside campus, it will also make it significantly more convenient for apprentices going home at weekends - something that was just not practical with our previous training provider down south. 'As part of our winning bid to run the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service contract, we committed to increasing the numbers of modern apprentices we employ and this new relationship with the college will be an important step towards helping us achieve this. 'The college's faculty of nautical studies offers a wide range of courses for seafarers from mandatory training to professional development. Angus Ferguson, curriculum head (nautical), City of Glasgow



Jamie Sinclair and Cameron MacCuish, both from Oban, start their new course at the City of Glasgow College Faculty of Nautical Studies.

College, said: 'City of Glasgow College is the only college in Scotland offering a modern apprenticeship for deck and engineering ratings. We are proud to be partnering CalMac in this project, which will enhance the maritime skills base in Scotland. 'The state-of-the-art facilities at our Riverside campus, including Scotland's only 360-degree shipping simulation suite and one of UK's most modern working ships' engine rooms, have allowed us to develop this course which trains our students in vital skills that will benefit communities and the local economy.'

The current intake of six deck ratings and four engineering apprentices will spend an initial four weeks in Glasgow before joining a vessel for on-the-job training. Modern apprentice Cameron MacCuish, from Oban, said: 'I'm really looking forward to the course and the opportunity to combine it with hands-on experience on board. A modern apprenticeship gives the best of both worlds - on the job training and college qualifications - that's what attracted me to it. It's a great first step towards building a long career and CalMac is great company to start with.'

Island communities join for special event

ISLAND communities in Argyll and Bute are coming together for a special event aimed at sharing best practice and to find out how partners and communities are working to address issues for island life. Islands Connections - being held on Seil on Thursday October 20 - will discuss the proposed Islands Bill, economic growth, transport and infrastructure, health care, housing and digital connectivity. Speakers from such as the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust will provide insights into current policy and actions.

The council formed the Argyll Islands Taskforce to focus not only on the challenges that face islanders but the opportunities and attractions that exist for the area's 23 inhabited islands - each with its own distinct identity - that share issues that affect those living, working and visiting them. Chairman of the group, Councillor Len Scoullar, said: 'The taskforce was formed to ensure we can build a prosperous and sustainable future for our islands. 'Argyll and Bute is one of the country's most promising areas and our islands play a vital role in delivering economic growth. Our islands deserve to prosper and grow,

providing education and employment for our young people, supporting and growing our businesses and communities and benefiting from the communication, transportation infrastructure and services necessary for them to be sustainable. 'This event is an ideal opportunity to get together with the intention of making a difference. The council is delighted to have been invited to join the Scottish Government's Strategic Islands Group and have the opportunity to address island issues.' To book go to <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/islands-connections> before October 18.

Royal National Mòd gets unique design

HARRIS Tweed Hebrides of Shawbost has created an exclusive design to celebrate the return of the Royal National Mòd to the Western Isles. The Mòd will bring thousands of visitors to Lewis and Harris. There is further cause for celebration as this is the 125th anniversary of An Comunn Gaidhealach's founding. Harris Tweed Hebrides' design team has incorporated the

colours of An Comunn's crest, blended with the Hebridean summer landscape and seascape, to form a striking tartan pattern which will feature in a range of accessories, as well as adorning Mòd stages. Margaret Ann Macleod, of Harris Tweed Hebrides, said: 'The link between Gaelic culture and Harris Tweed is exceptionally strong, so it is natural to have the Clo Mor

represented at a celebration of the language, particularly when it is being held in our own community. The vibrant colours will reflect the spirit of the Mòd.' The accessories range - which includes corsage, purses, make-up bags, hand-bags, men's ties and, of course, hip flasks - has all been made in Scotland with local firms By Rosie and Rare-bird among the suppliers.

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There were two significant – though unrelated – events last weekend. These were the 19th Feis Na Mara and the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team's 'rescue day'.

Both, thankfully, were hailed as roaring successes, with many people enjoying the music and cultural events at the former in Mallaig and the fun happenings, though with a serious side, at the latter in Fort William.

The rescue day was given added poignancy following two fatalities on Ben Nevis within a week, so its underlying message was more important than could have been predicted.

These types of events, however, could not take place without the enthusiasm and hard work of the people behind them. We salute these selfless volunteers for their community spirit and dedication.



Days gone by...

We don't have a date for this picture, but the photograph shows Coisir og Thobarmhoire – Tobermory choir – who won the under-18 harmony competition, beating the main school choir. They also won the primary unison choral competition. If you were part of the choir and can see yourself here, let us know.

Glasgow Letter

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Fantastic line-up for Clydebank cèilidh

THE Clydebank Highland Association are holding a cèilidh tomorrow (Friday October 14) in the Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £7, which includes tea, home baking and a fantastic line-up featuring Mary C Maclean, Sheena Walker, Alasdair Whyte, Ryan Young, Luke Pringles, Kirsteen Grant and chaired by the Rev Fred Booth.

Highlanders' Club new session under way

THE Highlanders Club will dance to the music of Susan MacFadyen for their first dance of the 2016-17 session this coming Saturday night, October 15, in the Partick Burgh Hall with bar and catering.

The dance begins at 8pm and will run until 11pm. Tickets are £9 and are available at the door.

Association prepares for annual gathering

SUCH is the pulling power of this year's Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual gathering weekend that some people are looking into the possibility of hiring a bus to come all the way from the Western Isles,

picking up passengers in Skye, down to the city for the weekend.

That's according to the latest rumour winging its way round Glasgow at the moment.

That's a fairly big journey for a dance. It is incredible considering neither the line-up for the concert, nor the band for the dance, has even been announced yet.

Stand by for those announcements in the coming weeks. More details of the whole weekend are below in this week's What's On section.

Tickets are currently on sale via PayPal or by emailing angelajenkins34@hotmail.com. They will go on sale in the Park Bar later this month.

Shawfest success raises cash for trust

SHAWFEST, the fundraising festival in memory of musician Fraser Shaw from Islay, took place on Saturday September 24, in St Peter's Hall, Partick, and raised a great deal of money for the Fraser Shaw Trust.

Among the craft stalls, stovies and music, the committee auctioned off the rights to name a tune by Hamish Napier.

The rights were purchased by fellow musician Ross Ainslie, who decided to name the tune *Frien'ship Brings Us Here the Night*. This title is an excerpt from a classic, and very appropriate, Scots song called *Happy We Are a' Thegither*.

or speed limits enforced by cameras – something to slow down the people who think 60 is too slow and need to pass, safely or not!

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What's on

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Saturday October 15: Highlanders' Club dance in Partick Burgh Hall from 8pm to 11pm.

Friday October 28: Glasgow Uist and Barra Association cèilidh in the Crawford Hall, Beith Street.

Friday October 28: The first ever Eriskay annual gathering in the Glasgow University Union.

Saturday October 29: Glasgow Skye Association Marag supper in the Crawford Hall, Beith Street, at 7.30pm.

Thursday November 3: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual dinner, Pond Hotel, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Friday November 4: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual gathering concert, Glasgow University Union, 7.30pm.

Friday November 4: Glasgow Lewis and Harris Association annual dance, Glasgow University Union, 10.30pm-2am.

Pub scene

Park Bar.

Friday October 14: Nicky McMichean
Saturday October 15: Dodgy Ground
Sunday October 16: Martainn Skene.

Islay Inn.

Friday October 14: Black Velvet
Saturday October 15: Twist of Fate
Wednesday October 19: quiz night.

local in Melfort using that road Daily. Definitely need barriers. Unfortunately too late for some. Why there was never one in the first place we'll never know.'

John DM Kerr said: 'Yes and also pot hole free roads.'

Heather Brennan demanded: 'Yes! After what happened a couple of months ago I think that should be reason enough?'

Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB.

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Beach hut damages island's environment

Sir,
Balevullin is a small Hebridean township on the Isle of Tiree. It comprises scattered whitewashed houses against the stunning machair landscape.

The township is home to a beach, birds, cows and people. People come last because, in order for people to live and raise families in Balevullin, there has to be partnership and respect with the environment.

We are now a township divided and portrayed as an anti-tourist, negative bunch of locals who resist any form of development. This is very untrue. Balevullin beach is one of the most lovely on the island and is a haven for surfers, dog walkers, families, stargazers and sunset-watchers. Visitors have always received a warm welcome and a tow out of the sand every time they get stuck.

We welcome sustainable and planned development that will attract families and tourists to the island but only as part of a managed process which puts the conservation and preservation of the township at its centre.

Therein lies the problem. The beach hut currently situated at Balevullin was erected within a few hours without any consultation with the people who live near the beach.

Our objections, which are continually shouted down by the owners of the hut and derided by their supporters, are as follows. We would also like to address a few of the points raised in your article about the Argyll and Bute Council decision.

Blackhouse Watersports is a business which makes a profit from water-based activities. The use of emotive headlines distracts from the reason the beach hut was erected. Balevullin beach is one of the most popular and accessible beaches for watersports. The year prior to the erection of the hut saw record numbers of people on the beach. It is not the altruistic community service it has been portrayed as.

There are other watersports providers on the island who have never felt the requirement to erect permanent structures on the beach. This ensures that, at the end of the day, the beach returns to its natural form.

The assumption that a hut is an essential part of watersports delivery is not true. The structure referred to in your article was actually an old boathouse for the loch, therefore was pre-existing and services a lochside location. The position of the beach hut means that part of the beach is lost forever to other beach users. The presence of the hut creates an environment of ownership of the beach. Many of the residents of Balevullin no longer go to the beach as they feel intimidated by the beach hut users.

The decision to allow structures on the beach should be made taking into account how this will affect all the beaches on Tiree. Should permission be granted, it will set a precedent for huts all across the island. The decision to not grant permission for the hut is not Argyll and Bute being obstructive to small business but taking an overall view of the implications for the whole island.

The erection of the hut has placed increased pressures on the infrastructure

Beachd Ailein

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MAR AS SINE a dh'fhàsas tu 's ann as luaithe a dh'fhaicheadas tu an ùine a' dol seachad.

Tha cuimhn' agam nuair a bha mi òg agus a bhithinn mi-fhoighidneach a' feitheamh ri rudeigin, an t-annas a bha mi a' gabhail nuair a bhiodh inbhich ag ràdh sin rium. Bidh mi tric a' còmhradh air daoine a bha mi a' meas "sean" nuair a bha mi beag ach a' tuigsinn a-nise nach robh cuid aca ach beagan bhliadhnaichean nas sine na mi fhìn! Ach aois ann neo às tha mi gu cinnteach ag aontachadh gum bheil mi a-nise a' faireachadh na h-ùine a' dol seachad gu math luath.

'S gann a chreideas mi gum bi bliadhna a-màireach bho dh'fhosgail Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2015 anns an Oban, agus 's e fìor chuirim shoirbheachail agus thaitneach a bh' ann. A-màireach fosglaidh Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2016 ann an Steòrnabhagh, agus tha sinn a' guidhe gach soirbheachadh leis agus sàr thòradh air saothair na h-uile a dh'obraich cho dìcheallach fad còrr air trì bliadhna agus a thoirt gu buil. Cha bheag an obair

for car parking and erosion can now be quite clearly seen on the machair. This section of machair had been allocated for car parking by Argyll Estates, with the consent of the local crofters prior to the hut being erected. That is a good example of working in partnership to support the tourist industry. The ground is now destroyed with large potholes and is practically unusable.

The support for the beach hut has, in the majority, been from tourists who use it for a small proportion of the year. We acknowledge it is a benefit to them to have somewhere to change, but that does not need to be directly on the beach. We hope the local boys competing in the surfing competition the best of luck, but we note the irony that one of them is the son of the owner of the beach hut and the other lives 300 yards from the beach. Their success is guaranteed regardless of the existence of the hut.

Some of the quotes on social media have been extremely upsetting. Recently a house which is currently up for sale in Balevullin was put onto a Facebook page recommending that it be pulled down and replaced with beach huts. A councillor's personal contact details and place of work was also published so people could contact him directly. This person had expressed concern over the planning application.

So it is not as clear cut as Argyll and Bute Council preventing two boys from going to the Olympics or a business functioning. The people who live in Balevullin will continue to protect the beach and environment. The surfing culture continually promotes itself as pro-environment. It has, on Tiree, for us become a culture which puts people before machair, beach, wildlife and crofting. That does not reflect our values and beliefs as a community.

A Tiree resident.

Why is there no community council?

Sir,
Residents may be surprised to learn that, in August, there was an election for a new Fort William Community Council. They may be even more surprised to hear the result.

No community council has been formed. Why is the Highland Council keeping this a secret? Doesn't it want the public to know about the state of local democracy?

Why no council? After making inquiries, I was told that not enough people put their names forward as potential community councillors. In practice, this means that a maximum of seven people might have submitted completed nomination papers.

I think it is worrying for the state of local democracy in the Highlands that so few people were willing to serve as community councillors in the second-largest settlement in the Highlands.

Of course, the public don't know how many people submitted nomination papers because the Highland Council won't disclose the number.

The Highland Council takes the view that data protection means the public can't be told how many people freely put their names forward to serve them in a public position.

Perhaps it would be more efficient for the Highland Council to adopt the North Korean model – declare who is going to be a councillor, then hold an 'election' to ratify the decision.

Duncan Brown,
Chairman, For Lochaber.

Concrete brigade are destroying our town

Sir,
Oban is one of the more attractive towns in Scotland and it is hard to understand why it has not already been designated a conservation area. This would preserve the best and ensure future developments were in keeping with the Scottish baronial style.

Recently we have seen two new homes on Pulpit Hill which spoil the view for the numerous tourist visitors now travelling to the islands. One house has more than four metres of underbuilding despite underbuilding being banned by Argyll and Bute Council. It is no wonder, then, that the Duke of Rothesay, perhaps beaten known as Prince Charles, has been speaking out against ugly houses.

Now we have had the concrete brigade destroying the trees next to the port at the bottom of the front brae. I appreciate that council planners love living in their converted oil tanks and dream of a new Ardrossan heaven with ever more concrete. Surely destroying our town for 150 years needs a bigger debate?

Mike Foster,
Pulpit Hill, Oban.

Cattle society was made very welcome

Sir,
I would like to thank the volunteers from Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds, Islay from the Ewe and Oban High School Pipe Band for their support in assisting the Highland Cattle Society to promote their show and sale on Saturday. The society comes to the town twice a year (October and February) and attracts enthusiasts from all over the world.

Derek Conery,
Chief executive, BID4OBAN Ltd.

Fighting for residents at a considerable cost

Sir,
I refer to the letter from S White in last week's edition of *The Oban Times*. There are aspects of his letter that I cannot comment on because they might provoke another complaint against me, believe it or not.

All I have done is represent the people in my community. I accept that I have been persistent in trying to get a remedy for their concerns. That's why I have fought this at great personal and financial cost and I'll continue to fight to clear my name. Let this be a lesson to anyone wanting to be a councillor. Step out of line, even a bit, and you are in danger of being stood on.

I thank Mr White for his support.
Michael Breslin,
Toward, Argyll.

Ailean Caimbeul

Social media

WE ASKED readers on Facebook if the A816 needs crash barriers. There was an unequivocal affirmative response, especially given the tragedy that occurred near Kilmelford in July when two toddlers died. Pat Trehan posted: 'Yes. It's a dangerous road, even when one is driving at reasonable speed to suit the conditions. It needs more policing too,

or speed limits enforced by cameras – something to slow down the people who think 60 is too slow and need to pass, safely or not!'

Willie Reid agreed: 'Along the wee loch where the kids were drowned yes. There's a lot of black ice around there in winter. My wife spun our Subaru around there years back.'

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It's a family affair

Keeping it in the family: It was all hands on deck for Kate, Ruaridh, Erin and Murin Cameron at the Highland Cattle Sale in Oban on Monday. Dad John and mum Wilma run the Dunach fold of Highland cattle in Oban for Lord and Lady Denholm.

■ Highland cattle sale special on pages 20 and 21.



'Urgent' call for crash barriers at site of A816 tragedy in July

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CALLS for crash barriers on the 'uneven surfaces' of the A816 will be considered by Argyll and Bute Council, but not until the findings into a tragic accident in July are determined by the Procurator Fiscal.

The death of toddlers Leia, three, and Seth, two, McCorkrisken, highlighted the need for a barrier near Kilmelford.

Another accident last week saw a car missing the loch by metres after hitting a gabion basket.

Eyewitnesses to the recent accident said it was 'a miracle

the driver got away with his life'. Christopher Liversedge, a resident of Kilmelford, said he believed that over a number of years the maintenance on the road had become 'non-existent' and fears are circulating in the village that another accident will happen before something is done.

Mr Liversedge, an architect, said: 'Why is there a crash barrier at the A816 at Oude Dam and not at Loch na Druimnean where the roads are closer to the water and the drop is steeper?'

'I regularly travel the A816 between Oban and Lochgilphead and know it is littered with

potential accident black spots and, in particular, the one at Kilmelford, where there is no dedicated or safe pedestrian crossing between the church or the village shop and the village.

'One has to take one's life in one's hands when crossing the road as blind spots prevent traffic and pedestrians from getting a clear view.

'The cost of such an upgrade is well beyond the finances of Argyll and Bute and pressure must be put on the Scottish Government to take up its responsibilities and grind into action.'

Councillor Elaine Robertson

said she had been contacted by residents. She said: 'Concerns have been raised with me regarding the road running alongside the loch, the scene of the tragic accident.

'I spoke to the executive director of operational services shortly after the accident regarding barriers along the side of the loch. She advised that no action could be taken until the police investigation into the accident was concluded, after which this would be considered along with other areas of concern throughout the area.

'As a regular user of the road, I am well aware of the problems.'

Councillor Kieron Green added: 'I would support a survey of the need to place barriers along the A816 being carried out.

'I recognise though that while barriers are one way of improving road safety, each site needs to be considered individually. In some places, space for a barrier is limited, while in others a vehicle remaining on the road following an accident could prove an even greater danger to other road users.

'Barriers need to be considered along with other measures, including signs, non-slip surfaces and straightening out corners.

'The cost of large-scale road realignment is beyond what the council could afford, however, I believe this should have remained a trunk road.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesman said: 'We will await the findings of the police investigation into the tragic accident and if any improvements to the road corridor are recommended look to progress these as a matter of urgency.

'We are committed to ensuring our 1,400-mile road network is as safe as possible. We have made a number of improvements to this section of road over the past few years.'

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Argyll and isles in tourism spotlight

ARGYLL and the Isles will take centre stage at the Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards 2016.

Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) and 15 other tourism businesses will represent the region as finalists in categories ranging from accommodation to events and tourism innovation to tourism and hospitality hero.

AITC has been nominated in the 'Working Together for Tourism' category for its collaborative working including last year's Taste for Tourism conference in Oban, the many itineraries they have created for travel writers and the ground-breaking 'Wild About Argyll' adventure and film project. The Taste for Tourism conference in Oban in 2015 brought prestigious food journalists and international speakers together with tourism operators and food producers from across Scotland to Argyll for a two day event to discuss 'has Scotland got what it takes to be a global food tourism destination?'

With partnership working as its cornerstone, AITC illustrates the kind of collaboration and joint working which the prestigious Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards couldn't ignore.

Lifeboat races to help sick sailor

THE VOLUNTEER crew of Oban RNLI lifeboat was called out to transport a man from a yacht in the Sound of Mull for medical reasons on Saturday October 8.

The lifeboat was called out at 12.52pm to assist the middle-aged male.

The lifeboat arrived alongside the vessel at 1.17pm and took the man to Oban where he was transferred to a waiting ambulance.

The other occupant of the yacht sailed the boat to Oban.

Getting into the spirit of new gin

TO GIVE cooks inspiration this Seafood Week, one Scottish food blogger has invented moule écosse, marrying West Coast mussels with Scotland's flourishing craft gins.

Claire Jessiman said: 'Scottish artisan gin is undergoing a huge revival and in this recipe I've teamed my favourite shellfish with my favourite drink: gin and tonic.

'I just love Scottish mussels. And, with their plump and sweet tasting flesh, they are one of the best and most affordable types of Scottish seafood around.'

The recipe, which serves two people as a main course or four as a starter, uses 25g salted butter, half an onion, very finely chopped, one large crushed garlic clove, 150ml tonic water,



Claire's recipe makes the most of Scottish mussels and artisan gin.

50ml Scottish gin, 1.5kg mussels, four tbsp double cream, one bunch of chopped parsley, and salt and pepper.

Claire instructs: 'Wash the mussels under cold running water and pull out any beards. If any are open, give them a wee tap to see if they will close shut. Discard those that don't close, along with any that are cracked or damaged.'

'Melt the butter in a large heavy-based pan. Make sure it's one with a well-fitting lid.

Gently fry the chopped onion and crushed garlic until soft. Pour in the gin and tonic and when it comes to the boil add the mussels.

'Cover with the lid and simmer for four or five minutes, occasionally shaking the pan, until all of the mussels are opened. Add the cream and parsley and season with freshly ground salt and pepper. Serve with plenty of crusty bread to soak up all the gin and tonic-infused mussel juices.'

Man is jailed for assault

A 24-YEAR-OLD Oban man has been sentenced to 15 months in jail for an 'extremely violent' assault.

David Kyle Bruce, of Rock Haven, Glenmore Road, Oban, pleaded guilty in August to assaulting a man at Station Road, Oban, on the night of September 26, 2015, by repeatedly punching him on the head, causing him to fall to the ground, and then kicking him in the head to his loss of consciousness and severe injury. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence for a criminal justice social work report.

Defence agent Kevin McGinness told Oban Sheriff Court on Tuesday: 'Mr Bruce's fiancée was involved in a short relationship with the complainer. He has felt a hostile attitude towards him by the complainer; glares in bars, bumping into him in bars, which the accused took to be provocative.

'Mr Bruce accepts the violence was excessive. He has been plagued by guilt. It is highly regrettable these injuries were inflicted on this young man. He knows he has to face the consequences of his extremely violent behaviour.

'Mr Bruce has never appeared in a criminal process before. Given his previous impeccable record, given his attitude to the offence, which is full of remorse, given his suitability for a community-based disposal, custody may be avoided.'

Sheriff Anderson told Mr McGinness: 'Custody is the obvious realistic disposal.' She said: 'I am aware you are a first offender and have very good family support, but I have to look at what you did.

'The unprovoked assault on him was one of extreme violence. There is no realistic disposal except one of custody.'

She sentenced him to 15 months imprisonment, reduced from 20 months.

GP is banned from the road after driving at over 100mph

A DOCTOR from Appin has lost his driving licence for six months after being caught driving at more than 100 miles per hour.

At Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday, Stuart Cairns, of Laich Cottage, pled guilty to speeding. The offence, which saw Cairns clocked at 102.4mph when the speed limit is 60mph, took place on June 5 this year on the A82 at Loch Ba near Glencoe.

The court heard Cairns, 53, had flown into Glasgow and travelled north after visiting his three children in Somerset. His trip had been slow and when the road opened up he built up his speed and was spotted by police.

Procurator fiscal depute David Morton said: 'The police noticed the vehicle approach at an excessive speed, namely 102.4 mph. It was, however, noted in the report that the danger was limited to a certain extent as no

other cars were around. Further, when Mr Cairns was pulled over around a mile down the road, he was visibly shaken when told the speed.'

This point was reiterated by Cairns's solicitor to which Sheriff James Taylor said: 'Is that not doubled-edged? If he is travelling at that speed, 42 miles per hour over the limit, and does not even realise, then surely he is putting the public in even more danger?'

The solicitor said Cairns knew he was speeding but not by that much as his focus was on the road, not the speedometer.

The court was told Cairns is the local GP for Appin and also covers Ballachulish.

His surgery takes place Monday to Friday from 8am to noon and he cares for approximately 850 patients, most of whom are elderly. From noon to 3pm, Cairns carries out home visits and therefore a driving licence is essential.

Cairns's guilty plea was to an alternative charge. The original charge was for dangerous driving. Sheriff Taylor reminded Cairns that punishment for that offence can include up to six months imprisonment, disqualification from driving, a requirement to sit an extended test and three to 11 penalty points.

The defence said Cairns was remorseful and asked the sheriff to take into consideration his status as a doctor, pointing out that without a licence Cairns would not be able to continue to carry out his responsibilities, which include attending emergencies.

Sheriff Taylor said: 'I have listened very carefully and taken in all evidence. However, it is in the public interest to ensure the limit of 60 mph.

'It is important to protect hill walkers, other drivers and animals.'

Sheriff Taylor disqualified Cairns from driving for six months and fined him £500.

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New Lochaber boxing venue proves to be a big hit

LOCHABER Phoenix Boxing Club held their first show of the season last Saturday in Kilmallie Hall, Corpach - a new venue for them.

While the hall only held 200 people, about half of what the club usually has in attendance at the Nevis Centre, it led to 'a very intimate, passionate atmosphere'. The crowd was treated to 13 bouts featuring boxers from all over Scotland, including nine from the home club.

Club coach Charlie Anderson was delighted with his charges showing at the weekend saying: 'Whilst we weren't very pleased with some of the results during the course of the night we were over the moon with the actual performances of the boys as they all showed a big improvement on previous showings due to their hard work in the gym.'

Ten-year-old Josh Dieguno took part in his second skills contest, facing Glasgow Southside club's Thomas Fitzgerald.

Max Derbonovs, 12, faced another boxer from Southside, Aiden Rodgers. This was a competitive bout with both boxers having success. Max lost a razor thin decision but can be very happy he has come a long way in a few months.

Seventeen-year-old Robbie

Hall engaged in a hard-fought bout against Regan Glacken from Glasgow's Hayfield club. After losing the opening round, in the process shipping some heavy shots, Robbie showed his experience to turn the tables in the second with a display of counter punching.

Unfortunately Robbie couldn't sustain this work in the final round and Glacken edged the scoring.

Fourteen-year-old Ross McConnell snatched defeat from the jaws of a seemingly certain victory against Renfrewshire's Jamie Smith when, after what can only be described as a masterclass of boxing by the Lochaber lad in the opening round, he allowed himself to be drawn into a brawl and lose a points decision.

Robert MacDonald turned in a career best performance to win by stoppage against HBA's Levi Coyne.

Youth boxer Kevin Aitchison fought what his corner believed to be a perfect fight against Renfrewshire's Martin Kerr, but the home camp were shocked when the split decision went Kerr's way.

European silver medallist and Great Britain and Scottish champion Cameron Whyte is

Boxing

finding it almost impossible to find opponents from anywhere in Britain at the moment so special permission was granted to allow him to take part in an exhibition with the much heavier Nicholas Devlin of O'Neils boxing club, himself a former European championship bronze medallist.

With Scotland only ever having six medallists at this level, it was quite a coup for Fort William to have the two sharing a ring.

The boys didn't disappoint as they both produced a virtuoso display and produced quite a spectacle in their friendly.

Middleweight Adam Watson went against Alloa's Anas Nfaou, but another split decision went the way of the Alloa man.

Lee Bruce topped the bill in his first contest at senior level against Callum Simpson of Port Glasgow Victoria Boxing Club in a welterweight bout.

From the first bell to last, Lee showed there is no substitute for hard work in the gym, running out a wide unanimous points winner and taking home the boxer of the night trophy befitting his place on the bill.



The Lochaber Phoenix team from Saturday's show, back row, left to right, Lee Bruce, Adam Watson and Kevin Aitchison. Front, left to right, Max Derbonovs, Cameron Whyte, Josh Dieguno and Robert MacDonald. Not photographed, Robbie Hall. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.

'Brilliant' performance lifts Fort William off bottom of the table

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Football

A 'BRILLIANT' performance from Fort William on Saturday pulled the home side off the bottom of the league.

After a few disappointing results, Fort opened the scoring in the 36th minute when Wednesday night's man of the match Glenn Fell picked up the ball on the halfway line and drove forward, before cutting into the box and clipping the ball over the advancing Aaron Sherman for his second goal in two games.

The home side doubled their lead two minutes into the

second half through another stunning finish from top scorer Scottie Davidson for his eighth goal of the season.

Turriff pulled one back in the 77th minute through a powerful header from captain Cameron Bowden.

Just 60 seconds later Fort William restored their two-goal advantage from the 'most unlikely of sources'.

Captain Iain Foggo was in the right place at the right time to fire home what proved to be the winner and his first goal at Claggan Park.



Fort William's Glen Fell is surrounded by Turriff players.



The Fort players celebrate a home victory.

Turriff's Bowden got his second of the afternoon in the 90th minute to make it 3-2, but Fort held on to register a very impressive victory.

Vice chairman David Macdonald said: 'What a brilliant performance from the boys. They thoroughly deserved the three points and the scoreline flattered the visitors.'

Up next for Fort William is a trip to Lossiemouth on Saturday October 15.



Scottie Davidson celebrates scoring Fort's second goal of the afternoon.



Generous donation to shinty fund

NIALL, left, Rosemary and Duncan MacPhee present a £600 cheque to Katie Drain, Camanachd Association Regional Shinty Development Officer, North of Scotland, towards their Disability Shinty Festival.

The matches are organised by the MacPhee family in memory of keen young shinty player and sportsman Fraser MacPhee, with a donation given to various organisations.

The Disability Shinty Festival involves pupils from seven special needs schools from across the country and is usually held over a weekend in March at Dal-faber. Photo: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image.

The money was raised at the annual Fraser MacPhee Youth Shinty Tournament at An Aird, Fort William, in which the best U14 and U17 players from north and south teams compete for silverware.

New badminton season gets under way

LOCHABER Badminton Club got its winter season under way last night (Wednesday). The badminton club will play in Lochaber High School from

7pm to 9pm every Wednesday until March 2017. Anyone interested in playing badminton is welcome to go along.

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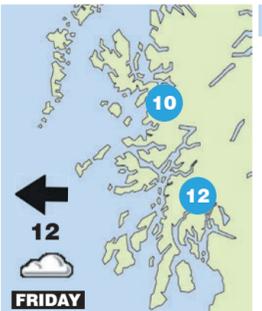
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Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate



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Get wild about Argyll!



This summer between 24 July - 4 August ultra endurance adventurer Mark Beaumont took on a continuous 12-day epic adventure across Argyll and the Isles. On this 'Wild About Argyll' challenge, Mark followed a trail across every corner of Argyll and the Isles. He sailed, open-water swam, kayaked, road and mountain biked and also ran to celebrate some of the best adventure routes on offer. Each day he took on some of the region's

most exhilarating activities, including quad biking, off road motor-biking and horse riding. Why? To help Argyll & The Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) assess the region's adventure tourism credentials, gather extensive video content of the unique adventure offer we have right on Glasgow's doorstep – and to launch an exciting campaign to reposition this wonderful region as Scotland's Adventure Coast.

Welcome to Argyll Enterprise Week



Councillor Aileen Morton.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has teamed up with Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway to host the first Argyll Enterprise Week, in Oban, from October 31 to November 4.

Businesses, social enterprises and potential entrepreneurs across Argyll and the Islands are invited to take advantage of free workshops, seminars, networking events and discussions designed to provide support and inspiration in achieving their business goals.

'Argyll and the Islands has been recognised as one of Scotland's most promising regions. Our geography alone gives us a number of key niche business sectors, from tourism to renewables. Regeneration is creating new opportunities across the area,' said Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable development.

'Talent and ambition is in evidence in our people and in our communities. Argyll Enterprise Week is about building on this promise.' The week has three objectives. Firstly it looks to connect organisations. The geography of Argyll and Bute makes it difficult for people to come

together and when they do, things happen, ideas get developed, collaborations are born and opportunities emerge. Secondly the event looks to inform, presenting the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to help move an organisation forward. Finally the event looks to inspire, by presenting case studies and sharing learning.

David Smart, Head of Special Projects at Highlands and Islands Enterprise said: 'It is vital that Argyll and the Islands is home to significant numbers of confident, growing enterprises that provide secure, well paid jobs. The programme for the week has been carefully created to be of interest to the widest possible range of businesses and social enterprises in Argyll and Bute. We want the event to celebrate existing enterprise across Argyll and the Islands, stimulate fresh ideas and create new connections and collaborations. That's what Argyll Enterprise Week is all about and with more than 200 bookings already made for activities within the week we are looking forward to a great event.'

Kicking things off...

The launch event for Argyll Enterprise Week will be held on Monday October 31 at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban and will set the scene for the week ahead.

It includes speakers from across the private and public sector who are involved in supporting business growth in Argyll and Bute, including an address by Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, chairman of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and of Savills plc. Argyll-based entrepreneurs Jamie Delap of Fyne Ales, Brendon Wallace of BC technologies and Craig Cameron of Midton

Acrylics will be talking about their business successes. It will conclude with a networking lunch provided by Food from Argyll and a showcase of investments and initiatives supporting economic growth.

Attendees will have the opportunity to find out more about transformational projects, including DiscoverSpace UK, Kilmartin Museum expansion, Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative, The European Marine Science Park, Town Centre Heritage programmes, and Live, Work & Invest in Argyll and Bute.

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Realising Argyll's full potential

Nicholas Ferguson is keynote speaker at launch of inaugural Argyll Enterprise Week

Nicholas Ferguson, CBE, will be a keynote speaker at the opening event for Argyll Enterprise Week. Nicholas has a long and distinguished career as leader of a number of blue chip international businesses and is a founder of the Kilfinan Trust. His experience of leading large complex organisations and achieving success in challenging markets made him the ideal candidate to chair the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum and explore how the challenges of population decline and the demographic imbalance affecting the area could be addressed. Nicholas assembled a team of senior public and private sector individuals who considered the opportunities and barriers that the region faced.

This work culminated in the publishing of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum report in February 2016. This report described a number



Nicholas Ferguson, CBE

of the actions that needed to be taken to realise the full potential of the region and work is ongoing to progress these.

Organisations on hand to guide and encourage entrepreneurs

Central to the week is a business support fair, being held at the Corran Halls on November 2, bringing together a wide range of public and private organisations. More than 40 organisations will be on hand to outline the advice and support they can offer.

Organisations exhibiting at the Business Support Fair include:

- Expert help: HIE innovation specialist, HIE creative sector, Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service, Scottish Development International Export Advisory Service
- Digital: DigitalBoost, The Digital Garage by Google, Community Broadband Scotland
- Social enterprise: Firstport, InspirAlba, Just Enterprise
- Finance: DSL Business Finance Ltd, RBS, Pensionwise, Prince's Trust - Youth Business Scotland, Virgin Start Up
- Training and education: Argyll College/UHI, Skills Development Scotland
- Jobs: HIJobs, JobCentre Plus
- Business organisations: BID4Oban, Federation of Small Businesses



- Energy efficiency: All Energy, Resource Efficient Scotland
- Business services: McPhee & Partners, Argyll Financial Services, BC Technologies, BT Local Business
- Tourism: Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative
- Council: Regulatory Services, Procurement, Business Gateway, Live, Work & Invest Argyll and Bute
- Media: Oban Times Group, The Press & Journal

A series of taster sessions will run throughout the day alongside the Business Support Fair. These informal, 45-minute sessions will feature a short presentation on the free help available, followed by a Q&A. 11am – Scottish Manufactur-

ing Advisory Service (SMAS) 11.45am – WorldHost™ Customer Service Training 12.30pm & 4.15pm – The Digital Garage by Google 1.15pm – Resource Efficient Scotland 2pm – Scottish Development International's export adviser 2.45pm – HIE's intellectual property adviser 3.30pm – Argyll and Bute Council Regulatory Services.

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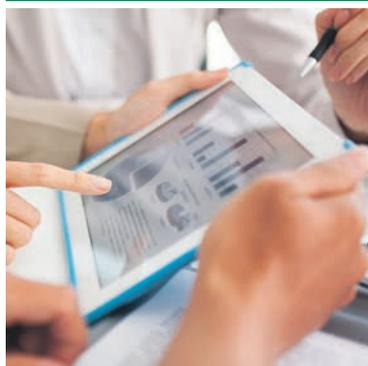
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Working together

Supporting entrepreneurs

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise work together to support ambitious businesses through a growth pipeline. Business Gateway offers advisory support to all businesses and where a business in a key sector can demonstrate via a realistic business plan their ambition and potential to grow significantly and create jobs, further support may be available from HIE to accelerate this growth.

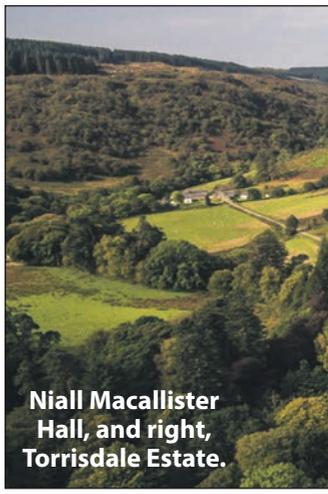
An example of this is Beinn An Tuirc Distillery, based on the Torrisdale Estate in Carradale, South Kintyre.

Niall Macallister Hall and his wife Emma are in the process of setting up Kintyre's first craft gin distillery.

Beinn an Tuirc, meaning ‘hill of the wild boar’ will be the first distillery of its kind to produce the unique ‘Kintyre Gin’ by using water from natural sources and power being produced by the estate’s hydroelectric scheme. The recipe will be inspired by the natural botanicals that are synonymous with the Kintyre area.

Niall explained: ‘Business Gateway was critical in assisting us with our business plans for the new gin distillery and thereafter referring the project on to HIE due to the growth potential of the business idea.

‘We are also in the process of recruiting a graduate through the Scot Grad, programme that HIE introduced us to. This will be pivotal to the creation of our new Kintyre Gin and gaining expertise we might otherwise not have had.’



Niall Macallister Hall, and right, Torrisdale Estate.

Advice is just



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd's nan Eilean

- Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is an ambitious organisation with a unique remit that integrates economic and community development.
- HIE works in a diverse region which extends from Shetland to Argyll and from the Outer Hebrides to Moray, covering more than half of Scotland's land mass.
- HIE is the Scottish Gov-

ernment's economic and community development agency for the north and west of Scotland. Its purpose is to generate sustainable economic growth across the Highlands and Islands. Jennifer Nicoll, Argyll and the Islands area manager said that, ‘It is HIE's ambition for Argyll and the Islands to be a highly successful and competitive region in which increasing numbers of people choose to live, work, study and invest.’ HIE's local team is based in Lochgilphead and works closely with

Fund the growth of

At the funding seminars taking place on November 1, five funders will each outline what they have to offer, how to apply, and answer questions.

■ The SJ Noble Trust offers grants and interest-free loans to new or existing businesses, typically in the region of £5,000.

■ DSL Business Finance Ltd is a not-for-profit lender

specialising in finance for SMEs and third sector social enterprises.

■ Growthdeck is a multi-channel crowdfunding platform that can help raise finance for a business through the sale of equity to its investor network.

■ The Scottish EDGE runs as a pitching competition and businesses could win grant and loan funding of up to

£100,000 to deliver their growth plans.

■ Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support business growth across Scotland and the Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme will give an update.

Day with the Angels

This is a practical, highly-interactive workshop with

Investing Women. Meet, talk and enjoy a light lunch with business angels, get tips on what makes businesses attractive to investors, the process involved and what to prepare. This is a flexible session where the panel discusses your business and business model, how the company can be scaled and other financing options which may be worth exploring. There will

Together s' ambitions



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partners, including Argyll and Bute Council, Skills Development Scotland and University of the Highlands and Islands.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway provides free advice and support to new and existing businesses. A team of experienced, qualified business advisers is on hand locally to help with practical advice. Advisers can also signpost sources of specialist help and funding.

A wide range of free business skills workshops for businesses at all stages of development is available across Argyll throughout the year. Topics include business planning, marketing, bookkeeping, social media for business, eCommerce, becoming an employer, managing staff and customer care. Business Gateway's website www.bgateway.com is packed with information and guides on a range of business topics. To find out how Business Gateway can help call 01546 604 555 or meet one of the team at the Argyll Enterprise Week Business Support Fair.

your business

be opportunities to ask questions, meet other entrepreneurs and get help with pitching.

Following on from this session, there will be the opportunity to practise your pitch, pitching to an experienced business angel who will help you understand what a business angel wants to hear, analyse the pitch and give brief coaching to help optimise

chances of investment. There will also be short 1-2-1s with one of the angels.

Crowdfunding

Derek Bond, founder of the first Scottish equity crowdfunding platform Squareknot, has advised companies across all sectors on the use of crowdfunding to raise seed or growth capital. Squareknot merged with Growthdeck earlier this year.

Derek's presentation will provide an insight into the various forms of crowdfunding that are available to businesses. He will provide advice and tips on how to run a successful crowdfunding campaign, and highlight some of the pitfalls. Businesses attending will be able to find out if their business would be suitable for raising funding through Growthdeck.

Digital Garage

Argyll Enterprise Week is excited to be partnering up with The Digital Garage from Google – a digital skills training platform to assist you in growing your business, career and confidence, online.

A Google digital expert is coming to deliver a session on how to reach new customers. The 40-minute session will teach you how to make your business more visible online through search optimisation, local listings and search engine marketing.

The Google expert will also be available for one-to-one sessions. So come prepared to learn and ask questions, too.

IT help

DigitalBoost is an IT business support programme offered by HIE and Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise. It is available to businesses and social enterprises across Scotland and the team of experts will demonstrate how organisations can step up their digital capabilities. The DigitalBoost team will run a workshop on Wednesday November 2 at the Corran Halls. 'Digital Boost Cyber Security' features an ethical hacker, while the #hellodigital team from HIE will be delivering an introductory workshop on the use of 360 degree video.

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Will Self runs Wild Argyll.

Training is key to first-class tourism

Adventure tourism has been identified as a growth area, particularly for Argyll and this was highlighted recently by the epic 12-day adventure endured by celebrity cyclist Mark Beaumont. Argyll and the Islands is rich in many assets suited to the adventure market both on land and sea. There is an extensive network of long distance routes and trails across the region, including the Cowal Way, the Kintyre Way, The Three Lochs Way, the Sea Kayak Trail, the West Loch Lomond Cycle Path, and the John Muir Way, which starts and finishes in Argyll. There are a number of mountain biking trails and an extensive network of tracks and paths within the forests for walking, trail running and cycling, and beaches and launch points to gain access for water sports.

As part of Argyll Enterprise Week, Argyll and Isles Tourism Co-operative (AITC) will be running a workshop titled, Wild About Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll and The Isles. The workshop is targeted at all businesses and individuals who are already involved in the adventure market or view this as an opportunity.

Getting Argyll and Bute on the map for all the right reasons is critical to the success of our tourism industry and excellent customer service can help achieve this.

Led by AITC, a new initiative is under way to help Argyll become a

WorldHost Recognised Destination, through local businesses putting at least 50 per cent of their customer facing staff through the WorldHost customer service training programme.

Iain Jurgensen, general manager of Portavadie and chairman of the AITC training group, explains: 'The teams going through the process will benefit as part of their learning journey, underpinning the value of great service which our ever-discerning visitors are coming to expect from all levels of the visitor experience in an ever more competitive market.'

Dunoon based Argyll Cruising has already achieved WorldHost accreditation, via training from Business Gateway.

Jamie Duncan, shore manager explains: 'Putting the customer first is our cornerstone. When guests come on a cruise they are with us every hour of the day whether it's a three, four or six-night cruise – or even longer! Our customer care skills have to be first class at all times. WorldHost gave us the tools to hone our skills and the confidence to put the training into practice. We are seeing the benefits with repeat bookings for 2017 already up on last year. We can attribute this, at least in part, to WorldHost. Carrying the respected recommendation of being WorldHost accredited gives first-time guests the confidence to book with us.'

Guide to What's On during

MONDAY OCTOBER 31

11.30am-1.30pm: Launch Event with speakers from across the public and private sector supporting business growth, followed by a networking lunch and showcase of transformational projects
Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1 Funding your Business

9.30-10.30am: Kate Fraser/ Colin Fulcher – Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme and Argyll and the Isles LEADER programme

10.30-11.30am: Christina Noble – SJ Noble Trust

11.30am-12.30pm: Derek Bond (pictured above) – Growthdeck

12.30pm-1pm: Lunch

1pm-2pm: Stewart Yuill – DSL Business Finance Ltd

2pm-3pm: Jack Proctor – Scottish Edge and Clive Rumbold – MOTO Scotland
Venue: McCaig Suite – Corran Halls

10am-3pm: A Day with the Angels – Investing Women Angels Ltd

3.30-5.30pm: Individual Pitch Practice or 121 with Angels
Venue: Gaelic Room, Corran Halls

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

11am-6pm: Business Support Fair – Taster Sessions

Venue: Stage Area, Main Hall, Corran Halls

11-11.45am: Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service

11.45am-12.30pm: World Host customer service training

12.30-1.15pm: The Digital Garage from Google

1.15-2pm: Resource Efficient Scotland

2-2.45pm: Internationalisation

2.45-3.30pm: Intellectual assets

3.30-4.15pm: Regulatory Services

4.15-5pm: The Digital Garage from Google

ON ELSEWHERE – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

9.30am-12.30pm: Intro to 360 Degree Virtual Reality Video making

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

1-4pm: Cyber Security Workshop

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

4.30-6.30pm: Innovation Forum

Venue: McCaig Suite, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Women in Business Discussion Panel

Venue: Oban Bay Hotel

6-9pm: Social Enterprise Film Festival and Question Time panel

Venue: Phoenix Cinema

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

9.30am-4pm: Focus on Social Enterprise Day

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

10am-1pm: SDP Introduction to working with the public sector

Venue: West Highland Housing Association

2-5pm: Selling with Confidence

Venue: West Highland Housing Association

10am-noon: Scotland Food & Drink – Strategy 2030 – Have Your Say

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

12.30-1.30pm: Scotland Food & Drink – Understanding your markets and customers

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

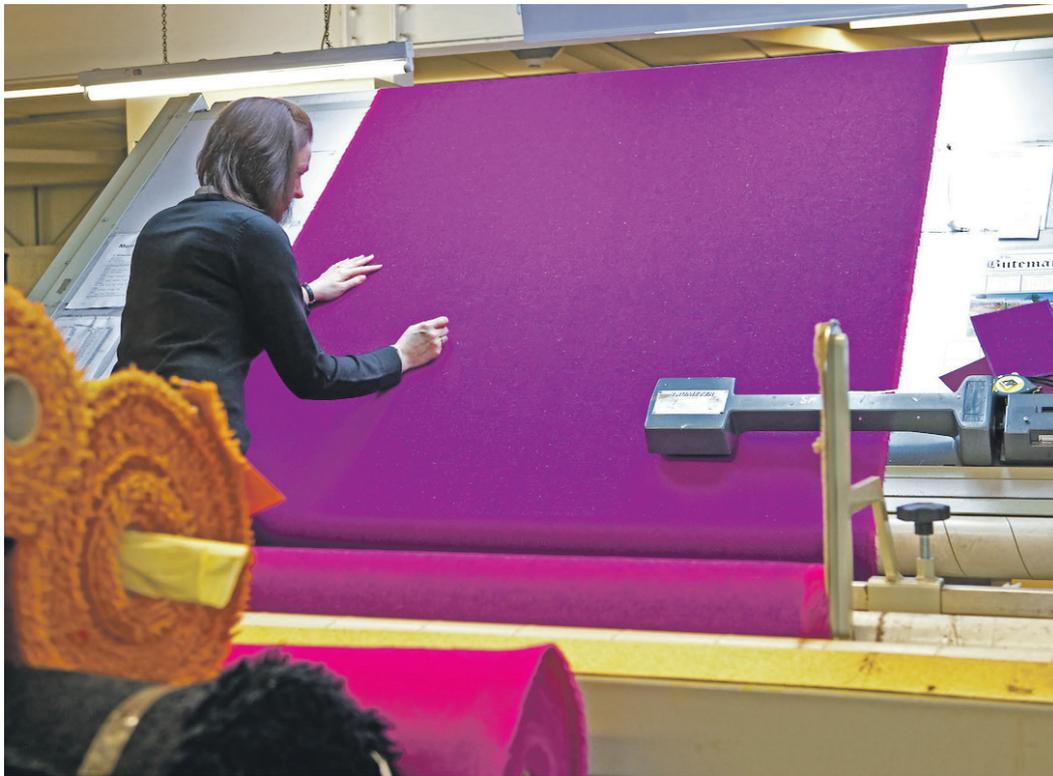
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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

9am-1pm: Craft Scotland Working with the Tourism Industry

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Hall

10am-noon: Wild about Argyll – Adventure Tourism in Argyll & the Isles

Venue: The Studio, Corran Halls

2-4pm: Fast Talking – Oban Times

Speed Networking Event

Venue: Argyllshire Gathering Halls

XPONORTH ON THE ROAD

Venue: Kinetics Studio

10.30-11am: Creative Scotland support and the new Creative Industries Strategy

11am-noon: Making It Here – Running a successful craft business in the Highlands and Islands

Noon-1.15pm: Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy

2-2.45pm: PRS and Licencing

2.45-4pm: DIY – Self Publishing and Crowdfunding

4-5.15pm: Children's books now with award-winning writer Barry Hutchison (pictured left) and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow)

5.15-6.30pm: BBC – The Social

6.30-7.45pm: Music Placement across the multimedia



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Feeding into food & drink strategy

Scotland Food and Drink (SF&D) will be running two workshops as part of Argyll Enterprise Week.

The first is 'Scotland Food & Drink Strategy 2030 – have your say'.

SF&D is working to deliver a new industry strategy and participants can hear about the research so far, consider the strategic options and feed in plans and concerns for the future.

The workshop is a real chance to voice your opinion and get involved in shaping the direction of travel for the food and drink industry.

The second workshop, Understanding your Markets and Customers, focuses on the importance of understanding your shopper and their behaviors when targeting new markets.

Rick Allison, UK Market Analyst, will set the scene on current trends in the UK and beyond, as well as demonstrating practical tools and techniques that you can deploy to strengthen your understanding of food and drink sector opportunities both locally and across the UK.

SF&D is the industry's leadership organisation working to grow the food and drink sector to a value of £16.5 billion by 2017 and build Scotland's reputation as a land of food and drink.

SF&D brings together all the

industry associations in the sector – from farmers and fishermen to manufacturers – with the key public sector agencies. It works in a spirit of collaboration and partnership to develop the economic growth strategy for the industry, which Government and public sector agencies align their support behind. A membership organisation, SF&D has 360 companies and organisations within its membership, ranging from small artisan producers to multinational manufacturers, as well as most of the major retailers and catering firms.

Food from Argyll is a co-operative of specialist Argyll and Bute food producers formed to promote and market local produce. The organisation has established a reputation for being a premier food provider at numerous prestigious events, including the Commonwealth Games. The organisation now has 23 specialist food producers. In July 2016 the organisation opened its first café, a major step forward, providing a base from which to run their trading arm. Funding for the café project came from Food from Argyll's successful participation in the Festival14 catering for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



Food from Argyll is a member of SF&D.

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It involves learning by doing – giving children and young people the chance to experience real business and work related learning.

Through hands on participation they learn the value of teamwork, the importance of good communication strategies, how to present information and how to deal with failure.

These skills are valuable for future employees, employers and entrepreneurs, and link



to all subjects right across the Argyll and Bute education curriculum.

Young Enterprise Scotland Company Programme

One example of enterprise activity available within schools is Young Enterprise

Scotland's well-known Company Programme, a business experience for S5/S6 pupils in schools across Scotland. The pupils set-up and run their own company through the academic year with support from local business volunteers.

XPONORTH has designs on Oban

XpoNorth is Scotland's leading creative industries festival; a unique conference, networking and showcase event, held annually in Inverness.

Running in Oban as part of Argyll Enterprise Week, a one-day version of XPONORTH on Friday November 4 offers people the chance to meet a range of industry specialists, look at a range of challenges and opportunities and put their own questions forward.

The packed day will consist of eight sessions to help make a success of a creative career. These will include:

10.30-11am – Creative Scotland – Support and the new Creative Industries Strategy. Aimed at anyone interested in what support might be available from Creative Scotland.

Helena Ward, Creative Industries manager at Creative Scotland will give a presentation on their new Creative Industries Strategy, and how they can help your business.

11am-noon – Making it Here: running an



international craft business from the Highlands and Islands.

Aimed at any form of craft business, or people working in textiles, the session offers useful insights into running any small business from a rural location. The session features Melanie Muir, a Moray-based award-winning contemporary jewellery designer and international teacher working in polymer.

Noon-1.15pm – Skills for Strategic Design Consultancy. This discussion session is aimed at designers who may be interested in broadening their roles, looking to better

g pupils about business



Lochgilthead students, who took part in Young Enterprise Scotland's Company Programme were crowned Company of the Year in 2016. Their company Deja Moo created canvas bags inspired by Highland cows.

The winning company for Argyll and Bute in 2016 was Deja Moo, run by students from Lochgilthead High School. Deja Moo created a Highland cow inspired canvas bag as their company product, which proved to be very popular. Caitlin Smart, MD of Deja Moo said: 'I had always been interested in business. The Company Programme was great but hard work. It showed me some of the challenges a business can face and how a team working together can achieve anything!'

This helps them develop a wide range of skills and receive an invaluable entrepreneurial experience. At the end of the year, the pupils compete on a local, regional, national and European level to be crowned Company of the Year.

Argyll College

Argyll College UHI is running a 'Field to Fork' competition for all Argyll and Arran schools to encourage senior phase students to explore local horticulture, aquaculture, agriculture and hospitality industries.

The competition invites teams of up to four students to work with a local business (either food producer, manufacturer, processor, or restaurant) to produce a menu using local Argyll produce for a set budget.

From the submitted menus, three finalists will be invited to come to Oban Learning Centre on Tuesday November 1 to cook their menus, to be judged by the college's hospitality tutors along with a local guest chef.

Argyll College UHI will also be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to showcase a range of short training courses and a number of leadership and professional development qualifications.

understand how design can help develop their own ideas, or aspiring designers. It will be valuable for anyone wanting to see how their creative skills can be applied to providing services to non-creative businesses. Led by Iain Aitchison of the Glasgow School of Art and programme director at the Institute of Design Innovation.

2-2.45pm – PRS and licensing. Offering attendees a broad overview of the role of collection societies with a particular focus on digital licensing and what this means for music users and copyright owners.

2.45-4pm – Self-publishing and Crowdfunding. Join Ben Galley, self-publishing consultant and successful crowdfunder in this session to hear all about how to raise money through the crowd and you'll be introduced to a variety of different crowdfunding options open to writers.

4-5.15pm – Children's books now. Award-winning writer Barry Hutchison and innovative publisher Lorna Freytag (Hey Wow) introduce us to their highly original and engaging work, and give insights into the contemporary children's book market and writing for children across different digital and print platforms

5.15 – 6.30pm – BBC, the Social. BBC The Social is a digital content stream delivered across multiple social media channels, showcasing the talents and passions of emerging digital content creators across Scotland.

In this session delivered by Anthony Browne, The Social's executive producer, learn more about the origins of The Social, how it is developing and how you can get involved.

6.30-7.45pm – Music Placement across the multimedia. Aimed at musicians, composers and anyone looking at how to use music in their own projects, this event will cover what you need to know offering a practical perspective on how music supervision works across the TV, film, advertising and gaming sectors. Whilst the different sessions available are aimed at specific parts of the Creative Industries, the content of the sessions is still very relevant to anyone regardless of what your creative passion is – crowd funding, looking at the challenges and opportunities of a rural base, licensing content amongst others. All free, the sessions are open to any level of experience.

All speakers are available for one-to-one meetings as well as Jeni Oliver (International Executive, Creative Industries) and Iain Hamilton (HIE Head of Creative Industries) and the Creative Industries network managers, Amanda Millen, Alex Smith, and Kate Hooper.

To book, visit argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk.

Small Business Taster Sessions



As part of Enterprise Week, Argyll College UHI will be running a range of FREE taster sessions for small businesses. Each session will last two to three hours and will be led by our resident expert tutors. Full details of each session can be found on our website but places are limited so please book early.

And if you want see our remodelled centre and find out about what full and part time courses Argyll College UHI has to offer, why not pop along to our Open Day on Wednesday October 26th from 10am till 7pm? We're now accepting applications for 2017 courses.



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simplicity of the technology. So if you are job hunting and want to continue to live in Argyll and Bute signing up to HIJOBS is the best move you will ever make. Sign up at hijobs.net/account/register As Laura concludes: 'We want to empower people to live and work in their communities and make using that power simple, straight from their pocket using phones or tablets.'

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Help to keep you on right

Argyll and Bute Council's Regulatory Services department includes environmental health and trading standards. Officers will be at the Business Support Fair on Wednesday November 2 to outline help available to local businesses. 'Environmental Health enforces legislation. We have a clear enforcement role, in support of fair, safe service for customers,' explains Alan Morrison, regulatory services manager. 'We prefer to work with businesses so

that enforcement action is not needed, so we provide advice and guidance to help businesses make sure they comply with what's required. Increasingly local businesses are taking advantage of this free support and asking us for guidance at an early stage.' Dalrannoch Foods Ltd has benefited from the help on offer. The business is expanding into new premises in Oban, offering a range of sandwiches, soups and freshly cooked ready meals. 'We contacted both

environmental health and trading standards as we wanted to ensure that we were complying,' explains owner Aileen MacPhail. 'They provided a professional and helpful service, offering clear guidance to help us meet all the current standards.' Environmental Health enforces legislation which protects public health, safety and the environment. Their work comprises food safety, environmental protection, health and safety, public health, licensing standards and animal health.

They also issue a number of licenses and registrations including caravan sites, riding establishments, houses in multiple occupation and private let accommodation. Key areas of recent support include advising new businesses, new product development in food safety, work related to the export market of fish and shellfish, and assisting organisers to plan for major events such as Tiree Music Festival and Oban Live. Trading Standards deals with a wide



Margaret Gibson

Top advisor to discussion panel

Margaret Gibson, Chief Executive of Women's Enterprise Scotland, is thrilled to be hosting a women in business discussion panel as part of the upcoming Argyll Enterprise Week. Margaret is passionate about

helping others to develop skills and build useful networks. With more than 25 years of experience in the small- to medium-sized enterprise sector as an entrepreneur, advisor and mentor, she is driven by the pleasure of seeing

Women in business

Women entrepreneurs are vital to the makeup of the business community and there is a growing body of evidence highlighting the economic benefits of encouraging more women into business. It is estimated that around 21 per cent of Scotland's 339,000 SMEs are majority-led by women and a further 22 per cent are equally-led by women and men. Men are still almost twice as likely to start businesses as women. While the under-representation of women in entrepreneurship is an international concern, Scotland's rates of female business ownership are persistently low relative to other high-income countries. The scale of Scotland's enterprise 'gap' is illustrated by estimates suggesting that Scotland would have an additional 108,480 businesses

if women's business ownership rates equalled those of men. This would equate to a 32 per cent increase in Scotland's business base. The contribution of women-led businesses to the Scottish economy is substantial. Estimates suggest that women-led businesses contribute (at a minimum) £5 billion GVA. If rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men, the contribution to Scotland's GVA would increase by £7.6 billion to nearly £13 billion. This equates to a 5.3 per cent growth in the size of the Scottish economy. Among women-owned businesses in Scotland, there is considerable ambition and growth aspiration. A survey by Women's Enterprise Scotland in 2012 found that 87 per cent were planning growth and 27 per cent wanted to grow rapidly.

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Be inspired

Three workshops to help develop and support social enterprise activities

range of legislation relating to goods and services. Its aim is to protect consumers and maintain a fair and safe trading environment where local businesses can thrive. Trading Standards covers fair trading, weights and measures, safety of goods, controlled substances such as fertilisers, age related sales and the administration and enforcement of several licenses and registrations. A key area of business support is the Buy With Confidence Scheme.



Ailsa Clark, InspirAlba.

Delegates attending the Focus on Social Enterprise Day on Thursday November 3 will have the option to attend one of the three workshops running during the day. David Bryan of the Social Enterprise Academy will be delivering a leadership and governance workshop, explaining strategic and operational roles and structures, what the key traits of leadership are and how to work with these. Barbara Halliday of Business Gateway will deliver a practical session on techniques and practices for managing staff and volunteers. Finally Ailsa Clark, in conjunction with Firstport, will be looking at ways you can make your business more sustainable. A Dragon's Den-style competition will give organisations the opportunity to pitch to a panel to secure investment to help with costs to launch new start-up social enterprise activities or to

support a new area of growth for established social enterprises. InspirAlba has been instrumental in organising the social enterprise activity for Argyll Enterprise Week. Established in 2009 by Ailsa Clark as a charitable enterprise, InspirAlba aims to assist community-based organisations to turn their ideas and aspirations into robust, sustainable business activities. Turning ideas into reality and taking business growth forward can be challenging, with organisations often working flat out to ensure sustainability. InspirAlba provides business support, community engagement, project development and planning services to assist organisations to build resilience and income which in turn delivers a range of environmental, social and economic benefits for communities across Argyll and Bute.

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others succeed in business. Her dedication to supporting others was recognised last year when she became the first woman in Scotland to receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion.

Three of the best

The Women in Business panel event is aimed at women in business, those planning to be, or those just interested in finding out more. Event host Margaret Gibson will be joined by three local business women; Helen MacKechnie of Oban Chocolate Company, Helen Dewar of MDive Ltd on Mull and Rachel Ross of Loch Melfort Hotel. 'I am delighted to take part in the Women's Enterprise

Scotland event, held as part of Argyll Enterprise Week,' explains Rachel. 'It is so important that we support and encourage our women-led businesses to grow and flourish in Argyll. 'Networking and peer support is a crucial part of the mix in being able to achieve that.' The focus of the panel will be around challenges and opportunities for women in business in Argyll. There will also be an opportunity

to take questions from the audience. The session will be followed by an informal networking opportunity supported by the Federation of Small Businesses.

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processing of the materials it collects and this happens by Kintyre employees hand-sorting them into mixed plastics, cardboard, mixed papers, steel and aluminium cans, then baling these into 500kg blocks for onward transport. Thereafter, Kintyre need a reliable buyer of these materials, who will ensure the recyclables are processed responsibly into new products such as packaging materials and this lead to a “perfect paper partnership” being formed with Highlander International Recycling in Glasgow several years ago which has just been recently renewed. Highlander are the

largest independent paper recycler in Scotland and they buy all the paper, cardboard and plastics from Kintyre Recycling, which are then forwarded to end markets all over the world such as Norway, China and Germany. Recent changes to residual waste bin collection frequencies in the Argyle & Bute area, has lead to Kintyre having to handle more materials as residents look to increase their recycling rates and Highlander provided a new baling machine to Kintyre completely free of charge, as part of a new agreement between the companies. This long-term agreement also delivers good prices and guaranteed



end-markets for all the waste materials recycled, meaning Kintyre Recycling can continue its invaluable community work with peace of mind. Highlander Director, Stephen Duffy commented: “We

have been working with Amanda, David and the team at Kintyre for several years now and when it became apparent that the volumes they handle would increase due to the new 3-weekly residual waste

collections, we were delighted to help! We have provided a new baling machine which will increase capacity there by 25% and guaranteed markets for all recycled papers and plastics, long into the future! The team there are a vital part

of the community and do a sterling job making sure the region's waste is recycled responsibly and properly and Highlander, are honoured to be perfect partners with Kintyre Recycling long into the future!”