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### Winter Festival gets underway

OBAN officially gets in the mood for Christmas this weekend when the second annual Winter Festival gets underway.

Festive spirits are high as the 10-day programme of events starts tomorrow (Friday), with this year's Victorian Steam Train theme sure to inspire businesses and locals alike.

Described as 'for the community, by the community', last year's inaugural festival was a huge success, helping generate an additional £1million for the local economy.

One of the organisers, Pamela Lockhart, said: 'People are getting excited about it and we're urging everyone to come out and support what is a real community celebration.'

Some 65 different events and attractions have been arranged for this year's festival.

The full Winter Festival programme appears in our special Christmas pull-out on pages 14 and 15.

### Ward re-opens

THE OUTBREAK of norovirus at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban looks to have halted after NHS Highland reported no new cases over the past week.

Restricted admissions to the affected Ward B have been lifted and a spokesman for NHS Highland said the hospital was operating normal visiting hours.

Five patients and several staff at the ward contracted the virus.

### Searching for an Angel of the Year

THE OBAN TIMES is searching for an Angel of the Year.

We're asking readers to nominate individuals for our Angel of the Year title - and the £500 prize that goes with it. Two runners up will each receive £100.

Editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie, said: 'Our Angel of the Year will be someone who embodies strong community spirit and makes a vital contribution to their town, village or island - or even further afield.'

For further details see page 26



Bidders will have a chance to name the rescued five week old pup and be there at his release as part of a silent auction to raise money for charity. 16\_146seal2

### Seal pup locked in car boot for 24 hours

A FIVE week old grey seal pup is recovering at Oban Sea Life Sanctuary after being left in a car boot for 24 hours.

**Assumed abandoned**  
The lively pup was found and lifted by a well-meaning passer by at Glenbarr on the Kintyre peninsula, who assumed it had been abandoned.

However, rather than phone the Scottish Society for the Protection of Animals (SSPCA) or the Sea Life Sanctuary to seek

advice, the individual picked up the creature and put it in their car.

The SSPCA were contacted the following day and the pup was taken to the Sanctuary at Barcaldine, near Oban, for vital care.

Thankfully the pup is doing well and hopes are high it can be released back into the wild at the turn of the year.

Aquarist Gareth Harriman said the finder risked not just the

health of the pup, but their own safety, highlighting that even a pup can be dangerous - even if it is cute and fluffy.

'Thankfully, he's doing really well,' said Gareth. 'But at the end of the day, he's wild and that's one of the biggest reasons we say stand away from them if you see them on the beach.'

'This person picked him up and put him in the back of their car, where it was kept for 24 hours. The pup would

have been left on the beach by the mother who would go off to feed for a couple of hours before coming back. Once its come back and found her pup is no longer there, that's it, they don't come back looking.'

'Also, once a pup is handled by a person it won't be accepted by the mother.'

'For all those reasons, we tell people to stay away and contact the SSPCA or ourselves if you have concerns.'

## Rest and be Thankful work delayed - again

### Legal wrangle stalls progress on landslide diversion route

REPORT by STEVEN FLANAGAN [sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk)

CONTINUED delays to securing the Old Military Road at the Rest and Be Thankful mean a landslide diversion route won't be ready until at least February. Legal complications over the purchase of the road from a private landlord mean completion of the A83 bypass is now nearly four months behind schedule. Once a deal is agreed, construction is anticipated to take nine weeks.

#### 'Optimistic'

When he announced the formation of the Task Force comprising government officials and local stakeholders in August, then infrastructure minister Alex Neil said the diversion would be open 'by November at the latest'.

But as landslide warning lights were switched on again on Tuesday, fresh fears were expressed that the work will take even longer in the winter weather.

Now members of the Scottish Government's A83 Task Force have warned confidence in its ability is at risk over limited progress and a lack of communication from officials.

Describing Mr Neil's initial

it will be okay. If it drags on beyond the next meeting we will lose confidence.

'We have been fortunate with the rain so far. Other parts of Scotland have been very wet.'

'The first thing people ask when they're coming to Argyll is 'what's happening with the Rest and Be Thankful'? The situation is damaging to everyone in Argyll.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland told *The Oban Times* it was hopeful of concluding the deal to purchase the Old Military Road in the near future, adding the delay has allowed extensive survey work to be carried out to aid construction.

The spokesman said: 'Extensive mitigation work at the Rest and Be Thankful continues. Transport Scotland remains committed to putting in place measures to mitigate against landslips on the A83. We will provide a further update to the community shortly.'

It is anticipated that a report on possible long-term solutions will be presented at the next meeting of the Task Force.

Jane added: 'If the next meeting is organised quickly and we get good news on the diversion,

### Council claims no bill from 'Old Bill' stalls payment

FOUR months after starting a pilot scheme to enforce on-street parking restrictions, police in Oban have not received a penny for their labours - following a misunderstanding over an invoice.

Nearly 500 parking tickets were issued to motorists by police officers in Oban during the three-month pilot scheme, which ran from July 9 to the first week in October this year. Strathclyde Police confirmed

this week that it is concerned it has received no payment from Argyll and Bute Council, as *The Oban Times* went to press.

But Argyll and Bute Council says it will pay the police the estimated £1,650 it owes when it receives an invoice.

Oban Police chief inspector Julie McLeish said: 'We thought the method of payment had been agreed but that is obviously not the case and this will be addressed.'

### Young Oban musicians gain three-year financial boost from Celtic Charity Fund



Oban High School Pipe Band  
Picture www.scotphoto.com

OBAN High School's music department will benefit to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds, thanks to one of the town's Celtic supporters clubs.

The Celtic Charity Fund's music programme will provide money over the next three years for four schools, three of which are in Glasgow.

But while looking to help a school outside of Glasgow to help, the club's charity fund

came across the Oban No.1 Celtic Supporters Club, which decided to channel the funds through Oban High.

Peter Bain, head teacher at Oban High School, said: 'We believe we have a responsibility to ensure that all of our youngsters achieve the best possible qualifications.'

'We also believe that we need to nurture and develop their social, emotional and vocational knowledge and skills

to enable them to achieve their full potential throughout their lives. The support and investment provided from the Celtic Music Programme will make a great contribution to the development of a Traditional School of Music in Oban.'

Celtic's Music Programme is supported by Celtic Charity Fund and a number of private individuals and foundations with substantial experience in educational philanthropy and

in the music industry, with the project receiving initial investment of £120,000.

Oban No.1 Celtic Supporters Club president John MacInnes said: 'We are proud and privileged to be involved with the Celtic charity music programme, successfully directing funding into Oban High School. We hope the significant amount involved will help pupils achieve their aspirations.'

## Another retail door closes on Oban's George Street

DECLINING footfall to Oban's George Street, inadequate customer parking and expensive rents and rates forced The Pancake Place's decision to close its town centre business next month.

**Trading more than 20 years**  
Angela Dunn, owner of the company, said she is deeply unhappy at having to close the eatery at 95-97 George Street, which has been trading in the town for more than 20 years.

Ten jobs will go as a result of the closure on December 3, but Ms Dunn said it was vital to protect the rest of the chain.

It becomes the fourth business

in the stretch of George Street between the cinema and Stafford Street to close its doors in recent months.

**High rent and rates**  
Stead and Simpson's shut up their shoe shop on Sunday, while Clinton Cards ceased trading in May - although a decision had been taken to close the store before the company went into liquidation.

The Winehouse also closed its doors, but it is understood the owners plan to reopen the shop.

Explaining the decision, Ms Dunn said: 'People I've spoken to from Oban say it is very expensive

to come here. 'Our rent went up by more than 50 per cent just after we bought the business five years ago, as did rates.'

'George Street is the first thing you see when you drive into Oban and your first impression is that there are lots of empty shops or charity shops.'

'The lack of parking doesn't help either and what's there leads people to the wrong end of the town.'

She supported the Oban BID movement, saying: 'At least they'll be thinking about the town centre.'

### Tourism leader honoured at awards

AN OBAN tourism operator has been honoured for his services to the industry at this year's Thistle Awards.

Ian Cleaver, who runs Dalmally coach tour company Highland Heritage, was presented with this year's Silver Thistle Award by Mike Cantlay, chairman of VisitScotland.

At 73, Ian is still working, having first started with a guest house in Oban after leaving the merchant navy. He built the company and now owns four hotels and a fleet of coaches. A believer in a real 'hands on' approach, he regularly joins guests on tours and has been known to personally provide entertainment in the evenings.

Mr Cantlay said: 'This country is known for hospitality and an experience that makes all our guests feel special - Ian has this central to business philosophy, and has become a legendary ambassador for Scottish tourism because of it.'

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### Mull timber firm goes for biggest skyline in Europe

A FORESTRY skylining company from Mull is about to receive delivery of two of the biggest machines in the European timber industry.

Calum Duffy, who owns Duffy Skylining, is awaiting the delivery of a custom-built skyline, used for transporting felled trees on a steel cable highline to another location. His new skyline will be the biggest in Europe.

He is also expecting to receive a new timber harvester for felling and cutting trees which will be one of the biggest excavator machines in Europe.

Calum said: 'The outlay on these new machines is very substantial and I received no help from any funding bodies.

'We travel all over the west coast for work and currently we are in Ullapool where the machines will be delivered to.'

He is hoping to receive his new machinery within the next two weeks.

### Befriending week celebrates work of dedicated volunteers

A VOLUNTEER service is encouraging people to seek help if they are feeling lonely as part of the first Befriending Week.

Befrienders in Argyll and Bute work with children and people who are feeling isolated or alone due to a range of issues such as mental health, old age, homelessness or disability.

Befriending Week celebrates the work of trained volunteers who take time to chat to vulnerable people who need the service.

Befriending co-ordinator Cathi Bertin said: 'We would like to thank our brilliant volunteers for supporting many lonely people over the past year.'

The service is currently looking for more volunteers across Argyll and Bute.

Contact cathibertin@btconnect.com for more information.

### Rural skills and youth employment in spotlight

A NATIONAL summit in Oban on rural skills and youth employment heard a hand-in-hand approach between business and local authority will help drive the local economy.

Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead said the example set by the Chambers of Commerce in Moray following news of RAF closures to drive development and recruitment should be used as a template for economic recovery.

Youth employment minister Angela Constance, meanwhile, said local government procurement reform will mean more money spent in their region, helping preserve local jobs and develop training programmes.

## No let-up in Islay bid to raise treatment cash for Ciara

THE FUNDRAISING appeal on Islay to help a 12-year-old girl go to America to receive cancer treatment continues with gusto.

More fundraising events have been planned in support of the

Ciara Caskie Allan Appeal. A rugby ball run and a quiz night took place last weekend, with four more events planned soon.

**Brain surgery**  
Ciara recently had brain surgery in Glasgow's Yorkhill

Hospital, her last before flying to Oklahoma for proton therapy to treat a brain tumour. The surgery lasted six hours but was successful. She is now recovering in hospital.

A sponsored rugby ball run

took place on November 10. Members of the rugby club, Port Ellen Football Club and crew members from HMS Vanguard ran from Portnahaven to Port Ellen carrying the ball. In the evening there was a quiz

night in the Bowmore Hotel. Other planned events include a cheese and wine evening at the Gaelic College, an island wide walk on Islay and a walk around Strathclyde Country Park in Motherwell.

## New laws for private landlords

PRIVATE landlords are being reminded to take heed of a new law governing deposits which came into force this week.

From Tuesday, anyone who accepts a deposit for the lease of a property - either starting or renewing - will have to put it in the hands of an approved third party within 30 days.

Highlighting the scheme, Argyll and Bute Council advise landlords will have to provide tenants with specific information including the amount of the deposit and the scheme where the money is being held until it requires to be repaid.

The landlord will be asked to provide proof of registration with the council when the deposit is paid over. Failure to place the deposit or provide the required information will mean tenants can seek up to three times the deposit amount from the landlord through the courts.

One of the approved schemes, Letting Protection Service Scotland, has already held four events across Argyll and Bute over the last two months. The other schemes available are Safe Deposits Scotland and My Deposits Scotland.

Landlords should contact their chosen scheme directly to find out how to place their deposits. Lead councillor for housing George Freeman said: 'I would encourage private landlords to make sure they are up to speed with this new legislation.'

More information regarding private landlord registration can be found at [www.argyllbute.gov.uk/privatelandlords](http://www.argyllbute.gov.uk/privatelandlords).



1st Steps Nursery youngsters with the Christmas gifts they have collected to send to people around the world less fortunate than themselves. 16\_146nursery01

## Generous youngsters share festive cheer

CHILDREN at an Oban nursery have been busy collecting Christmas gifts for people around the world who are less fortunate.

The youngsters at 1st Steps Day Nursery on Croft Road have been filling boxes with essential items as well as toys for the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal.

The scheme has been organised by the nursery cook, Shauna MacKenzie, who

thought it would be a 'good idea to teach the children about sharing'. She said: 'With Christmas coming up it is letting the children know it is not just about toys. A lot of the things in the boxes are just essentials like toothbrushes and toothpaste. We have had a huge response, around 25 boxes, which all go on Friday.'

Shauna also organised a nursery sponsored

walk earlier in the year which raised £700 for Mary's Meals. Unlike that cash, which benefited children in Africa, the shoeboxes will be distributed to countries in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Boxes will also go to India and Pakistan in January and February. Last year's Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal saw 119,283 shoeboxes filled and distributed.

## New cycle path to be completed at Barcaldine

A NEW stretch of cycle path is to be built at Barcaldine as the charity behind building the route continues negotiations to establish a full Oban-Connel link.

Sustrans, the charity funded by Transport Scotland, hopes to fill every gap in the Oban to North Ballachulish route by April 2015 in the wake of new figures that show the routes are proving popular with cyclists and walkers.

However, negotiations with some land owners are taking longer than expected, hindering construction. Work continues to progress, however, with a bridge over the River Duror completed earlier this month to provide parents with an alternative route to the village's school.

Work will start next year to extend the southern end of the

Barcaldine stretch of path to Dalrannoch Farm and to extend the southern stretch of the Benderloch path.



Sustrans director John Lauder: 'People want to see these sections completed and we want to do that as soon as we can.'

It is hoped a complete Oban to Connel route will follow shortly afterwards. The sustainable transport charity's Scottish director John Lauder said: 'It's a 30 mile route and 20 miles of the path is built, so we're two thirds of the way there.'

**Completed**  
'Negotiations are continuing with landowners across the length of the route', he added.

'People want to see these sections completed and we want to do that as soon as we can. The Oban to Connel route is one that is of a very cyclable distance, so it is one we want to get finished.'

'We have an excellent budget from Transport Scotland that will take us through to 2015 and we're still on track to have the route finished by then.'

However, Mr Lauder admits having a cycle path along the A85 won't necessarily remove all

cycle traffic from the road. 'I'm not sure the road riders would really want to use our path and I'm not sure the path is the right place for them,' he said.

'If you're walking the dog or cycling at a relatively sedate pace you don't want to see a cyclist flying towards you at 20mph.'

Feedback from the completed parts of the network has been positive, with businesses reporting an increase in trade as a result.

**Favourable**  
He said: 'We received some figures which show use of the paths is steadily increasing and we've had some very favourable comments from bed and breakfasts and pubs, so it's been very positive for the area.'

'One of the other things we've started recently is putting up interpretation panels along the route and some signs. It's been very popular.'

## Mull Lines

MULL-BASED Gaelic singer-songwriter Alasdair Whyte is giving young, aspiring filmmakers the chance to create music videos for a selection of his songs.

The contest forms a new music video category at the Gaelic short film awards FilmG. Four of Alasdair's songs, from his debut album 'Las' produced at Watercolour Studios in Ardour, have been chosen for the competition.

Eight new songs by up-and-coming Gaelic musicians have also been selected.

The creation of the new songs was part of collaboration between Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Watercolour called An Taigh Oran/Songhouse. Its aim is to encourage emerging talent in Gaelic music and gives new singers and songwriters a chance to work with established musicians, such as Alasdair.

FilmG was established by MG ALBA in 2008.

The company's chief executive Donald Campbell said: 'This new collaboration promises an exciting fusion of emerging music and media talent and we are very grateful for the opportunity offered by Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Watercolour.'

The winning video will be screened at the FilmG awards event in March 2013.



The winning youngsters from Lochdonhead Primary School with their trophy.

PUPILS at Lochdonhead Primary School have been proudly showing off the trophy they won at a recent tag rugby festival.

The youngsters participated in the event at Garmony on Saturday November 3 as part of a Mull and Iona wide schools golden challenge.

The winning team consisted of Ewan Robertson, Struan Ramage, Ewan Callander, Henry Lines and captain Charlotte Lines.

Charlotte said: 'Even though the weather was very cold and very wet, we all really enjoyed ourselves and played extremely well.'

'We would like to thank Mrs Whyte and David Callander for all their hard work and help with our team.'



A beach on the Isle of Iona was illuminated last Monday night as residents from across the island came together to celebrate Guy Fawkes night. An enormous fire was lit on the beach at Martyrs' Bay and some cracking fireworks lit up the starry sky to the delight of spectators young and old.

A MULL woman is looking for people who grew up in Argyll from the 1930s to 1950s to help her with her Gaelic PhD art history project.

Eleanor MacDougall, from Fionnphort, is in the middle of gathering research for a project about paintings in the Highlands and Islands.

She is looking for paintings from 1850 to 1940 and is keen to speak to anyone who grew up in Argyll or the Highlands and Islands between 1930 and 1950 and owns paintings of the area.

She said: 'I have been talking to people in Mull who lived in the 1930s and 40s and some have memories of almost 100 years ago.'

The aim of her project is to discover stereotypes in the way artists depicted Gaelic-speaking areas and learn how local people felt about this, as well as how people lived in the past.

Eleanor is in the fourth year of her five-year PhD and is still gathering research before writing her project up, in Gaelic.

She added: 'This is an important part of the project because to date there is very little art history in Gaelic.'

If you have paintings from this time period and would like to share some memories, contact Eleanor on 01681 700780 or email [eleanor@nicdughail.co.uk](mailto:eleanor@nicdughail.co.uk).

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### Shinty club shares bus with hospice

Allan Dunnings, vice president of Oban Camanachd, hands over the keys to the club minibus to Lisa Anderson, Oban Hospice community services co-ordinator, after the club agreed to let Oban Hospice use the bus during the week for day trips, such as visits to the hydrotherapy centre in Fort William. The club's committee unanimously backed secretary Fiona Livingston's proposal to allow the group use of the bus indefinitely when not being used by shinty teams. MacQueen Bros has allowed the bus to be stored at its yard at Glengallan. 16\_145bus01

### MS Centre Holly tea raises £840

THE HOLLY tea, an annual event which raises funds for the Oban multiple sclerosis (MS) Centre, has been a roaring success after raising approximately £840.

The event saw keen bakers make a range of cakes and treats, including mince pies, which were served with coffee and tea. Despite the cold and damp weather, the fundraiser had a very good turnout. Sandra Owens, manager of the MS Centre, said: 'The event has been running for more than 10 years and this year has been very successful. The money raised will go to general running costs.'

Sandra added: 'I want to say a big thank you to all the helpers and supporters that have come today and were coerced into helping.'

A card sale was also held at St John's, which raised £63.

Some of the organisers of the holly tea: Carol MacDougall, Irene Robertson and Liz MacKenzie. 15\_145hollytea1

CHILDREN on the Isle of Iona were kept busy making props for a touring show that visited the island last week.

Islanders followed the tales of villagers on the Isle of Mickle as they discovered the Crown of Destiny, which had been on show in the local museum, was a fake.

The news was discovered when the display case which held it was damaged in a storm. However, after a vote it was agreed that the truth should be told - it is the crown of Scotia the Bard of Scotland.

A 'very entertaining' night was had on Iona on October 30 when storyteller Andy Cannon, along with Kirsty McDuff and Wendy Weatherby, took the Mull Theatre production of Scotia-land to the village hall.

# New BIDS Board named

## BID4Oban steering group chairman steps down

THE BOARD who will lead a business driven project to revive Oban's town centre is now known following the appointment of directors.

Seven of the 10 places were filled last week, with the three directors representing the leisure and hospitality slots arriving on the board last Thursday following an election.

The new board consists of: Alister Jackson, Jackson the Butchers, Andrew Spence, Homebase, Billy Thomson, The Sports Shop, David McGregor, Simmers and Co, Roseanne Ogden, MacPhee and Partners, John Forteith, Forteith Foodservice, and Paul Sloan, Digital Kangaroo and Oban Bay Brewery.

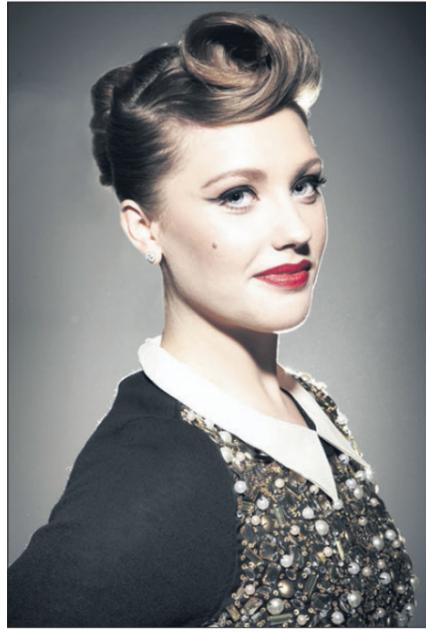
Elected to the board on Thursday from the leisure and hospitality sectors were Raymond Hyams from the Queen's Hotel, Lindsay MacDonald from Corran House and Andrea Simpson from Ark Hairdressing.

The man who chaired the BID4Oban steering group to success in establishing Scotland's first ever whole-town BID, Graham MacQueen, is to step aside to concentrate on his other commitments. He will remain as chairman of the shadow board until Christmas.

John Forteith, who worked with Graham on the steering group, said: 'I believe I speak on behalf of all of the steering group in acknowledging Graham's huge commitment over the BID campaign, despite the numerous other significant obligations and demands on his time. His tireless work to secure a positive ballot was without question a key factor in the successful campaign.'

With the board now appointed, the BID company's attention now turns to finding a BID manager and an events manager to lead projects in the town.

The five year BID4Oban scheme, which formally came into operation on October 31, will generate more than £840,000 towards improving the town's trading environment.



X Factor star Ella Henderson is the only remaining girl in the competition.

# Town backing X Factor's Ella

X FACTOR finalist Ella Henderson took another step towards winning the contest at the weekend, thanks in part to her family fanbase in Oban.

The town has adopted the 16-year-old singing sensation after her uncle and aunt, Andrew and Angie Henderson, began throwing X Factor parties for friends and erected a banner of support outside their Dunollie flat. There is also one of their banners in the centre of town.

Andrew and Angie's sons, Andrew junior and Craig, also live in Oban and work with their dad at Breedon Aggregates. Another Breedon workmate is Andrew's brother, David, who lives on Lismore.

Having been to see Ella sing live on the television show, where they met judge Louis Walsh and all the competitors, Andrew and Angie said their girl had a chance of winning - but urged Oban Times readers to support her.

Andrew said: 'She was one of the bookies' favourites but she needs the votes now because I don't think she is getting the right songs to sing.'

'She is working really hard - about 12 to 15 hours a day. It has been tough but she is enjoying every minute of it and she gets on well with the other contestants, especially Rylan Clark, who has become a great support for her.'

Andrew says his father, Willie, was Ella's inspiration to start singing and the Grimby girl performed her own song, dedicated to her grandfather, at the first X Factor auditions.

'She is only 16 but from the age of four she was always singing,



Andrew and Angie Henderson from Oban meet up with their niece, Ella, at the X-Factor live shows.

said Andrew. 'I remember at family parties we would have the karaoke machine out and my father would tell her to go and get her microphone.'

'It was just one of those plastic ice-cream cones but there she would be, in her pyjamas, singing into her 'microphone' all night.'

'My father basically tutored her in the early years. I just wish he was still here to see this because he would have been so proud of her.'

Ella, who has studied at Tring Park School for Performing Arts in Hertfordshire from the age of 11, is the only remaining girl in the X Factor competition.

## Emergency services rush in wrong direction

EMERGENCY service vehicles attending a road crash, at which a woman suffered spinal injuries, were delayed after being sent to the wrong location.

The road crash, involving one car, happened at around 10.40am on Monday near Barbreck Farm Shop on the A816 Oban to Lochgilphead road.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service, which received the initial call, mobilised ambulance, police and fire services to Barbreck Farm Bungalow, in Kilchrenan - the opposite direction of the crash.

The mistake was only realised

when a community safety officer for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue passed the crash near Ardfern and phoned the emergency services. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue mobilised the Ardfern volunteer firefighters - the first on the scene at 11.15am - and appliances from Lochgilphead and Tarbert. The road was closed until 1.25pm.

The 65-year-old casualty was taken to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'Ambulances are despatched based on the information available at the time.'

## Talks over de-listing former Oban school fail to find solution

TALKS between Argyll and Bute Council and Historic Scotland to have the old Rockfield Primary School de-listed have so far failed to find agreement.

The Oban Times revealed in January that the authority wanted to de-list the Stevenson Street building, with no bidders

meeting the £475,000 asking price.

The main building, boundary wall and playground shelter are all Grade B listed, meaning potential developers would have to take cognisance of its character when redeveloping it.

While de-listing would remove

this condition and pave the way for substantial development or demolition, Historic Scotland have so far refused to budge from the building's protected status.

No formal application has yet been made, however.

A council source told The

Oban Times: 'We still want it de-listed but there's no progress yet. Talks will continue.'

Historic Scotland said: 'There has been no formal application to demolish the former Rockfield School. We are currently in discussion with Argyll and Bute Council about whether a

positive future can be found for the building.'

Proceeds from the sale of the building would go into the authority's education budget and while two bids were submitted for the building at the end of last year, their offers fell some way short of the council's valuation.

Originally built in 1894, the school has remained dormant since 2007, when pupils transferred to the new Joint Primary Campus in Soroba.

When closed, the building already suffered from a leaky roof and a poor general state of repair.

## Woman airlifted after Ardfern crash

A PENSIONER was airlifted to hospital with a suspected back injury on Monday after a car crash near the Ardfern junction on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

The 65-year-old woman had to be cut out of the car by rescue crews. She was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital and later flown to Crosshouse Hospital for further treatment.

The accident happened at 11am when the car veered off the road and onto the embankment near the telephone exchange in Ardfern. Fire and rescue crews from Lochgilphead and Tarbert attended the scene in addition to police.

A man travelling in the car was not injured during the incident.

## Appin boy in radio documentary

AN INSPIRATIONAL 11 year old from Appin will be part of a BBC Children in Need radio documentary to be broadcast tomorrow (Friday).

Cameron Allen, who suffers from a severe form of Brittle Bone Disease, will be featured in BBC Scotland's Pudsey Pays Out programme being aired between 12.30pm and 1pm.

The determined Strath of Appin Primary pupil, who has to overcome regular breaks in his bones, has ambitions to be a Paralympian. Earlier this year he raised around £6,000 for the Brittle Bone Society through a sponsored silence.

## National Mòd echoes at Oban

THE ECHOES of the Mòd concert will be held in Oban next weekend for anyone who wants another chance to see some of this year's Royal National Mòd winners in the flesh.

The event will take place in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, November 24 from 7pm.

## Drivers escape injury near Tarbert

TWO MOTORISTS escaped serious injury after a car crash on the A83 near West Loch Tarbert on Monday.

A lorry and car collided at the West Loch Shores Caravan Park at 11.05am but neither driver was hurt.

## Youth cafe gets funding on the table to boost membership



Donors Jim Lynch and Graham MacQueen try out the new table as Oban Youth Cafe members Carla Miller, Josh Marlow and Arno Redlihs look on. 16\_146pool01

GRANTS totalling £650 have helped Oban Youth Cafe buy a new pool table, encouraging more teenagers to attend the nightly group.

MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust donated £350 to the cause, while Oban FM Cash for Kids granted £300.

Youth leader Lori Hannah said: 'The pool table is the centrepiece of the room but the old one was very worn and the more serious players were starting to play elsewhere, so the new table has brought them back.'

'We average around 20 members every night now.'

Graham MacQueen, of the charitable trust, described the George Street youth cafe as a 'hidden jewel' in the town.

He added: 'The work that goes on here is incredible and we are happy to support it.'

Cash for Kids representative Jim Lynch, who also volunteers at the youth cafe, said: 'The front door and the kitchen are the next things needing updated and the kids have already done fundraising for that.'

'It is a great place where they can come after school to hang out with their mates or do homework.'

'For a relatively small investment, this table will give an immeasurable return.'

Oban Youth Cafe runs Monday to Saturday after school, opening 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

## Bogus workmen target elderly man

POLICE in Oban have issued a warning over bogus callers after an elderly man in the Soroba area of the town was targeted by so-called workmen.

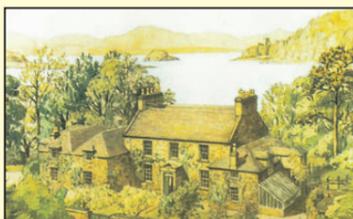
A group of men claiming to be property maintenance contractors visited the 78-year-old man's house on October 24 and told him he needed roof repairs and agreed payment.

They returned on November 7 to tell him he had a burst water pipe that needed fixed. Knowing this wasn't the case, the man

phoned the police. Oban Police Inspector Julie McLeish appealed for anyone with information about the workmen.

She added: 'Our message is simple - not everyone is who they appear to be so don't be afraid to challenge them or question their intentions. If they are genuine, they won't mind. If anyone feels pressurised by workmen into getting work done on their homes, contact us at the time to allow us to investigate.'

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ASH TREES and badgers are in the national news at the moment and both are found throughout the Highlands. It is worrying to think that the devastating ash dieback disease (*Chalara fraxinea*) has now been recorded perilously close to Lochaber at Carrbridge and could soon reach this area if stringent controls are not quickly put in place.

Ash used to be grown in great quantities on the Argyll Estates during the 18th and 19th centuries for use in the manufacturing of gunpowder at Loch Melfort and elsewhere. Thousands of ash trees were planted on the ducal lands in Morvern between the head of Loch Aline and Inniemore and on the northern shores of Loch Arienas and Loch Teacuis in particular.

Their descendants, who somehow managed to survive the great influx of sheep after the Argyll sales, provide important habitat. Their disappearance would have a dramatic impact on wild life and the environment as well as the local scenery.

The disease, which was first identified in the UK in East Anglia in 2009, causes leaf loss and crown dieback and can lead to complete tree death. It has wiped out 90 per cent of all ash trees in some areas of Denmark and is becoming widespread throughout central Europe. There is no known cure.

Some 100,000 trees have already been burnt in Britain to try and contain the disease. The UK Government has just banned imports of ash trees and brought in tight movement restrictions to contain the fungus but Holyrood remains worryingly silent. There are fears that not enough is being done in Scotland to protect a valuable and historical resource.

A CONTROVERSIAL scheme to reduce the badger population in England to control the spread of TB in cattle is being considered by the Westminster Government.

Various methods are being thought of from complete eradication to inoculation although how either could be achieved in a rural setting has not so far been explained. Fortunately there are no proposals to cull badgers in Scotland where TB incidence is low. Badgers are mentioned in the Scriptures in Exodus, Leviticus and Ezekiel - in the fourth chapter of Leviticus it occurs seven times - and their fossilised bones have been found in pits in Scotland along with bears and other extinct mammals.

They don't appear on record in Morvern until 1843 when it was suggested that they might be killing sheep, but as both they and their dens - 'broc' and 'garaidh' - feature among early local placenames they have obviously been present for many years.

One was killed on the summit of Ben Resipol, 2,748ft, by terriers during a fox hunt in April 1876 and another was caught at Inniemore by Mr Baxter, gamekeeper at Ardtornish who kept it as a pet. It weighed 20 lbs and was still alive on February 19 1882 when it featured in *The Oban Times* of that date. Judging by the number of recent road kills along the A884, between Lochaline and Carnoch Bridge, badgers would appear to be on the increase in Morvern.



THANKS to funding from Forestry Commission Scotland, an important archaeological site is to be excavated near Loch Arienas this winter.

The site, which is believed to be a Middle Bronze Age burial cairn dating from c 1400-1000 BC, is to be fully investigated by the Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology. A number of prehistoric graves in the Aline Valley at Acharn, Claggan and Kinlochaline were excavated a few years ago and produced worked flints, cremations and a small bronze chisel.

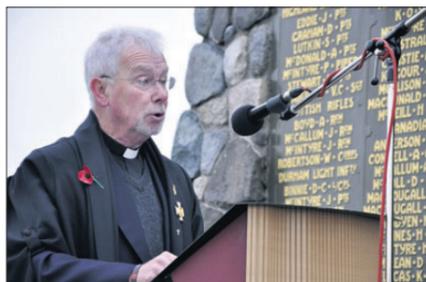
It is hoped that by using the latest technology and expertise the archaeologists will be able to add greatly to our knowledge and understanding of the lifestyle of our predecessors enjoyed all these years ago. The nearby vitrified fort at Rahoy was excavated in the 1930s but as dynamite was used a good deal of valuable information was lost.



Above: The parade of former soldiers makes its way from Spean Bridge up to the Commando Memorial on Sunday afternoon.



Left: Royal British Legion Scotland's Oban branch chairwoman Lesley Blair-Simmonds prepares to address the crowd in Oban, as branch members Ross Manson, right, and Archie McCulloch carry the colours. 16\_146remembrance03



The Rev Ken Hunter led the Remembrance Service in Oban. 16\_146remembrance05

# Large crowd remembers in silence

Biggest crowd in recent times attends Oban Remembrance Day service

THESE was a poignant pause on Oban's Esplanade at 11am on Sunday as one of the best attended Remembrance Services in recent memory was conducted by the Rev Ken Hunter.

The parade from the Corran Halls to the Esplanade war memorial included a combination of Oban Pipe Band and Oban High School Pipe Band, alongside members of the Royal British Legion Scotland's (RBL) Oban branch. Ross Manson and Archie McCulloch, who carried the British Legion colours and the Queen's colours respectively, were closely flanked by a troop of servicemen and ex-servicemen, ranging in age from 19 to 93.

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the Esplanade packed out like that. I think Remembrance Day is particularly relevant with a lot of people just now. Many people's sons, fathers and brothers are on active service in Afghanistan and elsewhere. It was also particularly poignant that Remembrance Day fell on a Sunday this year.

In his first Remembrance Service as a Depute Lord Lieutenant, Graham MacQueen MBE, laid the first wreath. Wreaths were also laid by the family of Oban Royal Marine

Gordon MacPherson, who died in the Falklands 30 years ago. Young Kyle Menassa laid the wreath for Oban Army Cadets, his final duty with the troop before joining the army.

Sailors from HMS Pembroke were scheduled to join the Remembrance Service but the ship was delayed in Campbeltown because of engine problems.

Wreaths were also laid at the 51st Highland Division cairn, outside the Corran Halls and at the RAF memorial at Ganavan. West Coast Motors provided a bus and driver to transport the elderly and disabled between the memorials.



Provost of Lochaber Allan Henderson places a tribute at the Commando Memorial in Spean Bridge on behalf of Highland Council.

## West Highlands come together in tribute

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THE WEST Highlands fell silent as the fallen in two world wars and other conflicts were commemorated at Remembrance Day services on Sunday.

In Fort William, around 20 wreaths were laid at the war memorial in front of Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church of Scotland.

Provost of Lochaber Allan Henderson led a parade including a 50-strong contingent of Royal Marines, representatives of all the armed services and members of the local branch of the Royal British Legion (Scotland) before the 11am ceremony.

A sizeable crowd stood in silent tribute as red poppy wreaths were placed, one by Commando veteran Jim Kelly from Liverpool, who had to be helped from his wheelchair to lay the tribute. A service in the church followed.

At Spean Bridge, Councillor Henderson, for Highland Council, and Mr Kelly were again among those laying wreaths at the Commando Memorial. The Rev Adrian Varwell led the 3pm service.

Lochaber ward manager Dot Ferguson told *The Oban Times*: 'It went very well, there was a really good turn out both at Fort William and at the Commando Memorial. The weather stayed dry, which was very welcome.'

On the Isle of Skye, councillors Drew Millar Councillor and Ian Renwick represented the council at a Remembrance Day parade from the Skye Gathering Hall at 10.20am to the war memorial at

Somerled Square. A service was then held at Portree Church of Scotland.

At Lochalsh War Memorial in Balmacara, Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band led the parade of 15 members of the Lochalsh Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland and Kyle cadets, RNLI, fire brigade, ambulance crews and Red Cross.

Bugler Douglas Strachan from Breakish played the last post and reveille, which followed the two-minute silence.

As Plockton Music School director Dougie Pincock played a lament on the pipes, wreaths were laid by Noel Gordon and Kenny Murray (Royal British Legion Scotland); Lt. Cdr. Andy Will (Royal Navy); Richard Talbot (Seaforth Highlanders); Corporal John MacLeod from Balmacara (Help for Heroes) Flight LT Tiffany Lamont from Balmacara (RAF); Captain Lloyd Burt (local cadets); Ann Eadie (Red Cross) and Councillor Audrey Sinclair (Highland Council).

Donnie Gordon narrated the homily and Dr Cameron Tallach conducted a short service watched by a large crowd. Plockton Primary School laid two wreaths at Plockton war memorial.

Following the parade a service was held in Kyle Church of Scotland, conducted by Dr Tallach. A collection for the Earl Haig Fund raised £245.84.



Commando veteran Jim Kelly gets out of his wheelchair to lay a wreath of remembrance at Fort William war memorial.



The Remembrance parade in Oban stops by the 51st Highland Division memorial cairn outside the Corran Halls. 16\_146remembrance07

## School musicians' showcase event

MORE than 350 young musicians from schools across the Highlands are making final preparations for the biggest event of the year - their annual showcase concerts.

The day long music festival in Osprey Arena at MacDonal Aviemore Resort on Saturday will feature eight different groups of performers, opening at 2.30pm with the Highland Schools Wind Band. They will be followed by the Gaelic choir Còisir G before the Highland Youth Big Band takes the stage at 3.50pm.

The festival of music continues with the Highland Youth Pipe Band

at 4.30pm then the Highland Youth String Orchestra at 5.40pm. Traditional music group 'Snas will play at 6.20pm, the Highland Youth Choir at 7pm and the festival will end with the Highland Regional Youth Orchestra performing at 7.40pm.

Highland Council music development officer Norman Bolton said: 'The musical groups give young players the experience of performing live and the chance to develop their skills beyond any opportunity available in individual schools. Everyone taking part, including the tutors, have been working very hard and gearing up for

this event which is the highlight of the year. I hope as many people as possible take this opportunity to come and enjoy some terrific music. This festival will have something for everyone and is a great way to celebrate the talent and dedication of our young musicians.'

The musicians, aged 10 to 18, are members of eight Highland regional music groups organised and run by Highland Council. Membership for all groups is by invitation after an audition day held in May each year. Some of the musicians are also members of national instrumental ensembles.

## Caol driver who refused breath test is fined and banned for year

A CAOL man stopped by police for suspected drink driving refused to give a breath specimen without his lawyer present. Adam Watson, of 71 Kilmallie Road, pled guilty to failing to give a breath specimen in Fort William Police Station on October 13.

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## Fish farmers call for apology

THE SALMON farming industry is demanding an apology from a top Scottish university after it issued a damning but false media statement about fish farming.

The Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) represents fish farming companies in the country. They are furious that the university claimed sea lice are responsible for 39 per cent of wild salmon deaths.

The lead author of the university's report has now confirmed that the interpretation in the media statement is wrong.

Professor Phil Thomas, chairman of SSPO, said: 'This story has now been exposed as a scandal - it is a major blunder by the University of St Andrews. The institution has misled the nation.'

'For a prominent Scottish university like St Andrews to behave in this way is inexcusable, whatever its need for publicity. To make these wholly incorrect and unjustifiable claims damages both the scientific reputation of the individuals concerned and the institution.'

'But worse, it erodes the already shaky public confidence in science and scientists, and that is ultimately to the detriment of Scotland.'

The SSPO is now demanding an apology and retraction are issued by the university over the blunder in the scientific paper.

The organisation said the vast majority of the data in the paper published is not new and has previously been analysed and reported.

Those earlier studies show that effects of sea lice on the ocean mortality of wild salmon are very small, representing about one per cent to two per cent of salmon mortality.

## Kilmelford hall gains £9,000

THOUSANDS of pounds have been awarded to Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association (KKCA) to upgrade the village hall.

A grant of £9,103, to cover the cost of insulating and refurbishing the toilets and changing room areas of Kilmelford Village Hall, has been handed out by Awards For All Scotland.

Toni Mitchell, chairwoman of KKCA said: 'At the moment the two changing rooms, toilets and disabled toilet are all just painted breeze block and get bitterly cold in the winter.'

The improvements, due to be carried out in January, will build on work that has been done to insulate other parts of the building.

Toni added: 'It is going to help anyone and everyone who uses the hall. It will also cut down on running costs as we won't need to use so much heating.'

The hall is used by a number of different groups including a squash club, music group and mother and toddlers. It is also used for council meetings and during power cuts.

A number of events are held in the hall throughout the year. Kilniver Primary School hold functions in the hall and will be having a special coffee morning on December 14 from 10am until 12pm.

This Sunday, November 18 at 5pm, sees classical and Christmas music by pianist Carmen. There is also a Christmas craft fair on Sunday November 25 from 11am to 3pm.

Another coffee morning will be held on Friday, December 7, from 10.30am to 12pm. There is also dancing groups, art classes and church functions in the village hall.

A recent Halloween party saw around 30 children in their best costumes with lots of other events throughout the year aimed at children. 'You try and do as much for the youngsters as you can do,' said Toni.

## Inveraray to light up festive season

INVERARAY will host a lantern parade at the end of the month to mark the start of the festive season.

Youngsters from Inveraray Primary School will create their own Christmas-themed lanterns ahead of the event on Friday, November 30.

Inveraray's Christmas Lights Committee has organised the parade to coincide with the Christmas lights' switch on.

Starting at 6.30pm the children will carry their lanterns through The Avenue car park through Main Street to the front green, where the Christmas tree lights will be officially lit.



Pollphail - built in 1970 at a cost in excess of £3 million to house more than 500 oil platform construction workers - but never used.

# Argyll 'ghost' village to breathe new life into local community

AN ARGYLL 'ghost' village, built in 1970 at a cost in excess of £3 million to house more than 500 oil platform construction workers but which then lay derelict for the last 35 years, has new owners.

Pollphail, on the Cowal peninsula near Portavadie, was built to service the building of concrete platforms for the flourishing oil industry but the preference switched to steel structures and the village was never occupied.

Now there are confirmed plans to regenerate the abandoned 25-acre site with a distillery or brewery, visitor centre and residential opportunities.

New owners Portavadie Forestry Limited, a sister company of the Tighnabruich-based Argyll Forest Products Ltd, bought the crumbling village for more than £250,000 last week and aim to develop the

business potential of the site before embarking on building houses.

Alan Pryde, manager of the Pollphail Project, said the company would seek to create its own alcohol brand and capitalise on the growth in the Scottish food and drink industry.

'There has been a lot of speculation about what we are doing but nothing has been set in stone,' he said. 'We have ideas that we want to achieve and I think the local community will be behind us.'

'This has been a long time coming, Pollphail has been in a complete state of disrepair for 35 years. I would expect and hope the community would be behind us given that we will take an eyesore away and create employment.'

'It will also help put Portavadie on the map as the marina has done.'

Over the course of a week in June, the team marked out, cut and assembled the timber components by hand on site.

This provided a unique experience for a group of individuals that were more adept to drawing than sawing timber. The completed temporary building was then opened to the public.

## Tiree timber lighthouse wins award

AN UNUSUAL and ingenious project to design and build a temporary timber lighthouse on Tiree has enjoyed success at the Glasgow Institute of Architects Design Awards.

The live-build summer school 'tog project', established by a team including local architecture practice Roots Design Workshop, saw the unusual lighthouse built at Hynish, which was used as a base by stone masons from Aberdeen during the construction of Alan Stevenson's Skerryvore lighthouse.

Over the course of a week in June, the team marked out, cut and assembled the timber components by hand on site.

This provided a unique experience for a group of individuals that were more adept to drawing than sawing timber. The completed temporary building was then opened to the public.

So impressed were judges at the awards that they named the project the winner of the Small Works category, also presenting the group with the Wood for Good award in acknowledgement of the technical excellence of the design and innovative use of home-grown Scottish timber.

'Tog' is a Gaelic word meaning to 'build', 'raise', 'educate' and 'excite'.

Michael Holliday, an architect from the Isle of Tiree who runs Roots Design Workshop and co-founded tog studio said: 'We set up the 'Tog' for three reasons: to teach designers about the practical realities of construction, to demonstrate the importance of integrating architecture and engineering and to create a beautiful structure.'

'It is fantastic that our first summer school project has gained this level of recognition from the professional community.'

'I believe tog studio will have a profound impact on the way young designers think about construction, and I hope that we build upon this success to deliver a lasting legacy of contemporary built projects in Scotland.'

## Bridge of Orchy water row bubbles up again Villagers willing to take court action over faulty water supply

RESIDENTS and visitors to Bridge of Orchy face a third consecutive winter with a faulty water supply, as local frustration over a stalemate in negotiations with the local authority boils over.

The water supply system broke down during a hard frost in November 2010, leading to Argyll and Bute Council declaring the village's water unsafe to drink.

The community says subsequent appeals for help to the council have so far been largely ignored, although the local authority has helped to improve the water quality.

The council ceased maintaining the supply after closing the primary school in the village - its only remaining property. Executive director of customer services, Douglas Hendry, has since indicated any challenge by the villagers over the council's maintenance responsibilities would 'end up in court'.

Speaking at last Wednesday's Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council meeting, a frustrated secretary John Kerr said the situation had 'taken another step towards chaos'.

**"Argyll and Bute Council could easily have resolved this."**

**John Kerr, secretary  
Glenorchy and Innishail  
Community Council**

He added: 'Argyll and Bute Council could easily resolve this but they have chosen to block it.'

'I think this is going to end in legal action and Argyll and Bute Council seem quite happy to spend money on taking the people of Bridge of Orchy to court - money that could be spent on fixing the problem. They should be ashamed of themselves.'

'If court is action is required, then we will just have to find the money and that's what they'll get.'

Community councillor and Bridge of Orchy resident, Anne Marshall,

said the lack of progress was a source of frustration but hoped to find a solution at a public meeting with council representatives in Bridge of Orchy Hotel on November 28.

The community council said it was disappointed none of the four Oban North and Lorn councillors attended last week's meeting.

However, following the meeting, councillor Louise Glen Lee said: 'Along with the Scottish Government and the Drinking Water Quality Regulator, considerable work has been carried out over the summer months to take forward issues raised about the Bridge of Orchy private water supply.'

'We have met with local people to discuss how the community can proceed with essential improvements to drinking water quality and quantity. While some progress has been made, we continue to work hard to prepare for our next meeting with the community.'

'I certainly look forward to a long-term solution being found over the next few months. It is vitally important for the local community.'

## Top tourism award for Fort Augustus self-serve hotel

A FORT Augustus tourism business is celebrating after winning a coveted VisitScotland Thistle Award.

Morag's Lodge claimed the accolade after being named best self-serve accommodation provider at a ceremony in the Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow on Friday evening.

Amenities on offer to hikers and bikers at the popular four-star hostel on Loch Ness-side include a licensed bar with open fire, regular live music, a laundry service, free use of laptops and a drying room.

General manager Pete Duncan said he was 'extremely proud' to win what had been 'an amazing year'.

He added: 'Excellent customer service is at the core of our business and having this recognised by our peers in the industry with a Thistle Award is incredible.'

Other winners on the night included Cairngorm Mountain and the Baxter's Loch Ness Marathon.

Scott Armstrong, VisitScotland's regional director for the Highlands, said the awards event help to highlight the Highlands as a 'must visit, must return' destination.



Pete Duncan of Morag's Lodge receives his award from VisitScotland board member Prof Russell Griggs and BBC Scotland news presenter Catriona Shearer

## Argyll and Bute Council get details of organised crime

A NEW approach to tackling organised crime has seen Argyll and Bute Council and Strathclyde Police sign an information sharing agreement.

### Sharing information

The council's chief executive, Sally Loudon, and police divisional commander, Barry McEwan, signed up to a protocol that will see the authority provided with details of criminals and illegal activities.

It is hoped the measure will ensure no council contracts are awarded to anyone who could benefit from serious or organised crime.

Chief superintendent McEwan said: 'The signing of the improved information sharing protocol shows that we ensure that scarce resources are only spent on legitimate companies who deserve to win contracts.'

## Camera club members compete for Argyll Cup

OBAN Camera Club members met last Monday evening when they competed for the Argyll Trophy.

The cup was gifted four years ago by Peter and Katy Weir of North Ledaig Caravan Park. The competition theme this year was harbours with the condition that the image must have been taken in Argyll.

Sharing first place on the night were David Williams and Edwina Aitken. Joint winners in second were Peter Cleave and Ronnie McKillop, with third place going to Gus MacKinnon.

Oban Camera Club meets every Monday at 7.30pm in the Regent Hotel, Oban.

New members always welcome.

## Colonsay broadband boost

RESIDENTS of Colonsay will be among six Scottish communities to benefit from a £5 million fund to bring next generation broadband to hard to reach rural areas.

Over the coming months, islanders will work with broadband experts to develop ideas for improving internet access through the Community Broadband Scotland initiative. Colonsay residents will be offered technical advice and support and experts will provide business planning tips to local residents.



Generations of families that have attended Lochnell Primary School are pictured during the 20th anniversary celebrations. 16\_146lochnell01

## Lochnell Primary School celebrates 20 years

PAST, present and future pupils of Lochnell Primary School packed into the school on Saturday for a coffee morning and a trip down memory lane.

The school is celebrating its 20th anniversary of the new building and invited former pupils and staff to join in the fun. Lochnell Parent Council organised a coffee morning, which raised nearly £1,000, and saw people queuing outside the school hall as they patiently waited for the busy tables to become available. While they waited, they browsed the wall displays, depicting old photographs and memories recorded by former pupils.

Head teacher Shirley Matheson said: 'A lot of the former pupils have children at the school now. There are a lot of former staff members here and various people with links to the school.'



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## Fireworks grant for Ballachulish

LOCHABER members of Highland Council have awarded Ballachulish Community Council £850 towards its fireworks display last weekend.

The councillors also agreed to award the Jubilee Parks Management Trust £500 towards safety netting at their latest business meeting in Fort William.

Other recipients included Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achmacarry Community Council (£500 contribution to Christmas parties) and Locheilnet CIC (£4,000 contribution to rural broadband project).

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**LISMORE**

ANNA Stewart organised a successful Hallowe'en party in the hall with dancing to the Sileas Sinclair Band.

Costumes were colourful and inventive and the following winners were chosen by Jenny Norgrove: Adults - Kiki MacColl and Stephen Plunkett and children - Robert Smith.

Lismore school children and toddlers had their own fun Hallowe'en Day in the school with pumpkin carving, a spooky lunch of worms, witches' fingers and vampire juice and a party where children, parents and adults dressed up. Later in the evening, islanders got a chance to see these costumes as the children went guising in Port Ramsay, Clachan, Baligarve and Achnacroish.

'SALMON Fishing in the Yemèn' was a popular choice for the November outing of Lismore Lumiere on Friday November 8 as it was not only a feel good movie but also featured some spectacular Scottish scenery.

On the Saturday the children enjoyed 'Thomas the Tank Engine' and 'Monsters in Paris'. Ken Loach's 'The Angels' Share' is to be shown on December 1.

CONGRATULATIONS to islanders Katy Crossan, Shona Wright, Sophie King, Ann MacLean Fleming and Ealasaid MacLean who all performed well at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon.

THIS year the primary school is organising the Lismore Christmas card and the children have chosen to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind and Crisis at Christmas.

To be part of this eco-friendly, charitable way to send greetings, sign up and leave a donation in the box in the shop. The last date for signing up is Saturday December 15 after which the card will be printed and distributed to every house on the island.

reassurance that the Belford's status as a rural general hospital with an acute consultant-led service was secure and spoke of consultations on medical provision taking place in Kilchoan, Achacrae and Strontian.

Councillor Hunter explained the aim of this is to find the most suitable solution without downgrading existing services. The community council agreed vigilance is needed on all fronts and it is hoped a joint consultation with Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig will follow.

Grit bins: Community Safety Action Team (Highland Council) is identifying sites 'where the provision of a grit bin may be of use to local people' - particularly near the elderly/vulnerable. Following this, the community council will establish the number of grit bins required and the best location for these within the community.

Any other business: BT Phone Box - Phil Hunkin informed the community council that regardless of numerous complaints to BT, the glass on the phone box in Morar is yet to be repaired. The secretary will contact BT.

**KILCHOAN**

KILCHOAN man Jon Haylett reports ferry fares between Kilchoan and Tobermory were too much for one motorist last Wednesday.

Mr Haylett was waiting to board the *Raasay* for a trip to a dentist in Mull and watched the tiny ferry unload its full complement of five cars.

But he added: 'Only one car boarded on this side and the driver promptly drove off the ferry again when he was told the price of a return trip which, for his vehicle, was £66.'

**ARDNAMURCHAN**

PUPILS at Ardnarmurchan High School recently enjoyed a talk from a top University of Glasgow physicist, covering dark matter, the Hubble telescope and how astronomical distances are measured.

Head of Physics and Astronomy Professor Martin Hendry delivered his talk called 'Dark energy' at the school to standard grade and higher pupils, who asked a range of probing questions after the presentation.

The event was organised by the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Lochaber project.

**MORAR**

MORAR Community Council held its October meeting in Lady Lovat Primary School.

Abridged minutes: Dental provision and health care: Bill Cornelius, chairman, gave an update from the Arisaig Community Council meeting on September 17 at which Gregor Muir explained his position on dental provision for the area. He gave a description of the financial background, the negative feedback received from some individuals locally and the main obstacles to providing an adequately equipped location accessible for everyone including those from the Small Isles and Knoydart.

The chairman and Councillor Eddie Hunter attended the Association of Lochaber Community Councils (ALCC) meeting on September 29 to hear Joanna Hind, NHS Highland Lochaber area manager, speak on local health care provision. She had tried to give

**ROY BRIDGE**



P5-7 pupils at Roy Bridge Primary School have been busy on their enterprise project making jams and chutneys for local sale. The project proved to be great success and all jars are now sold.



A Taynuilt student blew away the cobwebs from his 21st birthday celebrations in Roy Bridge - by canoeing down the River Roy with his pals the following day. Bruce Griffiths is a member of the canoe club at Dundee University, where he is studying mechanical engineering. The third year student is pictured above with Elaine Paul from Bristol - who turned 21 the week before. After spending two nights in a bunkhouse in Roy Bridge, the 14-strong party canoed the River Orchy on Sunday. 20\_144canoe01

**TIREE**

A UNIQUE new training programme on Tiree will give people an opportunity to get fit while enjoying the full island experience.

Tiree Fitness will in March launch its new residential camps, aimed at providing a refuge from everyday life to ensure people concentrate on getting the full benefit of advice and training from coach and Team GB tri-athlete Will Wright.

Based at the Hynish Centre, the course has been designed to suit people of all levels of fitness.

Will said: 'There's a lot to be gained on a training camp like this. Tiree has loads to offer and having lived and trained on the island for 10 years I think we can provide a really positive experience and give people a kick-start to improve their health and fitness.'

'The programme on Tiree comprises an intense five-day fast track long weekend. All distractions and stresses can be left on the mainland so you can enjoy working out amid the stunning island landscape.'

'You don't have to be super-fit already. We structure sessions to suit all abilities. The main requirement is that you come with a willingness to do your best, to overcome challenges and to enjoy being active in whatever the west coast of Scotland decides to throw at you!'

Tiree Fitness will host the first training camp from March 21-26.

Will said: 'It's not going to break you but it will make you stronger, fitter, faster and more confident to continue in your new found fitness.'

'Anyone can do this.' More information on the residential training camps can be found at www.tireefitness.co.uk.

**CAOL**



Generous Caol Primary School pupils have donated, packed and wrapped Christmas presents for disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe as part of Blythwood Care's shoe box appeal. The gifts, including cuddly toys, toiletries and clothes, were picked up this week and will be flown to a variety of countries, such as Romania, Bulgaria and Kosovo, in time for Christmas. 20\_145box01

**GLENGARRY**

GLENGARRY Church in Invergarry played host to a performance by the Edinburgh University Chamber Orchestra.

Their repertoire included music by Mozart, Bach and Dvorak, as well as an original composition by a band member called 'Arthur's Seat'.

Donations taken on the night reached £235, which will be shared equally between the orchestra and the church.

**BLARBUIE**



Iain Fletcher entertained woodland visitors by playing his accordion. 9\_143woodland01

RAISING awareness of mental health was one of the aims at an open day at Blarbuie Woodland at the weekend.

Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise, in association with NHS Highland, set out poems in the woods encouraging visitors to think about mental health.

Hugh Fife, co-ordinator of the woodland enterprise said: 'The day is all about encouraging people to enjoy the autumn woodland through walking and to be involved in and enjoy the creative arts.'

'Enhanced mental health and wellbeing is the purpose of the woodland enterprise but our other aims include caring for the environment.'

Patients who work with the woodland enterprise looking after the woods were also at the open day performing live music and displaying art work for sale.

The woodland enterprise usually host open days twice a year but Saturday's event was part of Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival.

The woodland was lit up at 6pm and recorded music was piped through the woods for visitors to enjoy on their stroll.

There was also stuffed animals and poems throughout the woodland and plant sales and a tombola.

**DALAVICH**

DALAVICH Sports and Social Club will host the next meeting of Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council.

The meeting will give updates on Carrraig Ghael, Ardchonnell and Musdale wind farms, as well as a discussion on road safety, including timber haul routes.

The meeting will take place on November 20 at 7.30pm.

**NORTH CONNELL**



Julian, left, collects his award from Charlotte Bishope from Garmin and Derek Glibert from Raymarine.

NORTH Connell company Boat Electronics and Electronics Ltd has been named the British Marine Electronics Association (BMEA) Dealer of the Year.

Julian Coleman, founder and chairman of the company, collected the award in Novotel Hotel, Southampton, after standing out from companies across the UK. Fifteen engineers fulfil the service and installation requirements from several bases around the UK including Oban, Kip, Troon and Cowes specialising in the supply, installation and service of marine electronic navigation and communication equipment.

**KINLOCHLEVEN**



Kinlochleven P5 gardening group: created a new eco-area next the school.

**Primary pupils set to work transforming wooded area**

THE GARDENING group at Kinlochleven Primary School has started to develop a wooded area behind the school for its latest eco project.

The site is overgrown with shrubs and mature trees, the ground uneven and rocky.

But children from P1 to P7 will use the school Eco Ethos as their guide to make pathways through and around

different features. The entrance between two large larch trees, featuring a trellis and honeysuckle, has already been built.

Next steps include making a story circle, a bog garden, an arbour for bird watching, sensory plants and a bug hotel.

'When completed there will be a grand opening,' school secretary Morag Kemp said.

**Down Your Way**

**Appin and Duror**

PROPOSALS to create a standard 50mph speed limit between Creagan and Portnacroish has received criticism from the Appin community.

Transport Scotland's Speed Limit Review was a hot topic at Appin Community Council's meeting last Thursday.

While some welcome a reduction in speed at Creagan, where there have been recent fatal road crashes, most believe a solid white line, indicating no overtaking, would help alleviate the problem. There is also concern a 50mph speed limit through Appin would be a dangerous proposal, as traffic entering the village from the south would quickly come across the village hall and the new car park.

CHILDREN at Duror Primary School will be remembering the sacrifices made by WWII soldiers, long after the conclusion of Remembrance Services around the country this weekend.

The pupils have been studying the war as part of their project and will produce their findings at a parents night on December 5. Each child has chosen one particular aspect of WWII to share with the audience.



Appin's Jubilee Bridge was decked with Union Flags for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year. 146jubilee01

FUNDING has been secured to upgrade the access paths around the Jubilee Bridge in Appin.

It is hoped enough money will be raised to also reconstruct the bridge, which is in poor condition.

The £95,700 raised by Argyll and Bute Council, Sustrans and LEADER will be used to improve the paths. Work is expected to start in February 2013 for eight weeks after which the path will be opened.

The council and Appin community council are also attempting to secure £150,000 of funding for the reconstruction of the bridge.

John Semple, lead councillor for Environment, Development and Infrastructure said: 'The Jubilee Bridge serves as a link between two parts of Appin and it is important this is in the best possible condition so it can be properly enjoyed. I would love to see the bridge restored and am delighted the access paths will

be improved with the funding already secured.'

The bridge was built in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

PUPILS at Duror and Glencoe primary schools have received a thumbs up from a Belgian company that commissioned the pupils to produce portraits of their staff.

As part of the global arts project Room 13, the two schools were asked by the Brussels-based TBWA to produce the portraits and be paid for their efforts.

Marylin MacDonald, the head teacher of both schools, said: 'Each of the schools has produced six portraits and the feedback we got was that they were 'awesome.'

The artistic youngsters at Duror are also helping to produce installation art figures for Fort William Mountain Film Festival. The pupils are supported by artist Katy Spong, who lives at Cuil Bay.

NEXT Saturday will see the Appin community mark the tenth anniversary of the reconstruction of the Sgeir Bhuidhe Lighthouse.

Appin Historical Society is welcoming members of the community to the anniversary celebration in Port Appin Village Hall, where the famous light is situated. The event begins at 2.30pm, when afternoon tea will be served. There will also be a performance from the Three Wee Crows.

A ST Andrew's Day event to be held in Duror will raise money for Argyll charity Mary's Meals.

The primary school will be hosting a Porridge Day on November 30, when all the pupils will wear tartan or blue and white colours. Meanwhile, Duror Primary School pupils are gearing up to raise more money for Children in Need tomorrow (Friday). A very busy schedule at Duror Primary will come to an end on Wednesday December 12 when the children perform their nativity play. *C.h.r.i.s.t.m.a.s spells Christmas* in Duror Village Hall.

**Next week Down Your Way visits Kinlochleven with Northern Editor Stephen Norris. You can contact Stephen on 01397 703003 or email snorris@obantimes.co.uk.**

**ISLAY**

ACTIVE Schools and Bowmore Primary School invite everyone to take part in a Cross Country Challenge in aid of the Ciara Caskie Allan appeal.

The run will be held in Bridgend Woods on Sunday November 18 from 12 - 3pm. Prizes will be awarded for the 1.3 kilometre junior race (primary 4-7 age), the 3.5 kilometre senior race (high school age) and the adult race, also 3.5 kilometres. There will also be shorter races for the under-8s. To register phone Shona on 07917 073394 or email shona.ramsay@islay.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

DURING the February school holiday each year, Fèis Òigridh Ile agus Dhiùra organises an

annual Gaelic Arts Teaching Festival for children. The Fèis organisation also runs weekly classes in clarsach, fiddle, whistle, accordion, groupwork and Gaelic song throughout the year.

The number of participants attending the 2012 festival increased significantly on the previous year and the festival finished with a successful concert showing all that the children had learned during the Fèis sessions, and included a film presentation by the children. If you would like to find out more about Fèis Òigridh Ile agus Dhiùra activities or get involved in the Fèis work, the AGM will be held at Ionad Chalum Chille Ile on Wednesday November 21. SC

**LUING**

LUING'S annual Hallowe'en party was held in Toberonochy Hall on Saturday October 27 and saw families from all over the island dressing up for the occasion.

The event, organised by the Luing Social Committee, saw everyone making a 'great effort' with their fancy dress and enjoying a party supper.

Games included dookin' for apples, pin the spiders on the witches nose, what's in the box, witch's hat hoopla and try to bite your doughnut dipped in sauce off the string.

The fun and games were enjoyed by all the children - young and old.

CEILIDH dancing lessons have restarted in Toberonochy Hall

on Monday nights. It costs £1.50 a session, with a cup of tea provided. It is an excellent way to exercise and learn some new steps among friends.

BONFIRE night came early for the Isle of Luing this year with fireworks being set off in the old disused slate quarry at Cullipoll.

The lighting of the bonfire, on Saturday November 3, was supervised by Luing Social Committee. As the chill set in people headed to Cullipoll Village Hall to enjoy a soup supper, raffle, tea and home baking. A total of £382 was raised on the night to go towards next year's fireworks and to support the events organised by the social committee on the island.



Jamie Leggett enjoyed the Hallowe'en party.

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**BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND** Year of Creative Scotland 2012

As part of the inaugural Book Week Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council are pleased to welcome three visiting authors:

**Event: Tales of a Traveller - An Evening with Jess Smith**  
Location: Campbelltown Library  
Date: Monday 26th November  
Time: 7.00pm  
To avoid disappointment please book in the branch or on 01586 555435.

**Event: Broths to Bannocks - Cooking and Baking with Catherine Brown**  
Location: Oban Library  
Date: Tuesday 27th November  
Time: 2.00pm  
To avoid disappointment please book in the branch or on 01631 571444.

**Event: The Cream of Crime - An Evening with Caro Ramsay**  
Location: Rothesay Library  
Date: Wednesday 28th November  
Time: 7.30pm  
To avoid disappointment please book in the branch or on 01700 503266.

Tickets are free and refreshments will be provided.

Argyll Bute COUNCIL

## Clyde Coastguard operations move to Belfast next week

CLYDE Coastguard will hand over operations to Belfast and Stornoway later this month leaving fears for the safety of people in the west of Scotland. As part of Westminster plans to reform the Coastguard service, Forth and Clyde stations were earmarked for closure. Forth closed in September while Clyde operations will

be handed over to Belfast and Stornoway on November 20. Clyde Maritime Rescue and Co-ordination Centre (MRCC Clyde) at Greenock covers an extensive operational area. This includes Argyll and Bute's coastline from Helensburgh to Ardnamurchan Point taking in the islands of Islay, Jura, Colonsay, Mull, Coll and Tiree.

All staff at Clyde will have left their building by December 18 at which point there will be no backup for Belfast and Stornoway. The building will officially close on December 31. Calum Murray, a member of the Coastguard and Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) branch chairman said campaigns against the

closure were heeded but no-one could 'change the mind of the Government'. He said: 'I think the problem was the building is on a lease from the Ministry of Defence and they were closing the building. The Coastguard weren't willing to get another building. We're very disappointed by the Government since it will

affect the safety of people on the west coast of Scotland. We're also very concerned for the future of Coastguards in Belfast and Stornoway with additional workload and stress that they will have to take on.' The Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council lodged objections to the reforms. Transport minister Keith Brown

said: 'I am dismayed that the UK Government are continuing with these cuts to Scotland's lifeline coastguard services. The Westminster government have ignored expert and cross-party concerns about reducing this emergency cover. This should be about putting the safety of our communities before cutting costs.'

## Lorn Lines

AN OBAN couple who say they still believe in love at first sight 60 years after their wedding day, last week celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. Donnie and Margaret McLennan, who live in Millpark Avenue, were married on November 7 1952 in the Church of Scotland manse in Oban.



Margaret and Donnie McLennan, married for 60 years. 16\_146diamondwed01

The Oban born pair met at the Christmas dance held at Battery Hall in 1951 and married less than a year later. Donnie, who worked as a labourer was 22 and Margaret was 17. Margaret said: 'It was love at first sight. In those days we didn't have big weddings, but all the family on both sides was there.' Over the course of their marriage they have raised four children together. They now

have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Asked about the secret to their long and happy marriage, she said: 'Being there for one and other.'

## Three fined at Fort William

THREE Lochaber men have been fined a total of £1,230 after a drunken late night scuffle with police who were trying to carry out a drug search in Fort William town centre. Ross Hunter and Wayne Watson were filmed on CCTV shouting and swearing at police as officers tried to carry out the drug searches on a number of people, including Hunter's younger brother Ryan. Ryan Hunter, of 9 Camaghuel Road, Caol, pled guilty to being in possession of 1.2grammes

of cocaine, which has a street value of £50. The 20-year-old also admitted intentionally obstructing two police officers by running away before they had finished searching him. Ross Hunter, aged 27, of 39 Drumfada Terrace, Corpach, pled guilty to resisting, obstructing, molesting or hindering officers by shouting and swearing and pushing them while they were searching his younger brother. Wayne Watson, of 71 Kilmallie Road, Caol, admitted behaving in a threatening and

abusive manner by shouting and swearing at police. The incidents occurred on Middle Street on August 18. Ryan Hunter was fined £240, Ross Hunter £360 and Watson £630 at Fort William Sheriff Court. A fourth man, Cameron MacInnes, aged 18, of 51 Castle Drive, Lochyside, was cleared of a charge of obstructing two officers by shouting and swearing and entering a car while police were searching it during the incident.

## Old bottle find sparks search for history

Mull fisherman finds relic of old Oban AN OLD bottle discovered near Calve Island in the Sound of Mull has revealed a forgotten gem of Oban's past. Mull fisherman Duncan Maclean found the bottle earlier this year and was so curious about its history he took it to the museum in Oban - but no-one there knew anything of its origins.



The Old Fashioned Ginger Beer bottle, produced by Robertson's of Oban and found in the Sound of Mull.

The Old Fashioned Ginger Beer bottle, produced by Robertson's of Oban, sparked quite a conversation on The Oban Times Facebook page when it was posted. Locals said they had similar bottles, while others recalled the site of the factory. Estimates valued the find at between £30 and £40. Alex Robertson and Sons Limited were Oban-based and started in Argyll Chemical Works in 1867, producing a wide range of medical and pharmaceutical products including sheep dips which were exported worldwide. The company went into voluntary liquidation on November 5 1921 before amalgamating with McDougall Bros Ltd of Manchester on November 16 of the same year. The site of the Oban factory covered a large area which is now part of Tesco's car park. Duncan has now decided to keep his find. He said: 'It seems like a wee bit of history, think I'll hold onto it.'

## Rock removed from Strome ferry by-pass

RUBBLE was due to be removed from next to the A890 through Lochalsh yesterday following the latest rockfall to threaten the lifeline route between Kyle and Lochcarron. Additional barriers were being placed on the landslip-prone road 'to permit the removal of small amounts of loose material', Highland Council said. The work comes after 'a minor landslip' was detected high above the A890 at the Strome-ferry by-pass last Thursday, approximately 1km west of the avalanche shelter. The council's engineer, URS consulting engineers, and TRAC geotechnical contractors carried out a detailed survey on Friday. Concrete barriers were placed at the bottom of the slope to prevent any further debris landing on the road. The road was shut for four months following a major rockfall on December 22 last year. Highland Council is currently investigating alternative routes.



Happy House Christian Pre School children next to one of the planes.

## Nursery children visit Oban airport

CHILDREN from an Oban pre-school had no need to go through passport control when they visited Oban airport last week. Both nursery groups at the

Happy House Christian Pre School explored various parts of the airport, including the control tower and a plane. Nursery manager Sue Rimmer said: 'The nursery wish to thank

the staff who took time to show the children inside the plane, the control tower and the fire appliance as well as giving them lots of souvenirs to remember their trip.'

# READERS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CASH PAYOUTS !!!

## ROGUE BANKS SET ASIDE EXTRA £1 BILLION

Following their hard work in the Highland area PPAC continue the fight against Mis-Sold PPI policies. In previous editions PPAC have brought to readers attention the shocking mis-selling by the banks and have won back thousands of £'s for those who got in touch. Kevin McCallion, director again stressed the urgency of people needing to get in touch with PPAC. He said, "A lot of money was originally set aside by the major banks and loans companies, approximately £9Billion, and they have now just added a further £1Billion!. We are aware that

although the extra money has been added, the original amount is yet to be paid out. We firmly believe that the surface has only been scratched and many more people could be sitting on thousands unclaimed. Not only that but the banks continue to put obstacles in the way of people claiming back money which is rightfully theirs. This is proved with the fact the Financial Ombudsman latest figures show they are receiving up to 3000 cases per week which is a result of lenders refusing to pay out. The time for clients to use our experience and expertise has never been greater. When a client calls us they are allocated a Claims manager who will take the claim from start to finish coupled with the legal expertise we have means clients will be assured they will receive the very best service"

What do clients need to do to start the process? Kevin explained, "The first thing to do is call us or send us a text and we will arrange an appointment at your house at a time that is convenient. We work on a NO WIN NO FEE basis so clients really have nothing to lose".

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Glencoe drink-drive pensioner banned

A GLENCOE pensioner who drove through the village while almost twice the drink drive limit has been banned from driving for one year and fined £400.

Una Mackey, of The Lodge, pled guilty to driving over the limit on the A82 near Glencoe, an unclassified road in the village and the police station car park on the morning of May 21.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said Mackey, aged 65, had been drinking with friends the night before.

Estate donates new tree to Spean Bridge

SPEAN Bridge is to take delivery of a new village Christmas tree next week.

Glentfaintaig Estate is donating the tree, which will be erected in the village by volunteers.

Glengelf Football Club meeting

A MEETING will be held next month for anyone interested in joining Glengelf Football Club.

The club, which plays in Skye and Lochalsh Amateur Football League, is currently looking for a manager as well as a chairperson and treasurer. More players are also required.

Anyone interested should contact Craig Scobie on 01599 522221.

Music legends top Ardgour concert bill

LEGENDARY piper Fred Morrison and award-winning multi-instrumentalist Matheu Watson are coming to Ardgour to headline at Watercolour Music's last house concert of 2012.

Bishopton-born Fred, whose father came from Gerinish in South Uist, has been described as the 'Jimi Hendrix of the bagpipes' while Matheu was crowned Instrumentalist of the Year at the 2012 Scots Traditional Music Awards.

The duo will take the stage on Sunday November 25 at 3pm.

Foundation flushed with success

THE KNOYDART Foundation is flushed with success after receiving almost £10,000 from The Big Lottery's Awards for All programme.

The £9,682 grant will go towards installing a composting toilet for visitors to beaches on the community-owned estate.

The toilet will reflect the foundation's commitment to renewable energy - it will be fitted with solar lighting.

Community hits out at hydro plan developers

DEVELOPERS behind plans for a proposed micro hydro scheme near Spean Bridge have been criticised for not caring about the local community's views.

Developer Coneloch Renewables, along with Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE), submitted plans for a 90kW hydro plant at Upper Glenfaintaig, near Spean Bridge in July.

Three SSE representatives attended a Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council meeting last Tuesday evening to discuss the proposal, but no-one from Coneloch was present.

By RICHARD HADDOCK rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

The community council is in favour of the development - but does not like Coneloch's plan to run around four kilometres of electricity poles through scenic Glen Gloy to connect the scheme to the national grid.

Community council chairman John Fotheringham said: 'The developers chose not to come tonight. They are clearly not interested in us.'

'We were happy to approve the hydro scheme.'

'But we want them to bury the lines underground to preserve the integrity of the glen. No-one lives up there - it's all holiday homes. There's no power, but they knew that from the beginning. There's no good reason to spoil our glen.'

SSE commercial manager Donald MacKinnon told the meeting: 'When we put an offer out to a customer, we always give them the least cost option.'

'A straight line of poles is normally the cheapest option. Undergrounding is normally around four times more expensive. Our regulated licence is to give the least cost option, but in a lot of occasions that is not the final option.'

Project manager Ivan Murphy said the project was at a 'very early stage' and that plans would likely change.

He said: 'Because it's a rural area there's a lot of rock there, so the cheapest option for the customer is an overhead line.'

'We do our best to hide things from people and we will do everything we can to reduce the visual impact.'

Community councillor Sandy Edmond said: 'SSE will take the cheapest straight line option and any change will only come through the planning process with Highland Council.'

Leodhasach Kenneth takes over at helm of Comunn na Gàidhlig

A LEODHASACH has been chosen as the new chairman of Comunn na Gàidhlig (CnaG).

Kenneth MacIver, from Back in Lewis, best known in Gaeldom as 'Coinneach Mòr' through his long-running broadcasting career, had previously been a CnaG board member for five years, representing Comhairle nan Eilean.

Company directors agreed his experience and commitment to Gaelic meant Mr MacIver was the right man for the job.

He takes over from Inverness-based lawyer Calum Duncan, who has been interim chairman for the last few months.

Mr MacIver said: 'I very much enjoyed being involved with CnaG's work over the previous years and I am delighted to be returning to the organisation. In taking on this responsibility, I have only one objective and that's to do what I can to promote and develop Gaelic.'

'I am well aware of the diversity of CnaG's work and I'll do my best to help take that forward.'

'I am also aware that I am only following a long line of experienced people who have chaired the company over the years. I have a great deal of respect for them and I hope I can be just as committed and progressive during my time in the role.'

Comunn na Gàidhlig is pledged to raise the status and strength of Gaelic across Scotland. The company is funded through two key contracts with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, but with important support coming from other organisations such as the local authorities.

CnaG's activities include a wide range of activities from business support, community



'Coinneach Mòr': new chairman of Comunn na Gàidhlig.

work and working with young people.

CnaG chief executive Donald MacNeill said: 'Everyone at CnaG has welcomed the news that 'Coinneach Mòr' is going to return to the board and that he's taken on the chairman's role.'

'Like everyone else, we know Coinneach well, and we know that he is supportive and committed to Gaelic. There is no doubt that there are challenges ahead, but with support from the board, and the new chairman, we are optimistic we can deal with these.'

'There is also no doubt that we are making a difference, that Gaelic is on a firmer footing for the future and that together with government and all our partners, we are creating the conditions for further progress.'



Boat club celebrates 40 years

Glencoe Boat Club members recently celebrated the club's 40th anniversary. Pictured at the evening event in Onich are, left to right, Peter MacLeod, founder member and guest speaker, commodore Christine MacFarlane Slack, vice commodore David Cooper and founder member Robert Watt.

Former abbey wins top award

ONCE its cloistered stillness echoed the chants of monks in holy reverie.

But now the former St Benedict's Abbey in Fort Augustus has a new incarnation - a prize-winning property development.

Forbes-based LDN architects designed the transformation of the A-listed building on the shores of Loch Ness into more than 90 luxury apartments for owners, The Highland Club. And at the Highlands and Islands Architecture and Design Awards in Strathpeffer on Friday night, the redevelopment won the 'Best New Life for Old Buildings' title.

The abbey, completed in 1880 on the site of a dismantled Hanoverian fort, had been empty since 1999 when the last remaining 10 monks moved out after the abbey heritage centre closed. An ambitious bid to develop the former ecclesiastical centre as a major tourist attraction subsequently foundered.

The building was then sold to The Highland Club, part of property development company The Santon Group, which specialises in conversions of listed buildings. Judging panel chairman Andrew Wright said

of the abbey conversion: 'The judging panel recognised the sheer scale of ambition of the project using a site which it had been widely believed offered no obvious solutions. The architects have demonstrated great skill in adapting spaces without destroying the inherent beauty of the principal spaces such as the cloisters and the library.'

Comedian and radio chat show host Fred MacAulay presented the awards at a dinner in the Strathpeffer Spa Pavilion. Other winners included Highland Council and Skye architects Dualchas, who shared the open award for their designs of Milton of Leys Primary School and a house at Boreraig in Duirinish, Skye, respectively. Dualchas' Boreraig house also won the 'best use of timber' category.

Another Skye firm, Dunvegan-based Rural Design Architects, won the place-making award for its 24-home development at Burnside, Plockton, for Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association. Inverness Architectural Association has run the awards biennially since 2008.

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Writer examines Atlantic links

CULTURAL and historic ties between the Western Isles and County Donegal will be the subject of an illustrated presentation at an An Lannair in Stornoway on Tuesday.

In 'Atlantic Gaels', well-known writer and broadcaster Aidan O'Hara will outline how people in both places are of the same stock and speak the same language, and how close trading links, inter-marriage and cultural contacts have strengthened and sustained relationships on both sides of the sea. Music, song and dance also play a vital part in that shared heritage.

Aidan's illustrated presentation will include stories of times when Donegal exported whisky to island folk, who in turn came over with barley, corn, herrings and ponies.

Mercenary warriors from the Outer Isles known as gallóglaigh in Gaelic and gallowglashes in English were attached to powerful Donegal clans - among them the O'Donnell and O'Doherty families - and eventually settled in Ireland. Like so many natives of the county, O'Hara has gallóglaigh blood in his veins with ancestors including MacColla (Coll),

MacSuibhne (Sweeney) and MacRuairi (MacRory and Rogers). He is a native of the Inishowen peninsula in Donegal and as a boy spent his holidays with an older married sister on the northernmost part of the peninsula, where Islay and the Paps of Jura are clearly visible to the northeast.

From his earliest years he was not only aware of the proximity of Scotland but was familiar with the distinct accents of its people, visitors from Glasgow and the Lowlands, many of them children of Donegal people who had emigrated to Scotland.



Writer and broadcaster Aidan O'Hara: coming to Stornoway.

Plockton Community Council

PLOCKTON and District Community Council will hold its next meeting on November 27 at 7.30pm in Plockton Hall.

Business from the last meeting on October 29 included:

- Police present at the meeting urged Plockton residents to lock their doors following thefts from houses which were unattended.
- Burnside - improvements to the access have been made but more streetlights are required. Hopefully funding from the safer routes to school could be used.
- Railway fencing at Duirinish - despite repeated requests this has still not been repaired.
- Roads - various improvements were outlined, in particular Harbour Street and Station Road. New roads engineer Sandy MacVarish would be notified.
- Planning application - The Community

Council decided to object to an application by the Church of Scotland for two semi-detached houses in the paddock opposite the primary school.

- Railway station - Plockton High School pupils have adopted the station and a ceremony with a plaque will be held in the New Year.
  - Highland Council budget consultation - the community council did not have a representative at a meeting in Lochcarron which was poorly attended, but has completed several questionnaires.
  - Fish farm south of Airigh-drishaid - the community council was pleased that this application had been refused.
- WEATHER in Plockton: During October there was 6.5 inches of rain, the wettest month since January. Warmest day was 17.3°C and coldest 0.4°C. CM MacRae

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Disabled Ramblers win grant to buy scooters

SKYE and Lochalsh Disabled Ramblers has secured a £9,932 grant from Awards for All for mobility scooters.

The electric-powered trikes can travel over forestry tracks, gradients and rough surfaces. The cash will also cover a three-year maintenance package and breakdown cover.

Local MSP Dave Thompson congratulated group secretary Nicola Rust on securing the grant. He said: 'This is a fantastic initiative that helps to promote a healthy lifestyle for everyone in the community, especially those with mobility issues who might otherwise struggle to see our beautiful scenery.'

lochdar pupils team up on climate change project

SOUTH Uist youngsters have teamed up with children from East Kilbride to create a booklet and CD to raise awareness about climate change.

lochdar Primary School pupils and Mount Cameron Primary youngsters, along with Oxfam, have created 'High Tide', which will be distributed to schools across Scotland.

The project, which looks at how communities around the world are protecting their local environment from the effects of climate change, was funded by the People's Postcode Lottery.

lochdar head teacher Mary MacInnes: 'This was a valuable learning opportunity for our pupils.'



The Spean Bridge youngsters get ready to send away their boxes to Eastern Europe.

Primary pupils share festive cheer

SPEAN Bridge Primary School pupils have sent off their Blythswood Care boxes to needy children and adults in Eastern Europe.

The children's special consignment, which included hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, stationery, books, toys and sweets, was dispatched last Wednesday night.

The charity, based in Evanton in Ross-shire, sends thousands of Christmas packages from

Scotland to countries such as Romania every year.

Speaking through The Oban Times, Spean head teacher Kate MacGillivray paid tribute to the huge community effort that made the donation possible.

She said: 'I would like to thank all the parents, friends, staff and pupils of the school who supported us in this.'

Lottery backs community company with grant

MORVERN Community Development Company (MCDC) in Lochaline has its own vehicle after receiving £9,965 from the Big Lottery Awards for All fund.

The cash has paid for a new Polaris Ranger 4x4 to manage waste disposal and recycling at Loch Aline marina.

MCDC development officer Lilia Dobrokhodova told The Oban Times: 'It is for our waste management and recycling project for the pontoons. Obviously when people come ashore they have got a bit of rubbish.'

'We try to encourage them to separate it so we can take it down to the recycling point in the village.'

The project forms part of the company's expansion of shore facilities to service the 20-berth pontoon development.

Police files

TOOLS were stolen from a van in Kinlochleven after thieves broke into the vehicle sometime between 4pm on November 1 and 8.20am the following morning.

TOOLS were taken from an unlocked garage at a house in Brecklet in Ballachulish sometime between 5pm last Thursday and 7am last Friday.

THIEVES stole a gents mountain bike secured to fire stairs at the rear of Field and Trek store, High Street, Fort William, sometime between 1pm and 6pm last Friday.

Anyone with information on these incidents should contact Fort William police on 01397 702361.

Spate of thefts prompts police warning

POLICE in Lochaber are warning the public to ensure garages and vehicles are properly secured after a spate of thefts in recent days.

Premises in Ballachulish and Kinlochleven were among those targeted with tools and equipment stolen.

PC Ian Fraser, community safety officer at Fort William Police Station, is happy to offer advice on guarding against thieves.

He said: 'In all but one of these, the vehicles and garages have been left insecure.'

'Please ensure you secure your vehicles and garages and sheds to stop opportunistic thieves having easy access to stealing your possessions.'

Store  
'Further to this, if you are able to remove any valuable items from within any vehicles and store within

your house or secure garage please do so as thieves are more reluctant to force entry to buildings than they are to a vehicle.'

'If you have no option but to leave items within your vehicle then please ensure they are out of sight, and note down the make model and serial number of your expensive tools in order that these details can be passed to the police should they be stolen.'

'There is a far better chance of the tools being returned to you if they are identifiable.'

He added: 'Please consider purchasing one of the many products available which can permanently mark your tools from a simple permanent UV marker to more sophisticated but still affordable irremovable marker products which identify the property as yours and yours alone.'

### Pub pullout rumours scotched by developers

RUMOURS that JD Wetherspoons have pulled out of a deal to open a pub in Fort William have been scotched by developers.

Ashford Property has developed the former Grand Hotel into a retail and leisure complex, with Wetherspoons announced as one of the occupants a number of months ago. But with construction complete and most of the other properties in the new £6.5million building now occupied, the site of the new pub remains empty. Ashford director Andrew Smith told *The Oban Times* Wetherspoons were still very much involved and had signed a long-term lease. He said: 'Wetherspoons have a 30-year lease - they can't just pull out. But we don't have an opening date set yet. Nobody else could occupy or sub-let the property without approaching us, and that hasn't happened.'

'Wetherspoons are a bit different to most retailers in that they don't start setting up until the property has been handed over.' Meanwhile, two other properties in the development are now open, a Travelodge and Superdrug, while Cotswold Outdoor is to open next Wednesday.

Ashford is still looking for a company to take over the one remaining vacant property. Mr Smith said: 'No deal's been done but we've had various people interested.'

### Glen Nevis end-of-season litter-pick

THE FRIENDS of Nevis are holding their end-of-season litter-pick in Glen Nevis near Fort William on Sunday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

The Nevis Partnership will officially open the Old Curling Ponds at Nevis Bridge, Fort William, immediately after the litter-pick.

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Budding Bowie: Robert 'Bodie' Bowman with his daughter Dawn.

# Dad rocks out as Bowie to raise hospital cash

## Arisaig man takes to stage to thank doctors for saving daughter's life

AN ARISAIG father is to take to the stage in full 1970s glam rock dress to raise money for the three hospitals which have kept his young daughter alive.

Robert 'Bodie' Bowman will perform a repertoire of David Bowie classics dressed as Ziggy Stardust with local musician Steve Brown in the Astley Hall this Friday.

The money raised on the night will go to the hospitals which have treated Bodie's two-year-old daughter Dawn since she was born - Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Kids and Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Dawn was born with a host of health problems including a cleft palate and meningitis and requires regular medical care.

Earlier in the year, Bodie recorded a 'Songs for Dawn'

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CD of Bowie covers with Mr Brown, who also performs in the award-winning wedding band *Wonderland*.

Bodie told *The Oban Times* Dawn was still unable to walk or talk, but she has responded well to medical treatment.

He said: 'It's very, very slow progress, but she's trying to speak now and she's getting a bit of hand-eye co-ordination. The hospital services have been really, really great.'

'Making the CD was one of the most fun things I've done in years.'

'It's just sad I had to do it because Dawn was ill.'

Bodie has plenty experience of performing on stage, but

in recent times that has been restricted to the odd karaoke performance.

'I was in bands when I was younger,' he said, 'but this is the first time I've done something like this in years. It's going to be a hoot.'

Bodie, who works as head chef at the Old Library restaurant he runs with his wife Maryann, said £6,000 has already been raised through CD sales and donations, and he hopes the charity night can push the total even higher.

People attending the event, which has a 1970s theme, are encouraged to come in fancy dress with prizes for best dressed. Buffet is included in the entry fee and there will also be a raffle with outstanding prizes donated by local businesses.

The event gets underway at 7pm.

### Crisis talks on Corran Ferry service

THE CORRAN Ferry service across Loch Linnhe was at risk of being halted last month because of a potential equipment failure on the stand-by vessel, it has emerged.

The *MV Maid of Glencoul* encountered problems with a steering head during the three-week period the main ferry, the *MV Corran*, was undergoing its annual refit. Highland Council warned members that if steering on the 37-year-old vessel broke down, the service would cease.

The *MV Corran* is now back working the route with the *MV*

**EXCLUSIVE**  
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*Maid of Glencoul* moored nearby as backup. Today in Inverness, transport, environmental and community services committee councillors will discuss the issue. Fort William and Ardnamurchan councillor Andrew Baxter will argue immediate action is needed. He told *The Oban Times*: 'The advice we were given [by officials] on the *Maid of Glencoul* was the spare steering head has a problem. The

crew were unable to make any repairs and parts could not be sourced anywhere worldwide.

'We were advised there was a distinct possibility the steering would fail. We were also told that if there was a malfunction on the replacement ferry, the service would cease immediately until the *MV Corran* returned from its annual refit. Given that, and steering problems in previous years, I feel we need to be making decisions now - not next October.' He added: 'If the ferry was not running it would virtually shut down the peninsula.'

### Lochaber school bands stage concert for veterans

PUPILS from Lochaber High School's wind band, swing band and the Lochaber Schools Pipe Band staged a concert for the Commando Veterans Association (CVA) in the school hall on Friday as one of a number of events to mark Remembrance Day.

The concert featured a variety of music and culminated with

the wind band and the pipe band playing a joint version of 'Highland Cathedral'.

Every year, in memory of their founder Vic Ralph, the CVA presents the Commando Shield to the musician of the year from each band. This year it was won by Rebecca Shearer from the pipe band and Amy Cameron from the wind band. See page 4.



Top musicians: Rebecca Shearer, left, and Amy Cameron are presented with the shield and certificates by Geoff Murray, national secretary CVA and Stan 'Scotty' Scott, CVA chairman.

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Mary's Meals volunteer Michele MacLennan, trustee Graeme Pagan and shop manager Marie Rowan pictured at the screening of *Child 31*. 16\_146marysmeals01

### Film brings focus on Mary's Meals

AN EMOTIONAL film that focuses on the children helped by Argyll charity Mary's Meals across the world has been screened in Oban's Phoenix Cinema to great acclaim.

*Child 31* captures the work of the Dalmally-based charity in Malawi, Kenya and India, where it provides a school meal for children in a bid to encourage attendance.

After the half-hour film showing last Saturday, one woman said: 'I'm an emotional wreck after that but it really shows the good being done by Mary's Meals in these countries.'

The charity's shop manager in Oban, Marie Rowan said she had received 'great feedback' about the film. Donations

amounting to £125 were also collected at the free-of-charge event.

Meanwhile, staff and students at Argyll College have donated almost £6,000 over the past year in support of the Mary's Meals school feeding programme at Weakama Primary School, Bomi County, Liberia.

Argyll College has committed a percentage of the income earned from hairdressing, catering, commercial courses and nursery provision across its 15 centres to support the primary school.

Weakama Primary School, which currently has 341 children enrolled, has no other outside support, apart from Mary's Meals.

### Double award win for Atlantis

ATLANTIS Leisure, Oban has scooped two major social enterprise awards in an Argyll-wide competition.

The centre was named Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network's (ABSEN) Social Enterprise of the Year Award, while chairman Neil Matheson was named social entrepreneur of the year.

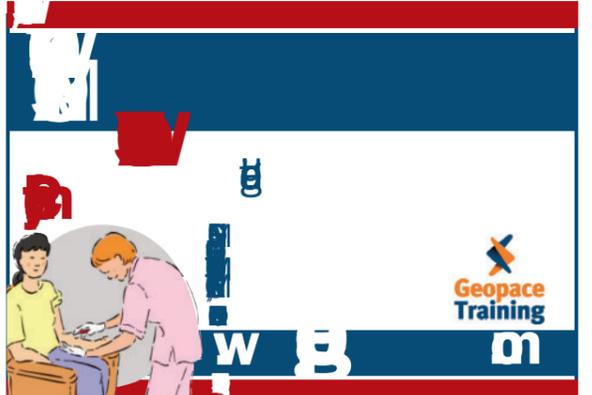
Stramash and its chief executive Niall Urquhart and Kintyre Recycling and manager Amanda Card were also highly commended.

A Dragons' Den competition held during ABSEN's annual conference in Dunoon saw Tobermory Harbour Association pick up the £1,000 first prize, with joint second going to Oban Phoenix Cinema and the Walking Theatre Company.

### Lochaber pupils in discussion forum

FORTY Lochaber High pupils took part in a Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) annual discussion forum for Scottish secondary schools - and met a gold medal athlete.

Guest of honour was world paratriathlon champion Jane Egan, who spoke about her sporting experiences since being diagnosed with the neurological condition Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.



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## Supporters or substitutes?

Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful is aiming to recruit one million volunteers for a Scottish clean-up campaign in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup in 2014.

Clean Up Scotland starts in 2013 and will run until the end of 2014. Volunteers are urged to take to the countryside to clear litter, dog dirt, residue from fly-tipping, graffiti and abandoned cars. Keep Scotland Beautiful chief executive Derek Robertson said that litter was not just a visual blight, but was something which affected society, health and the economy. He has called on individuals, groups and businesses to get involved and make a difference with the aim of creating zero tolerance toward the dumping of litter in Scotland.

While there is no doubt that littering is a national problem there is a worry that volunteers are being utilised to reduce the burden on local authority budgets. A longer-term solution to litter will only come from education and changing attitudes.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### Ceol's Craic

CEOL'S Craic, the social hub and platform for contemporary Gaelic culture in Glasgow, will be hosting the Lochies plus a new generation of talent paying tribute to them at the near next event in the CCA, Sauchiehall Street, on Saturday November 24.

The evening programme will start at 7pm when piper Roddy MacLeod, Principal of the National Piping Centre, will welcome guests. Then at 7.30pm Tom MacIver, a friend of the band, will hold a question and answer session. This will be followed by a performance from Gaelic university students.

Prior to the Lochies taking to the stage at 9.30pm, Calum Alex MacMillan and Ian MacInnes will give their own musical tribute to their father's band and there will also be a performance from Mairi Morrison and Alasdair Roberts.

#### Clydebank Ceilidh

ONE COULD be mistaken for thinking it was ladies' night at the recent Clydebank Ceilidh in Napier Hall, Old Kilpatrick, but the boys were there as well contributing to the instrumental part of the evening.

The singers were Catherine Tinney, Mary C Maclean and Nicola Pearson and Betty Campbell, from Cardross, gave humorous recitations. Accordionist Iain Smith, of Trail West, was in terrific form as was piper Robert Wood. On this occasion the accompanist was Gordon Kinniburgh and, appearing for the first time at the ceilidh, Jean Lester was in the chair.

#### Church service

A PIECE of history will take place this coming Sunday in St Columba Church of Scotland when the 9th Battalion of HLI, now known as the 'Highlanders', will be bringing their new standard to be blessed.

Interestingly, it has come to light that the battalion left for action in the First World War after a service in St Columba's and this has added an extra dimension to the forthcoming service. The service will be at 11.30am on Sunday November 18 and will be conducted in both Gaelic and English.

#### Tiree reminder

THE ANNUAL concert of the Tiree Association will take place this evening (Thursday) in Partick Burgh Halls when the singers will be Amanda Millen, Catriona Watt, Gordon McKeave and Alasdair Whyte with accordionist Iain Smith and pipers Donald and John Campbell.

The dance to the music of Trail West will take place in Glasgow University Union on Friday evening.

#### Bardic Supper

WESTBURN Church Hall, Nelson Street, Greenock,

will be the venue, at 7.30pm, for the annual Bardic Supper organised by Clann Gaidhlig.

Gillebride MacMillan will talk about the bardach of Domhnall Ruadh Phaislig, the Paisley Bard, and will sing some of his work with most of the talk being in English. Places must be pre-booked by November 19. Contact fios@clanngaidhlig.org.

#### Bearsden Fiddlers rally

BEARSDEN Fiddlers will be holding their annual rally in Milngavie Town Hall on Saturday December 1.

More details at a later date.

#### Diary dates

**Thursday November 15:** Glasgow Tice Association Annual Concert - see above. Eddi Reader, Glasgow Concert Hall. Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Allan Taylor.

**Friday November 16:** Glasgow Uist and Barra Association Annual Dinner Dance, Glynhill Hotel, 7.30pm. Eddi Reader, Perth Concert Hall. Glasgow Tice Association Annual Dance - see above.

**Saturday November 17:** Guild Annual Christmas Sale, St Columba Church of Scotland, St Vincent Street, 11am to 1pm. Highlander's Club Ceilidh Dance, Partick Burgh Hall, 8pm, Mhairi Coult's Band.

**Sunday November 18:** Bruce MacGregor, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm. Service in St Columba Church of Scotland - see above.

**Wednesday November 21:** Gaelic Quiz, Park Bar, 7.30pm.

**Thursday November 22:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm. The Gilmore and support. Communn an Taobh an Iar Haggis Supper, Ellangowan Social Club, Milngavie. Fred Morrison, WRI Hall, Drummond Hall, Comrie.

**Friday November 23:** Fund raising ceilidh dance, St Andrew's in the Square: - Annasach Ceilidh Band. **Saturday November 24:** Ceol's Craic - see above. Echoes of Oban, College of Piping, 7.30pm. Clann Gaidhlig, annual Bardic Supper - see above.

#### Pub scene

MUSIC in the Park Bar this weekend will be played by Robert Robertson and his band on both Friday and Sunday and on Saturday it will be Gunna Sound who will be playing in the afternoon as well as the evening as part of the Tiree 'hangover'.

In the Islay Inn it will be Black Velvet on Friday and Crooked Reel on Saturday. The accordion day last weekend in the Park Bar raised nearly £400 for Erskine Hospital.

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## Oban High School shinty team - 1966

This week's flashback photograph was submitted by reader Argyll McLetchie of Hants and features the Oban High School shinty team of 1966. The photograph was taken by the late Greig Anderson who, along with fellow teacher D McLean, ran the team. The team is pictured at Spean Bridge where the Oban team defeated Inverness Academy 3 - 1 to win the MacBean Cup. Back row, left to right: D MacFarlane; C (Coke) Macdonald; L MacLeod; J Devine; A Barnett; and J MacFarlane (Squashy). Front row: P Sloss; S Cameron; A MacDougall, captain; A McLetchie; R Cornelius and M Sloss. Please send prints to The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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### HOPE Kitchen's meal handouts not the answer

Sir,  
The article 'HOPE Kitchen's dismay...' in *The Oban Times* of November 8 does the group's cause no credit and shows a total lack of understanding of the sterling work of the Co-op, Tesco and Argyll and Bute Council which have more established history in helping the marginalised in Oban.

Many Oban people are asking, what is the aim of HOPE Kitchen, other than giving meals to those they deem homeless? The organisations in Oban that deal with homelessness will see HOPE's figures as grossly inflated.

To say this organisation is entirely self funded is not accurate as I have attended the area committee meetings and know HOPE Kitchen got a £1,100 grant and at the last meeting the councillors awarded them £600. The council must be commended.

There are pensioners in Oban left with the stark choice between heat or meat. They have brought up families, served in wars, worked all their lives and did not become intentionally homeless. They get nothing to the extent that HOPE Kitchen got off the local authority council taxpayers.

Councillors have responded correctly to this 'charity'. They must monitor it. If they don't they will be complicit in developing a small Oban underclass that will grow in this period of austerity.

I suggest the way forward may be encouraging courses on cooking and budgeting.

I am pleased Tesco and the Co-op contribute to Fareshares because the poverty gap between the rich and poor is on the increase. The contribution by Fareshares is helping to establish food co-ops in deprived areas to help the elderly and young families who are in the economic margins. My past underclass background and my experience of poverty is one that I would not wish on anyone and I make every effort to help anyone in the sharp end by offering my time as a hand-up and not a handout.

Larry Nugent, pensioner.

### Monsters Ball thanks

Sir,  
As reported last week, it is with disappointment that we have decided to cancel the Monsters Ball for the foreseeable future but we would like to thank all those who have helped make it such an enjoyable event to organise and be a part of over the past six years.

The Corran Halls has been a terrific venue and thanks to Louie, Stevo and all the staff and management who have put a tremendous amount of work towards making it all happen each year.

We would also like to thank Skinny, Harry, Dave, James, Stuart, Fergie and Callum. Without their efforts, before and after the event each year, it would not have become the success it did. And finally a big thanks to everyone who has attended over the last six years.

The effort that everyone put into their costumes each year

was astounding and really means a lot to us.

Hopefully one day the event will return.  
Mark Godwie and Bryan Livingston.

### Spend CHORD money on bus shelters

Sir,  
I write to you in the hope that some of the Oban CHORD money will be spent on seats for bus shelters, in particular in the shelters for buses going to Connel, North Connel, Benderloch and Appin from Station Square, Oban.

I use these shelters when staying at North Connel on holiday four times a year. One cannot use the seats in Station Square if it is a wet, stormy day.

I am sure passengers would welcome this upgrading.  
Mabel Munro Rowan, Edinburgh, President, Edinburgh Argyll Association.

### More false claims on wind energy

Sir,  
Yet again we have a representative of the wind industry attempting to deceive the public - *The Oban Times* November 1 - by perpetuating the myth of CO2 savings achieved by this technology.

John Morgan, director of Green Power Carraig Ghealis, is quoted, in the same story as he refutes the company cannot afford a community benefit fund, as claiming Scotland's renewables capacity displaced more than eight million tons of CO2 during 2011.

Mr Morgan knows full well his use of the word 'capacity' allows him to throw in this misleading number of eight million tons. He also knows the average wind turbine operates at nearer 20 per cent of capacity, so the saving in CO2 emissions could 'theoretically' be nearer to 1.6 million tons. I say 'theoretically' because by the time the CO2 emissions attributable to the construction and installation of the turbines and access roads are factored in, any savings are minuscule.

Mr Morgan also knows that account needs to be taken of the CO2 emitted by the conventional means of generation which need to be on permanent standby as back-up, because we cannot rely on the wind to blow when we need it. Therefore, wind energy makes no meaningful contribution to the displacement of CO2. Furthermore, Scotland's contribution to global anthropogenic CO2 emissions is only about 0.02 per cent, so if we produced none at all it would make no significant impact in a global context and therefore on global warming.

It is essential for his company's profits that Mr Morgan continues to peddle the myths and deceptions of their industry so that they can continue to feast on the absurd renewables subsidies which we all pay for. Meanwhile our government prevents it from acting to stop this madness and the environmental groups, which have been duped by false claims like that above, continue to support it.  
Alan Thomson, Strontian.

### Right to allow freedom of speech

Sir,  
I, like everyone else, have my opinions on the politics of the Gaelic language resurgence.

Thankfully, however, I am not about to subject your readers to my constantly evolving views on the subject. I am writing to express my uneasiness at the attitude towards freedom of speech expressed by one Gaelic supporter in your letters page last week.

I applaud *The Oban Times* for allowing all parties to express their views and to trust in the readers' own judgement as to their validity. I hope the paper opts to take the hit on Mr MacNeacail's 79p.  
Wendy Douglas.

### Gaelic well worth the money

Sir  
I refer to A Rodger's letter 'Why waste money on a dying language' in *The Oban Times* of November 1.

I am happy Mr Rodger recognises the benefits of the Royal National Mod, not only in terms of the way in which it supports Scotland's culture but by the proven economic contribution it makes each year.

Mr Rodger questions the 'volumes of money being spent by the government' on the Gaelic language. Perhaps he would be surprised to learn that presently, only 0.08 per cent of the Scottish budget is spent on Gaelic each year and a significant percentage of that goes to education, and would be spent on education in any case.

2001 census figures showed that there are more than 90,000 people in Scotland which have some ability in the language. The same information shows that, out of the 353 electoral wards in Scotland, there are no wards in which there are no Gaelic speakers.

Mr Rodger also describes Gaelic as a 'useless language'. I would like to know how he came to this conclusion.

There are currently upwards of 1,000 people in employment where Gaelic is used in the workplace. Educating children through the medium of Gaelic not only provides for them the benefits

of bilingualism, but also confers on them proven educational benefits. Gaelic education continues to grow with over 400 children going into Gaelic-medium education each year - these numbers will swell greatly when the dedicated Gaelic schools in Edinburgh, Fort William and Portree open within the coming years. Since the launch of the Gaelic television channel, BBC ALBA, 500,000 people each month tune into the variety of programmes being broadcast.

Research published by The Scottish Government last year, Attitudes Towards the Gaelic Language, showed that 81 per cent of Scotland's population want Scotland to retain its Gaelic identity. Useless?  
J A MacKay OBE, Ceannard, Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

### War memorial grants

Sir,  
There cannot be many towns and villages that do not have a war memorial to the fallen of the First World War.

Of the 128,000 Scots estimated to have been killed between 1914 and 1918 - in proportion the highest death toll of any Allied nation - thousands came from the Highlands and Islands where their names are to be found on numerous plaques, gravestones and monuments scattered throughout the area.

After almost a century, some of these memorials require costly conservation and repair which is often beyond the means of many small and remote communities.

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Iain Thorner, Knock House, Morvern.



## Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

GED CHUAL' thu Sgeul gun dreach, na aithris e! Ged dh'èignichear an seanfhacal, cha bhreugadair e! Dà sheanfha-cal a th' air gu ire an dearbhadh ceàrr dhan BhBC nar nam beagan sheachdaimean a chaidh.

An toiseach, ged a bha mòran amharas agus fathann a' dol mu Jimmy Savile, chaidh co-dhùnadh gun naidheachd a chraoladh agus cha b' iongnadh ged a bhiodh na meadhanan eile a' glaochaich nuair a nochd an fhìrinn ma dheidhinn an duine.

Aig a' char as fheàrr, shaoil iad gun deach co-dhùnadh a ghabhail air sgàth 's nach robh dearbhadh gu leòr aca ann am beachd an fhìr-deasachaidh, ach aig a' char as miosa, shaoil cuid gun robhas a' feuchainn ri sgeulachd a chleith gus clùì a' BhBC fhèin a dhion.

Ach dh'fhaodadh cuideachd nach robh anns na thachair ach aineolas agus nan robh sin fìor, theagmair gur e as draighaile buileach dha buidheann aig an robh uimhir de chliù ann an saoghal naidheachdan ris a' BhBC.

Cha robh dol às aig stiùirichean na buidhe ach gluasadan follaiseach a ghabhail gus smachd a thoirt air deasachadh a' phrògram agus bha e cha mhòr do-chreidsinneach gun tachradh butarrais eile taobh a-staigh chola-deug. An turas seo, chaidh sgeulachd a chraoladh far nach deach dearbhadh gun robh i fìor agus tha e soilleir gun robh dòigh gu math simplidh aca an sgeul a dhearbhadh le dealbh a shealltainn dhan fhear a thug dhaibh an sgeulachd.

An robh luchd-deasachaidh a' phrògram an turas seo airson a bhith cinnteach nach seachnadh iad sgeul dhuilich mar a rinn iad roimhe? Neo an robh iad airson dearbhadh nach robh am prògram air dad dhe chuid faobhar a chail a dh'aindeoin mar a bh' air tachairt le sgeulachd Savile?

Ge b' e de an t-adhbhar, rinn iad mearachd mhòr a rinn maslath dhan BhBC agus chan eil fàrmad aig duine ciallach sam bith ris an fheadhainn air am beil uallach a' bhuidheann a stiùireadh às a' chath-làraich seo. Agus tha feum air ughdarras a nochdadh gun dàil.

Aig an aon àm, tha tomhas de cho-fhaireachadh agam ris an luchd-naidheachd a tha a' dèanamh dicheall gus seirbheis làidir a chumail ri luchd-amhairc is eisteachd agus na pàipearan gam feannadh air gach taobh. Ach tha cuid dhuibh sin iad fhèin a' call rian saoilidh mi, le sgeulachdan farsaing nach gabh dearbhadh.

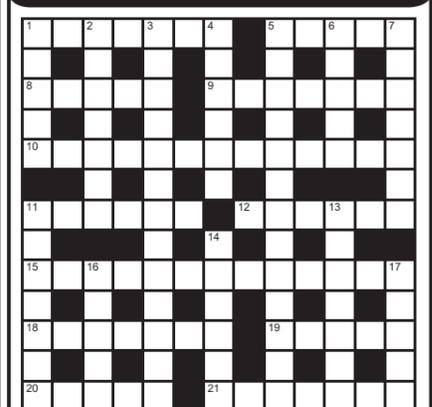
Na can ach beagan, ach can gu math le! Agus bi cinnteach gum bheil e fìor! EXTRAORDINARY editorial decisions on Newsnight have caused the BBC serious embarrassment and threatened its status as a news broadcaster.

I sympathise with those dedicated journalists who work hard to maintain high standards of impartiality and truth for which the Corporation is rightly famous.

Whatever the facts behind these unfortunate decisions, it is vital for the BBC's reputation and for the morale of its entire staff that decisive and effective leadership is immediately demonstrated to ensure that authoritative editorial control is restored.

Educating, entertaining and informing the public is a serious duty.  
Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell) ailean@obantimes.co.uk.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



### Across

- One who rules as a representative of the monarch (7)
- Add (3,2)
- Store for future use (3-2)
- Level out (7)
- Area of forces (8,5)
- Indulge (6)
- Eyepiece (6)
- Egotistical (4-9)
- Measure of sound (7)
- Blue hue (5)
- Social class based on heredity or wealth (5)
- A river in Canada, a town in S Alberta or an animal in Europe! (3,4)

### Down

- The soft palate (5)
- A freezing mixture (7)
- Blameworthy (1,3)
- Young ambitious city-dweller (6)
- Roundabout (7,6)
- Place away from here (5)
- Booty (7)
- Study after a doctor's degree (7)
- Unoccupied (7)
- One who dresses others fashionably (6)
- Place (5)
- Gloomy (5)

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## Times Diary



Pictures, it is said, speak louder than words. With that, *Diary* refers you to this photograph from a recent collision between a tram and a bus in Dublin.

Quote of the week: 'Sometimes I lie awake at night and ask, "where have I gone wrong? Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night." Charles M Schulz.

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Making a household plan and collecting items as part of an emergency kit can make all the difference when things go wrong. A battery powered radio will help you stay in touch with the news following a power failure. Keep mobile phones and laptop computers fully charged.

A non-mains powered landline telephone will help you stay in touch during any disruptions to your power supply.

Keep plenty of food and bottled water in the house, especially if you are elderly or infirm. Having a supply of food that doesn't require cooking will keep you going during a power outage.

You should also keep a handy supply of candles and matches to throw some light on your house if the lights go out.

Power cuts and loss of other utilities including gas, water and telephones can happen during the winter - just when we need them the most.

You should know where your stop valve is and how to turn off your water and electricity supply at the mains.

Keeping warm is also essential for good health in winter. Keep your home at the right temperature, 18 to 21°C or 65 to 70°F, to stay healthy while keeping bills low.

You should also wrap up warm, both inside and out. It is a good idea to wear layers of clothing and if possible, stay inside during a cold period if you have health problems.

If you are worried about the cost of heating your home this winter investigate what help you could



get. Winter fuel payments of up to £300 are available if you were born on or before July 5, 1951. Cold weather payments may be available to you if you receive certain benefits or have a child who is disabled or under the age of five.

Even if you're going away keep your heating on at a low temperature to help prevent pipes from freezing.

And finally remember to keep in touch with family and friends - particularly if you have been stuck in the house for a few days - lift the phone.

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## OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL

<p><b>16th November</b> Leaping Waters Switch On 5.00pm Black Lynn Burn Airds Crescent Ballet West 7.00pm Corran Halls Oban Art Auction Preview 7.00pm Auction 7.30pm Regent Hotel Pipe Band Family Ceilidh 8.00pm - 1.00am Argyllshire Gathering Hall Oban Phoenix Cinema 6.00pm Harry Potter &amp; The Philosopher's Stone Skylight Express Roller Skating 1.00pm - 6.00pm 6 x 45 minute sessions Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road War &amp; Peace Museum 10.00am - 4.00pm OPEN DAILY Next to Regent Hotel <b>17th November</b> Dry Ski Slope/ Gorge Walking/Cycling 9.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.30pm Kilbowie Outdoor Centre Gallanach Rd Food &amp; Drink Market 10.30am - 4.00pm Oban Distillery Admission Free: Food &amp; Drink from Argyll Childrens' Entertainer Victorian Market 2.00pm - 7.00pm Caledonian Hotel Mulled Wine 3.00pm - 5.00pm Ranaid Hotel Stevenson Street</p>	<p>Reindeer Parade 5.00pm Leaving Corran Halls Christmas Lights Switch On 6.00pm Station Square Skylight Express Roller Skating 10.00am - 6.00pm 8 x 45 minute sessions Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Oban Phoenix Cinema 1.00pm Happy Feet 3.00pm Little Women Comedy Club Presents HAL CRUTTENDEN &amp; Guests 7.30pm Corran Halls <b>18th November</b> Sea Life Centre Winter Wonderland with Live Woodcarving 10.00am - 5.00pm Sea Life Centre, Barcaldine Cream Teas &amp; Carriage Rides 11.30am - 3.00pm Dunollie 1745 House Castle Grounds Tours + Victorian Travel &amp; School Exhibition 1.00pm &amp; 3.00pm £3.00 Dunollie House Cook-along-with kids By Alex Needham 3.00pm - 5.00pm Waterfront Restaurant Skylight Express Roller Skating 10.00am - 6.00pm 8 x 45 minute sessions Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road</p>	<p>S1 - S3 only Friday Freestyle Check Prices with Atlantis 7.00pm - 9.30pm Atlantis Leisure Dalriach Road Brass Band Concert 12noon - 3.00pm Oban Phoenix Cinema Oban Phoenix Cinema 3.30pm Polar Express <b>19th November</b> Gaelic Book Bug Session Winter Journey/ Cuairt Gheamhraidh 10.00am - 12noon Undercroft, Glencruitten Church Centre Victorian Puddings Workshop 2.00pm Dunollie 1745 House Oban Phoenix Cinema 7.00pm The 39 Steps SAMS Student Lecture 7.00pm SAMS Dunstaffnage Sequence Choir in Concert 7.00pm Corran Halls Studio Theatre Kitchen Garden Christmas Canapes 7.00pm Kitchen Garden George Street Art Competition Exhibition of Entries &amp; other local art Daily Atlantis and/or Corran Halls See Website</p>
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<p><b>20th November</b>                  Children's Lantern Workshop 4.00pm - 7.00pm Corran Halls</p> <p>SAMS Student Lecture 7.00pm SAMS Dunstaffnage</p> <p>War &amp; Peace Museum 10.00am - 4.00pm OPEN DAILY Next to Regent Hotel</p> <p>Cocktail Masterclass 7.00pm Sloan's Railway Pier Ticket: £10</p> <p>Oban Phoenix Cinema 8.30pm Gangs of New York</p> <p><b>21st November</b>                  Music Workshops Bruce MacGregor Fiddle Masterclass - details from Corran Halls</p> <p>Xmas Floral Art Demonstration 7.30pm Argyllshire Gathering Hall</p> <p>Oban Phoenix Cinema 8.30pm The First Great Train Robbery</p> <p>BRUCE MACGREGOR in Concert 7.30pm Corran Halls</p> <p><b>22nd November</b>                  Music Workshop John Spillane Song Writing Workshop - details on website</p> <p>Book Bug Session Winter Journey 9.30am &amp; 11.30am Oban Library</p> <p>Gaelic Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm Dunollie 1745 House</p> <p>Oban Chocolate Factory Open till 9.00pm Esplanade Oban</p>	<p>Oban Phoenix Cinema Festival Price: Adults £5 Children £4                  1.00pm Gone With the Wind                  5.30pm Sherlock Holmes                  A Game of Shadows 8.00pm Gone With the Wind</p> <p>JOHN SPILLANE In Concert 7.30pm Corran Halls</p> <p><b>23rd November</b>                  SAMS Lecture By Dr. Henrik Stahl 7.30pm SAMS Dunstaffnage</p> <p>Vintage Fashion Show In Aid of Cancer Research 7.30pm Glenruthen Church Centre</p> <p>Ghost Walk 7.00pm Dunollie House</p> <p>BIG FAT ELECTRIC CEILIDH 8.00pm Corran Halls</p> <p><b>24th November</b>                  War &amp; Peace Museum 10.00am - 4.00pm Next to Regent Hotel</p> <p>Animal Aid Craft Fair 11.00am - 3.00pm Corran Halls</p> <p><b>25th November</b>                  Carousel Rides Pods on the Path Food in the Woods Corran Halls Car Park</p> <p>Dry Ski Slope/ Gorge Walking/Cycling 9.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.30pm Kilbriar Outdoor Centre Gallanach Rd</p> <p>COMEDY CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA 7.30pm Corran Halls</p> <p>Oban Phoenix Cinema 1.00pm Polar Express 3.00pm The Railway Children</p>	<p>Children's Market 12.00pm - 4.00pm Corran Halls</p> <p>Victorian Afternoon Teas Studio Theatre Corran Halls</p> <p>Oban Music Society Armichi Cello Trio 3.00pm St John's Cathedral George Street</p> <p>Cream Teas &amp; Carriage Rides 11.30am - 3.00pm Dunollie 1745 House Castle Grounds Tours + Victorian Travel &amp; School Exhibition 1.00pm &amp; 3.00pm £3.00 Dunollie House</p> <p>Oban Phoenix Cinema 1.00pm &amp; 2.00pm The Snowman 3.00pm &amp; 4.00pm The Snowman 5.00pm The Snowman</p> <p>Carousel Rides Pods on the Path Food in the Woods Corran Halls Car Park</p> <p>Fire Art 4.30pm Outside Corran Halls</p> <p>Lantern Parade 5.00pm Leaving Corran Halls To Oban Distillery</p> <p>Food Court, Entertainment Indoor &amp; Outdoor Stage and SNOW!!! From 4.00pm Oban Distillery</p> <p>Auld Lang Syne 6.30pm Oban Distillery</p> <p>GRAND FINALE 7.00pm Esplanade FIREWORKS - LIGHTS AND MUSIC</p>
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A number of retailers in the area have special Christmas deals available, and the town's high street is currently on the up, having seen several new premises open in recent months. Another major national retailer is set to open next week, with Cotswold Outdoor due to start trading on Wednesday, giving Lochaber folk plenty of time to get some Christmas goodies.

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George Hotel and Loch Melfort Hotel will be on hand to cater to your every need, whilst Loch Lomond's Inverbeg Inn has recently launched a popular gastro pub. As the home of great Scottish art, Argyll

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**Caol man guilty of restaurant theft**

A CAOL man broke into the Crannog Restaurant in Fort William and stole £1,300. Stuart Lawrie, of 22 Glenpane Street, pled guilty to committing the theft, which occurred on April 7. The 22-year-old is due to be sentenced at Fort William Sheriff Court on December 3.

**MacPhee and Partners win customer service award**

A FORT William estate agency and law firm has won a customer service award from leading property website Rightmove. MacPhee and Partners was judged best of 47 firms in Scotland after giving the best response to a customer enquiry from a mystery shopper. The result was announced at a property sales seminar in Glasgow's Hampden Park. The firm also has a branch in Oban.

**Lotto winner pockets £400**

A LUCKY customer from Cobbs Nevis Sport in Fort William has won £400 in this week's Fort William FC lotto draw. Numbers were 2-3-13. The prize goes back to £100 next week.

**Thief jailed for nine weeks**

A MAN who stole a tent and its contents while the owners were out for a walk has been sentenced to nine weeks in jail. Richard Greens, of 17 Woodside Drive, Penicuik, pled guilty to stealing the items from behind Lochaber Leisure Centre in Fort William on August 27. The 35-year-old was admonished after being found in possession of 1.7 grammes of heroin when he was arrested. The prison term will be added to the 11-month sentence Greens is currently serving for an assault in Lothian.



Woodland Trust's Jillian Donnachie helping Spean Bridge pupil Katie Bridges, P5, plant one of the first Scots pine saplings at the Corrou Diamond Jubilee Wood.

**Youngsters plant first trees of new diamond jubilee forest**

YOUNGSTERS from Spean Bridge and Roy Bridge have planted the first trees of a new 90-acre forest situated on the shore of Loch Ossian, Rannoch Moor. The Corrou Diamond Jubilee Wood will see more than 40,000 native trees, including birch, Scots pine, willow, alder, rowan and oak, planted to form the wood around Corrou Lodge. Children from the two primary schools were invited to take part in the inaugural planting at the remote site. Joint head teacher Kate MacGillivray said: 'Both schools had a fantastic day and would like to thank the staff at Corrou for their warm hospitality. Corrou Estate has invited the children to return to the estate in the future to see how the trees are progressing.' The wood is one of 20 being created by the Woodland Trust across Scotland to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Woodland Trust Scotland director Carol Evans said: 'Corrou is one of the wildest Diamond Woods in the UK. It is a truly spectacular location and we're delighted they are part of our project.'

**Woman not guilty of £4,300 benefit fraud**

A CAOL woman has been cleared of falsely claiming nearly £4,300 in benefits because she did not realise she had to inform authorities about her part time job. Catherine Johnston was confused by regulations and thought she was allowed to work up to 16 hours a week without affecting her benefit payments. But a trial at Fort William Sheriff Court heard fraud investigator Lorna Lee say although Mrs Johnston's part time job would not have affected her benefits, she was legally obliged to inform the Department of Work and Pensions she was working. A visibly distressed Mrs Johnston, aged 56, took the stand to insist no deception was intended. She said: 'I wasn't under the impression I had to tell them. I thought I could work my 16 hours without telling anyone.' Defence solicitor Stephen Kennedy argued Mrs Johnston had not been aware of the requirement to inform the authorities. He said: 'The rules are complex, they are not easy to understand. She was confused and she did not do this dishonestly.' Procurator Fiscal Alison Wylie argued that Mrs Johnston, formerly of Portree, had practised 'wilful blindness' towards the rules - but Sheriff Noel McPartlin rejected that allegation. Clearing Mrs Johnston of

**Internet first for tiny Isle of Lewis village**

A TINY Isle of Lewis village has become the first in the Highlands and Islands to have internet connections via fibre optic cable. Five out of six homes in Dalmore, on the island's west coast, are now on the Connected Communities network, which brings broadband to remote places. Donald MacLeod, clerk to the Dalmore common grazings committee, managed the project on behalf of the community. He said: 'We have at long last joined the 21st century.'

Businesses 'Not only can the school children in the village now keep up with their studies, but we hope shortly to have two small businesses run from the village.' The Rural Broadband Challenge Fund is supporting the Dalmore project. Three other relay sites on the west coast of Harris are due to be completed by November 30. Meanwhile in Wester Ross, Applecross will benefit from a £5 million Community Broadband Scotland fund to bring next generation broadband to hard to reach rural areas. Local residents will work with broadband experts over the coming months on improving internet access for local businesses and families.



Portree Primary School pupils get up close with some ocean delicacies on Tuesday.

**Fish on the menu for Skye pupils**

FISH was on the menu for around 250 Isle of Skye pupils at Portree High School on Tuesday and yesterday as part of a nationwide drive to teach children about Scottish ocean produce. The Seafood in Schools project included workshops on learning where different species come from, how healthy fish is to eat and how it gets from sea to plate. Local chef Simon Wallwork of the Glenview Inn demonstrated how to prepare and cook tasty fish dishes for kids - including local langoustine supplied by the Scottish West Coast Langoustine Co-operative. Mr Wallwork said he was delighted to be associated with the Seafood in Schools project using 'the best of local seafood'. Pupils handled live species including crab, lobster, haddock, monkfish and squid and attended a workshop about salmon farming on Skye. Parents enjoyed similar activities and sampled fish delicacies on Tuesday evening. Children attending the event came from Portree High and Portree, Broadford, Carbost, Struan, MacDiarmid, Knockbreck, Kyleakin, Elgol, Kilmuir, Staffin, Raasay, Dunvegan, and Edinbane primary schools. Seafood in Schools aims to reach 50,000 children across the country and is funded by the Scottish Government, Seafish, the Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation and the Scottish Fishermen's Trust.

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**All clear signal for drivers as A82 traffic lights are removed early**

MOTORISTS on the A82 have been given a pre-Christmas boost with news that temporary traffic lights near Fort William will be gone until early 2013. The signals north of the Corran Ferry had been expected to remain in place until mid-December. But Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) re-jigged work schedules and they will be removed on Friday. Contractors have been stabilising the steep hillside and erecting protective fencing ahead of felling operations starting in January. Project manager Alex MacLeod said: 'The work programme has gone well so far and we're happy with what has been achieved to date, so we can comfortably do without the traffic management that had been planned up until the end of December. Hopefully that will help by giving local road users one less thing to worry about in the run up to Christmas. The break from hill work will give us the opportunity to look ahead and start planning felling work in the new year.' Meanwhile, FCS personnel supported by Transport Scotland and Scotland Transerv staff are inviting the public to view plans for extensive tree felling along the A82 at a drop-in event in the Alexandra Hotel, Fort William, today from 12 noon to 7pm. Glen Urquhart Public Hall in Drumadrochit will host the last of the six drop-in sessions tomorrow (Friday) from 12 noon to 8pm. Mr MacLeod said the events were a good opportunity to find out about the forthcoming felling operations at Glen Righ and the wider A82 project. He added: 'This involves timber felling adjacent to the A82 elsewhere in the Great Glen. The four events we've had so far have seen a good turn out and people have been very interested and supportive of the need to get this job done.'

**Spotlight on fish farms**

A HIGH-POWERED Scottish government delegation will arrive in Lochaber tomorrow for a two-day tour of fish farm operations. Rural affairs, climate change and environment committee MSPs are making the tour to help inform early discussions on the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill. The itinerary includes Marine Harvest's new smolt unit at Lochailort and freshwater site at Loch Shiel, Glenfinnan, tomorrow, and the company's Blar Mhor Industrial Estate processing plant on Saturday morning. Final port of call will be Drimsallie Mill hatchery on Loch Arkaig, the centre of operation to restore native River Lochy salmon and sea trout populations. The project is run by the River Lochy Association in partnership with Marine Harvest, EWOS Feeds, Hvalpsund Nets and MERK International.

**Jobs boost as national retailer opens in town**

THE LATEST national retailer to come to Fort William will open its doors next Wednesday, creating at least seven new jobs. Cotswold Outdoor is the second new store in the town's new west end development after Superdrug opened last Friday. A 60-room Travelodge opened in October above the shops. The new store will be officially opened by Outdoor Capital of the UK chairperson Marian Austin. Fort store manager Craig Mills said: 'It's a very exciting time for us and Fort William offers some great opportunities and challenges which I'm looking forward to taking on with the support of the local community. It's a great location, right in the heart of the outdoors with a close proximity to Ben Nevis.'

**Pupils set to take to the stage for high school dance spectacular**

LOCHABER schoolchildren are completing final rehearsals for a dance spectacular in Lochaber High School tonight and tomorrow evening. Pupils from eight primary schools and three secondary schools will perform routines in the Dance Platform show at 7pm on both days. Inverloch Primary School is among those taking part with 18 girls from P3 to P7 set to take the stage in their costumes. School secretary Fiona Livingstone told The Oban Times the children had been rehearsing for months - and can't wait for tonight's event. She said: 'The kids are bouncing - they are totally hyper. It's really great they are doing this at the high school.'

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**Singer back on debut stage**

A YOUNG singer will perform her first professional gig at Oban's Corran Halls - the stage where she first sang in public 14 years ago.

Elissa Conway, from Oban, will support the Bruce MacGregor Trio in Oban next Wednesday night and will perform material from her debut EP *Just a Dream*.

The performance will be an emotional return home for the Edinburgh Napier University popular music graduate who first took to the Corran Halls stage as an eight-year-old with Argyll Youth Theatre.

Elissa said she was excited about the performance. 'I am really looking forward to it but I am quite nervous at the same time,' said the 22-year-old, who now lives in Edinburgh. 'It's my first real professional gig but it feels perfect to start my career where I first performed.'



Elissa Conway.

**Easdale launch for 'chart art'**

PAINTINGS based on nautical charts from the west of Scotland will be launched on Easdale Island at the end of the month. Gerry Goldwyre has created a sequence of paintings based on nautical charts of the area, from Crinan to Tobermory and all points in between.

The exhibition of the paintings will open in The Bothy Gallery, Easdale Island, on Saturday November 24 at 2.30pm.

Gerry's previous 'chart art' has been hugely popular and the new works will delight everyone with an interest in the sea and the dramatic scenery of this part of Argyll. In addition, Gerry has painted a group of watercolour seascapes local to the island and a new print of his Campbeltown Loch picture has been produced. Jan Fraser of The Bothy Gallery is 'thrilled' to be able to show these pictures for the first time. The Gallery opened in July and has had a successful first season, stocking work by several artists including Alex Mac Rae, Sue Biazotti and Adam and Paul Kennedy.



The Amici Cello Trio.

**Music society hosts concert by talented Amici Cello Trio**

OBAN Music Society will host a concert by the Amici Cello Trio in St John's Cathedral on Sunday November 25 at 3pm.

The Amici Cello Trio was established in 2001 when the three cellists were studying at the RSAMD together. Fiona, Helen and Sonia come from Kilmarnock, Aberdeen and Edinburgh respectively and first started working together in the cello section at NYOS when still at school.

Still comprising the three original members, the trio has sustained a successful chamber music career balanced with other professional and personal interests.

The trio made its first live broadcast on Radio Scotland with a short extract of a new version of Peter and the Wolf with Jamie Macdougall. This was part of the Aberdeen International Youth Festival of which the group was resident chamber ensemble.

The trio is also in demand as educationalists and

has designed various school workshop packages. The members of the trio frequently work to expand the repertoire for the group, sourcing interesting works and arranging/transcribing for the unusual combination of three celli. Future plans include the creation of a commercial recording, commissioning new works and looking after the young families that all three members will soon have.

The programme will contain works by a wide range of composers including Beethoven, Handel, Vivaldi as well as some traditional Scottish melodies arranged by the group themselves.

The concert is supported by Enterprise Music Scotland and non members of Oban Music Society are very welcome. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The society is keen to encourage school children to attend their concerts and entrance for them is free.

**Scottish Ballet brings fun events to Lochaber**

SCOTTISH Ballet is coming to Lochaber tomorrow (Friday) with exciting free events planned for all ages.

The four-day 'Find your Feet' programme will focus on creative dance, ballet technique, music, costume and design.

Each event will involve collaboration with local organisations, venues, community leaders, schools and nurseries as well as recreational groups.

Highlights include a special free performance of *First Encounter* by third year students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's modern ballet course, created in association with Scottish Ballet.

The dynamic new work, by exciting young choreographer Chris Marney, will be performed in Lochaber High School tomorrow evening at 7pm.

Young people from Fort William primary schools will feature in an exciting Nutcracker Flash Dance Mob in The Parade from 12.30pm on Saturday, while an 'arm-chair ballet event' has been laid on specially for residents at Moss Park nursing home in Caol.

'Find Your Feet' kicks off tomorrow with informal 'Wee Mice' sessions for parents and children aged 18 months to three years in Spean Bridge Community Hall at 10am and Kilmallie Community Centre at 1.30pm.

Other Friday workshops will be held at Lochaber High, Kinlochleven Primary and Kinlochleven High. Banavie, Upper Achintore, Inverloch, Caol and Fort William primaries will get a visit from the company on Monday.

Catherine Cassidy, Scottish Ballet associate education director, hopes the tour will leave a lasting legacy with local residents.

She said: 'The "Find your Feet" project is a first time opportunity for us to work with some of the areas we are visiting and I'm really excited about the energy and feedback we've received before we've even arrived.'

Full programme information at [www.scottishballet.co.uk/education/fort-william](http://www.scottishballet.co.uk/education/fort-william).

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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is the first film in the Harry Potter series based on the novels by J.K. Rowling. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**Happy Feet (U)**  
This is the story of a little penguin named Mumble who has a terrible singing voice! However, Mumble has an astute talent for something that none of the penguins had ever seen before: top dancing. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**Little Women (1994) (U)**  
With their father away fighting in the Civil War, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy grow up with their mother in somewhat reduced circumstances. They are a close family who inevitably have their squabbles and tragedies. Ideal for the family to watch just before the Reindeer parade starts to get the Winter Festival! Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**The Polar Express (U)**  
Santa Claus does not exist. Or does he? For one doubting boy, an astonishing event occurs. Late on Christmas Eve night, he lies in bed hoping to hear the sound of reindeer bells from Santa's sleigh. When to his surprise, a steam engine's roar and whistle can be heard outside his window.

**Looper (15)**  
In 2074, when the mob wants to get rid of someone, the target is sent 30 years into the past, where a hired gun awaits. Someone like Joe, who one day learns the mob wants to 'dose the loop' by transporting back Joe's future self. TotalFilm called it the best film of the year 2012 stating you'll immediately want to go back and see it again! This year's *Matrix*, prepare yourselves for the ride.

**The 39 Steps (PG)**  
A man in London tries to help a counterespionage agent. But when the agent is killed and he stands accused, he must go on the run to both save himself and also stop a spy ring trying to steal top secret information. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**Gangs of New York (18)**  
1863, America was born in the streets. Amsterdam Vallon (Leonardo DiCaprio) returns to the Five Points district of New York to seek vengeance. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**The First Great Train Robbery (15)**  
In 1855, Edward Pierce (Sean Connery) plans to do something that has never been done - rob a moving train. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**Gone with the Wind (PG)**  
Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows (12A)**  
Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr) has always been the smartest man in the room...until now. Come in out of the cold as Winter Festival Film tickets are just £5/£4!



Kate Turner with some of the works of art to be auctioned at this week's Macmillan charity auction. 16\_1464artauction2

**Oban art auction fundraiser**

MORE than 60 works of art mainly from local artists will go up for auction this weekend as part of a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Hosted by the Regent Hotel this Friday, the Oban and Argyll branch of the charity will present works from the likes of Ian Gowdie and Bob McCullough. One of the star attractions will be a charcoal picture of Oban's most

iconic shop Chalmers, as drawn by James Leitch in the 1960s. The picture was donated by the daughter of the late 'Jimmy' Leitch after reading about the auction in *The Oban Times*.

Group secretary Kate Turner said: 'She was in tears because it was the last of her dad's work. It shows how much she thinks of the cause.' Doors open at 7pm.

**Book Week Scotland in Oban and Campbeltown**

LIBRARIES throughout Argyll will be taking part in a week-long celebration of literature at the end of the month.

Book Week Scotland will take place from November 26 to December 2 and see Oban and Campbeltown

Libraries included in events. Broths to Bannocks, Cooking and Baking with Catherine Brown will be in Oban on November 27 at 2pm while Tales of a Traveller, an Evening with Jess Smith, will be in Campbeltown on November 26 at 7pm.

**Oban Comedy Club joins in the Christmas spirit at Winter Fest**

AS PART of the Oban Winter Festival, Oban Comedy Club are putting on a number of shows throughout the week, starting with Hal Cruttenden on Saturday, November 17.

Hal Cruttenden is one of the top comedians working in the UK today. Recent television appearances include 'Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow' and 'The Royal Variety Performance'. On Wednesday you will be treated to fiery tunes and beautiful Gaelic and Scots songs by The Bruce McGregor Trio. In a world filled with strife and upheaval, a time-out with John Spillane on Thursday

evening is enough to ease the load a bit on anyone.

The man and his music are pure magic. Saturday, November 24 in the Corran Halls will be a top night of comedy as some of the top names in Scottish stand up appear in one action packed night.

A total of six comedians, Gary Little Bruce Morton, Stu Who?, Scott Gibson, Chris Forbes - who supported Kevin Bridges - and Darren Connell will deliver a fast paced show.

There will also be comedy and music Masterclass Workshops available throughout the week.

**what's on guide**

Friday 16th November> Markie Dans	Cheesy Floor Fillers with DJ Stevo, 9.30pm
Saturday 17th November> Markie Dans	Latest Dance Tunes with DJ Darren, 9.30pm
Friday 23rd November> Markie Dans	Disco with DJ Darren, 9.30pm
Saturday 24th November> Markie Dans	Tim O'Connor 9.30pm
Friday 30th November> Markie Dans	ST Andrews November Party with Chris Suckle, 9.30pm

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In Connel Village Hall

On Saturday 24th November 11.00am to 3pm

Coffee & Tea, Soup Lunch, Lots to Buy

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**LORN GARDEN CLUB 'Climate Change'**

talk by Dr Sheena Wurthmann - can gardeners make a difference?

at St. John's Cathedral Hall, Oban

Tuesday November 20, 7.15pm for 7.30pm (entrance from lane at rear) All very welcome.

Comunn Gàidhealach an Obain

**Echoes of the Mod Ceilidh**

Featuring Mod Prize-winners

St. John's Cathedral

Saturday, 24th November at 7.00 p.m.

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**Treasures of Tuscany**

Saturday departures 4 May, 15 June & 21 September 2013

From Prestwick airport

Beautiful Tuscany attracts visitors for many reasons; for some it is the fine art and amazing culture, for others the charming Medieval towns and Renaissance splendours, fashionable coastal towns and quiet green hills. Experience the many Treasures of Tuscany for yourself during this holiday which will give you a taste of everything Italy's favourite region has to offer!

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An upgrade to the 4 star Hotel Moderna, Chianciano Terme is offered, subject to availability, at a supplement

8 days from **£699 pp**

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Wednesday departures 15 May, 12 June, 11 September & 2 October 2013

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Thursday departures 6 & 31 June, 19 September and 17 October 2013

from Glasgow airport

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- Return flight from Glasgow airport to Malaga\*
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APPIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY invite you to the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the reconstruction of the Sgeir Bhuidhe Lighthouse

Saturday 17 November

Port Appin Village Hall 2.30pm

Entertainment by the Three Wee Crows and Moira Thomson

Afternoon tea

All welcome!

[www.appinhistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.appinhistoricalsociety.co.uk)

Oban Congregational Church

**Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 17th November

11am - 4pm

In the Church Hall

Tea/Coffee/Home Baking & Soup

Sales stalls in the large hall (next to the church)

Christmas gifts, crafts, greetings cards, toys, games, cakes, plants, face painting, tombola, santa

All proceeds to church funds

An Comunn Gàidhealach MEUR CHRUACHAIN (Cruachan Branch)

**ceilidh**

in TAYNUILT VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY, 17th November 2012 at 7.45 p.m.

Singers - Alasdair Whyte, Robert Robertson, Gillian MacDonald, Iain MacAskill (accordion), Merle Harbron (Fiddle), Piper - Kimberley Campbell, The Eilidh MacInnes Dancers

Fear an Taighe: Robin Banks

Admission £4.00, Members £3.00, Children £2.00

Oban Pipe Band Family Ceilidh/Dance Achnaba

Friday 16th Nov

From 8.00pm

Cancelled due to lack of ticket sales Refunds at Music Shop

Argyll Animal Aid Reg Charity SC 013211

**Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 24th November

Corran Halls, Oban

11am - 3pm

Craft and charity stalls

Many unusual Christmas gifts and cards

Bric-a-brac

Teas and home baking

**WIN £500 OF Lidl vouchers**

**Collect token three today**

**Christmas is coming!**

To celebrate, The Oban Times is giving readers the chance to win £500 worth of shopping vouchers to spend at Lidl in Oban or Fort William this Christmas.

Just imagine the perfect Christmas party this festive season without having to spend a penny on food and drink.

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## LOCHMADDY Dingwall and Highland Marts

**Bulls**  
201-250kg - 20 Baleshare, £410, 200.0p;  
251-300kg - 20 Baleshare, £650, 219.2p;  
301-350kg - No 1 Kilauly, Lochmaddy, £600,  
7 Paiblesgarry, Lochmaddy, 187.3p;  
401-450kg - 6 Claddach Kyles, Lochmaddy,  
£700, 4 Claddach Kyles, 168.2p.  
**Heifers**  
201-250kg - 20 Baleshare, £500, 2.00p;  
251-300kg - 6 Claddach Kyles, £510, 20  
Baleshare, 200.0p;  
301-350kg - 6 Claddach Kyles, £510.  
**Lambs**  
Suffolk X: 1 Ahmore, £50;  
Suffolk X: 20 Baleshare, Bayhead, £50;  
Blackface: 9 Illeary, Lochmaddy, £50  
Texel X: 15 Linciate, Creagorry, £48;  
Suffolk X: Dunskeall, Sollas, £47;  
Cheviot: 2 Sollas, Lochmaddy, £42.  
**Ewes**  
Cheviot: 9 Illeary, £43;  
Blackface: 9 Illeary, £39;  
Cross: 12 Sollas, Lochmaddy, £35;  
Suffolk: 15 Linciate, £32.  
**Gimmers**  
Cheviot: Corriebeinn, £90;  
Texel X: 3 Claddach, £62;  
Blackface: 20 Knockintorran, Bayhead,  
£60;  
Cross: 13 Knockintorran, Paiblesgarry,  
£50.  
**Rams**  
Suffolk: 2 Claddach, £240;  
Suffolk X: Sidinish, Locheport, £80;  
Cheviot: 11 Locheport, North Uist, £80;  
Blackface: Sidinish, £80.

## LOCHBOISDALE United Auctions

**Lambs**  
Suffolk X: £68.18 West Gerinish  
Cheviot X £50.50 - 8 Torlum.  
Cross: £50.76 Ardnamonie  
Blackface: £50.76 Ardnamonie  
**Rams**  
£210 - 393 Garrynamonie  
Gummers  
£85.00 - 5 Dunganichy  
Blackface wedders  
£68.00, £58.00 & £55.00 - Ormicate &  
Bornish SSC  
**Ewes**  
Blackface: £55.00 - 2 Balivanich : £41.00  
- 11 Howmore  
Cross: £40.00 - Ormicate & 3 Bunavullin  
Cheviot: £40.00 - MacSweens  
Dunganichy

## LOCHBOISDALE United Auctions

**Bulls**  
Aberdeen Angus X: £725 - 342 North  
Boisdale £715 - 5 Milton and 344 North  
Boisdale £710 - 9 Milton £700 - 328 North  
Boisdale £675 - 7 Frobost and 342 North  
Boisdale(2) £670 (2) - 348 North Boisdale  
£665 - 325 North Boisdale £650 - 253  
Dalburgh £635 and £605 - Hopewell  
Cottage £600 - 342 North Boisdale and  
123 Craighton (Barra).  
Charolais X: £905 - 15 Ormicate.  
Limousin X: £1070, £1030 and £990 - 103  
Carnan £985 - 101 Carnan £970 - 103  
Carnan £940 and £930 - 101 Carnan £915  
- 1 Airdhmuillinn £885 - MacSweens's  
Dunganichy £880 - 19 West Gerinish £845  
- 61 Bualachrach and 1 Ormicate £835  
- 1 Airdhmuillinn £825 - Drimore Farm  
£820 - 21 Griminish £815 - 100 Carnan  
£800 - 9 Milton £790 - 12 Ormicate £775  
- MacSweens Dunganichy £755 - Drimore  
Farm and Aird Illeary £750 - 1 Ormicate  
£745 - 20 West Gerinish, 1 Airdhmuillinn  
and Aird Illeary £735 - 61 Bualachrach and  
Drimore Farm(2) £730 - 19 West Gerinish  
and 12 Ormicate £725 - 1 Drimisdale and  
15 Ormicate £720 - 19 West Gerinish  
£715 - 1 Ormicate, 14 West Gerinish, 7  
Eoligarry and Aird Illeary £710 - 6 West  
Gerinish £705 - 1 Ormicate(2), 14 West  
Gerinish, 6 Ormicate, 19 West Gerinish, 12  
Ormicate, 15 Ormicate and Aird Illeary(2)  
£700 - 3 West Gerinish, 5 Dunmor(3), 9  
Milton and 11 West Gerinish.  
Luing X: £610 117 Craighton, Barra.  
Shorthorn X: £1075 221 Stoneybridge.  
Simmental X: £825 - 348 North Boisdale  
£785 - 15 Ormicate £740 - 2 Drimisdale  
£725 - 200 Stoneybridge £710 - 426 North  
Lochboisdale £695(2) and £685(3) - 8  
Milton £665 - 12 Caolis, Vatersay £665  
and £655(3) - 8 Milton.  
**Heifers**  
Aberdeen Angus X: £560 - 328 Northbois-  
dale.  
Shorthorn X: £500 - 3 Milton.  
Charolais X: £1010 and £900 - Drimore  
Farm.  
Limousin X: £865(2) and £745 - 103 Car-  
nan £715 - MacSweens Dunganichy £700  
- Aird Illeary £690 - 103 Carnan £685 and  
£665 - 1 Ormicate £645 - 15 Ormicate  
£635 - 103 Carnan and 1 Airdhmuillinn  
£620 - 1 Airdhmuillinn £615 - 5 Dunmor  
£600(2) - 5 Drimisdale.  
Saler X: £810 - Drimore Farm.  
Shorthorn X: £730 - 44 Linnique  
Simmental X: £570 - 426 North Lochbois-  
dale.  
**Bulls**  
Aberdeen Angus X: 227p - 5 Milton 206p  
- 12 Ormicate.  
Limousin X: 243p - 103 Carnan 240p - 6  
Ormicate 236p - 11 West Gerinish 233p  
- 5 Dunmor and 1 Airdhmuillinn 231p  
- 14 West Gerinish and 20 West Gerinish  
230p - 5 Dunmor and Drimore Farm(3)

229p - 5 Dunmor, 101 Carnan and Drimore  
Farm 226p - 1 Drimisdale, 1 Airdhmuill-  
in and Aird Illeary 225p and 222p - 1  
Airdhmuillinn 220p - 14 West Gerinish  
219p - MacSweens Dunganichy and 9  
Milton 218p - Aird Illeary, 8 Milton and 3  
Ormicate 216p - Drimore Farm 215p - 1  
Drimisdale, 4 Nunton and Aird Illeary 214p  
- 6 Ormicate, 12 Ormicate and Aird Illeary  
213p - 1 Drimisdale and 20 West Gerinish  
212p - MacSweens Dunganichy 211p - 6  
West Gerinish 209p - 12 Ormicate 208p  
- 6 West Gerinish 103 Carnan(2) and 20  
West Gerinish 207p - Aird Illeary 206p  
- 19 West Gerinish 205p - 9 Milton, 19  
West Gerinish, 1 Drimisdale, 12 Ormicate  
and Aird Illeary 204p - 7 Eoligarry(Barra)  
and Aird Illeary 203p - 6 West Gerinish, 9  
Milton, 1 Airdhmuillinn and 11 West Ger-  
inish 202p - 85 Borve(Barra), Aird Illeary  
and 3 Ormicate 201p - 1 Ormicate and 19  
West Gerinish 200p - 439 Lochboisdale, 1  
Drimisdale, 101 Carnan, Drimore Farm(2),  
9/10 Drimisdale and 21 Griminish.  
Luing X: 218p - 117 Craighton, Barra.  
Shorthorn X: 217p - 9 Bornish 212p - 202  
Stoneybridge.  
Simmental X: 218p - 12 Caolis, Vatersay  
217p and 208p - 1 Vatersay 201p - 8  
Milton(2) and 200 Stoneybridge.  
**Heifers**  
Limousin X: 222p - 5 Drimisdale 214p(2)  
- 103 Carnan 207p - 5 Drimisdale 200p  
- 3 Ormicate.  
**Breeding cattle**  
Cows with calves  
£1040 - 325 North Boisdale  
Cast cows  
£1070 - 15 Ormicate £1040 - 5 West  
Kilbride £1000 - 328 North Boisdale and  
15 Ormicate.  
Cows per kilo  
146p - 348 North Boisdale 145p and 126p  
- 328 North Boisdale 127p and 125p - 15  
Ormicate 123p - 5 Frobost 122p - Aird  
Illeary 121p - 3 Ormicate.

## DALMALLY United Auctions

**Bulls**  
Limousin X £730 Carie Farm £535, £520  
and £515(3) Kingairloch Estate.  
Simmental X £590 Balindore  
**Heifers**  
Limousin X £620 Carie Farm £440 Kin-  
gairloch Estate.  
**Prices per kilo**  
**Bulls**  
Limousin X 214p(3), 211p and 194p(2)  
Kingairloch Estate.  
Aberdeen Angus X 194p(2) Carie Farm.  
**Breeding cattle**  
**In calf heifers**  
Simmental X £1150 and £1100 Duncroisk  
£1080 Dall Farm £1020(2) Duncroisk.  
Aberdeen Angus X £880 Braes of Ardeonaig  
and Succoth Ardeonaig  
Shorthorn X £840 and £820 Braes of  
Ardeonaig  
**Cows with calves**  
£820 and £800 - Morenish.  
**Lambs**  
Cross £41 Barbreck Farm  
Blackface £39, Blarghour Farm £35.  
Couston Farm Co  
**Ewes**  
£38, White Gates £35, Barachander Farm  
£33, Knock-Dhu  
**Rams**  
Blackface  
Ram lamb £150 and £90 Balliemeanoch  
Farm  
Texel £120 Goatfield Farm.

## DINGWALL Dingwall and Highland Marts

**Bulls**  
201-250kg - Lochdhu, Nairn, £510,  
239.4p;  
251-300kg - Clury Farm, £900, Lochdhu,  
291.4p;  
301-350kg - Lochdhu, £870, 277.1p;  
351-400kg - LochHalf Breudie, Newton-  
more, £865, 226.4p;  
401-450kg - Wester Fearn, Ardgay, £870,  
200p;  
451-500kg - Balintraid, £1,000, 207.5p;  
501-550kg - Wester Fearn, £1,010, Hilton,  
186.6p;  
551-600kg - Hilton, £1015, 181.3p.  
**Heifers**  
up to 200kg - Erchite, Dores, £330,  
188.6p;  
201-250kg - West Syall, Ardgay, £480,  
220.2p;  
251-300kg - Lochdhu, £690, 239.5p;  
301-350kg - Clury Farm, £700, 202.9p;  
351-400kg - Rychraggan, Drumnadrochit,  
£655, GartHalf Breude, Gorthleck, 173p;  
401-450kg - Nottingham Mains, £810,  
195.2p;  
451-500kg - Burnside Croft, Strathpeffer,  
£875, Rychraggan, 180p;  
501-550kg - Achlain Estate, £950, 184.6p.  
**In-calf cow**  
Simmental X: - 9 Calgarry, Ardvasar,  
£720, Charollais X - 27 Mains, Bernisdale,  
£700, Limousin X: - 2 Erbusaig, Kyle of  
Lochalsh, £660.  
**OTM feeding cows** Kindeace, (Limousin  
X), £1,010; Balintraid, (Aberdeen Angus  
X), £990; Corrimony, (twice) (Limousin  
X); and Aberdeen Angus X), Lower  
Gartally, Lewiston, (ShoX), Inchindown,  
Invergordon, (Simmental X), £890.  
**OTM bullocks and heifers** Woodside, Muir  
of Tarradale, (Lim hfr), £970; Rhanbreck,  
Lairg, (Limousin X; hfr), and 3 Peingown  
Kilmuir, (Simmental X; hfr), £910; Grain-  
ish, Aviemore, (Aberdeen Angus X; hfr),  
£710.

**OTM bulls** 8 Swainbost, Isle of Lewis,  
(AA), £610.  
Other leading prices per kg  
**OTM feeding cows** Kindeace, (Limousin  
X), 141.3p; Lower Gartally, (ShoX),  
126.2p; Corrimony, (Aberdeen Angus X),  
121.9p.  
**OTM bullocks and heifers** 3 Peingown,  
(Simmental X; hfr), 159.6p; Woodside,  
(Lim hfr), 139.6p; Grainish, (Aberdeen  
Angus X; hfr), 102.9p.  
**OTM bulls** 8 Swainbost, (AA), 64.9p.

## DINGWALL Dingwall and Highland Marts

**Lambs**  
Texel Wester Moy, Urray, £90, Boblainy,  
£52.  
Suffolk X Ardnagrask, Muir of Ord, £65,  
Bogmore, Duncanston, £63.50, 15  
Balnadelson, Lairg, £48.50;  
Texel X Achtuie, Drumnadrochit, £66,  
Ardnagrask, £62.50, 13 Upper Dounreay,  
Thurso, £62;  
Cheviot Ballone, Abriachan, £59, Cul-  
mally, Lairg, £52, Castle Grant, £51;  
Mule Highfield Mains, Muir of Ord, £53.50,  
Lower Gaich, Dulnain Bridge, £51;  
Cross Achtuie, £50, Corrish, Balnain, £46,  
Millness Croft, Corrimony, £45;  
Blackface 5/6 Shearer, Uig, £37.50, 2  
Totescore, Isle of Skye, £36;  
Charollais X Bogmore, Duncanston,  
£55.50;  
Charmoise Ballone, £54.50.  
**Gimmers**  
Suffolk X Bogburn, Duncanston, £68;  
Swale Cawdor Estate, Nairn, £67;  
Cheviot Bogburn, £66;  
Cross Bogburn, £62;  
Blackface Glenivickskill, Struan, £50.  
**Ewes**  
Suffolk X Bogburn, £82, Cambusmore  
Estate, Dornoch, £64, Glaich na Goire,  
Kiltarity, £60;  
Blackface Wester Raddery, Fortrose, £78;  
Cheviot Cambusmore Estate, £76, Bog-  
burn, £70, Ardechrone, Ardgay, £69;  
Texel Wester Raddery, £74, Carnich,  
£50;  
Gruids, £54;  
Texel X Milton, Boat of Garten, £71, 18  
Camultmuir, Kiltarity and Balintraid,  
Dely, £50, Ardnagrask, £40;  
Blackface Peinmore, Portree, £65, Laggan  
of Clachaig, Nethybridge, £56, Bogburn,  
£50;  
Belxet Wester Raddery, £56;  
Halfbred Bogburn, £56;  
Cross Laggan of Clachaig, £51, Bogburn,  
£50, Carnich, £40.  
**Rams**  
Blackface Newton of Crathie, Ballater,  
£400;  
Tel Newton of Crathie, £350, Veltigar,  
Orkney, £320, Wester Raddery and New-  
ton of Crathie, £150;  
Suffolk Newton of Crathie, £300, Stony-  
ford, Tarland, £280;  
Belxet Achtuie, £200, 18 Camultmuir,  
Kiltarity, £70;  
Cheviot 185 Migdale, Bonar Bridge, £180,  
Erich, Milton of Drimie and 7 Kiner-  
ras, Kiltarity, £150, Ardechrone, Clachan  
Farm, Inverbroom and Cambusmore  
Estate, £120;  
Charollais Millquoy, Stenness, £100;  
Lley Achtuie, £80;  
Blackface 11 Diabaig, Torridon, £80,  
Wedders  
Mule Kentallen, Aros, £46;  
Cheviot 15 Balnadelson, £38;  
Blackface 3 Peingown, £36;  
Cross 5/6 Shearer, £35.

## STIRLING United Auctions

**Bulls**  
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£56.20; Merkins (BF) £53; Knowehead  
(BF) £39; Kirkton & Ardtalnaig (BF) £36

## Island calves dominate Caledonian sale

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had 565 store cattle and suckled calves, plus 640 store lambs and 376 feeding sheep at Stirling on Monday when cattle proved short of buyers' requirements.  
**Arran**  
Bullock calves averaged 213p and sold to 248.5p per kg for a 330kg Limousin from Hamish Mundell, Craighton, Fintry and to £855 for a 390kg Charolais from F Cook & Sons, Sliderry Moor, Isle of Arran.  
Heifer calves averaged 189p per kg and sold to 222.4p per kilo for six 290kg Charolais from F Cook &

Sons, Sliderry Moor, Isle of Arran and to £710 for a 335kg Charolais again from Sliderry Moor.  
Store bullocks averaged 189p and sold to 246.2p per kg for a 390kg Limousin from Jamie Napier, Pow-flats, Broxburn and to £1075 for a 530kg Limousin from Messrs Boyd, Dechmont, Cambuslang.  
Store heifers averaged 184p per kg and sold to 229.5p per kg for a 475kg Limousin from Jamie Napier, Pow-flats, Broxburn and to £1150 for a 535kg Limousin from Trustees of the Late Robert Wotherspoon, Holybush Cottage, Slamannan.

In the native bred section bullocks sold to £1025 for a 520kg Aberdeen Angus from W N McLaren, Blairgorts, Buchlyvie while heifers sold to £980 for two 500kg Aberdeen Angus' again from Blairgorts Shorthorn bullocks sold to £890 for six 490kg from Rainheath Ltd, Parboath, Luthrie, Cupar, while Luing heifers sold to £850 for three 440kg from J Gilvear and Sons, Graystale, Stirling.  
Lambs sold to £57 for Texels from D E Robertson, Cosyden, while ewes sold to £50 (twice) for crosses from J Gray, Craigmad Farm and Suffolks from D Graham, Hillend Farm.

## Quality cattle in short supply at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 386 weaned calves and store cattle plus 12 breeding cattle and 77 over 30 month cattle at Dingwall on Wednesday when kilo averages were less due to the mixed show of weathered cattle whilst quality kinds were short of require-  
ments.  
Stot calves averaged 205.4p and sold to 310.3p per kilo and £900 for a 290kg Limousin cross from Clury Farm, Dulnain Bridge.  
Heifer calves averaged 185.4p and sold to 266.7p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Dunmaglass Estate, Dores, and £700 for a 345kg Limousin cross from Clury Farm.

Store bullocks averaged 187.3p and sold to 207.7p per kilo for a pen of 482kg Aberdeen Angus crosses from Balintraid, Dely, and £1,020 for a 565kg Simmental cross from Hilton, Tain.  
Store heifers averaged 170.6p and sold to 195.2p per kilo for a 415kg Charolais cross from Nottingham Mains, Lath-eron, and £1,015 for a 550kg Limousin cross from Achlain Estate, Glenmoriston.  
Breeding cattle sold to £800 for a Limousin cross cow with a Limousin cross bullock calf at foot from Fornightly, Lethen.  
OTM feeding cows averaged 108.1p and sold to 144.2p per kg for a 645kg Limousin cross from Corrimony, Glenurquhart, and £1,010 for a 760kg Limousin cross from Corrimony, and a 715kg Limousin cross from Kindeace, Alness.  
OTM clean bullocks and heifers averaged 134.6p and sold to 170.7p per kg and £1,050 for a 615kg Limousin heifer from Achlain Estates.  
OTM bulls averaged 91.5p and sold to 115.2p per kg and £1,210 for a 1,050kg Limousin from Blairnafade, Nairn

## Lochboisdale sheep sale

UNITED Auctions held their last sheep sale for this year at Lochboisdale Auction Mart when 806 head was sold.  
All classes sold to a good ringside of mainland buyers and realized rates comparing favorably to current main-land values.

Heifers sold to £1010 for Charolais crosses from Drimore Farm and to 222pence per kilo for Limousin cross from No5 Drimisdale. The heifers averaged £483.33 per head and 173pence per kilo against £470.80 or 157pence last year.  
The entry of stock comprised of more native breeds this year which proved difficult to cash especially hairier types.  
All classes of cows were keenly bid for.

## Cattle clear easily at Dalmally sale

UNITED Auctions held a sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday.  
A mixed show of sheep sold in keeping with current values.  
Cattle of all classes maintained recent rates and all was stock was easily cleared.

## Gimmers sell to £95 at Lochmaddy

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 33 weaned calves and store cattle plus 593 store sheep of all classes at Lochmaddy last Friday.  
Bullocks averaged 193.2p and sold to 228.1p per kg for a 285kg Limousin cross from 20 Baleshare, Lochmaddy and £740 for a 440kg Limousin cross from 4 Claddach Kyles, Lochmaddy.  
Heifers averaged 184.4p and sold to 203.6p per kg for a 275kg Limousin cross from Templeisle, Carinish and £560

## Lochboisdale sale shows rise on year

UNITED Auctions held their annual late autumn sale of all classes of cattle at Lochboisdale Auction Mart when 449 head was sold.  
Bullocks sold to £1075 for Shorthorn crosses from No221 Stoneybridge and to 243pence per kilo for Limousin cross from No103 Carnan.  
The bullocks averaged £633.13 per head or 190pence per kilo against £603.69 or 185pence last year.  
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02109/PP	Erection of conservatory (retrospective)	Rudha Na Cloiche Corran Esplanade Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 5AQ	Oban Area Office
12/02152/PP	Installation of dormer window, erection of garage and formation of new vehicular access	1 Roundhouse Isle of Coll Argyll and Bute PA78 6TB	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
12/02339/PP	Erection of replacement conservatory roof and windows using existing conservatory base	Staffa North Connel Oban Argyll and Bute PA37 1RD	Sub Post Office Ledaig
12/02346/PP	Change of use from existing storage building to storage of shellfish (in holding tanks) and small scale shellfish processing	The Pier Ardmore Road Salen Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA72 6JL	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
12/02358/PP	Erection of external metal staircase, formation of new doorway and repositioning of gabion baskets	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office
12/02362/PPP	Site for the erection of two dwellings	Garden Ground of Jaraw Fishnish Craignure Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA65 6BA	Sub Post Office Craignure
12/02365/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse.	Fionnallt Lochawe Dalmally Argyll and Bute PA33 1AH	Sub Post Office Dalmally
12/02377/PP	Demolition of existing workshop/store and erection of replacement garage/workshop	Woodhall Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4BA	Sub Post Office Ledaig
12/02396/PP	Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels	Mount Stuart Glenshellach Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4QJ	Oban Area Office
12/02405/PP	Erection of a dwellinghouse, detached garage and installation of a septic tank (amendment to planning permission 12/01431/PP - minor amendment to positioning of dwellinghouse and garage)	Land at Ardteatle Dalmally Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Dalmally
12/02442/PP	Alterations to dwellinghouse including formation of separate apartment	Creag Mor Taymait Argyll and Bute PA35 1HY	Sub Post Office Taymait
12/02465/PP	Formation of vehicular access (part retrospective)	Land West of Craig Lora Edendonich Dalmally Argyll and Bute PA33 1AS	Sub Post Office Dalmally

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

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02297/PP	Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse	Dwellinghouse East of The Sheiling Marnal Isle of Tiree Argyll and Bute PA77 6UB	Tiree Area Office
12/02353/LIB	Erection of external metal staircase, formation of new doorway, repositioning of gabion baskets and internal alterations	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office
12/02375/PP	Erection of first floor balcony over existing flat roof	Flat 1 Post Office Main Street Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6NT	Tobermory Area Office
12/02376/LIB	Erection of first floor balcony over existing flat roof	Flat 1 Post Office Main Street Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6NT	Tobermory Area Office
12/02427/PP	Erection of detached garage	Ulva Cottage Western Road Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6PR	Tobermory Area Office

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12/01919/PP	Erection of 10 metre high anemometer mast for a period of 3 years	Land North East of Ardussa House Ardussa Isle of Jura Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Craighouse Isle of Jura
12/02316/PP	Erection of greenkeeper's shed, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new access track from existing hotel drive	Islay Golf Club Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA42 7AN	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02315/PP	Erection of 60 metre high anemometer mast for temporary period of 6 years	Land South East of Rhinns of Islay Lighthouse Orsay Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Portnahaven
12/02441/PP	Change of use of part of former school building to form 2 dwellinghouses	The Old School School Street Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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Runners get the winter league season underway at the start line of the Canal Bank race at Banavie.

Local youngsters give overall winner a run for his money



A number of youngsters took part in the juniors race.

**ATHLETICS**  
NEARLY 60 runners turned up for Lochaber Athletic Club's (LAC) first race of the winter league season on Sunday, the Canal Bank Race.  
Two local youngsters, Callum Fraser and Craig MacLean, gave overall winner Craig Mitchell of Shetleston Harriers a run for his money during the five mile race.  
The first race of the league had ideal conditions and a slight change to the race route, keeping runners off the road.  
MacLean was in the lead until halfway, when Fraser took over.

quickest veteran in 29 minutes and one second.  
Nicola Meekin was the fastest female runner on the day, finishing the course in a time of 30 minutes and five seconds.  
Club mate Amanda Blackhall was second in 33 minutes and 55 seconds, with Lucy Prins, LAC, 12 seconds back in third.  
LAC's Aileen Duncan said: 'Many thanks to the marshals, these races could not happen without them.'  
Also well done to the handful of Jog Scotland runners who did very well.  
The next winter league race is the Drumfada Chase this Sunday at 11am.

**Fort William Golf Club prizegiving**  
FORT William Golf Club celebrated the top play for the last year at their annual prizegiving ceremony on Saturday, with club champion Duncan Rodger presented with the Connachie Cup.  
Players and club members gathered at the club for the celebrations, and enjoyed dinner and drinks afterwards.  
Among the prizewinners were Rosemary MacIntyre, who picked up the ladies club championship trophy, and Frank Sweeney, who won the senior club championship. Scott MacEachan picked up the Rummy Cup after winning the scratch match play club championship.  
**Prize winners:**  
Connachie cup (men's club championship) Duncan Rodger; Rummy Cup (scratch match-play club championship) Scott MacEachan; Hugh Macintyre Trophy (handicap match-play club championship) Dougie Duncan; Lochy



Railway Bowling Club members enjoyed their annual trophy presentations and dinner dance recently. The gents singles champions at the Inverlochly club this year was Innes Woods, while Agnes Boyle picked up the trophy for ladies singles champion.

**GOLF**  
Bar (men's club championship handicaps 15-28) Ronald Macdonald; Clydesdale Bank Challenge Cup (knockout match-play handicap) Steven Jamieson; Royal Bank Cup (two rounds stroke play, handicap) Kenny Gillespie; Maciver Cup (two rounds stroke play, handicap) Kenny Gillespie; Jimmy Bruce Memorial Trophy (greensome knockout, handicap) Cal Brown and Mark Macdonald; Scottish Pulp And Paper Mills knockout match play (handicap) Brian Gillespie; Mairi Macintyre Rose Bowl (order of merit, scratch) Steven Jamieson; Young Trophy (order of merit, handicap) Steven Jamieson; Bank Of Scotland Tray (four ball match-play, handicap) Dougie Duncan and Alex Stewart.  
Senior Club Championship - Frank Sweeney; Senior four ball (four ball match-play, handicap, over 50's) John Cameron and James Duncan; Wolverton Trophy - Brian Gillespie; 1912 Cup - James Ross; Captain's Prize - David MacGillivray; Vice Captain's Prize - William Duncan; Ben Nevis Motors (gross) Steven Jamieson; Ben Nevis Motors (net)

**Lochaber players do well**

**SQUASH**  
A NUMBER of Lochaber squash players found success at the Highlands and Islands Squash Association (HISA) Championships at Lochaber Leisure Centre in Fort William last weekend.  
Lochaber players took on competitors from across the Highlands over two days of competition, with Liz Merry, Bruce MacLean and Chris Walker all becoming divisional champions.  
Walker came from two games down to defeat Donald Durrand in division three, while Bruce MacLean won division four. Liz Merry saw off Norma Gregory to win division five.  
The Premier Division saw an extremely high level all play, with Lochaber's Bruce Love, Alan Love and Stuart Cameron all just missing out on a place in the final, where Inverness' Garry MacKay retained his title.  
Tournament organiser Allan MacKay thanked all those who had worked to make the event a success, particularly the Leisure Centre staff and sponsors Premier Inn and Brown's Restaurant. HISA Chairman Dave Clem thanked Allan for his great effort in running the event.



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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
12/04150/FUL	Alltshellach Hotel North Ballachulish Onich, Fort William	Erection of Biomass Heating Cabin
12/04206/542	Tigh A Chladaich Glenmallie Road Caol Fort William	Application under Section 42 to develop land without compliance with condition 1 previously attached to planning permission ref. 04/00506/FULLO for the change of use of garage to residential flat
12/04236/FUL	Caberfeidh Lochyside, Fort William	Extension to house
12/04291/FUL	Land 65M East of Ephesus Roshven, Glenuig	Erection of house

Time period for comments is 14 days  
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DAVID N KAYE, Liquidator 730817

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**  
**INSTALLATION OF A PRIVATE MOORING: SOUTH SHIAN, LOCH CRERAN**  
Notice is hereby given that Mr Richard has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of the installation of a private mooring at:  
**Description** South Shian, Loch Creran  
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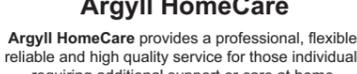
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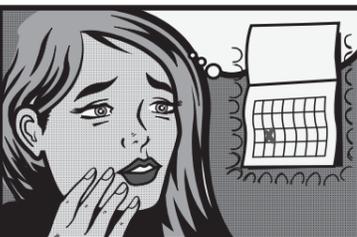
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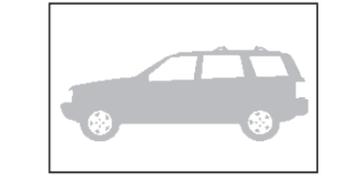
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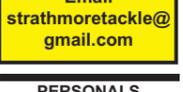
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DEATHS

**BLACK** - Ivan formerly of Crianlarich. Very Suddenly at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on November 8, 2012. Ivan, beloved husband of Elizabeth (née McLaughlan), father of Chris, Veronica, Allan and Derek, grandad of Scott, Christopher, Kayla, Dylan and Cadey. Funeral service at Falkirk Crematorium on Saturday November 17, 2012 at 10am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please but a collection will be taken after the service in aid of CHAS. Will be sadly missed.

**BOYD** - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital on Friday, November 9, 2012, Annie (Nan), beloved wife of Alasdair, dearest mum of Anne and Donald and a much loved mother-in-law, granny and great-granny.

**CAMERON** - Suddenly at Raigmore Hospital Inverness on November 13, 2012. Sheena Cameron, Kentallen, Appin, aged 82 Years. Dearly loved wife to Peter, loving mother to Dugie and Donald, mother-in-law to Fiona, cherished grandmother and great-grandmother. Sadly missed by all. Funeral service on Thursday November 22, at 2:30pm, in Inverness Crematorium. All welcome to attend, arrangements by William T. Fraser and son, Cuthbert Road, Inverness.

**CLASBY** - Peacefully, while surrounded by his family and friends, at home on November 8, 2012. Allan Clasby, aged 76 years. Funeral service will be held in Duror Church of Scotland on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 12 noon, thereafter to Duror cemetery. All welcome to attend, family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses may be given at the service. Arrangements by John McLellan & Co, Fort William. Tel 01397 702128.

**DRUMMOND** - Mary, (née McGhee), Castle Road, Dunbeg, passed away suddenly, but peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, on Friday, November 9, 2012, much loved wife of Craig and darling mummy to Michael and Calum, dearly loved daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Mary will be very sorely missed.

**GIBSON** - Peacefully at home in Islay on November 10, 2012, with family by her side, Rose, aged 91 years, beloved wife of late Hugh and much loved mother of Joy and Ailsa, loving nana and great-nana. Interred in Bowmore Cemetery. Donations may be sent to Erskine Hospital and Poppy Scotland.

**LOMAX** - William James. Peacefully at Mearnskirch House on Friday, November 9, 2012, Willie, aged 96 (formerly of South Uist), much loved brother of Anne Hurd and the late Chrissie, Mary and Fred. R.I.P. Reception into St Gabriels Church, Merylee, on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at 9.55am followed by Requiem Mass, thereafter to Linn Crematorium, Glasgow.

**LOVE** - Peacefully, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on November 10, 2012, in his 80th year, Robert, (Bob), beloved husband of Anne Campbell, Ballygown Farm, Oban and Auchara Cottage, Southend, Campbelltown, much loved father of Elizabeth and father-in-law of David, devoted grandpa of Ruairi and Emma and brother of Janet, Willie and the late Jimmy. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service will take place at The Church of Scotland, Glenclutten Road, Oban, on Monday, November 19, at 1.30 p.m. All family and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Retrial collection/donations will be taken for Ward 'B', Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban and Southend Surgery.

**MACEACHEN** - Peacefully at the Uist and Barra Hospital on October 31 2012, Alistair (affectionately known as Tom) 6 Howbeg, South Uist. Beloved husband of the late Annabel. A much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Friend to many who will be sadly missed. RIP

**MACPHEE** - Peacefully at home after a long illness on November 13, 2012, John, formerly of Glencoe, beloved husband of the late Ethel, much loved dad of Hugh. Sorely missed father-in-law, granddad and great-granddad. For funeral arrangements contact Co-operative Funeralcare on 01324 623788.

**MATHER** - Peacefully at Ardenlee Care Home, Dunoon, on November 10, 2012, William (Bill), formerly of The Auld Smiddy, Cairndow, in his 100th year, beloved husband of the late Cathie, a much loved father, father-in-law, granddad, great-granddad, uncle, cousin and a friend to many. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, November 16, 2012 at Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow at 11.30am and thereafter to Kilmorich Churchyard, to which all friends and family are respectfully invited. Family flowers only, but return collection in aid of Kilmorich Parish Church, if desired.

**MITCHELL** - Kathleen. With dignity passed away peacefully with close family lovingly beside her on November 11, 2012, at Southern General Hospital, Kathleen, of Lundy Road, Inverloch, beloved wife of Stewart, dearly adored mother of Diane, Greig and Tracy, loving sister of Eileen, Peter, John, Alex and Jacqueline. Funeral service on Saturday, November 17, at 12 noon at St Mary's RC Church, Fort William to which all family and friends are invited, followed by interment at Glen Nevis Cemetery and thereafter reception at Alexandra Hotel, Fort William. Donations in aid of Belford Hospital and Neuro ITU Unit and S.G.H may be given at retreat from the church.

**TICKELL** - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on November 9, 2012, Janet, 3 Branksome Park, Oban, (formerly of Lochaline, Morvern), beloved wife of the late Jimmy and adored mother, mother-in-law and granny. Funeral will take place at Kiel Church, Lochaline, on Tuesday, November 20, at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**FENTON** - Lucita would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness, telephone calls, cards, letters, cakes and flowers following David's death. It was very comforting to have your support and kind words. Thanks to the doctors and nurses at Connel Surgery and on Ward B Lorn and Islands Hospital. David was very precious to me and your excellent care was much appreciated. Finally a big thank you to Munn's Funeral Directors, Rev Cringles and Rhona Dunn for making a painful day more bearable, and to all who attended the service at St. Orans. Thank you all.

**FILES** - The family of the late Tom Files would like to thank all family, neighbours and friends for the many cards and telephone calls received. Thanks to ambulance crew, nursing staff and doctors of the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Rev Dugald Cameron, Hamish Hoey and Sons, Royal Hotel and to all who attended church and graveside. Total donations for Oban War and Peace Museum £343.41.

**GODSMAN** - The family of the late Catherine Godsmann would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and support following the sad loss of their mother and to all who attended the service and graveside. Grateful thanks to Rev Richard Corbett, Rev David White and Rev Gordon Mair and to Fay and staff for the catering. The family would like to sincerely thank the staff at Moss Park Nursing Home for their loving care of Cath and to John McLellan Funeral Directors for their guidance and support. Donations received amounted to £450 to be divided between Moss Park Residents Fund and Dementia Research.

**MACAULAY** - Jennifer and Margaret would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, many cards and support at their mother's funeral. Many thanks to the Reverend Robert Brookes who conducted the service of celebration of her life with dignity and compassion. Gratitude to the staff in Glassary Ward for the care and dedication shown to her in her last few weeks. Thanks also to Munn's Funeral Directors for their efficient and sympathetic arrangement of the funeral.

**McCULLOCH** - The family of the late Catherine McCulloch wish to thank the medical and nursing staff of Lorn and Islands Hospital and Lorn Medical Centre for their care. The Choir for singing with such feeling the hymns chosen by Catherine. Also the many friends who sent messages of sympathy and attended the service sensitively conducted by the Rev Dugald Cameron. Also Hamish Hoey and Son and all who donated to the retiring collection for the British Heart Foundation to the sum of £640.

**MORRISON** - The family of the late Neil Morrison, wish to thank all who came from near and far to pay their respects at Torosay Parish Church and at Suidhe. The sum of £950.00 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses. Thanks to everyone who sent cards and letters of comfort and support. Thanks to Strathclyde Police for providing the escort to Bunessan, to the serving officers who provided the Guard of Honour, to his fellow retired officers for being pall bearers, and to PC Neil Walker for piping at the church and Suidhe. Our thanks to Cathie MacLean for a lovely, personal, service. Also Sandy MacAuley for accordion music, Sarah MacAuley for singing, Iain MacKay for reading the poem, Donald MacGillivray for the tribute, Ian Howell for organ music, the other church elders who assisted and to Ruairidh Morrison who piped his grandfather from the church. We wish to thank Caledonian Macbrayne for services rendered especially the crew of the M.V. Isle of Mull. Our thanks also go to the Doctors and staff at the surgery in Salen, who looked after Neil in a caring and professional way, and to the staff at Dunaros. Our thanks also to Arlene and Ishbel, at Craignure and Linda at Bunessan for providing food and refreshments. Lastly our thanks to Hamish Hoey for their excellent services.

**SMITH** - Calum and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their messages of sympathy and overwhelming kindness following the sad loss of Angi. Special thanks to Rev Chris MacRae for his comforting service and Mike McFall Funeral Directors. Grateful thanks to the Doctors and District Nurses of Glen Mor Medical Practice and also Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses for their care and support. Thanks also to MacDonald Bros and the BA Club. Sincere thanks to all who came from near and far to attend the funeral and the extremely generous sum of £2010 raised for Lochaber Cancer and Palliative Care and Marie Curie Cancer Care would like to us how much Angi will be missed by so many.

**WYLIE** - The family of the late Margaret Wylie who passed away on October 15, 2012, would like to thank Rev Cringles of St Orans and all who attended service and graveside. Connel doctors and nurses, all from Care +, neighbours, friends, Hamish Hoey for funeral arrangements, Falls of Lora. All who donated to Oban Dementia Group (£399.87).

MEMORIAMS

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- Rosemary and all the family  
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- Iain, Iain, Fiona and families  
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- All our love Mum and Dad xxx  
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- Love always Sheri and Martin xxx  
Uncle Gavin. Just to show I still remember.  
- Love from Tyler xxx

**DUNLOP** - In loving memory of Madge who passed away November 13, 2006. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal love leaves a memory no one can steal Love and remembered  
- Mum x  
Those who mean the most to us are never really gone for in our thoughts & hearts their memory lives on.  
- Love always David & Vivienne xx  
Gentle Jesus up above please give granny all our love  
We miss you Granny Madge.

- Love Isla, Iona & Fallon xxx  
**EMSLIE** - In remembrance of my beloved wife Anne, who was taken away on November 16, 2002. We never part from those we love  
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- Hamish.  
**EMSLIE** - Remembering with love and gratitude our mother, mother-in-law and granny Anne who passed on November 16, 2002. A light is from our household gone  
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A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.  
- Your family.

**FORBES** - Treasured memories of my beloved husband Harry, died November 15, 2007. I miss you more than anyone knows  
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The tears I weep are wiped away  
But the ache in my heart is here to stay.  
Love always.  
- Joan  
**GILLIES** - Treasured memories of my beloved father Duncan Gillies who died 25 years ago on November 14, 1987. Loved and remembered always.  
- Mairead  
**LOCKHART** - Cecil died November 9, 2011. In loving memory of a dearly loved son, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.  
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- From his mum Violet, and all the Lockhart family at home and away.  
**LOCKHART** - Loving memory of Cecil. Brother, brother-in-law and uncle.  
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**MACINTYRE** - Treasured memories of my dear parents, Mary Elizabeth (nee Boyd), who died on November 16 2005 and Archie (Baldy) died December 17 1989. We loved you then  
We love you now  
And will forever more.  
- Susan, Jim and family.

**MACINTYRE** - Treasured memories of beloved parents, parents-in-law and grandparents Archibald (Baldy) and Mary (Nee Boyd) whose anniversaries occur at this time 'not a day passes'.  
- Iain, Jane, Caroline and Boyd, Oban and Edinburgh.

**MACINTYRE** - In loving memory of my dear loved parents Mary Elizabeth (Nee Boyd) who died November 16, 2005 and Archie (Baldy) died December 17, 1989  
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Forever in my heart  
Too special to ever forget  
Love always.  
- Betty  
**MACKAY** - Precious memories of Christine, a special wife, mother and nana, who passed away on November 18 2006. Loved and remembered every day.  
- Donnie, Donna, Finlay, Rebecca and Families  
**MACLEAN** - In memory of my loving husband, dad, granddad, and great grandad, Duncan who passed away November 13 2011. To hear your voice  
To see you smile  
To sit and talk to you awhile  
To be together in the same old way  
Would be our dearest wish today.  
- Your loving wife Rita and family xx  
**MACLEAN** - Fond memories of Duncan A loving son-in-law and brother-in-law.  
- Tired, Dalmally and Oban.  
**McLENNAN** - Treasured memories of Kenny a devoted husband, father and Senior who died November 17, 2003.  
Life is not measured by the years that you live, But the things you do and the love that you give, As you were Kenny you will always be, Some one precious in our memory.  
Smile and remember.  
- Rena and family.  
**McINTOSH** - Donald (Skye) died November 18, 2011.  
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The pain of losing you will never go away.  
- His loving wife Wilma, son William, daughter Sonia and Victoria and daughter-in-law Jay and his grandchildren.  
**MORREN** - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, John (Ian) Morren, who died November 20, 2007. Always remembered.  
- Ellen and family and Ron.  
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- Mum, Murray, Aileen.

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- Donnie, Donna, Finlay, Rebecca and Families  
**MACLEAN** - In memory of my loving husband, dad, granddad, and great grandad, Duncan who passed away November 13 2011. To hear your voice  
To see you smile  
To sit and talk to you awhile  
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Life is not measured by the years that you live, But the things you do and the love that you give, As you were Kenny you will always be, Some one precious in our memory.  
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A two day goes by  
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Left to right: Josh Layton, Jane Layton with baby Ishbel Layton, Beth Layton, Pete Walker, Reverend Roderick Campbell, Emma, Mary and Lewis Walker, Sandra Bruce, Mark Brown, Hazel MacCormick and John MacCormick.

Lismore adds to congregation

LISMORE Parish Church was packed on Sunday, October 28 when the Reverend Roderick Campbell conducted three christenings and welcomed eight new members into the congregation. Being christened were five-year old

The Oban Times is searching for an angel

A NEW year is just around the corner, signalling the start of 'The Oban Times' search for our Angel of the Year. Each area has at least one unsung hero who goes that extra mile for their community, often for no reward. We're asking readers to nominate those individuals for our Angel of the Year title - and the £500 prize that goes with it. Two runners up will each receive £100. Editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie, said: 'The West Highlands and Islands are known for their strong community spirit and togetherness. Our Angel of the Year will be someone who embodies that spirit and makes a vital contribution to their town, village or island - or further afield.' Last year's Angel of the Year award was shared by Kilmichael Glassary sisters

Thought for the Week

THERE is a large picture hanging in Westminster Abbey pinned to a column in the north west transept, having the Latin name of the 'Lux Mondii' (The Light of the World).

It shows the figure of Jesus wearing a long white robe with a crown made of thorns on his head and carrying a lighted lantern in his hand.

He is knocking on an old door with rusty hinges covered in ivy and weeds which has obviously been kept closed for many years.

The unseen owner of the house had yet to respond to the continuous knocking.

It is a graphic picture depicting the lives of so many who have heard of Jesus Christ by ear but have so far refused to open the door to their own lives and allowed him to enter. Those many who have welcomed him in have found for themselves a wonderful and transforming friend who not only sticks much closer than a brother but is with them in all the difficulties, sorrows and trials of every day life as well as days of love and laughter.

It only needs a determined pull on the door of your own heart to let in the Light of the World and to possess a friend and a saviour you cannot afford to be without.

John Bartholomew.



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**Do you know an unsung hero who deserves recognition?**

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All nominations will be assessed by an independent panel and the winner announced in The Oban Times this Christmas.

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# Oban Saints teach former pupils a scoring lesson

Hamilton were struggling to cope with Donald Campbell who was in great form up front for Saints

Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup  
3rd Round  
**Hamilton FPs 3  
Oban Saints 5**

SAINTS travelled to the superb new 4G pitch at Hamilton Palace Sports Ground to take on Hamilton Academy Former Pupils in the 3rd round of the Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup and the Oban lads will be happy and relieved to get through this tough fixture and get into the draw for the 4th round.

Hamilton are presently sitting second top of the Caledonian League First Division, so Saints knew they would be in for a tough afternoon, but thanks to goals from Craig MacEwan, Paul Kerr and a superb hat-trick from Donald Campbell the Oban side marched through to the next round.

The visitors created a great chance as early as the second minute, and if Ross Maitland had been a wee bit more committed then he would surely have scored when he was put through by Keith Millar.

**Swerved**  
The Oban side did open the scoring in the 9th minute when a clever throw from keeper Daniel Cassells found Donald Campbell, who cut inside full back

Billy Law before firing home a shot that swerved past the FPs keeper Euan Gray.

Hamilton were stung by this reversal and came storming back into the game and the Saints goal led a charmed life on a couple of occasions as the ball flashed across the goalmouth.

**Diagonal**  
Saints were quite content to let the home side have the ball in their own half and then close them down as they neared the half way line. The Hamilton central defenders kept ping pong long diagonal balls forward, which was causing the visitors some problems, but once they got this ploy sorted out Saints looked reasonably comfortable at the back.

The Oban side increased their lead in the 17th minute when Daniel Cassells launched a long kick forward which deceived the Hamilton defence. Donald Campbell got to the ball wide on the left, beat his marker then curled a great right foot shot high into the top corner of the net - a cracking goal.

Hamilton came roaring back and Saints were giving away some needless free kicks in dangerous positions with players diving into tackles instead of

standing on their feet

Myles McAuley had a good chance when he made a great run into the Hamilton penalty area, but his left foot shot was easily saved by the FP netminder Euan Gray.

The visitors weathered some home team pressure before they extended their lead in the 37th minute. Ross Maitland fired over a great corner from the right for Craig MacEwan to outjump the home defence to head the ball high into the net to make the score 3-0.

Saints should have been on easy street now, but they allowed Hamilton back into the game in the 44th minute when Jordan Marshall was allowed to run from a deep position past a couple of despairing tackles before he thumped a great right foot drive past the helpless Daniel Cassells to make the interval score 3-1.

This was a poor goal for Saints to give away so close to half time.

The second half started at a cracking pace with the teams going at each other right from the off and both defences had to be on top form to deny a couple of half chances at either end.

The home side were struggling

## FOOTBALL

to cope with Donald Campbell who was in great form up front for the visitors and it was no surprise when he and Eddie Swift combined for Donald to send an inch-perfect ball inside the Hamilton full back for Paul Kerr who slotted the ball home to make the score 4-1.

Saints netted a fifth goal in the 66th minute and it was that man Campbell who was at it again when he tormented the home defence before firing the ball past the keeper.

**Contrived**  
The game should have been dead and buried now, but the Saints defence contrived to shoot themselves in the foot, not once, but twice, which made the closing minutes of the game a lot less comfortable than it should have been.

Dene Cassells was adjudged to have brought down Ross Holton in the box with referee Jim Brown from Prestwick pointing to the penalty spot despite strong protests from the Oban defenders. Henry Stevenson stepped up and drilled the ball home to give the home side a glimmer of hope.



Donald Campbell netted a hat-trick as Oban Saints defeated Hamilton FPs 5-3 in the 3rd round of the Scottish Cup last Saturday. Photo: John MacCavish

At the other end Alan Miller had a great chance to put Saints back on easy street but he shot past the post when it looked easier to score.

With five minutes remaining Hamilton scored their third goal when they were awarded a free kick 25 yards out after another reckless Saints tackle. Jordan Marshall stepped up and curled a well placed free kick round the Saints wall and into the bottom corner of the net past the despairing dive of Daniel Cassells.

It was a nervous few minutes for the Saints management team on the sidelines as Hamilton pushed forward as the game drew to a close, but thankfully the defence regained their composure and it was a very happy and relieved contingent that celebrated the final whistle.

**Preventable**  
Manager Iain Jackson was delighted at the result. He said: 'We played at lot of good football and scored some excellent goals, but I was disappointed at

the goals we lost - all three were preventable. However, we beat a good Hamilton side and are in the hat for the 4th round draw, so I suppose at the end of the day that's all that matters.'

Saints are on their travels again this Saturday when they make the journey to Ayrshire to take on Mauchline United in the first round of the West of Scotland Cup. The game, which has to be finished on the day, will be played at Beechgrove Park, with a 1.30pm kick-off.

## Season Review and General Meeting

### SHINTY

ALL CAMANACHD Association members are invited to attend a Season Review meeting at the Alexandra Hotel in Fort William on the afternoon of Saturday 1st December 2012.

The main purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for open discussion around Byelaw 1 (Rules of Play) and to consider any possible amendments for introduction prior to the start of the 2013 playing season.

The meeting will also provide an important update on the progress of the Competitions Review Group and an opportunity for you to have your say on the future shape of shinty.

Further information and reminders will be issued to Clubs and Associations shortly regarding both the Season Review and General Meeting however should you require clarification or wish to discuss a matter, please contact Astie Cameron on 01463 715931.

## Local scaffolder scales new heights

### POKER

PETER Gould travelled to the Alea Casino in Glasgow as part of a six-strong team from Oban's Aulay's Bar Poker League to compete in the APAT Scottish Amateur Poker Championship.

Peter cut a swathe through the 121-man field to qualify for day two of the event.

Twenty-seven players returned to the second day and Peter continued his good form to progress to the final table of nine. He marched on to claim the runners-up spot complete with silver medal and a four-figure pay day.

It was an even more impressive feat considering this was Peter's first time playing at a casino.

Aulay's Bar Poker League runs every Monday night at 8pm. Players of any standard are welcome.

## Oban Times are table toppers

### INDOOR FOOTBALL

**Atlantis Leisure 5-a-side League:** Oban High School 7, OES A 0; Stoddarts T & T 2, Atlantis 3; The Oban Times 16, Glenorchy 1; Carpet Fitters 18, OES B 0; RM Builders 23, The Royal Hotel 2.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Oban Times	3	3	0	0	9
Carpet Fitters	2	2	0	0	6
Oban HS	2	2	0	0	6
RM Builders	1	1	0	0	3
Stoddarts T&T	2	1	0	1	3
Atlantis	1	1	0	0	3
Glenorchy	3	1	0	2	3
OES 'B'	3	1	0	2	3
Handy Men	2	0	0	2	0
Royal Hotel	2	0	0	2	0
OES 'A'	3	0	0	3	0

## Islay Golf Club

### GOLF

RESULTS from the Islay Winter League games played Sunday 11th November: 1 Lachlan Gairns; 2 Colin Robertson; 3 Robert Shaw.

## International pool places up for grabs

THE WEST coast and islands region of the Eightball Pool Federation held its sixth and final tournament of 2012 in the new venue of the Lancaster Hotel.

There was a lot to play for, including a 2013 Scotland International Squad place, eight squad trial places and the title of region five singles champion.

After the previous event it looked like an explosive finale was to come with both Geo Adam and Jim Muir sitting with 183 ranking points.

But a very impressive performance by Geo at the Scottish singles meant all he had to do was turn up to secure his 2013 Scotland squad place.

This was just as well with a shock early exit from the Clachan player, losing five frames to three against Scottish internationalist Laura Ann Sneddon, Oban, in the quarter-finals.

The semi-finals saw Jim Muir from Markie Dan's against John Telfer, who was one of three players from the Lancaster to

### POOL

make it to the semi-final, Jim dominated the match at 5-0.

Barry Clark almost managed the same scoreline in the other semi-final, with Laura Ann Sneddon only managing to take one frame from her former teammate.

Muir unexpectedly went 3-0 down but came back to 5-0 and won the final frame to become West of Scotland Singles Champion. Region five president Mike McDonald congratulated those who qualified for squad places: Geo Adam, Barry Clark, John Telfer, Peter MacDougall, Andrew Duncan, Paul Shevlin, Andy MacDonald, Mark Purdie and an eighth player still to be confirmed.

Andy Brown, Ian Blair and Gordon McKenzie have qualified for the senior trials and Laura Ann Sneddon secured her place on the ladies team for the third year running.

## Having a ball at Oban sports festival

THE FIRST ever Highland Invitational Basketball Tournament to be held in Oban was one of the main events at last week's Oban and Lorn Sports Festival at Atlantis Leisure.

The four-day event, sponsored by ABCD, Argyll and Bute Council, Rotary Club of Oban and MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust, began last Thursday when more than 200 nursery children descended on the leisure centre. On the Friday, it was the turn of primary school pupils, who took part in

a variety of come-and-try sessions, including volleyball, netball and table tennis.

On Saturday, archery and shinty matches preceded the basketball tournament, hosted by Oban Towers, which included Elgin, Gairloch and winners Fortrose. On the final day, Sunday, budding athletes took part in a Record Breakers competition.

A sports awards evening will take place in the spring.



Oban Towers basketball team wore new strips sponsored by Comfy Scotland, an online guide to self-catering accommodation in Oban and Glasgow. 16\_1460wers01

## Pool teams contest the Oban Filling Station Cup

### POOL

WITH most teams having the good fortune of a bye in the Oban Filling Station Cup the main focus was on the first round clash between Markie Dans 'A' and The Lancaster 'B' with the Claredon awaiting the winner in the quarter-finals. The Lancaster 'B' went into the clash looking to put their humbling at the hands of their 'A' team behind them and were buoyed by the fact three consecutive wins had seen them lead the championship race previously. However, despite having to come from behind twice it was the current league leaders Markie Dans 'A' who finally made it into the next stage and again will have home advantage.

The Kelvin hosted Markie Dans 'B' in the other first round tie and on current form would have been considered favourites. In what proved to be a great old fashioned cup-tie, neither team could get a stranglehold and this one went right to the wire before past winners Markie Dans 'B' booked their place in the quarters against the Lancaster 'A'.

### POOL

The re-scheduled league match involving the Lochavullin and Lochnell from week one went ahead last week and once again if anyone needs a reminder how evenly matched teams are this year then this is it. Lochnell had victory in their sights but then had to rally to secure the point by winning the last doubles match and ultimately a draw was just about right.

Results: League - Lochavullin 5, Lochnell 5. OFS Cup - Markie Dans A 6, Lancaster B 3; Kelvin 4, Markie Dans B 5

Fixtures: Lancaster A v The Cellar; Claredon v Lochavullin; Markie Dans B v Lochnell; Kelvin v Lancaster B; Gluepot v Markie Dans A

Team	P	Pts
Markie Dans A	4	7
Lancaster A	4	6
Lancaster B	4	6
Cellar	4	6
Lochavullin	4	5
Claredon	4	3
Lochnell	4	3
Kelvin	4	2
Gluepot	4	2
Markie Dans B	4	0

**All you have to do**

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

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**Saorsa Trophy winner Christopher Townend, with second placed Grace Claxton, right, and Sarah Robertson, who was third.**

## Prizegiving at Plockton

PLOCKTON Small Boat Sailing Club held its end of season function in Plockton Hall on Saturday, October 27.

Some 60 members enjoyed an evening of food, dancing and a quiz. Fiona MacKenzie presented the end of season regatta trophies. Chairman was Commodore Alexander MacKenzie.

Winners of the Saorsa Centreboard Trophy for young sailors, races for which are held every week throughout the summer, were: 1, Christopher Townend; 2, Grace Claxton; 3, Sarah Robertson.

## Scottish Amateur football results and fixtures

LAST weekend's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, 3rd round - Campbelltown Pupils 1, Rossvale 0; Hamilton FP 3, Oban Saints 5; Dunoon 1, Corkerhill 2; West of Scotland Cup, 2nd round - Cardross 3, Tarbert 1; Division 1B - Millerston Thistle v Lochgilphead Red Star, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup, 3rd round - Dunoon Athletic v Star Hearts; West of Scotland Cup, 1st round - Mauchline United v Oban Saints; West of Scotland Cup, 3rd round - Harmony Row v Dunoon; Coronation Cup, 1st round - Lochgilphead Red Star v Millerston Thistle; Premier Division Two - Glencastle Sparta v Campbelltown Pupils; Division 1A - Tarbert v East Kilbride.

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## Murphy clan welcome fifth generation to Glencruitten

'I think golf is a challenging game and I keep playing to try and improve'

AN 83-year-old golfer, who has been a member at the Glencruitten course for 48 years, has welcomed the fourth generation of his family to the club.

Pat Murphy, who has suffered a heart attack and was diagnosed with diabetes last year, is the oldest club member by 10 years but still manages to play up to two rounds in one day - and shows no signs of slowing down.

He is now also golf coach to his great grandson, 12-year-old Andrew Ritchie, who has just taken up the sport.

**Regularly**

Andrew's membership means the Murphy clan has five members playing regularly at Glencruitten, including Pat's son and daughter, Philip Murphy and Diane Colewell, and Philip's 14-year-old son, Steven.

Philip, who was club champion in 1994 and 2000, said: 'Dad will play 14 holes on a Friday morning with the older club members, then meet up with me and some of my friends later in the day to play another 18 holes. He's incredible.'

'He'll play up to four days a week and just recently won the club's Family Trophy alongside Diane.'

**Longevity**

Asked about the secret of his longevity, Pat replied: 'My electric trolley! I got it after my heart attack.'

'I think golf is a challenging game, so I keep playing to try and improve.'

Pat, who moved to Oban from Banavie in 1962, said he only started playing golf at the age of 35 after getting caught snigger-

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ing at a struggling golfer on the first tee at Glencruitten.

'I was in the old West Highland Hospital but they let me come down to the golf course for a walk and I watched someone duff their tee shot,' he explained.

'I had a wee laugh to myself but the club pro, Dougie Ireland, heard me and told me it wasn't as easy a game as I thought.'

'I gave it a try and really liked it and, having played shinty before, I had reasonable hand-eye co-ordination.'

Pat, who also takes part in archery three times a week, now plays off a golf handicap of 14 but has been as low as seven.

He has worked in Oban as a barber and on the telephone exchange.



Pat Murphy pictured at Glencruitten Golf Club with his golfing family members, from left: Diane Colewell, Steven Murphy, Philip Murphy and Andrew Ritchie. 16\_116patt01



John McPhee moves to overtake on a corner. Photo: Bonnie Lane/CanBe Images

## McPhee's bad luck continues despite bike breakthrough

THE CAUSE of John McPhee's four-race run of disappointing Grand Prix results was finally pinpointed and put to rights ahead of the Moto 3 finale at Valencia this morning - but the fix did nothing to improve his race CV.

**Defective**

The RSF-backed rider, whose inability to rack up a points-paying finish was tracked down to defective front forks, ended the season on the sidelines after

dropping his bike in the wet on lap nine.

Relieved to discover the underlying reason for his lengthy barren run, the Connell racer had turned in a promising performance, climbing from 29th to 13th before hitting the deck in the wet with 15 laps to go.

He had battled with handling issues on his KRP-built and engineered chassis since taking over from the injured Alexis Masbou at Caretta Technology

at Aragon in September.

'It was good to have finally got to the bottom of the problem,' said the 18 year old. 'But the race wasn't entirely problem-free.'

'Clearly we didn't have enough time to find the right set up for the conditions. But on top of that I had a new throttle fitted for the race after my crash in qualifying and it had a totally different action to the one I'm used to.'

'There was also a minor gearbox problem which was causing

**MOTORCYCLING**

the bike to jump out of gear. But I don't want to sound as if I'm making excuses. At the end of the day it was me who dropped the bike and I take the blame for that.'

John steps up to a full season of Grand Prix racing with the German squad in 2013, where he will be partnered by 2012 Caretta team-mate Miller.

**£5,000 shinty fund**

**SHINTY**

A FUND has been made available to shinty clubs that support youth participation.

The Camanachd Association's Scottish Hydro Youth Development Fund is now open for applications with a share of £5,000 available to shinty clubs across Scotland.

For more information visit [www.shinty.com](http://www.shinty.com).

Deadline for applications is Friday February 1, 2013.

**Comeback kid Drew wins gold as veteran**

A FORMER Oban man has had a surprise win at the British Judo Masters in Northern Ireland.

Drew Thomson achieved black belt standard in the sport and regularly competed in his 20s and 30s all over the UK.

However, having only taken up the sport again last year, he shocked everyone, including himself, by winning the British Masters event on September 28 - his first competition as a veteran.

Drew said: 'It was a real surprise to win but I am absolutely delighted.'

Drew and his wife, Frances, also attended a grand ball to mark 60 years of judo in Northern Ireland.



Drew Thomson on top of the podium.

## Super vets lead the way in 10k

**ATHLETICS**

RUNNERS took part in two races as part of this year's Oban and Lorn Sports Festival, run by Atlantis Leisure.

The 2012 sporting extravaganza included two road races over 5km and 10km on Sunday.

Runners for both events assembled on Corran Esplanade opposite the Corran Halls, before heading out towards Ganavan.

The 5k runners turned around close to Little Ganavan and finished back at Atlantis. The 10k runners continued on to Ganavan and onto the cycle path towards Dunbeg. Approximately 400m short of the Dunbeg gate the runners turned around, retracing the route back to Atlantis.

Alastair Hall and Eric Walton, both super vets (MV50), finished first and second in the 10k event in times of 43.48 and 46.15 respectively.

Third male to finish was Ardrishaig's Richard Barrie in 47.02. Deirdre MacAulay was first woman home in a time of 51.33. Karen Forgivee and Isabella Perriot were second and third in 53.48 and 53.53 respectively.

First male finisher in the 5k race was Adam Wilson in a time of 22.50 followed in second place by his father Neil Wilson 23.10.

The women's 5K was supported by a number of runners from Jog Scotland. First and second were Morag MacNicol and Christine Jesson in times of 28.25 and 29.21.

## Oban Saints youths results and fixtures

**YOUTH FOOTBALL**

LAST weekend's results: Scottish Cup, 3rd round - Antonine v Under 13s, postponed. League games Drumchapel United 1, Under 14s 3. On target for Saints were Jay Cooper (2) and Lomond MacPherson. Goldenhill 4, Under 15s 0; Allander 3, Under 16s 1. Rhys Cooke was the Saints' marksman. Regional Cup - St Conval's v Under 17s, postponed.

This weekend's fixtures: Scottish Cup, 3rd round - Antonine v Under 13s. League games - Milngavie v Under 14s; Under 15s v Clydebank; Under 16s v Allander. Regional Cup - St Conval's v Under 17s.

## Fraser to lead out his heroes against the Springboks

**RUGBY**

A YOUNG rugby fan from Mull will this weekend take to the pitch at Murrayfield as Scotland's mascot for their match against South Africa.

Fraser Robertson is a keen Isle of Mull Rugby Football Club mini player who plays for the island's P4/P5 team.

The Salen Primary School pupil, who lives at Glengorm, will be accompanied by his father, Angus, and mother, Jennifer, as well as his brother and sister, Euan and Islay, who have been heard practising The Flower of Scotland by neighbours a mile away.

Not only will Fraser be supported by his immediate fam-



Fraser Robertson.

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**Thursday** Cloudy  
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Temperatures 8°C to 9°C

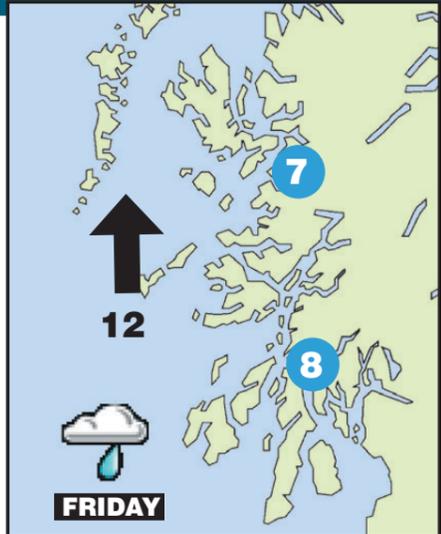
**Friday** Light rain  
Winds moderate south south westerly  
Temperatures 6°C to 8°C.

**Weekend** Sunshine and rain showers

**Outlook** Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 5°C to 8°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate  
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate



## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, November 15, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	00.07 0.6 06.06 4.2 12.30 0.5 18.23 4.2	
Fri	00.51 0.6 06.49 4.2 13.18 0.6 19.06 4.0	
Sat	01.38 0.6 07.34 4.1 14.08 0.8 19.51 3.7	
Sun	02.26 0.8 08.23 3.9 15.01 1.0 20.38 3.4	
Mon	03.19 1.0 09.17 3.6 15.57 1.3 21.32 3.1	
Tues	04.16 1.3 10.24 3.4 16.59 1.5 22.44 2.9	
Wed	05.21 1.4 12.04 3.3 18.09 1.7 *** **	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
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## Pub pullout rumours scotched by developers

RUMOURS that JD Wetherspoons have pulled out of a deal to open a pub in Fort William have been scotched by developers.

Ashford Property has developed the former Grand Hotel into a retail and leisure complex, with Wetherspoons announced as one of the occupants a number of months ago. But with construction complete and most of the other properties in the new £6.5million building now occupied, the site of the new pub remains empty. Ashford director Andrew Smith told *The Oban Times* Wetherspoons were still very much involved and had signed a long-term lease. He said: 'Wetherspoons have a 30-year lease - they can't just pull out. But we don't have an opening date set yet. Nobody else could occupy or sub-let the property without approaching us, and that hasn't happened.'

'Wetherspoons are a bit different to most retailers in that they don't start setting up until the property has been handed over.' Meanwhile, two other properties in the development are now open, a Travelodge and Superdrug, while Cotswold Outdoor is to open next Wednesday.

Ashford is still looking for a company to take over the one remaining vacant property. Mr Smith said: 'No deal's been done but we've had various people interested.'

## Glen Nevis end-of-season litter-pick

THE FRIENDS of Nevis are holding their end-of-season litter-pick in Glen Nevis near Fort William on Sunday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

The Nevis Partnership will officially open the Old Curling Ponds at Nevis Bridge, Fort William, immediately after the litter-pick.

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Budding Bowie: Robert 'Bodie' Bowman with his daughter Dawn.

## Dad rocks out as Bowie to raise hospital cash

Arisaig man takes to stage to thank doctors for saving daughter's life

AN ARISAIG father is to take to the stage in full 1970s glam rock dress to raise money for the three hospitals which have kept his young daughter alive.

Robert 'Bodie' Bowman will perform a repertoire of David Bowie classics dressed as Ziggy Stardust with local musician Steve Brown in the Astley Hall this Friday.

The money raised on the night will go to the hospitals which have treated Bodie's two-year-old daughter Dawn since she was born - Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Kids and Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Dawn was born with a host of health problems including a cleft palate and meningitis and requires regular medical care.

Earlier in the year, Bodie recorded a 'Songs for Dawn'

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CD of Bowie covers with Mr Brown, who also performs in the award-winning wedding band *Wonderland*.

Bodie told *The Oban Times* Dawn was still unable to walk or talk, but she has responded well to medical treatment.

He said: 'It's very, very slow progress, but she's trying to speak now and she's getting a bit of hand-eye co-ordination. The hospital services have been really, really great.'

'Making the CD was one of the most fun things I've done in years. It's just sad I had to do it because Dawn was ill.'

Bodie has plenty experience of performing on stage, but

in recent times that has been restricted to the odd karaoke performance.

'I was in bands when I was younger,' he said, 'but this is the first time I've done something like this in years. It's going to be a hoot.'

Bodie, who works as head chef at the Old Library restaurant he runs with his wife Maryann, said £6,000 has already been raised through CD sales and donations, and he hopes the charity night can push the total even higher.

People attending the event, which has a 1970s theme, are encouraged to come in fancy dress with prizes for best dressed. Buffet is included in the entry fee and there will also be a raffle with outstanding prizes donated by local businesses.

The event gets underway at 7pm.

## Open top bus for Lochaber tourists

LOCHABER is to get a taste of the big city tourism trade next summer - with an open top bus set to run in the area.

Stagecoach plans to run the double-decker bus on a trial basis over the summer months after a similar scheme in Orkney this year proved popular with tourists and locals.

**Memorial**  
The Orkney bus takes visitors past local landmarks such as Scarra Brae and the Standing Stones of Stennes, and one possible route for the Lochaber version would see the bus travel from Glen Nevis to the Commando Memorial near Spean Bridge, passing by Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor.

Stagecoach confirmed to *The Oban Times* it hopes to introduce the service for tourists and local people, but said the plans have not yet been confirmed.

A spokeswoman for Stagecoach in the Highlands said: 'We are currently planning our summer routes and hope to include a tour route in Lochaber area using an open top bus.'

**Options**  
'We are constantly looking at ways to encourage greener, smarter travel and to provide a range of travel options for tourists so we are keen to replicate the popularity of our open top tour route in Orkney. Full details of our routes for next year will be published in due course.'

## Crisis talks on Corran Ferry service

THE CORRAN Ferry service across Loch Linnhe was at risk of being halted last month because of a potential equipment failure on the stand-by vessel, it has emerged.

The *MV Maid of Glencoul* encountered problems with a steering head during the three-week period the main ferry, the *MV Corran*, was undergoing its annual refit. Highland Council warned members that if steering on the 37-year-old vessel broke down, the service would cease.

The *MV Corran* is now back working the route with the *MV*

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*Maid of Glencoul* moored nearby as backup. Today in Inverness, transport, environmental and community services committee councillors will discuss the issue. Fort William and Ardnamurchan councillor Andrew Baxter will argue immediate action is needed. He told *The Oban Times*: 'The advice we were given [by officials] on the *Maid of Glencoul* was the spare steering head has a problem. The

crew were unable to make any repairs and parts could not be sourced anywhere worldwide.'

'We were advised there was a distinct possibility the steering would fail. We were also told that if there was a malfunction on the replacement ferry, the service would cease immediately until the *MV Corran* returned from its annual refit. Given that, and steering problems in previous years, I feel we need to be making decisions now - not next October.' He added: 'If the ferry was not running it would virtually shut down the peninsula.'

## Lochaber school bands stage concert for veterans

PUPILS from Lochaber High School's wind band, swing band and the Lochaber Schools Pipe Band staged a concert for the Commando Veterans Association (CVA) in the school hall on Friday as one of a number of events to mark Remembrance Day.

The concert featured a variety of music and culminated with

the wind band and the pipe band playing a joint version of 'Highland Cathedral'.

Every year, in memory of their founder Vic Ralph, the CVA presents the Commando Shield to the musician of the year from each band. This year it was won by Rebecca Shearer from the pipe band and Amy Cameron from the wind band. See page 4.



Top musicians: Rebecca Shearer, left, and Amy Cameron are presented with the shield and certificates by Geoff Murray, national secretary CVA and Stan 'Scotty' Scott, CVA chairman.

## West Highlands poised to fight ash dieback disease if tests find fungus has spread in

THE WEST Highlands should find out by early next week if its ash trees remain free from a devastating wind-borne fungal disease.

So far the closest reported cases of Chalara ash dieback have been in Carrbridge in Strathspey. But some results from a rapid action survey by Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) of 2,730 ash tree sites across Scotland have still to be assessed.

Samples were taken from 150 sites - with the most suspect given the highest priority for laboratory testing.

Those found last week that ash trees at 14 locations in Scotland were affected by Chalara, mostly saplings on small plantations in the south and east possibly grown from infected foreign seed.

Only two sites - at Kinghorn on Fife and Eyemouth in Berwickshire - involve mature

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trees in their natural surroundings. An FCS spokesperson told *The Oban Times* on Tuesday that samples of 'low to medium' concern were now undergoing analysis.

He was unable to confirm if any had been taken from West Highland sites.

He said: 'We are still waiting for test results to come through. We are hoping to have those by the end of this week or early next week. Most of the sites with ash dieback are at new plantings mostly in the south, so at the moment we are cautiously optimistic that we won't get too many more.'

Meanwhile, a summit was being held at Holyrood on Tuesday to discuss how best to stop the disease spreading.

Forestry groups, landowners' organisations and

conservation bodies were all represented. The Scottish government does not believe eradicating the disease is achievable given its spread so far across the UK.

One option is to grow young trees from native seed resistant to Chalara ash dieback, which is only infectious during summer.

Scottish environment minister Paul Wheelhouse said wholesale destruction of ash woodlands was not a solution.

He said: 'Mature trees can survive infection for a considerable number of years and experience in Europe indicates that those with genetic resistance to the disease will survive.'

'We will be working very hard to identify those trees that do possess a genetic resistance to the fungus and these will be invaluable as stock from which we can develop a supply of resistant trees for restocking our woodlands.'

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**Glencoe drink-drive pensioner banned**

A GLENCOE pensioner who drove through the village while almost twice the drink drive limit has been banned from driving for one year and fined £400.

Una Mackey, of The Lodge, pled guilty to driving over the limit on the A82 near Glencoe, an unclassified road in the village and the police station car park on the morning of May 21.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said Mackey, aged 65, had been drinking with friends the night before.

**Estate donates new tree to Spean Bridge**

SPEAN Bridge is to take delivery of a new village Christmas tree next week.

Glentfaintaig Estate is donating the tree, which will be erected in the village by volunteers.

**Glengelf Football Club meeting**

A MEETING will be held next month for anyone interested in joining Glengelf Football Club.

The club, which plays in Skye and Lochalsh Amateur Football League, is currently looking for a manager as well as a chairperson and treasurer. More players are also required.

Anyone interested should contact Craig Scobie on 01599 522221.

**Music legends top Ardgour concert bill**

LEGENDARY piper Fred Morrison and award-winning multi-instrumentalist Matheu Watson are coming to Ardgour to headline at Watercolour Music's last house concert of 2012.

Bishopton-born Fred, whose father came from Gerinish in South Uist, has been described as the 'Jimi Hendrix of the bagpipes' while Matheu was crowned Instrumentalist of the Year at the 2012 Scots Traditional Music Awards.

The duo will take the stage on Sunday November 25 at 3pm.

**Foundation flushed with success**

THE KNOYDART Foundation is flushed with success after receiving almost £10,000 from The Big Lottery's Awards for All programme.

The £9,682 grant will go towards installing a composting toilet for visitors to beaches on the community-owned estate.

The toilet will reflect the foundation's commitment to renewable energy - it will be fitted with solar lighting.

# Community hits out at hydro plan developers

DEVELOPERS behind plans for a proposed micro hydro scheme near Spean Bridge have been criticised for not caring about the local community's views.

Developer Coneloch Renewables, along with Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE), submitted plans for a 90kW hydro plant at Upper Glenfaintaig, near Spean Bridge in July.

Three SSE representatives attended a Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council meeting last Tuesday evening to discuss the proposal, but no-one from Coneloch was present.

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The community council is in favour of the development - but does not like Coneloch's plan to run around four kilometres of electricity poles through scenic Glen Gloy to connect the scheme to the national grid.

Community council chairman John Fotheringham said: 'The developers chose not to come tonight. They are clearly not interested in us.'

'We were happy to approve the hydro scheme.'

'But we want them to bury the lines underground to preserve the integrity of the glen. No-one lives up there - it's all holiday homes. There's no power, but they knew that from the beginning. There's no good reason to spoil our glen.'

SSE commercial manager Donald MacKinnon told the meeting: 'When we put an offer out to a customer, we always give them the least cost option.'

'A straight line of poles is normally the cheapest option. Undergrounding is normally around four times more expensive. Our regulated licence is to give the least cost option, but in a lot of occasions that is not the final option.'

Project manager Ivan Murphy said the project was at a 'very early stage' and that plans would likely change.

He said: 'Because it's a rural area there's a lot of rock there, so the cheapest option for the customer is an overhead line.'

'We do our best to hide things from people and we will do everything we can to reduce the visual impact.'

Community councillor Sandy Edmond said: 'SSE will take the cheapest straight line option and any change will only come through the planning process with Highland Council.'

# Leodhasach Kenneth takes over at helm of Comunn na Gàidhlig

A LEODHASACH has been chosen as the new chairman of Comunn na Gàidhlig (CnaG).

Kenneth MacIver, from Back in Lewis, best known in Gaeldom as 'Coinneach Mòr' through his long-running broadcasting career, had previously been a CnaG board member for five years, representing Comhairle nan Eilean.

Company directors agreed his experience and commitment to Gaelic meant Mr MacIver was the right man for the job.

He takes over from Inverness-based lawyer Calum Duncan, who has been interim chairman for the last few months.

Mr MacIver said: 'I very much enjoyed being involved with CnaG's work over the previous years and I am delighted to be returning to the organisation. In taking on this responsibility, I have only one objective and that's to do what I can to promote and develop Gaelic.'

'I am well aware of the diversity of CnaG's work and I'll do my best to help take that forward.'

'I am also aware that I am only following a long line of experienced people who have chaired the company over the years. I have a great deal of respect for them and I hope I can be just as committed and progressive during my time in the role.'

Comunn na Gàidhlig is pledged to raise the status and strength of Gaelic across Scotland. The company is funded through two key contracts with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, but with important support coming from other organisations such as the local authorities.

CnaG's activities include a wide range of activities from business support, community



'Coinneach Mòr': new chairman of Comunn na Gàidhlig.

work and working with young people.

CnaG chief executive Donald MacNeill said: 'Everyone at CnaG has welcomed the news that 'Coinneach Mòr' is going to return to the board and that he's taken on the chairman's role.'

'Like everyone else, we know Coinneach well, and we know that he is supportive and committed to Gaelic. There is no doubt that there are challenges ahead, but with support from the board, and the new chairman, we are optimistic we can deal with these.'

'There is also no doubt that we are making a difference, that Gaelic is on a firmer footing for the future and that together with government and all our partners, we are creating the conditions for further progress.'



## Boat club celebrates 40 years

Glencoe Boat Club members recently celebrated the club's 40th anniversary. Pictured at the evening event in Onich are, left to right, Peter MacLeod, founder member and guest speaker, commodore Christine MacFarlane Slack, vice commodore David Cooper and founder member Robert Watt.

## Former abbey wins top award

ONCE its cloistered stillness echoed to the chants of monks in holy reverie.

But now the former St Benedict's Abbey in Fort Augustus has a new incarnation - a prize-winning property development.

Forbes-based LDN architects designed the transformation of the A-listed building on the shores of Loch Ness into more than 90 luxury apartments for owners, The Highland Club. And at the Highlands and Islands Architecture and Design Awards in Strathpeffer on Friday night, the redevelopment won the 'Best New Life for Old Buildings' title.

The abbey, completed in 1880 on the site of a dismantled Hanoverian fort, had been empty since 1999 when the last remaining 10 monks moved out after the abbey heritage centre closed. An ambitious bid to develop the former ecclesiastical centre as a major tourist attraction subsequently foundered.

The building was then sold to The Highland Club, part of property development company The Santon Group, which specialises in conversions of listed buildings. Judging panel chairman Andrew Wright said

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of the abbey conversion: 'The judging panel recognised the sheer scale of ambition of the project using a site which it had been widely believed offered no obvious solutions. The architects have demonstrated great skill in adapting spaces without destroying the inherent beauty of the principal spaces such as the cloisters and the library.'

Comedian and radio chat show host Fred MacAulay presented the awards at a dinner in the Strathpeffer Spa Pavilion.

Other winners included Highland Council and Skye architects Dualchas, who shared the open award for their designs of Milton of Leys Primary School and a house at Boreraig in Duirinish, Skye, respectively. Dualchas' Boreraig house also won the 'best use of timber' category.

Another Skye firm, Dunvegan-based Rural Design Architects, won the place-making award for its 24-home development at Burnside, Plockton, for Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association.

Inverness Architectural Association has run the awards biennially since 2008.

# Writer examines Atlantic links

CULTURAL and historic ties between the Western Isles and County Donegal will be the subject of an illustrated presentation at an An Lannair in Stornoway on Tuesday.

In 'Atlantic Gaels', well-known writer and broadcaster Aidan O'Hara will outline how people in both places are of the same stock and speak the same language, and how close trading links, inter-marriage and cultural contacts have strengthened and sustained relationships on both sides of the sea. Music, song and dance also play a vital part in that shared heritage.

Aidan's illustrated presentation will include stories of times when Donegal exported whisky to island folk, who in turn came over with barley, corn, herrings and ponies.

Mercenary warriors from the Outer Isles known as gallóglaigh in Gaelic and gallowglasses in English were attached to powerful Donegal clans - among them the O'Donnell and O'Doherty families - and eventually settled in Ireland. Like so many natives of the county, O'Hara has gallóglaigh blood in his veins with ancestors including MacColla (Coll),

MacSuibhne (Sweeney) and MacRuairi (MacRory and Rogers). He is a native of the Inishowen peninsula in Donegal and as a boy spent his holidays with an older married sister on the northernmost part of the peninsula, where Islay and the Paps of Jura are clearly visible to the northeast.

From his earliest years he was not only aware of the proximity of Scotland but was familiar with the distinct accents of its people, visitors from Glasgow and the Lowlands, many of them children of Donegal people who had emigrated to Scotland.



Writer and broadcaster Aidan O'Hara: coming to Stornoway.

# Plockton Community Council

PLOCKTON and District Community Council will hold its next meeting on November 27 at 7.30pm in Plockton Hall.

Business from the last meeting on October 29 included:

- Police present at the meeting urged Plockton residents to lock their doors following thefts from houses which were unlocked.
- Burnside - improvements to the access have been made but more streetlights are required. Hopefully funding from the safer routes to school could be used.
- Railway fencing at Duirinish - despite repeated requests this has still not been repaired.
- Roads - various improvements were outlined, in particular Harbour Street and Station Road. New roads engineer Sandy MacVarish would be notified.
- Planning application - The Community

Council decided to object to an application by the Church of Scotland for two semi-detached houses in the paddock opposite the primary school.

- Railway station - Plockton High School pupils have adopted the station and a ceremony with a plaque will be held in the New Year.
- Highland Council budget consultation - the community council did not have a representative at a meeting in Lochcarron which was poorly attended, but has completed several questionnaires.
- Fish farm south of Airigh-drishaidh - the community council was pleased that this application had been refused.

WEATHER in Plockton: During October there was 6.5 inches of rain, the wettest month since January. Warmest day was 17.3°C and coldest 0.4°C. CM MacRae

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**Disabled Ramblers win grant to buy scooters**

SKYE and Lochalsh Disabled Ramblers has secured a £9,932 grant from Awards for All for mobility scooters.

The electric-powered trikes can travel over forestry tracks, gradients and rough surfaces. The cash will also cover a three-year maintenance package and breakdown cover.

Local MSP Dave Thompson congratulated group secretary Nicola Rust on securing the grant. He said: 'This is a fantastic initiative that helps to promote a healthy lifestyle for everyone in the community, especially those with mobility issues who might otherwise struggle to see our beautiful scenery.'

**lochdar pupils team up on climate change project**

SOUTH Uist youngsters have teamed up with children from East Kilbride to create a booklet and CD to raise awareness about climate change.

lochdar Primary School pupils and Mount Cameron Primary youngsters, along with Oxfam, have created 'High Tide', which will be distributed to schools across Scotland.

The project, which looks at how communities around the world are protecting their local environment from the effects of climate change, was funded by the People's Postcode Lottery.

lochdar head teacher Mary MacInnes: 'This was a valuable learning opportunity for our pupils.'



The Spean Bridge youngsters get ready to send away their boxes to Eastern Europe.

## Primary pupils share festive cheer

SPEAN Bridge Primary School pupils have sent off their Blythwood Care boxes to needy children and adults in Eastern Europe.

The children's special consignment, which included hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, stationery, books, toys and sweets, was dispatched last Wednesday night.

The charity, based in Evanton in Ross-shire, sends thousands of Christmas packages from

Scotland to countries such as Romania every year.

Speaking through *The Oban Times*, Spean head teacher Kate MacGillivray paid tribute to the huge community effort that made the donation possible.

She said: 'I would like to thank all the parents, friends, staff and pupils of the school who supported us in this.'

**Lottery backs community company with grant**

MORVERN Community Development Company (MCDC) in Lochaline has its own vehicle after receiving £9,965 from the Big Lottery Awards for All fund.

The cash has paid for a new Polaris Ranger 4x4 to manage waste disposal and recycling at Loch Aline marina.

MCDC development officer Lilia Dobrokhodova told *The Oban Times*: 'It is for our waste management and recycling project for the pontoons. Obviously when people come ashore they have got a bit of rubbish.'

'We try to encourage them to separate it so we can take it down to the recycling point in the village.'

The project forms part of the company's expansion of shore facilities to service the 20-berth pontoon development.

**Police files**

TOOLS were stolen from a van in Kinlochleven after thieves broke into the vehicle sometime between 4pm on November 1 and 8.20am the following morning.

TOOLS were taken from an unlocked garage at a house in Brecklet in Ballachulish sometime between 5pm last Thursday and 7am last Friday.

THIEVES stole a gents mountain bike secured to fire stairs at the rear of Field and Trek store, High Street, Fort William, sometime between 1pm and 6pm last Friday.

Anyone with information on these incidents should contact Fort William police on 01397 702361.

# Spate of thefts prompts police warning

POLICE in Lochaber are warning the public to ensure garages and vehicles are properly secured after a spate of thefts in recent days.

Premises in Ballachulish and Kinlochleven were among those targeted with tools and equipment stolen.

PC Ian Fraser, community safety officer at Fort William Police Station, is happy to offer advice on guarding against thieves.

He said: 'In all but one of these, the vehicles and garages have been left insecure.'

'Please ensure you secure your vehicles and garages and sheds to stop opportunistic thieves having easy access to stealing your possessions.'

**Store**  
'Further to this, if you are able to remove any valuable items from within any vehicles and store within

your house or secure garage please do so as thieves are more reluctant to force entry to buildings than they are to a vehicle.'

'If you have no option but to leave items within your vehicle then please ensure they are out of sight, and note down the make model and serial number of your expensive tools in order that these details can be passed to the police should they be stolen.'

'There is a far better chance of the tools being returned to you if they are identifiable.'

He added: 'Please consider purchasing one of the many products available which can permanently mark your tools from a simple permanent UV marker to more sophisticated but still affordable irremovable marker products which identify the property as yours and yours alone.'

**Caol man guilty of restaurant theft**

A CAOL man broke into the Crannog Restaurant in Fort William and stole £1,300. Stuart Lawrie, of 22 Glenpane Street, pled guilty to committing the theft, which occurred on April 7. The 22-year-old is due to be sentenced at Fort William Sheriff Court on December 3.

**MacPhee and Partners win customer service award**

A FORT William estate agency and law firm has won a customer service award from leading property website Rightmove. MacPhee and Partners was judged best of 47 firms in Scotland after giving the best response to a customer enquiry from a mystery shopper. The result was announced at a property sales seminar in Glasgow's Hampden Park. The firm also has a branch in Oban.

**Lotto winner pockets £400**

A LUCKY customer from Cobbs Nevis Sport in Fort William has won £400 in this week's Fort William FC lotto draw. Numbers were 2-3-13. The prize goes back to £100 next week.

**Thief jailed for nine weeks**

A MAN who stole a tent and its contents while the owners were out for a walk has been sentenced to nine weeks in jail. Richard Greens, of 17 Woodside Drive, Penicuik, pled guilty to stealing the items from behind Lochaber Leisure Centre in Fort William on August 27. The 35-year-old was admonished after being found in possession of 1.7 grammes of heroin when he was arrested. The prison term will be added to the 11-month sentence Greens is currently serving for an assault in Lothian.

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Woodland Trust's Jillian Donnachie helping Spean Bridge pupil Katie Bridges, P5, plant one of the first Scots pine saplings at the Corrou Diamond Jubilee Wood.

**Youngsters plant first trees of new diamond jubilee forest**

YOUNGSTERS from Spean Bridge and Roy Bridge have planted the first trees of a new 90-acre forest situated on the shore of Loch Ossian, Rannoch Moor. The Corrou Diamond Jubilee Wood will see more than 40,000 native trees, including birch, Scots pine, willow, alder, rowan and oak, planted to form the wood around Corrou Lodge. Children from the two primary schools were invited to take part in the inaugural planting at the remote site. Joint head teacher Kate MacGillivray said: 'Both

schools had a fantastic day and would like to thank the staff at Corrou for their warm hospitality. Corrou Estate has invited the children to return to the estate in the future to see how the trees are progressing.' The wood is one of 20 being created by the Woodland Trust across Scotland to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Woodland Trust Scotland director Carol Evans said: 'Corrou is one of the wildest Diamond Woods in the UK. It is a truly spectacular location and we're delighted they are part of our project.'

**Woman not guilty of £4,300 benefit fraud**

A CAOL woman has been cleared of falsely claiming nearly £4,300 in benefits because she did not realise she had to inform authorities about her part time job. Catherine Johnston was confused by regulations and thought she was allowed to work up to 16 hours a week without affecting her benefit payments. But a trial at Fort William Sheriff Court heard fraud investigator Lorna Lee say although Mrs Johnston's part time job would not have affected her benefits, she was legally obliged to inform the Department of Work and Pensions she was working. A visibly distressed Mrs Johnston, aged 56, took the stand to insist no deception was intended. She said: 'I wasn't under the impression I had to tell them. I thought I could work my 16 hours without telling anyone.' Defence solicitor Stephen

Kennedy argued Mrs Johnston had not been aware of the requirement to inform the authorities. He said: 'The rules are complex, they are not easy to understand. She was confused and she did not do this dishonestly.' Procurator Fiscal Alison Wylie argued that Mrs Johnston, formerly of Portree, had practised 'wilful blindness' towards the rules - but Sheriff Noel McPartin rejected that allegation. Clearing Mrs Johnston of

all charges, he said: 'I'm left in considerable doubt that you understood you were failing to notify the department when you should have been. 'There is an issue with what the newspapers sometimes call 'benefit cheats'. I don't put you in that category.' Mrs Johnston, of 92 Kilmallie Road, was found not guilty of knowingly claiming income support and incapacity benefit between April 30 2008 and December 1 2010 while working at Deli Barquen in Caol.

**Internet first for tiny Isle of Lewis village**

A TINY Isle of Lewis village has become the first in the Highlands and Islands to have internet connections via fibre optic cable. Five out of six homes in Dalmore, on the island's west coast, are now on the Connected Communities network, which brings broadband to remote places.

Donald MacLeod, clerk to the Dalmore common grazings committee, managed the project on behalf of the community. He said: 'We have at long last joined the 21st century.'

Businesses 'Not only can the school children in the village now keep up with their studies, but we hope shortly to have two small businesses run from the village.' The Rural Broadband Challenge Fund is supporting the Dalmore project.

Three other relay sites on the west coast of Harris are due to be completed by November 30.

Meanwhile in Wester Ross, Applecross will benefit from a £5 million Community Broadband Scotland fund to bring next generation broadband to hard to reach rural areas.

Local residents will work with broadband experts over the coming months on improving internet access for local businesses and families.



Portree Primary School pupils get up close with some ocean delicacies on Tuesday.

**Fish on the menu for Skye pupils**

FISH was on the menu for around 250 Isle of Skye pupils at Portree High School on Tuesday and yesterday as part of a nationwide drive to teach children about Scottish ocean produce. The Seafood in Schools project included workshops on learning where different species come from, how healthy fish is to eat and how it gets from sea to plate. Local chef Simon Wallwork of the Glenview Inn demonstrated how to prepare and cook tasty

fish dishes for kids - including local langoustine supplied by the Scottish West Coast Langoustine Co-operative. Mr Wallwork said he was delighted to be associated with the Seafood in Schools project using 'the best of local seafood'. Pupils handled live species including crab, lobster, haddock, monkfish and squid and attended a workshop about salmon farming on Skye. Parents enjoyed similar activities and sampled fish

delicacies on Tuesday evening. Children attending the event came from Portree High and Portree, Broadford, Carbost, Struan, MacDiarmid, Knockbreck, Kyleakin, Elgol, Kilmuir, Staffin, Raasay, Dunvegan, and Edinbane primary schools. Seafood in Schools aims to reach 50,000 children across the country and is funded by the Scottish Government, Seafish, the Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation and the Scottish Fishermen's Trust.

**All clear signal for drivers as A82 traffic lights are removed early**

MOTORISTS on the A82 have been given a pre-Christmas boost with news that temporary traffic lights near Fort William will be gone until early 2013. The signals north of the Corran Ferry had been expected to remain in place until mid-December. But Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) re-jigged work schedules and they will be removed on Friday. Contractors have been stabilising the steep hillside and erecting protective fencing ahead of felling operations starting in January. Project manager Alex MacLeod said: 'The work programme has gone

well so far and we're happy with what has been achieved to date, so we can comfortably do without the traffic management that had been planned up until the end of December. 'Hopefully that will help by giving local road users one less thing to worry about in the run up to Christmas. The break from hill work will give us the opportunity to look ahead and start planning felling work in the new year.' Meanwhile, FCS personnel supported by Transport Scotland and Scotland Transerv staff are inviting the public to view plans for extensive tree felling along the A82 at a drop-in

event in the Alexandra Hotel, Fort William, today from 12 noon to 7pm. Glen Urquhart Public Hall in Drumadrocht will host the last of the six drop-in sessions tomorrow (Friday) from 12 noon to 8pm. Mr MacLeod said the events were a good opportunity to find out about the forthcoming felling operations at Glen Righ and the wider A82 project. He added: 'This involves timber felling adjacent to the A82 elsewhere in the Great Glen. The four events we've had so far have seen a good turn out and people have been very interested and supportive of the need to get this job done.'

**Spotlight on fish farms**

A HIGH-POWERED Scottish government delegation will arrive in Lochaber tomorrow for a two-day tour of fish farm operations. Rural affairs, climate change and environment committee MSPs are making the tour to help inform early discussions on the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill. The itinerary includes Marine Harvest's new smolt unit at Lochailort and freshwater site at Loch Shiel, Glenfinnan, tomorrow, and the company's Blar Mhor Industrial Estate processing plant on Saturday morning. Final port of call will be Drimsallie Mill hatchery on Loch Arkaig, the centre of operation to restore native River Lochy salmon and sea trout populations. The project is run by the River Lochy Association in partnership with Marine Harvest, EWOS Feeds, Hvalpsund Nets and MERK International.

**Jobs boost as national retailer opens in town**

THE LATEST national retailer to come to Fort William will open its doors next Wednesday, creating at least seven new jobs. Cotswold Outdoor is the second new store in the town's new west end development after Superdrug opened

last Friday. A 60-room Travelodge opened in October above the shops. The new store will be officially opened by Outdoor Capital of the UK chairperson Marian Austin. Fort store manager Craig Mills said: 'It's a very exciting time for us

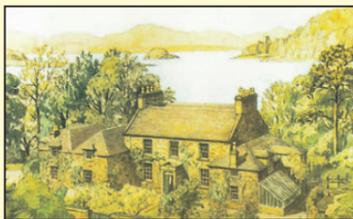
and Fort William offers some great opportunities and challenges which I'm looking forward to taking on with the support of the local community. 'It's a great location, right in the heart of the outdoors with a close proximity to Ben Nevis.'

**Pupils set to take to the stage for high school dance spectacular**

LOCHABER schoolchildren are completing final rehearsals for a dance spectacular in Lochaber High School tonight and tomorrow evening. Pupils from eight primary schools and three secondary schools will perform routines in the Dance Platform show at 7pm on both days. Inverlochry Primary School is among those

taking part with 18 girls from P3 to P7 set to take the stage in their costumes. School secretary Fiona Livingstone told The Oban Times the children had been rehearsing for months - and can't wait for tonight's event. She said: 'The kids are bouncing - they are totally hyper. It's really great they are doing this at the high school.'

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Mull timber firm goes for biggest skyline in Europe

A FORESTRY skylining company from Mull is about to receive delivery of two of the biggest machines in the European timber industry.

Calum Duffy, who owns Duffy Skylining, is awaiting the delivery of a custom-built skyline, used for transporting felled trees on a steel cable highline to another location. His new skyline will be the biggest in Europe.

He is also expecting to receive a new timber harvester for felling and cutting trees which will be one of the biggest excavator machines in Europe.

Calum said: 'The outlay on these new machines is very substantial and I received no help from any funding bodies.

'We travel all over the west coast for work and currently we are in Ullapool where the machines will be delivered to.'

He is hoping to receive his new machinery within the next two weeks.

Befriending week celebrates work of dedicated volunteers

A VOLUNTEER service is encouraging people to seek help if they are feeling lonely as part of the first Befriending Week.

Befrienders in Argyll and Bute work with children and people who are feeling isolated or alone due to a range of issues such as mental health, old age, homelessness or disability.

Befriending Week celebrates the work of trained volunteers who take time to chat to vulnerable people who need the service.

Befriending co-ordinator Cathi Bertin said: 'We would like to thank our brilliant volunteers for supporting many lonely people over the past year.'

The service is currently looking for more volunteers across Argyll and Bute.

Contact cathibertin@btconnect.com for more information.

Rural skills and youth employment in spotlight

A NATIONAL summit in Oban on rural skills and youth employment heard a hand-in-hand approach between business and local authority will help drive the local economy.

Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead said the example set by the Chambers of Commerce in Moray following news of RAF closures to drive development and recruitment should be used as a template for economic recovery.

Youth employment minister Angela Constance, meanwhile, said local government procurement reform will mean more money spent in their region, helping preserve local jobs and develop training programmes.

No let-up in Islay bid to raise treatment cash for Ciara

THE FUNDRAISING appeal on Islay to help a 12-year-old girl go to America to receive cancer treatment continues with gusto.

More fundraising events have been planned in support of the

Ciara Caskie Allan Appeal. A rugby ball run and a quiz night took place last weekend, with four more events planned soon.

Brain surgery Ciara recently had brain surgery in Glasgow's Yorkhill

Hospital, her last before flying to Oklahoma for proton therapy to treat a brain tumour. The surgery lasted six hours but was successful. She is now recovering in hospital.

A sponsored rugby ball run

took place on November 10. Members of the rugby club, Port Ellen Football Club and crew members from HMS Vanguard ran from Portmahaven to Port Ellen carrying the ball. In the evening there was a quiz

night in the Bowmore Hotel. Other planned events include a cheese and wine evening at the Gaelic College, an island wide walk on Islay and a walk around Strathclyde Country Park in Motherwell.

New laws for private landlords

PRIVATE landlords are being reminded to take heed of a new law governing deposits which came into force this week.

From Tuesday, anyone who accepts a deposit for the lease of a property - either starting or renewing - will have to put it in the hands of an approved third party within 30 days.

Highlighting the scheme, Argyll and Bute Council advise landlords will have to provide tenants with specific information including the amount of the deposit and the scheme where the money is being held until it requires to be repaid.

The landlord will be asked to provide proof of registration with the council when the deposit is paid over. Failure to place the deposit or provide the required information will mean tenants can seek up to three times the deposit amount from the landlord through the courts.

One of the approved schemes, Letting Protection Service Scotland, has already held four events across Argyll and Bute over the last two months. The other schemes available are Safe Deposits Scotland and My Deposits Scotland.

Landlords should contact their chosen scheme directly to find out how to place their deposits. Lead councillor for housing George Freeman said: 'I would encourage private landlords to make sure they are up to speed with this new legislation.'

More information regarding private landlord registration can be found at www.argyllbute.gov.uk/privatelandlords.



1st Steps Nursery youngsters with the Christmas gifts they have collected to send to people around the world less fortunate than themselves. 16\_146nursery01

Generous youngsters share festive cheer

CHILDREN at an Oban nursery have been busy collecting Christmas gifts for people around the world who are less fortunate.

The youngsters at 1st Steps Day Nursery on Croft Road have been filling boxes with essential items as well as toys for the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal.

The scheme has been organised by the nursery cook, Shauna MacKenzie, who

thought it would be a 'good idea to teach the children about sharing'. She said: 'With Christmas coming up it is letting the children know it is not just about toys. A lot of the things in the boxes are just essentials like toothbrushes and toothpaste. We have had a huge response, around 25 boxes, which all go on Friday.'

Shauna also organised a nursery sponsored

walk earlier in the year which raised £700 for Mary's Meals. Unlike that cash, which benefited children in Africa, the shoeboxes will be distributed to countries in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Boxes will also go to India and Pakistan in January and February. Last year's Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal saw 119,283 shoeboxes filled and distributed.

New cycle path to be completed at Barcaldine

A NEW stretch of cycle path is to be built at Barcaldine as the charity behind building the route continues negotiations to establish a full Oban-Connel link.

Sustrans, the charity funded by Transport Scotland, hopes to fill every gap in the Oban to North Ballachulish route by April 2015 in the wake of new figures that show the routes are proving popular with cyclists and walkers.

However, negotiations with some land owners are taking longer than expected, hindering construction. Work continues to progress, however, with a bridge over the River Duror completed earlier this month to provide parents with an alternative route to the village's school.

Work will start next year to extend the southern end of the

Barcaldine stretch of path to Dalrannoch Farm and to extend the southern stretch of the Benderloch path.



Sustrans director John Lauder: 'People want to see these sections completed and we want to do that as soon as we can.'

It is hoped a complete Oban to Connel route will follow shortly afterwards. The sustainable transport charity's Scottish director John Lauder said: 'It's a 30 mile route and 20 miles of the path is built, so we're two thirds of the way there.'

Completed

'Negotiations are continuing with landowners across the length of the route', he added.

'People want to see these sections completed and we want to do that as soon as we can.'

'The Oban to Connel route is one that is of a very cyclable distance, so it is one we want to get finished. 'We have an excellent budget from Transport Scotland that will take us through to 2015 and we're still on track to have the route finished by then.'

However, Mr Lauder admits having a cycle path along the A85 won't necessarily remove all

cycle traffic from the road. 'I'm not sure the road riders would really want to use our path and I'm not sure the path is the right place for them,' he said.

'If you're walking the dog or cycling at a relatively sedate pace you don't want to see a cyclist flying towards you at 20mph.'

Feedback from the completed parts of the network has been positive, with businesses reporting an increase in trade as a result.

Favourable

He said: 'We received some figures which show use of the paths is steadily increasing and we've had some very favourable comments from bed and breakfasts and pubs, so it's been very positive for the area.'

'One of the other things we've started recently is putting up interpretation panels along the route and some signs. It's been very popular.'

Mull Lines

MULL-BASED Gaelic singer-songwriter Alasdair Whyte is giving young, aspiring filmmakers the chance to create music videos for a selection of his songs.

The contest forms a new music video category at the Gaelic short film awards FilmG. Four of Alasdair's songs, from his debut album 'Las' produced at Watercolour Studios in Ardour, have been chosen for the competition.

Eight new songs by up-and-coming Gaelic musicians have also been selected.

The creation of the new songs was part of collaboration between Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Watercolour called An Taigh Oran/Songhouse. Its aim is to encourage emerging talent in Gaelic music and gives new singers and songwriters a chance to work with established musicians, such as Alasdair.

FilmG was established by MG ALBA in 2008.

The company's chief executive Donald Campbell said: 'This new collaboration promises an exciting fusion of emerging music and media talent and we are very grateful for the opportunity offered by Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Watercolour.'

The winning video will be screened at the FilmG awards event in March 2013.



The winning youngsters from Lochdonhead Primary School with their trophy.

PUPILS at Lochdonhead Primary School have been proudly showing off the trophy they won at a recent tag rugby festival.

The youngsters participated in the event at Garmony on Saturday November 3 as part of a Mull and Iona wide schools golden challenge.

The winning team consisted of Ewan Robertson, Struan Ramage, Ewan Callander, Henry Lines and captain Charlotte Lines.

Charlotte said: 'Even though the weather was very cold and very wet, we all really enjoyed ourselves and played extremely well.'

'We would like to thank Mrs Whyte and David Callander for all their hard work and help with our team.'



A beach on the Isle of Iona was illuminated last Monday night as residents from across the island came together to celebrate Guy Fawkes night. An enormous fire was lit on the beach at Martyrs' Bay and some cracking fireworks lit up the starry sky to the delight of spectators young and old.

A MULL woman is looking for people who grew up in Argyll from the 1930s to 1950s to help her with her Gaelic PhD art history project.

Eleanor MacDougall, from Fionnphort, is in the middle of gathering research for a project about paintings in the Highlands and Islands.

She is looking for paintings from 1850 to 1940 and is keen to speak to anyone who grew up in Argyll or the Highlands and Islands between 1930 and 1950 and owns paintings of the area.

She said: 'I have been talking to people in Mull who lived in the 1930s and 40s and some have memories of almost 100 years ago.'

The aim of her project is to discover stereotypes in the way artists depicted Gaelic-speaking areas and learn how local people felt about this, as well as how people lived in the past.

Eleanor is in the fourth year of her five-year PhD and is still gathering research before writing her project up, in Gaelic.

She added: 'This is an important part of the project because to date there is very little art history in Gaelic.'

If you have paintings from this time period and would like to share some memories, contact Eleanor on 01681 700780 or email eleanor@nicdughail.co.uk.

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Shinty club shares bus with hospice

Allan Dunnings, vice president of Oban Camanachd, hands over the keys to the club minibus to Lisa Anderson, Oban Hospice community services co-ordinator, after the club agreed to let Oban Hospice use the bus during the week for day trips, such as visits to the hydrotherapy centre in Fort William.



Some of the organisers of the holly tea: Carol MacDougall, Irene Robertson and Liz MacKenzie. 15\_145hollytea1



MS Centre Holly tea raises £840

THE HOLLY tea, an annual event which raises funds for the Oban multiple sclerosis (MS) Centre, has been a success after raising approximately £840.

The event saw keen bakers make a range of cakes and treats, including mince pies, which were served with coffee and tea. Despite the cold and damp weather, the fundraiser had a very good turnout.

Sandra Owens, manager of the MS Centre, said: 'The event has been running for more than 10 years and this year has been very successful. The money raised will go to general running costs.'

Sandra added: 'I want to say a big thank you to all the helpers and supporters that have come today and were coerced into helping.'

A card sale was also held at St John's, which raised £63.

CHILDREN on the Isle of Iona were kept busy making props for a touring show that visited the island last week.

Islanders followed the tales of villagers on the Isle of Mickle as they discovered the Crown of Destiny, which had been on show in the local museum, was a fake.

The news was discovered when the display case which held it was damaged in a storm. However, after a vote it was agreed that the truth should be told - it is the crown of Scotia the Bard of Scotland.

## Winter Festival gets underway

OBAN officially gets in the mood for Christmas this weekend when the second annual Winter Festival gets underway.

Festive spirits are high as the 10-day programme of events starts tomorrow (Friday), with this year's Victorian Steam Train theme sure to inspire businesses and locals alike.

Described as 'for the community, by the community', last year's inaugural festival was a huge success, helping generate an additional £1million for the local economy.

One of the organisers, Pamela Lockhart, said: 'People are getting excited about it and we're urging everyone to come out and support what is a real community celebration.'

Some 65 different events and attractions have been arranged for this year's festival.

The full Winter Festival programme appears in our special Christmas pull-out on pages 14 and 15.

## Ward re-opens

THE OUTBREAK of norovirus at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban looks to have halted after NHS Highland reported no new cases over the past week.

Restricted admissions to the affected Ward B have been lifted and a spokesman for NHS Highland said the hospital was operating normal visiting hours.

Five patients and several staff at the ward contracted the virus.

## Searching for an Angel of the Year

THE OBAN TIMES is searching for an Angel of the Year.

We're asking readers to nominate individuals for our Angel of the Year title - and the £500 prize that goes with it. Two runners up will each receive £100.

Editorial director, Stewart MacKenzie, said: 'Our Angel of the Year will be someone who embodies strong community spirit and makes a vital contribution to their town, village or island - or even further afield.'

For further details see page 26



Bidders will have a chance to name the rescued five week old pup and be there at his release as part of a silent auction to raise money for charity. 16\_14668a2

## Seal pup locked in car boot for 24 hours

A FIVE week old grey seal pup is recovering at Oban Sea Life Sanctuary after being left in a car boot for 24 hours.

The lively pup was found and lifted by a well-meaning passer by at Glenbar on the Kintyre peninsula, who assumed it had been abandoned.

However, rather than phone the Scottish Society for the Protection of Animals (SSPCA) or the Sea Life Sanctuary to seek

advice, the individual picked up the creature and put it in their car.

The SSPCA were contacted the following day and the pup was taken to the Sanctuary at Barcaldine, near Oban, for vital care.

Thankfully the pup is doing well and hopes are high it can be released back into the wild at the turn of the year.

Aquarist Gareth Harriman said the finder risked not just the

health of the pup, but their own safety, highlighting that even a pup can be dangerous - even if it is cute and fluffy.

'Thankfully, he's doing really well,' said Gareth. 'But at the end of the day, he's wild and that's one of the biggest reasons we say stand away from them if you see them on the beach.'

'This person picked him up and put him in the back of their car, where it was kept for 24 hours. The pup would

have been left on the beach by the mother who would go off to feed for a couple of hours before coming back. Once its come back and found her pup is no longer there, that's it, they don't come back looking.'

'Also, once a pup is handled by a person it won't be accepted by the mother.'

'For all those reasons, we tell people to stay away and contact the SSPCA or ourselves if you have concerns.'

# Rest and be Thankful work delayed - again

## Legal wrangle stalls progress on landslide diversion route

REPORT by STEVEN FLANAGAN sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk

CONTINUED delays to securing the Old Military Road at the Rest and Be Thankful mean a landslide diversion route won't be ready until at least February.

Legal complications over the purchase of the road from a private landlord mean completion of the A83 bypass is now nearly four months behind schedule. Once a deal is agreed, construction is anticipated to take nine weeks.

### 'Optimistic'

When he announced the formation of the Task Force comprising government officials and local stakeholders in August, then infrastructure minister Alex Neil said the diversion would be open 'by November at the latest'.

But as landslide warning lights were switched on again on Tuesday, fresh fears were expressed that the work will take even longer in the winter weather.

Now members of the Scottish Government's A83 Task Force have warned confidence in its ability is at risk over limited progress and a lack of communication from officials.

Describing Mr Neil's initial

it will be okay. If it drags on beyond the next meeting we will lose confidence.

'We have been fortunate with the rain so far. Other parts of Scotland have been very wet.'

'The first thing people ask when they're coming to Argyll is 'what's happening with the Rest and Be Thankful? The situation is damaging to everyone in Argyll.'

A spokesman for Transport Scotland told *The Oban Times* it was hopeful of concluding the deal to purchase the Old Military Road in the near future, adding the delay has allowed extensive survey work to be carried out to aid construction.

The spokesman said: 'Extensive mitigation work at the Rest and Be Thankful continues.'

Transport Scotland remains committed to putting in place measures to mitigate against landslips on the A83. We will provide a further update to the community shortly.'

It is anticipated that a report on possible long-term solutions will be presented at the next meeting of the Task Force.

statement as 'optimistic', Jane MacLeod, secretary of the Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce, said: 'There's been a lot of frustration, although much of the problem is outwith the control of the Task Force or Transport Scotland.'

'We are pressing on them that there appears to be a lack of communication. I've sent two or three emails about the diversion route since the Task Force's October meeting and didn't find out anything at all. I ended up having to phone.'

'They are forgetting to communicate with the Task Force on how the negotiations are going.'

While the second Task Force meeting on October 15 was seen to be positive, no date has yet been set for the November meeting.

Jane added: 'If the next meeting is organised quickly and we get good news on the diversion,

## Your chance to name rescued pup

THE pup is currently un-named but the Sea Life Sanctuary is holding a special silent auction to both name him and be there when he's released with Seafari Adventures.

Funds raised by the auction will go towards Merlin's Magic Wand, a charity which provides days out and memorable experiences for disabled and disadvantaged children.

Bids will be accepted at the Sanctuary during this Sunday's fun day, or emailed to craig.connor@merlinentertainments.biz or posted to The Sea Life Sanctuary, Barcaldine, Oban, PA37 1SE. Winners announced next week.

## Another door closes on George St

DECLINING footfall to Oban's George Street, inadequate customer parking and expensive rents and rates forced The Pancake Place's decision to close its town centre business next month.

Closing after more than 20 years, Angela Dunn, owner of the company, said she is deeply unhappy at having to close the eatery at 95-97 George Street, which has been trading in the town for more than 20 years.

Ten jobs will go as a result of the closure on December 3, but Ms Dunn said it was vital to protect the rest of the chain.

It becomes the fourth business in the stretch of George Street between the cinema and Stafford Street to close its doors in recent months.

Stead and Simpson's shut up their shoe shop on Sunday, while Clinton Cards ceased trading in May - although a decision had been taken to close the store before the company went into liquidation.

The Winehouse also closed its doors, but it is understood the owners plan to reopen the shop.

Explaining the decision, Ms Dunn said: 'People I've spoken to from Oban

said it is very expensive to come here.

'Our rent went up by more than 50 per cent just after we bought the business five years ago, as did rates.'

### Poor first impression

'George Street is the first thing you see when you drive into Oban and your first impression is that there are lots of empty shops or charity shops.'

'The lack of parking doesn't help either and what's there leads people to the wrong end of the town.'

She supported the Oban BID movement, saying: 'At least they'll be thinking about the town centre.'

## Council claims no bill from 'Old Bill' stalls payment

FOUR months after starting a pilot scheme to enforce on-street parking restrictions, police in Oban have not received a penny for their labours - following a misunderstanding over an invoice.

Nearly 500 parking tickets were issued to motorists by police officers in Oban during the three-month pilot scheme, which ran from July 9 to the first week in October this year.

Strathclyde Police confirmed this week that it is concerned it has received no payment from Argyll and Bute Council, as *The Oban Times* went to press.

But Argyll and Bute Council says it will pay the police the estimated £1,650 it owes when it receives an invoice.

Oban Police chief inspector Julie McLeish said: 'We thought the method of payment had been agreed but that is obviously not the case and this will be addressed.'

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Mary's Meals volunteer Michele MacLennan, trustee Graeme Pagan and shop manager Marie Rowan pictured at the screening of Child 31. 16\_146marysmeal01

## Film brings focus on Mary's Meals

AN EMOTIONAL film that focuses on the children helped by Argyll charity Mary's Meals across the world has been screened in Oban's Phoenix Cinema to great acclaim.

Child 31 captures the work of the Dalmally-based charity in Malawi, Kenya and India, where it provides a school meal for children in a bid to encourage attendance.

After the half-hour film showing last Saturday, one woman said: 'I'm an emotional wreck after that but it really shows the good being done by Mary's Meals in these countries.'

The charity's shop manager in Oban, Marie Rowan said she had received 'great feedback' about the film. Donations

amounting to £125 were also collected at the free-of-charge event.

Meanwhile, staff and students at Argyll College have donated almost £6,000 over the past year in support of the Mary's Meals school feeding programme at Weakama Primary School, Bomi County, Liberia.

Argyll College has committed a percentage of the income earned from hairdressing, catering, commercial courses and nursery provision across its 15 centres to support the primary school.

Weakama Primary School, which currently has 341 children enrolled, has no other outside support, apart from Mary's Meals.

## Double award win for Atlantis

ATLANTIS Leisure, Oban has scooped two major social enterprise awards in an Argyll-wide competition.

The centre was named Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network's (ABSEN) Social Enterprise of the Year Award, while chairman Neil Matheson was named social entrepreneur of the year.

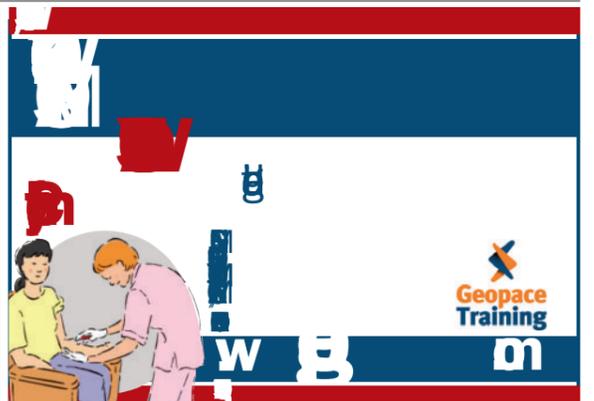
Stramash and its chief executive Niall Urquhart and Kintyre Recycling and manager Amanda Card were also highly commended.

A Dragons' Den competition held during ABSEN's annual conference in Dunoon saw Tobermory Harbour Association pick up the £1,000 first prize, with joint second going to Oban Phoenix Cinema and the Walking Theatre Company.

## Lochaber pupils in discussion forum

FORTY Lochaber High pupils took part in a Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) annual discussion forum for Scottish secondary schools - and met a gold medal athlete.

Guest of honour was world paratriathlon champion Jane Egan, who spoke about her sporting experiences since being diagnosed with the neurological condition Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.



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# New BIDS Board named

## BID4Oban steering group chairman steps down

THE BOARD who will lead a business driven project to revive Oban's town centre is now known following the appointment of directors.

Seven of the 10 places were filled last week, with the three directors representing the leisure and hospitality slots arriving on the board last Thursday following an election.

The new board consists of: Alister Jackson, Jackson the Butchers, Andrew Spence, Homebase, Billy Thomson, The Sports Shop, David McGregor, Simmers and Co, Roseanne Ogden, MacPhee and Partners, John Forteith, Forteith Foodservice, and Paul Sloan, Digital Kangaroo and Oban Bay Brewery.

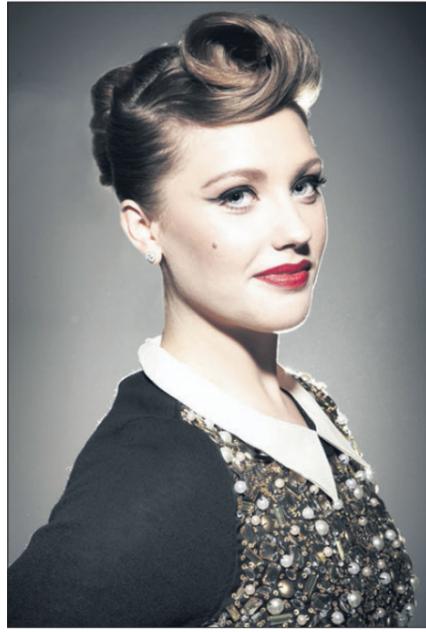
Elected to the board on Thursday from the leisure and hospitality sectors were Raymond Hyams from the Queen's Hotel, Lindsay MacDonald from Corran House and Andrea Simpson from Ark Hairdressing.

The man who chaired the BID4Oban steering group to success in establishing Scotland's first ever whole-town BID, Graham MacQueen, is to step aside to concentrate on his other commitments. He will remain as chairman of the shadow board until Christmas.

John Forteith, who worked with Graham on the steering group, said: 'I believe I speak on behalf of all of the steering group in acknowledging Graham's huge commitment over the BID campaign, despite the numerous other significant obligations and demands on his time. His tireless work to secure a positive ballot was without question a key factor in the successful campaign.'

With the board now appointed, the BID company's attention now turns to finding a BID manager and an events manager to lead projects in the town.

The five year BID4Oban scheme, which formally came into operation on October 31, will generate more than £840,000 towards improving the town's trading environment.



X Factor star Ella Henderson is the only remaining girl in the competition.

# Town backing X Factor's Ella

X FACTOR finalist Ella Henderson took another step towards winning the contest at the weekend, thanks in part to her family fanbase in Oban.

The town has adopted the 16-year-old singing sensation after her uncle and aunt, Andrew and Angie Henderson, began throwing X Factor parties for friends and erected a banner of support outside their Dunollie flat. There is also one of their banners in the centre of town.

Andrew and Angie's sons, Andrew junior and Craig, also live in Oban and work with their dad at Breedon Aggregates. Another Breedon workmate is Andrew's brother, David, who lives on Lismore.

Having been to see Ella sing live on the television show, where they met judge Louis Walsh and all the competitors, Andrew and Angie said their girl had a chance of winning - but urged Oban Times readers to support her.

Andrew said: 'She was one of the bookies' favourites but she needs the votes now because I don't think she is getting the right songs to sing.'

'She is working really hard - about 12 to 15 hours a day. It has been tough but she is enjoying every minute of it and she gets on well with the other contestants, especially Rylan Clark, who has become a great support for her.'

Andrew says his father, Willie, was Ella's inspiration to start singing and the Grimsby girl performed her own song, dedicated to her grandfather, at the first X Factor auditions.

'She is only 16 but from the age of four she was always singing,



Andrew and Angie Henderson from Oban meet up with their niece, Ella, at the X-Factor live shows.

said Andrew. 'I remember at family parties we would have the karaoke machine out and my father would tell her to go and get her microphone.'

'It was just one of those plastic ice-cream cones but there she would be, in her pyjamas, singing into her 'microphone' all night.'

'My father basically tutored her in the early years. I just wish he was still here to see this because he would have been so proud of her.'

Ella, who has studied at Tring Park School for Performing Arts in Hertfordshire from the age of 11, is the only remaining girl in the X Factor competition.

## Emergency services rush in wrong direction

EMERGENCY service vehicles attending a road crash, at which a woman suffered spinal injuries, were delayed after being sent to the wrong location.

The road crash, involving one car, happened at around 10.40am on Monday near Barbreck Farm Shop on the A816 Oban to Lochgilphead road.

But the Scottish Ambulance Service, which received the initial call, mobilised ambulance, police and fire services to Barbreck Farm Bungalow, in Kilchrenan - the opposite direction of the crash.

The mistake was only realised

when a community safety officer for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue passed the crash near Ardfern and phoned the emergency services. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue mobilised the Ardfern volunteer firefighters - the first on the scene at 11.15am - and appliances from Lochgilphead and Tarbert. The road was closed until 1.25pm.

The 65-year-old casualty was taken to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'Ambulances are despatched based on the information available at the time.'

## Talks over de-listing former Oban school fail to find solution

TALKS between Argyll and Bute Council and Historic Scotland to have the old Rockfield Primary School de-listed have so far failed to find agreement.

The Oban Times revealed in January that the authority wanted to de-list the Stevenson Street building, with no bidders

meeting the £475,000 asking price.

The main building, boundary wall and playground shelter are all Grade B listed, meaning potential developers would have to take cognisance of its character when redeveloping it.

While de-listing would remove

this condition and pave the way for substantial development or demolition, Historic Scotland have so far refused to budge from the building's protected status.

No formal application has yet been made, however. A council source told The

Oban Times: 'We still want it de-listed but there's no progress yet. Talks will continue.'

Historic Scotland said: 'There has been no formal application to demolish the former Rockfield School. We are currently in discussion with Argyll and Bute Council about whether a

positive future can be found for the building.'

Proceeds from the sale of the building would go into the authority's education budget and while two bids were submitted for the building at the end of last year, their offers fell some way short of the council's valuation.

Originally built in 1894, the school has remained dormant since 2007, when pupils transferred to the new Joint Primary Campus in Soroba.

When closed, the building already suffered from a leaky roof and a poor general state of repair.

## Woman airlifted after Ardfern crash

A PENSIONER was airlifted to hospital with a suspected back injury on Monday after a car crash near the Ardfern junction on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

The 65-year-old woman had to be cut out of the car by rescue crews. She was taken to Mid Argyll Community Hospital and later flown to Crosshouse Hospital for further treatment.

The accident happened at 11am when the car veered off the road and onto the embankment near the telephone exchange in Ardfern. Fire and rescue crews from Lochgilphead and Tarbert attended the scene in addition to police.

A man travelling in the car was not injured during the incident.

## Appin boy in radio documentary

AN INSPIRATIONAL 11 year old from Appin will be part of a BBC Children in Need radio documentary to be broadcast tomorrow (Friday).

Cameron Allen, who suffers from a severe form of Brittle Bone Disease, will be featured in BBC Scotland's Pudsey Pays Out programme being aired between 12.30pm and 1pm.

The determined Strath of Appin Primary pupil, who has to overcome regular breaks in his bones, has ambitions to be a Paralympian. Earlier this year he raised around £6,000 for the Brittle Bone Society through a sponsored silence.

## National Mòd echoes at Oban

THE ECHOES of the Mòd concert will be held in Oban next weekend for anyone who wants another chance to see some of this year's Royal National Mòd winners in the flesh.

The event will take place in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, November 24 from 7pm.

## Drivers escape injury near Tarbert

TWO MOTORISTS escaped serious injury after a car crash on the A83 near West Loch Tarbert on Monday.

A lorry and car collided at the West Loch Shores Caravan Park at 11.05am but neither driver was hurt.

## Youth cafe gets funding on the table to boost membership



Donors Jim Lynch and Graham MacQueen try out the new table as Oban Youth Cafe members Carla Miller, Josh Marlow and Arno Redlins look on. 16\_146pool01

GRANTS totalling £650 have helped Oban Youth Cafe buy a new pool table, encouraging more teenagers to attend the nightly group.

MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust donated £350 to the cause, while Oban FM Cash for Kids granted £300.

Youth leader Lori Hannah said: 'The pool table is the centrepiece of the room but the old one was very worn and the more serious players were starting to play elsewhere, so the new table has brought them back.'

'We average around 20 members every night now.'

Graham MacQueen, of the charitable trust, described the George Street youth cafe as a 'hidden jewel' in the town.

He added: 'The work that goes on here is incredible and we are happy to support it.'

Cash for Kids representative Jim Lynch, who also volunteers at the youth cafe, said: 'The front door and the kitchen are the next things needing updated and the kids have already done fundraising for that.'

'It is a great place where they can come after school to hang out with their mates or do homework.'

'For a relatively small investment, this table will give an immeasurable return.'

Oban Youth Cafe runs Monday to Saturday after school, opening 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

## Bogus workmen target elderly man

POLICE in Oban have issued a warning over bogus callers after an elderly man in the Soroba area of the town was targeted by so-called workmen.

A group of men claiming to be property maintenance contractors visited the 78-year-old man's house on October 24 and told him he needed roof repairs and agreed payment.

They returned on November 7 to tell him he had a burst water pipe that needed fixed. Knowing this wasn't the case, the man

phoned the police. Oban Police Inspector Julie McLeish appealed for anyone with information about the workmen.

She added: 'Our message is simple - not everyone is who they appear to be so don't be afraid to challenge them or question their intentions. If they are genuine, they won't mind. If anyone feels pressurised by workmen into getting work done on their homes, contact us at the time to allow us to investigate.'

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12/02109/PP	Erection of conservatory (retrospective)	Rudha Na Cloiche Corran Esplanade Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 5AQ	Oban Area Office
12/02152/PP	Installation of dormer window, erection of garage and formation of new vehicular access	1 Roundhouse Isle of Coll Argyll and Bute PA78 6TB	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
12/02339/PP	Erection of replacement conservatory roof and windows using existing conservatory base	Staffa North Connel Oban Argyll and Bute PA37 1RD	Sub Post Office Ledaig
12/02346/PP	Change of use from existing storage building to storage of shellfish (in holding tanks) and small scale shellfish processing	The Pier Ardmore Road Salen Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA72 6LL	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
12/02358/PP	Erection of external metal staircase, formation of new doorway and repositioning of gabion baskets	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office
12/02362/PP	Site for the erection of two dwellings	Garden Ground of Jarow Fishnish Craignure Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA65 6BA	Sub Post Office Craignure
12/02365/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse.	Fionnallt Lochawe Dalmally Argyll and Bute PA33 1AH	Sub Post Office Dalmally
12/02377/PP	Demolition of existing workshop/store and erection of replacement garage/workshop	Woodhall Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4BA	Sub Post Office Ledaig
12/02396/PP	Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels	Mount Stuart Glenshellach Road Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4QJ	Oban Area Office
12/02405/PP	Erection of a dwellinghouse, detached garage and installation of a septic tank (amendment to planning permission 12/01431/PP - minor amendment to positioning of dwellinghouse and garage)	Land at Ardtreatle Dalmally Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Dalmally
12/02442/PP	Alterations to dwellinghouse including formation of separate apartment	Craig Mor Taynuilt Argyll and Bute PA35 1HY	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
12/02465/PP	Formation of vehicular access (part retrospective)	Land West of Craig Lora Edendonich Dalmally Argyll and Bute PA33 1AS	Sub Post Office Dalmally

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12/02297/PP	Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse	Dwellinghouse East of The Shelling Mammal Isle of Tiree Argyll and Bute PA77 6UB	Tiree Area Office
12/02353/LIB	Erection of external metal staircase, formation of new doorway, repositioning of gabion baskets and internal alterations	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office
12/02375/PP	Erection of first floor balcony over existing flat roof	Flat 1 Post Office Main Street Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6NT	Tobermory Area Office
12/02376/LIB	Erection of first floor balcony over existing flat roof	Flat 1 Post Office Main Street Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6NT	Tobermory Area Office
12/02427/PP	Erection of detached garage	Ulva Cottage Western Road Tobermory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6PR	Tobermory Area Office

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12/02316/PP	Erection of greenkeeper's shed, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new access track from existing hotel drive	Islay Golf Club Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA42 7AN	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/02315/PP	Erection of 60 metre high anemometer mast for temporary period of 6 years	Land South East of Rhinns of Islay Lighthouse Orsay Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Portnahaven
12/02441/PP	Change of use of part of former school building to form 2 dwellinghouses	The Old School School Street Port Ellen Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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# McPhee's bad luck continues despite bike breakthrough

THE CAUSE of John McPhee's four-race run of disappointing Grand Prix results was finally pinpointed and put to rights this morning - but the fix did nothing to improve his race CV.

**Defective**

The RSF-backed rider, whose inability to rack up a points-paying finish was tracked down to defective front forks, ended the season on the sidelines after dropping his bike in the wet on lap nine.

Relieved to discover the underlying rea-

**MOTORCYCLING** Masbou at Caretta Technology at Aragon in September.

"It was good to have finally got to the bottom of the problem," said the 18 year old. "But the race wasn't entirely problem-free. 'Clearly we didn't have enough time to find the right set up for the conditions. But on top of that I had a new throttle fitted for the issues on his KRP-built and race after my crash in qualifying engineered chassis since taking and it had a totally different ac-

"There was also a minor gearbox problem which was causing the bike to jump out of gear. But I don't want to sound as if I'm making excuses. At the end of the day it was me who dropped the bike and I take the blame for that."

John steps up to a full season of Grand Prix racing with the German squad in 2013, where he will be partnered by 2012 Caretta team-mate Miller.

# Murphy clan welcome fifth generation to Glencruitten

'I think golf is a challenging game and I keep playing to try and improve'

**GOLF**

AN 83-year-old golfer, who has been a member at the Glencruitten course for 48 years, has welcomed the fourth generation of his family to the club.

Pat Murphy, who has suffered a heart attack and was diagnosed with diabetes last year, is the oldest club member by 10 years but still manages to play up to two rounds in one day - and shows no signs of slowing down.

He is now also golf coach to his great grandson, 12-year-old Andrew Ritchie, who has just taken up the sport.

**Regularly**

Andrew's membership means the Murphy clan has five members playing regularly at Glencruitten, including Pat's son and daughter, Philip Murphy and Diane Colewell, and Philip's 14-year-old son, Steven.

Philip, who was club champion in 1994 and 2000, said: "Dad will play 14 holes on a Friday morning with the older club members, then meet up with me and some of my friends later in the day to play another 18 holes. He's incredible."

"He'll play up to four days a week and just recently won the club's Family Trophy alongside Diane."

**Longevity**

Asked about the secret of his longevity, Pat replied: "My electric trolley! I got it after my heart attack."

"I think golf is a challenging game, so I keep playing to try and improve."

Pat, who moved to Oban from Banavie in 1962, said he only started playing golf at the age of 35 after getting caught sniggering at a struggling golfer on the first tee at Glencruitten.

"I was in the old West Highland Hospital but they let me come down to the golf course for a walk and I watched someone duff their tee shot," he explained.

"I had a wee laugh to myself but the club pro, Dougie Ireland, heard me and told me it wasn't as easy a game as I thought."

"I gave it a try and really liked it and,



Pat Murphy pictured at Glencruitten Golf Club with his golfing family members, from left: Diane Colewell, Steven Murphy, Philip Murphy and Andrew Ritchie. 16, 1469a01

having played shinty before, I had reasonable hand-to-eye coordination."

Pat, who also takes part in archery three times a week, now plays golf with a handicap of 14 but has been as low as seven.

He has worked in Oban as a barber and on the telephone exchange.

# Judo Masters win for Oban man

**JUDO**

A FORMER Oban man has had a surprise win at the British Judo Masters in Northern Ireland.

Drew Thomson achieved black belt standard in the sport and regularly competed in his 20s and 30s all over the UK.

However, having only taken up the sport again last year, he shocked everyone, including himself, by winning the British Masters event on September 28 - his first competition as a veteran.

Drew said: "It was a real surprise to win but I am absolutely delighted."

Drew and his wife, Frances, also attended a grand ball to mark 60 years of judo in Northern Ireland.



Drew Thomson on top of the podium.

# Young rugby fan to lead out Scotland as mascot

A YOUNG rugby fan from Mull will this weekend take to the pitch at Murrayfield as Scotland's mascot for their match against South Africa.

Fraser Robertson is a keen Isle of Mull Rugby Football Club mini player who plays for the island's P4/P5 team.

The Salen Primary School pupil, who lives at Glengorm, will

**RUGBY**

be accompanied by his father, Angus, and mother, Jennifer, as well as his brother and sister, Euan and Islay, who have been heard practising The Flower of Scotland by neighbours a mile away.

Not only will Fraser be supported by his immediate family at Murrayfield but also his extended family as Isle of Mull Rugby Football Club travel in numbers to support him and Scotland.

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY and online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
12/04150/FUL	Alltshellach Hotel North Ballachulish Onich, Fort William	Erection of Biomass Heating Cabin
12/04206/542	Tigh A Chladaich Glenmalie Road Caol Fort William	Application under Section 42 to develop land without compliance with condition 1 previously attached to planning permission ref. 04/00506/FULLO for the change of use of garage to garage with integral residential flat
12/04236/FUL	Caberfeidh Lochyside, Fort William	Extension to house
12/04291/FUL	Land 65M East of Ephesus Roshven, Glenuig	Erection of house

Time period for comments is 14 days  
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**SORORA TRAINING CIC**  
Company No: SC373500

1. David N Kaye of Crawford's Accountants LLP, Stanton House 41 Blackfriars Road Salford Manchester M3 7DB, hereby give notice pursuant to Rule 4.19 of the Insolvency Rules (Scotland) 1986 that I was appointed liquidator of the above named company on 29/10/2012. A Liquidation Committee was not formed. I do not intend to summon another meeting to establish a Liquidation Committee unless requested to do so by one tenth, in value, of the company's creditors. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30/11/2012 to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned, David N Kaye of Crawford's Accountants LLP, Stanton House 41 Blackfriars Road Salford Manchester M3 7DB, the liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary evidence as may appear to the liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved their debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.

DAVID N KAYE, Liquidator 730817

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 INSTALLATION OF A PRIVATE MOORING: SOUTH SHIAN, LOCH CRERAN**

Notice is hereby given that Mr Richard has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of the installation of a private mooring at:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Location South Shian, Loch Creran	56°31.030'N	05°23.916'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Ledaig Post Office, Benderloch, Oban PA37 1QN

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by e-mail: [MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference: FKB/J200

Mr R D Richard, Dalnashain, Benderloch, Oban PA37 15B

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## Fort William Golf Club hand out the prizes

FORT William Golf Club celebrated the top play from the last year at their annual prizegiving ceremony on Saturday, with club champion Duncan Rodger presented with the Connachie Cup.

Players and club members gathered at the club for the celebrations, and enjoyed dinner and drinks afterwards.

Among the prizewinners were Rosemary MacIntyre, who picked up the ladies club championship trophy, and Frank Sweeney, who won the senior club championship. Scott MacEachan picked up the Rummy Cup after winning the scratch match play club championship.

Prize winners: Connachie cup (men's club championship) Duncan Rodger; Rummy Cup (scratch match-play club championship) Scott MacEachan; Hugh Macintyre Trophy (handicap match-play club championship) Dougie Duncan; Lochy Bar (men's club championship handicaps 15-28) Ronald Macdonald; Clydesdale Bank Challenge Cup (knockout match-play handicap) Steven

Jamieson; Royal Bank Cup (two rounds stroke play, scratch) Duncan Rodger; Maciver Cup (two rounds stroke play, handicap) Kenny Gillespie; Jimmy Bruce Memorial Trophy (greensome knockout, handicap) Cal Brown and Mark MacDonald; Scottish Pulp And Paper Mills knockout match play (handicap) Brian Gillespie; Mairi Macintyre Rose Bowl (order of merit, scratch) Steven Jamieson; Young Trophy (order of merit, handicap) Steven Jamieson; Bank Of Scotland Tray (four ball match-play, handicap) Dougie Duncan and Alex Stewart.

Senior Club Championship - Frank Sweeney; Senior four ball (four ball match-play, handicap, over 50's) John Cameron and James Duncan; Wolverton Trophy - Brian Gillespie; 1912 Cup - James Ross; Captain's Prize - David MacGillivray; Vice Captain's Prize - William Duncan; Ben Nevis Motors (gross) Steven Jamieson; Ben Nevis Motors (net) Frank Sweeney; John Soutar Order Of Merit Trophy - Toby Richardson; Super Seniors - Andrew Brown; British Alcan Shotgun Foursome - Ken

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Jerram and Toby Richardson; Famous Grouse - Brian Stewart and Neil Young; Craig Paterson Memorial Trophy - David MacGillivray.

Ladies - Elliot Trophy (club championship) Rosie Macintyre; Clydesdale Bank Trophy (bronze division club championship) Ann Lovatt; MacNab Cup (singles, handicap) Iona Cameron; E.W.B. Howie trophy (three best net scores) Helen Brian; E. Cameron trophy (stableford) Rosie Macintyre; West Highland Oil Tray (ladies outing) Linda Gillespie; Wolverton Cup (ladies summer eclectic) Kathleen Leitch; Mungo Cup (ladies winter eclectic) Rosie Macintyre; Budget Rent-A-Car - Ann Lovatt; Roseburn Trophy (winter stableford singles) Rosie Macintyre; Letterfinlay - order of merit - Rosie Macintyre; Alex Fairlie Cup (mixed foursome matchplay, handicap) Kay Jerram and Paul Brian; Moorings Hotel Cup (ladies greensome knockout) Kim Topping and Ann Lovatt.



The top players from 2012 at Fort William Golf Club with their trophies.

## Lochaber players do well

A NUMBER of Lochaber squash players found success at the Highlands and Islands Squash Association (HISA) Championships at Lochaber Leisure Centre in Fort William last weekend.

Lochaber players took on competitors from across the Highlands over two days of competition, with Liz Merry, Bruce MacLean and Chris Walker all becoming divisional champions.

Walker came from two games down to defeat Donald Durrand in division three, while Bruce MacLean won division four. Liz Merry saw off Norma Gregory

### SQUASH

to win division five.

The Premier Division saw an extremely high level all play, with Lochaber's Bruce Love, Alan Love and Stuart Cameron all just missing out on a place in the final, where Inverness' Garry MacKay retained his title.

Tournament organiser Allan MacKay thanked all those who had worked to make the event a success, particularly the Leisure Centre staff and sponsors Premier Inn and Brown's Restaurant. HISA Chairman Dave Clem thanked Allan for his great effort in running the event.



Prizewinners from the Highlands and Islands Squash Association Championships.



Runners get the winter league season underway at the start line of the Canal Bank race at Banavie.

## Local youngsters give overall winner a run for his money

NEARLY 60 runners turned up for Lochaber Athletic Club's first race of the winter league season on Sunday, the Canal Bank Race.

Two local youngsters, Callum Fraser and Craig MacLean, gave overall winner Craig Mitchell of Shettleston Harriers a run for his money during the five mile race. The first race of the league had ideal conditions and a slight change to the race route, keeping runners off the road.

Reclaimed MacLean was in the lead until halfway, when Fraser took over. But after the tunnel section, Mitchell reclaimed the lead to finish first in 27 minutes and 37 seconds.

Fraser eventually ended up in second place overall 17 seconds behind, while MacLean finished in sixth place overall with a time of 29 minutes and 41 seconds.

The second senior to finish was LAC's Paul MacLean in 29 minutes.

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Manny Gorman of Westies impressed for the over 40s, finishing in third place overall with a time of 28 minutes and 5 seconds, while John Binnie of LAC was the second quickest veteran in 29 minutes and 1 second.

Nicola Meekin was the fastest female runner on the day, finishing the course in a time of 30 minutes and 5 seconds. Club mate Amanda Blackhall was second in 33 minutes and 55 seconds, with Lucy Prins, LAC, 12 seconds back in third.

LAC's Aileen Duncan said: 'Many thanks to the marshals, these races could not happen without them. Also well done to the handful of Jog Scotland runners who did very well.'

The next winter league race is the Drumfada Chase this Sunday at 11am.



A number of youngsters took part in the juniors race.

## Fort William travel to take on Buckie

### FOOTBALL

FORT William manager Danny Conlon expects to have a near full strength squad for this Saturday's trip to Buckie Thistle.

But heavy rain in Lochaber has meant the players have been unable to train at Claggan Park this week, with Conlon having to find alternative venues at short notice.

The team did fitness work and trained on the all-weather pitch on Lochaber High School, but Conlon told The Oban Times that was not a long-term solution.

He said: 'For us to train at the all-weather pitch costs us £60, so there's no way we could afford to do that three times a week. It's one of the biggest issues for us, not having a set training schedule.'

Fort's home game against Cove Rangers last weekend was postponed after torrential rain left the pitch 'floating' according to Conlon.

Buckie have had a mixed start to the season after a new manager was installed in the summer, along with a number of new players. They currently sit 11<sup>th</sup>, with 16 points from 10 games.

Conlon said: 'Having the weekend off meant a little bit of extra rest for one or two players, so I'm hopeful I'll have close to a full strength squad.'

'Last season they weren't as big and strong as some of the other teams. We're going up there expecting it to be as hard as the game against Forres.'

## Ali Young League

### INDOOR FOOTBALL

LOCHABER Leisure have a narrow lead over Achintore FC after the latest round of games in the Ali Young indoor football league at the Inver Centre on Sunday night.

Lochaber Leisure were pushed all the way by a stubborn AA Young side looking for their first win, but the league leaders took a narrow 5-4 victory.

Achintore failed to win for the first time this season, drawing 3-3 with HW Energy No Stars.

The Goon Squad leapfrogged Ballachulish into third place after a 4-0 win against the south Lochaber side.

Caol FC are fifth after beating All Blacks 5-3, while Old Codgers picked up their first win of the season, beating Portoway 4-0.



Railway Bowling Club members enjoyed their annual trophy presentations and dinner dance recently. The gents singles champions at the Inverloch club this year was Innes Woods, while Agnes Boyle picked up the trophy for ladies singles champion.

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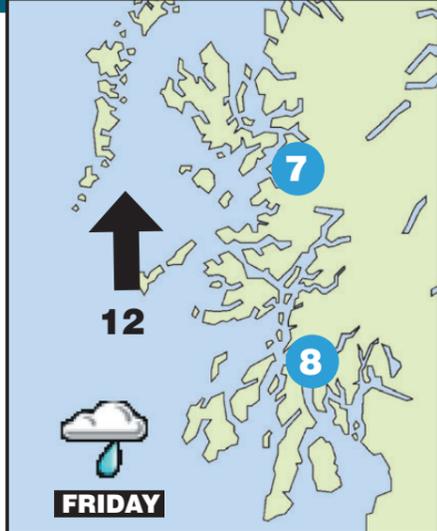
**Thursday** Cloudy  
Winds moderate south south westerly  
Temperatures 8°C to 9°C

**Friday** Light rain  
Winds moderate south south westerly  
Temperatures 6°C to 8°C.

**Weekend** Sunshine and rain showers  
**Outlook** Winds moderate south westerly  
Temperatures 5°C to 8°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**  
Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
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## Tides



Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, November 15, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	00.07 0.6 06.06 4.2 12.30 0.5 18.23 4.2	
Fri	00.51 0.6 06.49 4.2 13.18 0.6 19.06 4.0	
Sat	01.38 0.6 07.34 4.1 14.08 0.8 19.51 3.7	
Sun	02.26 0.8 08.23 3.9 15.01 1.0 20.38 3.4	
Mon	03.19 1.0 09.17 3.6 15.57 1.3 21.32 3.1	
Tues	04.16 1.3 10.24 3.4 16.59 1.5 22.44 2.9	
Wed	05.21 1.4 12.04 3.3 18.09 1.7 ** **	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mallaig	+0.25		

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