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Council opt for computerised calls

CALLS to reception at Argyll and Bute Council from next Tuesday will be answered by a computerised switchboard. Anyone calling the main switchboard, 01546 602127, will be able to speak the name of who they're trying to reach and be transferred directly. The council say the system will mean eliminate call queues. If the system doesn't recognise what has been asked for, they will be transferred to a receptionist. Communication spokesperson, Louise Glen-Lee, said: 'You can do most things on the council's website, but sometimes it is good to talk and this system should get us get through to the right person.'

Connel Bridge overnight closures

CONNEL Bridge will be closed overnight between Monday, July 2 and Thursday, July 5 for repairs after overhead beams were damaged by an over-height vehicle.

Scotland Transerv confirmed the bridge will be closed for all traffic, including pedestrians, between 10pm and 6am to allow the works to take place.

A signed diversion route will be in place.

LTA to sponsor

The Big Strip

AS OBAN gears up for The Big Strip on July 14, the Oban and Lorn Tourism Association has come on board as the event's main sponsor.

Organisers, BID4Oban, says it is delighted the tourist association has moved to support the event which takes place on Stevenson Street from 5pm. There will be performances on the day from Drams Allowed and Ceol na Aire, as well as market stalls.

Teenager walked and talked into jail

A TEENAGER found himself behind bars on Saturday after walking into Oban Police Station at 1.20am to verbally abuse the police officers on duty.

The 16-year-old boy was charged with disorderly conduct in a police office.



This colourful display from the Barr a'Danrsa dancers helped light up the Isle of Barra, as part of an entertaining and exhilarating showcase of skill. The Jane Douglas School of Dance's annual show attracted its usual large crowd to Castlebay Community School, with both locals and visitors alike dazzled by the technique and enthusiasm of the performers. A full report on Barr a'Danrsa 2012 can be found on page 13. Photograph - abigailtreffry.com.

New path could lead £1 million a year to Oban

A PATH running from Oban to Tyndrum will bring in £1 million a year to the local economy, according to a study.

Key national route

Scottish National Heritage (SNH) has today published a report stating the proposed path will be approximately 45 miles long, running through Dalmally, Lochawe, Taynuilt and Connel. The survey was funded by SNH in response to interest from the communities. It is hoped the project would be recognised as a key national route.

32,000 visitors

The path, which would link the West Highland Way to the Oban to Fort William cycle route, is also expected to bring 32,000 visitors to the area per year. The report also suggests the path may in future be extended to Mull and Iona, and appropriately named 'The Way to the Isles'.

Oban based SNH operations

officer Stephen Austin said: 'The great thing about this proposal is that it has come from the local community.'

'We're very keen to see the development of more trails across the country to help people get out and enjoy the outdoors and also help generate income to underpin the rural economy.'

Mr Austin confirmed that a route is still to be identified and said the proposal is at 'a very early stage'. He also said the project would only take place with the approval of landowners and farmers.

SNH claim existing businesses would have the opportunity to expand their offerings of accommodation and food and drink as the route would attract more visitors.

Mr Austin added: 'This report helps highlight the potential benefits of the path, as well as the need to get the promotion and marketing right.'

Trout farm company ponder Loch Etive expansion plan

A LANARKSHIRE-based fish farming company is considering opening a 14, 100metre pen rainbow trout farm on Loch Etive, near Taynuilt.

Argyll and Bute Council is currently processing an environmental impact assessment from Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd to build a new farm at Sailean Raudh, between Airds Point and Ardchattan Priory.

The company say SEPA-approved assessments showed the site to have biomass potential for 2,500 tonnes, exceeding the 2,000 tonnes it produces on its five existing farms on Etive.

Consolidating operations into one farm would make production more efficient, it said, and would require 12 full-time jobs, as opposed to the six full-time and six temporary staff it currently operates with.

Detailing its plans to the council, Dawnfresh said: 'The

biomass exceeds any of our existing locations and thus provides a platform for both expansion and more cost efficient production.'

'There will be considerable increase in local economic activity with the use of local service engineers and transport services.'

'Scottish Government figures estimate that each aquaculture job supports a further 2.1 jobs in ancillary industries.'

'There will be considerable increase in local economic activity'

Fish farm company Dawnfresh

Taynuilt Community Council's chairman, Murray Sim,

was concerned the group had not been contacted by Dawnfresh to keep them abreast of their plans.

He said: 'This is just a screening and scoping assessment at this stage, but Dawnfresh should be contacting the community councils concerned so we know what is happening.'

'There is a bit of concern about it.'

Ardchattan Community Council discussed the application at its Monday meeting.

New chairperson, Margaret Adams, said: 'It is certainly a sizeable farm.'

'This is something that could change the face of Loch Etive - and it is such a magnificent site with beautiful views.'

Fibre-optic boost for Oban

Homes and businesses to gain 10 times faster broadband

MORE than 3,500 homes and businesses across Oban will be given access to fibre-optic broadband next year, potentially offering 10 times faster speeds.

Telecoms operator BT this week announced the town will be among the 21 Scottish communities to benefit from the latest phase of its nationwide upgrade of exchanges to superfast broadband.

The upgrade will mean Oban homes will have access to download speeds of up to 80Mbps, where 8Mbps is currently the norm.

Around 3,690 homes and businesses will benefit. BT say the upgrade will give a major boost to the local economy, potentially creating hundreds of jobs and business start-ups.

That projection has been welcomed by Oban councillor and Argyll and Bute Council leader, Roddy McCuish, and Argyll and Bute MP, Alan Reid.

Mr McCuish said: 'Almost four thousand homes and businesses in Oban will be able to access this technology and benefit from this BT investment. That equates to 76 per cent of all homes and businesses in Oban.'

'It will be a real shot in the arm for businesses, households and public bodies, including the council itself, and is particularly welcome because it will happen next year.'

'BT's projection for the creation of new jobs and new start-up businesses as a knock-on effect is very good news for the longer term.'

Mr Reid said: 'This is very welcome news from BT for

'The arrival of fibre broadband will be a massive shot in the arm for the local economy'

BT's Scottish director

Oban. Super-fast broadband is an essential building block to economic recovery and growth.

'It gives our local firms a boost and brings us a competitive edge in attracting new businesses, jobs and investment. Residents will also benefit from being able to do more, better and faster, online.'

BT's Scottish director, Brendan Dick, said: 'The arrival of fibre broadband in Oban will be a massive shot in the arm for the local economy, creating new businesses, jobs and educational opportunities.'

'The benefits are major and wide ranging. As our new fibre network expands across Scotland it also brings new potential for offering essential public services on-line and cost savings across the sectors.'

BT says it aims to make speeds of up to 330Mbps available by spring next year to any area where fibre has been deployed.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Government has announced a £120million investment to bring superfast broadband to more communities across the Highlands and Islands, to be delivered by 2020.

Loch Awe side pointers lift awards at world dog show

A CLADICH couple are celebrating after their German Pointers won a host of awards at the World Dog Show - in a Germanic country.

Tracy and Graham Boyles recently returned home to the shores of Loch Awe from Salzburg, Austria, with four awards shared between bitch Breac, dog Dara and bitch, Affie.

Breac won the bitch and best of breed in her category, while Dara was named best dog.

Affie was reserve best junior, being three days over the age at which she could have entered as a pup, so was up against juniors almost twice her age.

'For the couple, winning in such emphatic style was a joy.'

Graham said: 'We didn't expect to win so much with a Germanic breed in a Germanic country. To do so was a

pleasant surprise.'

Graham works the dogs while Tracy is in charge at show time.

Their youngest pup's success was one of the most satisfying, said Tracy.

'Affie is Breac's pup and was three days over the age at which she could have entered as a pup so was against juniors almost twice her age. We were very pleased with her second place.'

'Breac regularly accompanies my husband wildfowling on the foreshore in the dead of winter and is a great working dog not just a show queen.'

In addition to the pointers, the Boyles also won the reserve best bitch with Portuguese Podengo, Cell.

The couple have been showing their dogs for years and were the first to bring pure-bred long-haired German Pointers into Scotland.



Tracy Boyles with her successful pups and their trophies at their Riverside Cottage bed and breakfast at Cladich.

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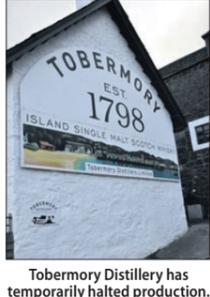
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Tobermory Distillery has temporarily halted production.

Drought on Mull halts 'water of life'

WHISKY lovers visiting the Isle of Mull could be in for a bit of a shock – the lack of rain has halted production of the 'water of life'.

Tobermory Distillery, one of the oldest in Scotland, has stopped producing its famous malts for the first time in nearly two decades.

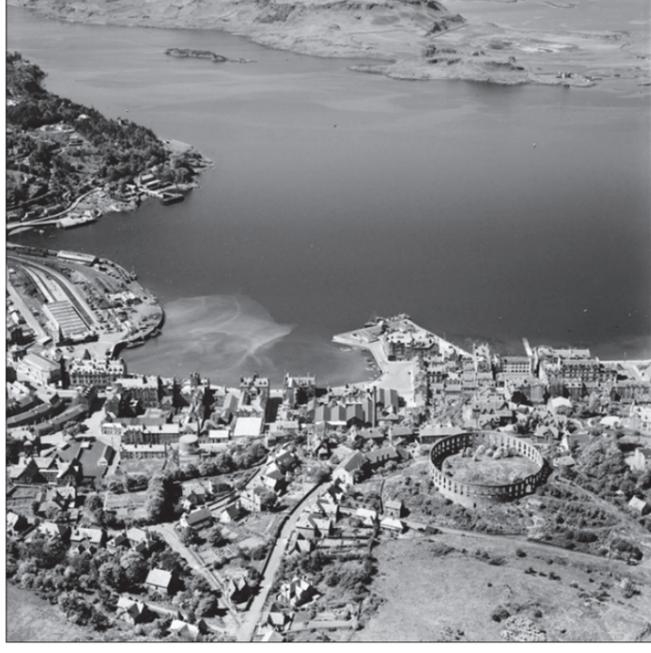
The move comes following an unusually dry spell of weather, which has caused water levels to dip below the amount required to maintain the quality of the whisky. The distillery has been owned by Burn Stewart since 1993 and produces two malts, Ledaig and Tobermory.

Ian MacMillan, Burn Stewart's master blender and distilleries manager, said: 'The water for our single malt comes from a small private loch on the island and over the last few weeks we have seen the water level occasionally dip to such an extent that we have temporarily halted production to preserve the quality and consistency of our whisky. The purity of the water we use is critical to the quality of our whisky and we have now decided to suspend production until a proper rainfall replenishes the loch to a satisfactory level.'

However, Tobermory single malt drinkers need not panic. We have a plentiful stock of the single malt ready to be bottled and supply will not be affected. Mull had less than a fifth of its average rainfall in the first weeks of June, despite heavy rain in other parts of Britain.

The problem on the island is mainly with private water supplies and Scottish Water has sent water tankers to the island to top up supplies in Tobermory.

Burn Stewart also own Bunnabhain Distillery on Islay and Deanston Distillery, Doune, which featured in the recent hit movie 'The Angels' Share'.



An aerial view of Oban taken in 1950.

Public asked to help identify historic aerial photographs

SOME of the oldest and most valuable aerial photos of Britain, including Oban, have been released to the public for the first time in the hope many of the rural locations can be identified.

Rare, and fragile, prints from the Aerofilms Collection have been digitised and are now available online for all to see.

Pictures of the Highlands and Western Isles, including an aerial shot of Oban in 1950, are among the collection, captured between 1919 and 2006.

There are more than one million photographs in the collection with 5,000 of Scotland going online alongside a further 12,000 from across the UK.

These are some of the farthest back in the collection belonging to Aerofilms, the oldest commercial aerial photography company in the world.

West coast residents are now invited to help identify the locations of a number of mystery images that have left experts stumped.

Linked

Rebecca Bailey, from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland said: 'The history of Aerofilms is inextricably linked to the history of modern Britain. The original pilots and photographers were veterans of the First World War, and they brought specialist skills learned in the conflict to the task of capturing the nation from the air. Between 1919 and 1953, there was vast and rapid change to the social, architectural and industrial fabric of Britain, and Aerofilms provides a unique and at times unparalleled perspective on this upheaval.'

'We hope people will immerse themselves in the past through the new website, adding their own thoughts and memories to this remarkable collection.'

The collection was acquired for the nation in 2007 and by 2014 the website will showcase 95,000 images taken between 1919 and 1953.

The Britain from Above online collection can be found at www.britainfromabove.org.uk.

Argyll ghost town on market

Abandoned Loch Fyne village could be re-developed

AN ABANDONED Argyll village last occupied 35 years ago could be heading for re-development after the 25-acre site was put on the market.

The former oil workers' accommodation at Polphail Village, near Portavadie Marina, overlooking Loch Fyne, has been brought to the market by CKD Galbraith, although no guide price has been announced.

Commonly referred to as the 'Ghost Village', Polphail was constructed at a cost understood to be in the region of £3.3million to meet the demands of the UK oil boom of the 1970s.

The village was to provide accommodation for oil platform construction workers who were to work at the construction yard a short distance to the north, now Portavadie Marina.

It was intended for the yard to build concrete platform systems to meet the demand of the North Sea oil boom. However, the industry moved on quickly and most of the demand was for steel platform systems instead.

Accordingly, no orders were placed for the concrete platform systems and the project was shelved without any of the workers occupying Polphail.

The site has attracted the attention of urban artists and documentary filmmakers – in 2009, six street artists known as Agents of Change decorated Polphail's walls and the village featured in a short documentary film directed by Matt Lloyd, which premiered at the Inverness Film Festival.

Marketing agent Harry Stott said: 'The village has a fascinating and chequered history mired by financial scandal when it was originally built, but there is something about the property that really captures the imagination.'

'The site has huge potential as a development site within an attractive setting and naturally stunning surroundings. The site is suitable for a range of uses although we suspect most interest will revolve around residential homes.'

Isle of Mull road surface 'lethal' say community council

A ROAD surface, described as 'lethal' by Mull Community Council, has been laid just outside Tobermory.

The A848 from Tobermory to Salen had recently been resurfaced and residents say they were pleased with the flat black road created in the work.

But one day before 150 cyclists descended on the island to take part in Mull Cyclosportive, Argyll and Bute Council decided to surface-dress the road with gravel which was then rolled by machine.

Last week's meeting of the island's community council reported that even several days after the surface had been put down it was so slippery drivers 'dared not travel above 20 mph'.

'The way they have gone about resurfacing is ridiculous, we were given no prior notification. They laid a whole lot of gravel from just outside Tobermory on Saturday and we had 150 cyclists on that road on Sunday. It is lethal,' the meeting heard.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The new layer of grit is a tried and tested treatment known as surface dressing.'

Binder

'Essentially, treatment consists of spraying the existing road surface with a layer of bitumen binder then applying small aggregate chips to the surface.'

'Initially, any loose chips take time to bed in and therefore temporary speed restrictions are always in place.'

'The problem of loose chips is of a very temporary nature and usually the first sweep is carried out within 24 hours of treatment. In the meantime, sites are well signed to warn motorists of the hazard.'

Campbeltown man leads bus company to second industry award

A BUS company boss, originally from Campbeltown, has won two top industry awards within months.

Ian Craig, managing director of Lothian Buses, won the Outstanding Contribution to Local Transport Award at the Scottish Transport Awards in Glasgow.

Mr Craig had already been named regional director of the year at the Institute of Directors Awards in March.

The 42-year-old started work at his family's business, West Coast Motors, in 1989. Since August 2006 he has been managing director at Lothian Buses, the UK's largest publicly-owned bus operator.

Mr Craig said: 'I am honoured to win such an award but Lothian Buses is nothing without its 2,000-strong workforce, each of who play a vital role in the success of the company.'

'This award is a credit to the vision and hard work of all the team who are dedicated in delivering the very best possible service every day and night.'



Lothian Buses managing director Ian Craig.

100,000 native trees to be planted on Ben Lawers

BEN LAWERS, near Killin, is on its way to a new look thanks to a National Trust for Scotland project to plant 100,000 native trees.

So far, the £250,000 project has seen 51,470 birch, willows, rowan and alder take root on the lower slopes of Meall nan Tarmachan, with the rest of the planting to be completed across 75 hectares by the end of the year.

The project is being funded through the Scottish Rural Development Programme as part of a wider objective to increase bio-diversity and enhance landscape value at the nature reserve, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation.

A trust spokesperson said: 'Restoring the woodland will continue to enrich the habitat of Ben Lawers, encouraging more insects and wildlife.'

'Visitors will appreciate the more natural landscape the future trees will create with a mosaic of small wooded areas and open hillside.'

'Ben Lawers is rich in biodiversity and renowned for rare alpine plants. However, like many upland areas in Scotland, the effects of grazing animals have restricted some plant communities to cliffs and inaccessible ground.'

'In Scotland, we often think that the mountains are supposed to be treeless but that is not the case.'

'For decades now work has been going on a Ben Lawers to restore some of the elements that have vanished from the open hillside. For example there are several enclosures that boast a range of trees, shrubs and wildflowers and pioneering restoration is being carried out on high altitude willow scrub, endangered in Scotland.'

Meanwhile, on Wednesday July 25 and August 8, there will be an introduction to navigation and the basics of how to use a map and compass in the hills.

For more information on the hill contact the national trust on 0844 4932 136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk.

Disease threatens Scottish bee stocks

BEEKEEPERS are being urged to be on the lookout for a killer disease which cannot be treated.

An outbreak of American Foulbrood (AFB), a disease affecting colonies of honeybees, has been found in Inverness-shire.

The disease was confirmed last week following laboratory diagnosis by Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture.

The AFB infected hive, near Inverness, will be destroyed as there is no permitted treatment for the disease in the UK.

There are no risks to public health from AFB and no implications for the quality and safety of honey.

To help Scottish Government Bee Inspectors control this and other diseases, beekeepers are urged to register on BeeBase, the national bee database.

AFB is a notifiable disease. It kills off bee larvae, is highly contagious and difficult to eradicate.



Pupils at Duror Primary School got on their bikes at the weekend and raised more than £1,000 for school funds. The 17 youngsters cycled around 18 miles from Barcaldine to Ballachulish along the new Sustrans bike path while carrying out their own Olympic-style torch relay. The event was organised by the parent council. Mum Katy Cockerill said: 'All the children put in such a brilliant effort. Five children managed the whole 18 miles and one of them even cycled back another five miles. We think we have raised more than £1,000 for the school funds through sponsorship from family, friends, the local community and Marine Harvest's generous contribution.'

Dunbeg man denies theft of credit card and cash

A DUNBEG man has denied charging more than £900 to a stolen bank card in just two days in Dunbeg and Oban.

Thomas Kerr, aged 47, appeared at Oban Sheriff Court from custody last Wednesday and pled not guilty to nine charges of theft. He is accused of stealing a woman's bank card and, on June 15, withdrawing £101.96 in cash on two occasions from an automatic teller machine (ATM) near Dunbeg. He also allegedly withdrew a third sum of cash.

Three days later he is accused of stealing further sums of cash another five times at a number of locations in and near Dunbeg and in Oban.

Mr Kerr was remanded in custody for his next court appearance on July 10.

Mull Lines

AN ANNUAL golf competition on Mull will go ahead this year without the backing of a sponsor.

The MacBrayne cup, which is usually held in August, was previously sponsored by Belhaven.

Organisers say they are 'very grateful' for the firm's support in the past and 'appreciate their reasons' for withdrawing sponsorship.

'It is tough times for everyone,' said Gordon Chalmers. 'We are very grateful for Belhaven's support and hope to have them on board again some time in the future but at the moment we are looking for a new sponsor.'

Last year's event, held on August 6 and 7, was won by Paul MacKinnon after a playoff with Ewan MacCrone.



The sheep was created by chain-saw artist Peter Bowsher.

A LIFE-SIZE oak sheep has been gifted to a Mull church after created by an internationally acclaimed chain-saw artist.

Salen Church received the garden ornament after a friend of the congregation commissioned the piece.

Peter Bowsher carved the sheep which now stands in a small garden in full view of everyone who uses the glass-walled corridor of the village church centre.

The sheep's peeling fleece and position just in from the gate are intended to suggest it is a lost sheep returning. There's even a trough of food awaiting it.

Salen Youth Club also hosted a welcoming breakfast in the church centre on Sunday June 17 after which Jan Sutch Pickard, a former warden of Iona Abbey, 'preached the sheep in' at an all age worship.

Its first tasks will include welcoming children to the Scripture Union Holiday Club in August; and attracting visitors.

TOBERMORY High School filled the Aros Hall with rodents recently as they put on a two-night performance of The Pied Piper of Hamelin.

The show, billed as a 'triumph of collaboration', was directed by Ryan Lowe assisted by school staff and members of the community.

There were 40 young performers aged from eight to 18 in the show, which ran on June 14 and 15.

One audience member said: 'Somehow, this entertaining and energetic adaptation of a chilling tale ended with warmth and reconciliation. The verve of the cast and the magic of theatre cast the real spell.'

THINGS are about to get a bit 'fishy' in Mull as street theatre hits the island with a fish out of water performance.

Mull Theatre and An Tobar are presenting the large scale community production in conjunction with Conflux.

The project will involve up to 50 performers from the island with local groups being invited to take part in free street theatre workshops led by a team of Conflux artists.

Based at Mull Theatre, 'Fish out of Water' will perform for the crowds at Mull Highland Games and Calgary Art in Nature.

Workshops will take place between Monday July 9 and Tuesday July 17 with performances at Calgary on Wednesday July 18 and at the games on Thursday July 19. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to try out new things and an interest in learning about street theatre. Participants must be over 14 years old.



A MEMBER of Tobermory Community Fire Station is to receive an award as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Watch commander Willie Hume will pick up the Queen's Fire Service Medal at a ceremony in either Holyrood or Buckingham Palace later this year.

Mr Hume, who is the only recipient of the award in Scotland this year, has worked tirelessly with the fire service for nearly 33 years.

He said: 'I'm over the moon, extremely chuffed to say the least. It is a great honour but it is not just for me. It is for everyone at the station and the whole of Mull and Iona. I want to thank my employers, Argyll and Bute Council, for showing so much support and releasing me from work over the years.'

Mr Hume joined the service in 1979 and has been the officer in charge since 1998, also taking on responsibility for the volunteer units at Salen, Craignure, Bunnassan and Iona. He added: 'I joined to give something back to the community. It is a wonderful community and a wonderful place to live. It is a real privilege.'

Mr Hume has known about his honour since receiving a letter in May but couldn't say anything until it was officially announced earlier this month. His fundraising efforts have also attracted attention with the station being named runner up Fire Station of the Year in 2009 in recognition of the tens of thousands of pounds raised.

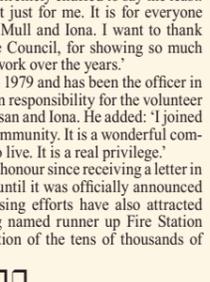
A FREQUENT visitor to the Isle of Mull sadly passed away two weeks ago – and authorities are asking for your help to find his relatives.

Alex Nelson, who was aged 62, lived in the Britwell area of Slough and worked as a handyman and care assistant for the council there.

His staff records only indicate the name of his ex-wife, with a previous address. But it is known that Alex had children and made frequent trips to Mull.

Colleagues at the council have been unable to name any family or friends so the coroner is now asking for the assistance of Mull residents.

Anyone who has any information on Alex Nelson, pictured above, should contact coroner Janine Prunty on 01753 633732.



Alex Nelson.

MULL LINES is a bit behind the times but would still like to extend a warm welcome to Craig Biddick, the new head teacher of Tobermory High School.

Mr Biddick comes to Tobermory from Tarbert Academy and was a welcome choice according to the Parent Council.

Send your news from the Isle of Mull to Faith Orr at The Oban Times
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Salmon farmers sponsor Tobermory's Marine Education Centre

THE MARINE Education Centre currently under construction in Tobermory has funding secured for the foreseeable future thanks to local salmon farming companies.

Five year deal

The centre, part of Tobermory Harbour Association, will be sponsored for the next five years by the Scottish Salmon Company and Scottish Sea Farms.

The new funds will be used to

create exhibits which celebrate local industry, environmental excellence and the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

The sponsorship also puts the centre, which will be in the Taigh Solaris building within Tobermory harbour, on course to open for the summer.

Don Mitchell, project manager said: 'With both The Scottish Salmon Company and Scottish Sea Farms now on board, we are driving forward with our plans

and hope to have the centre up and running in July.

'Salmon farming represents an important aspect of life on Mull and I am delighted they are lending their support.'

Working harbour

The Marine Education Centre is intended for visitors and local residents, adults and children and will provide an interactive experience of the life of Tobermory's working harbour community.

It will present exhibits on fishermen, fish farms, hand divers, recreational divers and boat users, alongside the support organisations that allow this industry to take place, including the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Coastguard and Northern Lighthouse Board.

The centre will also have an environmental focus, highlighting shoreline habitats, creatures and the wider marine ecology,

alongside exhibits promoting work around sustainability and environmental protection.

'Tremendous idea'

There are also plans for a large marine tank and touch pools with daily talks with marine biologists from the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

Rosanna Pile, of the Scottish Salmon Company, which employs 39 people on farm sites in and around Mull said: 'The Marine Education Centre

is a great way to promote the dynamic life of the coastline and the Tobermory Harbour Association is to be congratulated for bringing together the different aspects of education, industry and tourism together.

'The centre is a tremendous idea and as part of the Mull community we are proud to lend our support.'

Rory Conn, from Scottish Sea Farms, which employs over 30 people in the area said: 'Salmon

farming is a vital source of employment in Mull and we see the Marine Education Centre as an ideal opportunity for locals and visitors to engage with and learn more about the role of aquaculture within the environment and local economy.

'Scottish Sea Farms is always looking for ways to support the local communities in which we operate and we look forward to assisting with the creation of this centre.'

'Affordable' Mull housing proving costly

SUPPOSEDLY affordable housing is leaving some residents with 'horrendous' heating bills, according to one Tobermory tenant.

Residents in the town's Struan Crescent, managed by West Highland Housing Association (WHHA), are reporting electricity bills of nearly £700 for three months.

One tenant's bill for heating a small two bedroom home, with heaters only in the kitchen, hall and sitting room was a total of £689 for the months of March, April and May.

They said despite the properties only being occupied last November some had already changed hands as people could not afford to pay the bills.

Lesley McInnes, chief executive of WHHA said: 'West Highland will speak with all tenants at Struan Crescent about their heating costs.'

'We should be able to use the information from their electricity bills to check how much energy is being used and advise accordingly.'

Barra celebrates pre-school centre's reprieve from axe

PARENTS of children attending nursery on Barra are celebrating this week after confirmation that the community run pre-school provision in Castlebay has been saved.

The full council of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar backed a decision by its education committee to abandon plans to move pre-school provision into Castlebay Community School - a move that would have resulted in the closure of Barra Children's Centre.

The decision follows months of protests from islanders over the controversial proposals, which would have seen the authority spend £80,000 converting two rooms in the school to meet provision already provided by the centre.

Abigail Treffry, children's centre co-ordinator, said: 'Barra Children's Centre would like to thank the people of Barra, Vatersay and beyond for their overwhelming support.'

'Our thanks also goes to the councillors who took the time to listen to the case that we made for retaining provision at the Children's Centre and who voted in our favour at committee. We are looking forward to working in partnership with CnES in the delivery of pre-school education and can now concentrate our efforts on ensuring that children in Barra and Vatersay continue to have access to high quality services and facilities.'

Barcaldine listed
BARCALDINE-based guest house, Ardorna, is the only Scottish business listed in *The Shires Magazine* as one of the UK's top 10 places to stay.

Path plan takes town forward

Black Lynn project could transform Oban town centre

A FOOTPATH could be built to extend across the Black Lynn as part of an ambitious plan to transform one of Oban's most overlooked assets.

'Astounding asset'

The project to regenerate and clean the waterway took a step forward on Monday when representatives from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), The Wild Trout Trust, Argyll Fisheries Trust and Bid4Oban met at Soroba Lane Bridge to further flesh out plans.

Work to improve the burn has already started, with the stretch at Stevenson Street already sporting a new look thanks to the joint efforts of Oban in Bloom, Oban Litterbusters and Bid4Oban.

However, moves are now afoot to turn the stream into a real attraction and an 'astounding asset for the town'.

That includes improving the area's biodiversity, creating new access points, installing benches and even creating a suspended walkway through sections of the route.

Graham MacQueen is co-ordinating the project on behalf of Bid4Oban.

He said: 'This is a long-term plan, it won't take a few months to complete - we're talking years.'

'There is no reason why this cannot be developed into an area of immense benefit to

Oban, instead of the liability it currently is.

'The whole town would benefit. Restoring the Black Lynn is huge for Oban.'

Aggregate Industries will later this summer deliver 30 tonnes of granite for deposit into the Black Lynn, after years of accumulated rubbish is removed.

The granite will help improve the natural habitat for fish, with brown and sea trout, flounders and eels already inhabiting the stream. An otter was also spotted in the Lynn on Saturday, which SWT say demonstrates the quality of the water.

Paul Gakell of the Wild Trout Trust, travelled from Sheffield to examine the plans for the Black Lynn. He gave his backing to a path, as five like it exist in old industrial waterways in Sheffield.

Paul, who runs the nationwide Trout in the Town project, said: 'For Sheffield, the paths were 25 years in the offing but it has resulted in an extremely attractive area.'

'This is just a first look at this, but it's definitely a possibility.' SNH's Stephen Austin, added that improving an area's appearance can help improve its biodiversity, as the local community enjoy it more.

He said: 'I'm very pleased to be able to get involved and support a project like this within the centre of Oban.'



Police closed the A828 north of Creagan Bridge for eight hours following the collision last Wednesday. (26creagancrash1)

Lismore grieves following Creagan crash

COMMUNITIES in Lismore and Australia are reeling this week after a woman died in a head-on collision near Creagan Bridge, Appin.

Police appeal for witnesses
Cristall Lutyens, 75, died shortly after her vehicle collided with another on the A828 just north of Creagan Inn around 3.45pm last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the other driver, Australian man Bill Henry,

remains in intensive care at Glasgow Southern General. His wife Anne, who suffered a broken foot in the collision, has been transferred to the same hospital to be closer to her husband. Several members of the family have flown over from Australia to be with the couple.

Police continue to appeal for witnesses to the collision. Cristall became well liked on Lismore after moving there

from New Zealand with husband Tony, who passed away in 2008.

Friend, Jill Dixon-Spain, said: 'Very many people were close to her because she was a central part of the community. She was a very cheerful person.'

'She was a talented artist, a great lover of nature and loved her country dancing. 'She was someone who always entered into the spirit of things.'

'Her death just leaves such a big hole.'

Thoughts and prayers

Speaking from Australia, David Grassy, the son-in-law of the Henrys, said: 'Bill is with family who flew from Australia to be with them.'

'We would also like to pass on our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the lady who passed away as a result of the collision.'

Oban's chief inspector, Brian Auld, said: 'We are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen either vehicle prior to the incident.'

'In particular we're looking to speak to the driver of a black, old style, BMW estate, which we believe passed the scene a short time beforehand.'

The A828 was closed for eight hours following the crash on Wednesday.

School pupils face subject 'lottery'

PUPILS at Oban High School are facing not getting the qualifications they need to get into university due to staff shortages.

For the second year running, parents are concerned their children may be denied the opportunity to study towards a subject deemed necessary for a university degree if 'over-subscribed'.

'Lottery'

Pupils also say they've been left in the dark over whether they'll be able to select their chosen subjects, saying the lack of availability could result in an unnecessary extension to their school career.

While Argyll and Bute Council say there is a process to ensure such problems 'rarely happen', it admits no course is guaranteed in any year because it will 'only run courses which are viable and for which we have staff'.

However, MSP, Michael Russell, who said he would comment as local MSP and not education secretary, is to write to the authority to request it makes clear the options available. He said: 'I would encourage the school and the pupils to be imaginative to look at link schooling or distance learning options.'

One pupil told *The Oban Times*:

'I need to get higher biology to do psychology at university, but I've been told there's no guarantee I'll get it at all now. It just seems like a lottery.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said pupils and parents are advised that more options are offered than can be fulfilled and as such only courses with enough pupils will be run.

She added: 'Our pastoral care and careers teams ensure that we work with pupils and parents to limit any potential problems in this area.'

'Therefore, there is a process to ensure the problem rarely happens.'

Oban pontoon plan recommended for nod

OBAN is another step closer to having a transit marina constructed in the bay after council officers recommended councillors approve the re-submitted plan.

The Oban Bay Marine plan to build a multi-use/short stay transit marina, plus diesel berth, manager's office, provision for small day boats/ribs and limited use for overwintering was recommended for approval at yesterday's (Wednesday) planning committee meeting.

Argyll and Bute Council planners said the proposal was consistent with its development plan but have recommended approval with 16 conditions. The marina development seems to have found favour with the public too, having gained 132 letters of support and only four objections recorded.



Examining the litter currently strewn across the Black Lynn are, from left, Graham MacQueen, Paul Gakell, Alan Kettle-white from Argyll Fisheries Trust, Bid4Oban co-ordinator Pauline Cameron, Daniel Brazier from Argyll Fisheries Trust, Stephen Austen, and SNH's Andrew Campbell. 15_126blacklynn1

On your marks for Lorne Highland Games

FINAL arrangements are being made for the Lorne Highland Games, an evening Highland games for Oban, on July 18.

Inaugural event

Organisers are encouraging locals to turn out at Mossfield to support the first year of the venture and help make it a regular fixture in the Highland games calendar.

Games co-ordinator Duncan MacIntyre, who has been involved in Highland games as an athlete

and judge for more than 30 years, previously insisted the new games would complement the established Argyllshire Gathering, not detract from it, and could also replace the defunct Kilmore Highland Games. Mr MacIntyre explained: 'These games are for the people of the Oban and Lorn area to get involved in.'

'But it is also well timed for the heavyweight athletes, who will be in Inveraray the day before and on

Mull the day after. For that reason we are expecting an impressive heavyweight field.'

As well as the heavyweight events, there will be track and field, a hill race, youth races, shinty, football, rugby and a tug-of-war. Highland dancers and pipers will complete the line up of entertainment.

Anyone interested in taking a trade stand should contact Alex Milligan on 07796 891 676.

Police make arrests

POLICE charged a 37 year old man last week in connection with an assault on a 57-year old woman at a hotel in Oban last Tuesday.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Two teenage boys, aged 14 and 15, were charged and reported with theft on Tuesday after stealing from a Soroba Road shop.



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Duart opens gates to kinsmen

1,000 gather on Mull

DUART Castle on the Isle of Mull enjoyed a record breaking number of visitors on Saturday as over 1,000 members of Clan Maclean came together under the banner of the centenary gathering.

March

The day began with a march up to the gates of the castle, led by the Mull and Iona Pipe Band, before Robin Maclean of Ardgour invited the assembled clansmen to 'call on the chief'.

He said: 'Clansmen and Clans-



Lady Maclean and her son, Sir Lachlan Maclean, greet clan members. 16_126maclean05

women, is it your wish that your arrival at Duart Castle be announced to the Chief??

He then ceremoniously rapped on the castle's new huge wooden gates three times before Sir Lachlan Maclean appeared to resounding cheers.

Welcome from chief

Sir Lachlan welcomed the clan to Duart Castle and thanked them for coming on the centenary of the original celebration of the castle being returned to Maclean ownership.

The Maclean clan chief told the assembled crowd he appreciated them travelling from all over the world to be at Duart to mark the

occasion.

Addressing his clansmen and clanswomen he said: 'My father wrote once that the sea that washes on the rocks below my window is the same sea that washes on the beaches or the rocks below where you live.

'We are all tied by the sea and I think that is an important thing because when I am travelling to visit the clan I always look at the sea and I think, well that is the same sea that is up by us, it might have travelled a hell of a long way but it is the same old sea.'

He added: 'Many of you, when you visit for the first time say "it's



More than 1,000 clan members from throughout the world attended the centenary gathering on the Isle of Mull. 16_126maclean03

Video of this available online
OBANTIMES.CO.UK

New gates for Duart castle

A NEW set of oak gates to guard the entrance of Duart Castle were gifted to Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart from clansmen and women from around the world.

The gates were presented by Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, on behalf of Lord Maclean, and crafted by Lee Gardinor, formerly of Mull.

Sir Lachlan said: 'You have all come from far and wide to see the new gates being unveiled and I do appreciate it, and my family appreciate it very much.'

'My mother is here too, and most importantly she thinks they look pretty good as well.'

'It is our home but it is also the clan home and I hope you feel these gates are a part of you just as much as they are a part of Duart.'

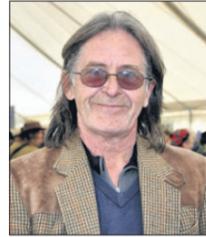


Historical re-enactments took place throughout the day. 16_126maclean02

funny, when I get on the ferry I feel like I'm coming home," and there will always be a welcome here for you at our home.'

The day continued with members of the clan being invited into the castle to sign the book of attendance and be presented with a commemorative medal - an exact replica of those given in 1912 - by Sir Lachlan.

The festivities continued throughout the day with historical re-enactments taking place and a variety of pipers entertaining the crowd, more than twice the size of the 400-strong 1912 gathering.



Dougie MacLean, one of Scotland's best loved singer-songwriters, at the gathering. 16_126maclean04

A special tune had even been commissioned for the centenary celebration and was performed by James MacLean, the Chief's piper.

Guests were also regaled with stories from Scot AnSgeulaiche, seanachaidh to Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart, as he took to the stage and explained the history of the kilt.

The day concluded with a group photo, as took place in 1912, and a round of *Auld Lang Syne*, led by singer/songwriter Dougie MacLean alongside Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch and 28th chief of the clan, Sir Lachlan.

Clansmen gather in song

OUTSIDE the castle gates the crowd were led in song by Brigadier John Macfarlane of Taynuilt, and the chorus of 'The MacLean Gathering at Duart 1912' echoed around the castle grounds:

So we gather, gather, gather, Like the sons of loyal men, We rally round the banner Of old Duart's house again.



The clan march to the gates of Duart Castle. 16_126maclean01

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Group aiming to turn Tobermory into cultural hub seeks directors

A MULL arts initiative aimed at turning Tobermory into a creative hub for Argyll and Bute is seeking to expand its board of directors.

Comar is appealing for eight new members to help drive its vision to deliver professional-

quality theatre, music, dance and visual arts activities locally, regionally and nationally.

Expand

It will also expand into other art forms, particularly Gaelic, and help develop a wide-ranging community participation

and education programme. Chairman of Comar Norman Quirk said: 'All we ask of you is that you are committed to the cultural sector and are willing to give of your time to help us develop Comar as a centre of excellence for the arts in Mull

and Iona, Argyll and Bute and beyond.

Economy

Comar aims to have an impact on the growth of the local economy, community development, skills, training and employment opportunities.

'We would welcome interest from all so please don't be put off if you are not based on Mull or Iona.'

Directors are not remunerated but expenses for attending meetings will be paid. Meetings are held bi-monthly, usually

in Tobermory. Formed from a partnership between An Tobar and Mull Theatre, Comar's priorities include developing a wide-ranging community participation and education programme and working with a wide range of funding

and creative partners. The organisation will develop work across Argyll as well as nationally.

To volunteer as a director or to find out more, contact Norman on norman@quirk.co.uk or phone 01688 301223.

Firm targets customer service apprentices

TRAIN company ScotRail is looking for a new group of customer service apprentices between the ages of 16 and 23 for an 18 month programme.

After the success of ScotRail's last Customer Service Scheme, it has decided to search for a second group of candidates to take on the experience. The programme will give candidates the chance to be awarded a Level 2 VQ in customer service, the chance to undertake their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and a future full-time job at ScotRail.

Steve Montgomery, ScotRail's managing director, said: 'We are delighted to reintroduce the Modern Apprenticeship in Customer Service for new recruits.'

'Like the first group, they will face many challenges during the 18 months.'

'However, in return they will receive first rate training and mentoring to develop their confidence and equip them with the skills to forge a successful career.'

Harris sea loch toxin warnings

WARNING signs have been posted round three Harris sea lochs after shellfish were found to contain raised levels of toxins.

The move comes after Food Standards Agency monitors tested fish at Loch Seaforth, East Loch Tarbert and Loch Stockinish in Harris.

The comhairle (council) says eating shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor fish from these areas may pose a risk to human health.

Commercial shellfish harvesters been contacted and steps taken to postpone harvesting until algae levels subside.

Notices to alert the public and casual gatherers have been posted at various locations on the shore.

The comhairle said it was 'a sensible precaution' to avoid eating shellfish from the lochs until further notice. Monitoring is continuing and notices will be removed when the situation improves.

The problem arose after the shellfish filtered toxic algae from the water.

Loch Melfort Hotel gains gold star rating

THE LOCH Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, has been awarded a VisitScotland Gold Star for ongoing commitment to quality and customer service.

Loch Melfort, a three-star hotel, is owned by Calum and Rachel Ross.

Mrs Ross commented: 'We feel that being a family run hotel gives us that extra little sparkle. This, along with a high proportion of local staff that care and really want to make your stay with us special, is why VisitScotland have awarded us Gold status.'

'We are really proud of all our staff for the time and attention they give to the guests and this is fantastic recognition for us and them.'

The hotel is part of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance scheme.

When looking for a Gold Star winner VisitScotland take into account current Quality Assurance scores, scoring history and customer feedback. A further 19 accommodations in Argyll have been awarded a Gold Star, including the Crinan Hotel, the Airds Hotel and the Isle of Eriska Hotel.

ScotRail calls time on booze on trains

CONCERNS about anti-social behaviour caused by excessive drinking have led to alcohol being banned from Scottish trains in the mornings and evenings.

The carrying and consumption of alcohol will be prohibited between 9pm and 10am starting on July 20, ScotRail has decided. Customers will be asked to finish any alcoholic drinks by 9pm and these will not be sold after 8.30pm. Steve Montgomery, ScotRail's managing director, said: 'It's time to call a halt on the irresponsible minority who spoil journeys for the majority.'

Superfast Broadband in pipeline

HIE project 'largest and most challenging in UK'

SUPERFAST broadband is coming to remote Highlands and Islands communities under a £120million investment programme announced by the Scottish Government this week.

The investment will mean Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), which is in discussions with BT, can begin work on delivering world class connectivity for the region.

Technical solutions required include laying underground cables and, in some cases, sub-sea cables to connect island communities.

Cabinet secretary for infrastructure and capital investment Alex Neil said homes and businesses in remote areas would get next generation broadband for the first time.

Mr Neil said: 'This substantial funding injection will bring those

improvements to people across the Highlands and Islands.

'Whether it's a small business competing in the global market through the use of superfast broadband, or whether it's the granny and grandpa talking to their grandchildren in New Zealand, superfast broadband can change the lives of people for the better in these rural communities.'

On the HIE-BT tie-up, Mr Neil added: 'I am pleased to see a continuing commitment to work with local authorities to make sure that by working in partnership we are truly able to meet the ambitions of local people and businesses.'

HIE chief executive Alex Paterson described the rural broadband project as 'the largest and most challenging' in the UK.



Castle ceilidh marks Summer Solstice

Oban High School pupil Briony Kincaid, on work experience at Dunollie Castle, lights candles ahead of the Summer Solstice ceilidh at the castle last Thursday. Connel's Sileas Sinclair, accordion, and Becky Hill, clarsach, and pipers Donnie and DJ MacDougall were among those performing at the event. 16.12650151001

New Highlands and Islands postgraduate course to include stag night rituals

STUDENTS can study the tradition of blackening grooms to ward off evil spirits as part of a new Highlands and Islands postgraduate course.

The course, available at the University of Highlands and Islands, will allow students to study full or part-time and it can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

The course will cover many subjects related to the region, including its history, customs,

literature, music and geography.

With resources such as video-conferencing, tutors will be able to teach students wherever they are based. It is hoped students from around the world will feel encouraged to learn more about Scotland, particularly people with Scottish ancestry or those that have been inspired by the upcoming Disney animation *Brave*.

Dr Donna Heddie, course leader, said: 'This course was

created to allow people from all over the world to explore the culture of the Highlands and Islands. It's an opportunity to study a unique and multi-faceted culture which fascinates whether or not you are one of the 55 million people worldwide who are of Scots descent. There is no doubt the Highlands and Islands has a timeless magic of its own and we're looking forward to sharing that with our students and the wider world.'

Robert Livingston, director of HI-Arts, said: 'It will be a huge asset to have a course which offers in-depth knowledge and understanding of both the roots of Highland culture and its current forms and expressions and is, moreover, accessible worldwide.'

Enrolment for this course is already open and students will be starting in September. For more information see www.uhi.ac.uk.

Charities event licence charge scrapped

CHARITIES will no longer have to pay a fee for an event licence after Argyll and Bute Council scrapped the charge.

The move follows a change in the law which saw all entertainment held in public venues required to apply for a licence.

This would have forced charitable and voluntary organisations to pay for events which were free to enter.

Last Thursday the council agreed that there would be no fee

for a licence for a free-to-enter event held by a voluntary or charitable organisation.

For events where entry is charged there will be no fee for a licence which covers one or two events a year but additional events will be charged at £40. This fee will be waived until 2013.

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Man accused of sexual assault

A MAN has appeared in court accused of sexually assaulting a woman on Fort William High Street in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Appearing from custody in private, Artur Papadimitriu, aged 20, made no plea and was released on bail on Tuesday afternoon. A Northern Constabulary spokesperson said: 'Two women were making their way down the street when they fell. One of the women was approached by a man, who allegedly sexually assaulted her before making off.'

Sentence deferred on Corpach hospital nuisance

A CORPACH man has admitted shouting and swearing at two nurses in Fort William's Belford Hospital.

Liam Johnstone, of 34 Hillview Drive, appeared from custody to plead guilty to assaulting, obstructing or hindering the nurses by shouting, sweating and refusing to be placed in a wheelchair on Monday June 25. The 21-year-old was released on bail with sentencing deferred until July 16 for reports.

Police investigate cow shooting

POLICE have launched an investigation after a cow was shot dead while grazing with its young calf on Brae Lochaber crofting land.

The animal was killed on common grazing ground north of Inverroy between 7.15pm and 9.45pm on Wednesday June 20.

Robert Langan, of Croft 24, owned the cow, which was grazing on Inverroy Hill on land adjacent to Forestry Commission-owned ground when the incident occurred. Northern Constabulary said it was unclear whether the shooting was a deliberate act or an unfortunate accident. A police spokesperson said: 'It is known that there were person(s) lawfully shooting in the area at the time. Police appeal for any witnesses or anyone with any information to help them with their enquiries into the death of this defenceless animal.'

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The removal of up to four metres of peat on the Blar Mhor for a new Tesco and community facilities is going to be a massive undertaking. 20_126peat01

Clubs get say in 3G pitch site debate

A CRUCIAL questionnaire on a possible site for a new '3-G' all-weather pitch for Fort William is being sent out to around 40 sports clubs today.

Responses to the survey, being carried out by Douglas Wheeler Associates for Lochaber Sports Association (LSA), will guide Highland Council and other potential funders on where the pitch should go – if money can be found.

Two sites – the Blar Mhor peat moss near the town and Fort William FC's council-owned Claggan Park, are early front-runners.

The club claims their ground is ideal because it would cost the council around £1million

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less and would be available for non-football use.

But Blar Mhor advocates say siting the pitch in Miller Developments' new retail/community facilities hub – which includes a new Gaelic medium primary school – is a better option. Work has already started on removing four metres of peat to allow construction of access roads and a new Tesco superstore.

Newly-elected Fort William councillors Andrew Baxter and Thomas MacLennan were aware

of the heated debate surrounding the issue – but reserved judgement until the study results were known.

Councillor Baxter told *The Oban Times*: 'We just agreed to work with Lochaber Sports Association on a feasibility study looking at all-weather pitch provision for the whole of the Fort William area, and we need to wait for those findings.'

'The [consultants] will report back by the end of August and I have a completely open mind on where the facility should go.'

'At this stage I would not want to be ruling Claggan Park out, but we should wait a few more weeks to see what the study throws up before we make a decision on something like this.'

Councillor Thomas MacLennan echoed that view. He said: 'I would like to see the consultation process run its course and await the findings. This is a very important decision and I would like all the facts before me before I make a decision.'

LSA chair Jane Blanchard told *The Oban Times* on Tuesday: 'Claggan Park is included as one of the sites to be investigated. All our member clubs are being consulted and the questionnaire is going out tomorrow and Thursday.'

'This is our one and only chance to get these amazing facilities. Claggan is included and the merits of this site have to be balanced against the Blar Mhor and other locations.'

'Initial capital costs mean a certain site is likely to be blown off of the water, but the study will also consider accessibility, room for future development and existing infrastructure.'

Asked about non-football clubs' likely views on Fort William FC's ground as an all-sports training and games venue, she said: 'Whether clubs are happy to regard Claggan Park as neutral territory is a matter for them in the consultation.'

Morar parents protest at teacher loss

PARENTS at a tiny Lochaber school protested on Friday against Highland Council plans to replace a popular probationer teacher.

Local woman Gemma Stevenson will clear her desk at Lady Lovat Primary next week and look for new work despite a successful year under head teacher Maureen Sutherland.

Ms Sutherland is also retiring – meaning there will be a 100 per cent turnover in staff for session 2012/13.

Morar will have a new non-teaching 'composite' head teacher, a P4-7 teacher from Mallaig and a new probationer for P1-P3.

Parents say that amounts unacceptable disruption – and

are demanding Ms Stevenson be given the chance to apply for a permanent post to ensure some continuity.

Parent Eilidh Martin said at the demo: 'I understand their problem that they need to place probationers somewhere, but I find it amazing they have not looked into the implications of placing one here.'

'I don't believe they know anything about Lady Lovat.'

Acting parent council chair Sue Currie told *The Oban Times*: 'I just wish they could say they 'we have made a wee mistake here' and use a bit of common sense.'

'Parents are encouraged to be partners in their children's education, but their appears to be a very unequal partnership.'

'Who is responsible for this mess?'

'Why are our questions ignored and our wishes not taken into account?'

Local MSP Dave Thompson, who met teaching staff and parents on Friday, said: 'I have written to Highland Council about the policy of circulating probationers year after year and the impact of that on smaller schools like Lady Lovat.'

'I understand the probationer teacher has done very well over the past year and has all the qualities a small school like this needs.'

Local councillor Allan Henderson also attended the demo.

He said: 'The system needs to be politically challenged for small schools such as Morar, when there are complete changes of staff including the head teacher.'



Acting Lady Lovat Parent Council chairman Sue Currie hands Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson a glowing HMIE report on the school at Friday's demonstration. 20_126morar01

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Pictured at the cheque handover are, from left: Burns Club of Oban treasurer Ken Oxland, Oban Hospice chairman Dr Mac Armstrong, Burns club retiring president Roy Wood, Rockfield Primary School head teacher Jack Degnan, Burns club president elect John MacLean, and Burns club committee members Billy Griffiths and Torquhil Telfer. 16_125burns01

BURNS Club of Oban is encouraging children to celebrate the bard by making a cash donation to the area's primary schools. The club raised £1,400 from its supper in January this year and has donated £500 of that to Oban and Lorn's association of head teachers. The other £900 has been given to Oban Hospice and both groups expressed their gratitude to the Burns club. Rockfield Primary School head teacher Jack Degnan, a member of the association of head teachers, said the association was yet to decide how the money could be spent but suggested it could pay for a presentation, or a visit from a drama group, on the life and work of Robert Burns. Dr Mac Armstrong, chairman of Oban Hospice, said: 'The hospice board will make sure these funds are used directly for the benefit of patients needing palliative care throughout Oban, Lorn and the Isles.'

PET CHARITY Argyll Animal Aid was handed a cheque for £3,210 last Wednesday at Pets at Home in Oban. Pets at Home's charity, Support Adoption For Pets raised the money through donations from customers. It will pay for Argyll Animal Aid's new food store shed at its kennels in Barcaldine, which was built because the old one was damp, and will go towards vet and heating bills. Catherine Goodbrand, chairwoman of Argyll Animal Aid, said: 'Argyll Animal Aid is run entirely by volunteers and we are very grateful for Pet's at Home's donation. They are very good to us.' Argyll Animal Aid was also given a smaller cheque for £120 which was raised by Pets at Home over two weeks last Christmas. The money was raised through the shop's 'Round to a Pound' initiative, which saw customers round up the cost of purchases for the charity. Lizzie Hearn, assistant manager of Pets at Home, explained Support Adoption For Pets was set up to support local pet charities across the UK. Last year Support Adoption For Pets raised more than £1.65million with the help of colleagues and customers fundraising.



Lizzie Hearn, assistant manager of Pets at Home Oban, second from right, hands over the cheque to Argyll Animal Aid representatives, from left: Pat Blunsden, with Ginty; Lesley Aitchison, with Nico; Catherine Goodbrand, Maureen Miller and Geoff Miller with Yorkshire terriers Polly and Tilly. 15_126pets2



Before



After

IT WAS a case of hair today, gone in five minutes, as an Oban woman had her head shaved for charity. Margaret Menassa took the brave decision to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support after her best friend lost her husband to cancer - Margaret is aiming to raise £1,000. As the ordeal got underway, with Trinity hairdresser Craig Tosh at the clippers, Margaret said she was 'a bit scared' and that she should have done something else for charity. Craig replied matter-of-factly: 'Too late!' After a few minutes, the hair had gone and Margaret was getting used to her new look. 'It feels very strange, like I'm missing something,' she said. 'It is a weird feeling but it is all in a good cause.' Margaret's sponsor forms are in a number of shops, offices and restaurants in Oban but they will be removed this weekend, in order to get a final fundraising total.

PAINTINGS by senior pupils at Oban High School will go on display at palliative care wards and relative rooms at Oban's Lorn and Isles Hospital, after an invitation from Oban Hospice. Oban Hospice recently funded the upgrade of the facilities. Josh Tinline-Bartholomew and Zoe Thomson, both sixth year pupils, presented their paintings to Oban Hospice's Margaret MacLean on Tuesday.



Send your news from Oban and Lorn to Euan Paterson at *The Oban Times* epaterson@obantimes.co.uk Telephone 01631 568000

CalMac ferries give WiFi a try for Barra Youth Council

FERRIES operator, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) is to trial WiFi access on its ferries this year in response to a request from Barra Youth Council. Residents of the island face one of the longest ferry trips from Oban and some of the younger residents asked in December if internet access could be made available to help ease the journey. CalMac agreed and now plans trials to determine what technology would offer a reliable and consistent signal. A spokesman for CalMac said: 'We are very keen to make a reliable and consistent WiFi signal available on our ships and are in the process of finalising a number of trials of several different delivery methods to do so, including satellite, point-to-point wireless and 3G. 'The geography in which we operate presents some challenges and we may have to apply different solutions in different areas, but these trials will allow us to see which technology is most suited to which area. 'We hope to complete these by the end of the year, at which stage we'll be in a position to decide how to proceed.' Na h-Eileanan an Iar MP, Angus Brendan MacNeil, last week sent a letter to CalMac's Martin Dorchester asking what progress had been made on Barra Youth Council's request. He said: 'I hope that progress can be made and that we are soon able to get on with work and business and surf the net while sailing. 'The Barra Youth Council is to be congratulated for their efforts and persistence in pursuing this matter.'

New homes for elderly opened

Bield Housing opens 14 cottages in Oban seven-year project

FUNDING transferred over from the former Oban Abbeyfield Society has been used to part-fund a new housing development for older people in the town. Bield Housing opened the new development of 14 cottages at Oban's McKelvie Road, Glenshellach, concluding a project that has been almost seven years in the making. Representatives from the housing association were joined at the official opening last Friday by Kenny MacLeod, director of construction company M and K MacLeod Builders; lead Argyll and Bute councillor for housing George Freeman; and Roger Parry, former Oban Abbeyfield Society chairman. Oban Abbeyfield Society previously provided sheltered housing in Glenmore Road but, when it disbanded in 2008, transferred funds over to Bield to ensure the future of housing for elderly people in Oban. Mr Parry said: 'Everyone connected with Abbeyfield Oban Society is delighted to see the new development at McKelvie Road take shape. 'The development is exactly what we had envisaged in 2008 after we sold our house and transferred the majority of our funds to Bield, with the rest going to various other charities. 'We are delighted that the volunteer work we began in 1978, to provide companionship and sheltered housing accommodation for older people in Oban and North Argyll, continues today through this new development. 'The development is the first Bield scheme to have solar thermal roof panels to provide constant, low-cost hot water. Residents will also receive access to Bield Response 24, a smart technology emergency call system. Bield chief executive Brian Logan said: 'The McKelvie Road development is exciting for us on so many levels - and we hope what we have created will be well received both by the people of Oban and by those people who will move into the properties. 'The development was built by M and K MacLeod, on land owned by the construction company. Director Kenny MacLeod said: 'This development is a good thing for the area because you have older people in an area with young families and that is how all developments should be in a Highland community. 'Mr MacLeod said his company planned to build another 150 houses at Glenshellach, adding: 'We hope to build more houses for housing associations, private owners and elderly people.'



Pictured at the opening of the McKelvie Road development are, from left: Roger Parry, former Oban Abbeyfield Society chairman; Kenny MacLeod, director of M and K MacLeod; Gerry O'Sullivan, Bield Housing Association chairman; and Oban Police inspector Julie McLeish who handed over a Secured By Design Award for the development. 15_126bield01



Còisir Ghàidhlig Ile conductor Iseabail Mactaggart, left, and Còisir Og Ghàidhlig Ile conductor Arlene McKerrell meet up with fundraiser Ron, whose marathon golfing effort is raising up to £1,000 for the choirs.

Islay golfer goes on fundraising drive

100 holes of golf in one day to raise £1,000 for island choirs

A GOLF professional on Islay has completed a back-breaking fundraising drive to get the island's Gaelic choirs to the Royal National Mod in Dunoon. Sunrise start Còisir Ghàidhlig Ile chorister Ron Goudie was sponsored to complete 100 holes in one day at the Machrie Golf Course, where he is the club professional, and hopes to make at least £1,000 for the senior and junior Gaelic choirs on the island. Starting at sunrise, Ron raced through the first 64 holes, running in between shots. However, his haste early on cost him towards the end of the challenge, which he completed in just over 10 hours. 'I had left my mobile phone at home by accident, so I had no idea of the time but after four rounds I found out it was only 10.45am,' said Ron, who walked more than 20 miles during the challenge. 'I realised I had gone off too fast and the whole thing became a bit of a war of attrition. 'On the last nine holes I was hobbling but when I putted out on the final 18th I felt ecstatic. After I drove home, I couldn't get out of the car, because my legs were so stiff. 'To add to my misery during the challenge last Thursday, in high winds and heavy rain, Ron was the only player on the golf course during the day. Fantastic and creative idea But the Glasgow-born pro, who lives at the Old Excise House, Laphroaig, said he was glad he had taken on the challenge, adding: 'Everyone else makes a big thing about 72 holes in a day, or they do it over a year, or use a buggy to get round the course. 'I wanted to do something different that was more than what is being banded about by my fellow professionals and raise as much money for the choirs as possible. 'The Gaelic choirs involve so many people on the island; there is a senior choir, the junior choir and now four primary school choirs but their travel costs are huge. 'Còisir Ghàidhlig Ile conductor Iseabail Mactaggart said: 'It was such a fantastic and creative idea, which captured people's imagination. 'He is some guy to have that craziness and resilience to do it and it is lovely to see that kind of enthusiasm. 'Despite the poor weather conditions and exhaustion Ron, who turned professional in 1990, was proud to record 13 birdies during his epic round.

Tobermory crew in Tiree rescue trip

A WOMAN with suspected spinal injuries on Tiree was rushed to hospital in Oban by the Tobermory lifeboat - as part of a 100-mile round trip. The volunteer crew left Tobermory shortly after 11pm on Monday night when they received a request from the coastguard to carry out a medical evacuation. The lifeboat rushed to Tiree, arriving in the early hours, to pick up the casualty accompanied by a member of ambulance staff. The woman was taken to Oban where she was transferred to a waiting ambulance and the lifeboat and its crew returned to Tobermory shortly after 5am. Tobermory RNLI deputy second coxswain, Andrew McHaffie said: 'Fortunately, the weather and sea conditions were very good, otherwise this would have been a particularly challenging shout given the nature of the casualty's injuries and the distance between Tiree and Oban. 'This was a long job with the lifeboat covering more than a hundred miles but we're pleased that the medevac was carried out as swiftly and as comfortably as possible for the casualty. 'This was the eleventh launch in 2012 for the Tobermory lifeboat and the second shout for its volunteers in less than a week. The lifeboat was launched to a report of a yacht aground off the east coast of the Isle of Mull on June 20 but was stood down when the yacht was refloated.

Blogger Martha bound for Malawi

A NINE year old blogger who helped raise more than £100,000 for Mary's Meals will visit Malawi this October to see the charity's work for herself. Lochgilphead Primary School pupil Martha Payne has won the hearts of millions across the globe with her NeverSeconds blog, where she reviews the dinners served in the school's canteen and rates meals by their appeal, amount and health. Popularity on her page, which supports Mary's Meals, rocketed in the wake of news Argyll and Bute Council tried to stop it by confiscating her camera, causing an explosion of donations to the charity. More than £100,000 was raised within a week of the controversy, making Martha's efforts one of the most successful the charity has seen from an individual. Now she is set to travel to the African country this autumn, to see for herself how the visitors to her page helped build a new kitchen shelter and feed a new school for a year at Lirangwe Primary School, Blantyre. Martha has requested the kitchen be named Friends of NeverSeconds, in recognition of her readers' contribution. A spokeswoman for Mary's Meals said: 'Martha and her family are going to Malawi later in the year to see the work for herself. She'll see the kitchen shelter that's being built. She's also hoping to do a few lessons with the pupils.'

Oban High School Dux has his sights set on career in science



Oban High School Dux 2012 Andrew Strange with the prestigious MacFie Medal. 16_126andrew02

Students start film production course at Skye Gaelic college

A NEW generation of aspiring directors and producers from Lochaber and Skye high schools started a Gaelic media course at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) last week. Ten pupils from Portree, Plockton, Mallaig and Lochaber are learning what it takes to film and produce a television programme. Partnership The course, a national progression award in television production, is being delivered through Gaelic and will be taught in three week-long teaching blocks, culminating in spring 2013. Archie MacLean, deputy director of education at the Gaelic college, said: 'We are delighted to be working in partnership with the schools and with Highland Council to deliver this course for the first time. 'We are greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the pupils and their interest in Gaelic media. 'We are also delighted that the expertise and facilities available at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig are being used to create new learning opportunities for Gaelic-speaking school pupils. 'They greatly enjoyed their first week at the College and we look forward to welcoming them back in October when they will get a chance to add to their television production skills and further develop their programme ideas. The course was developed in partnership with Highland Council's 16+ team to expand opportunities for young people and to develop Skills for Work in the school curriculum.

A STAR science pupil at Oban High School has his sights set on a physics degree after being named Dux for 2012. Andrew Strange, from Oban, will study Advanced Higher physics, mathematics and chemistry in his sixth year at the school and is even teaching himself applied mathematics through a distance-learning course. At the Oban High School prizegiving yesterday (Wednesday) Andrew was awarded the Dux's MacFie Medal and picked up individual prizes for physics, mathematics, biology and English. On winning the medal, Andrew said: 'I was elated to be told I was Dux this year because it is a validation of the work you do throughout the year and the culmination of a lot of hard work.' The 16 year old, the son of a programmer and an artist, said: 'Hopefully I will get into university to study physics after school and eventually go into research. 'I find the entire subject so interesting; exploring the laws and rules that govern the physical universe.'

Isle of Coll's new hall attracting tourists

A NEW community hall on the Isle of Coll is already attracting more tourists to the island, the social enterprise behind it has said. An Cridhe's bunkhouse opened this month and has already attracted a different type of tourist, according to Development Coll's Emma Grant. She said: 'We're attracting a different type of people to the island. We had one woman, for example, who only decided to come to the island because of the bunkhouse.' Extra accommodation on the island could also help grow the economy, she said. 'For the big events such as the show or the marathon, it will be great having these extra beds available.' Meanwhile, work to complete the hall is progressing according to plan ahead of next month's big opening, headlined by folk and traditional music stars Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain. Islanders aged from three to 75 are helping complete the finishing touches to the hall, with the garden progressing rapidly.

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Fuel tax turnaround needs to be just the start

THIS week's decision to scrap the proposed 3p a litre fuel duty rise set for August 1 has been flagged-up in various ways by numerous people.

At the top of the flag pole must be a banner which heralds the decision as good news for rural communities on the west coast; closely followed by party-wide recognition that it should never have been considered in the first place; with the political squabbling and posturing over the rights and wrongs, who did what and when, firmly anchored at the foot.

Above inflation duty rises, driven by over ambitious environmental policy, are based on a clear wish by an urban majority to discourage private motorists from using their vehicles and opt for the national public transport network. What they fail to appreciate, or opt to ignore, is that rural communities, particularly those in the north and west of the country, do not have that key option - while simple geography dictates that everyday journeys are longer by them for work, shopping, medical care or education.

Align this with lower average incomes and static or falling salaries and it is not hard to see why fuel charges spark such public outcry.

Fuel costs remain crucial to the economy of the west coast where everything, including food and essential items, are directly and immediately affected by the ever-rising cost of freight transport.

Politicians will vigorously counter that they have listened to public concern and reversed the decision to implement the August rise in duty - but are these not the same decision makers who voted to schedule the tax increase in the first place?

If growth in the economy of the west of Scotland is to be achieved it has to be understood that travel not a luxury, it is essential.

The key drivers in this area's recovery from recession will be tourism, renewable energy, and the traditional rural employment generators of agriculture, fishing and forestry. It doesn't take a genius to realise that all involve considerable travel, all are highly fuel cost sensitive and all are being negatively affected by current policy.

If the widening gap between town and country is not to become the next catalyst for national public disobedience the message has to be absorbed rapidly.

GLASGOW LETTER

Paisley Festival

A NEW arts, music and comedy festival will take place in Paisley from October 25 to 28 and, as expected in a town which will host the Royal National Mod in 2013, there will be plenty traditional music including Karen Matheson and Irish traditional band Fiddle.

The main venues for the concerts will be Paisley Abbey and The Spiegelgait, to be erected in the town's County Square, beside Gilmour Street Railway Station.

A further feature of the festival will be the appearance of stage winners from the Danny Kyle Open Stage which is part of Celtic Connections and this will be most appropriate since Danny was a Paisley 'Buddie'.

Tickets are now on sale from ticket-scotland outlets. The event is being sponsored by Active Events, Renfrewshire Council, Events Scotland, Creative Scotland and Bord nan Gaidhlig.

Merchant City Festival

FURTHER to the success of previous years, the Merchant City Festival, in Glasgow's cultural quarter, will take place from Wednesday July 25 until Sunday July 29.

Over the five days, 300 events will take place in 75 venues. There will be something for all the family with street art, music, dance, theatre, design, film, visual art and comedy as well as food and drink. The complete programme can be accessed on the Merchant City Festival website.

Lomond Folk Festival

THE 13TH Lomond Folk Festival will take place at its new home, Loch Lomond Shores, from Friday July 27 until Sunday July 29 and will include Skerryvore, the Paul McKenna Band and Skannered, a country folk band from Glasgow on the programme.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the ticket soup outlet at the

SEEC, the Gateway Centre at Loch Lomond Shores and at the Loch Lomond Gift Shop, Balloch.

Tinto Summer School

THE WEEKEND course for 18 to 25-year-old traditional musicians will be held at Wiston Lodge, South Lanarkshire, from Friday August 3 to Sunday August 5.

In an attempt to minimise costs so that participants will only have to pay £100 for tuition, accommodation and food, the organisers have put together incentives to be gained by making a contribution to the costs.

The incentives will vary depending on the amount donated, from £15 to £150, and will include VIP attendances at the Scottish Traditional Music Awards to be held in Perth on December 7 and 8, the final of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Final in the City Halls on February 3 2013 and the Wiston Showcase Performance on August 5.

Full details of the incentives are available on www.scottishcultureonline.com/events/tinto-seniors-weekend-3-5th-august-2012

Diary dates

Thursday June 28: Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Munro/O'Callaghan/Titchener.

Friday June 29: MacLaren Hall, Killin, Daimh.

Saturday June 30: Dougie MacLean, Milngavie Folk Club. Telephone 07743 885991.

Thursday July 5: Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Jake Cogan Band.

Pub scene

IN THE Islay Inn this weekend the music will be provided by Crooked Reel on Friday and Ragaels on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be Ballochmyle on Friday, Deoch Dorus on Saturday and Willie Cameron/Martin Pottinger on Sunday. Neil Murray. Tel: 0141 954 8105. Email: neilmurray@yahoo.co.uk.



Balvicar Slate Quarry workers

Reader Hugh MacLeod of Benderloch submitted this week's flashback photograph which shows Balvicar Slate Quarry workers in the 1960s. Left to right: John Brown; Archie Brown; Duncan Buchanan; John MacLeod junior; Hamish Kennedy; Donald McKay; Alex MacDougall and John MacLeod senior. 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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Major concern over 'mega' fish farm

The article in last week's *Oban Times* entitled 'Mull fish farm plan splits the community' is misleading.

The sheer size of the proposed development both in Loch Scridain and Loch Tuath means this is on the scale of a 'mega' farm, which is far larger than so called 'factory farms'. This is a major concern.

Mono-cultures of this size in a pristine marine environment are untenable.

Minty MacKay, Bunessan, Isle of Mull.

Acharacle Medical Practice

I am aware some members of the community have expressed concerns about the departure of the doctors and practice manager from Acharacle Medical Practice.

Until August 31, the responsibility for the provision of services lies with the current doctors in Acharacle. They have chosen not to advertise and pass on the practice to new doctors. This means, that from September 1, the responsibility will lie with NHS Highland to run the practice. Considerable thought and discussions will be required regarding how best to recruit and, crucially, retain new doctors.

In the meantime, I would like to clarify the interim position.

There is no intention of closing the Acharacle Practice.

The provision for repeat prescriptions and appointments will run as normal.

The Acharacle Practice provides out-of-hours services Monday to Thursday. NHS Highland will continue to support local doctors by funding locum out-of-hours cover based in Acharacle from Friday to Sundays.

We have started to make contingency plans for the period immediately after the doctors leave on August 31.

Locums have been booked to provide medical cover and we will try to limit this to a few doctors as this will improve continuity of care.

From September, and until new

doctors have been appointed, the locum doctors will provide out-of-hours services as part of their contract.

We have been speaking to neighbouring practices but the nature of these discussions has been around how we work together in a network.

I hope this information allays fears. These arrangements will be in place until we can all consider and agree options for the way forward. We will contact community councils soon with a view to meeting over the summer but, in the meantime, if there are any outstanding concerns, please get in touch.

Gill McVicar, NHS Highland Director of Operations North and West.

Achnacloch - the perfect venue

I was pleased to see from T Martin's letter 'Happy Memories of Achnacloch' that the annual SWT fundraising day at that beautiful garden has been appreciated over the years.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Mrs Jane Nelson and the willing help of head gardener Charlie Milne and all our volunteers, and of the various organisations who have attended, the day has always been a success.

It was the perfect venue and the day has helped to raise funds to allow the Scottish Wildlife Trust to continue to protect Scotland's wildlife and habitats.

We will certainly do our best to find another venue to allow us to continue the tradition of local fundraising. Any help in this search would be much appreciated.

Maurice Wilkins, Chairman, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Lorn & Mid Argyll Members' Centre, Arduaine.

Don't write off Kintyre and the isles

You reported that the Church of Scotland is having difficulty finding ministers to serve in Kintyre and the isles.

This may be true but I'd like to stress it doesn't mean a minister's life in these and similar 'remote' areas is unattractive. Far from it - and I speak from experience

having spent 15 rewarding years as a minister in Central Mull.

Every island is different so someone might fit well as a minister in one place but not in another. I was theologically radical and eccentric in style. This is not what outsiders might expect in an island church but I felt I fitted where I was.

Problems of travel can be exaggerated; most west highlanders just get on with it. And ministers can make their travel productive using time spent on ferries or other public transport to interact with parishioners.

Potential ministers may be concerned for their spouses and families. But the manse family may see more of friends and relatives if they move away from them for when those they have left come to visit they may come for days or weeks!

A spouse, admittedly, might need to be flexible to be sure of getting work - but that is true anywhere. And when the going gets tough? I brought my mother to Mull to die. The care and community support she received were excellent and she lived much longer than expected in the city. Of course there are problems for ministers in island and 'remote' communities.

And the presbytery plan may even increase them if it links incompatible congregations. But there are many challenging and rewarding jobs here waiting to be done.

So if any of readers are ministers seeking charges I hope they won't write off Kintyre and the isles. Who knows? Perhaps, like me, they'll come and never leave.

William Pollock, Salen, Isle of Mull.

Sort out the A83

The closure of the A83 at the Rest & Be Thankful on Friday/Saturday June 22/23 must be a wake-up call to the SNP Government.

Back in March the SNP promised the proposed diversion road at the Rest & Be Thankful would be designed during May with work completed soon thereafter. Now it has been revealed the SNP Government has still not even agreed the route of the emergency diversion road a month after they were supposed to have completed the design.

I have written to Scottish

Transport Minister Keith Brown pointing out the seriousness of the situation for Argyll businesses and saying that the emergency diversion road must be designed and built as soon as possible.

Alan Reid MP.

LORI merits not considered

Last week, *The Oban Times* reported that the new area committee had rejected a grant application by the GRAB Trust for funding for a shop front premises for Lorn and Oban Re-use Initiative (LORI) in Oban.

The reason given was that councillors saw the LORI project as a threat to MacQueen Brothers Charitable Trust (MBCT) which had lobbied the committee to protect its interests.

The decision should have taken into account the merits of the LORI project. Sadly these appear not to have been understood or considered in the decision making.

The LORI project is not just about selling furniture. It is about reducing our carbon footprint by increasing the diversion of all manner of useable items from landfill. It is about developing the 'green economy' for the benefit of our local community. It is about providing much needed local employment - people cannot exist on volunteering alone. It is about increasing the provision of affordable household items to those on low incomes and those moving out of homelessness. It is about providing volunteering and training opportunities for young people and the long-term unemployed to help them into employment. The social model of LORI is very different from MBCT but it is no less commendable. The past board of LORI and the board of GRAB represent a group of community-minded people who have invested huge amounts of time and energy in the LORI project on a voluntary basis because they believe in its tremendous social and environmental worth.

I would encourage people to visit both MBCT and the LORI shop at the Moleigh Civic Amenity as we have different things to offer.

Mandy Peden, Director of former LORI Board, and Director of the GRAB Trust.

YOUR LETTERS

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Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

'NAN ROBH COTHROM aig muinntir na sgìre agamsa bhiodh lion thar a' chaolas is cha bhiodh bradan a' faotainn gun abhainn an seo!

Tha cuimhne mhath agam air deagh charaid a' Leòdhas ag ràdh sin rium agus, ged a bha e mar mi fhin a' creidsinn gun robh làn-chòir aig duine sam bith air breac (neo bradan) a thoirt às a' mhuir, bha e draghail gun cuireadh sannt às dhan stoc gu tur mura biodh smachd de sheòrsa air choreigin ga chumail. Bha sinn a' deasbad mu phoidsigeadh agus a' beachdachadh an robh daoine nas dualtaiche a bhith ris ri linn 's gun robh a' chreach air a'cheadh dhaibh. Cha robh mi riann a' creidsinn gun robh còir sònraichte aig uachdaran sam bith air iasg a thàinig thar chuan agus 's e mo bheachd gum bheil an aon rud fìor mu fhèidh a' mhoaidh.

Ach chanainn gur i a' phuig as cudromaiche gur iad muinntir sgìre nàbaidh na h-òighreachd sin aig am bu chòir an cead seilge is iasgaich sin a bhith. Chan obraicheadh cùisean nam biodh an

cothrom fosgailte dhan mhòr-shluagh. Dh' fheumadh cuideigin tomhas de stiùireadh a dhèanamh gus an stoc a gheidheadh ann an òrdugh cothrom agus 's iad muinntir na sgìre mun cuairt as riataiche an rianachd sin a ghabhail os làimh. Sin mar eisimpleir a tha gar fàgail cho misneachail mu uimhir de thalamh na dùthcha a thhiginn fo uachdaranan an t-sluaigh.

Nach bochd ma tà nach gabhadh an aon ìre de chreideas a thoirt dha muinntir nan sgìrean ionadail nuair a thig e gu iasgach mara agus nach d' rachadh eisteachd a thoirt dha feadhainn a tha toirt beò-shlaint a' gniomhachas an iasgaich nuair a tha iad a' nochdadh dragh mun chreach a tha bàtaichean mòra buo thaobh an ear Alba a' dèanamh anns a' Chuan Sgìth.

Tha cead iasgaich aig na bàtaichean sin anns a' Chuan a Tuath cuideachd, ach mun àm a dh' fhàgas iad an taobh an iar, bidh an grunn air a' sgrìobadh is air a' mhilleadh air na bàtaichean ionadail a tha nas lugha. Le uimhir de chosnaidhean an urra ris a' ghnìomhachas seo air an taobh

an iar, chan eil e gu leòr dha seirbheis rìghaltais gealltainn gun rannsaich iad am bi 'buaidh mhaireannach' aig an t-suidheachadh. Mun àm a thig co-dhùnadh, bidh an cron dèanta agus bu chòir dhaibh eisteachd ri muinntir an àite agus stad a chur air an sgrìos seo gun dàil.

WEST coast fishing grounds have long been exploited by 'foreign' vessels and, indeed, fishermen from the area have travelled to work grounds around the UK.

But against the background of restrictive EU regulations, home waters are increasingly important and must surely be protected for the benefit of the local fishing industry.

It is not enough for government agencies to promise to investigate the long-term effect of large trawlers operating in the Minch.

They should heed local industry experience and stop this damaging activity now. Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell) ailean@obantimes.co.uk

Times Diary

DURING the summer season on the west coast, tourism related establishments and retail outlets are used to dealing with foreign visitors and their valiant attempts at the English language.

Last weekend, one Mull shop owner was called from his storeroom to front of shop to help a young assistant who was struggling to understand a customer's increasingly irate demands.

After a couple of minutes he was able to translate the man's request in Central Belt vernacular - 'Gonnae gie's a boatle o' ginger!'

A *DIARY* reader from Oban was on her holidays in America when she heard about a really sweet thief - and was so amused she just had to share the tale.

She says a young man with a hunger for peanut butter cups stole hundreds of dollars worth from a petrol station store in Ohio.

Apparently the thief goes to the store just after midnight most nights, grabs a handful of Reese's peanut butter cups and makes off before staff have a chance to call the police.

Shop staff told our reader that over the past few months the thief had stolen about \$600 worth - that's almost £400 - he must have quite a fancy for the things.

And while she was still there she picked up a local paper to read about the latest theft - apparently on his last trip our chocoholic decided he fancied something more substantial and grabbed a bag of crisps too. Must have needed the salt.

THE FOLLOWING was 'overheard' on Twitter following the friendly between Kilchoan FC and Giffnock Cross, which the Kilchoan side lost 3-2.

Craig Robert Lindsay to Iain MacDonald: 'I hear I got a mention in @obantimes.'

Iain: 'Did they amend your name from the one that Ricky called you in the KilchoanBlog match report?'

Craig: 'They did, thankfully, but I think Chris might stick though...'

Iain: 'I hope @obantimes haven't heard that you are the first player to ever be sent off for Kilchoan FC and in a friendly game too?'

The *Oban Times*: 'Have now!'

Craig: 'Brilliant, just when I thought I was going to get away with it.'

A WEE bird tells us that two young lads left Skye last week for three days at the Royal Highland Show being held near Edinburgh.

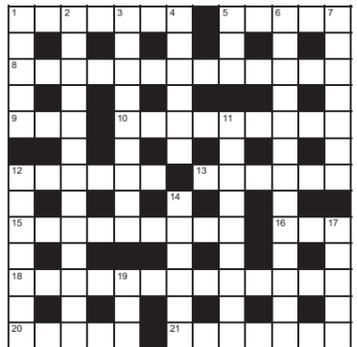
Heavy rain on Thursday and Friday left the showground and car park a sea of smelly mud, so the lads took refuge throughout Saturday in the legendary Herdman's hostelry where they met numerous friends and were 'sociable'.

As they attempted to wander back to their accommodation they were advised by a Lotherian and Borders police constable that their route was flooded and that they should select another option. They were not amused and one decided to vent his feelings towards the constable using the 'safety' of Gaelic.

After several minutes of Gaelic verbal abuse the constable shook his head, arrested the pair and called for a police 'taxi'.

As he placed them in the back of the van he told them: 'Cha chòrd leithid sin de chaint ri mo mhathais ann am Barraigh, is cha toil leamsa i a bharrachd!' - 'My mother in Barra doesn't like that kind of language - and neither do I.'

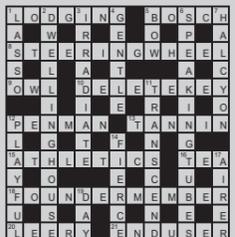
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Get rid of the lawn? (4,3)
 - Vocal composition (5)
 - Place to have fun (9,4)
 - Small mammal to tease (3)
 - Magic words! (3,6)
 - Elephant man (6)
 - In a way (4,2)
 - Formed the centre (9)
 - Curve (3)
 - One wouldn't leave you needing help (4,9)
 - Leaf gatherer (5)
 - Supplement (7)

- Down**
- Acknowledge (5)
 - 24/7 (5,3,5)
 - One with doors ajar (4,5)
 - Pattern by knots (3-3)
 - Bugle note (3)
 - Across the ocean (13)
 - Leave (7)
 - Asked for again (9)
 - The organiser (7)
 - Minute (6)
 - Ear part (5)
 - Male address (3)

Last week's solution



Sheana installed as new Rotary Club president

FORT William woman Sheana Fraser was installed as the new Rotary Club of Lochaber president at a ceremony in the town's Alexandra Hotel yesterday.

Ms Fraser, a former principal teacher of home economics at Lochaber High School (LHS), succeeds her former colleague and LHS rector Paul Brian.

Fort man accused of assaulting woman

A FORT William man accused of attacking a woman is due to stand trial at the town's sheriff court on July 2.

Gordon Thomson, of 12 Morvern Place, denies assaulting the woman at an address on Lochaber Road, Fort William, on April 28.

The 43-year-old is accused of seizing the woman by the hair, repeatedly punching her on the head and repeatedly kicking her on the body to her injury.

Death of Great Bernera's Count Robin

A PRINCE who preferred a simple crofting life on a Hebridean isle to high society circles has died aged 87.

Count Robin de la Lanne Mirrlees, from Great Bernera, Lewis, passed away in Blar Buidhe nursing home in Stornoway on Saturday night.

The French-born aristocrat, the godson of the 11th Duke of Argyll, bought Great Bernera in 1962 and was a popular laird.

The former Queen's herald, a descendant of King Louis Philippe I of France, supported community causes and often released land for community use.

Known locally as Count Robin, he is survived by his 50-year-old son Patrick de la Lanne, Mayor of the Delmenhorst in Germany, and three grandchildren.

Sheriff postpones driving charge trial

THE TRIAL of a man accused of almost causing a head-on collision with a police car at Lochailort has been postponed until August 15 after a police witness was unable to attend court.

Alan Tenbruck, of 36 Kemnay Gardens, Dundee, denies driving without due care and attention on the A830 near Arieinskil on December 2.

The 32-year-old is accused of crossing the centre line on the road and driving in the opposite lane, nearly colliding with marked police car and causing both vehicles to take evasive action.

Police files

A MAN is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with complaints of loud music from an address in Upper Achintore, Fort William.

A stereo was seized from the house on Sunday June 24.

A GLASS panel in the rear door of a property on Bruce Place, Fort William, was smashed at about 2.50am on Saturday June 23.

DAMAGE was caused to a VW Golf parked in Morrisons car park, Fort William, by an unknown vehicle sometime between 9.30am and 9.55am on Tuesday June 19.

TWO BED and breakfast signs were stolen from the A863 Sligan to Dunvegan road at the junctions with Ullinish, Struan, on the Isle of Skye.

The theft occurred sometime between 12pm on Friday June 1 and 11.45am on Thursday June 21.

Anyone with knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact Fort William Police Station on 01397 702361 or the confidential line 01397 702000.



The Belfast Cuchullains hurling team, in yellow, and Kinlochleven High School shinty team line up for *The Oban Times* at half time. 20_126cuch02

High school team helps bridge religious divide

KINLOCHLEVEN High has helped to bridge Belfast's religious divide - by welcoming a joint Catholic-Protestant hurling team for a challenge match against the school shinty team.

And the arrival of the Belfast Cuchullains in the Lochaber village last Thursday presaged a much bigger event - yesterday's historic first meeting between the Queen and Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein.

The match was a curtain raiser for the Corn Cuchullain - The Cuchullain Cup - at Antrim Gaelic Athletic Association's Casement Park ground in Belfast yesterday in which both teams, along with Plockton High

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School shinty team, took part. The tournament coincided with Queen Elizabeth's two-day visit to the province as part of her Jubilee tour - and came only hours before she and Mr McGuinness shook hands to herald a new chapter in cross-community relations.

Speaking to *The Oban Times* from the Belfast ferry at Cairnryan on Tuesday afternoon, Kinlochleven High School head teacher John McGilp said: 'I think it is quite symbolic that we are going over there on an anti-

sectarian mission when one of the former leaders of the IRA is shaking hands with the monarch of the British Empire.'

In Northern Ireland, Gaelic and hurling - the Irish version of shinty - are regarded as almost exclusively Catholic, while in Scotland no such division exists.

In a bold bid to break down barriers, in 1996 the rector of St Patrick's College Beranagheeha in Belfast PJ O'Grady and Plockton High School rector Duncan Ferguson set up annual under-16 shinty-hurling challenge matches, alternating between Plockton and Belfast, with the Corn Cuchullain as the prize.

Inspired by the Highlands

non-sectarian example, Mr O'Grady formed the Belfast Cuchullains in 2006, drawing under-16 players from Catholic schools Corpus Christi College and St Patrick's and Protestant schools Belfast Boys Model and Ashfield Boys.

Last year Kinlochleven took part in the Corn Cuchullain for the first time and hosted the event.

The Cuchullains arrived for last Thursday's match by coach from Stranraer around 3pm.

Speaking to *The Oban Times* at half-time, Ashfield Boys assistant Lisa Brimley praised the Scottish connection for showing how sport, Gaelic language and music can bring together com-

munities locally and internationally.

She said: 'This is a very important event for our boys. We want to continue this for them. We have had a lot of opposition, but it's the one thing the kids go home and tell their parents about.'

'We have ten boys who never played hurling before until they became part of this event - and they are all coming again next year.'

After a meal in the school and an overnight stay in a local youth hostel, the Cuchullains hiked up Ben Nevis on Friday before heading home to prepare for Tuesday's tournament.

Top young chef Lyndsay shines at culinary 'Oscars'

A KINLOCHLEVEN girl has been named as one of the UK's top young chefs at the trade's culinary 'Oscars'.

Lyndsay Michie won the apprentice chef title at the prestigious Craft Guild of Chefs Awards at Wembley Stadium.

The glittering occasion brought together 680 of the industry's top people to see 17 chefs being presented with the guild's special cut glass trophies.

Former Kinlochleven High School pupil Lyndsay, apprentice chef at Michel Roux Junior's Le Gavroche restaurant in London, certainly knows her onions.

The talented 19-year-old carved out her placement by winning Rotary Club of Lochaber 'Young Chef' competitions while still at school.

Now, Lyndsay's experience of cooking to Michelin Star standard at Le Gavroche means the world is her oyster - but not

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before a well-deserved break. She told *The Oban Times*: 'I would love to have my own restaurant in Scotland - although it's too early in my career to be certain of that. I plan to travel next!'

John McGilp, Kinlochleven High head teacher was thrilled when given news of Lyndsay's success.

He said: 'This is great news about a very hard working, enthusiastic and well liked former pupil of the school.'

'Lyndsay has worked hard to get to where she is and is a great role model for pupils in our school to look up to.'

'I have been kept up-to-date about her progress whilst she has been down in London, and this is just the beginning of what will be hopefully a great career.'



Top chef: Kinlochleven's Lyndsay Michie receives her award from Nick Vadis, executive chef for awards sponsors Compass, and Craft Guild of Chefs chairman Andrew Green.

Focus in on sport

LOCHABER Sports Association (LSA) is challenging local S4-S6 pupils to submit entries for a new sports short film competition.

Clips should be between three and five minutes long and feature at least five different sports. Individual or team entries will be considered.

LSA chairwoman Jane Blanchard said the competition was a great chance for young people to promote sports and healthy activities.

She told *The Oban Times*: 'The aim will be to produce a film that will show their friends, and others of their age, that sport and activity are fun and healthy, and that taking part can help make you more confident, form strong friendships and generally enjoy life to the full.'

Participants are urged to check out what is going on at their local sports clubs and check out Highlife Highland's summer activities programme for filming ideas.

Kinlochleven and Mallaig headteachers have kindly offered to lend the school digital camera equipment to local pupils who need it. Application forms and Highlife Highland's summer programme can be downloaded from the ACTIVE YOUTH page on www.lochabersportsassociation.org.

Film submission deadline is September 28. Winners will be announced, prizes awarded and films shown at the 2012 LSA awards evening.



Mo Mo Chapeau hats and Ginger knitwear, modelled above by Katie Young, will feature at Inverness.

Craft firms in spotlight

TWO LOCHABER craft businesses have been selected to show their work at a national exhibition in Inverness.

Ginger and Mo Mo Chapeau will be among Scottish niche firms featuring in The Crochte Gallery in the Eastgate Centre until August.

Ginger owner Anna Skea, already renowned for creating designer knitwear from her base in Morar, said: 'Although the inspiration for everything we

create comes from the Highlands and all yarns are Scottish, natural and sustainable, this is an international business.'

Morag Young of MoMo Chapeaux in Ballachulish was delighted her stylish hat and accessory collections were Inverness-bound.

She said: 'I think it's a real challenge for small craft producers to get marketed and promoted, so an opportunity like this is fantastic.'



Eirinn agus Alba: The singers and musicians who performed in the Nevis Centre. 10_126irish01

Irish Gaelic troupe turn on the style to entertain Fort William audience

A TROUPE of Irish Gaelic performers came to Fort William to put on a singing, dancing and music show on Friday night.

Talented Donegal group An Crann Og Gaoth Dobhair performed to hundreds of locals in the Nevis Centre at the 'Eirinn agus Alba' (Ireland and Scotland) event.

Provost Allan Henderson introduced the

ensemble on stage and welcomed them to Lochaber.

After the performance, the crowd enjoyed a ceilidh with music from Lochaber Senior Pipe Band, Sgoil Chiuil Loch Abar and the Alec MacLean Ceilidh Band.

Lochaber Mod committee member Charlie MacColl helped organise the event.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It went very well, the atmosphere was something else. We had a fèisean in the West End Hotel on the Saturday morning before they left which was fantastic as well.'

'I think they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we're hoping to take some young singers and musicians over there in August.'

Boost for sports clubs

SKYE and Lochalsh Sports Council has awarded grants totalling £2,500 to seven local sporting groups.

Recipients include Plockton Small Boat Sailing Club, Kinlochshiel Shinty Club, Kinlochshiel Junior Shinty Club, Skye Camanachd Juniors, Skye and Lochalsh Cricket Club, Sleaf and Strath Football Club and Kyleakin Indoor Bowling Club.

The lack of publicity locally for the Skye half marathon was also voiced at the meeting in Plockton last week.

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TOKEN TWO

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Trust seeks calendar sponsors

KINLOCHLEVEN Community Trust is looking for local businesses to sponsor a month in its 2013 calendar.

Four £50 slots remain to be filled - February, March, August and September. The calendar features 12 photographs of local scenes selected through an annual competition. KCT hopes to launch it in September.

Any interested firms should contact the trust office on 01833 831779.

Message trial date set

A MAN accused of sending naked photographs of himself to a woman in Fort William is due to stand trial at the town's sheriff court on August 15.

Jackson Kerr, aged 26, of 21 Canberra Drive, East Kilbride, denies sending messages of a grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or menacing character to the woman on October 23.

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Countdown to Craignish Arts Festival

CROWDS will be descending on the Craignish Peninsula later this month as locals put on celebration of drama, music, sport and crafts. Showing the peninsula as a hub of creative talent, Craignish Arts Festival kicks off on July 21 and includes 16 days of entertainment. An area rich with artistic talent, the festival will see seven venues host art exhibitions filled with pictures, sculptures and craftwork by dozens of talented local artists. Pipa Shanks, David Graham, Kitty Robertson and Robert Coia will join renowned Artmap Argyll artists across the range of art venues including the village hall, church, Crafty Kitchen, Galley of Lorne, Barbreck Farm Field and Moine Ruadh Gallery. People inspired by the artwork on display will have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece during one of the many workshops being held throughout the festival. The festival has not escaped the Olympic fever currently sweeping the nation and will host the Craignish Torch Relay to mark the start of the festival. Music will again be at the heart of the annual festival with live performances scheduled for most evenings at the Galley of Lorne Inn. Black Umfolosi will be a highlight of the festival with the renowned Zimbabwean group putting on a spectacle of music and dance at the village hall, whilst Sophie Ramsay will perform an intimate set of Scottish songs in Craignish Church. A host of activities have also been planned for children with Craobh Haven Watersports hosting Sail for Gold and a water fun day and locals creating a spectacular scarecrow trail the length and breadth of the Craignish Peninsula. A Wizard of Oz production will also be staged and the annual fancy dress Pirate Parade will round off the festival on the final weekend. Throughout the festival, the best of Mid Argyll will be on sale with producers' markets springing up across the peninsula every Sunday throughout the festival. Keep reading *The Oban Times* for more details on this growing festival.



Piper Donald MacAulay gets celebrations at Ardnamurchan High School underway

Tenth anniversary open day at Ardnamurchan High School

RAIN failed to dampen festivities at Strontian on Saturday at Ardnamurchan High School's 10th anniversary open day. Staged under the banner 'Ard Sgoil Aird Nam Murchan agus Arainn Shuaineir, Deich Bliadhna Còmhla' (Ardnamurchan High School and the Sunart Centre, Ten Years Together), the event featured competitions, stalls, displays and entertainments after piper Donald MacAulay got the day off to a rousing start at the school entrance. Head teacher Chris Millar-Craig said: 'The event marked the end of Ardnamurchan High School's 10th year and we would like to thank everyone, original campaigners, parents, pupils, staff and the army of organisers and supporters who helped or just came to enjoy our day of celebration. 'Special thanks go to the many private individuals, businesses and organisations who donated so generously.' The day ended with an evening ceilidh with The Robert Nairn Dance Band. Further celebratory events will be held throughout the summer.

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International circus stars fly into town

THE CIRCUS is coming to town - and bringing some of the world's most daring acrobats along. The new Shanghai Express circus tour is visiting Scotland and will be in Oban from Friday July 6 to Sunday July 8. The show features a galaxy of international circus stars from China, Mongolia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and the United Kingdom. Among the stars of the new Shanghai Express show are the world-renowned Red Dragon Chinese Acrobats who will mark their first appearance in Scotland by performing an incomparable array of gymnastic acts set to send audiences head over heels. Shanghai Express is produced and directed by Carol and Phillip Gandey, who first brought circus to Scotland 38 years ago.

Fèis fundraiser with a difference

ORGANISERS of a five-day fèis to be held in Lochaber next month are planning a fundraiser with a difference after the event - a triathlon. Fèis nan Garbh Chrìochan (Fèis of the Rough Bounds) from July 16-20 in Acharacle Primary School typically sees dozens of west Lochaber children attend for tuition in Gaelic and traditional instruments. But costs are substantial and it is hoped the triathlon on Sunday September 23 will help pay for the fèis through sponsorship money. People can enter either as a team of three or individually and must be over 16. The event will comprise three legs of approximately one mile each - a cycle from Dorlin road end to the white gates, a run to the old pier and a swim to Dorlin beach at Castle Tioram. A barbecue will follow. Organiser, Acharacle head teacher Lyndsay Bradley, said: 'Tha sinn cuideachd feumach air luchd-cuideachaidh - cuiribh thugainn fios ma tha ùidh agaibh! We will also need lots of helpers to time/steward so please get in touch if you are interested.' Helpers and athletes can contact Lyndsay on 01967 431494 or at lynzbrad@aol.com.

Young gymnasts show off skills at family display

LOCHABER Gymnastics Club hosted a display for friends and families and a Level 1 coaching exam last Wednesday evening. Parents, friends and relatives attending the Nevis Centre event generously donated £480 towards club funds. Older gymnasts performed routines they had choreographed themselves and demonstrated their skills on the floor, beam and vault. Younger children were given a chance to have a go on the equipment and show their parents what they could do. The evening finished with a floor display to music by the senior advanced class, choreographed by Roisin MacArthur. In total, 14 coaches passed their Level 1 Award including Lochaber High School pupils Karla Marshall and Roisin MacArthur and Fort William gymnastics coaches Doug Little, Fiona MacDonald, Claire MacLeod, Pammie MacPherson and Rebecca MacLean. The other coaches to successfully complete their exam were Vicky Horn, Michelle Wade and Liza Heriot and Active Schools Co-ordinator Roz Newman from South Lochaber, Kilhumen's Academy's PE teacher Rebecca Stafford, and school secretary Eilidh MaKay and Active Schools Co-ordinator Sarah Ross from Portree. Over the last year, more than 300 children aged from one to 18 have taken part in lessons organised with Lochaber Gymnastics Club as part of High Life Highland's Active Schools programme. Organisers thanked Coaching Highland and the Big Lottery's 2014 Communities Fund, which contributed to the three-day Level 1 coaching course. Lochaber Sports Association and Highland Council's local members grant aided gymnastics equipment.



Top performers: Members of Lochaber Gymnastics Club showed off their skills at the family night.



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Just some of the Rockfield competitors with work experience pupils Ruby MacFadyen-Donald and Alison MacVicar.

Oral and literature to the fore at Oban Mòd

ONLY an influx of junior competitors from Rockfield Primary School's Gaelic Medium Unit, saved this year's children's section at the Oban Provincial Mòd.

Future
But organisers Comunn Gaidhealach an Obain are far from concerned about the future of Gaelic, as the vast majority of junior entrants took part in oral or written competitions last Friday.

The following day, a healthy turnout of adult competitors arrived to practice their pieces, despite the Royal National Mòd being four months away.

Oban Mòd secretary Alex MacLean said: 'If not for the oral competitions we would have had a very poor children's Mòd.'

'We were very pleased with the large entry in the oral and literature competitions, from Rockfield in particular, and there were also good entries in the

poster design competitions from Mull schools.

'However, the number of musicians and singers attending was much lower. 'These large entries in the speaking and writing competitions are a new thing for us but in a way it is better for the language.'

'Singers don't need to speak the language but competitors in the recitation and writing sections usually have some Gaelic. I think it is fair to say the oral competitions are sustaining the junior Mòd.'

The adult section of the Oban Provincial Mòd featured more of a musical element with soloists, duets, choirs and a quartet taking part.

There were six choirs in all: Oban, Taynuilt, Mull, Tarbert, Mull Ladies and Argyll ladies choir Atomaig Piseag.

This year's Royal National Mòd in Dunoon will start on October 12.



Joy Barrow, eight, of Rockfield Primary School, read a poem called An t-uisge.



Dundee's Nicola Pearson, originally from Oban, had solo success.



Rockfield Primary School pupils, back first from left, Callum Neil, Lauren MacLeod and Shauna MacLeod, all seven, and front Eilidh MacFadyen, seven, and six-year-old Taylor Robertson.



Mull Gaelic Choir on stage. Picture by Kevin McGlynn



Competing in poetry, conversation and drama competitions was Appin's Dòmhnall Aonghas Colthart.



Oban Gaelic Choir with conductor Sileas Sinclair. Picture by Kevin McGlynn

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Saturday 30th June > Nightclub with DJs
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Mind you, eating out is not just for celebrations. It is also a good way to treat yourself, to break out of that domestic Colditz the kitchen can become, and allow someone else for a change, to do the preparation, cooking and clearing away afterwards.

How do you choose the establishment?
Well you decide first how formal you want to be. Some hotel restaurants can be pretty stiff. This is fine if you wish to make it a stiff occasion. If you want to relax in everyday clothes however, this may not be the place. Some restaurants too

are highly fashionable, full of elegantly dressed customers, and if not stiff, perhaps a little less relaxing than you might have in mind. As there are plenty of hotels and restaurants where the atmosphere is quite informal, you should be able to find an establishment to suit your particular requirements or occasion.

Pubs can offer a very good compromise. Most of those that serve food, will have a choice of places in which to eat. There may be a dining room or formal restaurant, there will always be the bar. You choose the area that suits you best. Work your way through a comprehensive menu or perch on a bar stool and enjoy a lighter meal.

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Pass by an establishment when it is open and look at the cars parked outside. Lots of cars mean lots of customers and a successful menu. With pubs and hotels you can always pop in for a casual drink and 'case the joint' while you're there. Most restaurants display their menus outside and will happily welcome you into their reception area if you wish for personal confirmation. Many have websites which you can browse at your leisure and decide whether that establishment is right for your occasion.

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ISLAY

THE JUBILEE Tea Party organised by the Rhinns branch of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute on June 2 raised £800 for the Help for Heroes charity.

Once again, the generosity and enthusiasm of Islay residents and visitors was demonstrated in the packed Portmahaven Hall which was festooned with Union Jacks and bunting.

A sumptuous complementary tea including a magnificent spread of sandwiches, cakes and other produce was provided with funds augmented by a silver collection at the door, sales of cakes and other local produce and raffles.

All items had been generously donated by the local community.

Thanks go to everyone who made the afternoon a resounding success including cake-bakers, produce suppliers, the washing-up team, the ladies of the raffle team, Dean for decorating the hall and, of course, all the generous people who turned out.

KILMENY Church is preparing to open its doors on Thursday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm from Thursday July 5 to August 30.

Tea or coffee with home baking will be available during open hours.

GILLIAN Bell, daughter-in-law of John and Sandra Bell, Port Charlotte, won the top prize in the 'Red Alert' competition at the recent Loch Lomond Quilt Show.

INVERLOCHY



Youngsters' busy day at trust centre

Around 40 youngsters from Inverloch Nursery enjoyed a day of making butter, planting seeds and home baking at Lochaber Rural Education Trust at Torlundy. A round robin selection of activities was provided for children including cake icing, sweetie making, gardening and making windmills with recycled paper. Chairman of the Trust Isabel Campbell said: 'Despite the rain and cold wind they also watched a sheep dog demonstration given by Brian Strachan, Roy Bridge, while his daughter Zoe and her pet collie made the children feel confident in stroking and speaking to the animal.'

Her quilt, 'To Close', also won the Marie-Louise Mundie award for the high quality of hand-quilting.

RESIDENTS from the south of the island, in particular, are encouraged to put their names forward to stand on the community council.

A by-election to elect new members will be held on September 20, with applications to be received no later than August 27.

The community council has no representative from the Port Ellen area.

Anyone who is interested should visit the Service Point for the necessary documentation.

'There are also aspects of Scottish Studies proposals that we feel might benefit from our knowledge and skills base.'

'The Scottish Government's aspirations to give Scottish children the opportunity to learn three languages is a great step forward and we believe we are ideally placed to offer local authorities help in providing the resources and skills required to make the initiative work in relation to Gaelic teaching.'

He added: 'School children could increase their Gaelic awareness at a number of levels and then make appropriate choices as they go forward with changes in the curriculum offering them new opportunities.'

LUING

ISLE of Luing Community Trust is asking people to 'buy a slate' to help raise funds to build the Atlantic Islands Centre.

The appeal has been launched to bolster grants already received from The Big Lottery Fund and LEADER.

More than £750,000 has recently been awarded but £60,000 is still required to complete the funding for the project.

The trust has received donations of more than £4,000 from Luing residents in one week and one resident has donated 1,000 West Highland slates which will be used to roof the centre.

Everyone who buys a slate for £5 will have their name inscribed on it and entered on

the slate roll of honour which will be displayed in the centre. Norman Bissell, trust vice chairman said: 'The Big Lottery funding of over three quarters of a million pounds is a huge vote of confidence in the trust and the people of Luing and in our ability and determination to build a sustainable future for the whole community.'

'It will enable us to provide facilities for islanders and visitors which we have never had before.'

'It's now up to us to raise the rest of the funding and we are greatly encouraged by the response we have had so far. Let's keep it going.'

Donations can be made in cash, by cheque, BACS transfer, or online on the trust website, www.isleofluing.org or on the new Atlantic Islands Centre facebook page.

A concert for the centre with many local singers and musicians taking part was due to be held on Saturday June 23 in Cullipool Hall.

This was the first of a variety of fundraising events being planned for the centre.

The Atlantic Islands Centre will provide much needed facilities for residents and visitors including a café restaurant, a heritage gallery, an arts and crafts shop and exhibition space.

DUROR

TWO DUROR Primary School pupils have won awards for their artwork after a Lochaber wide competition.

Jo Shepton, P7, and Ella Cockerill, P6, took the prizes in the Salmon Art competition after the school participated in the 'Salmon in the Classroom' project run by Lochaber Fisheries Trust.

The girls were given an art box and a hard back version of 'The Wind in the Willows'. Head teacher Marylin MacDonald said: 'The whole outdoor experience enhanced team work and learning outdoors. It was a superb project.'

GLENELG

GLENELG Primary School shinty team won the Peter Grant Cup at a recent tournament at Kirkton, beating off competition from sides including Kyle, Lochcarron, Loch Duich and Auchtertyre.

Spectators watched the youngsters play some close fought matches and enjoyed a super evening of shinty.

GLENDALE

THE POPULAR Glendale Heritage Exhibition, community cafe and bookshop at Borradole School in Glendale opened for the summer on Monday.

The school will be open Monday to Saturday, 11am to

LISMORE

AN EXHIBITION of paintings, drawings and glassware recently opened in the Heritage Centre library.

Marjorie Campbell, who was exhibiting for the second time on Lismore, opened the display on Saturday June 9. She was introduced by daughter Sarah Campbell who explained how her mother insisted on her children creating the 'rich broth of life', a combination of love, family and creativity.

Much of the curating of the exhibition had been done by Marjorie's sister, Alison, who said that Marjorie had always been willing to try new styles.

Later in the afternoon, there was a very special performance by one of Marjorie's other daughters, musician Mairi Campbell and her husband Dave Francis. The pair perform as The Cast and their composition, The Red Earth, told the story of Marjorie's grandfather, John Anderson, and his religious and literal journey which took him to the south western corner of China where he set up a mission and a clinic. The exhibition continues until July 6.

GLENFINNAN

GLENFINNAN cricketers took on a Fort William side at the second annual 'Under the Viaduct' community cricket event last week.

As well as the game, spectators and players enjoyed a barbecue. Fort's Peter Short said: 'The enjoyable mix of endeavour and merriment was more important than the result.'

But for the record, Glenfinnan '45s scored 149, a total matched by Fort with the loss of five wickets.

STAFFIN



Jubilee party boosts charity funds

Staffin School and nursery held a special Jubilee Tea Party on Tuesday June 5, with parents, grandparents and the wider community in attendance. Funds were raised for the Scottish Cot Death Trust by donations from everyone who dressed up for the day and a bake sale. A jubilee/royal quiz was also part of the event. Children sang to entertain their visitors.

EASDALE



Keren and Mike Cafferty rocked the night away.

Island rock night success

ISLANDERS 'rocked' last weekend as they raised money for Mary's Meals complete with dodgy wigs, fancy dress and a spot of karaoke.

Customers at The Puffer Bar and Restaurant on Easdale island raised £200 for the charity at the recent rock night. Owner Keren Cafferty said: 'Our theme nights are always well supported by the community and great fun is always guaranteed. We decided to raise funds for local charity Mary's Meals as one of our customers, Jan Fraser, was running the Balmoral half marathon on the same day for the same charity so it seemed very apt.'

CONNEL

CONNEL Community Council will hold the first meeting of its new session in the village hall on July 10 at 7.30pm.

PORTREE

PORTREE was the venue for talks between Gaelic arts development body Fèisean nan Gàidheal (FnaG) and minister for learning, science and Scotland's languages Alasdair Allan last Tuesday.

Central to discussion was how current moves to boost Gaelic's profile in Scottish education could be of major benefit to FnaG and Gaelic learning.

Chief executive Arthur Cormack detailed plans for developing a new service, Fèisgoil, to help schools with little or no experience of dealing with Gaelic.

Mr Cormack said: 'There are a number of key areas we believe Fèisean nan Gàidheal could offer expertise to local authorities as they get to grips with changes and developments in the school system such as the opportunities afforded by Curriculum for Excellence and Gaelic medium education.'

45 Years Ago

Those Were The Days The Oban Times

Thursday, June 22, 1967



Technical colleges for Argyll

A NEW type of technical training college - the first of its kind in Scotland - is to be built at Oban, it was revealed at a meeting of the county education committee held at Campbeltown last week.

The college, which will be of an experimental nature, will be the prototype for new centres for further education associated with existing secondary schools.

Argyll in due course is likely to get another three colleges and at the meeting both Lochgilphead and Campbeltown were named as possible centres.

The college will be paid for entirely by the Scottish Education Department and while no starting date has been fixed there is a strong possibility that it will go ahead in 1970. The area to be served by the Oban centre will extend as far south as Lochgilphead and as far north as Ballachulish. It will cater for day release students and provision will be made initially for courses in carpentry and joinery work, painting and decorating, brickwork, motor vehicle repair, commerce and retail distribution. Other courses relating to industrial training may be added later.

The building and administration of the college will be the responsibility of the education authority which has prospects of a site in the Soroba area of the town. Courses in fishing, agriculture, and crofting have been purposely excluded at this stage since the provision



Miss Argyll receives cup from Duchess

Heather Jarman, the new Miss Argyll, is presented with the 'Duchess Margaret Cup' by Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, in the finals of the county competition in the Corran Halls, Oban, on Friday.

of further education relating to these industries is currently under review of bodies specially set up for this purpose.

Announcing details of the Oban college at last Wednesday's meeting of the education committee, Mr T G Henderson, director of education for the county, said that many rural counties such as Argyll lacked proper facilities for industrial training.

A survey of the three major burghs in the county had shown that Oban was the most likely

to be able to support such a college.

Oban Mod on Friday

LORN, Morvern and Mull Provincial Mod, which is being held in the Argyllshire Gathering and Dunollie Halls, Oban, on Friday, has this year attracted good support in most of its sections.

In the junior competitions the number of entrants remains almost the same, but there is an

increase in some competitions in the senior section.

The revival this year of a quartet competition has drawn five entries from Oban Gaelic Choir and this in itself should prove of great interest.

The Donnachadh Ban competition, which always has a large following, has this year attracted 16 singers coming from as far apart as Lochaline, Bunnass, Cardenan and Campbeltown.

Giving adjudications on the musical side will be the Rev

Hector MacLean, Ballachulish, Calum Robertson, Glasgow, and Angus MacTavish, Dunoon. Deciding who takes the honours in the piping and chanter sections will be Pipe Major Angus Lawrie.

At the grand concert to be held in the Corran Halls in the evening, Calum Robertson will be chairman and apart from leading prizewinners, the concert will have as guest artists Kirsteen Grant and John A MacRae.

A Mod dance will be held afterwards when music will be supplied by Alasdair Brown and his band.

Swedish visitor loves the Highlands

THE HIGHLANDS has won yet another ardent fan in Anne-Marie Wirtavouri, a blonde 19-year-old Swedish girl from Soderhamn, who is working at the pulp mill for a few weeks of her summer vacation.

Anne-Marie is enchanted with what she has seen of the Highlands since she arrived here last Monday evening.

'The mountains are so beautifully green,' she remarked, 'and the people are so open and friendly - even more than we are in Sweden.'

She marvelled at Glen Nevis which, she claimed, had the nicest scenery she had seen in the world so far.

She compared the richly verdant slopes and rugged outcrops with the bleak, parched red and brown mountains she saw in America where she lived from 1964-65 on a pupil-exchange scheme.

She also said it was different to the scenery which she saw last year when she travelled

from Sweden to Berlin for her summer holidays.

There, in order to improve her German, she worked as a cleaning woman from 6am until 3pm each day. She speaks six languages.

At the moment she is a laboratory assistant in the pulp mill, a job in which she is especially interested as her father is sales manager of an engineering firm in Soderhamn, which made some of the equipment for the mill.

It gives her a chance to see how the machinery which they make is put to use.

Languages are not the only accomplishment of Anne-Marie, though.

She writes regular film criticism in her local daily paper, 'Ljusman', and is a keen photographer, developing and printing her own films. While she is here she is going to explore the area in her spare time taking pictures of all the beauty she sees around her to show to her fellow pupils when she goes home, as well as improving her English.

Tobermory want national rate for water

TOBERMORY Town Council is to write to Michael Noble, MP for Argyll, urging him to make representation for the introduction of a national rate for domestic and public water supplies.

At a town council meeting on Monday, a letter from Argyll County Council was read which pointed out that the county had borrowed £30,000 as part of a £100,000 water supply scheme in Tobermory.

A condition on which this scheme was built was that Tobermory Town Council would

pay back the £30,000 by levying a water rate of at least 1s 6d more than that for the landward area.

The letter from the county council added there had not yet been a substantial increase in the town's water rate.

Town Clerk Miss Jessie Craig explained that the council was waiting for notification as to when the borrowing was done. When it was learned that £30,000 had been borrowed, the burgh water rate was raised to 5s 6d in the £, compared with 4s in the £ in the landward area. The new tariffs will come into effect next year.

Provost A R MacLeod said: 'We are obliged to meet this £30,000 cost, but I feel that while we must uphold our obligations we should also press our Member of Parliament to try and speak for a stabilised national rate for water.' He added that the new Regional Water (Scotland) Bill compelled small burghs to be taken into large areas.

'This was brought out forcibly by the chairman of the convention of Royal Burghs at the recent meeting in Oban,' added the provost.

'Why should the rate be 6d in the £ in one place, about 1s 9d here and 4s in the landward area? I think we should write to Mr Noble and ask him to make representation to have a national rate for water.'

Nine records broken at Lochaber High School Sports

THE OUTSTANDING performer at this year's Lochaber High School sports was 13-year-old James MacLachlan, Inverloch, the junior boy champion, who was the only athlete to score

the maximum 15 points from five events, establishing new records in four of them.

In the hot sun of last Tuesday afternoon, nine school records were broken. In the senior boys' events a new record for the high jump was set at 5ft 3in.

Mallaig school sports were also held with George A Coull and Sheena Henderson, below, prevailing as primary sports champions.



Oban's first traffic warden

A NEW uniform on Oban's streets this week was the one worn by Mr Peter Clark, 6 Miller Road, Oban.

Mr Clark began work on June 18 as the town's first full-time traffic warden.



ARDNAMURCHAN MOD RESULTS

RESULTS from Ardnamurchan Mod held at Ardscoil Aird nam Murchan/Arainn Shuainneir on Friday June 15.

Solo singing competitions 5-8 years: GM solo singing, 5-6 years – 1 Donald Henderson, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Alexander McDonnell, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3= Grace Henderson, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3= Megan MacLeod, Bunscoil Mhalaig. Local own choice, 5-6 years – 1 Holly Cameron, Kilchoan Primary School; 2 Jamie Rowantree, Kilchoan Primary School; 3 Isla Crosbie, Kilchoan Primary School. GM solo singing 7-8 years – 1 Corra Davis, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Liam Morrison, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3 Aine O’Rua, Glenfinnan. Local own choice, 7-8 years – 1 Emma MacLachlan, Kilchoan Primary School; 2 Nathan Isherwood, Kilchoan Primary School; 3 Chloe Curtis, Kilchoan Primary School. Learners solo singing 7-8 years – 1 Floriana Lawrence, Lochaline Primary School.

9-18 years: Learners solo singing boys 9-10 years – 1 Finlay Cameron, Lochaline Primary School. Learners solo singing girls 9-10 years – 1 Rachel Bolton, Lochaline Primary School; 2 Charlotte Adam Prosser, Lochaline Primary School; 3 Ella Christian, Lochaline Primary School. GM solo singing boys, 9-10 years – 1 Ben MacDonald, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Fraser Davis, Bunscoil Mhalaig. GM solo singing girls, 9-10 years – 1 Niamh MacLellan, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Kayleigh Morrison, Bunscoil Mhalaig. Local – own choice 9-10 years – 1 Janie Patterson, Acharacle Primary School; 2 Innes Ferguson, Kilchoan Primary School; 3 Jean Campbell, Strontian Primary School. Local own choice 11-12 years – 1 Kate Bradley, Acharacle Primary School; 2 Mairi Duncan, Acharacle Primary School; 3 John Clark, Ardgour Primary School. Learners solo singing, girls 11-12 years – 1 Kay Christian, Lochaline Primary School. Learners solo singing boys 11-12 years – 1 John Clark, Ardgour Primary School. Local 13-15 years – 1 Sara MacKinnon, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Christins Wilson, Ardnamurchan High School.

Choirs: Learners choral unison – 1 Acharacle Primary School; 2 Kilchoan Primary School; 3 Lochaline Primary School. Learners Puirt-a-Beul under 13 years – 1 Acharacle Primary School; 2 Lochaline Primary School. Local choral unison – 1 Acharacle Primary School. Local, one song, own choice – 1 Strontian Primary School.

Oral Competitions 5-8 years GM poetry recitation, 5-6 years – 1 Orla Morrison, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Donald Henderson, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3 Alexander McDonnell, Bunscoil Mhalaig. GM conversation, 5-6 years – 1 Megan MacLeod, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Lisa Ford, Acharacle Primary School; 3= Ruairidh Fothergill, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3= Donald Henderson, Bunscoil Mhalaig. GM story telling 5-6 years – 1 Grace Henderson, Bunscoil Mhalaig. GM conversation 7-8 years – 1 Sean MacLellan, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2= Serena Matheson, Josephine Matheson, Acharacle Primary School; 3 Maryann MacPherson, Acharacle Primary School. GM poetry recitation 7-8 years – 1 Ka Fairley, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2= Josephine Matheson, Acharacle Primary School; 2= Sean MacLellan, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3= Kyra Yorke, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 3= Serena Matheson, Acharacle Primary School. Learners poetry 7-8 years – 1 Hamish Kennedy, Lochaline Primary School.

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School; 2 Alex Ferguson, Lochaline Primary School. GM conversation, 9-10 years – 1 Kayleigh Morrison, Bunscoil Mhalaig; 2 Daibhidh Duncan, Acharacle Primary School; 3= Niamh MacLellan, Bunscoil Mhalaig; Rachel Ford, Acharacle Primary School. Learners poetry recitation, 11-12 years – 1 Ross Shaw, Lochaline Primary School; 2 Vaile Kennedy, Lochaline Primary School. GM poetry recitation 11-12 years – 1 Eilidh Ross, Acharacle Primary School; 2 Mairi Duncan, Acharacle Primary School; 3 Jessie MacPherson, Acharacle Primary School. GM conversation 11-12 years – 1 Eilidh Ross, Acharacle Primary School; 2= Mairi Duncan, Jessie MacPherson, Acharacle Primary School; 3 Rowan MacGillivray, Acharacle Primary School.

13-18 years Fluent conversation 13-15 years – 1 Duncan Foxley, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Claire Ford, Ardnamurchan High School. Fluent poetry recitation 13-15 years – 1 Duncan Foxley, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Claire Ford, Ardnamurchan High School; 3 Charlie-Anne Fleming, Ardnamurchan High School. Drama playlet – 1 Bunscoil Mhalaig.

Special competitions Action song – under 10 years – 1 Acharacle Primary School; 2 Lochaline Primary School; 3 Ardgour Primary School. Action song – under 13 years – 1 Ardgour Primary School. Music making, instrumental, without singing – 1 Acharacle Primary School. Music making, instrumental, 13 and over – 1 Ardnamurchan High School. Folk group, under 13 years – 1 Acharacle Primary School P4-7E; 3 Lochaline Primary School. Folk group – under 18 years – 1 Ardnamurchan High School. Quartet – 1 Janie Patterson, Lucy Drury, Mairi Duncan, Kate Bradley.

Instrumental Clarsach elementary – 1 Charlie-Anne Fleming, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Ruby Tilling, Ardnamurchan High School; 3 Kate Bradley, Acharacle Primary School. Clarsach intermediate – 1 Isabelle Tilling, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Niamh Henderson, Mallaig High School. Clarsach beginner – 1 Serena Matheson, Acharacle Primary School. Fiddle – Gaelic Air & Reel/March – secondary – 1 Joanne Ford, Ardnamurchan High School; 2 Megan MacPherson, Ardnamurchan High School. Fiddle, Gaelic Air and Reel, primary – 1 Eilidh Ross, Acharacle Primary School; 2 Mairi Duncan, Acharacle Primary School; 3= Claire Ford, Ardnamurchan High School, Kate Bradley, Acharacle Primary School. Fiddle, learners, Gaelic air – primary – 1 Mirren Lindsay, Acharacle Primary School; 2 Josephine Matheson, Acharacle Primary School; 3 Frances MacDonald, Acharacle Primary School. Accordion under 13 – 1 Hector MacLean, Acharacle Primary School; 2= Rowan MacGillivray, Acharacle Primary School, Kate MacLean, Ardnamurchan High School. Accordion 13-18 years – 1 Martin Ross, Ardnamurchan High School. Tin Whistle under 13 – 1 Grace MacDonald, Mallaig Primary School; 2 Jenna Durbin, Acharacle Primary School. Tin Whistle over 13 – 1 Rory Malcolm, Ardnamurchan High School. Keyboard – 1 Joanne Ford, Ardnamurchan High School. Bagpipes – Novice – 1 Wallace Dempster, Arisaig. Drumming – Snare Drum – 1 Matthew Bradley, Ardnamurchan High School. Guitar under 13 years – 1 Kate Bradley. Guitar 13-18 years – 1 Matthew Bradley; 2 Jan Hendrik Ewers. Guitar Beginners – 1 Nathan Fleming, Acharacle Primary School; 2= John Clark, Ardgour Primary School, Janie Patterson, Acharacle Primary School.



Dancers from the Jane Douglas School of Dance put on a spectacular show during this year's Barra a'Danrsa show. www.abigailtreffry.com

Dancers stage spectacular show

BARRA'S Jane Douglas School of Dance's popular Barra a'Danrsa show has once again filled Castlebay School, with the audience enjoying a spectacular performance.

Locals and visitors from as far away as Australia were amazed with the talent on show, together with the slick production. In total, 48 dancers and

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performers took to the stage, with older, professional dancers joining the The Bravehearts Boys and Highland Hoppers to impress everyone with the wealth of talent on show. Jane said: 'The audience loved everything from the traditional

Highland dances to the ground breaking choreographed routines.

'It was a very enjoyable and rewarding evening for both audience and performers.

'Congratulations to all the dancers, musicians, back and front stage helpers, parents and friends who helped make the show such a success.'

TAYNUILT



An abseil down Cruachan dam has raised funds for East Lorn Schools Co-operative's outdoor activities. Sixteen brave volunteers abseiled down, raising a total of £2,800. Pictured negotiating the first part of the abseil is Tainuilt nursery worker Fiona Stephens.

KILLIN

KILLIN Internet Café has started up again thanks to £4,032 funding from Stirling Council Adult Learning Support.

Based in Killin Library, the money will help the development and teaching of internet skills, in addition providing an extension for public access to the library. The facility has been well subscribed since the day it opened, showing the continuing need for this service.

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APPIN



Appin Primary School's Adventure Club has enjoyed a variety of activities this session ranging from bog hopping, wild art, den building and generally getting muddy exploring the outdoors. They will be finishing this session with coasteering with Stramash.

ARDNAMURCHAN



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NORTH LORN



Children of the North Lorn co-operative at their recent sports day.

BARCALDINE Primary School hosted the North Lorn co-operative school sports this year, taking in Ardchattan, Lismore, Barcaldine and Strath of Appin primary schools.

The children were delighted to welcome Oban High School sports leaders, who led the day's

activities. In the morning the children all took part in team sports and in the afternoon they ran competitive races.

There were awards for sports champions but also for good sports but the highlight of the day was the tug-of-war, which was keenly fought.

CALLANDER

CALLANDER Youth Project Trust (CYPT) has secured £140,000 for renovations to the Bridgend House Hotel, which it bought in February. The independent voluntary youth organisation can now progress with work to provide a multipurpose café for youngsters in rural Stirling. CYPT, which is using the hotel as its headquarters, say the renovations will take approximately 12 weeks and make it more financially independent. When completed, the building will be known as the Bridgend Youth Hub and will house a range of services including a youth hostel, café, organic gardens, event space and a multi-purpose workshop studio. The new café is the result of feedback from more than 150 young people in Callander asked about what facilities they would be most likely to use. With a coffee bar, comfortable chairs, a television, pool table, table tennis and table football, the café will be open to the whole community, also providing space for Zumba

and yoga classes for parents during school hours. Initial funding for the purchase of the building was provided by a £210,000 loan from Triodos Bank. Social Investment Scotland, Scotland's leading alternative funder to the third sector, provided an investment of £140,000 via the Government's Scottish Investment Fund. Chris Martin, manager of CYPT, said: 'We are at the brink of a very exciting time for the CYPT. Our new youth café will allow us to offer young people the opportunity for formal training in food preparation, health and hygiene and prepare them for work in the hospitality or tourism sector, which our region is so dependent on. 'What's more, the café will provide a safe place for young people to meet with friends and also a one stop shop for advice and information from our support staff.' For more information on CYPT, visit www.callanderyouthproject.co.uk.

Down Your Way

Fort Augustus

FORT Augustus residents and local councillor Margaret Davidson are to meet with Highland Council's transport committee to discuss increasing and joining bus services in the area.

The bus timetables recently changed leaving some people unable to get buses from the village to Inverness to get to work or college on time.



Left to right, Elaine MacRae, Maria MacRae, Marion Riddle and Liz Proudlock enjoy a well-deserved break.

FOUR intrepid Great Glen women have raised more than £2,000 for a local charity – by walking to Knoydart and back in a weekend.

Maria MacRae and Marion Riddle from South Laggan, Liz Proudlock from Fort Augustus and Elaine MacRae from Inverness hiked from Kinlochhourn to Inverie on the Saturday, then back out through Glendessary to the Loch Arkaig on the Sunday. The girls raised £2,355 for the Archie Foundation Raigmore Children's Ward Appeal.

Maria told *The Oban Times*: 'We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. The walk was tough but the scenery was amazing and the weather couldn't have been better - if a little too good!'

FORT Augustus residents have had the chance to hear proposals for two new windfarms planned for land near the village.

Scottish and Southern Energy, which wants to install the turbines, held a public meeting recently to explain the proposals. This was followed by a second meeting with Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council to explain the arrangements in more detail.

Community council chairman Kenneth Knott told *The Oban Times* reaction in the village had been 'mixed'. He said: 'We'll wait and see the details of the planning application before we make any kind of decision. The A82 runs right through the village and there would be major disruption during construction. But it looks far less visually intrusive than a lot of other recent applications.'

The two proposed windfarms, near Glenmoriston and at Glendoe, will produce 80 megawatts and 100 megawatts of power.



THE VICTORIAN jubilee fountain in the centre of Fort Augustus has been restored to its former glory.

The fountain used to be located at the top of the Caledonian Canal locks but was moved to the bottom some years ago.

As part of the town's celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee the fountain was cleaned up with new plants placed around the base. The restoration was funded by British Waterways, Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council, the Lovat Hotel and Fort Augustus, Glenmoriston and Glangary Business Initiative.

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of a garden that require care and attention. They are; the pathways and boundaries; the buildings and decorative



structures; the planted areas. Each requires attention of a special sort. Each poses its own special problems. They all combine together to provide that unique

ambience that signifies your home. Pathways and boundaries need to be in good repair or they don't do the jobs they are designed to do. Broken pathways and drives are ugly to look at and dangerous to use. Steps and slopes even more so. The secret is to repair as you go

so you are not faced with a huge bill when you least want one. And the same applies to boundaries and gates. They represent part of the security provisions of your property. They also

show the outside world the limits of your land, so it is important that boundaries are intact and gates close easily and securely. Remember a gate constantly slamming in the wind will break itself and weaken the fence or wall to which it is attached. Again a repair in time can save a great deal of time and money. A patio is part of this section and most homes these days either have one or are planning to do so. There is nothing quite so useful as this decorative paved area where you can stand garden furniture securely and enjoy the outdoors when perhaps the lawn is



too wet to walk on. With a selection of containers with flowering plants and pretty foliage they can add a continental touch to your garden. A brick-built barbecue area attached as well will make a patio a perfect entertaining area too. The buildings and decorative structures in your garden must also be kept up to scratch. Sheds need to be secure or there is

no point storing valuable garden tools inside. Of course if you haven't yet got a garden shed, isn't it time you did have? If you like gardening a greenhouse is a very useful structure whether it is heated in winter or not. Once you have a greenhouse you can bring on seedlings, raise your own bedding plants, grow a variety of exotica or just have fresh tomatoes and cucumbers of your own in season. How about a summerhouse to have summer family meals in or garden picnics? Some are designed to incorporate a tool shed at the back and so solve two problems at the same time. Or you could just have a decorative pergola with roses and other climbing plants trained about. Placed beside a garden pool with a small fountain it could all look absolutely wonderful and so very pleasant to sit in. Once you have the more permanent structures of the garden built and established you should

turn your attention to the planted areas. This is the garden proper and carefully planned, you can probably do a great deal with even a small, urban plot. To plan your garden first acquire some graph paper. Next take a tour around a variety of garden centres, public gardens and stately homes if there are any within reach. Take notes of the ideas you like. Take a tape measure and check the dimensions of the established shrubs. If you are lucky enough to have



small garden an area of fine, coarse or coloured gravel can look just as attractive and provides an area just as useful to stand, sit or play on. It is less work to keep up too, an important point if you lead a busy life. Try to provide surprises here and there. Don't have straight lines in the garden. Give those border edges curves. If you have a lawn put small beds in here and there or plant a weeping tree at some point. Consider a rock garden. Placed near the pool it can give a garden great dimension. Plan too for your lifestyle. Shrubs

and which of those subjects you fancy will grow in it, you can sit down and plan your garden. Be creative. Don't imagine anything is obligatory, not even the lawn. In a very

If you have a large plot and you fancy home-grown vegetables, plan that plot carefully too. Again don't be too hide-bound by tradition. Many vegetables will grow quite happily in borders amongst inedible plants. Indeed there are some of the brassica family that are positively decorative in their own right. If time is a big problem well don't give up. Why not instruct a garden/landscape designer to help with the plans and organize some of the heavier, more time-consuming construction work for you? It can save a great deal of time, energy and heartache, especially if your knowledge of gardening at this point is limited. What's more, it need not cost as much as you might imagine and could even save you money in terms of expensive disasters averted. Summer is the perfect time to get to grips with your garden and if you start right away, by next summer you'll have a garden to be really proud of.

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THE PIPES are being tuned up, the athletes are at peak fitness and the dancers have their steps perfected ahead of another summer of Highland games. And with the strongest, the fastest and most tuneful competitors travelling around the country to different games, you won't have to go far to see them in action.

So where are you going this year? The Oban Times has selected some of the best games from throughout Scotland to help you decide.

KENMORE

After being rained off last year, organisers of the Kenmore Highland Games are keen to see it return with a bang for the 40th games and have laid on entertainment for all the family, from children's races to hill races. The event takes place at Kenmore Sports Field on July 4.

ROSNEATH

The Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering on July 15 is always a fun day

for the family with archery tuition, bungee jump trampolines and the 'Walk on Water' hamster balls among the more unusual attractions on offer after the parade from Rosneath village at noon.

MORVERN

The Morvern Games, part of Morvern Gala Week, takes place on July 14 at Knock Park, Lochaline. The Morvern games are very family-friendly, authentic games in a stunning rural setting. It has been described as the 'most scenic games in Scotland'.

INVERARAY

Widely regarded as one of the best one-day Highland games in Scotland, the Inveraray Highland Games mixes heritage with heavyweights to awesome effect. The games will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at Winterton Park in the grounds of Inveraray Castle.

As well as seeing elite heavyweight contests, including the world tossing the caber championships, spectators can enjoy solo piping,

Highland dancing, track and field events, cycling, wrestling and performances by pipe bands. The games also include a funfair and trade stands.

MULL

The Mull Highland Games take centre stage on July 19 at Erray Park in Tobermory. A traditional event, the games include a spectacular venue above colourful Tobermory with piping, dancing and track and field events. The games are a great day out for all the family.

SOUTHEND

Boasting the stunning scenery of Kintyre is Southend Highland Games at Hotel Park on July 21. A traditional Highland Games, it offers visitors piping, Highland dancing and a host of other events and activities.

BALQUHIDDER

Also on July 21 at the Games Park in Lochearnhead there are the Balquhider, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Highland Games. These games also provide the spectacle of a traditional Highland clan gathering of the clans McLaren, Stewart, McGregor and Macnab.

KILLIN

The Killin Highland Games are held on August 1 at Breadalbane Park, Killin and feature traditional Highland games events including Highland dancing, piping competitions, strength events, side stalls and a funfair.

NORTH BERWICK

The North Berwick 'Champion Scottish Day Out' on August 4 has everything you

want from a Highland games with spectacular piping displays one of the main attractions.

SKYE

The 135th Isle of Skye Highland Games will give a real flavour of a traditional island Highland games. Held at The Lump, Portree on August 8, this well-attended games always promises a great atmosphere.

BALLATER

The 139th Ballater Highland Games on August 9 is one steeped in history and continues many traditions of the past, with Highland dancing, piping and athletics events, followed by a popular dance in the evening.

PERTSHIRE

Some of the best games in the country are centred round Scotland's heartland of Perthshire. Atholl and Breadalbane Agricultural Show and Highland Games is on

August 11, while Perth Highland Games is a day later. The Rannoch Highland Gathering takes place the following weekend (August 18) and Crieff Highland Games will be held on August 19. Saturday, August 25 sees the Strathardle Highland Games and Agricultural Show and the Birmam Highland Games. In September, Perthshire hosts the Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games on September 2 and the Pitlochry Highland Games on August 8.

OBAN

At Mossfield Park on Thursday August 23, the Argyllshire Gathering Oban Highland Games is a very traditional Highland games with piping, Highland dancing competitions, athletics, heavy events, junior shinty and a heritage tent. The previous day's piping competition attracts some of the best in the world and the winner leads the march to the games field.

Southern Highland Games
Saturday 21 July 2012
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 Contact: Mr John Galbraith
 01586 830235
 Email: pollwilline@btconnect.com

Scenic Morvern Highland Games
Sat. 14 July, Lochaline
 Family ceilidh, shinty & BBQ with Skipinnish 21 July, 6pm (free entry)
 www.morverngalaweek.co.uk

Kenmore 40th Highland Games
 Kenmore Sports Field
4 July 2012
 5.30pm - 9.30pm
 Heavy Events, Track Events, Highland Dancing, Hill Race, Children's Races
 Contact: Sarah Kelly
 Tel: 01887 830281 or mobile 07754 497889

135TH YEAR The Isle of Skye Highland games
Wednesday 8th August 2012 @ The Lump, Portree
 Piping competitions start Tuesday 7th August 2012
 Sailing competition on Tuesday 7th August 2012
 www.skye-highland-games.co.uk

ROSNEATH PENINSULA HIGHLAND GATHERING
 SUNDAY 15TH July 2012
 HOWIE PARK, ROSNEATH, Nt HELENSBURGH
 9.00 am Gates Open. 12 noon Grand Parade
 Archery Tuition, The St Modan's Manhood Stone Lift, Bungee Jump Trampolines, "Walk on Water" Hamster Balls, Stalls, Children's Races, Entertainments, Refreshment Stalls & Beer Tent And More!
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 Tel: 01436 831 112
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PERTSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION
 We are an organisation who supports and assists the promotion and running of Highland Games in Perthshire and the surrounding area. Visit our website www.phga.co.uk for the latest news, events calendar, sponsors' list, entry forms, results and league tables.
Calendar of Events July 2012
 Wed 4 5:30pm - Kenmore Highland Games
 Sat 21 12:00pm - Balquhider, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Highland Games
August 2012
 Wed 1 10:30am - Killin International Highland Games
 Sat 11 9:30am - Atholl & Breadalbane Agricultural Show and Highland Games
 Sun 12 10:00am - Perth Highland Games
 Sat 18 1:30pm - Rannoch Highland Gathering
 Sun 19 10:30am - Crieff Highland Games
 Sat 25 9:00am - Strathardle Highland Games & Agricultural Show
 Sat 25 11:00am - Birmam Highland Games
September 2012
 Sun 2 10:00am - Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games
 Sat 8 10:30am - Pitlochry Highland Games

139TH BALLATER HIGHLAND GAMES
 Thursday 9th August
 Commencing 12.30pm
 All traditional events - dancing, piping, hill race, heavy events, pipe bands, etc.
 Evening entertainment - Concert & Dance in Village Hall
 Contact - Secretary 01339 755771
 info@ballaterhighlandgames.com
 www.ballaterhighlandgames.com

Inveraray Highland Games WINTERTON PARK, CASTLE GROUNDS TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2012
 Local and Open Events commence 9.00am
SOLO PIPING (Local and Open)
HIGHLAND DANCING (Local and Open)
HEAVY, FIELD & TRACK EVENTS (Local and Open) incl. **WORLD CABER CHAMPIONSHIP CYCLING, WRESTLING**
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 www.inveraray-games.co.uk

KILLIN HIGHLAND GAMES
Wednesday 1 August 2012 Breadalbane Park, Killin
 Gates open 10am
 Parade leaving Falls of Dochart at 1pm
 Local Heavies, Hill Race, Highland Dancing, Children's Fun Fair
 Contact: Yvonne Gillies 07836 514072
 yvonnegillies@live.com

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NOTING THE TRADITION
 Noting the Tradition is a Heritage Lottery funded oral history project from the National Piping Centre. The Project aims to tell the history of the Great Highland Bagpipe over the past 50 years in the words of those who play the instrument. Hear Murray Henderson, Ian McKerral (Kintyre Schools), Iain MacDonald (Neilston Pipe Band and The Battlefield Band), Iain Hurst and others from the pipe world talking about their experiences.
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Balquhider, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Highland Games and Gathering
 The Games Park, Lochearnhead
 Saturday, 21st July 2012
 Chieftain: Jamie Macnab the younger of Macnab
 Clans march into the field at 12.00pm
 Badenoch and Strathspey Pipe Band
 "Pure Malt" traditional folk band will play in the beer tent from 4.30pm until 8pm
 Food, refreshments, trade stalls and children's amusements on field
 Adults £6 Children and OAP £4
 Free Parking

North Berwick International Highland Games 17th Anniversary
'A Champion Scottish Day Out'
Saturday 4th August 2012
 Recreation Park, Dunbar Road, North Berwick
Easy Access by Rail and Bus
Gates open at 9 am
Events start at 10 am approx

MULL HIGHLAND GAMES
 ERRAY PARK TOBERMORY
THURSDAY 19th JULY 2012
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The Argyllshire Gathering OBAN HIGHLAND GAMES
 Mossfield Park, Oban
Thursday 23rd August 2012
March to Games Field leaves Station Square at 10.30am
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 12noon from Station Square
Highland Dancing • Track & Field Events • Traditional Heavy Events • Piping
 Juvenile Exhibition Shinty (starts 9.30)
 Tug O' War • Fun Races • Heritage Tent • Trade Stands
PIPING COMPETITIONS
Tuesday 21st August 2012
 Silver Medal, Corran Halls
Wednesday 22nd August 2012
 Pìobaireachd Gold Medal, Corran Halls
 Silver Medal Final, Corran Halls
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Highland champion - the two-year old heifer, Eilidh 3rd of Roisbheinn, by Philip 2nd of Auchtenny and out of Eilidh 1st of Roisbheinn, from Alan Blackburn, Caputh, Perthshire. Judge Willie Thomson described her as 'a bonnie wee heifer' 17_126show13



Reserve Highland champion - the two-year old Eoin Mhor 11th of Mottistone by Eoin Mhor of Miungairigh, and out of Sidonia 3rd of Kindrochaid. From the Mottistone Fold of Michael Poland and brought out by Willie MacLean 17_126show03



Clydesdale champion - the two-year old filly Carnaff Lady Lucinda, by Whinhill Lord of the Isles and out of Torrskar, from McFadyen Contractors, Campbeltown 17_126show08



The green grass parks of Ingliston were quickly turned into slippery mud by thousands of feet 17_126show11

Torrential rain hits Highland Show

THE ROYAL Highland Show 2012 will be remembered as 'the year that it rained'.

Torrential rain on Thursday and Friday threatened to bring a halt to Scotland's largest agricultural showpiece and only a tremendous effort and spirit of determination from event organisers and numerous other 'friendly' neighbours allowed the event to continue.

With the 120-acre site taking a pounding as vehicles became bogged to the axles in rain-soaked car parks and thousands of feet tramped muck through the halls and marquees, the remedial work could eclipse any potential profit from the show's 160,000 visitors.

The attendance over the four days of the event was remarkably high considering the horrendous start with the final figure showing a 22,000 drop on last year's figure of more than 180,000.

Main sponsor The Royal Bank and near neighbours Edinburgh Airport were quick to come to the assistance of the show by offering use of hard-stand car parking, which was linked to hurriedly organised public transport to ensure that visitors got to their destination.

A spokesman for the show said: 'Everyone has pulled together to make it a great success.'

Amid the mud and puddles, those who did attend found the usual exceptionally high standard of livestock and trade stands, with considerable success for some west coast competitors.

The strongest west coast representation came in the Highland cattle rings where judge Willie Thomson, Woodneuk, Barrhead selected a red,

two-year old heifer, Eilidh 3rd of Roisbheinn, by Philip 2nd of Auchtenny and out of Eilidh 1st of Roisbheinn, as his overall champion. The heifer, from Alan Blackburn, Braecock Mill, Caputh, Murthly, Perthshire, and formerly of Roshven, Loch Ailort, had stood reserve at the Fife Show and at the East of Scotland Club Show.

Judge Willie Thomson said: 'It was a pleasure to judge them.'

'A tremendous show of cattle with a good standard throughout. The heads and bodies were good, and they reminded me of the type of cattle that I was used to seeing. Highlanders are a hill breed, they need to walk up a hill, and do it well.'

'The champion is a bonnie wee heifer and the type of cow I like to see.'

Alan Blackburn also tasted success in the four-year old class when Sorcha Beag 3rd of Roisbheinn was placed ahead of Tordarroch Estates' Julie 2nd of Tordarroch; with Mrs Queenie Strickland, Cladich taking third with Diorbhail Dhubh of Cladich.

The overall champion was placed ahead of the male champion, the two-year old Eoin Mhor 11th of Mottistone from the fold of Michael Poland. The bull, which had previously won at Stirling, has strong Isle of Mull connections, being the last bull calf sired by Eoin Mhor of Miungairigh, and out of Sidonia 3rd of Kindrochaid. He was excellently turned out by stockman Willie MacLean who also took the Highland team award with Flora 2nd of Mottistone and Morag Odhar of Mottistone joining the overall reserve champion bull.

There were also two judges from the west in the cattle

rings this year, with Donald MacPherson, of Mill Farm, Benderloch and Castlehill, Berwick, withstanding the deluge on Thursday afternoon to place a Limousin cross from Mr and Mrs MJ Alford, Foxhill Farm, Devon as commercial champion; while Hamish Porter from the Isle of Islay ignored the heavy rain as he drew the six-year old cow Finmac Libby by Globex Quota and out of Globex Libby, from John and Iain Finlay of Blackraig, Castle Douglas and Willie MacLean, Inverglern, Barcaldine, as leader from the Galloway line-up.

Increased numbers in the sheep competitions saw success in the Blackface ring for J Wight and Sons, Midlock, Crawford with their champion, a two-crop ewe by a £36,000 Dalchirla and out of a ewe by a £22,000 Dalchirla was placed ahead of a gimmer by a £26,000 Crossflat from Milnmark, Dalry.

The Cheviot titles all went to Borders breeders in Cheviot, North Country (Hill) and North Country (Park) with Crossdykes, Lockerbie winning the Cheviots with a homebred gimmer; Woodside, Yetholm, Kelso taking the Northie (Hill) championship with a home bred ewe; and a four-shear tup from Allanshaws, Galashiels winning the Northie (Park) crown.

Last year's Clydesdale yearling champion went one better this year when MacFadyen Contractors of Campbeltown took their two-year old filly Carnaff Lady Lucinda by Whinhill Lord of the Isles and out of Torrskar to the overall title. She has also been placed Supreme Champion at the National Stallion Show this year, plus last year's Winter Fair, Kintyre Show and Strathavan Show.



Commercial cattle judge Donald MacPherson battled on through conditions he later described as 'just hellish' as he selected his commercial champion on Thursday afternoon. 17_126show4



There was the usual high standard in the sheep lines. 17_126show7



Robin Barr, Clochkeil Campbeltown with Calderglenn Raffia who was second in her class and part of the Clochkeil team of three which won the Best Ayrshire Group title. 17_126show14



The showground was a sea of umbrellas around the cattle judging rings on Thursday. These spectators are standing at the same spot as the picture, taken two days later, at the top of the page 17_126show19



Winners of the Pairs Driving were the Percherons, Cole and Cacey, driven by owner Ronald Brewster, Methven 17_126show10



The Scottish Crookmakers Association stand was one of the many which benefited from being indoors 17_126show05



Judge Hamish Porter from Islay braved Thursday's rain to run an eye over the pedigree Galloways 17_126show06



Newly crowned Miss Scotland, Nicole Treacy was persuaded to try her hand at milking a Holstein called Peach, from Allister Laird's herd near Peebles, as promoters launched Miss Moo-niverse, supported by Wiseman Dairies. Although Peach is not a contender, five black and white heifers and cows from herds throughout the UK will contest the title of the bonniest dairy cow, with consumers being asked to register their votes by the closing date of August 31. 17_126show1



Peggy of Combebank, from Lochgoilhead was third in a strong yield mare class in the Highland Pony Section. Peggy, a six-year old, bred in North Yorkshire was also third in this class in 2011.



The heavy horse turnouts are always a crowd pleaser with this one from Mill Clydesdales, Isle of Bute getting warm applause 17_126show12

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/00845/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage.	Garden Ground Of Ach Na Caoraich Eray Road Tobermory Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA75 6PS	Tobermory Area Office
12/01215/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses, installation of 2 septic tanks and formation of new vehicular access.	Land East Of Balnagowan Kilmore Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office
12/01223/PP	Formation of new vehicular access	Power House Carsaig Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA70 6HD	Sub Post Office Bunnassan Isle of Mull
12/01234/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of sewage treatment plant	Land North West Of Ocean Farm Appin Argyll And Bute PA38 4BQ	Sub Post Office Ledaig
12/01249/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North Of Ardrachavaig House Uisken Bunnassan Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA67 6DT	Sub Post Office Bunnassan Isle of Mull
12/01252/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse	Grianan South Cuan Isle Of Luing Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4TU	Sub Post Office Cullipool
12/01327/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 09/01191/PP - Erection of dwelling house and garage	Ardracross Aros Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
12/01340/PP	Change of use from a dwellinghouse to a house in multiple occupation	Summer House Taynult Argyll And Bute PA35 1JW	Sub Post Office Taynult
12/01348/PP	Erection of porch and storage room.	Cottage South Of Redroofs Balevullin Isle Of Tiree Argyll And Bute PA77 6XD	Tiree Area Office

Comments can be made to the Crofting Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 28 days of the date of this newspaper. Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk

Please specify your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING APPLICATION

Applicant, Croft, Extent/ Purpose, Case number *Mr J D Cameron 56 Ormsaigbeg, Ardnarmurchan & Sunart 0.241 ha & 0.223 ha - Sites for 2 dwelling houses 4.86.39120 & 4.86.39119

Mr I MacKinnon 5 Cornaigmore, Tiree 0.0155 ha - Existing house site 4.86.38850

Comments can be made to the Crofting Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 14 days of the date of this newspaper. Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk

Applications marked with an asterisk - Interest can be expressed in obtaining the tenancy of the area subject to the application.

DECROFTING DIRECTIONS ISSUED

Name, Croft, Extent/Reason, Conditions, Case number
 Mr J MacCormick Cnoc a' Ghuail, Lismore & Appin 0.103 ha - Site for a dwelling house 4.86.38572
 Conditions: 1, 2, 3c, 4
 Mrs P M Dewar Gibb 114 Achnaha, Ardnarmurchan & Sunart 0.060 ha - Section 18 Feu 4.84.39013

Conditions
 (1) Purchase area within 5 years of the date of direction.
 (2) To provide a site for a dwellinghouse
 (3) Complete enclosure of the land with a stock proof fence within 4 months of acquisition
 (4) That fence shall be maintained in good order and repair by each successive owner or occupier of the land.

Any person with an interest in the application may appeal against a decision to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days of the date of this advert.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
12/01296/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage	Plot 7 Livingstone Way Port Ellen Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA42 7EP	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee -E.W.5 Oban North and Lorn
 Councillor Glen-Lee will be holding surgeries during the month of July as follows:- Every Monday morning during the month of July (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th) 9.30am - 10.30am in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban

2nd July - Kilmelford Village Hall 5.30pm - 6.30pm
 9th July - Scottish Association for Marine Science - Dunstaffnage, Dunbeg, By Oban 4.00pm - 5.00pm
 16th July - Dunollie House, Dunollie, Oban 3.00pm - 4.00pm
 23rd July - Cullipool Village Hall, Luing, By Oban 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Councillor Glen-Lee can also be contacted by email - louise.glen-lee@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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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; online at wam.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
12/01853/MSC	Site 85M North West of Upper Tall Pine Croft Upper Inverroy Roy Bridge	Erection of house
12/01963/PIP	Land To South East of Torran Cottage Wilson Way Banavie Fort William	Demolition of agricultural building and erection of house
12/02088/PIP	Stable Cottage Strontian Acharacle	Erection of house
12/02274/MSC	Land 80M North East of Craigard Banavie Fort William	Erection of house and garage
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12/02311/PIP	Site 20M South East of Camusmorar Morar	Erection of house and garage (renewal of 09/00030/OUTLO)
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12/02339/FUL	The Gate Lodge Glencoe Ballachulish	Refurbishment and extension of Class C Listed Building
12/02343/LBC	The Gate Lodge Glencoe Ballachulish	Refurbishment and extension of Class C Listed Building
12/02370/FUL	Torlinne Achintore Road Fort William	Alterations to car port to form garage

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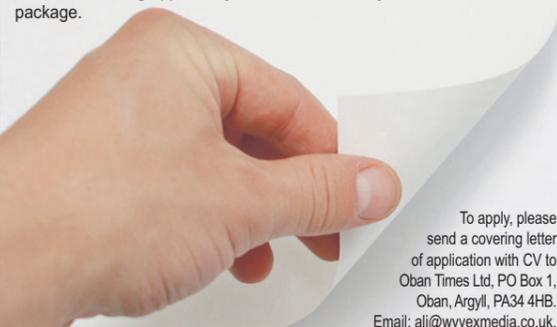
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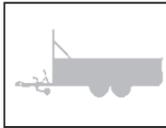
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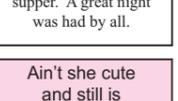
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BIRTHS



MACLEAN-SMITH
Onie and Lee are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful son, Romi Lee on Sunday, June 17, 2012 at R A H Paisley. A little brother for Leon. Special thanks to all midwives and doctors.

ENGAGEMENTS

MACNAB - TILLY
Neill and Islay MacNab of Taynuilt are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Mr Jonathon Tilly, son of Byron and Patricia Tilly of Dollar, Clackmannanshire.

MARRIAGES



PREISS - AULD
Lucy Preiss would like to announce the marriage of her Mummy and Daddy at McCaigs Tower, Oban, on June 2, 2012, amidst glorious sunshine and beautifully conducted by Rev Brian Wilkinson, Darryn, second son of Irene and the late Richard (of Johnstone) to Jacqueline, only daughter of Iain and Joan (Oban). A wonderful day was had by family and friends.

DIAMOND WEDDING

GREENWAY - PAGE
Peter and Catriona, June 26, 1982, Christ Church Dunollie, by Rev Brian Wilkinson.

DEATHS

CARLIN - Mary Alexandrina (née MacCormick). Peacefully on June 23, 2012, at Clarence Court Nursing Home, Mary, formerly from Daliburgh, South Uist, passed away. A loving wife of the late William (Willie) and a beloved mother of Angus, the late Ronald (Ronnie) and Anne Marie. Treasured Nan of Leeann and Stephanie and great-gran to Olivia and Justin and a mother-in-law to John. Fortified by rites of Holy Church RIP. Reception and vigil at St Peters RC Church, Hyndland St, Patrick, on Wednesday, June 27, at 6pm. Funeral mass on Thursday, June 28, at 10am, thereafter to St Convals Cemetery, Barhead at 11.30am.

WALKER - Peacefully at Scoonie House Care Home, Leven, on Wednesday June 20, 2012 Jean Cochrane Walker (née Drummond) aged 98 years, late of Routine-Row, Pittenween, dearly loved wife of the late Henry Walker formerly of H Walker and Son, Oban, a very much loved aunt and great-aunt and a very good friend to all who knew her. Funeral service at Kircaldy Crematorium on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 2.15pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations may be given if desired to CHAS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GIFFORD - Marjory and family would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and the wonderful Appin community for their support during Jim's illness and his subsequent death. You have all helped tremendously during this difficult time. Thank you to the Appin Surgery for their excellent care, special thanks to Duncan Gunn for his caring professionalism in attending to the funeral, also to Rev Campbell for a moving service and finally to all who attended Jim's funeral, thank you for your generosity in making the R.N.L.I. collection £1,300.

GRAHAM - David, Lorne and their families wish to thank all their friends, family and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of their father. Grateful thanks to Dr Johnson and everybody in Oban hospitals who looked after David over the last 19 years. Also thanks to the Lynn of Lorne Care Home for their care over the last year. To Rev. Dugald Cameron for his comforting service. Thanks to Lake Falconer for fitting eulogy. A very special thanks to Margaret MacLeod, you are one in a million. D.A. Munn for their efficient and caring support. Thank you to all who attended the church service and graveyard, we really do appreciate all your support.

MACFADYEN - Angus would like to express his sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy shown to him during the loss of his mum Morag. Special thanks to Willie, Liz, Liam and Euan. Many thanks to Mary Gardiner and girls at Eadar Glinn (Mary's wee house) for all their care and compassion. Grateful thanks to Rev Bill Gray and Donald MacKinnon for a lovely service. Ian MacInnes of D & A Munn for efficient and caring arrangements. Kings Knoll for refreshments. Finally many thanks to all who donated the generous sum of £204.88 going to Eadar Glinn. Thank you all, Angus

MACLEOD - Linda and Iain Fergie would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and the wider community for all the support they have received following the very sad loss of Iain. Duncan and Alan for the most thoughtful funeral arrangements. Gavin for his piping, the Rev Dr Roderick Campbell for his sincere and uplifting service and all whose attendance made this so special, also the ladies who did the lovely catering. The retiring collection of £900 will be shared between Fasnacloich Gun Club and Appin Village Hall.

ROBERTSON - The Robertson family of Rockfield Road, Tobermory, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all their family, friends and well-wishers, who have sent messages of condolence, sympathy and support, following the passing from this life of Iain MacKinnon Robertson, at Dunaros Cottage Hospital, Saleen, Isle of Mull, on June 20 at 3.00am. In particular we would like to thank the entire staff at Tobermory Surgery, the island's Macmillan Nurses, the Dunaros Nursing staff and the ambulance crews, for the unsurpassed care, attention, sensitivity and compassion shown to him throughout the course of his battle with his cancer. To Mr Duncan MacDonald; Brigadier John MacFarlane; Mrs Janet Reid and Mr Douglas MacNeillage MBE for their help, guidance and support in the conduct of his funeral service. Huge thanks are also due to Mr Billy McClymont of Mull Funeral Services, for his empathy and professionalism throughout all the formal proceedings. A collection at the church in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Nurses raised the sum of £1000, for which we thank each and every generous contributor.

MEMORIALS

BEACHAM - Clifford (Mick), passed away July 2, 2000. A very much loved father and friend who is missed every day and with every tear we shed. - The Beacham family. Also remembering Christine Smith, died July 6, 2004. - Margaret and John.

BILLIMORE - In loving memory of Bali who was taken from us on July 1, 2005. Softly the leaves of memory fall Gently we gather and treasure them all Unseen, unheard you are always near So loved so missed and so very dear. - Love Sheena and family.

BROWN - Remembering my mam and our gran Annie, died July 4, 2002. Also my dear dad Lachlan died July 2, 1972. Gone but you will never be forgotten. - Inserted by Christina, Alison and Ewan, Dunoon.

HAMILL - In loving memory of Frank Hamill who passed away on June 20, 2010. As time unfolds another year Memories keep you ever near Always missed - Margaret, Isobel, Kevin, Nicholas and Ryan.

LLOYD - Cherished memories of Graham, a much loved husband, dad and son-in-law, who died July 1, 2005. Loved and missed always. - Anne, Clara-Jane, Arianne and Jean.

MACBEAN - In loving memory of our dear mother Catherine MacBeane who passed away on July 3, 1998. Sadly missed. - Janette and Gillian

MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of my dear husband Duncan who died June 27, 1998. Father, father in law and grandad. Forever in our thoughts. - Love Flora and family.

MACLEAN - In loving memory of my beloved husband Charlie, who died June 28, 2008. I miss you more than words can say and think of you everyday. - All my love Isa xxx

McDERMID - In memory of my dear grampa John McDermid, Bruichladdich, died June 30, 1982. Gone but not forgotten. - Mairi, Inverness.

McGILLIVRAY - Precious memories of my husband Hamish, died June 27, 2010. To me you were so special What more is there to say The pain is still within my heart As I think of you each day I never ask for miracles But today one would do To see the front door open and see you walking through. Love and miss you. -Pat.

McGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of our Dad, who died June 27, 2010. We miss you Dad and always will You left a place no one can fill You shared our lives, our smiles, our tears Thank you dad for those precious years. - Raymond and Isabel Ann.

McGILLIVRAY - Loving memories of Ann, who died June 28, 2007. You will always be in our thoughts. - Pat, Raymond and Isabel Ann.

McGILLIVRAY - Loving memory of our Ann, who passed away on June 28, 2007. Your presence we miss Your memory we treasure Loving you always Forgetting you never. Love always. - Raymond, Laura Ann and Chris.

REID - In loving memory of my beloved husband, Alasdair, who passed away on June 27, 2009. Always in my thoughts Forever in my heart. - Ann

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Children take first Holy Communion

Children of St John's RC Church in Caol after making their first Holy Communion. With them are Father Roddy McAuley and head teacher of Lochside RC Primary School Violet Smith.

Thought for the Week

FOR THE first time in a number of years I won't have visited the Royal Highland Show.

Work commitments and a badly organised diary have prevented me from attending what has become one of the highlights of my year. As a result I've found my mind has been wandering and thinking of all that would be going on at Ingliston over these past few days.

In my imagination I've seen the sheep and cattle lines where I've so often bumped into old friends and spent time chatting about the merits of a particular ram or bull. I've pictured the food hall with stalls weighed down with the best food and drink that Scotland could offer, the displays in the forestry and field sports areas, the new implements on the machinery lines...

But none of it made up for the fact that I wasn't there, I wasn't part of an environment that I knew and enjoyed and where I felt so much at home. I was recently re-reading a C S Lewis book when I came across the phrase 'the homesickness of the soul'. Lewis suggests that deep within all of us there's a sense of longing for an environment where we know we belong, where we know we're loved, an environment where we feel truly at home. Yet it eludes us for as Lewis states there is no experience this side of heaven that can truly satisfy that longing.

It's rather like my yearning for the Highland with the thoughts of being reunited with friends, of being in that special environment - I've been able to picture it and dream of it but the actual experience has remained elusive. From the Scriptures I get a sense of what it is my soul is homesick for. Jesus talks of our Father's home where a place is prepared and waiting for us. He talks of coming to greet us as we arrive and gives us a sense of the friends and family who will share in that welcome. For the time being the experience eludes us, but for those able to trust him there is the knowledge that that won't always be the case. As Jesus said 'I go to prepare a place for you and I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.' (John 14:3). The exile will be welcomed home and the longing will be satisfied.

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Oban Times BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS



BROOM - CROOKS
Elaine Broom and Alex Crooks have been married at Bunchrew House, Inverness. Elaine is elder daughter of Jan and Jim Broom of Barhead, Glasgow and Alex is elder son of Alison and Louis Crooks of Somerset and Taynuilt, and grandson of the late Mr and Mrs Kenneth Macleod of Struan, Skye. Photograph by Rapture Photography



Oban couple celebrate diamond anniversary

Oban couple Nan Campbell and Alexander Smith, both 83, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last week with a trip to Kerrera. The couple were married by Rev W McDonald at Oban Parish Church on June 5 1952.



Alastair MacGregor and regional manager Iona MacPhail present Moira, centre, with retirement gifts.

Obituary
David Webster

WE WOULD like to celebrate the remarkable 87 years that were the life of David Webster, a champion of Scotland and especially his beloved Oban.

He always wanted to make people laugh, and had a terrific sense of humour, and it seems fitting he had the last laugh when he passed away on April Fool's Day 2012. He will be greatly missed.

His varied life began when he was born in Tunbridge Wells in 1924. He was educated at St George's and Skinner's Schools before training as a professional photographer in London, Brighton and Croydon.

In 1943, he was so desperate to join the war effort, he exaggerated his age and flew in Lancaster bombers in the Royal Air Force until 1947, before returning to his photographic career.

In 1951 he established his own photographic business in Dunoon, before transferring to Oban in 1956.

He developed a passion for Scottish scenic photography, and some of his images are a special legacy. He worked in partnership with his wife Margaret in their two stores in Oban until the time of his death.

His photographic shops have stood proud as part of George Street in Oban for many years. During his career, he also became managing director of Highland Discovery Centre Ltd which was formed to buy Oban's ailing cinema which he ran as the Highland Theatre two screen independent cinema for many years, a real asset to the town and tourism at that time.

David's passion for the local area led to involvement in tourism and local politics. From 1960 he was chairman of the Oban Tourism Association and later on the West Highland and Island Tourist Board and the Argyll, the Isles, Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board.

The Oban tourist industry encouraged him to successfully stand for Oban Town Council in 1966. In 1972 he was elected to Strathclyde Regional Council, where he served until he stood as a candidate in the 1984 European Elections for the Highlands and Islands Constituency. He was founder President of the Oban and Lorn Chamber of Commerce, resigning when elected to Argyll and Bute Council representing Oban North in 1995. Over these 35 years of serving the community, he worked tirelessly and made a real difference to shaping the town.

In 1960, at the request of the late Provost Donald Thomson, he developed a slide show to raise funds for the National Mod being held in Oban in 1962 and continued his interest in the Mod by being publicity convener of the local organising committee of the National Mod in Oban in 1970, 1978 and 1992.

His love of Scotland was epitomised by his patriotic show 'This is Scotland', from 1960 to 1980, a fabulous mix of traditional dancing, singing, bagpipe-playing and slide shows. Its success led to a tour across the UK, a full Royal Festival Hall in London, and went on to be performed in Canada and New Zealand all of which featured, apart from the artists, the wonderful scenic views of Oban and district which publicised the town and greatly helped the local tourism.

David was married for 32 years to Margaret and leaves behind his four children Roger, Paul, Karen and Gavin. He was also the grandfather of 11 grandchildren - and had even achieved the lofty status of great-grandfather. This is certainly some legacy to leave behind. All those who have known him will know what a huge impression he has left both on his family, and on Oban, of which he was so immensely proud. A special man who will be greatly missed. RB.

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Fond farewell to Moira 'Mull'

STAFF at the Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) bid a fond farewell to Moira 'Mull' McQueen, who has retired after 43 years of service. Moira became affectionately known as Moira Mull by colleagues after starting work with Tobermory Town Council in 1968. She subsequently transferred to each authority body throughout her decades of service, before finally transferring to ACHA in 2006. Moira was joined by staff to celebrate her retirement with a charity barbecue, raising £100 for Cancer Research. Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive, said: 'Moira's dedication to looking after tenants, applicants and staff means she will be sorely missed not just by residents in Mull, but by all her colleagues who have had the pleasure to work with her. 'We hope Moira has a long and happy retirement.'

WEDDINGS



SMITH - CUMMING
Heather Smith & Kenny Cumming were married at The Church of Scotland, Corran Esplanade, Oban on May 12th 2012. The happy couple & their guests celebrated at The Soroba House Hotel before being joined by many more friends at the Corran Hall's for their wedding dance. Photograph By Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



MACLEOD - MAYO
Claire MacLeod and Pride Mayo were married on December 3, 2011 at House for an Art Lover, Belahouston Park, Glasgow. Claire is the youngest daughter of Hugh and Doreen MacLeod, Benderloch.

GRADUATIONS



Sean Edwards, eldest son of Richard & Sophie Edwards, Crolinnh, Grange Road, Fortwilliam has Graduated from Strathclyde University with a Bachelors degree with Honours in Architectural studies. Sean, a former pupil of Inverlochly Primary school and Lochaber High school continues his studies in Norway for the summer, returning to Glasgow in September for continued academics.



Susan Cameron graduated with Masters Post Graduate Advanced Practice in Infection Prevention and Control Certificate with Specialist Practitioner Qualification. Thanks to all family and friends for their support in a very difficult last four years.

Saints from Paisley win Oban tourney

DESPITE the weather, a good crowd of spectators turned up at Mossfield Stadium on Saturday to watch the Oban Saints Youth Football Tournament sponsored by AMP.

Six pro-youth teams, along with Oban Saints and Lochilhead, made up the eight teams which were split into two groups of four with the top two qualifying for the semi-finals.

Although Saints and Lochilhead didn't win any games, they both played well and were not overawed by the occasion.

Some excellent football was played in trying conditions and at the end of the league sections Queens Park, Hamilton Accies, St Mirren and Dumbaron qualified for the semi-finals, with St Mirren and Queens Park making it through to the final with the Saints from Paisley winning a close game 1-0.

At the end of the tournament, Oban Saints youth chairman Iain Alexander thanked the teams for coming, Argyll and Bute ground staff and the three referees, David Dunlop, Alan MacGregor and

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Tim Woodcock, before asking Saints senior team secretary David Buchanan to hand over the trophy and medals to the winners and runners-up.

Results: Group A: Kilmarnock 0, Queens Park 1; Oban Saints 0, Hamilton Accies 2; Hamilton Accies 1, Kilmarnock 1; Queens Park 1, Oban Saints 0; Oban Saints 1, Kilmarnock 2. Hamilton Accies 1, Queens Park 1.

Group B: St Mirren 1, Dumbaron 1; Lochilhead 0, Clyde 2; Clyde 0, Dumbaron 2; St Mirren 1, Lochilhead 0; Dumbaron 3, Lochilhead 0; Clyde 1, St Mirren 5.

Semi Finals: Queens Park 1, Dumbaron 0; St Mirren 0, Hamilton Accies 0. St Mirren won the penalty shoot-out 5-4.

Final: Queens Park 0, St Mirren 1.



Winners of the Oban Saints Youth Tournament 2012, sponsored by AMP, were St Mirren. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.



The Oban Saints squad and coaches.



Hamilton Accies v Oban Saints.



Dumbaron v Lochilhead.



Kilmarnock v Oban Saints.

Glencoe Boat Club celebrates 40 years

THIRTEEN yachts set off from Oban on Friday June 15 for morning racing up to Glencoe on the annual passage race heralding the start of Glencoe Boat Club's 40th anniversary regatta.

Good progress was made by the fleet until Appin where, on entering the more exposed part of Loch Linnhe, the wind strength and wave height increased considerably.

The second half of the race turned into a very testing hard cold and wet slog with competitors reporting head wind strengths in excess of 50 knots which, combined with the sea state, made for an unpleasant few hours to the finish off Onich pier.

The warm fire and barbecue in the clubhouse later was much appreciated by everyone.

At the prizegiving that evening line honours were awarded to Fort William based boat 'Windmark', a Sun Odyssey 42 sailed by Roddy Campbell, with David Cooper's Trapper 28 'Redwing' lifting the trophy for the fastest

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corrected passage time.

The following day, regatta day, race officer Paul Biggin sent the two competing classes off down towards Kinlochleven in conditions which were much more peaceful than the previous day. The wind dropped further in the afternoon racing, at times dropping out altogether, but all the races were successfully completed.

At the evening celebratory dinner, Commodore Christine McFarlane-Slack welcomed the competitors and recognised the effort made by some to attend, including altering flight plans from Canada!

She went on to present the trophies for the day's racing, with Oban's Billy Fortheith on 'Shadowfax' taking the honours for Class One, Ian Cleaver's Flying Fifteen 'Elise' winning Class Two and 'Redwing' being awarded the best local boat and the Ballachulish Slate Trophy for best performing boat overall.



Tony Whitlocke, bottom right, came from behind in the final week of the Lochaber ten-pin bowling single leagues to win the scratch division with Pam Weller. Tony also won the Nevis Radio trophy for the highest total scratch, while Tim Attack, bottom left, picked up the prize for winning the handicap competition at the Nevis Centre. 20_126bowling01

Portree lose out in final of Gaelic schools tournament

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

LOCHABER High School rang to the sound of Gaelic on Saturday as children from 10 Gaelic primary schools took part in national football tournament finals.

Fort William RC, Staffin and Portree were among those competing for the annual Cuach na Cloinne (Children's Quach).

Portree made it through to the final, only to lose out 2-0 to Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis (Inverness Gaelic School). The competition, funded by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Highland Council and MG ALBA, was organised by Comunn na Gàidhlig. Both finalists were presented with MG ALBA trophies.

Donald MacNeil, CnaG chief executive, said: 'It is so refreshing to be amongst the children chatting away to each other in Gaelic and just having a really

good time. This is one of the key drivers behind the competition, providing young Gaels with the opportunity to use their language outwith the classroom, and to see that Gaelic is used across Scotland and not only within their own communities.'



Portree Primary School: Cuach na Cloinne finalists at Lochaber High School.



On the right tack: Glencoe Boat Club 40th anniversary regatta winners. Photograph by Glen Coe Photography.



A total of 147 pupils from Lochaber High School's associated primaries attended a five-day induction visit at the high school last week. The pupils followed a full first year timetable and will become first years themselves when they enrol at Lochaber High School on Wednesday August 15.

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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Lochaber YC annual regatta

LOCHABER Yacht Club's (LYC) annual regatta week saw a number of dinghies, keelboats and canoes taking to the waters of Loch Linnhe.

Monday saw six keelboats on the water, and on Wednesday it was the turn of the dinghy fleet, with 13 boats racing, with a barbecue held at the clubhouse at the end of each day's events.

Friday was 'Try a boat' evening, when members and non-members, whether sailors or not, could try something new. A series of six races took place over Saturday and Sunday, involving keelboats and dinghies.

Also among the events was the One Peak Race held with Lochaber Athletic Club. Twelve competitors, including four hill runners, took part in a paddle across to the west shore of Loch Linnhe, before the ascent of Meall Slamman.

First home was Peter Flemming of Arisaig in a time of 39 minutes. Lochaber Athletic Club's (LAC) Lucy Prins completed the hill in less than 50 minutes.

SAILING

The sailing was won on handicap by Amanda Henderson, Jamie Riley, both LYC, and their runner Graham MacNab, of LAC. LYC committee member Domhnall Montgomery said: 'On Saturday evening members and guests enjoyed a buffet meal and the prizegiving was held at the conclusion of racing on Sunday. Music on Saturday evening was provided by junior members Stephanie and Caitlin, on flutes, and Jennifer on violin.'

Results: Simpson Cup - fast handicap dinghy series: 1 Brian and Graeme Fallows in their Wayfarer dinghy 'Artful Dodger'; 2 Ryan MacIntyre in his Laser Radial 'Catch Me'; 3 Amanda Henderson in her Laser 'Florence'. Keelboat soloing class - 1 Andy McKenna, Liz Loudon and John Wilson in 'Just Gonnae No'; 2 Hamish Loudon, Harry Jeffrey and Piotr Godziszewski in 'Solaris'; 3 Peter and Michael Bell in 'Dirty Harry'.



Pete and Becky Hyde braved the wind and rain in their Laser 5000 skiff for the handicap dinghy race on Loch Linnhe on Saturday. 20_126sail01



Celtic Cup final falls foul of weather

Match re-scheduled for same venue this Saturday

THIS season's AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup final between INVERARAY and TAYNUILT has been re-scheduled to be played this Saturday at Strachurmore at 4pm.

In what was a huge anti-climax for both communities, the match had to be called off last weekend after a heavy downpour that rendered the new pitch at Strachur unplayable.

The call-off was also a disappointment for the Cowal hosts, who had planned to showcase their new venue on the day.

Douglas Currie, of Strachur and District Community Development Company, explained: 'I am absolutely gutted. It was just the rain, which was so very heavy. The new drainage system was working perfectly but there was no drainage system on earth that could have handled that amount of water.'

Both finalists will ready themselves for the re-arranged match, with Inveraray able to call on Euan and Andrew McMurdo and David MacPherson, who were missing last weekend because of Andrew's wedding.

GLENORCHY coach Allan MacKechnie has described Saturday's crunch tie against Oban Camanachd as a 'must win' if his side are to keep up their title challenge in Marine Harvest South Division One.

The Dalmally men come into the match off two wins over Kilmory but know they will have to be at their very best to beat Camanachd.

Allan said: 'Since we last played Camanachd we have had a couple of wins but not been at our best.'

'We need to up our game this weekend because in all the clashes with Camanachd this season we haven't won yet. We need to prove we can match them.'

'If we have any ambition to win the league, we have got to win on Saturday.'

OBAN CAMANACHD interim manager Gussie Campbell denied victory over rivals Glenorchy this weekend would wrap up the Marine Harvest South Division One title.

However, he did admit a win in the Argyll derby in Dalmally would go a long way to ensuring a return to the top flight.

Saturday will see the fifth

meeting of the teams this season, with Camanachd having by far the better record.

Gussie said: 'The games against Glenorchy this season have been very tight because we know each other very well.'

'We are looking forward to it because if we can get a result it will go a long way towards a league championship but we still have Glasgow Mid Argyll away from home and tough matches against Oban Celtic and Taynuilt to come.'

Camanachd will be without Scott and David MacMillan on Saturday but expect Ian 'Gussie' Campbell and Garry Lord to return to the squad.

OBAN CELTIC face a crucial home tie against Aberdeen this Saturday as they continue to plot their way out of relegation trouble.

A 4-0 win over Strachur last time out saw the Oban side leapfrog Taynuilt into sixth place but the club knows victories against bottom-placed Aberdeen will be crucial in their battle against the drop.

KINGUSSIE'S interest in this season's cup competitions came to an end after last weekend's 5-3 extra time loss to Kinlochshiel in the Camanachd Cup.

Russell Jones' men will now focus on the league and will have to do it without Louis Munro, who broke his ankle during the defeat to 'Shiel.'

Despite being just four points off the top with a game in hand, Jones says his side cannot win the title.

He said: 'We're in a funny position where if we win our games in hand we would be there or thereabouts, but we're not foolish enough to think we can do that. Our form's not been good enough.'

'On the other hand, if we go on a bad run we could be in trouble at the bottom.'

'We'll just be concentrating on consolidating our position in the league and getting ready for next season.'

Kings welcome Kilmallie to The Dell this Saturday with just two points separating the two teams following the Caol side's recent upturn in form.

Jones said: 'We're looking forward to the game. We played Kilmallie earlier in the season and have a tough game down there so we know we're in for a



Kilmallie goalscorer Liam MacDonald battles Glenorchy's Fraser Heath for the ball during the sides 2-2 draw on Saturday. 20_126shinty05

SHINTY

tough game.'

KYLES ATHLETIC play arguably their most important league game of the season so far on Saturday, when they take on surprise package Lovat.

Both Kyles and Lovat have exceeded expectation this year and find themselves second and third, respectively, in the Orion Group Premiership and Kyles are level on points with defending champions Newtonmore, who are in first place on goal difference.

After an indifferent start to the season, Kyles have been on a good run of form in recent weeks but Lovat will enjoy home advantage in this tussle.

NEWTONMORE moved back to the top of the Orion Group Premiership last weekend after a 2-1 win away to Fort William.

And Norman MacArthur's men will be looking to extend their advantage by getting two points from Saturday's trip to bottom side Bute.

MacArthur said: 'It's been up



Newtonmore's Andy MacKintosh scoops the ball away from Fort William's Alex Duncan during last Saturday's Orion Premiership clash at the Black Parks. 20_126shinty04

and down. To stay at the top we've just got to keep winning. We're taking it one game at a time and hopefully we can pick up two points each time.'

'A lot of teams have gone down there when Bute have been under strength and beaten them quite easily but who's to say they won't be full strength this weekend? There's no easy games. It's always a tough game down there.'

Glen MacIntosh struck twice in the first half against Fort William to secure the win after Daniel Stewart gave the home side an early lead.

MacArthur said: 'We went behind early on but we got the lead just before half time and we were pretty confident we could get the win in the second half.'

'We pretty much dominated the second half with the wind behind us and our keeper only had one save to make. But they were pretty hard to break down.'

GLENORCHY have the weekend off after last Saturday's dramatic last minute comeback to secure a draw away to Kilmallie.

The game was billed as a relegation four-pointer, with both sides tied on seven points going into the weekend.

Glen struck first through David Smart but the home side



Lochaber captain Hughie Innes puts the shackles on Inverness' Dougie Rankin, who formerly played for Ballachulish. Photo: Donald Cameron

equalised before half time. Kilmallie then took the lead but Glenorchy did not give up and finally got the levelling goal in the last minute of the game through John Barr.

The Drumadrochit side's next game will be the Artemis Macaulay Cup semi final against Fort William on July 7.

Glen co-manager Drew

held him we have a chance of beating them.

'As far as I know we have a full team available, but Peter MacIntyre is still out with a broken finger.'

'Kingussie have a good pitch, which suits our style of play, and hopefully we can come away with at least a point.'

Ross put Kings 2-1 up but 'Shiel charged home through goals from Duncan 'Ach' MacRae, Keith MacRae (2) and John MacIntyre. Rory Borthwick scored a late consolation for Kings.

FORT WILLIAM are likely to be closer to full strength this Saturday for the visit of Kinlochshiel in the Orion Group Premiership.

Last weekend a makeshift team almost shocked champions Newtonmore despite being without six regulars - Duncan Rodger, Neil Robertson, Mark Grant, Gary Innes, Gordie MacKinnon and Arran MacPhee.

Fort coach Peter MacIntyre should have Grant, Rodger and Robertson available against 'Shiel. But MacKinnon has work commitments, Innes is doubtful while hillwalking on Skye and MacPhee is still recovering from a broken wrist.

Running Newtonmore so close with a depleted side was a testament to Fort's fighting spirit - and MacIntyre hopes that the return of some of his top players will be enough to secure a vital victory over 'Shiel.'

He told *The Oban Times*: 'We played them in the Macaulay a few weeks ago and beat them, but Kinlochshiel had a good win against Kingussie at the weekend and will be on a high after that result.'

'Gary Innes is only 50-50, so we will leave a decision on him until later in the week.'

Fort's Daniel Stewart opened the scoring against Newtonmore in the first minute, but a Glen Macintosh double before half time proved just enough for the champs.

LOVAT will live up to their billing as Orion Group Premiership contenders if they can find a way to defeat title rivals Kyles at home on Saturday.

The Kiltarity home slipped to a shock 1-0 home defeat to Kilmallie last time out - and will be desperate to get back to winning ways as the championship race heats up.

Coach Allan MacRae is expecting to have a full squad at his disposal, save for Lorne MacKay, who has a long term injury.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'This is a massive game for us. We really have to take something from the game, especially after losing against Kilmallie the week before.'

'It will be up to the boys themselves on the day and if we can get a result it means we are still hanging in there.'

'It will be very difficult as Kyles are playing well. I think it

will be an interesting game, very competitive, very fast.

'I was very impressed with them at Tighnabruich. Their pace is a huge thing and I think our boys will be doing a lot of running.'

'But we will be more or less at full strength and we'll be up for it.'

LOCHABER will be looking to erase their MacTavish Cup final gloom by defeating Glasgow Mid Argyll in the Balliemore Cup semi final this Saturday.

The Spean Bridge side lost 5-1 to Newtonmore in the MacTavish Cup final, but will be favourites to progress against Glasgow, who are fighting for promotion from south division one.

Michael Delaney's men will be hoping for another big home turnout to back them to victory.

Last weekend Lochaber got back to winning ways by thumping Inverness 7-1 at Bught Park. The home side took the lead early on but four goals from Shaun Nicolson, two from Scott Patterson - including one from the penalty spot - and a Zands Ferguson strike gave Lochaber a comfortable win.

SKYE CAMANACHD will look to bag both points at Strathglass on Saturday to keep their North Division 1 title charge going.

Skye eased past local rivals Lochcarron 2-0 last weekend thanks to second half goals from Shaun Hedley and Neil MacVicar, but coach Allan MacRae says he will not be taking the league's bottom club lightly.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'We should have a full team and I would hope that the boys would be able to get the points. Strathglass have not had a good season at all, but you always have to be wary of teams down at the bottom. We will not be complacent or be taking it easy.'

'I told the boys every game they are playing is for their places in the Camanachd Cup game in two weeks time, so they are all keen. We are still up there in the league with Lochaber, and that's what matters.'

LOCHCARRON'S recent good form came to an end with a 2-0 loss away to title chasing Skye Camanachd last weekend.

Andrew MacKenzie started a number of younger players as he continues to build a squad for next season.

Skye took the lead just after half time through Shaun Hedley and doubled their advantage in the 72nd minute when Neil MacVicar's shot hit the back of the net. Lochcarron, who sit fifth in north division one, have no fixture this weekend.

Results

Saturday 23 June 2012

Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 2nd Round Replay
Kyles Ath P - P Glasgow MA
Unplayable Field
Kingussie 3 - 5 Kinlochshiel

AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup Final
Inveraray P - P Taynuilt
Unplayable Field

Sutherland Cup Quarter Final
Kingussie 2 - 0 Kilmallie

Strathdearn Cup Quarter Final
Fort William 7 - 2 Boleskine
Skye 1 - 1 Lovat
Skye won 2 - 0 on penalties
Glenorchy 3 - 1 Kinlochshiel

Orion Group Premiership
Fort William 1 - 2 Newtonmore
Kilmallie 2 - 2 Glenorchy

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Strathglass 0 - 4 Caberfeidh
Inverness 1 - 7 Lochaber
Skye 2 - 0 Lochcarron

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Aberdeen Uni 2 - 3 Glengarry
Lochaber 2 - 6 Newtonmore

Marine Harvest North Division 3
Lewis 0 - 2 Lochbroom

Camanachd Association Youth Results

Tuesday 19 June

Marine Harvest Under 17 London Shield

Fort William 5 - 2 Kilmallie

Friday 22nd June

Marine Harvest Under 14 North Leagues

Lovat 5 - 0 Glenorchy

Fort William 5 - 2 Kilmallie

Saturday 23rd June

The MacQuiston Cup Final

Oban Celtic P - P Oban Camanachd

Unplayable Field

Fixtures

Saturday 30 June 2012

AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup Final at Strachur

Inveraray v Taynuilt Robert Baxter - 4pm

Sutherland Cup Semi Final

Fort William v Kingussie at Spean Bridge

Glenorchy v Newtonmore at Bught Park, Inverness

John Angus Gillies

Balliemore Cup Semi Final

Beaulieu v Kilmory at Taynuilt

Billy Witherspoon - 1pm

Lochaber v Glasgow MA at Inveraray

Ted McDonald - 1pm

Bullough Cup Quarter Final

Ballachulish v Ardnarmurchan

Ronnie Campbell

Orion Group Premiership

Fort William v Kinlochshiel

Evan MacRae

Bute v Newtonmore

Colin MacDonald

Lovat v Kyles Athletic

Deak Cameron

Kingussie v Kilmallie

David Mitchell

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Caberfeidh v Inverness

Innes Wood

Strathglass v Skye

John Matheson

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Glenorchy v Oban Camanachd

Graham Irving - 1pm

Oban Celtic v Aberdeen

Dunkie Kerr - 1pm

Marine Harvest North Division 2

Lovat v Skye

Donald MacRae - 12pm

Glengarry v Lochaber

Graeme Irvine

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Aberdeen v Glasgow MA

Ewan MacDonald

Bute v Lochside Rovers

George O'Rourke - 12pm

Col Glen v Tayforth

Euan Pearson - 1pm

Marine Harvest North Division 3

Beaulieu v Strathspey

John Slaggie

Caberfeidh v Inverness

AI Hunter - 12pm

Kilmallie v Boleskine

Dougie Cameron

Lochbroom v Strathglass

Kevin Cheeseman

Lewis v Lochcarron

Graham Cameron

Youth Fixtures

Sunday 1 July

MacQuiston Cup Final

Oban Celtic v Oban Camanachd

at Mossfield Stadium - 2pm

Womens Camanachd Association

Sunday 30 June

Marine Harvest National Division 1

Glasgow MA v Aberdeen

Tir Conaill Harps v Badenoch & Strathspey

Marine Harvest North Division 2

Lochaber v Glengarry

League Tables

The Orion Group Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newtonmore	11	7	2	2	36	18	16
Kyles Athletic	11	7	2	2	29	19	16
Lovat	11	6	3	2	27	16	15
Kinlochshiel	11	5	2	4	29	27	12
Fort William	11	4	2	5	19	19	10
Kingussie	9	4	2	3	20	20	10
Kilmallie	13	3	2	8	25	30	8
Inveraray	9	4	0	5	14	20	8
Glenorchy	10	3	2	5	17	26	8
Bute	10	0	3	7	5	26	3

Marine Harvest North Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caberfeidh	10	6	1	3	33	17	13
Skye	7	6	0	1	18	11	12
Lochaber	6	5	1	0	30	6	11
Beaulieu	9	4	1	4	17	21	9
Lochcarron	11	3	2	6	14	29	8
Inverness	9	2	2	5	18	23	6
Strathglass	10	1	1	8	14	37	3

Marine Harvest South Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oban Camanachd	7	7	0	0	35	3	14
Glenorchy	9	7	0	2	21	9	14
Glasgow MA	8	6	0	2	23	10	12
Strachur	12	3	3	6	16	21	9
Kilmory	10	3	2	5	22	24	8

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Oban Lorne to take part in Colonsay rugby festival

OBAN Lorne Rugby Club has confirmed it will send men's and women's teams to play in the inaugural Colonsay Rugby Festival to be held over July 29-31.

Teams already committed to attending the 10-a-side tournament will be hosts, the Ochaloach Bears, (men's and women's teams), Mull men, Islay men, Inverleith men and Warthogs women's team from Edinburgh.

Oban Lorne club captain Robin MacQueen said a strong travelling support would also be in attendance, adding: 'Oban is looking forward to the Colonsay rugby festival mainly because it's the first year and also Oban Lorne's 50th anniversary.'

'We did well in the Islay Beach Rugby, coming runners up in the cup, and hopefully can convert into playing 10s for Colonsay.'

After hosting a friendly between the Ochaloach Bears and Islay last summer, the Islay club has been helping with the organisation of Colonsay Rugby Festival.

Kenneth Carter, Islay rugby spokesman, said: 'It was a pleasure to help out the boys with various aspects of the organisation and will continue to offer our help and support in the future.'

'Our team will consist of leaches and we will take as many over as our RIBs will allow.'

Colonsay Rugby Festival co-ordinator Mo Middleton is delighted at the hard work that has gone into the organisation and said: 'Our team has worked really hard to make this happen, so it's great to see so many teams sign up.'

RUGBY

'Everyone has been volunteering their spare time and it has really paid off. We've been tending to the pitch since Easter, it's looking in good condition, and the campsite is ready.'

'We can't wait to get the other teams here and show them a great time. We're being sponsored by the local brewery and supported by other island amenities like the Pantry, bus tour and farmer, to name just a few.'

Organisers hope to use the tournament to raise money and awareness for African rugby charity SKRUM. SKRUM is a charity based in Swaziland which uses rugby as a social tool to encourage health awareness and responsible living amongst vulnerable children.



This year's Oban Lorne RFC junior prizewinners. 16_t26rugby01

Rugby stalwart remembered at junior prizegiving

OBAN Lorne Rugby Football Club remembered 'a club stalwart and a gentleman' on the day of its junior prizegiving when the Dave Petrie Memorial Quach was handed out for the first time.

Mr Petrie, a former captain, coach and president of the club, died in September last year and an Old Boys and Young Guns inter-club match was played last Friday for the quach.

After the match, which was won by the more 'experienced' team, Mr Petrie's widow, Grace, presented the quach to Old Boys Billy Thomson and Hamish Matheson.

Club vice-president Murray Hamilton said: 'Dave was my mini rugby coach and a past president and captain of Oban Lorne RFC.'

YOUTH RUGBY

'He was a stalwart of the club and an all-round gentleman, so it is only fitting that we have this trophy in his memory.'

Following the match the club held its junior prizegiving in the rugby clubhouse.

Daniel Spiers was named best S1/S2 players, while Jamie Bates and Fergus Bradbury were named player of the year for the S3 and S4 teams, respectively.

Best girl player for the under-15s was Laura MacCallum, while Shannon Reynolds was named best under-18 girls player.

Coaching courses and residential camp for Argyll's youth footballers

FOOTBALL CAMP

ARGYLL and Bute Council's football development service are running a soccer coaching week including mini-kickers and goalkeeping coaching from 9 to 13 July.

There are also spaces left on the residential camp with takes place from 23 to 27 July, based at the school hostel in Oban.

The camp is open to any budding player aged 9 to 16 years who will not only be coached by SFA qualified coaches, but they will be given an introduction to sports science, including fitness testing, nutritional and hydration advice, sports psychology and lifestyle management as well as doing all the day to day chores that are expected of a full time professional youth player.

Bookings for both courses are taken at the Corran Halls and close on Tuesday 3 July. If you would like further information contact 01631 572189 or email football@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Argyll derby games for Oban Saints in Centenary Cup

FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints senior team have been drawn in Section One of the Scottish Amateur League's Centenary Cup competition along with Argyll neighbours Lochgilphead Red Star and Tarbert.

The team will start pre-season training on Wednesday 4 July. New players are welcome to attend and are asked to report to Oban Lorne Rugby Club at 6.30pm.

Dates for pre-season tournaments and games - Keyline Cup Tournament, 14 July; Westerlands, 21 July; East Kilbride, 28 July; Greenock, 4 August; Fort William, date to be arranged; Centenary Cup, 11 and 18 August.

Results from Oban Sailing Club

SAILING

RACE No 71 (Agg 5): 1 Amber Haze, Sigma 33, Jamie Peden; 2 Shadowfax, First 31.7, WE (Billy) Fortieith; 3 Knutz, Delphia Sport 24, Richard Shellcock.

RACE No 72 (Agg 5): 1 Hot Toddy, Sadler 25, Ms Alison B Chadwick; 2 Torranan NS, Abin Cumulus, Dr Toby J Sherwin; 3 Seal, Van DeStad Leg 34, Andrew Mead; 4 Zipper, Evgthene 24, Michael McGarry.

Tobermory GC

GOLF

RESULTS: second round of the Centenary Trophy: 1 Ross Kirsop 80-18-62; 2 Peter MacCron 76-12-64; 3 Graham Davidson 70-06-64.

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Dalmally GC

GOLF

GERRY Davies remains on course to retain the club championship at Dalmally Golf Club after opening up a six shot lead with a round to go.

This leaves nearest challenger Dale Robertson hoping for some sort of miracle when the final round takes place this month. In the handicap championship, John Malcolm returned a net two under par 62 to enter the final round tied with Davies, two ahead of Findlay Ross and the in-form Ronnie Finlay. Meanwhile, club captain Billy McKay proved that the pressures of office is not affecting his game by moving to the top of the Order of Merit after capturing his second title of the season, the three-round Cowan Cup.

Residential camp

YOUTH RUGBY

AFTER the success of last year's Argyll and Bute Youth Rugby Residential Camp, Argyll and Bute RFC are planning the same event for this summer between August 10-12. The event is open for anyone in secondary school from across Argyll and Bute and the camp will again be run at Oban Lorne RFC, with accommodation provided by Glencruitten Hostel.

To find out more please contact Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Allan Wright at allan.wright@obanhigh.argyll-bute.sch.uk or Oban Lorne RFC president Dee Bradbury at dee.bradbury@btinternet.com.



The prizewinners at this year's Oban Regatta.

Perfect winds for Oban Regatta

A HEALTHY number of nine boats raced in two handicap classes at this year's Oban Regatta.

Last Saturday's fantastic sunshine and perfect winds, which peaked to 20 knots, saw race officer Murray MacDonald send the fleet on a passage Round Kerrera.

David Walters' Arcona 430 Requiem took line honours, completing the course in one hour, 15 minutes but on handicap it was Billy Fortieith's First 31.7 Shadowfax, helmed by son Steven, that took the fast class from Richard Shellcock

and sons Robin and Patrick in their Delphia 24 Knuts. Oban Sailing Club commodore Colin Crawford on his Dehler 34 Nimrod was third. In the slow class Alison Chadwick's Sadler 25 Hot Toddy took a convincing win from John Peden and family on their Achilles 9m Hecla II.

On Sunday racers had to wait until the afternoon before there was enough wind and even then only two short back-to-back races were possible.

Eric Chapman's Sigma 33 Amber Haze took both races in the fast class from Shadowfax and Knuts, with the slow class

being won in both races by Hot Toddy from Hecla II.

Overall on points it was Shadowfax that won the fast class. Hot Toddy won the slow class and also was awarded the trophy for the best overall performance of the weekend.

Prizes were presented by Liz Crawford, the commodore's wife and Mr Crawford thanked Murray MacDonald for his efforts in running the regatta, Eric and Irena Chapman for their organisation and Nancy Blacks Chandlery for generously donating vouchers to the prizewinners.

Oban on track to win league title

OBAN moved within touching distance of the Argyll and Islands League title with a punishing 102-run away victory over Sannox from Arran.

An incredible individual performance from Allan Laycock, who took six wickets, scored 79 runs and took three catches, ensured that Oban won their third-straight game against the islanders.

Brookes bowled Mackenzie for nine, which brought Laycock to the crease and he set about the Sannox bowling immediately with a towering six back over Brookes' head. Opener Andrew

Leach saw off some disciplined bowling to bat through 30 overs for a fine 32.

Easdale man Laycock struck a fusillade of boundaries to pass 50 and he was eventually out for 79 helping Oban post a competitive 151 for five.

In the shadow of Goat Fell, the Sannox batsmen took to the middle knowing that a successful run chase would keep alive their hopes of retaining the league title but Leach produced a master-class in swing bowling to remove Muir.

Pomeroy then top-edged Mac-

CRICKET

kenzie to mid-off to leave the home side in trouble. The Allan Laycock Show wasn't pleasant viewing for Sannox as Brookes, Dunn and the key wicket of Weir all fell in quick succession.

Kerr batted well but eventually ran out of partners as man-of-the-match Laycock cleaned up the tail to leave Sannox 49 all out.

Carradale are the visitors to Taynait this Sunday and an Oban win would secure a record fifth league title.



Oban took a step closer to regaining the Argyll and Islands League title with a win over rivals Sannox. 02_b26crk01

Men struggle in top ten event but ladies on form at Ardrishaig

THE MEN'S top ten was held on Oban green on June 17 between Upper Cowel and Oban.

The only win for Oban was the fours; they managed to get two points and 20 shots but all the other teams went down.

The previous day Oban ladies were playing the West Argyll finals on Lochgilphead Green. The

heavens opened and the midges came out to play but Oban's triples and senior fours were winners.

The pairs and the fours were not successful and it was Ardrishaig who won the pairs and Tarbert the fours.

BOWLS

Weather

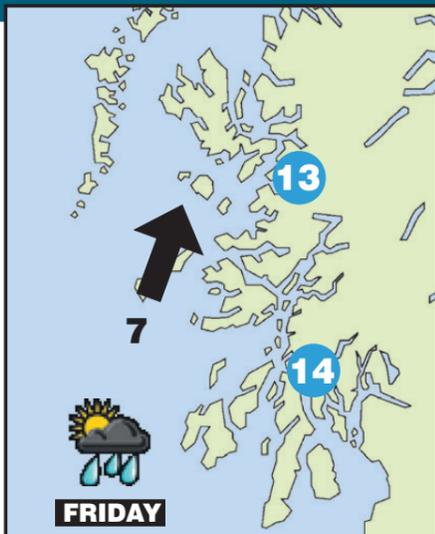
Thursday Heavy Rain
Winds moderate east, north easterly
Temperatures 13°C to 18°C

Friday Heavy rain showers
Winds light south, south westerly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

Weekend Light rain showers

Outlook Winds moderate west, north westerly
Temperatures 11°C to 15°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, June 28, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	12.08	3.0	18.21	1.4	pm	**	**
Thur	06.11	1.6	12.08	3.0	18.21	1.4	**	**
Fri	00.35	3.2	07.27	1.5	13.43	3.1	19.34	1.3
Sat	02.06	3.3	08.38	1.4	14.59	3.3	20.48	1.2
Sun	03.18	3.4	09.40	1.2	15.57	3.6	21.55	1.0
Mon	04.17	3.6	10.34	0.9	16.46	3.8	22.55	0.8
Tues	05.07	3.7	11.24	0.7	17.31	4.0	23.48	0.7
Wed	05.52	3.8	12.10	0.6	18.14	4.1	**	**

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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Man accused of sexual assault

A MAN has appeared in court accused of sexually assaulting a woman on Fort William High Street in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Appearing from custody in private, Artur Papadimitriu, aged 20, made no plea and was released on bail on Tuesday afternoon. A Northern Constabulary spokesperson said: 'Two women were making their way down the street when they fell. One of the women was approached by a man, who allegedly sexually assaulted her before making off.'

Sentence deferred on Corpach hospital nuisance

A CORPACH man has admitted shouting and swearing at two nurses in Fort William's Belford Hospital.

Liam Johnstone, of 34 Hillview Drive, appeared from custody to plead guilty to assaulting, obstructing or hindering the nurses by shouting, sweating and refusing to be placed in a wheelchair on Monday June 25. The 21-year-old was released on bail with sentencing deferred until July 16 for reports.

Police investigate cow shooting

POLICE have launched an investigation after a cow was shot dead while grazing with its young calf on Brae Lochaber crofting land.

The animal was killed on common grazing ground north of Inverroy between 7.15pm and 9.45pm on Wednesday June 20.

Robert Langan, of Croft 24, owned the cow, which was grazing on Inverroy Hill on land adjacent to Forestry Commission-owned ground when the incident occurred. Northern Constabulary said it was unclear whether the shooting was a deliberate act or an unfortunate accident. A police spokesperson said: 'It is known that there were person(s) lawfully shooting in the area at the time. Police appeal for any witnesses or anyone with any information to help them with their enquiries into the death of this defenceless animal.'



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The removal of up to four metres of peat on the Blar Mhor for a new Tesco and community facilities is going to be a massive undertaking. 20_f26peat01

Clubs get say in 3G pitch site debate

A CRUCIAL questionnaire on a possible site for a new '3-G' all-weather pitch for Fort William is being sent out to around 40 sports clubs today.

Responses to the survey, being carried out by Douglas Wheeler Associates for Lochaber Sports Association (LSA), will guide Highland Council and other potential funders on where the pitch should go - if money can be found.

Two sites - the Blar Mhor peat moss near the town and Fort William FC's council-owned Claggan Park, are early front-runners.

The club claims their ground is ideal because it would cost the council around £1million

EXCLUSIVE REPORT by STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

less and would be available for non-football use.

But Blar Mhor advocates say siting the pitch in Miller Developments' new retail/community facilities hub - which includes a new Gaelic medium primary school - is a better option. Work has already started on removing four metres of peat to allow construction of access roads and a new Tesco superstore.

Newly-elected Fort William councillors Andrew Baxter and Thomas MacLennan were aware

of the heated debate surrounding the issue - but reserved judgement until the study results were known.

Councillor Baxter told *The Oban Times*: 'We just agreed to work with Lochaber Sports Association on a feasibility study looking at all-weather pitch provision for the whole of the Fort William area, and we need to wait for those findings.'

'The [consultants] will report back by the end of August and I have a completely open mind on where the facility should go.'

'At this stage I would not want to be ruling Claggan Park out, but we should wait a few more weeks to see what the study throws up before we make a decision on something like this.'

Councillor Thomas MacLennan echoed that view. He said: 'I would like to see the consultation process run its course and await the findings. This is a very important decision and I would like all the facts before me before I make a decision.'

LSA chair Jane Blanchard told *The Oban Times* on Tuesday: 'Claggan Park is included as one of the sites to be investigated. All our member clubs are being consulted and the questionnaire is going out tomorrow and Thursday.'

'This is our one and only chance to get these amazing facilities. Claggan is included and the merits of this site have to be balanced against the Blar Mhor and other locations.'

'Initial capital costs mean a certain site is likely to be blown off of the water, but the study will also consider accessibility, room for future development and existing infrastructure.'

Asked about non-football clubs' likely views on Fort William FC's ground as an all-sports training and games venue, she said: 'Whether clubs are happy to regard Claggan Park as neutral territory is a matter for them in the consultation.'

Morar parents protest at teacher loss

PARENTS at a tiny Lochaber school protested on Friday against Highland Council plans to replace a popular probationer teacher.

Local woman Gemma Stevenson will clear her desk at Lady Lovat Primary next week and look for new work despite a successful year under head teacher Maureen Sutherland.

Ms Sutherland is also retiring - meaning there will be a 100 per cent turnover in staff for session 2012/13.

Morar will have a new non-teaching 'composite' head teacher, a P4-7 teacher from Mallaig and a new probationer for P1-P3.

Parents say that amounts unacceptable disruption - and

are demanding Ms Stevenson be given the chance to apply for a permanent post to ensure some continuity.

Parent Eilidh Martin said at the demo: 'I understand their problem that they need to place probationers somewhere, but I find it amazing they have not looked into the implications of placing one here.'

'I don't believe they know anything about Lady Lovat.'

Acting parent council chair Sue Currie told *The Oban Times*: 'I just wish they could say they 'we have made a wee mistake here' and use a bit of common sense.'

'Parents are encouraged to be partners in their children's education, but their appears to be a very unequal partnership.'

'Who is responsible for this mess?'

'Why are our questions ignored and our wishes not taken into account?'

Local MSP Dave Thompson, who met teaching staff and parents on Friday, said: 'I have written to Highland Council about the policy of circulating probationers year after year and the impact of that on smaller schools like Lady Lovat.'

'I understand the probationer teacher has done very well over the past year and has all the qualities a small school like this needs.'

Local councillor Allan Henderson also attended the demo.

He said: 'The system needs to be politically challenged for small schools such as Morar, when there are complete changes of staff including the head teacher.'



Acting Lady Lovat Parent Council chairman Sue Currie hands Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson a glowing HMIE report on the school at Friday's demonstration. 20_f26morar01

Car hire firm vows to install CCTV after tyres slashed

THE OWNER of a Caol car hire firm targeted by tyre slashers has vowed to install CCTV at the business to prevent a repeat incident.

Fort William Car Hire in Caol Industrial Estate was left with a £2,000 bill after all 32 tyres on eight cars were knifed over Sunday night - including owner Jamie Gall's vintage Ford Escort.

Mr Gall told *The Oban Times* on Tuesday: 'I'm 100 per cent going to get CCTV installed. Fort William is regarded as one of the safest places in the UK, but the way things have been going I'm not so sure that's true anymore. There was only one car that wasn't touched, and that was a cus-

tom's car, so whoever's done it has obviously got local knowledge. They've known how to kick me in the teeth. Fortunately they've not taken the knife to any of the paintwork. If they'd done that it could have cost £5,000 to £6,000 and I probably would have gone out of business.'

He added: 'We had 16 cars out on hire on Sunday night - if they had been here it could have been catastrophic.'

The business was back up and running on

Wednesday morning with most of the vehicles - including a Ford Focus, a VW Golf and a Fiat 500 - repaired.

Inspector Donald Campbell said: 'Inquires are continuing into this report and there are no clear lines of inquiry at this point.'

'There is clearly an issue with just a single business being targeted. I'm sure there are people out there who know something and can give us a call.'

Any person with information can contact Fort William Police Station on 01397 702361 or the confidential line 01397 702000.

Acharacle pupils help open new section of A861 road

A NEW section on the A861 at Drynie Hill between Kinlochmoidart and Acharacle was officially opened on Tuesday.

The £900,000 improvement widened 1.6kms of single track to a 5.5m-wide two-lane carriageway, and improves access to Moidart and

Ardnamurchan, particularly for HGVs and buses. Councillor Graham Phillips, chairman of Highland Council's transport committee, joined Acharacle Primary School pupils in opening the road.

Former Highland Council leader Michael

Foxley, who also attended, said: 'This scheme, invented for single track roads by Charlie King and myself, has ensured five sets of improvements on the B8007 Salen to Kilchoan Road. More work is required to the North of Drynie Hill and on the Lochaline Road.'

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Monster catch: Neil with his 13lb 6oz trout caught on Loch Lochy.

Barber's monster catch on Loch Lochy

FORT William barber Neil McNeill swapped his scissors for a fly rod – and landed a huge brown trout.

The 13lb 6oz ferret trout, a cannibal fish which can grow to a huge size through its taste for smaller trout, was caught on Loch Lochy on a Daiwa Lochmor rod and Daiwa click check wilderness reel.

Delighted Neil, from Corpach, told *The Oban Times*: 'I was fishing from a boat not expecting much as I'd been out for a few days before and had little joy.'

'Then we had a drop of rain and it was the perfect day.'

'It is my personal record on the fly – I've had one at 20lb 2oz on the trawl last year

but this blew every fish I've caught out the water. It put up a great fight for 30 minutes – it was truly amazing!'

Neil, aged 30, was prepared to splash out £400 to have a taxidermist skin and mount the fish – but opted for trout steaks and fillets instead.

'It tasted beautiful,' said Neil.

Accused fails to appear

THE TRIAL of two men who deny fighting with a baseball bat in Fort William has been postponed after one of the accused failed to appear.

John Campbell's solicitor Niall MacBeth said his client was suffering from 'trench foot or frostbite' and could not travel to Fort William from his Biggar

Gallop and Grind date set

ORGANISERS of one of Lochaber's biggest charity fundraisers have set a date for the event.

The fifth 'Gallop and Grind' will start from Lochaber Leisure Centre on Saturday September 29 at 12 noon – and promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

Sponsored participants will run, walk and cycle in aid of the Sharon Fraser Memorial Trust Fund, Cancer Care in the Highlands and Argyll.

All entrance fees and money raised go directly to the charity. Funds raised from the 2011 event are already making a difference to the lives of families affected by cancer.

Earlier this year, £5,000 was donated to the Inverness branch of CLIC Sargeant, a charity that provides support to children and young people with cancer.

Holiday
 The money will pay for a much needed all inclusive holiday for five Highland families at CLIC Sargeant's holiday house in Prestwick.

In addition, £4,070 was donated to the Maggie's Centre in Raigmore to fund one year of nutrition and Tai chi workshops to improve the quality of life for cancer sufferers.

Gallop and Grind committee member Karen MacInnes said: 'We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all sponsors, participants and volunteers who have contributed so much to the success of previous events.'

Registration for Gallop and Grind 2012 is now open at www.gallopandgrind.co.uk. Anyone wishing to help on the day should email karenmacinnes@hotmail.com.

Local firms Marine Harvest, Ferguson Transport, Maclean Electricals and MacPhee and Partners are once again sponsoring the event.

Dolphins join Skye crofter on fishing trip

AN ISLE of Skye crofter had a very special escort on a recent fishing trip – a pod of bottlenose dolphins.

Camuscross man Graeme MacKenzie was out in his Arran 16 boat hoping to land a few mackerel off Camuscross Bay – but ended up swapping his fishing rod for a camera instead.

Graeme told *The Oban Times*: 'It was a flat calm sea with clear blue, cloudless skies. I spotted a commotion on the surface about a mile away. I headed in that direction and encountered a



Finned escort: Graeme MacKenzie had bottlenose dolphins for company on his fishing trip.

Morvern Lines

ALL ROADS have led to and from Morvern recently. The unique Drimmin Sheep Dog Hill Trials drew interest from a wide area.

Twenty-five competitors took part in this fifth annual event, which has become one of the most popular of its kind in the Highlands. Overall winner was Duncan Campbell, Strachur with his dog Susie who took the prestigious Drimmin Community Shield; the best competitor for Ardnamurchan and Morvern was John Ferguson, Carnoch Farm, Kinlochsunart, with his dog Craig, who won the Davie Shaw Memorial Shield.

The trials took place in a hill park on Drimmin Estate courtesy of Mr and Mrs Derek Lewis and Mr David Shaw, farm manager. There were between 60 and 70 spectators who, throughout the day, enjoyed the hospitality for which Drimmin community is so well known.

THERE WAS an exodus of children to Strontian for the annual Ardnamurchan Mod and the inter-primary school sports. Many children of all ages returned home with important trophies and prizes in most competitions and are to be congratulated in keeping up a long and strong Morvern tradition.

WHILE the rest of the UK's ornithologists have been complaining about the shortage of cuckoos nationally, there has been no scarcity of them in the Morvern Peninsula this year.

They first made their presence heard in Lochaline in mid April and have been active ever since. They are especially numerous at Barr and Rahoy on the shores of Loch Teacuis.

Rahoy, of course, was the birthplace of the famous Gaelic bard and physician Dr John MacLachlan (1804-1874) and where he composed his well-known song about the cuckoo, 'Do 'n Chuthag,' which is still sung in Gaelic circles all over the world.

LOCH ALINE continues to be popular with visiting yachts on their way to and from Tobermory and the Hebrides.

Upwards of 30 can often be counted at anchor in the evening sun either at the head of the loch or in Miodar Bay and alongside the new pontoons near the silica sand mine.

Iain Thornber.

Council pledges new wage for staff

THE NEW SNP/LibDem/Labour administration on Highland Council is to introduce a 'living wage' of £7.20 an hour for council staff by next April under a 'bold and ambitious' action plan covering the next five years.

Other key pledges in the 'Working together for the Highlands' programme are building 5,000 new homes – including 600 council homes and other affordable homes – and establishing local area committees with substantial powers.

Securing an effective transport link between Lochcarron and Lochalsh and a £1million Community Challenge for new community projects delivering local services also feature.

The council will also target an extra £3 million of 'preventative spending' annually at children, older adults and those struggling with deprivation so any problems can be tackled early.

The blueprint – being presented for confirmation at Highland

Community council deadline

RESIDENTS in Uig on Skye, Caol in Lochaber and Laggan in Strathspey will find out within days whether attempts to reform their local community councils have been successful.

Deadlines for nominations closed yesterday (Wednesday) at 4pm in the third – and final – round of elections. Nine places are available on Caol Community Council, eight at Uig and eight at Laggan. So far, not enough people have come forward to allow the community councils to form.

Ben climb boosts Friends of the Beatson

A FORT William woman returned home to lead a walk up Ben Nevis in aid of a cancer charity on June 16.

Clare Dykes and four colleagues raised £1,500 for the Friends of the Beatson Centre in Glasgow, where they work as therapists proving massage and other complementary treatments to in-patients.

Clare, now from Glasgow, said: 'It is a privilege to work at the Friends of the Beatson Centre and being able to help patients with cancer, in some way making them feel extra special. This is just our small way of giving something back.'

Still time to enter food and drink awards

THE ENTRY deadline for the Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards has been extended until midnight on Monday, organisers have announced.

Categories include best marketing initiative, healthier food and drink, independent food and drink retailer of the year and, for the first time, best other eatery.

Penny Ellis of organisers Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Forum said the extension would allow businesses intending to enter time to do so.

The shortlisted finalists will be announced in September ahead of the awards ceremony at the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness, on October 19. Further information at www.hifoodand-drinkawards.com.

World's best mountain bikers back in Fort next year

THE DUST may have settled on the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William on June 9-10 – but planning is already underway for the 2013 event.

The sporting spectacular, which saw 17,000 fans watch the world's best riders charge down the Anach Mor track, is likely to be staged over the same June weekend next year.

Mike Jardine of event organisers Rare Management said: 'After eleven years of hosting the World Cup, Fort William has firmly established itself as one of the best stages in the UCI Mountain Bike calendar.'

'Next year we'll need to keep moving forward, making the Fort William World Cup bigger and better.'

'The future of British mountain biking certainly is in great shape.'

SNH drops windfarm objection

SCOTTISH Natural Heritage (SNH) has dropped its objection to a windfarm on the outskirts of Stornoway.

The conservation body had earlier said the 36-turbine Lewis Wind Power development could pose a risk to golden eagles and red-throated divers in the Lewis Peatlands Special Protection Area (SPA).

SNH made the move after receiving reassurances on possible impacts on the two species.

David MacLennan, SNH area manager in the Outer Hebrides said: 'Now that the most sensitive turbines have been removed from the proposal, we're confident the risks to the SPA have been addressed.'



Appeal to reduce waste and recycle

Raising awareness of the importance of reducing waste and recycling more household rubbish were on the agenda for a stall set up in Fort William town centre last week. Highland Council waste management assistant Scott Bellwood and Lochaber Environmental Group's zero waste co-ordinator Annette Meechan teamed up to man the stall in Cameron Square. As well as handing out leaflets and giving information on how to reduce household waste, the stall also had compost bins for sale.

Ms Meechan told *The Oban Times*: 'It's gone really well. We've been pretty busy most of the day and we've sold at least 10 compost bins. We've had a lot of people coming up just to tell us about the recycling they do.'

New face at helm of businesswomen's network

LOCHABER Businesswomen's Network (LBN) has wished 'bon voyage' to its founder and outgoing chairperson after she emigrated to Australia.

Megan MacNeill of Highland Functions moved 'down under' earlier this month to work as event business development manager for Evolve Publishing in Perth.

New LBN chairperson is Fort William businesswoman and chartered building surveyor Gillian Murray.

Ms Murray said: 'We thank Megan for all her efforts with the organisation and wish her every success in her new role.'

Liz Graham of Lamont Design and Jean O'Brien of Jean's School of Motoring will continue on the

committee together with newly elected committee members Jackie Clifford of Huntingtower Lodge and Maggie Petrie of Petrie Photography.

The committee pledged to continue Megan's work in providing informal, relaxed networking events where like-minded businesswomen can share knowledge and

make connections to help their businesses grow.

Going forward, the LBN events programme will include the well-established 'First Tuesday' drinks/dining gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month, as well as a few additional smaller events, seminars and training sessions tailored to the membership's needs.

Healthcare spot check reports praise hospitals

NHS HIGHLAND has welcomed positive reports on hospitals in Lochaber and Skye following unannounced spot checks last month.

The Healthcare Environment Inspectorate (HEI) visited the Belford Hospital in Fort William on May 8 and the MacKinnon Memorial Hospital in Broadford on May 10.

The findings, released last week, noted good compliance with infection control standards and good communications between staff and patients at both hospitals.

For Broadford, the report recommended that staff know to complete documentation during mattress checks and that patient information on hospital-acquired infections reflect current guidelines.

The ongoing requirement for staff to implement infection control precautions was also highlighted.

At the Belford, recommendations included making sure audits of anti-microbial prescribing have started and ensuring results of surveillance are clearly displayed in public areas in the hospital

to reassure patients, their families and the wider public.

'Further refinement' regarding appropriate isolation of patients was also recommended. In response, action plans to address the issues raised have been put in place at both hospitals.

Senior charge nurse at the MacKinnon Memorial, Chrisann O'Halloran said: 'The HEI report shows that our staff take their responsibilities for infection prevention and control seriously at all times.'

'Hospital associated infections are something that patients and their families worry about and so it's great to have these unannounced visits which hopefully further reassure people that our hospital is clean and safe.'

Clinical services manager at The Belford Marie Law said: 'When it comes to the prevention and control of infection there is no room for complacency.'

'The feedback we received will help us to continue to improve the standards of care we aim to provide every day for every patient.'

Sheana installed as new Rotary Club president

FORT William woman Sheana Fraser was installed as the new Rotary Club of Lochaber president at a ceremony in the town's Alexandra Hotel yesterday.

Ms Fraser, a former principal teacher of home economics at Lochaber High School (LHS), succeeds her former colleague and LHS rector Paul Brian.

Fort man accused of assaulting woman

A FORT William man accused of attacking a woman is due to stand trial at the town's sheriff court on July 2.

Gordon Thomson, of 12 Morvern Place, denies assaulting the woman at an address on Lochaber Road, Fort William, on April 28.

The 43-year-old is accused of seizing the woman by the hair, repeatedly punching her on the head and repeatedly kicking her on the body to her injury.

Death of Great Bernera's Count Robin

A PRINCE who preferred a simple crofting life on a Hebridean isle to high society circles has died aged 87.

Count Robin de la Lanne Mirrlees, from Great Bernera, Lewis, passed away in Blar Buidhe nursing home in Stornoway on Saturday night.

The French-born aristocrat, the godson of the 11th Duke of Argyll, bought Great Bernera in 1962 and was a popular laird.

The former Queen's herald, a descendant of King Louis Philippe I of France, supported community causes and often released land for community use.

Known locally as Count Robin, he is survived by his 50-year-old son Patrick de la Lanne, Mayor of the Delmenhorst in Germany, and three grandchildren.

Sheriff postpones driving charge trial

THE TRIAL of a man accused of almost causing a head-on collision with a police car at Lochailort has been postponed until August 15 after a police witness was unable to attend court.

Alan Tenbruck, of 36 Kemnay Gardens, Dundee, denies driving without due care and attention on the A830 near Arieinskil on December 2.

The 32-year-old is accused of crossing the centre line on the road and driving in the opposite lane, nearly colliding with marked police car and causing both vehicles to take evasive action.

Police files

A MAN is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with complaints of loud music from an address in Upper Achintore, Fort William.

A stereo was seized from the house on Sunday June 24.

A GLASS panel in the rear door of a property on Bruce Place, Fort William, was smashed at about 2.50am on Saturday June 23.

DAMAGE was caused to a VW Golf parked in Morrisons car park, Fort William, by an unknown vehicle sometime between 9.30am and 9.55am on Tuesday June 19.

TWO BED and breakfast signs were stolen from the A863 Sligan to Dunvegan road at the junctions with Ullinish, Struan, on the Isle of Skye.

The theft occurred sometime between 12pm on Friday June 1 and 11.45am on Thursday June 21.

Anyone with knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact Fort William Police Station on 01397 702361 or the confidential line 01397 702000.



The Belfast Cuchullains hurling team, in yellow, and Kinlochleven High School shinty team line up for *The Oban Times* at half time. 20_126cuch02

High school team helps bridge religious divide

KINLOCHLEVEN High has helped to bridge Belfast's religious divide - by welcoming a joint Catholic-Protestant hurling team for a challenge match against the school shinty team.

And the arrival of the Belfast Cuchullains in the Lochaber village last Thursday presaged a much bigger event - yesterday's historic first meeting between the Queen and Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein.

The match was a curtain raiser for the Corn Cuchullain - The Cuchullain Cup - at Antrim Gaelic Athletic Association's Casement Park ground in Belfast yesterday in which both teams, along with Plockton High

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School shinty team, took part. The tournament coincided with Queen Elizabeth's two-day visit to the province as part of her Jubilee tour - and came only hours before she and Mr McGuinness shook hands to herald a new chapter in cross-community relations.

Speaking to *The Oban Times* from the Belfast ferry at Cairnryan on Tuesday afternoon, Kinlochleven High School head teacher John McGilp said: 'I think it is quite symbolic that we are going over there on an anti-

sectarian mission when one of the former leaders of the IRA is shaking hands with the monarch of the British Empire.'

In Northern Ireland, Gaelic and hurling - the Irish version of shinty - are regarded as almost exclusively Catholic, while in Scotland no such division exists.

In a bold bid to break down barriers, in 1996 the rector of St Patrick's College Beranagheeha in Belfast PJ O'Grady and Plockton High School rector Duncan Ferguson set up annual under-16 shinty-hurling challenge matches, alternating between Plockton and Belfast, with the Corn Cuchullain as the prize.

Inspired by the Highlands

non-sectarian example, Mr O'Grady formed the Belfast Cuchullains in 2006, drawing under-16 players from Catholic schools Corpus Christi College and St Patrick's and Protestant schools Belfast Boys Model and Ashfield Boys.

Last year Kinlochleven took part in the Corn Cuchullain for the first time and hosted the event.

The Cuchullains arrived for last Thursday's match by coach from Stranraer around 3pm.

Speaking to *The Oban Times* at half-time, Ashfield Boys assistant Lisa Brimley praised the Scottish connection for showing how sport, Gaelic language and music can bring together com-

munities locally and internationally.

She said: 'This is a very important event for our boys. We want to continue this for them. We have had a lot of opposition, but it's the one thing the kids go home and tell their parents about.'

'We have ten boys who never played hurling before until they became part of this event - and they are all coming again next year.'

After a meal in the school and an overnight stay in a local youth hostel, the Cuchullains hiked up Ben Nevis on Friday before heading home to prepare for Tuesday's tournament.

Top young chef Lyndsay shines at culinary 'Oscars'

A KINLOCHLEVEN girl has been named as one of the UK's top young chefs at the trade's culinary 'Oscars'.

Lyndsay Michie won the apprentice chef title at the prestigious Craft Guild of Chefs Awards at Wembley Stadium.

The glittering occasion brought together 680 of the industry's top people to see 17 chefs being presented with the guild's special cut glass trophies.

Former Kinlochleven High School pupil Lyndsay, apprentice chef at Michel Roux Junior's Le Gavroche restaurant in London, certainly knows her onions.

The talented 19-year-old carved out her placement by winning Rotary Club of Lochaber 'Young Chef' competitions while still at school.

Now, Lyndsay's experience of cooking to Michelin Star standard at Le Gavroche means the world is her oyster - but not

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before a well-deserved break. She told *The Oban Times*: 'I would love to have my own restaurant in Scotland - although it's too early in my career to be certain of that. I plan to travel next!'

John McGilp, Kinlochleven High head teacher was thrilled when given news of Lyndsay's success.

He said: 'This is great news about a very hard working, enthusiastic and well liked former pupil of the school.'

'Lyndsay has worked hard to get to where she is and is a great role model for pupils in our school to look up to.'

'I have been kept up-to-date about her progress whilst she has been down in London, and this is just the beginning of what will be hopefully a great career.'



Top chef: Kinlochleven's Lyndsay Michie receives her award from Nick Vadis, executive chef for awards sponsors Compass, and Craft Guild of Chefs chairman Andrew Green.

Focus in on sport

LOCHABER Sports Association (LSA) is challenging local S4-S6 pupils to submit entries for a new sports short film competition.

Clips should be between three and five minutes long and feature at least five different sports. Individual or team entries will be considered.

LSA chairwoman Jane Blanchard said the competition was a great chance for young people to promote sports and healthy activities.

She told *The Oban Times*: 'The aim will be to produce a film that will show their friends, and others of their age, that sport and activity are fun and healthy, and that taking part can help make you more confident, form strong friendships and generally enjoy life to the full.'

Participants are urged to check out what is going on at their local sports clubs and check out Highlife Highland's summer activities programme for filming ideas.

Kinlochleven and Mallaig headteachers have kindly offered to lend the school digital camera equipment to local pupils who need it. Application forms and Highlife Highland's summer programme can be downloaded from the ACTIVE YOUTH page on www.lochabersportsassociation.org. Film submission deadline is September 28. Winners will be announced, prizes awarded and films shown at the 2012 LSA awards evening.

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Kinlochleven Community Trust is looking for local businesses to sponsor a month in its 2013 calendar.

Four £50 slots remain to be filled - February, March, August and September. The calendar features 12 photographs of local scenes selected through an annual competition. KCT hopes to launch it in September.

Any interested firms should contact the trust office on 01833 831779.

Message trial date set

A MAN accused of sending naked photographs of himself to a woman in Fort William is due to stand trial at the town's sheriff court on August 15.

Jackson Kerr, aged 26, of 21 Canberra Drive, East Kilbride, denies sending messages of a grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or menacing character to the woman on October 23.



Mo Mo Chapeau hats and Ginger knitwear, modelled above by Katie Young, will feature at Inverness.

Craft firms in spotlight

TWO LOCHABER craft businesses have been selected to show their work at a national exhibition in Inverness.

Ginger and Mo Mo Chapeau will be among Scottish niche firms featuring in The Crochte Gallery in the Eastgate Centre until August.

Ginger owner Anna Skea, already renowned for creating designer knitwear from her base in Morar, said: 'Although the inspiration for everything we

create comes from the Highlands and all yarns are Scottish, natural and sustainable, this is an international business.'

Morag Young of MoMo Chapeaux in Ballachulish was delighted her stylish hat and accessory collections were Inverness-bound.

She said: 'I think it's a real challenge for small craft producers to get marketed and promoted, so an opportunity like this is fantastic.'



Eirinn agus Alba: The singers and musicians who performed in the Nevis Centre. 10_126irish01

Irish Gaelic troupe turn on the style to entertain Fort William audience

A TROUPE of Irish Gaelic performers came to Fort William to put on a singing, dancing and music show on Friday night.

Talented Donegal group An Crann Og Gaoth Dobhair performed to hundreds of locals in the Nevis Centre at the 'Eirinn agus Alba' (Ireland and Scotland) event.

Provost Allan Henderson introduced the

ensemble on stage and welcomed them to Lochaber.

After the performance, the crowd enjoyed a ceilidh with music from Lochaber Senior Pipe Band, Sgoil Chiuil Loch Abar and the Alec MacLean Ceilidh Band.

Lochaber Mod committee member Charlie MacColl helped organise the event.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It went very well, the atmosphere was something else. We had a fèisean in the West End Hotel on the Saturday morning before they left which was fantastic as well.'

'I think they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we're hoping to take some young singers and musicians over there in August.'

Boost for sports clubs

SKYE and Lochalsh Sports Council has awarded grants totalling £2,500 to seven local sporting groups.

Recipients include Plockton Small Boat Sailing Club, Kinlochshiel Shinty Club, Kinlochshiel Junior Shinty Club, Skye Camanachd Juniors, Skye and Lochalsh Cricket Club, Sleaf and Strath Football Club and Kyleakin Indoor Bowling Club.

The lack of publicity locally for the Skye half marathon was also voiced at the meeting in Plockton last week.

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Council opt for computerised calls

CALLS to reception at Argyll and Bute Council from next Tuesday will be answered by a computerised switchboard. Anyone calling the main switchboard, 01546 602127, will be able to speak the name of who they're trying to reach and be transferred directly. The council say the system will mean eliminate call queues. If the system doesn't recognise what has been asked for, they will be transferred to a receptionist. Communication spokesperson, Louise Glen-Lee, said: 'You can do most things on the council's website, but sometimes it is good to talk and this system should get us get through to the right person.'

Connel Bridge overnight closures

CONNEL Bridge will be closed overnight between Monday, July 2 and Thursday, July 5 for repairs after overhead beams were damaged by an over-height vehicle.

Scotland Transerv confirmed the bridge will be closed for all traffic, including pedestrians, between 10pm and 6am to allow the works to take place.

A signed diversion route will be in place.

LTA to sponsor The Big Strip

AS OBAN gears up for The Big Strip on July 14, the Oban and Lorn Tourism Association has come on board as the event's main sponsor.

Organisers, BID4Oban, says it is delighted the tourist association has moved to support the event which takes place on Stevenson Street from 5pm. There will be performances on the day from Drams Allowed and Ceol na Aire, as well as market stalls.

Teenager walked and talked into jail

A TEENAGER found himself behind bars on Saturday after walking into Oban Police Station at 1.20am to verbally abuse the police officers on duty.

The 16-year-old boy was charged with disorderly conduct in a police office.

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This colourful display from the Barr a'Dannsa dancers helped light up the Isle of Barra, as part of an entertaining and exhilarating showcase of skill. The Jane Douglas School of Dance's annual show attracted its usual large crowd to Castlebay Community School, with both locals and visitors alike dazzled by the technique and enthusiasm of the performers. A full report on Barr a'Dannsa 2012 can be found on page 13. Photograph - abigailtreffry.com.

New path could lead £1 million a year to Oban

A PATH running from Oban to Tyndrum will bring in £1million a year to the local economy, according to a study.

Key national route

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has today published a report stating the proposed path will be approximately 45 miles long, running through Dalmally, Lochawe, Taynuilt and Connel. The survey was funded by SNH in response to interest from the communities. It is hoped the project would be recognised as a key national route

32,000 visitors

The path, which would link the West Highland Way to the Oban to Fort William cycle route, is also expected to bring 32,000 visitors to the area per year

The report also suggests the path may in future be extended to Mull and Iona, and appropriately named 'The Way to the Isles'.

Oban based SNH operations

officer Stephen Austin said: 'The great thing about this proposal is that it has come from the local community.'

'We're very keen to see the development of more trails across the country to help people get out and enjoy the outdoors and also help generate income to underpin the rural economy.'

Mr Austin confirmed that a route is still to be identified and said the proposal is at 'a very early stage'. He also said the project would only take place with the approval of landowners and farmers.

SNH claim existing businesses would have the opportunity to expand their offerings of accommodation and food and drink as the route would attract more visitors.

Mr Austin added: 'This report helps highlight the potential benefits of the path, as well as the need to get the promotion and marketing right.'

Trout farm company ponder Loch Etive expansion plan

A LANARKSHIRE-based fish farming company is considering opening a 14, 100metre pen rainbow trout farm on Loch Etive, near Taynuilt.

Argyll and Bute Council is currently processing an environmental impact assessment from Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd to build a new farm at Sailan Raudh, between Airds Point and Ardochattan Priory.

The company say SEPA-approved assessments showed the site to have biomass potential for 2,500 tonnes, exceeding the 2,000 tonnes it produces on its five existing farms on Etive.

Consolidating operations into one farm would make production more efficient, it said, and would require 12 full-time jobs, as opposed to the six full-time and six temporary staff it currently operates with.

Detailing its plans to the council, Dawnfresh said: 'The

biomass exceeds any of our existing locations and thus provides a platform for both expansion and more cost efficient production.'

'There will be considerable increase in local economic activity with the use of local service engineers and transport services.'

'Scottish Government figures estimate that each aquaculture job supports a further 2.1 jobs in ancillary industries.'

'There will be considerable increase in local economic activity'

Fish farm company Dawnfresh

Taynuilt Community Council's chairman, Murray Sim,

was concerned the group had not been contacted by Dawnfresh to keep them abreast of their plans.

He said: 'This is just a screening and scoping assessment at this stage, but Dawnfresh should be contacting the community councils concerned so we know what is happening.'

'There is a bit of concern about it.'

Ardochattan Community Council discussed the application at its Monday meeting.

New chairperson, Margaret Adams, said: 'It is certainly a sizeable farm.'

'This is something that could change the face of Loch Etive - and it is such a magnificent site with beautiful views.'

'There is a feeling we will have to have a discussion with Taynuilt and Connel Community Councils about the proposal.'

Fibre-optic boost for Oban

Homes and businesses to gain 10 times faster broadband

MORE than 3,500 homes and businesses across Oban will be given access to fibre-optic broadband next year, potentially offering 10 times faster speeds.

Telecoms operator BT this week announced the town will be among the 21 Scottish communities to benefit from the latest phase of its nationwide upgrade of exchanges to superfast broadband.

The upgrade will mean Oban homes will have access to download speeds of up to 80Mbps, where 8Mbps is currently the norm.

Around 3,690 homes and businesses will benefit.

BT say the upgrade will give a major boost to the local economy, potentially creating hundreds of jobs and business start ups.

That projection has been welcomed by Oban councillor and Argyll and Bute Council leader, Roddy McCuish, and Argyll and Bute MP, Alan Reid.

Mr McCuish said: 'Almost four thousand homes and businesses in Oban will be able to access this technology and benefit from this BT investment. That equates to 76 per cent of all homes and businesses in Oban.'

'It will be a real shot in the arm for businesses, households and public bodies, including the council itself, and is particularly welcome because it will happen next year.'

'BT's projection for the creation of new jobs and new start-up businesses as a knock-on effect is very good news for the longer term.'

Mr Reid said: 'This is very welcome news from BT for

'The arrival of fibre broadband will be a massive shot in the arm for the local economy'

BT's Scottish director

Oban. Super-fast broadband is an essential building block to economic recovery and growth.

'It gives our local firms a boost and brings us a competitive edge in attracting new businesses, jobs and investment. Residents will also benefit from being able to do more, better and faster, online.'

BT's Scottish director, Brendan Dick, said: 'The arrival of fibre broadband in Oban will be a massive shot in the arm for the local economy, creating new businesses, jobs and educational opportunities.'

'The benefits are major and wide ranging. As our new fibre network expands across Scotland it also brings new potential for offering essential public services on-line and cost savings across the sectors.'

BT says it aims to make speeds of up to 330Mbps available by spring next year to any area where fibre has been deployed.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Government has announced a £120million investment to bring superfast broadband to more communities across the Highlands and Islands, to be delivered by 2020.

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Once again thank you for your patience and understanding and your follow up call to enquire how I was getting on with my new denture.
Yours truly,
Mr Kirkpatrick
Lanarkshire

Salmon farmers sponsor Tobermory's Marine Education Centre

THE MARINE Education Centre currently under construction in Tobermory has funding secured for the foreseeable future thanks to local salmon farming companies.

Five year deal

The centre, part of Tobermory Harbour Association, will be sponsored for the next five years by the Scottish Salmon Company and Scottish Sea Farms.

The new funds will be used to

create exhibits which celebrate local industry, environmental excellence and the importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

The sponsorship also puts the centre, which will be in the Taigh Solaris building within Tobermory harbour, on course to open for the summer.

Don Mitchell, project manager said: 'With both The Scottish Salmon Company and Scottish Sea Farms now on board, we are driving forward with our plans

and hope to have the centre up and running in July.

'Salmon farming represents an important aspect of life on Mull and I am delighted they are lending their support.'

Working harbour

The Marine Education Centre is intended for visitors and local residents, adults and children and will provide an interactive experience of the life of Tobermory's working harbour community.

It will present exhibits on fishermen, fish farms, hand divers, recreational divers and boat users, alongside the support organisations that allow this industry to take place, including the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Coastguard and Northern Lighthouse Board.

The centre will also have an environmental focus, highlighting shoreline habitats, creatures and the wider marine ecology,

alongside exhibits promoting work around sustainability and environmental protection.

Tremendous idea

There are also plans for a large marine tank and touch pools with daily talks with marine biologists from the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

Rosanna Pile, of the Scottish Salmon Company, which employs 39 people on farm sites in and around Mull said: 'The Marine Education Centre

is a great way to promote the dynamic life of the coastline and the Tobermory Harbour Association is to be congratulated for bringing together the different aspects of education, industry and tourism together.

'The centre is a tremendous idea and as part of the Mull community we are proud to lend our support.'

Rory Conn, from Scottish Sea Farms, which employs over 30 people in the area said: 'Salmon

farming is a vital source of employment in Mull and we see the Marine Education Centre as an ideal opportunity for locals and visitors to engage with and learn more about the role of aquaculture within the environment and local economy.

'Scottish Sea Farms is always looking for ways to support the local communities in which we operate and we look forward to assisting with the creation of this centre.'

'Affordable' Mull housing proving costly

SUPPOSEDLY affordable housing is leaving some residents with 'horrendous' heating bills, according to one Tobermory tenant.

Residents in the town's Struan Crescent, managed by West Highland Housing Association (WHHA), are reporting electricity bills of nearly £700 for three months.

'One tenant's bill for heating a small two bedroom home, with heaters only in the kitchen, hall and sitting room was a total of £689 for the months of March, April and May.'

They said despite the properties only being occupied last November some had already changed hands as people could not afford to pay the bills.

Lesley McInnes, chief executive of WHHA said: 'West Highland will speak with all tenants at Struan Crescent about their heating costs.'

'We should be able to use the information from their electricity bills to check how much energy is being used and advise accordingly.'

Barra celebrates pre-school centre's reprieve from axe

PARENTS of children attending nursery on Barra are celebrating this week after confirmation that the community run pre-school provision in Castlebay has been saved.

The full council of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar backed a decision by its education committee to abandon plans to move pre-school provision into Castlebay Community School - a move that would have resulted in the closure of Barra Children's Centre.

The decision follows months of protests from islanders over the controversial proposals, which would have seen the authority spend £80,000 converting two rooms in the school to meet provision already provided by the centre.

Abigail Treffry, children's centre co-ordinator, said: 'Barra Children's Centre would like to thank the people of Barra, Vatersay and beyond for their overwhelming support.'

'Our thanks also goes to the councillors who took the time to listen to the case that we made for retaining provision at the Children's Centre and who voted in our favour at committee. We are looking forward to working in partnership with CnES in the delivery of pre-school education and can now concentrate our efforts on ensuring that children in Barra and Vatersay continue to have access to high quality services and facilities.'

Barcaldine listed

BARCALDINE-based guest house, Ardorna, is the only Scottish business listed in *The Shires Magazine* as one of the UK's top 10 places to stay.

Path plan takes town forward

Black Lynn project could transform Oban town centre

A FOOTPATH could be built to extend across the Black Lynn as part of an ambitious plan to transform one of Oban's most overlooked assets.

'Astounding asset'

The project to regenerate and clean the waterway took a step forward on Monday when representatives from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), The Wild Trout Trust, Argyll Fisheries Trust and Bid4Oban met at Soroba Lane Bridge to further flesh out plans.

Work to improve the burn has already started, with the stretch at Stevenson Street already sporting a new look thanks to the joint efforts of Oban in Bloom, Oban Litterbusters and Bid4Oban.

However, moves are now afoot to turn the stream into a real attraction and an 'astounding asset for the town'.

That includes improving the area's biodiversity, creating new access points, installing benches and even creating a suspended walkway through sections of the route.

Graham MacQueen is co-ordinating the project on behalf of Bid4Oban.

He said: 'This is a long-term plan, it won't take a few months to complete - we're talking years.'

'There is no reason why this cannot be developed into an area of immense benefit to

Oban, instead of the liability it currently is.

'The whole town would benefit. Restoring the Black Lynn is huge for Oban.'

Aggregate Industries will later this summer deliver 30 tonnes of granite for deposit into the Black Lynn, after years of accumulated rubbish is removed.

The granite will help improve the natural habitat for fish, with brown and sea trout, flounders and eels already inhabiting the stream. An otter was also spotted in the Lynn on Saturday, which SWT say demonstrates the quality of the water.

Paul Gakell of the Wild Trout Trust, travelled from Sheffield to examine the plans for the Black Lynn. He gave his backing to a path, as five like it exist in old industrial waterways in Sheffield.

Paul, who runs the nationwide Trout in the Town project, said: 'For Sheffield, the paths were 25 years in the offing but it has resulted in an extremely attractive area.'

'This is just a first look at this, but it's definitely a possibility.' SNH's Stephen Austin, added that improving an area's appearance can help improve its biodiversity, as the local community enjoy it more.

He said: 'I'm very pleased to be able to get involved and support a project like this within the centre of Oban.'



Police closed the A828 north of Creagan Bridge for eight hours following the collision last Wednesday. 126creagancrash1

Lismore grieves following Creagan crash

COMMUNITIES in Lismore and Australia are reeling this week after a woman died in a head-on collision near Creagan Bridge, Appin.

Police appeal for witnesses
Cristall Lutyens, 75, died shortly after her vehicle collided with another on the A828 just north of Creagan Inn around 3.45pm last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the other driver, Australian man Bill Henry,

remains in intensive care at Glasgow Southern General. His wife Anne, who suffered a broken foot in the collision, has been transferred to the same hospital to be closer to her husband. Several members of the family have flown over from Australia to be with the couple.

Police continue to appeal for witnesses to the collision. Cristall became well liked on Lismore after moving there

from New Zealand with husband Tony, who passed away in 2008.

Friend, Jill Dixon-Spain, said: 'Very many people were close to her because she was a central part of the community. She was a very cheerful person.'

'She was a talented artist, a great lover of nature and loved her country dancing. 'She was someone who always entered into the spirit of things.'

'Her death just leaves such a big hole.'

Thoughts and prayers

Speaking from Australia, David Grassy, the son-in-law of the Henrys, said: 'Bill is with family who flew from Australia to be with them.'

'We would also like to pass on our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the lady who passed away as a result of the collision.'

Oban's chief inspector, Brian Auld, said: 'We are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen either vehicle prior to the incident.'

'In particular we're looking to speak to the driver of a black, old style, BMW estate, which we believe passed the scene a short time beforehand.'

The A828 was closed for eight hours following the crash on Wednesday.

School pupils face subject 'lottery'

PUPILS at Oban High School are facing not getting the qualifications they need to get into university due to staff shortages.

For the second year running, parents are concerned their children may be denied the opportunity to study towards a subject deemed necessary for a university degree if 'over-subscribed'.

'Lottery'

Pupils also say they've been left in the dark over whether they'll be able to select their chosen subjects, saying the lack of availability could result in an unnecessary extension to their school career.

While Argyll and Bute Council say there is a process to ensure such problems 'rarely happen', it admits no course is guaranteed in any year because it will 'only run courses which are viable and for which we have staff'.

However, MSP, Michael Russell, who said he would comment as local MSP and not education secretary, is to write to the authority to request it makes clear the options available. He said: 'I would encourage the school and the pupils to be imaginative to look at link schooling or distance learning options.'

One pupil told *The Oban Times*:

'I need to get higher biology to do psychology at university, but I've been told there's no guarantee I'll get it at all now. It just seems like a lottery.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said pupils and parents are advised that more options are offered than can be fulfilled and as such only courses with enough pupils will be run.

She added: 'Our pastoral care and careers teams ensure that we work with pupils and parents to limit any potential problems in this area.'

'Therefore, there is a process to ensure the problem rarely happens.'

Oban pontoon plan recommended for nod

OBAN is another step closer to having a transit marina constructed in the bay after council officers recommended councillors approve the re-submitted plan.

The Oban Bay Marine plan to build a multi-use/short stay transit marina, plus diesel berth, manager's office, provision for small day boats/ribs and limited use for overwintering was recommended for approval at yesterday's (Wednesday) planning committee meeting.

Argyll and Bute Council planners said the proposal was consistent with its development plan but have recommended approval with 16 conditions.

The marina development seems to have found favour with the public too, having gained 132 letters of support and only four objections recorded.



Examining the litter currently strewn across the Black Lynn are, from left, Graham MacQueen, Paul Gakell, Alan Kettle-white from Argyll Fisheries Trust, Bid4Oban co-ordinator Pauline Cameron, Daniel Brazier from Argyll Fisheries Trust, Stephen Austen, and SNH's Andrew Campbell. 15_126blacklynn1

On your marks for Lorne Highland Games

FINAL arrangements are being made for the Lorne Highland Games, an evening Highland games for Oban, on July 18.

Inaugural event

Organisers are encouraging locals to turn out at Mossfield to support the first year of the venture and help make it a regular fixture in the Highland games calendar.

Games co-ordinator Duncan MacIntyre, who has been involved in Highland games as an athlete

and judge for more than 30 years, previously insisted the new games would complement the established Argyllshire Gathering, not detract from it, and could also replace the defunct Kilmore Highland Games.

Mr MacIntyre explained: 'These games are for the people of the Oban and Lorne area to get involved in.'

'But it is also well timed for the heavyweight athletes, who will be in Inveraray the day before and on

Mull the day after. For that reason we are expecting an impressive heavyweight field.'

As well as the heavyweight events, there will be track and field, a hill race, youth races, shinty, football, rugby and a tug-of-war.

Highland dancers and pipers will complete the line up of entertainment.

Anyone interested in taking a trade stand should contact Alex Milligan on 07796 891 676.

Police make arrests

POLICE charged a 37 year old man last week in connection with an assault on a 57-year old woman at a hotel in Oban last Tuesday.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Two teenage boys, aged 14 and 15, were charged and reported with theft on Tuesday after stealing from a Soroba Road shop.

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Glenurquhart grab last gasp equaliser to deny Kilmallie

'We were unlucky; we were creating chances but we just couldn't score'

REPORT BY RICHARD HADDOCK
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KILMALLIE missed the chance to move clear of the relegation zone after a last gasp equaliser from Glenurquhart secured a 2-2 draw at Canal Parks on Saturday.

More games
The draw moved the Caol side up to seventh in the Orion Group Premiership, but they are tied on points with Inveraray and the Glen having played three more games than last weekend's opponents and four more than the Argyll side.

Kilmallie's form has dramatically improved in recent weeks, but they go into this Saturday's tie away to Kingussie knowing the need for wins is immediate. The rain and wind made for tricky conditions, and the home side got off to a poor start going behind to a David Smart goal in the sixth minute. Both sides had chances throughout an even first half.

John Stewart cheered the home support with an equaliser just before half time, and when Liam

SHINTY

MacDonald scored in the 55th minute Kilmallie were in prime position to take the two points. They pilled on the pressure but were unable to score, and Glenurquhart broke in the final minute of the game with John Barr grabbing an equaliser.

Kilmallie chairman Hugh MacIntyre told The Oban Times: 'We were doing well until the last minute. We were unlucky; we were creating chances but we just couldn't score. We hit the post and their keeper saved a



Glenurquhart's John Barr shields the ball from Kilmallie forward Grant MacKenzie, who led the line impressively during Saturday's match at Canal Parks. 20_126shinty01

couple of tremendous shots. 'We'll need to get stuck in for the rest of the season. We've got five games to go and I think we'll need to win four of them, but you never know how the

other teams will go.' Glen co-manager Drew McNeill said he felt a draw was a useful result for his side. He said: 'It's a case of us picking up a point but also stopping

Kilmallie from getting two points. I think we both felt we had periods where we dominated and a draw was probably fair. 'We played well defensively even though we lost two goals.

Kilmallie have a very good front line. 'It was a very good game. I was sort of dreading going down there with the rain but the pitch was fantastic.'

Fort cricketers to star on Sky Sports

CRICKET

FORT William cricketers will have the chance to shine on national television when Sky Sports cameras visit the BA Club next week.

The 'Cricket AM' show will challenge the club's players to test their bowling against a speed gun which is travelling around the UK to uncover the quickest club bowlers, with non-cricketers welcome to come along and give it a go. Filming is due to start at 5.30pm on Wednesday July 4, with a fun day starting at 2pm with a primary school softball cricket event.

There will also be various sporting challenges for adults as well as a fundraising raffle. Fort William Cricket Club are hosting the event, and chairman Derek Spencer said: 'It's a unique opportunity for us to challenge the likes of local shinty players, footballers, and athletes from other sports to show their skills.'

The coverage will be aired on Sky Sports on Saturday July 7 from 9am.

Gary wins Eagle Hill race

ATHLETICS

KINLOCHLEVEN man Gary MacDonald has won the first Lochaber Athletic Club event of the season after a close finish to the Eagle Crag hill race on Saturday.

Some 22 runners took to the 10k off-road course in Glen Nevis in claggy, wet conditions. MacDonald, a regular competitor in the Scottish Six Days Trial, finished in 1 hour 55 minutes and 53 seconds, just 16 seconds clear of second placed John Binnie.

John Hepburn was third in 1h 46m 45s to give the home club a 1-2-3 finish.

The first woman home was LAC's Lucy Prins, 14th overall, in a time of 1h 29m 37s, more than five minutes ahead of Emma Pierce.

Thanks to Claire Rungay for timekeeping and everyone who helped marshal the event.

The next LAC event will be the triple hurle weekend on July 7, 8 and 9.

Skye schools hold 'mini-Olympics'

WELL OVER 100 primary school children from across Skye descended on Portree for their own 'mini-Olympics' as the clock ticks down to the Olympic Games opening ceremony in London on July 27.

Organised for the island's schools with a roll under 40, the event gave pupils a great sporting day out.

Co-organiser of the occasion, Caribost Primary School teacher Helen Nicolson, told The Oban Times: 'It was an absolutely glorious day, with a nice breeze which kept the midgies away.'

'Conditions could not have been better and the kids loved it. It was right up their street, but then a day out always is!'

'Also, they were mixing with children from other areas - most of them feel that they have made a wee pal from somewhere else on Skye.'

Events at King George V Park included football, basketball, shinty and tug-o-war. Relay

sprint and middle distance races also featured.

Each of the nine teams competed under the flag of a country,

with Caribost's two squads representing Jamaica and Russia. Kilmuir took the field as China and the USA, Staffin as

Spain and Argentina, Raasay as Greece and Edinbane as Brazil. Struan and Knockbreck competed jointly as Mexico.



Caribost Primary School pupil Ciortan Towers leads the competitors round the field.



Caribost staff member Shona MacLean look on as left to right, Beth Campbell (Kilmuir), Heather MacDiarmid (Caribost), Lexy MacLeod (Staffin) and Louise Gate (Kilmuir) take the podium for their medals.



Piper Rowan Mackenzie played at the opening ceremony.



James Morrison of Caribost carries the Olympic torch.

Tight at the top in Fort Open

AROUND 110 competitors took to the Fort William Golf Club course for the club's annual open event on Sunday.

Joe Sweeney took the narrowest of wins after three men shot the same net score of 64. Sweeney's better inward nine gave him the victory.

Steven Jamieson took a one shot win in the gross competition with a round of 74.

Gail Anderson took the win in an equally close finish to the

ladies competition. Helen Brian equalled her net round of 68 but a better inward half from Anderson secured her the win.

Rosemary Macintyre took the win in the gross event with a round of 85, while Frank Sweeney was the senior winner with a net 68.

Results: Men - Net: 1, Joe Sweeney 82-18-64 (BHI); 2, Les Gow 79-15-64 (BHI); 3, Alan Overend 82-18-64. Gross: 1, Steven Jamieson 74; 2, Craig Brown 75 (BHI); 3, A Munro 75. Ladies - Net: 1, Gail Anderson 86-

GOLF

18-68 (BHI); 2, Helen Brian 87-19-68. Gross: 1, Rosemary Macintyre 85; 2, Kim Topping 87. Senior - 1, Frank Sweeney 68.

Best Stableford points: James Duncan, 42 points. Nearest pin (6th hole) Owen Sweeney. Nearest pin (16th hole) George Band. Longest drive for men at 11th hole - Duncan Rodger. Longest drive for ladies at 5th hole - Gail Anderson. Aggregate score at Par 3's - Kim Topping. Putting competition winner - Rusty Duncan. Paddling pool competition - David Fairgreive.

Caol Cosmos keep up the pressure

FOOTBALL

CAOL Cosmos kept up the pressure on Lochaber Welfare League leaders BA Club with a 6-2 win over Balla United.

Caol managed to overcome their opponents in the cold and rain at Canal Parks last Friday night.

BA Club are three points clear, however, as they recorded their seventh win with seven games played with a 6-4 win over Caol two days earlier.

Mallaig moved into third place with two wins in five days - first beating Lundavra 7-3 in Mallaig before recording a 4-1 win against Lochaber at the BA Club.

At the bottom, Celtic remain stuck on three points after a 4-2 loss to Lundavra while Ballachulish are still looking for their first point as they went down 6-2 at home to Lochaber.

With the league now at the halfway stage, there is still yet to be a draw. This Saturday the teams will take part in the annual Mel Davenport Memorial at the BA Club, with play getting underway from 11am.



Caol forward Peter Lane gets his shot away despite the attentions of Balla United's Jack Eadie. 10_126welfare01

Club championship cancelled because of the weather

GOLF

THE FIRST round of the Isle of Skye Golf Club's championship on Saturday was cancelled due to heavy rain leaving the course unplayable.

A new date has not yet been set for the event.

A bogey competition was held last week before the bad weather set in, with Jonathan MacKinnon taking the win with a score of six up. Ian Marr took second place by virtue of a better inward half after he and Kenny MacPherson both scored four up.

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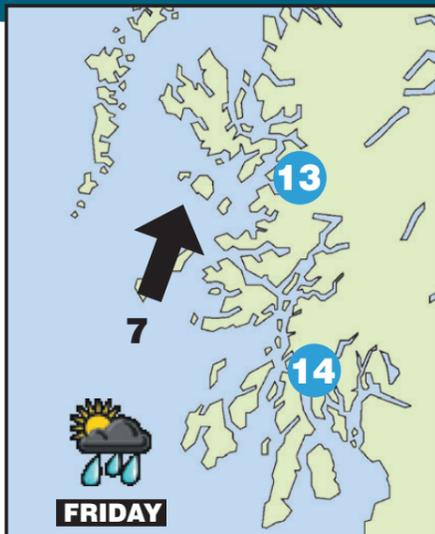
Weather

Thursday Heavy Rain
Winds moderate east, north easterly
Temperatures 13°C to 18°C

Friday Heavy rain showers
Winds light south, south westerly
Temperatures 12°C to 16°C.

Weekend Light rain showers
Outlook Winds moderate west, north westerly
Temperatures 11°C to 15°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, June 28, 2012** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	12.08	3.0	18.21	1.4	pm	**	**
Thur	06.11	1.6	12.08	3.0	18.21	1.4	**	**
Fri	00.35	3.2	07.27	1.5	13.43	3.1	19.34	1.3
Sat	02.06	3.3	08.38	1.4	14.59	3.3	20.48	1.2
Sun	03.18	3.4	09.40	1.2	15.57	3.6	21.55	1.0
Mon	04.17	3.6	10.34	0.9	16.46	3.8	22.55	0.8
Tues	05.07	3.7	11.24	0.7	17.31	4.0	23.48	0.7
Wed	05.52	3.8	12.10	0.6	18.14	4.1	**	**

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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