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Body found in home

A BODY found in a home at Balvicar had gone unnoticed for three days, it is alleged.

Police say there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of a man whose body was found on Sunday morning.

Isle of Seil neighbours raised the alarm with police after finding the body of Charles McKichan in the early morning.

It is understood that the man had not been seen for a number of days, and neighbours entered his houses after becoming concerned that his curtains had remained closed and newspapers not collected.

The man who stayed on his own at Hamnavoe, in the small row of houses beside the road to Cuan Ferry was said to have underlying health problems.

Mr McKichan is believed to be in his early 60s and had spoken to a friend three days before his body was found. His family do not live in the area.

A police spokesman said: 'There are no suspicious circumstances to this death. He stayed on his own and was found shortly after he had died. A post mortem will be carried out to identify the cause of death.'

Island's GP fears

RESIDENTS on Colonsay met NHS representatives on Tuesday over fears they could lose their GP post when the island doctor retires at the end of September.

At present, the island is served by Dr John Currie. So far there have been no applications for his post.

Full story on page 9.



Little learners are ready to move on

LITTLE Learners' Nursery held its annual graduation ceremony with recently appointed nursery manager Kathleen McNiven looking on. Kathleen who grew up in Oban has moved back home to take over at the helm of the nursery as manager. She was keen to tell the children how well they were doing. She said: 'The children are graduating, some from ante-pre school to pre-school and others are going on to primary one. They have all been successful learners and we wanted to celebrate that. It is lovely to be back in Oban. Everyone has made me so welcome and it is amazing how many faces I remember.' 16_t28learners01

'Neighbour from hell' eludes eviction

A 'NEIGHBOUR from hell' who, along with her partner, is accused of terrorising her neighbours in a block of flats has avoided a decree by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) to have her removed.

ACHA had tried to evict the tenant following a five-year battle involving neighbours and a councillor to have her removed from an Oban flat.

But following a 'technicality' in court proceedings, ACHA's case was thrown out, despite the fact it had a strong case for eviction.

The woman and her partner are accused of causing their neighbours mental health problems by banging on doors, breaking windows and using intimidating behaviour towards them.

One neighbour said: 'I have been keeping a notebook of all the incidents of anti-social behaviour for the past two years, which I thought would be evidence enough to evict them.'

'Doors bang at all hours and different folk go in and out. This is a wicked woman and this situation should not have gone on this long.'

'I am devastated we didn't get the eviction and now we are back to square one.'

Mental health

A relative of another neighbour said: 'The situation is ridiculous. One neighbour has been to Argyll and Bute Hospital in Lochgilhead with mental health problems because of it.'

'This couple is under the impression they have won this case and are not slow to let us know about it.'

Oban South and the Isles councillor Roddy McCuish said: 'The decision not to evict this tenant may have

been legally correct, but morally it is wrong.'

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'The association regrets we were unable to pursue this case on technical grounds as we were convinced we had a very strong case with respect to the evidence obtained.'

'Over the next few days we will consider whether or not we would wish to start the process again.'

He added that ACHA previously had 12 successful evictions in respect to anti-social behaviour, including drugs.

Mum's court battle over son's death

Oban woman faces Spanish trial

Report by LOUISE LEE

AN EXTRADITION order to take a former Oban woman to Spain to stand trial for the alleged manslaughter of her toddler son will be carried out unless her partner pleads guilty to 'accidental homicide'.

Corinna Reid, aged 33, now of Gilmore Street in Edinburgh, has fought a sheriff court decision to extradite her over the death of her son, 16-month-old Aiden Cormack-Reid, in Tenerife in January 2007.

Until now, the ex-Oban mother who has a six-month-old child has been making legal arguments to stop the extradition order on manslaughter charges.

Two weeks ago, the last attempt to fight the order was thrown out in the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh.

Accidental homicide
Her ex-partner Robert Cormack, aged 38, did not fight the extradition and has been taken to Spain to face charges of manslaughter. It is understood, from the appeal case, that he may plead guilty to accidental homicide.

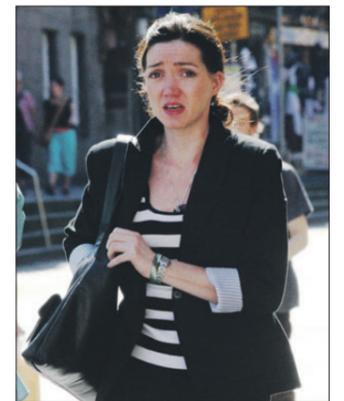
Judges at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh last month heard Mungo Bovey QC, Ms Reid's defence agent, argue that to move the nursing mother would breach her right to family life which under European legislation is a fundamental human right.

Due to ill health, Ms Reid was not in the appeal court to hear the decision to uphold the extradition order.

The court heard that Ms Reid's son Aiden Cormack-Reid, died on January 12, 2007 at the Paraiso Floral Hotel in the Adeje resort of Tenerife.

The couple were allowed to return to Scotland two weeks after his death because initial tests showed he died of natural causes.

The couple, who do not live together, were told of the toxicology results in April last year and were questioned over the allegations. A European arrest warrant was



Corinna Reid outside Edinburgh's Court of Criminal Appeal.

later issued for them and they were arrested in Edinburgh on January 7 of this year.

Their daughter was allowed to continue living with Ms Reid at her home in Edinburgh with 24-hour supervision, firstly by Cormack's mother then later by Ms Reid's father.

Appeal court judges heard that Corinna Reid may not face prosecution because of potential legal negotiations by her partner who is already in jail in Tenerife.

Senior judge, Lord Nimmo Smith, called for both the Scottish and Spanish authorities to adopt a responsible attitude about sending Reid abroad.

He said: 'It would be thoroughly undesirable if she was to be taken to Spain by virtue of the warrant only to be sent back home after a relatively short time with proceedings against her having been discontinued.'

This would be the case if Cormack pleads guilty to the lesser charges of accidental homicide.

Attempts were made by *The Oban Times* to contact Ms Reid, her family and QC, but they were unavailable for comment.

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Oban still attracts top tennis players

West Highland Tennis Championship tournament referee Mary McLean, centre, from Oban, congratulates ladies and gents open winners, Kirsty McRae from Falkirk and Jordan Ray from Bearsden, after their victories on Sunday. The week-long tournament, which clashes with Wimbledon, still attracts the top players in the country, against whom local competitors can test their skills. See back page for report. 07_t28ten01



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Fresh bid for games holiday

ARGYLL and Bute councillors have asked council officials again to approach schools in Oban and Lorn about making the day of Oban Highland Games a school holiday.

Councillors were asked to approve the school holidays for 2010-2011 at last week's meeting.

Previously schools in the area have not wished to use one of their holiday allocations to coincide with the Argyllshire Gathering games, usually on the last Thursday of August.

At the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, chairman Councillor Duncan MacIntyre suggested approaching Oban High and primary schools in the town and area once more before finally approving next year's holidays and his peers agreed.

Anglers warned off piers

WITH the school summer holidays underway, Caledonian MacBrayne is warning people that fishing from the working areas of piers is not permitted.

'Warmer weather and the school holidays traditionally lead to increased numbers of people fishing in ports but few seem to realise the dangers they pose to others and themselves,' said a CalMac spokesman.

He said that if anglers' actions were a danger then the company would not hesitate to call the police.

'CalMac has no wish to provoke confrontation with groups of anglers and we will only call on the police if reasonable requests to stop fishing and move off the working area are ignored.'

Sunday morning drink ban stays

A BLANKET ban on buying alcohol on a Sunday morning will continue in Argyll and Bute despite the Scottish government recommending a nationwide 10am-10pm sales policy.

Legislation coming into force on September 1 means local authorities will be able to open off sales seven days a week from 10am to 10pm. However, Argyll and Bute Council has decided that in the majority of cases the earliest someone can buy a carry-out on a Sunday will

be 12.30pm.

Licensee Sandy Brunton from Fionnphort, Mull said: 'It seems that the licensing board thinks that we in Argyll must not have any control over our drinking.'

'The guidance from the Scottish government is to have a blanket coverage for off sales. But our board is making it more difficult. I am mystified as to why it is ignoring the recommendations.'

'If off sales were open every day between 10am and

10pm then everyone would know where they were.'

A council source said: 'The new Licensing Scotland Act 2005 allows in principle for off sales premises to be open seven days a week from 10am-10pm.'

'However it is a matter for individual boards to decide whether or not they are willing to grant these hours.'

'The council's licensing board has a general policy of not allowing licenses to open before 12.30pm on a Sunday.'

Council praised over housing work

A NATIONAL charity has praised Argyll and Bute Council for making sure disabled people get proper housing.

Inclusion Scotland rated Argyll and Bute better than most in a survey of local authorities, but said there is still room for improvement.

Donna McSwiggan, information officer for the disability charity, said more than 200 accessible homes had been built in Argyll and Bute since 2004, many more than other councils.

She said: 'Argyll and Bute Council performed fairly well. It is developing a common housing register, 'Home Argyll', which will assist with the provision on waiting list - a big bonus for disabled people who are waiting on an accessible home.'

Shortage

However, she said there was still a shortage of accessible homes and another 900 needed to be built in the next five years. She added that the council

must do more to involve disabled residents in housing policy.

A spokeswoman said the council was working on a new assessment of housing need and had set up a working group to provide more suitable homes for disabled residents.

She added that the council had beaten its targets for building and adapting homes for disabled people, spending more than £1.3 million on adapting housing association properties since 2004.

Dolphins link to climate change

AN ENVIRONMENTAL organisation says the large number of common dolphins seen in Oban Bay and other parts of the Highlands is due to climate change.

Earthwatch is suggesting that dolphin populations are moving increasingly further north in search of food and breeding grounds as water temperatures rise.

Earthwatch scientists and volunteers spotted an estimated 400 common dolphins in a massive migration towards the North Sea.

Tarbert's festival success

A BATTLE of epic proportions took place in Tarbert last Friday night to kick-start this year's Seafood Festival.

This year's celebrations began a day early with a medieval battle between the Scots and English in the surroundings of Tarbert Castle.

After a hard-fought tussle, Seafood Queen, Emma Henderson and princesses, Jodie Henderson and Charlie Monks were crowned by Tarbert Citizen of the Year, Robert McPhail.

Highlights across the weekend included the annual festival parade through Harbour Street, Nick Nairn's seafood cookery demonstration, the Scottish Cycle Stunt team, and the seafood Sunday market. Children had a host of activities to choose from including fair rides, face painting and circus performers.

Festival organiser, Nick Mills, said: 'The event was a staggering success, the levels of participation and attendance far exceeded the previous years, and it was more diverse and innovative than ever.'

Charity has helped Argyll children learn about traditional music

Stirring work by piping trust

WITHOUT the work of the Argyll Piping Trust, it could be argued, fewer children would be learning the chanter and bagpipes.

And without children coming through the piping ranks, the place of Argyll as a home of traditional music would be greatly diminished.

Celebrating 30 years as a charity, the organisation formally known as the Argyllshire Gathering Trust is pleased with the progress it has made but continues to have strong aspirations. The charity hopes it will be able to widen its outreach tuition to ensure more children will benefit from its work.

Ian Tegner, a trustee, said: 'There are three strands to our work; the Argyllshire Gathering held in August, the Argyllshire Ball and the work of the piping trust. The piping trust promotes the music of the Highland bagpipe - through our solo piping competitions and school tuition scheme.'

'The Argyll Piping Trust was set up in 1996 in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council to provide piping tuition to schools.



Oban High School pipe band has benefited from the work of the Piping Trust. 07_128pip01

'Over the past 13 years, we have with the help of internationally-known tutors such as Angus McColl and Stewart Liddell developed a primary school tuition

programme. We have worked in 19 schools in places such as Knapdale, Oban, Easdale, Lochgilphead, Inveraray, Islay and north Lorn.

'The trust works in

partnership with Argyll and Bute Council to provide half of the costs of tuition - entirely raised through sponsorship, and this year will total £25,000.

'We are indebted to our funders - such as John Morrison aka Jolomo, and the Shroder, Fleming and the Robertson trusts. And we are always looking out

for more ways in which to fund our work either through individuals or charitable organisations.

'This year the trust's contribution to tuition costs will be in excess of £25,000.

'Sadly, due to current financial constraints within the council, new projects may require us to make a larger financial commitment.

'The benefit of the tuition scheme is clear. Children are able to learn about traditional music and Highland culture in our project. We are now seeing former pupils competing in out annual piping competitions, whereas in 1996 there was a dearth of new local talent.

'There is a growing appreciation of piping in Argyll - new styles of piping are evolving and new tunes are being written. We are looking forward to see what the next 30 years will bring.'

Mr Tegner explained that the success of the Oban games, competitions and the annual ball go some way towards funding the tuition. For further information about the Argyllshire Gathering and the work of the trust: www.obangames.com.

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Dogfight continues between aero club and Argyll and Bute Council

By MARIAN MILLER

A FLYING club which leases land at Oban Airport from Argyll and Bute Council claims it has been 'continually harassed and bullied' in order to get it to leave.

The statement was made after the council announced it was seeking legal advice because Argyll Aero Club fenced off the land it leases from the council, eating into a safety area around the runway.

The council conceded the club was within its rights to delineate the area but the method used 'had

serious consequences for the operation of the airport'.

Under its licence the airport must have the runway strip clear of obstacles and the club's fence means that the useable runway has been shortened, preventing larger fixed wing planes from landing.

'Mislead'

In a press statement Argyll Aero Club challenged the council's claims, saying it was an attempt 'to deliberately mislead the public' and challenged leader Councillor Dick Walsh to 'name any operator whose use of the airport has been put

in jeopardy'.

'That the leader of the council should now suggest they will take legal action against the club for normal use of their leased land is nonsense,' said the aero club statement.

'The ACC has leased an area at the airport since 1995 and has been model tenants spending our own money to enhance facilities for both local and visiting pilots.'

The statement added: 'When the council decided to licence the airport they required a part of the club's leased area in order to comply with Civil Aviation Authority

regulations.

'Instead of trying to resolve the situation by discussion, senior officials within the council provided misleading information to the CAA in order to obtain a licence for the airport.'

'Over the past two years the council has continually harassed and bullied the club in order to move us off the airport and gain control of the ground.'

'Detrimental'

A council spokeswoman said: 'The statement from the club does not address the relevant issue - namely that a fence it has erected is having a

serious detrimental impact on the operation and development of Oban Airport.

'The council has a responsibility to maximise the operational capacity of Oban Airport and thus the potential revenue it can attract.'

The council said the airport had been operating successfully for a year and had the potential to 'carry on from strength to strength'.

'However, there are always going to be small pockets of resistance to change and it is disappointing that the Argyll Aero Club has chosen to take its current stance,' added the council spokeswoman.

It is hall to save energy in Dalavich

A NEW heating system, new windows and better insulation are being installed to help Dalavich Village Hall cut its carbon footprint and energy bills by half.

Dalavich Improvement Group, which owns and operates the hall, received grants from the Scottish government's Climate Challenge Fund and Community Energy Scotland to pay for materials. Village volunteers have provided much of the labour.

Already, the building's inefficient heating system has been replaced by an air recovery heat pump in the clubhouse and two wood-burning stoves in the main hall.

Research

Chris Bruce, chairman of DIG, said: 'These two initiatives have meant a lot of work, a lot of heartaches but the end result is immense satisfaction of jobs well done.' He added it had already made the hall a much nicer environment and he hoped for dramatic cuts in running costs.

Now the building's distinctive cladding is being removed to install an extra layer of insulation and a breathable membrane. Apart from the more pleasant temperatures and environment inside, visitors will struggle to notice the difference as the cladding will be replaced piece by piece. Windows with rotten frames are also to be replaced with double-glazing.

To celebrate the improvements, the community will be holding a 'Green Day, Happy Day,' on Sunday. There will be stalls and activities from a range of organisations involved in environmental projects.

New creamery deal should be a massive boost for Kintyre

THE LARGEST ever Scottish government payout to the dairy industry has been given to Kintyre to build a new Campbeltown Creamery.

The deal, with First Milk co-operative and Tesco, has seen the world food giant buy the site of the existing creamery to build a new store with petrol station, creating 200 new jobs; the creamery will relocate and be up and running by the middle of 2011 and the old Tesco store will go on the open market.

The sale of the former whisky distillery to Tesco, First Milk funds and up to £3.9 million from the Scottish government will finance the new creamery.

This secures the future of the 42 dairy farms in Kintyre and Gigha which supply milk to the creamery, creating £11 million for the local economy. It also secures more than 100 other jobs serving the creamery and farms - feed, haulage, maintenance and plant.

Richard Lochhead, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and the

environment, said: 'Our largest-ever grant for a dairy company in Scotland proves we are committed to doing all we can to support the Scottish dairy sector.'

'The Campbeltown Creamery is a huge part of the social and economic fabric of Kintyre.'

Argyll and Bute Council has given its backing to the plans. Depute leader, Councillor Robert Macintyre said: 'We will do everything to overcome any possible objections.'

Tony McElroy, Tesco's corporate affairs manager, said research had shown Campbeltown people are travelling to stores in Oban and Glasgow to shop and that the new store would keep shoppers in the town.

'We know our existing store is very popular and believe that this is a fantastic opportunity.' He added that the new store would be so large it would create more than 200 new jobs.

He said Tesco would undertake public consultations about the new store.



Pupils in safety message

Children from Achaleven Primary School recently joined a countrywide effort to raise awareness of road safety and break a record at the same time. The 32-pupil school in Connel set off at 10am, the same time as other schools around the country, to walk 250 metres. The hope is that 200,000 primary children took part in the 'walking bus' organised by Brake, a national road safety charity, to gain an entry in the Guinness Book of Records for the fifth year in a row. The Achaleven pupils braved the rain, carrying 'slow down' banners for traffic, to walk from the school up Achaleven Road to the pitch and back again. 08_126walk01

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Community centre plans come to halt

PLANS to bid for Oban's former Rockfield Primary School to convert it into a community and cultural centre have come to a halt.

It has been reluctantly decided by a community steering group that the necessary funding to put in a bid to Argyll and Bute Council could not be achieved in the timescale required.

Representatives of Oban Youth and Community Association, Oban Community Development Trust, Oban Community Council, West Highland Housing Association and Community Links Scotland met on Thursday last week to discuss the options study and business plan commissioned by the youth and community association.

'In addition to the lack of funding,' said association chairman David Preston, 'the meeting was disappointed at the very poor response to the request for community support in *The Oban Times* of June 25 and as broadcast by Oban FM.'

'The council's strategy for community development must depend on what is described as 'vibrant' communities.'

'This means the public getting behind projects.'

Gaelic support team formed

THE ORGANISATION responsible for promoting Gaelic, Bòrd na Gàidhlig, has appointed an interim senior support team to supervise proposed changes in its structure and operations.

The team will also oversee the implementation of the National Plan for Gaelic.

The Bòrd said the appointment of Donald Martin (Stornoway), Jo MacDonald (Glasgow) and Hugh Dan MacLennan (Inverkip) would be for up to nine months and, in the meantime, a new chief executive would be sought.

Lucky escape for crash victim

A WOMAN who was taken to hospital on a spinal board following a road crash on the A85 near Taynuilt has been released from hospital without requiring medical treatment.

It was believed the woman could have had serious injuries following the crash at 7am last Friday, when her car left the road and she became trapped inside her vehicle.

Oban Police attended two further road accidents that day. At 8.10am an Oban man escaped injury when his car left the road at Pennyfuir and at around 8.30pm a Volkswagen Transporter van collided with a Toyota Yaris on the A828 near North Ledaig Caravan Park, Benderloch. The female passenger in the Yaris, who had to be cut from the vehicle, sustained minor injuries.

Fly tipping warning

POLICE are investigating an instance of alleged fly tipping at the recycling bins in Oban's Co-op car park.

A report had been received last Friday at around 8.20am of industrial waste being dumped at the bins.

Oban police inspector Neil Wallace said: 'We would like to remind people that if they dump considerable amounts of industrial refuse there, then there is the possibility they could be charged.'

'This is considered to be fly tipping and anyone who sees this happening should contact Oban police on 01631 510500.'

New fixtures leave Connel residents disgusted and dismayed

Signs leave a village poleaxed

NEW £140,000 'over height' warning signs to prevent vehicles from hitting Connel Bridge have been described as 'overkill', 'awful', 'intrusive' and 'horrific'.

The new warnings include substantial poles with height detectors, solar panels and small wind turbines on either side of the road in four places in the north and south leading up to the bridge and digital warning signs.

Two are in Connel, adding to more than 110 road signs, lamp-posts and telegraph poles scattered along approximately a mile of the A85 and A828 up to Connel Bridge.

One set of detectors have been put up outside bed and breakfast owner Lloyd Halliday's property Mactalla, which overlooks Loch Etive.

'I was horrified at their sheer size, volume and position,' he said.

He had been sent a letter by trunk road contractors Scotland TranServ regarding the poles but had not realised the impact they would have.

'I didn't think they would be anything so substantial, so bulky. I was under the impression they would be

By MARIAN MILLER

hidden by the trees here,' he said, indicating out of the window where his guests eat their breakfast and admire the view which is now obscured by the poles.

'We are operating a guest house/B&B which is a tourism industry and what does that say to the tourists about the roads authority? That it doesn't care for tourists or what they say?'

Neighbours, John and Helen Anderson, Ard Beag, can see the digital sign from their house.

John said: 'They have used a sledgehammer to crack a nut: they are a ridiculously excessive solution to what is certainly a small problem.'

'There are wind turbines on the others and if they put them on here it will be awful,' said Helen, adding, 'It really is terrible for these people trying to run a bed and breakfast.'

Mike Burton at La Rocca, opposite the digital sign, did not receive notification and has put in a Freedom of Information request to TranServ regarding the decision.

'I am very surprised

this can be done without consultation. It is a high tech solution looking for a problem. I feel disempowered along with everyone else.

'This village is about its view. It's just a great shame.'

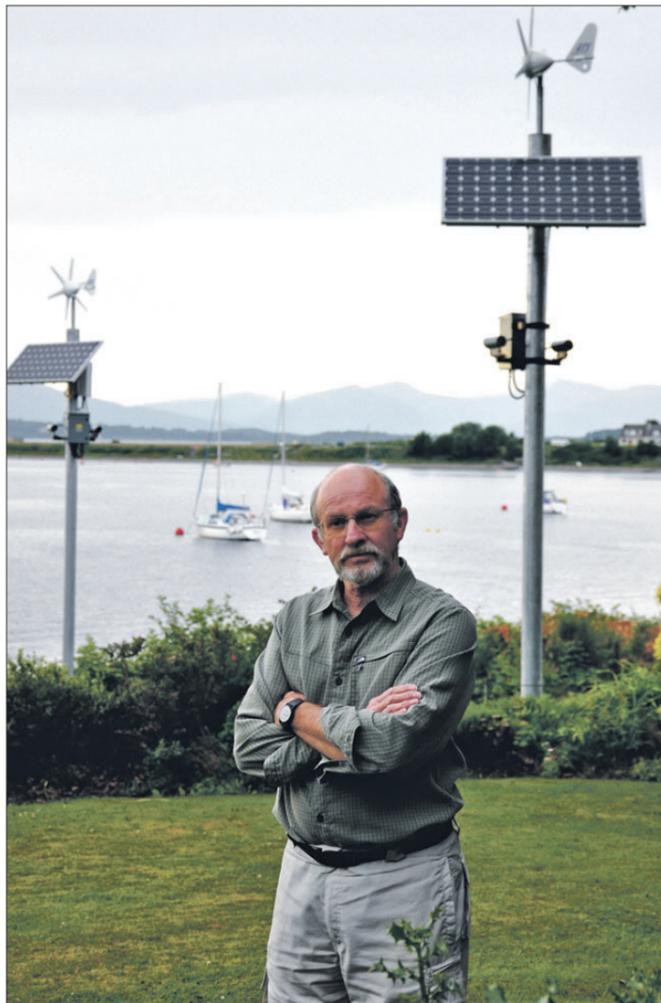
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, transportation spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'My personal view is that they are more than is required.'

He was concerned at the number of signs in and around Connel and said: '[TranServ] do consult with us but it is difficult to say 'no' when someone puts it forward as a safety measure.'

'We did have a discussion with TranServ last Thursday and they are going to have a look at these signs. I think they are out of proportion to the signs.'

When asked how many times in the past five years the bridge had been hit a TranServ spokesman said: 'Connel Bridge has a long history of bridge strikes including significant impacts requiring the replacement of structural beams.'

'Any closure of this vital link has a big impact on our local communities, visitors



Lloyd Halliday in his garden with the offending poles in the background. The main road through Connel is below his garden. 15_128signs02

and the emergency services. A recent in-depth study recommended the installation of over height

vehicle detector and warning signs. 'Very careful consideration was given to the positioning

of the signs and a formal notice of our intention to erect them was delivered to every household affected.'

Motorcyclists hit out at 'lethal lack' of signs at Appin roadworks

MOTORCYCLISTS have labelled a section of road in Appin as 'lethal', claiming that roadworks there had not been signposted and had endangered their lives.

One said the makeshift road surface felt like 'ice with water on the surface' and claimed that even cars were affected by it.

Richard Hill, who regularly rides between Fort William

By EUAN PATERSON

and Oban, skidded on loose gravel on a tight bend near Castle Stalker View Cafe and slid onto the opposite carriageway. Fortunately no vehicles were coming in the opposite direction.

However, the Inverlochy man says he was lucky and claims there was no warning of the roadworks, which had

allegedly taken three inches of tarmac off the surface of the road and left loose gravel and ruts.

'I am furious,' he said. 'I have a Yamaha 850, which is a sports bike, so you feel every rut in the road.'

'I was taking the corner slowly anyway but I got no warning about the roadworks and before I knew it I was skidding onto the other side

of the road.' Mr Hill, who has previously worked on the roads laying tarmac, explained: 'A car would feel a lip and maybe some traction problems but for a motorcyclist it is really dangerous.'

A motorcyclist from Benderloch, who did not want named, said: 'I met a car coming down the hill and because of the loose gravel

he came onto my side of the road. I tried to give him a bit of space but when I braked, my wheels locked up - it was like driving on ice with water on the surface.'

'I just about managed to stay on the bike but if there were people standing at the side of the road with scorecards, they would have given me a 5.9 for artistic impression - my heart was

in my mouth. 'I have since spoken to other motorcyclists who have told me the same thing: It was really dangerous and the roadworks were not signposted.' A spokesman for Scotland TranServ, the organisation responsible for maintaining trunk roads in Argyll, said the matter was under investigation.

Two killed as RAF jet crashes near Rest and Be Thankful

TWO RAF aircrew were killed last week after their Tornado jet crashed into hillsides on the Rest and Be Thankful.

Flight Lieutenants Kenneth Thompson and Nigel Morton

of 43 Squadron, RAF Leuchars, Fife, were carrying out a routine training flight at Glen Kinglas when the crash happened at around 11.45am last Thursday.

The pilot Flt Lt Thompson,

27, was from the Glasgow area and Weapon Systems Officer Flt Lt Morton, 43, was from Fife.

In a statement issued at the weekend, Flt Lt Thompson's family said: 'Kenneth was passionate about his career in the RAF, his flying, and he loved life.'

'We, the family, have lost our son and brother but take some comfort from the fact that he died doing what he loved - flying.'

'Our thoughts are also with the family of his navigator, friend and colleague at this most difficult time for us all.'

The family of Flt Lt Morton, the weapons systems officer,

said: 'Beloved father and husband, son, brother and son-in-law, respected by all who worked with him. Our thoughts are with Kenny's family at this terrible time.'

Argyll and Bute MP, Alan Reid, said: 'I wish to express my deep sympathy to the families and friends of the two dead airmen. They were brave men who lost their lives in the service of their country. This tragic accident reminds us that the men and women in our armed forces put their lives at risk on a regular basis.'

'More lives would have been lost if any of the debris had struck a house or a vehicle on the road below.'



Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Thompson.



Flight Lieutenant Nigel Morton.

We await the outcome of the inquiry to see what lessons for the future can be learned from this tragedy.'

An RAF Service Inquiry into the incident is now underway.

The A83 was shut as investigators worked to remove debris from the hillside and parts of the A82 near Tarbet were also closed as part of the operation. Both roads re-opened on Friday afternoon. A spokesman for Scotland TranServ said the A83 has been reduced to

single-file traffic past the crash site.

Cairndow residents reported seeing two planes flying low above the village on Thursday morning.

John MacDonald a resident of Cairndow, said: 'The planes were going round and round all morning. It was unusual the way they were flying - it was like one big dogfight. We could see three of them.'

Another Cairndow resident added: 'It was quite something to watch.'

Driven mad by music

RESIDENTS in the centre of Oban suffered three nights of loud music last week.

A car, driving slowly around the town centre between Argyll Square and the Corran Halls, was heard playing loud music as occupants banged on the side of the car - between 10pm and 12.30am.

One Argyll Square resident said: 'It is not the noise I am complaining about it is the choice of music.'

'They were playing a mixture of 80s and 90s music - Michael Jackson, Black Lace, Leanne Rhymes, Boyzone and annoyingly The Lion Sleeps Tonight, which I couldn't get out my head for the whole of the next day. I was waiting for them to come around playing Agadoo.'

'It was like a bad disco on wheels.'

It is understood that the police talked to the occupants of the small silver Corsatype car last Friday.

Lifeboat aids fishermen

TOBERMORY lifeboat was called out on Friday night to help a small fishing boat that had gone aground but ended up on a 17-hour shout.

The lifeboat crew was initially asked to send a pump to Bunnassan by road by the Ross of Mull Coastguard rescue team, where it would be picked up and taken out to the stricken scallop dredger *Freedom* which hit a reef in Loch Scridain around 9pm.

The boat was taking in water through the vents but was not thought to be damaged.

An hour after the initial call to Clyde Coastguard two crew left the dredger and were picked up by another fishing vessel Trustful and sometime later the skipper also abandoned the vessel.

It was decided to launch Tobermory lifeboat at 11pm and when it reached *Freedom*, the boat was at a 45-degree angle and partially submerged.

By 1pm on Saturday the boat was pulled upright and towed into Bunnassan at around 3pm.

The crew were said to be extremely grateful to all those involved for their help in recovering the dredger which did not appear to be damaged.

Tarik Yassin, Clyde Coastguard watch manager, said: 'We were concerned for the three crew's safety since one of them was reported to be in the water trying to sort out the grounding.'

OBAN's lifeboat was launched at midnight on Sunday to help a yacht becalmed and adrift with engine failure in the Firth of Lorne. The *Cirrus*, with two people on board, was towed to Dunstaffnage marina by the RNLI lifeboat.

Drink drive charge

A 44-YEAR-old man has been charged with an alleged drink-driving offence last Thursday at 11.20pm near the Birchwood Filling Station in Soroba Road, Oban.

Teenager on trial over 'sex offences'

A TEENAGE witness gave evidence in Oban Sheriff Court this week about alleged sexual offences against her 15-year-old friend.

The 17 year old was giving evidence at the trial of Kyle Livingstone, aged 18, of 7 Rockfield Road, Tobermory. Livingstone denies using lewd, indecent and libidinous practices towards a 15-year-old girl.

The incidents are alleged to have taken place in various lay-bys on the Tobermory to Dervaig Road on March 7 of this year.

The court, sitting with Sheriff Peter Hammond, heard evidence that Livingstone had picked up the three girls in Tobermory and they got a 'large' bottle of vodka and a bottle of cola. They then drove to a lay-by where two of the

girls drank the majority of three quarters of a bottle of vodka.

The witness told the court that while they were stopped they started to play a game of 'chicken'. The game involved the accused moving his hand up the girl's leg until she said 'chicken' to stop him.

At one point later on in the journey the witness said she saw Livingstone putting his hand inside the 15-year-olds pants and shorts while in the back of the car.

The witness told the court that the 15-year-old was drunk, and she was shocked at seeing Livingstone and the girl behave in this manner, because her friend was only 15.

Livingstone agreed to take the girls home. On the journey

the witness asked Livingstone if he knew how old her friend was and he said 'yes'. She said: 'I was angry with him and he was brushing it aside. I wanted to make sure he knew what he had done.'

A second teenager giving evidence was asked by procurator fiscal Craig Harris if she was telling the truth to the court after she claimed that she would be shocked if these events had gone on. The 16 year old said: 'Kyle arranged for us to get a bottle of vodka. I saw the two of them kissing in the back of the car. I didn't see anything else.'

When asked if she would be shocked that anything else had gone on she answered: 'Yes.' The case continues.

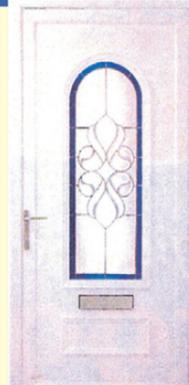
More tax being paid on time

MORE people are paying their council tax on time in Argyll and Bute than ever before. Argyll and Bute Council announced that just four per cent of taxpayers still owed money by the end of the financial year.

Councillor Dick Walsh, council leader, said timely payment helped the council to plan and deliver services.

He added: 'We are very pleased that people are paying their council tax quicker.'

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A82 fatal crash lorry had insecure load

A DRIVER has been found guilty of having an insecure load on his lorry which led to an accident in which a 51-year old Ballachulish woman died.

Neil Douglas, aged 32, was driving the timber-laden articulated lorry on December 18 on the A82 when it rolled over going around a bend at Corrychurachan on to Caroline Hamilton's car, killing the care worker.

Police collision investigator Alistair Stewart told Fort William Sheriff Court the accident could only have been caused by an insecure load after police ruled out speed, driver error and road conditions as possible causes.

Control
He said: 'The cause of this collision was that the driver lost control of the vehicle due to the trailer rolling over on a left hand bend. This was most likely caused by an incorrectly loaded trailer, a trailer not symmetrically loaded on the longitudinal axis. This placed too much weight on the off-side, or the load moved and placed too much weight on the

off-side.' Douglas, of 36 Glen View, Dalmally, working for Ferguson Transport at the time, said he had supervised loading the lorry at a Corpach timber yard that morning.

He said: 'I am not prepared to accept what they [the accident investigators] say. I believe 100 per cent that the load was secure.'

'I don't know what caused the accident. 'At first I thought the trailer had a little slide and then caught the traction. I think that's pretty plausible.'

Fining Douglas £500, Sheriff Lorna Drummond said the only explanation for the lorry rolling over was that its load was not loaded correctly or was not properly secured.

She said: 'This accident had tragic consequences but I take into account that you are a first offender and that this has obviously deeply affected you.'

'I am satisfied you did not know that the use of the vehicle would involve danger or injury and for that reason I am not going to impose endorsements on your licence.'

Skye pipers miss the boat



Off the ferry at last: Isle of Skye pipe band joins the Mallaig Gala queen and princess on Saturday. ©28/06/09

TRANSPORT links between Skye and Lochaber are under the spotlight after a pipe band missed its cue to open the Mallaig Fishermen's Mission gala on Saturday morning.

The Isle of Skye Pipe Band thought their bus from Portree to Armadale Pier would connect with CalMac's 10.15am sailing to Mallaig - but arrived just in time to see the boat heading back to Lochaber.

Their 9.15am Rapson's service was scheduled to get to Armadale at 10.21 - six minutes AFTER the ferry leaves. Drum major Peter MacDonald told *The Oban Times* the band, which CalMac sponsors, had to wait for the next ferry at 11.35am - and lost 90 minutes performance time.

No time
He said: 'We had booked the bus in order to catch the morning ferry service. At no time were we told that the service bus would not link up with the ferry to get us across to Mallaig in time for the opening.'

'Why can't the operators to these services sit round the table and work out a schedule that would link ferries, buses and trains?'

'The bus left Portree at 9.15am. Why can't it leave 10 minutes earlier?'

'Some parents of band members had arrived at Armadale before the bus and they told the ferry operators we were coming, but they still would not hold the ferry back.'

'We were scheduled to

Exclusive

By STEPHEN NORRIS

play in Mallaig at 10.50am. It was very frustrating arriving there one and a half hours late. I felt we were letting down the Mallaig Fishermen's Mission gala organisers.

'We were all in Portree at 8.30am, so it was an early start for our members from Staffin, Dunvegan and Uig.'

'The disappointment was more arriving at Armadale and seeing the boat sailing away only 200 yards from the pier.'

A CalMac spokesman said the band could have caught the earlier bus connection and had the ferry been held 'serious knock on effects' on later services would have resulted.

He said: 'We are sorry to hear of the pipe band's difficulties, but the simple fact is that they chose a bus service which is not scheduled to connect with the ferry.'

'Connectivity with other modes of transport is a challenge we face across the network, and where possible we work with bus and rail companies to improve connections, however there are times when this is simply not possible.'

Stagecoach, Rapson's parent company, were unavailable for comment at the time of going to press.

Mr MacDonald added: 'It's a learning experience - next year we will be making private arrangements to make sure we get there in time for the ferry.'

New centre for St Kilda

PROPOSALS to site a St Kilda Centre in the Outer Hebrides are to be discussed by island communities over the summer.

The centre would aim to capture and celebrate the 'spirit of place' of the UK's only mixed UNESCO World Heritage Site. Places with a view of St Kilda - on a good day - are likely to be at an advantage when possible locations are drawn up.

West coast island communities such as Uig and Mealasta on Lewis, Huisinis on Harris and Paible on North Uist are closest as the puffin flies.

The St Kilda Centre working group has appointed Jura Consultants to progress the idea.

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Major project loses £2.5m

Report by STEPHEN NORRIS

CRASHING property and rental values have seen a major hotel and retail development planned for Fort William's struggling west end lose a quarter of its worth in 12 months, *The Oban Times* can reveal.

Edinburgh-based Kilmartin Ashford gained permission to build a 60-room Travelodge and five retail units on the former McTavish's Kitchens and Grand Hotel site last September, raising hopes an early start to work would herald a business recovery in that part of High Street.

Councillors attached strings to the deal in an attempt to get KA to help pay for improving

the area in and around Gordon Square, ruling that 22 commuted car parking spaces should be provided at a cost of £110,000 and an access road behind the site be upgraded to public road standard.

But the recession has since forced KA to tear up its figures as retailers considering coming to Fort William play hardball over the amount of rent they are looking to pay.

Last year's widely quoted £10 million figure for the development's value, based on all five retail units being fully occupied is now history, Ashford director Andrew

Smith told *The Oban Times*.

He said: 'The end value of the project, once it is completed and fully let with a rental income stream, is now around £7.5 million. That's 25 per cent less than a year ago.'

'Our values have been hammered and we will not make any money out of this.'

'This is now not a moneymaking exercise, but rather than have a dead site lying there undeveloped, we are far better having a rental income stream and doing something with that.'

Mr Smith reiterated his commitment to the project

and hoped a revised planning application to Highland Council would be approved next month. Two major retail chains were lined up to occupy the two biggest units of 7,500 sqft and 6,500 sqft in the shopping arcade.

Mr Smith added: 'We have got two retailers on board who are wanting to come in, but they are keen to know what the planning position is before they commit. If we can get the consent in August and get our two retailers, there's no reason why we can't start this year.'

Lochaber planning team leader Susan Poole said: 'We hope to include this on the agenda for August.'

Dunstaffnage on TV

AN OBAN schoolgirl will present a programme about Dunstaffnage on BBC Alba today (Thursday).

Keira Smith, aged 13, will front the second programme in the Ann an Còis (In Five) series, taking in the sights of Dunstaffnage and interviewing her grandfather, Angus Smith, who lives in Dunbeg.

The programme will be aired at 6.50pm.

Vandalism on Mull ferry

CALEDONIAN MacBrayne (CalMac) has asked members the public to help stop a spate of vandalism in the ladies' toilets on board the *MV Isle of Mull*, the Oban to Craignure ferry.

The ferry operator said mess has been left in the toilet cubicles on a number of occasions which required extensive cleaning, potentially causing delays to the service.

A spokesman for CalMac said: 'The fact that damage is being caused within ladies' toilets makes it very difficult to police and to identify the culprit or culprits.'

'We would therefore be very grateful if passengers could look out for any suspicious activity and alert staff as soon as possible.'

Solution to improve safety on Loch Awe not happening fast enough

A system of safety boats could be set up around loch

THERE is frustration that a solution to improve water rescue services on Loch Awe is not happening fast enough.

While a task force is to be set up to take certain measures forward, some of those involved are concerned that another incident like the one that led to four men drowning earlier this year might happen again.

Emergency services did not have a suitable boat close by with which to carry out a rescue, despite the men's shouts being heard in the dark and fog.

At last week's meeting of stakeholders, chaired by Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum chairman Councillor Donald MacDonald, Loch Awe Improvements Association honorary vice president Terry Macnair felt that a system of safety boats could be set up around the loch, with a means of disseminating information via a local co-ordinator.



Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor

The existing set-up - 'in no way good enough'

'Local meetings can take place in village halls where local people are given the training and the protocol about what happens if there is an incident. In my mind it could be set up in one to two

months,' he said. Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor said the existing set-up, where the police are the first point of contact, was 'in no way good enough'.

Chairman of Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee Councillor Duncan Macintyre, said: 'What worried me at the last meeting and still does is that if we have a similar incident then we face the same situation. We have got to do something positive very quickly.'

John Rae, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's head of operations, personnel and development in Argyll, said boat operators could feel 'moral pressure' to try and rescue people and said the risks had to be assessed and proper training given.

It is against the law for emergency services to task the voluntary sector to help them unless they have been trained and have equipment to the same standards as the

emergency services. Paddy Tomkins, who is reviewing Scotland's inland water rescue capabilities for the Scottish Government, was present and said: 'My view at this early stage is that the best means of addressing these challenges is locally; I don't think there will be any top-down solution.'

But, he added, there had to be an understanding of the risks involved and any training required. 'What we clearly don't want is any well-intentioned people becoming part of the problem,' he said.

Iain MacKinnon, a volunteer with the Coastguard in Oban, outlined various solutions the voluntary sector has put forward, including a 'loch watch' scheme - residents with a view of the loch, boat hire operators, fish farm operators and others who would be alerted to incidents that they could report back with information on.

Fisherman urged to report anything 'fishy' to local sea life sanctuary

FISHERMEN who find unusual species in their nets and creels are being asked to donate them to Barcaldine's Scottish Sealife Sanctuary.

The sanctuary hopes to bolster and

increase the variety of its displays and is offering fishermen who answer the appeal a year's free admission to the sanctuary.

Sanctuary manager Alex Blackman

said: 'Years ago we used to regularly have fishermen popping in with things like albino dogfish. It might be something of no commercial value but is a bit bizarre.'

Parents welcome council u-turn over Oban Gaelic nursery

PARENTS of children attending Oban's Gaelic Medium Unit (GMU) nursery have welcomed a change of heart from Argyll and Bute Council, after it decided not to move their children out of a purpose-built classroom.

The classroom, within Rockfield Primary School, currently houses the GMU pupils and mainstream nursery pupils in morning and afternoon sessions but education policy changes, stating nursery children required a minimum of three hours education per day, dictated that both classes could not use the classroom.

Following a decision to move the GMU children into temporary accommodation to make way for mainstream pupils, the council has said this week that changes will not be made until next year, so that a more suitable alternative can be found.

However, as *The Oban Times* went to press, parents had not been notified of the council's change of tact. Parent Eloise Cameron, who will have two children in the Gaelic nursery next year, said: 'I am delighted if they have decided to wait until next year to make the changes and find a suitable classroom for the children to use but until I see it in black and white for myself, I won't believe it.'

'This is the result we

wanted but I'm concerned that they could change their minds again.'

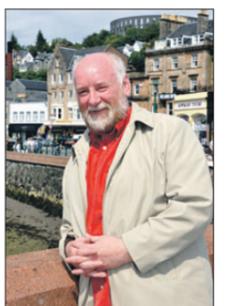
'We had a meeting with the school the day before we broke up for the summer holidays. It was supposed to be a discussion on what to do next - but we were basically told it was happening.'

'We were angry that these changes were being made at such short notice, when they had another year to think about it.'

The purpose-built nursery has a specially-designed adjoining toilet so the children can use it themselves. It also has access to a garden and play facilities.

Another GMU parent, Sally Campbell, was also unaware of the council's change of heart. She said: 'Part of the reason I was so angry was that my son is so happy in the nursery. It is a fantastic facility in an excellent school and I was raving about it to other parents. However, the proposed classroom had none of the facilities the nursery had and their nearest toilet was for disabled adults. These children are really small - they wouldn't be able to use that themselves.'

'For me the argument was never between Gaelic and mainstream. If it had been the other way round and the mainstream children were being moved, I would have fought their corner too.'



David Graham, the Scottish Labour Party's prospective Westminister parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute.

New Labour candidate for Argyll

David Graham, aged 56, a community learning development worker from Dunoon, has become the Scottish Labour Party's Argyll and Bute candidate for Westminster.

David was chosen by party members and ratified by the party's executive as its candidate earlier in the year.

He has lived in Dunoon for 15 years and was a senior youth worker in Drumchapel in Glasgow for 17 years. He is married to Valerie and has three grown-up children. He has been involved in a number of election campaigns for the Labour Party in Argyll and Bute and decided 'at the mature age of 56 to have a stab at the Westminster seat'.

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AN AWARD-winning pupil at Park Primary School has added a national poetry prize to a Scottish Mathematical Council gold award he won earlier this year.

Robert Strange, who will go to Oban High School after the summer holidays, won the poetry competition organised by Learning Teaching Scotland on the topic of 'home'.

The youngster has been invited to attend a prizegiving and launch of an anthology of the winning poems on August 26.

Robert will also be filmed reading his poem on the day of the launch.

Park Primary School head teacher Gillian Carney said: 'Robert has had an excellent final month at Park, excelling at national level in both maths and English. We wish him continued success.'



Campaigners Chelsea and Laura have persuaded Argyll and Bute Council to place a bin on the harbour front at Oban. 16_128jety01

WASTE campaigners Chelsea and Laura have persuaded the council to put a 1100-litre bin placed on the harbour side in Oban.

The girls, both primary seven pupils from Rockfield School, decided to ask Argyll and Bute Council for the fishermen's bin after a talk by Julie Fairbrass of the GRAB Trust.

Ms Fairbrass told the class about an initiative in Tarbert where fishermen brought rubbish home from the sea and put it into a bin on the jetty whereupon the council removed it.

After writing a letter to Councillor Roddie McCuish to campaign for a waste disposal unit – the girls were delighted to hear their letter had made a difference.

Chelsea said: 'It is great news. The fisherman now have somewhere to put rubbish. It is great to think that we can make a difference by writing a letter.'

Councillor Roddie McCuish said: 'I want to thank the girls for bringing this issue to my attention. There was already a wheezy bin at the jetty – but it wasn't big enough to deal with all the waste. This bin will make a difference.'



THE PHYSIOTHERAPY department at Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban has called on the public to help get its patients more mobile.

The department is well stocked with wheeled Zimmer frames but has found that a new and more manoeuvrable four-wheeled walker is giving their patients more freedom.

The four-wheeled walkers cost five times more than a standard Zimmer frame and are too expensive for many patients but physio staff believe people in the Oban and Lorn area may have spare ones lying around.

Physio Helen Groom said: 'While all the patients can use a Zimmer frame there are some who would benefit from the four-wheeled walkers because they are easier to manipulate.'

'We have four of these for use in the community and inpatients but these are only for patient trials.'

'We would be keen to hear from anyone who may have one spare.'



Patient Eileen Packer and healthcare assistant Claire MacInnes demonstrate how the four-wheeled walker can help physiotherapy patients.

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Amy lifts school's first caring cup

DUNBEG Primary School had a special prize to give out at the end of term thanks to the Jordan family.

The Jordan Cup, donated by the family in recognition of all that the school and pupils have done to help Stuart Jordan, who has learning difficulties, was presented for the first time.

It was awarded to Amy Mackenzie, P6, for displaying outstanding caring qualities.

Head teacher Sine MacVicar said: 'She was presented with the cup because she not only demonstrated care for Stuart but also to others across the school.'

Stuart, his mother Helen and his brother Jamie were on hand to present the cup but unfortunately Stuart's father, Scott, could not be there.

Moving

Helen said Stuart had been at Dunbeg for nine years, since nursery, but was now moving on to Oban High and, despite the fact that the family moved into Oban two years ago, had opted to keep Stuart and his brother at Dunbeg.

The school said a fond farewell to both pupils at the end of term as Jamie is moving to Rockfield Primary

now that his brother is going to high school.

Leaver's tokens, records of achievement and citizenship shields went to: Sofia Al Hosani, Hannah Brown, Lewis Evans, Naomi Fox, Stephen Graham, Liam Guild, Danielle Jeffery, Stuart Jordan, Lewis MacFarlane, James Maclean, Courtney McLuckie, Jamie Rowell and Rebecca Warnock.

Cycling proficiency

certificates were awarded to: Millie Beuschier, Stephen Graham, Aaron Hossain, Rachel Johnstone, Jack MacAulay, Alanah MacCuish, Amy MacKenzie, Cairon McLuckie, Caitlin Marshall, Ryan Morrison, Jamie Rowell, Megan Smith and Daniel Wright.

Awards

Other awards were given. Oban and Lorn Primary Schools Music Project:

CD cover – Jamie Rowell, best CD – Danielle Jeffery. MacInnes Shield for cycling proficiency: Aaron Hossain. James Johnstone Quach for art: Sofia Al Hosani. Gordon MacPherson Memorial Shield for best beginner swimmer: Cameron MacKenzie Lewis. Agnes Connolly Shield, from the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival: Recorder group. Swimming Cup: Keira MacIntyre and

Bronwyn Jeffery. Gordon MacPherson Memorial Cup for clan football: Lorn, captain James MacLean. Sport shield: Lorn, captain James MacLean. Mary Graham Cup for citizenship: James MacLean. Helen Paton Cup for endeavour: Lewis Evans. MacLean Family Shield for musical achievement: Danielle Jeffery. Jordan Family Caring Cup: Amy Mackenzie.



Helen Jordan, cup winner Amy Mackenzie, Stuart and Jamie Jordan and the other Dunbeg Primary School prizewinners. 15_127dunbeg01

Police in Oban, Lorn and the Isles not understaffed, claims Strathclyde Police Authority

'We will continue to resource Oban in an appropriate manner.'

SENIOR Strathclyde Police officers have insisted the public is wrong to insist that the police service in Oban, Lorn and the Isles is understaffed.

Staffing levels dominated a question and answer session held in Oban's Corran Halls last Wednesday by the Strathclyde Police Authority, a group that oversees the workings of the force.

The meeting was chaired by the authority's convener, Glasgow-based Councillor Paul Rooney, who was joined on a panel by Assistant Chief Constable John Neilson, Chief Superintendent John Thomson and Acting Chief Inspector Judy Wilson and Inspector Neil Wallace of Oban Police Station.

The five panel members were reminded that before his retirement Oban's previous Chief Inspector Fred Hall said he was between five and seven officers short. Since then police officers in and around Oban, elected representatives and members of the public have also

publicly, and privately, expressed their concerns of low staffing levels.

Chief Supt Thomson answered most of the questions relating to staffing and, whilst maintaining throughout that Oban, Lorn and the Isles had adequate police resources, promised to address public concerns.



Assistant Chief Constable John Neilson

Following a question from Councillor Neil Mackay, stating that the public perception in Oban was that

the number of police officers has fallen in the past two years, Chief Supt Thomson replied: 'I had concerns with Fred Hall's comments because that office did not have a differential of six to seven officers.'

'I can make an assurance that we will continue to resource Oban in an appropriate manner.'

'I often look at the crime statistics, and the number of calls we are receiving is falling and the number of people we are arresting is going up.'

'In the past six months our results are the best they have been in the past five years and that is my measure of how we are performing.'

Chief Supt Thomson explained that there will be changes to shift patterns in October, whereby more officers will be on duty at peak times, for example on Friday and Saturday nights in the town centre.

He added: 'I will keep trying until I get it right. The change in shift pattern will mean you

will have more officers on the street when you need them the most.'

Councillor Rooney said: 'We must not just rely on stats. We have heard that Oban is adequately resourced but that is not the public perception. People need to see the difference.'

On other issues, Iain Clark of Glenshellach Farm questioned whether the police had the correct vehicles to attend incidents on rough terrain.

Inspector Neil Wallace explained that the police had trail bikes he could call upon in such a situation, however, Councillor Rooney suggested that perhaps this type of bike should be based in Oban because of the geography of the area.

There was also praise for the police force over the extensive use of CCTV and the openness with local media in particular.

The following day the panel answered questions on Mull, having previously visited PC Kevin Harrison on Tiree.

Rotary helps cook up a storm at Oban High School

A cash prize, a Tuscan holiday for two and a day at Jamie Oliver's 15 restaurant

TOPchef Robert MacPherson swapped the kitchens at the Isle of Eriska Hotel for Oban High School's food technology department, to launch a competition for the pupils.

His menu of pan seared scallops on a bed of crush peas, followed by spring lamb with potato fondant may be a change from the usual school dinners, but the award-winning chef was there to encourage pupils to develop their own culinary masterpieces.

The special cookery demonstration was arranged to launch the Rotary Young Chef Competition.

The Rotary Club of Oban will be funding ingredients for the local round of the competition, with the winner going forward to represent the town in the district contest and will have a shot at the national final.

The overall winner will receive a cash prize, a Tuscan holiday for two and a day at Jamie Oliver's 15 restaurant.

Morag MacKinnon, principal teacher of food technology said there was a great deal of interesting in the competition among pupils. She said: 'This is a marvellous opportunity for pupils to become involved in the hospitality trade at a very high level and may set some of our young people on their career path, one with relevance to the area in which we live.'

The pupils now have the summer holidays to plan, cost and practice a menu to be made for a team of judges early in the next term.

Vandalised fencing allows stock to roam

AN OBAN landowner is appealing for the public's help in tracking down the culprit who has twice vandalised fencing on his land allowing sheep to roam.

Croft Three at Glenshellach, run by Iain Clark, has a boundary with a public right of way and has a march fence running the length of the boundary. At a point near to where the fence has been cut Mr Clark had already installed a stile and a gate, a short distance further along the path.

'Someone,' claimed owner Iain Clark, 'is maliciously cutting open the wire netting to let a dog run on croft land. They must bring the pliers with them.'

The landowner added: 'Someone is coming up to the pathway and instead of walking a few yards further up to get onto the land they are deliberately cutting a hole in the fence to let their dogs through. People think they can do what they like on the land because of Right to Roam legislation.'

'About three months ago someone cut open the fence the size and shape for a small dog to get through. I patched it up and put up a sign to say 'Do Not Cut Fence'.'

'Last Thursday I discovered that another hole has been cut in the fence. The problem being that when the fence is not intact our stock are vulnerable.' Any information can be given to Oban Police



The stockproof fencing at Glenshellach has repeatedly been cut despite a notice asking not to.

or anonymously to Crimestoppers by telephoning 0800 500 111.

Repair of A83 must be made a priority, says MSP

FOLLOWING concerns about the state of repair of the A83, calls are being made to Scotland TransServ and Argyll and Bute Council to make it a priority.

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor has joined Councillor Donald Kelly of Kintyre in pressing the roads authorities to upgrade the

Arrochar to Campbeltown road.

Councillor Kelly said: 'While TransServ has completed repairs on some road stretches, constituents and businesses that use it regularly continue to contact me and express their concerns at the potholes and rough surfaces on large parts of the

A83 – conditions that have led to expensive damage to many vehicles.'

He said Campbeltown and Kintyre were trying to attract new businesses but needed a first class transport infrastructure to help them.

Mr McGrigor said: 'Indeed at some sections of the road, drivers virtually have to drive

in the middle of it to avoid the rough surfaces and potholes.'

'While I am very conscious of the pressure on local authority funding, Argyll and Bute Council needs to treat this as a matter of the utmost priority,' he said.

Transportation spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

said Scotland TransServ, the trunk roads maintenance authority, had earmarked £4.4 million this year for the A83.

He said the best part of the A83 was the council-owned stretch between Kennacraig and Campbeltown but it was included in a programme of maintenance for roads in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.

No plans to pedestrianise Stafford Street

COUNCIL officials have 'no knowledge' of plans to pedestrianise Stafford Street, Oban despite talk among shopkeepers and residents.

Stafford Street, which faces onto the bay, has parking for up to eight cars and two large planted islands.

Some residents claim it would make an ideal location for a paved area and that the many food businesses on Stafford Street would benefit from it.

Jean Brown of Room 15 said: 'I heard a rumour about this ages ago.'

'It would be really good for anyone wanting to sit out along the front as this is the sunny side of the street.'

Marion Carr of Marion in Style said: 'I don't feel strongly about it one way or the other.'

'It would attract more people to Stafford Street and that can only be a good thing.'

'It would probably be more of a help than a hindrance.'

Another said: 'The area should be pedestrianised as it would offer a lovely area for people to sit out on the esplanade.'

However, a George Street resident took a very different view, saying: 'It is hard enough to get parking in the centre of town without this area being pedestrianised as well.'

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'We have no knowledge of any proposals to carry out changes to Stafford Street.'

'Over the years various suggestions have been put forward to alter the traffic and pedestrian flow in the town centre. These have amounted to nothing more than suggestions.'

'The section of Stafford Street between the Oban Inn and George Street is part of the trunk road network and as such is maintained by Scotland TransServ. It is highly unlikely that it would propose such a change without consulting with the council.'

A spokesman for TransServ confirmed that there are no plans to pedestrianise Stafford Street.

He added: 'I have spoken to the architect today and there will be general works carried out to Stafford Street including improving the pavement and kerb.'

Oban man threatened to kill partner's cat

A MAN who threatened to kill his partner's cats in an attempt to halt her alcohol abuse has been fined £300.

Graham Drummond, aged 42, of 10 Richard Crescent, Oban, was found guilty at Oban Sheriff Court last week of committing a breach of the peace by placing his former partner in a state of fear and alarm.

Planning seminar alert

A SEMINAR on the new planning legislation has been so undersubscribed that Argyll and Bute Council is concerned it will have to reject a large number of applications after August 3.

More than 300 invitations were sent out to planning agents working in Argyll and Bute for the July 15 event but only a fraction of agents have responded so far.

The seminar is one of a series of events which the council has arranged as part of its commitment to prepare all parties with an interest in the planning system for the new ways of working under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 which comes into effect in August.

It is being held in the council chambers at Kilmory, Lochgilphead from 10.30am.

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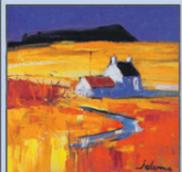
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Death fall man named

POLICE have named a man who died at Steall Falls in Glen Nevis last Thursday. Andrew Luckley, 35, of Fellwick Park, Whickham, Newcastle, went walking up behind the falls and fell to his death in a thunderstorm some time on Thursday. He had been camping with friends on the Steall flats the night before. Walkers came across the body and contacted police from Café Beag. Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team recovered the body.

Bar aims to help kids' charities

A FORT William bar is launching a 'home and away' campaign aimed at helping disadvantaged children in Romania and the UK. The Ben Nevis Bar on 103 High Street is calling for people to collect school items and arts and crafts materials. The goods will be equally split between the children's charity Kids Out and four Save the Children schools and orphanages in the poorest parts of Romania. The pub will run a collection point for items until the July 26 deadline.

'Police assault' trial rescheduled

THE TRIAL of a Caol man accused of assaulting two men and two police officers in Fort William has been put back to October 2. John Hutton, aged 27, of 142 Kilmallie Road, appeared for trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on Friday, but the absence of a key prosecution witness from Northern Ireland meant Sheriff Douglas Small had to reschedule proceedings. It is alleged that on March 8 Mr Hutton punched and kicked one man to the ground, punched another in the face, then outside the Lidl store assaulted a police constable by pushing him to the ground and assaulted a woman police constable by grabbing her leg. It is also alleged he resisted, molested, and hindered the officers in the execution of their duties and struggled with them.

Witness collapse delays trial

A TRIAL had to be postponed at Fort William Sheriff Court on Thursday after the main Crown witness collapsed in the waiting room and was taken to the Belford Hospital by ambulance. The incident, which police present in the courtroom were asked to attend, meant the trial of Danielle Carlin, of 17 Dunottar Street, Glasgow, had to be put back to August 27.

It is alleged that Ms Carlin, 29, hit two men with a pool cue to their injury, and committed a breach of the peace by swiping glasses from a table with the cue and struggling with staff at the Commando Bar, Spean Bridge on April 4.

Ferries push

PROVOST of Lochaber Allan Henderson is continuing to press for improved ferry services out of Mallaig following the recent ferries review meeting in the port.

The transport committee was left 'in no doubt' of the local desire to restore the Mallaig to Lochboisdale service, have a year-round Mallaig to Armadale service and have a better service to the Small Isles, he said. 'Knoydart would also like to have the publicly funded service extended to cargo.'

Injured victim embraces accused following sheriff's verdict Driver cleared of blame after boards struck woman

A VAN driver whose load of fascia boards sprang loose and struck a passing pedestrian, leaving her unconscious and bleeding, has been cleared of blame by a sheriff. Self-employed joiner Thomas Anderson, of 7 Distillery Cottages, Aberlour, had admitted allowing the boards to come loose to the injury of a Spean Bridge woman on December 1 of last year. The incident occurred near the notorious A82 Spean

Bridge corner, which left popular local lady Gladys Johnston, 71, unconscious and bleeding on the pavement. Mrs Johnston, in court with husband Jimmy, went up to Anderson after the verdict and embraced him. She told *The Oban Times* outside Fort William Sheriff Court: 'We do not hold any grudges. Somebody said the laddie was crying when it happened, and he phoned the hospital up to see if I

was all right. My right side still bothers me and I'm still attending the doctor.' The court heard Ms Johnston was walking along the pavement near the Woollen Mill on December 1 when she was felled by boards flapping loose from the side of Mr Anderson's Mercedes van as it drove past. She was rushed to hospital with concussion, cuts to her head and bruising to her shoulder and ribs, and was discharged a week later. Anderson, 25, told how he and a workmate had loaded, secured and checked the load of fascia boards at Everest Home Improvements Ltd depot at Longman Industrial Estate in Inverness before heading south on the A82. He checked the load again at Drumnadrochit, but a ratchet on the side of the van failed at Spean Bridge and the boards slid free from the roof rack, striking Mrs Johnston.

Sheriff Douglas accepted Anderson's evidence that he was experienced in strapping loads to vans, had not experienced anything similar happening before, and had taken steps to ensure the safety of his load. **Failed ratchet** Admonishing Anderson, Sheriff Small told the court: 'He checked the straps when he left and he checked them again at Drumnadrochit. He therefore drove from base to Spean Bridge without any incident. I accept on the balance of probability that the reason the straps failed was because of a failed ratchet.'

The accident prompted Spean Bridge Community Council to renew their campaign for a footbridge across the River Spean. Mrs Johnston said: 'We suggest the army could come in and build the bridge as an exercise. It could be a Bailey bridge, like they have at Tainuult.'



Top marks: Duncan MacFarlane.

Duncan is student of the year

A SELF-EMPLOYED forestry worker from Glenfinnan has been named Lochaber College UHI student of the year, earning himself a cheque for £100. Duncan MacFarlane, a father of two young daughters, recently finished his studies for a science degree in environment and heritage studies, and hopes to graduate early next year. Mr MacFarlane, 40, has been able to study at home and three days a week at college in Fort William as he plots out his new career. He said: 'The overriding attraction of UHI for me was the flexible study options so I could work around my job and family commitments. I did most of the work online.' Mr MacFarlane now goes forward as a candidate for the overall UHI student of the year title, due to be announced in August.

Two-year ban for Onich drink driver

AN ONICH man has been banned from driving for two years after crashing his car when more than twice the drink-drive limit. Donald MacNeil, 21, of Shiaram, North Ballachulish, had a pub session with friends in the Laroeh Bar, Ballachulish for three hours on November 1 last year, Fort William Sheriff Court heard. Two hours later, at 11pm, he decided to drive to his mother's home in Kinlochleven, but crashed into a ditch at a roundabout

near Ballachulish, injuring his head against the windscreen. Police traced him to his mother's and took him to Fort William police station, where he was found to be more than twice the legal limit. Accepting MacNeil's guilty plea, Sheriff Douglas Small fined him £300, adding that he would reduce the two-year ban by four months if MacNeil, a first offender, successfully completed a drink-drive rehabilitation course.



All the way from South Uist to Invergarry: Claire MacLellan from Lochboisdale was runner-up in the premier Highland trophy (15 years) competition. 10_128garry02

Charity cyclist, 12, set to raise £3,000

A TWELVE-year-old Strontian boy is expected to complete a six-day 250-mile charity bike ride to Inverness and back tomorrow (Friday). Harry Barber is raising money for the Maforga Missions Centre orphanage in drought-hit Mozambique. Harry's brother Ed, who has worked at Maforga, is accompanying him all the way. The pair left their home at Bluebell Croft at 8.30am on Sunday, reaching Clunes on Loch Lochy by evening and Drumnadrochit by Monday

night. Tuesday saw the boys in Inverness, where they set up a fundraising stall in the Eastgate Centre. **Rest** Back in the saddle, the brothers left the Highland capital yesterday for Laggan locks and a welcome rest on a B&B canal boat. Today, (Thursday) the boys are en route to Kinlochailort for their final overnight stop. They head home over the hill via Glenuig and Acharele tomorrow. Dad Bill told *The Oban Times* on Monday: 'So far he has raised £3,000.'

Council takes action

HIGHLAND Council has launched a plan to create a healthier and more active Highlands and help talented sports people realise their full potential. The 'Let's make Highland

more active' initiative follows the publication of the Highland Physical Activity and Sport Strategy report. Children should take 60 minutes of physical activity daily and adults 30 minutes.

Dancers shine at Invergarry Games

A RECORD 70 dancers from all over Scotland competed in the Highland and national competitions at Invergarry Games on Saturday. Lochboisdale girl Claire MacLellan took runner-up spot in the 15 years Highland competition - but won the furthest travelled competitor hands down! Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing organiser May Stewart, from Fort William, told *The Oban Times* Claire and her mum Marion had to leave home in South Uist at 6am on Saturday in time to catch the Uig ferry from Lochmaddy,

then drive more than 100 miles to Invergarry for the competition. The long journey home entailed an overnight stay on Skye because the last ferry from Uig had gone, and mother and daughter finally arrived back home on Sunday. May said of the day: 'It's been a great success, the weather has been terrific. There have been dancers coming from far and near. This is the most we've ever had at Invergarry.' Trophy winners: **Beginners:** 9 and under, Highland Trophy (HT) - Molly MacPherson, Oban; National Trophy (NT)-shared between Molly MacPherson, Oban, and Ashley Stirling, Dingwall. 10 and under, HT - Ross McIver, Kirkhill; NT - Ross McIver. **Novice:** 8 and under, HT - Gemma McIver, Kirkhill; NT - Holly Lyall, Kirkhill. 10 and under, HT - Lauren MacLean, Dingwall; NT - Kirsty Thompson, Dalnally and Lauren MacLean. **Intermediate:** 10 and under, HT - Lauren Peggie, Kirkcaldy; NT - Benna Runcie, Banff. 11 and under, HT - Gemma Johnston, Inverness; NT, Gemma Johnston. **Premier:** 10 years, HT - Melissa Fyfe, Kirkhill; NT - Melissa Fyfe. Runner-up, Eise Lyall, Kirkhill. 12 years, HT - Paula Sloss, Balloch; NT - Paula Sloss. Runner-up - Heather Bain, Thurso. 13 years, HT - Cara Mackenzie, Beauly; NT - Lisa West, Peterhead. Runner-up, Lisa West. 15 years, HT - Eilidh Mackay, Appin; NT - Eilidh Mackay. Runner-up, Claire MacLellan, Lochboisdale. Adult, HT - Melanie MacKay, Inverness; NT - Melanie MacKay. Runner-up, Rebecca Fraser, Inverness. Fred MacCallan Memorial Trophy - Paula Sloss, Balloch.

Gas leak in village shop

PUPILS at Strontian Primary and Ardnamurchan High had an eventful last day of term last Thursday when they were kept inside as firefighters tackled a gas leak in the village shop. Primary pupils had to leave by rear exits at lunchtime and residents near Alasdair MacLean's Strontian Stores were evacuated from their homes until given the all clear to return. Local firemen set up a cordon around the shop and hosed down two leaking cylinders to prevent any chance of an explosion. Mr MacLean smelled gas in the premises and reported the leak at 10am.

Eigg is north village of the year

THE ISLE of Eigg has been crowned the North region winner of the Scottish Calor Village of the Year Competition 2009. The islanders were awarded a plaque and £2,000 as their prize for sharing best community practice and initiatives to promote sustainability. MD for Calor Gas, Stephen Rennie said Eigg had showed outstanding community spirit and was a 'worthy winner of the north region award.' Eigg now goes up against the south and central regional winners.



The Jacobite Clan guard their royal charges down to the pier. 10_128girls08

Mallaig gala day is a huge success

MALLAIG Fishermen's Mission Gala Day really pulled in the crowds on Saturday to make the event one of the most successful for years.



A Fuaim, all pupils at Mallaig High School, entertained the crowds. 10_128fuaim01

In glorious weather, mission superintendent Stanley Ross welcomed everyone to Mallaig on the pier to formally open a fun-packed day, which began with the crowning of gala queen Rachel Dempster and her princess Maxine MacDonald.

First formal duty for the girls was to welcome the Isle of Skye Pipe Band off the midday ferry from Armadale. Drum major Peter MacDonald invited the queen and princess to join him at the head of the band to march up to Mallaig Station to meet the Jacobite Clan and 350 passengers off the steam train from Fort William. The clan members, all in traditional clansman garb, formed a guard of honour for Rachel and Maxine and drew their carriage down to the pier with the train passengers



A quiet moment on a big day: Princess Maxine, left and Queen Rachel at Mallaig Station. 10_128girls12

following on behind. Local traditional music band Fuaim - comprising Olivia Johnston, Callum MacBeth, Rebecca Maclean, Megan MacLellan, Kenna Robertson, Eilidh Colston, Connie Grant and Jacqueline Campbell - kept the crowd entertained throughout the day. Mr Ross told *The Oban Times* the day and evening ceilidh in the hall had raised around £7,000. 'It was tremendous,' he said. 'It was a great day. Even from 11.30am there was a good crowd on the pier - it's not normally as busy so early. I would like to thank everybody who worked so hard behind the scenes, especially the Friends of Mallaig. It was a tremendous effort. This just helps us to keep on doing our work within the community.'

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Ged a tha creideimhan gar comhairleachadh maitheanas a thoirt dhan fheadhainn a ni ceàrr oirnn tha e glè dhoirbh aig amannan sin a dhèanamh.

Tha còrr air ceathrad is còig bliadhna bhon a mhort Iain Brady agus Myra Hindley Keith Bennett nuair nach robh e ach dusan bliadhna a dh' aois. Cha deach a chorp a lorg riamh agus co aige nach biodh co-fhaireachadh le a mhàthair Winnie Johnson a tha airson a mac adhlacadh ceart fhad 's a tha i air chomas. Ach chan innis Brady càit am bheil an corp.

Ghoid Bernard Madoff mìltean millean dollar bho dhaoine agus bhuidhnean air feadh an t-saoghail, agus dh' fhàg e mìltean dhaoine ann am bochdainn. A dh' aindeoin sin nach b' annasach a bhith a' smaointinn air binn ceud gu leth bliadhna ga thoirt air duine sam bith, gun iocas fear a tha seachd sa h-aon! Dh' fheumadh e bhith beò chun am biodh e 121 mum biodh dòchas sam bith aigean air saorsa!

Ach tha fhios gum bheil droch cron airidh air peanas da-rèir agus 's e àicheadh saorsa, le binn prìosan mar am peanas as bitheanta a th' ann an diugh. Agus nach e cùis-bhùirt a th' ann gum bithte fiù 's a' smaoinichadh air taic lagha a thoirt dha feadhainn a tha sa prìosan ach an tog iad cùis-lagha a' sireadh cead bhòtaidh fhad 's a tha iad ann!

Confusing messages from, on the one hand religions which preach forgiveness, and on the other civil laws which state that punishment must match the crime. Romie Biggs mocked the system for years and although he surrendered and has served 10 years, and is ill, I suspect most people agree that he should not be released.

'Moors murderer' Ian Brady is still refusing to help locate the body of his 12-year-old victim Keith Bennett. Keith's mother has been waiting 45 years to bury her son.

Bernard Madoff stole countless millions leaving thousands in poverty. But a prison sentence of 150 years for a 71 year old seems odd. He would be 121 before parole could be considered!

Loss of freedom is the principal method of punishing serious crime, and isn't it unbelievable that a prisoner should be considered for legal-aid to take court action demanding the right to vote while serving sentence.

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Berneray Week has plenty going on

BERNERAY Week 2009 kicks off tomorrow (Friday) with an opening night ceilidh dance and buffet. In charge of music will be one of Uist's best box players, Angus Alick MacDonald.

On Saturday it is the third running of the 10K road and cross-country race, with a special prize for a course record.

Monday sees the ever-popular sheepdog trials on the machair and in the evening a dance with foot stompin' band Deoch 'n' Dorus from 9pm.

Tuesday's sports day includes lots of different races for young and old, a fun run, football tournament, pony rides on the machair and a bouncy castle. The evening sees a slideshow in the hall by Berneray Historical Society.

On Wednesday 15th it is out to the west beach for the popular sandcastle competition. This year kite-flying will be an extra attraction. If you have a kite bring it along! Wednesday evening sees the ever-popular evening beach BBQ. On Thursday the annual treasure hunt takes place, while in the evening the hall will host the Berneray Week quiz night.

Popular

A perennially popular event is the Friday traditional concert – a great opportunity to hear traditional Gaelic singers and musicians, this year with a focus on performers from Berneray and Uist. Rona Lighfoot and Mod gold medallist Gillebride MacMillan are among the performers. Iain Angus Macleod from Harris, one of the most popular young accordion players around, will lead the dance at 11pm.

Saturday 18th will be the occasion for the boat day at Ottermish. Craft of all shapes and sizes will be on hand and doing trips. There will also be a barbecue on the slipway. Calum Iain MacCorquodale will be on Berneray on Monday 20th for the usual week finale, starting at 9pm.

For more details visit the Berneray website at www.isleofberneray.com.

Grant helps rugby club trim mower cost

ISLE of Mull Rugby Club has received funding to help it buy a new mower for the pitch at Garmoy.

The popular club, which maintains the pitch but it is used by schools for sports days, is raising funds to buy a new mower and build a shed to keep it in at a cost of more than £13,500. Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed to give the club £900 from its leisure development grants.

Tobermory Forward, a group similar to that set up in Oban to improve the appearance of the town, was awarded £2,000 to spray, fertilise and seed a cliff face in Tobermory.

Beechgrove digs in on Seil

BEECHGROVE Garden gave Seil islanders a dig out with their Drill Hall 'waste land'.

Gardeners from the BBC TV show were on hand to bring life to the area around the new Seil Village Hall.

Richard Wesley, one of the organisers, said: 'After the village hall was built we were left with a lovely piece of waste land around the garden – which until now we haven't done very much with.'

'Beechgrove Garden presenters and staff have helped start our garden. With all the support and donations we received we are already planning our next venture, a kids play park.'



Volunteers and Beechgrove presenters put the final touches to the Drill Hall garden. 15_t26beechgrove02

Designer does not take long to mull over surprise request



Designer John Marsh holds a set of antlers that may soon become part of the New York consignment. 08_t28antler01

New York order is tops for John

NEW YORK, London, Tobermory – it sounds unlikely but a Mull designer is having his artwork put centre stage in a leading Big Apple shop.

Antler Design's John Marsh has been making artwork from naturally cast antlers for the past eight years. Yet, an order from Top Shop, New York came as a bit of a surprise for the island entrepreneur.

John said: 'I had an enquiry from the company for making 20 chandeliers. I sent back the

estimate. I was surprised when a buyer got back to me, very quickly, to say that they wanted to place an order for 10 electric chandeliers for its New York store.'

'The chandeliers are all individually designed – so a large order is a bit of a challenge. I like to keep the antlers, which are from red deer stags, intact. The way each piece looks is very important for me.'

A spokeswoman for Top Shop said: 'The design is a

key fashion statement for our autumn/winter collection. Hot looks for the season will be rural living, country chic and high class luxury.'

'These chandeliers from the Isle of Mull typify that look. We want to place the chandeliers centre stage in our flagship store in New York. And hope that we will transfer that look to our London Oxford Street store as well.'

The chandeliers cost upwards of £400 each.

Colonsay fears losing GP post

RESIDENTS of a Hebridean island met NHS representatives on Tuesday over fears they could lose their GP post when the island doctor retires.

At present, Colonsay is served by one full-time doctor, Dr John Currie, who is on call 24 hours a day. Dr Currie will retire on September 31 but so far there have been no applications for his post.

Colonsay Community Council chairman Angus MacPhee said before the meeting: 'We are dropping the agenda to focus on this.

'There is a rumour that in five years cost-cutting measures will determine that we won't need a doctor.'

'Most people here want a direct, full-time replacement – that is why we have invited the primary care trust representatives to the island.'

'In a population of 118 people, around 60 per cent are aged 60 or over, so we need to attract young families. How can we do that without a doctor on the island?'

'If there is no doctor when Dr Currie retires, there will be no Colonsay because a lot of

people will leave. We will be St Kilda the sequel.'

The meeting will also discuss how islanders can advertise the position more widely.

Dr Currie told *The Oban Times*: 'The Colonsay GP is a demanding job, professionally and personally. I have to treat my friends and my family but also visitors, who I don't know from Adam.'

'It would be a good job for the right person – someone who likes a challenge and does not come to the island with rose-tinted glasses.'

Island has 'unique' job opportunity

AS JOBS go it might be one of the most idyllic in the world – seaside location, four hours a week, catching shellfish within hours dictated by the tides.

Argyll and Bute Council

environmental department needs a sampling officer on Colonsay.

The post is a 'unique opportunity', said a council spokeswoman.

She said: 'The job will

involve collecting samples not only of shellfish but also seawater and other information which is important to monitoring the water quality and shellfish activity on the island.'



Opening the revamped store with manager Andrew Haynes are Fraser MacNail, Cara Rennie, Michael MacDonald, Lewis MacDowall and Rory Kavanagh.

Tiree five go shopping!

FIVE Tiree youngsters were invited last week to cut the ribbon to the revamped Co-op store. Fraser MacNail, Cara Rennie, Michael MacDonald, Lewis MacDowall and Rory Kavanagh were celebrities for the day.

The Co-operative has been transformed thanks to £350,000 worth of new flooring, fittings and eco-refrigeration. The revamp has allowed the shop to stock a improved range of products with more fresh foods.

Blue tit hitches a lift

FLEDGLING chicks on Mull were well observed because children at Lochdonhead school had a camera inside a bird box linked to a computer in their classroom.

But little did the children know that they would see a blue tit fledgling up close when it got onto their school bus.

Pupils explained: 'When we were going home from school, on the Friday before the schools broke up for the summer, we looked at the computer in the classroom to see what was happening with the birds.'

'But by the time we were getting into the bus Jim, our driver, had caught one of the birds trying to come home with us. He let it go outside.'

'When we came into school on Monday morning we had a look at our computer and there were no chicks left – they had all flown away.'

The children were given money for the Bird Box Camera from Mull Sea Eagle Fund.

Cops take copter

CHILDREN at Tiree High were treated to a helicopter landing in the grounds of the school.

Assistant chief constable John Neilson and convenor of Strathclyde Police Authority Paul Rooney flew in to the island to meet with Constable Kevin Harrison before inspecting Tiree Airport and the radar station.

Mr Neilson said: 'The visit is to let the people of Tiree know that they have the full support of the Strathclyde police force.'

Strathclyde police used the helicopter due to time and accommodation 'issues'.

The assistant chief constable added: 'There is a package in the pipeline for training a special constable for Tiree. Training officers would be encouraged to come to the island.'

Grants invite

ISLAY charities are being invited to attend a surgery in the Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile, Bowmore, on July 13 to find out how they apply for grants through the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland.

Appointments should be pre-booked by contacting the trust on 0870 902 1201.



Lismore lift clan trophy

Lismore were the clan trophy winners at this year's Park Primary School sports day. Pictured, front, are clan captains Innes MacColl and Lauren Angus with individual champions Stewart Twort and Laura MacCallum. The interschool obstacle race held on the day was won by Park, ahead of Rockfield and Dunbeg. Parents also got in on the action, taking part on a skipping race. 07_t27park01

Praise for festival

A GOVERNMENT minister has praised the work of the first Atlantic Islands Festival that began on Luing on Saturday.

The week-long multimedia festival was organised by islanders to develop an understanding of the history and culture of the Atlantic islands of the west coast of Scotland. The festival will also have a focus on geopoetics – understanding the world and human nature as part of the environment.

Scottish culture minister Michael Russell said: 'It is wonderful to see the people of different west coast islands coming together to create such a varied programme and to take an interest in something which is central to their lives. 'Meaning and truth are at the heart of this festival.'

Organiser Norman Bissell said: 'Our sessions on Celtic Artwork were so over-subscribed we had to put on second sessions.'

The festival is a launch pad for the Luing Community Trust to build an Atlantic Islands Centre which will showcase the natural and human heritage of all the islands and provide an arts centre and café for the community. The trust has already received development funding for the centre from the Big Lottery Fund and Argyll and the Islands LEADER.

Some spaces are still available on workshops today, Thursday, Friday and Saturday – for more details: www.atlanticislandsfestival.com

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Public Enemies
CERT 15

In this critically acclaimed action-thriller film maker Michael Mann directs Johnny Depp and Christian Bale in the incredible story of criminal folk hero John Dillinger (Depp), whose wave of bank robberies and the subsequent FBI manhunt, commanded by J. Edgar Hoover and run by Special Agent Melvin Purvis (Bale), fascinated the nation in the 1930s. Based on the book "Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-34" this is intelligent and challenging film-making. Mann's crime epic could take two viewings to fully absorb, but it's worth every devoted minute

The Hangover
CERT 15

Two days before his wedding, Doug and his three buddies drive to Vegas for a blow-out night they'll never forget. But when the three grooms-men wake up the next morning with pounding headaches, they can't remember a thing. Their posh hotel suite is beyond trashed and the groom is nowhere to be found. With no clue of what happened and little time to space, the trio must attempt to retrace their bad decisions from the night before in order to figure out where things went wrong and hopefully get Doug back to LA in time for his wedding. However, the more they begin to uncover, the more they realize just how much trouble they're in. With Bradley ("YES MAN") Cooper, Ed (TV's "The Office") Helms and Heather ("AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER") Graham. Todd ("STARSKY & HUTCH") Phillips directs from a spec script by Jon Lucas and Scott Moore.

Harry Potter And The Half Blood Prince
CERT 12A

Young wizards Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger are facing new challenges and dangers in the wake of Lord Voldemort's return. David Yates returns to direct, after helming "HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX." Based on the novel "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" written by J.K. Rowling. This is the sixth film in the Harry Potter series.



Pupils of Dalmally Primary School, who took part in the Learning Landscapes project with tutor Sam Harrison, right, estate manager Donald Dempster and gamekeeper Mark Brown. 07_26daa01

Dalmally pupils take their classroom to the great outdoors

PUPILS at Dalmally Primary School made the great outdoors their classroom as they took part in a unique project to learn more about the area's ecology and history. Primary six and seven pupils had the run of the nearby Glenstrae Estate for their Learning Landscapes project, under the tutelage of ecology consultant Sam Harrison, from Taynuilt. Sam has worked with various groups through his business, Open Ground, but is keen to roll out the six-week project to other schools in the area.

He said: "We spent six Fridays out of the classroom, learning about how the estate manager and playing fun games and exercises. "We put up a teepee in the

pouring rain. The kids got muddy but had great fun. "Teaching children about their local area in the classroom, alone, is not enough; they need something to connect it with." Glenstrae Estate manager Donald Dempster was delighted to take part in the project and gave a sheep shearing demonstration as part of their

children's learning. Mr Dempster and gamekeeper Mark Brown were given thank you gifts by the pupils at an event in the school last Monday, where their work was showcased. Teacher Jane Gibson said: "The whole thing was such a novelty for the children, that they were learning without realising it."



APPIN Gaelic medium unit choir received a prize for the best comedy moment from the recent Argyll Drama feis held in Oban.

Gaelic drama teams finally get their awards

CHILDREN who took part in the Argyll Drama Festival run by Fèisean nan Gàidheal were delighted to finally receive their awards - almost two months after the competition. Due to delay the newly commission plaques were not ready for the festival in May. But development officer Christine MacIntyre was determined to get the awards out to winners before the end of the school term. Ms MacIntyre explained: "We have never run the drama festival as a competition but this year we decided, due to demand from children, to introduce a few prizes. "There was a delay in getting the awards so when they did finally come in I decided that I would had deliver them to the children. "I had a whistle stop tour around the west coast to get them delivered."

Notes and quotes

Ready for a Blas?

Tickets have now gone on sale for the pan Highland Blas festival 2009.

The multi venue event runs from September 4 until the 12. Talented artists will include top musical names such as Dougie MacLean, Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, Blazin' Fiddles, The Barra McNeils, and Karen Matheson. New for 2009 is the Scottish Embassy in Cape Breton.

Festival Director Donna MacRae proudly announced "Our Blas 'Scottish Embassy' strengthens our links with the Celtic Colours International Festival in Cape Breton. Celtic Colours provided the inspiration for the creation of Blas and this cements our partnership. Now visitors will be able to visit our website and access information about Scotland in our embassy. We are also keen to have an embassy set up on the Celtic Colours website with a reciprocal arrangement for them on ours. We will also be providing 'Blasports' which visitors can get stamped by promoters at each of our events and internet 'visas' which provide access to ticket discounts. It all adds to our commitment to culture and our links with the Homecoming Scotland programme."

Plans to extend the festival into Argyll have come to naught it seem but a wee jaunt up the road to Fort William or over to Glen Uig will pay dividends with Blair Douglas performing his Gaelic Mass in St Mary's Church while just up the road at the Ben Nevis Distillery, Uisge-Beatha - A Highlander's Celebration of Whisky is produced by Iain MacFarlane. Dougie MacLean and Blazin' Fiddles are at the Nevis Centre or out the road at Glen Uig; the generations unite in celebration of the music. The Blas spokesperson says: "Our rich musical traditions are often passed down through the generations from parent to child. We have gathered together some of the finest examples of this musical transmission to perform for you in the Family Ties concert." Dates times and places are on the Blas website at www.blas-festival.com

Tradition alive!

The magical duo that is 'Phil and Aly' return to the west on their annual Scottish tour later this summer.

The boys start in Crail on July 30th and don't see much of home until the end of September. Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain have been musical partners for 23 years and the show they put on is a master class in accordion and fiddle. Banter and stories abound and the legend that is Fergie MacDonald (The Oban Times columnist) nearly always features in Phil's yarns. In Tobermory at An Tobar, September 15, Bunessan, the next night - and then a fast boat to Colonsay for the festival on the following evening and back to Oban to finish the busy week at the Skipinnish Ceilidh house. Tickets will move fast - so on your marks! Go!

Musicality

I have collected everything I can find that Blair Douglas has produced over the years since he went solo from the Runrig Ceilidh band - such is his musical talent. His latest offering 'Stay Strong' is another masterpiece to complement 'Beneath The Beret' and 'Angels from Ashes.' I sat spellbound watching a BBC production of a foray into Cajun country as Blair wove his magical box and piano playing with the locals some years ago. That was as close as I have seen him 'live' but this summer he is coming out to play. At the Heb Celt festival and at Scone with Runrig but I was even more delighted when Big Angus at the Ceilidh house broke the news to me that Blair was coming to Oban.

So July 15 is booked as a night off - without fail!

Glastonbury 2009

We are back from the festival that is the daddy of them all - Glastonbury 2009!

140,000 good friends came together in Somerset, the land of cider, to rock the weekend away. The event is set in over 900 acres of Pilton farmland where Michael Eavis and his daughter Emily have taken farm diversity planning to its greatest level! Last year it rained overnight and by morning we had great big puddles and welly boots everywhere. But out came the tractors and slurry tankers to literally suck up the puddles throughout the day. Later the team came round as we slept with grass seeders and rollers and by next morning it was flat and dry underfoot. The sun then baked it hard and three days later when we all left and the clean up began - the new grass for the Eavis dairy cattle was germinating, ready to sprout and make the fields brand new once again.

What an operation! This year, we had spectacular thunder and lightning on Thursday night but much less rain - so after that passed and the sun came out once again, we had no problem in enjoying Bruce Springsteen and the E street band and Neil Young who tied, in my estimation, for best headliners. Rolf Harris got the biggest crowd ever at the jazz stage with his greatest hits show, Sun arise, Two little boys, Waltzing Matilda and more. It was pure magic from the legendary entertainer who is now in his seventies.

Glasvegas, Paulo Nuttini and the Peatbog Faeries came down from Scotland and all were fantastic. But for a show closer the Faeries from Skye take some beating and they wowed the crowd at the Avalon stage, promising to return - same time same place next year! See you there boys!

Snippets

- ☐ Glen Uig's finest - Jim Hunter has a great new album coming out on Watercolour music - called *Coastlines*. Hunters demonstrates his fine country blues style of music.
- ☐ Laura McGhee's long awaited second album, *Celticana* broke cover last week at Oran Mor. Great music influenced by her many American trips including Nashville and Memphis sessions.
- ☐ Malcolm Jones of Runrig continues to make a good recovery after heart bypass surgery and is looking forward to returning to rehearsals in August. The lead guitarist plans to be ready for the 35th Danish Tonder Festival and then the big Scottish gig at Scone on August 29 - we all wish him well!
- ☐ Colin MacIntyre's new album *Island* is getting good reviews in the nationals, as is his backing team, Sorren and Gordon MacLean's Band who featured recently in the Herald magazine. Father and son regaled us with how the growing up in the music business has affected them - very well it seems! Still creating!
- ☐ Best newcomers at Glastonbury were Oxford based band Stornoway. They were also the hardest working as well, having four gigs and a BBC appearance over the weekend. But one ambition will have to wait till next year, they want to play the Heb Celt festival in - yes - Stornoway!

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Harmonica wizard Donald Black brings his band on tour

Welcome return for one of Argyll's musical sons

ARGYLL's-own Highland harmonica specialist Donald Black will soon be returning for a short tour of his native county.

Described last year by Norman Chalmers, *Scotland on Sunday*, as 'the instrument's foremost exponent in Scottish traditional music', the ace self-taught harmonica player is making a return visit for three concert dates in July. Excellent young musicians Ross Wilson from the Isle of Mull on keyboard and Allan Naim from Acharacle on guitar join Donald to form the Donald Black Band; with a concert in Oban's Skipinnish Ceilidh House on Thursday, July 23 and two performances on the Isle of Mull - An Tobar Arts Centre, Tobermory and Bunessan Hall - on Friday 24 and Saturday, July 25, respectively. Being a native of Benderloch, Donald's roots are very much steeped in the west of Scotland Highland bagpipe and Gaelic tra-

dition. His playing of thoroughly challenging jigs, hornpipes, marches, strathspeys and reels and emotionally charged slow airs and laments has delighted audiences both at home and abroad - gaining many very favourable reviews along the way. Donald has, over the years, received wide acclaim for his recordings, enjoyed extensive radio play and made several TV appearances both at home and abroad. He is one half of that popular west coast Highland music duo - Donald Black and Malcolm Jones. Donald and Malcolm, from top Celtic-Rock band Runrig, were booked to play these dates together but unfortunately Malcolm has had to undergo immediate major heart surgery. Donald's unique style of harmonica playing coupled with the great talents of Ross and Allan make these evenings ones certainly not to be missed.

Taynuilt's summer ceilidh season gets underway

THE FIRST of Taynuilt's season of summer ceilidhs was held in the village hall last Thursday.

Among an enthusiastic audience were people from as far afield as Hong Kong, Germany and Italy, plus many supporters of the event from the local area.

Young Oban High School piper James MacPherson opened proceedings with some great playing and was followed by two of the Isla Sinclair dancers Kirsty MacLean and Rowan MacAskill.

Helen Pearson sang some entertaining English songs, involving enthusiastic audience participation, as well as some lovely Gaelic songs.

Well known accordion maestro Michael Garvin was accompanied by his wife Joanie on fiddle and they played some fantastic music together and individually.

Clann Lathama, a great young folk group, thrilled the audience with their excellent musical ability and local soloist Davy Paterson sang some rousing Gaelic songs.

The evening ended with *Auld Lang Syne*.

Moleigh dancers take to the Hammersmith stage

Invited to perform in London by renowned artistic director

AN OBAN-based dance company for people with a disability has stepped out on stage at the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre in London as part of the Amici Open Door Festival.

The Moleigh Dance Company was invited to perform in London by Wolfgang Strange, an internationally renowned artistic director, who had visited the group in Oban.

The dancers from Moleigh were supported by the Lorn Resource Centre, a team of parents and carers from local agencies, during their stay.

The trip was funded by Moving Centre Stage, Argyll and Bute Council, Oban and Lorn Lions, Disability Forum, Oban Round Table, Argyll and Bute Trust, Rainbow Group and through a donation from June Taylor.



Moleigh dancers and choreographers outside the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre.



Oban's Oxfam opens Bookfest section

THE OBAN branch of Oxfam has taken a pro-active view of the charity's Bookfest, from July 4 - 18, by opening a dedicated book section in its shop.

Branch manager Olwen Rowland explained: 'The book section as it is now used to be a storage area but we realised that most of the items in storage were books and they would be better on the shelves than hiding away in the back of the shop.'

Cutting the ribbon to officially open the book section was the shop's longest-serving volunteer Gordon MacIntyre, who started working at Oxfam 24 years ago.

Left: Gordon MacIntyre declares the book section open as fellow volunteers Frances Grantham, Gemma Durley and shop manager Olwen Rowland look on.

Tiree in top ten 'bargain' holiday destinations

TIREE is number two in a top ten of bargain holiday breaks in the UK.

The *Lonely Planet* guide to the UK named the island as an ideal place to take a break.

The reviewers said: 'With some of the best sunshine records in Scotland, wind-swept Tiree is a fertile stretch of lush machair sprinkled with buttercups.'

'The coastline is scalloped with broad sweeping beaches of white sand.'

A classical good time in Crinan

'It's been a tremendous success'

CRINAN provided the spectacular backdrop for the third Crinan Classic Boat Festival.

A total of 47 classic boats from across the UK and Ireland made their way to the picturesque village for four days of racing and sampling all things Scottish.

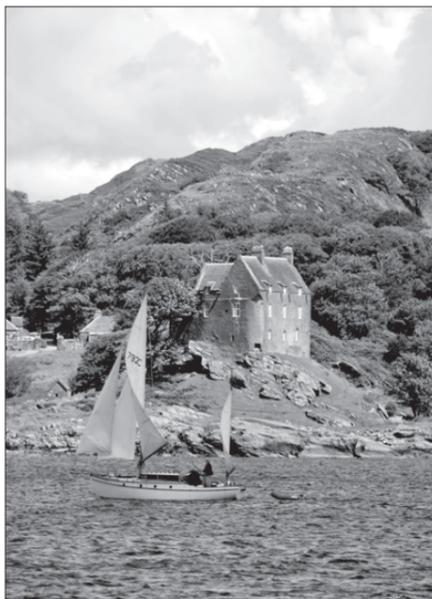
For all classic boating enthusiasts there were a host of treats on offer.

One of the most famous yachts, *Sceptre*, made a welcome return to the area and made her debut appearance at the festival. *Sceptre* was built and raced for the Americas Cup back in the 1950s.

Visitors were also treated to former Prime Minister, Ted Heath's yacht, which raced under her new owners and new name *Opposition*.

But another classic boat also proved extremely popular with visitors. For the duration of the festival, the *Vic 32*, the last operational coal-fired steam puffer, delivered a total of 32 trips to more than 400 people.

Captain of the *Vic 32*, Nick Walker from Crinan, said: 'It's been a tremendous success. We've been so busy and it's been excellent to see



Duntrune Castle provided a magnificent backdrop for the third Crinan Classic Boat festival. 06_a2crinan14

so many people enjoying been a success. The whole event ran perfectly and the weather certainly helped.'

Organiser Mike Dalglish said: 'So many people are already saying they're coming back next year - so I can say that from their comments it's com.'

New look for Argyll Animal Aid



Argyll Animal Aid has a new-look logo thanks to art pupils at Oban High School. The charity held a competition for S1 and S2 pupils to design a new logo and the design by Blair Forsyth, centre, was voted as the winner. Runners-up were Ben Carter, left, and Christopher MacCuish. Congratulating the boys, who will all study Standard Grade art this year, were Argyll Animal Aid volunteers, from left, Irene Robertson, John Lloyd and Pat Blunsden. 07_127aid01

Youngsters get their chance at Skipinnish fame

SKIPINNISH Ceilidh House in Oban has recruited three new young musicians to entertain customers over the summer.

All music students, they play an astonishing nine instruments between them, and will be performing each evening for the Scottish music show along with top local musicians Mary Catherine MacNeil, champion pipers Angus MacColl, Euan MacCrimmon and Ewen Dewar, plus dancers from the Eilidh McInnes School of Dance.

Twenty-year old Lynsey MacRitchie, from Stornoway, Isle of Lewis is currently studying on the BA Scottish Music course at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. She is joined by Scott Plockton, 19, a former pupil at the Plockton Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music, now studying traditional music at Newcastle University.

The youngest recruit is 18-year old Seonaidh MacIntyre, from South Uist, who having completed

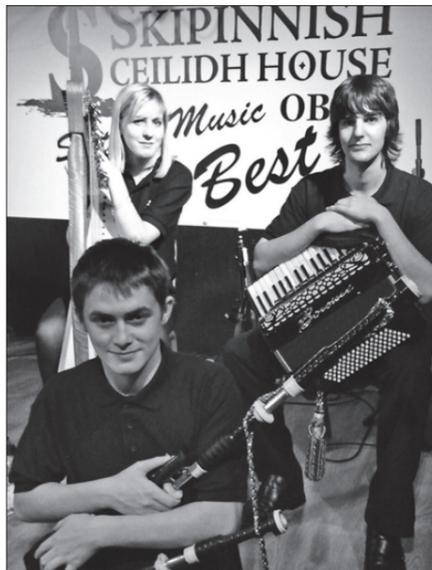
an HNC in traditional music in Benbecula, will study on Strathclyde University's Applied Music course in September.

Among the instruments played are bagpipes, fiddle, piano, guitar, double bass, smallpipes, whistles, clarsach - and they are all good singers!

Skipinnish Ceilidh House manager Angus MacPhail told *The Oban Times*: 'I'm delighted to welcome Lynsey, Scott and Seonaidh.'

'We advertised for summer musicians earlier in the year, and places were hotly contested. We are very lucky to have an extremely high caliber of local full time musicians and dancers at the ceilidh house, and having the extra performers will allow us to compliment this line up to give a really impressive and comprehensive showcase of Scottish Music.'

'I'm sure that local folk, as well as those visiting the area, will thoroughly enjoy the shows - I've certainly been enjoying listening.'



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Every night >	Scottish Music Shows
Skipinnish Ceilidh House from 8pm	
Every Thursday >	Ceilidh Night
Skipinnish Ceilidh House Starts 10.30pm	
Every Friday >	Party Fever with DJ Fergie & live ceilidh band
Skipinnish Ceilidh House Starts 10.30pm	
Every Saturday >	"Mixed" - Club Night with DJs Mark & Stuart
Skipinnish Ceilidh House Starts 11.00pm	
Every Weekend >	Live Music 9pm till 12 with DJs Mark & Stuart
O'Donnell's	
Thursday 9 July >	Karaoke
The Woody	
Friday 10 July >	Autoban (band)
The Woody	
Saturday 11 July >	Colin Hunter and Mick Nesbit
O'Donnells Irish Bar 9pm - midnight	
Saturday 11 July >	Danny Carol (live band)
The Woody	
Friday 17 July >	Blair Douglas
Skipinnish Ceilidh House 9pm	
Saturday 18 July >	The Chunks
O'Donnells Irish Bar 9pm - midnight	
Thursday 23 July >	Malcolm Jones & Donnie Black
Skipinnish Ceilidh House 7.30pm	

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Islay	
Saturday 18 July >	Skerryvore
Nevis Centre, Fort William	
Saturday 18 July >	Taynuilt Sports Field
Taynuilt Highland Games	
17 - 23 July >	Dunollie Castle
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YOUR STARS WITH PATRICK ARUNDEL

ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th 090 6612 4520
The recent Eclipse sought to teach you that some things are worth preserving, whilst others may be ripe for change. This obvious contrast may lead to some uncomfortable pressures, but if you go with the process you can gain and grow through it. The trick is learning to articulate your thoughts more succinctly and the sky can help you to do so now. Call now for more news and advice...

TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st 090 6612 4521
Set up that important conversation towards the start of this week, when something is more likely to stick. Mars moves from your sign now, but this and the presence of the sly Venus will serve to embolden your desire to boost your coffers. That more sensual side of your nature is also turned to max by this, and even a stumbling tie can be revived. Call me now for your love scope in full...

GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st 090 6612 4522
If life has felt a bit of a huff and puff of late, you're about to spark back into normal service...with your sociable, more outgoing and energised qualities coming back to the fore. This is also a week when you can show a lot of imagination, and so if a project has been stumbling, now it can start to power forwards, and this can see you feeling more secure. Call now for your in-depth forecast...

CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd 090 6612 4523
Your values can seem in stark contrast to someone else's and this can become a trend in the weeks to come. Ok, you can take this in your stride, after all you appreciate that not everyone is like you. No, the problem here is that it can be someone you've got on with so well in the past who surprises you, by starting to move away in their outlook. Call your special prediction line for more news...

LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd 090 6612 4524
If you're very clear about future hopes, plans can gain traction this week. Yet the suggestion for many Leo's is that more consideration may be needed. So, if you find yourself picking over the finer details of things, don't fret, it'll be next week when you can really start to shape up exactly what you want. This may even include a complete U-turn. Call now for more astral advice...

VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd 090 6612 4525
Your zodiac sign has had a lodger these last two years, namely the stern Saturn. Now although he can be grouchy the chances are he has paid his rent on time and kept his room tidy. The Sun calls by and cheers up the old thing and this, or a friend, can help you to view your circumstances in a more positive light. Big changes are ahead, especially at work. Call me now for more advice...

LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd 090 6612 4526
Mars motors into the Independent Republic of Gemini. So, how might this alteration shape up for you? Well, the chances are you will get a taste for travel, to broaden your horizons, perhaps even look to take a course or sign up for an Open University degree. But you may also want to break free of any restrictions, but just try not to be too hasty. Call your prediction line for more...

SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd 090 6612 4527
You can be a sign of strong likes and dislikes. Few Scorpio's are lukewarm, but this passionate approach can also be your best suit. The news now, is that you're about to have your faculties in this regard topped up anew. This may bring some of your already held feelings more readily into the open or it can see someone magnetic enter your world soon. Call for your love scope in full...

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st 090 6612 4528
The rest of July can be an awesome time for your love life - especially if you're single, with a big opportunity to connect to someone new emerging. But this can also be an important time for all sorts of relationships. If you feel hemmed in, in any of yours, don't project its faults onto a partner, show leadership about how things can be turned around. Call me now for your love scope in full...

CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th 090 6612 4529
One of the key elements of your nature is that you like to achieve results. Whether at work, in the garden or domestically, this can see you well organised and on top of things...Well, that's the theory, because if any element of your world has slipped behind due to other recent distractions, this week can be an opportune time to put things right. Call now for more news and advice...

AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th 090 6612 4530
A lot of activity has centred on home and practical areas, but a change of emphasis occurs that you will definitely welcome, as Mars chases the glam and stylish Venus, into the most energised and sociable of sectors. By the week's end you can find yourself viewing life in a brand new and much more positive light, and love looks truly promising too! Call me now for your love scope in full...

PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th 090 6612 4531
When things get a bit stressful or people put demands upon you, you have a natural love of cocooning yourself away, be this in your home, in hobbies or your most comfy routines, and you can yearn for this now. This can be especially so if the pace of life has seemed unrelenting. You're not being unsociable mind, and may invite someone around. Call now for more astral advice...

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Time for a steady nerve as recession bites

JUST like the worth of stock market investments, the value of property can go down as well as up – as Edinburgh-based Kilmartin Ashford has found out to its cost in Fort William in the past year. It has taken a 25 per cent – £2.5 million – hit on the rental value of a development involving five retail units on the former McTavish's Kitchens and Grand Hotel site being fully occupied. Ashford director Andrew Smith freely admits 'our values have been hammered and we will not make any money out of this'.

Fortunately, Ashford has decided it is better to finish the project and have a 'rental income stream', which is good news for those determined to see a business recovery in that part of Fort William's High Street. However, Ashford's story of falling property values will undoubtedly be replicated around the UK, both in the commercial and residential sectors, and while the boom years for property could not go on forever it does not take much imagination to see how such dramatic falls in such a short time period could seriously damage the country's hopes of a relatively quick climb out of this deep economic recession. Politicians and the business world must continue to be concerned about the domino effect of a downward spiral. At what point does it almost become impossible to reverse? As commentators have observed, one of the main underpinnings of a capitalist world is simply confidence – not an easy thing to maintain once the herd starts stampeding for the exits. But it is not all doom and gloom, and it never is. Human nature being as it is, we do ultimately continue to make relentless progress. History shows that, as in a stock market graph, while there may be troughs to counter the peaks the general trend is upwards – you just have to hold your nerve and remain optimistic.

Glasgow Letter

Gaelic in Glasgow

Jo MacDonald, formerly of the BBC and recently appointed to the interim senior support team by Bord na Gaidhlig, chaired the recent meeting held in the Albany Learning Centre when the principles and structures of the Glasgow Gaelic Initiative were outlined. With Glasgow identified as a priority area for Gaelic the initiative has two aims, to increase the number of Gaelic speakers and to expand the opportunities to use Gaelic. A steering group will be set up and this will bring together individuals, community organisations and professional organisations to coordinate Gaelic activity in the area.

With this in mind opinions are sought on the Gaelic priorities for the city and for those interested a form is available from Sine MacLean at 0141 339 2022 or sine@cnag.org.uk. Gaelic school education has, to date, been a success in the city, so we must ensure similar success for all age groups and levels of ability.

Make your contribution by contacting the above to give your opinions or indeed to serve on the steering group.

Blair Douglas

Over many years I remember being disappointed during holidays in the islands when concerts featured artists I could hear throughout the year in the city.

I am now therefore delighted to inform you of a reversal of this as Blair Douglas, from the Isle of Skye, will play in Oran Mor on Saturday July 18 at 7.30pm. Blair, the Scottish Traditional Awards 2008 Composer of the Year, is one of our most talented musicians and this is indeed a rare treat for a Glasgow audience. To book tickets tel 0141 204 5151.

Gaelic/music drama

The recent drama/music production as part of the West End Festival attracted a good audience to the College of Piping which proved to be an ideal venue.

New Gaelic group Tog-I, Artair Donald, David Walker, Melissa Deans and Ruairidh MacIver, were in excellent form and the evening also included stand-up comedienne Corina MacLeod (Gaelic) and Viv Gee (English) as well as songs from Maeve MacKinnon.

Feature film

Gaelic forecasting are currently looking for males, over 65 years of age, who are fluent in Gaelic for a major feature film in which they would play a tribe of Celts from ancient times.

The location of the auditions will be agreed once it is decided where most people can be gathered. More information is available from info@gaelforecasting.com

Congratulations

Double congratulations are due to Marina Graham from Kilmuir on the Isle of Skye who celebrated her promotion to the post of deputy head teacher in Condor Primary School, with responsibility for the Gaelic Medium Unit, by getting married to Andrew MacLeod, from Uig on the Isle of Lewis.

I am sure all their friends in Glasgow and the islands will join with me in wishing them a happy future together.

Dates for Diary

Friday 10 July Daimh and Genticorum (Quebec folk sound), Perth Theatre, 7.30pm

Saturday 11 July Edinburgh Argyll Association ceilidh, St John's Episcopal Church Hall, Lothian Road, 7.30pm
Friday 17 July Piping Times Trophy semi-final, Piping College, Otago Street, 7.30pm (John Patrick v Niall Stewart).

Saturday 18 July Blair Douglas, Oran Mor at 7.30pm (see above).

Pub Scene

Music in the Islay Inn this weekend will be provided by Eriskay Lilt on Friday and the Jakes on Saturday while in the Park Bar it will be the Burns Brothers on Friday, Eriskay Lilt on Saturday and Sunday still to be confirmed.



The Oban Times in Sydney, Australia

Ann Brown of Balephuil, Isle of Tiree has sent The Oban Times this picture of her niece Kirsty Allison and her cousin Iain Gunn reading The Oban Times in Sydney, Australia. We would like readers to send in flashback photographs of days gone by and photographs of The Oban Times being read in far flung places. Please send prints to The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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Arandora Star

Sir It is with interest and much dismay that I read the article on the Arandora Star in The Oban Times.

The British government has a sin to answer for by inferring that Italians resident in this country were all Nazi and Fascist sympathisers.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

They were hard working people loved and respected by their neighbours. Mr Abrasezzi had a café in Pollokshaws, Glasgow from which he was taken, for no good reason and perished on the Arandora Star much to the sorrow of his neighbours of which my late husband was one.

The other café in the Shaws was owned by the Vetturini family whose son fought with and was an interpreter with the British army. His mother, affectionately known in The Shaws by everyone as 'Auntie' maintained her Italian citizenship and had to report weekly to the police. She was allowed to remain at home much to the amusement of all, was not allowed to own a bicycle or a radio. She was at this time in her 80s.

My late husband served with the RAF for the duration of hostilities and was regularly supplied with parcels of goodies by the Vetturini family.

This letter refers to the Italians in one small area of Glasgow but the feelings will be replicated all over Glasgow and beyond.

Mrs Mairi Smith
Achnacroish, Lismore

Glenfinnan

Sir I refer to Jim Kirby's letter regarding the spot where the Jacobite Standard was raised at Glenfinnan in 1745 (Oban Times 31 April 2009).

Mr Kirby believes that 30 years ago most people thought the ceremony occurred on or near the site of the world famous monument on the shores of Loch Shiel.

Tourists, egged on by the National Trust for Scotland who own the monument, may have done so but local folk and Scottish academics held a different view.

When the inscribed rock above the Presbytery was uncovered in the 1980s, I looked at a large volume of material on the subject including 12 eye witness accounts. The majority of these referred to it taking place on a knoll and not on the low-lying flood plain at the head of Loch Shiel. Other historians of course had been there before me notably the late Donald B MacCulloch from Corpach whose book, Romantic Lochaber, Arisaig and Morar (now in its fourth print run) remains the standard reference work for the area.

In his third revised and enlarged edition of 1972 – which I would urge anyone interested in the subject to read – MacCulloch, who must

be considered the undoubted authority on the subject, provides overwhelming evidence that the standard was not raised on or near the site of the monument; indeed he suggests the inscription on one of the metal plaques set in the wall surrounding the monument, seems to be the only evidence that it was raised there.

MacCulloch published his researches in The Oban Times in 1959 and 1961 in the hope that someone would come forward with fresh local information. A number of readers did respond, but although general opinion favoured a knoll above the River Finnan between the A830 and the railway line, no one could say with any certainty which was the correct one. Clearly MacCulloch and others were searching for field evidence but of course at the time the inscribed rock slab lay hidden under peat and heather.

As evidence that the standard was raised on the marshy ground at the head of the loch, Mr Kirby cites William Bald's Survey of Ardnamurchan and Sunart Estate (1807) and William Lockhart Bogle's highly dramatised engraving of Jean Cameron at Glenfinnan in 1745. Both can quickly be dismissed as Bald's sketch of Glenfinnan was clearly schematic and Bogle's work - for what it is worth - shows, on close examination, the standard ceremony happening on high ground to the east. Moreover there is some doubt that Jean Cameron of Glendessary was actually present at the original gathering.

If Mr Kirby has irrefutable proof that the inscription on the slab above the church is a hoax and that the little boulder with the hole in it (thought to have provided the base for the standard when it was raised) was part a local gatepost, he must come forward with it.

Iain Thornber
Knock House, Morvern

Beaver worries

Sir The beaver trial introduction in Knapdale, Argyll, is a matter of considerable concern for fishery managers who have a statutory role to conserve, protect and manage stocks of wild salmon and migratory trout in Scotland.

We accept that this is a 'trial' operated under rigorously managed conditions designed to test some of the issues relating to beaver introductions. However, it is also quite clear that this trial will not test many important issues, not least the impact on salmon and migratory trout and the important

contributions these species make to local economies and employment often in remote rural areas.

We remain extremely apprehensive about the idea of introducing into Scotland's water bodies, at a time when we are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds a year on removing obstacles to fish migration and restoring riparian habitats, a species whose signature activity is the construction of dams and destruction of riparian habitat.

Further we have sought, and still wait for, clarification from government of what will happen to the introduced beavers at the end of this licensed period.

We need to be sure that before any further decisions or trials are considered that these issues are properly explored. We should, when making a decision, have a full understanding of what impacts a Scottish beaver population could have on Scotland's water bodies and migratory fish stocks.

Andrew Wallace
Association of Salmon Fishery Boards Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland, Edinburgh

D is for dolphin

Sir Hi! I am one of the common (oh do you think so!!) dolphins who have been visiting Oban recently and I thought I would say 'thank you' to the people of Oban.

I realise we did not let you know we were coming but lots of you watched the free show we put on and some even cheered – thank goodness no-one threw fish – there are plenty in the bay.

Having said that, maybe you could tell the silly people with 'ribs' to stop running at and over us. Some of our youngsters could be damaged by propellers, as they don't know what they are. Tell all the boats to come out and stop and we will come to them.

By the way, the water in the bay is a lot cleaner than when I was last here although there was a big oil slick the other day (tut! tut!) and the shores are awfully dirty – please clean them up as that rubbish pollutes the water then you won't see us so near again.

I don't know when we will be back so 'people of Oban' look after your bay and we may hang around more often.

Bye for now
Delphinia

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A VIEW FROM THE TOWER

By McCAIG



Misplaced righteous indignation

THERE'S been a lot of it about recently.

Those who take very little interest in politics or indeed none at all, have been getting very hot under the collar about MPs' expenses without checking that the stories that have appeared at third-hand, based on illegally acquired information for which a certain daily newspaper paid a great deal of money and gave their journalists carte blanche to use it in as damaging a way as possible to those who have been a bit naughty by allegedly fiddling their expenses.

Unfortunately, they have not bothered to check whether all their information is correct before they rush into print or pass it on to other newspapers.

I draw attention to this at the start of the year of 'righteous indignation' which has now spilled in the Scottish parliament about who 'snubbed the Queen'?

Strange to say the chief buffoon as far as this is concerned is the Scottish political editor of the broadsheet that has been 'dishing the dirt' on Westminster MPs expenses.

However, Mr Cochrane has really got himself in a pickle as he has unjustifiably attacked MSPs for staying away from HM The Queen's visit to the Scottish parliament to mark the tenth anniversary of the new Scottish parliament for a platitudinous speech lasting around five minutes.

The absence of around 50 of them gave him, and a few hacks who should have known better, an opportunity to 'knock' the absentees for discourtesy.

First, they were not invited by the Queen, they were asked by the presiding officer, they are on holiday and some MSPs, such as Jim Mather, quite rightly took their vacation without worrying about whether they would be missed.

Sir Jamie McGrigor, an alleged friend of Alan Cochrane's, is lambasted for doing what an MSP is elected to do: 'look after the concerns of his constituents'.

On this occasion, it was a vital meeting regarding water safety on Loch Awe which was convened at very short notice.

'In any case,' said Sir Jamie, 'I met Her Majesty at the Royal Highland Show reception where we spoke for much longer than we would have at the parliament.'

Old buffers are irrelevant!

THERE are clearly 'old buffers' who are still living in the times when they were thrashed at their prep schools and believe that pain has an important part in seeing that the prehistoric niceties of outdated etiquette are observed rigorously.

One of the most obvious examples of this sort of 'stiff upper lip' nonsense comes from the old guard of the Royal Company of Archers who still think they

are The Queen's Bodyguard in Scotland, rather than the smart-suited, distinctive badge-wearing, armed men and women who make up the Royal Protection Squad.

There's also another small drove of such types who have been sounding off without checking the facts. It is not treason to fail to attend every event at which a member of the Royal Family is present nor to impute republican sympathies to those for any number of reasons couldn't be there.

In any case, is a tenth anniversary all that significant? In wedding terms it is the 'tin' (or aluminium in US-speak).

'Tin-pot' seems to me to be a reasonable phrase to describe the antics of the reactionary journalists and honorary graduates in self-serving righteous indignation.

More manpower for the police but not for rural areas

OBAN benefited last week from a Strathclyde Police initiative that I fully support but I'm suspicious as to why we were the first to benefit from it.

The new chairman of the Strathclyde Police Authority, Councillor Paul Rooney, and Assistant Chief Constable Ian Neilson presented themselves to answer questions about the police; and there were many of them.

To be fair, these gentlemen and their assistants did a very good job but not as far as staffing levels are concerned. It is not enough to tell a pretty clued-up audience that 'manning levels' are in fact in excess of what they should be as there is an extra sergeant and an extra constable now in post. This is in sharp contrast to the statement made by Chief Inspector Fred Hall when he retired just months ago. Its a classic example of shifting the goal posts to make them fit the staffing level that we are going to get. Yet, where are all the extra cops that Kenny Macaskill, the justice minister, has been shouting about?

It was interesting that there was a discussion about: 'a second policeman for Tiree' but apparently no more community police officers for many other parts of Argyll and Bute.

It was noticeable that when a member of the audience asked if the force did not possess a quad bike to get to parts of rural areas that would be easily accessible with one. The answer was 'no'.

Nothing that happened at this meeting did anything but convince me that there is still a lack of practical knowledge at the very top of Strathclyde Police about the importance of a proper police service in rural areas and on the 26 inhabited islands that are within its boundaries.

McCaig

Your letters

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My Island Tiree

Angus MacPhail, a young musician and award-winning businessman who has brought the Skipinnish name to the forefront of traditional music in Scotland, talks to the Oban Times' Stewart MacKenzie.

What makes Tiree special for you?

Tiree is where I come from and it is always where I would call home.

Even now that I no longer live there, I don't think I would ever have a similar bond to anywhere else. Your culture, your background, your family background and your upbringing are far more collectively relevant to where you call home than simply where you happen to be living at any given time in your life. In this ever shrinking world where humanity is becoming increasingly interlinked and standardised, I feel very lucky to have been born and brought up in a place and in a culture that still has a definable identity.

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

Where do you start – well here's some bullet point answers to the most frequently asked questions: very flat, great beaches, single track roads, fertile ground, population around 700, busy in the summer, quiet in the winter, two pubs, agriculture-based economy, strong and growing fishing industry, windy, sunny, clean, safe, plane service from Glasgow and Oban, ferry service from Oban, one school, great for a wild night out, fantastic place to go on holiday, great place to live, lots of music, great butcher's shop, fairly high property prices compared to other islands – and the best place in the UK to see basking sharks!

Do you have a favourite place on the island?

Yes. The Lean-to (pub). But apart from that the area between Skipinnish and Port Ban – the Ruaig Sliabh, the Rudha Liath, Dun a Chaolais, the Acarsaid, Milton and then all the ports on the way around to the Gunna Sound. We were always around these areas as children and they hold a lot of good memories for me.

How much has it changed since you were a child?

The biggest change in the past 30 years is the swinging population balance from predominantly Tirisdeach to predominantly non-Tirisdeach. This is in no way a criticism and holds no negative connotations towards those who have moved to Tiree. But I think it is sad when any sector of the world's population begins to lose its definable characteristics – 80 years ago if someone moved to Tiree their own and their children's identity and language etc would change to reflect where they had moved to. Nowadays the opposite happens. A child can go to school speaking Gaelic as a first language and within a few years speaks only English, without even a Tiree accent and has adopted the identity of his/her non-Tiree classmates. With the extent of mass media communication that is part of all our lives this type of scenario is inevitable and it is certainly not unique to Tiree.

What were the influences affected you most?

Nearly all of the positive influences in my life are from people – you can have a very strong feeling for a place but it is people who influence who you are and what you do. My parents have certainly been the biggest influence in my life, closely followed by my uncle Iain (Unc).

My father died 10 years ago and even yet if I'm making a decision I'll think 'I wonder what the bodach would do or think here'. He had a penetrating wisdom, intellect and character that is very rare. And in a way I still tap into that – I just wish more of it had passed on to me!

And the caileach (my mother) is very much a constant source of advice, wisdom, fun and a bloody good bollocking now and again!

Unc, who I work in



The view from Caolas on Tiree looking towards Mull.

partnership with Skipinnish Sea Tours, is an incredible man who has always had a huge influence on me.

Among the many other people who have influenced my life are Gordon Connell without whom I would not have any musical ability, Robert Beck who taught me to play the bagpipes, Calum MacLachlainn whose inspiration when I left school did more than anything else to really open up the exciting world of business to me. Andrew Stevenson – the Manbeast of Achnacarry – who has been my main partner in crime in most things for 10 years, has been a big influence and has made all the adventures we get up to fun, exciting, and far more profitable than they would be without his meanness!

And of course Nicola

my fiancée who made the mistake of going to Staffa on a Skipinnish Sea Tour only to be corrupted by the skipper who thought she was the most beautiful passenger he had ever seen!

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

I really miss being in Tiree in the summertime. There is a vibrancy about the island then that makes it a very exciting place to be – students are home, 'ex-pat' Tirisdaich are back on holiday, yearly repeat visitors arrive – so you are seeing friends who you haven't seen since the previous year. And if you've been away for the winter it's just great to get back and get the craic with everyone at home. There is an atmosphere about Tiree at that time of year that I haven't seen anywhere else.

The summer of 2004 is one that sticks out particularly. We had just started Skipinnish Sea Tours, the Skerryvore boys were playing in the pub a lot and really starting to sound incredible, fishing was good, the weather was good, there were loads of women around and the whole summer just felt like an on-going celebration! '05 and '06 were similar.

Where were you born and what are your family ties with that place?

I was actually born in hospital in Glasgow where I spent the first four weeks of my life in an incubator because I was born two months early. Interestingly, one of doctors in charge of me was the piper Dr Angus MacDonald of Glenuig, who, along with his two brothers, are good friends all these years later.

Both sides of my family tree roots go deep into Tiree's past. My patronimic in Gaelic is Aodhnas Eachain Chaluum Eoghan mhic Dhomhal 'ic Iain, 'ic ghilleasbuig Lachlainn – Angus son of Hector, son of Calum son of Hugh, son of Donald, son of Iain, son of Gillesbuig son of Lachlan. So that's at least eight generations on my father's side on Tiree and the Skipinnish (my mother's) side probably goes back just as far.

How would you improve Tiree today?

Better transport links – and HIE development grants for breeding couples!

Do you have a favourite building on the island?

If Skerryvore Lighthouse can count then yes. It is spectacular in its grace, beauty and majesty. To build something like that nowadays on dry land would be an achievement never mind to build it in the 1840s on a tiny rock 12 miles out in the Atlantic. For all the many times I have been there the effect of seeing it never

lessens. Everyone should go! Just call....

Is there anyone famous from Tiree?

Yes, there have been quite a number over the years either from Tiree or of Tiree parentage.

Two very well known bards of the 1800's both called John MacLean – Bard Thighearna Cholla and Bard Bhailemhairtinn – both very influential in their time and both composed many songs that can still be heard today; Donald MacKinnon, captain of the tea clipper Taeping who won the famous China Tea Race of 1866; the parents of Alastair Maclean, author of Ice Station Zebra and many other fine books, were from Tiree; Captain Lachlan MacPhail of Tiree (of the pipe tune) who was asked by the British government to attend the funeral of 'The man that never was' (he was a second cousin of my great grandfather); Donald Maclean, diplomat and spy who infamously defected to Moscow with Guy Burgess in the 50s, was of Tiree blood;

Alasdair Campbell, one of the most influential political figures of our age is the son of a Tiree man; Johnny MacKenzie, who still lives on Tiree, is a well known international footballer.

Would you return?

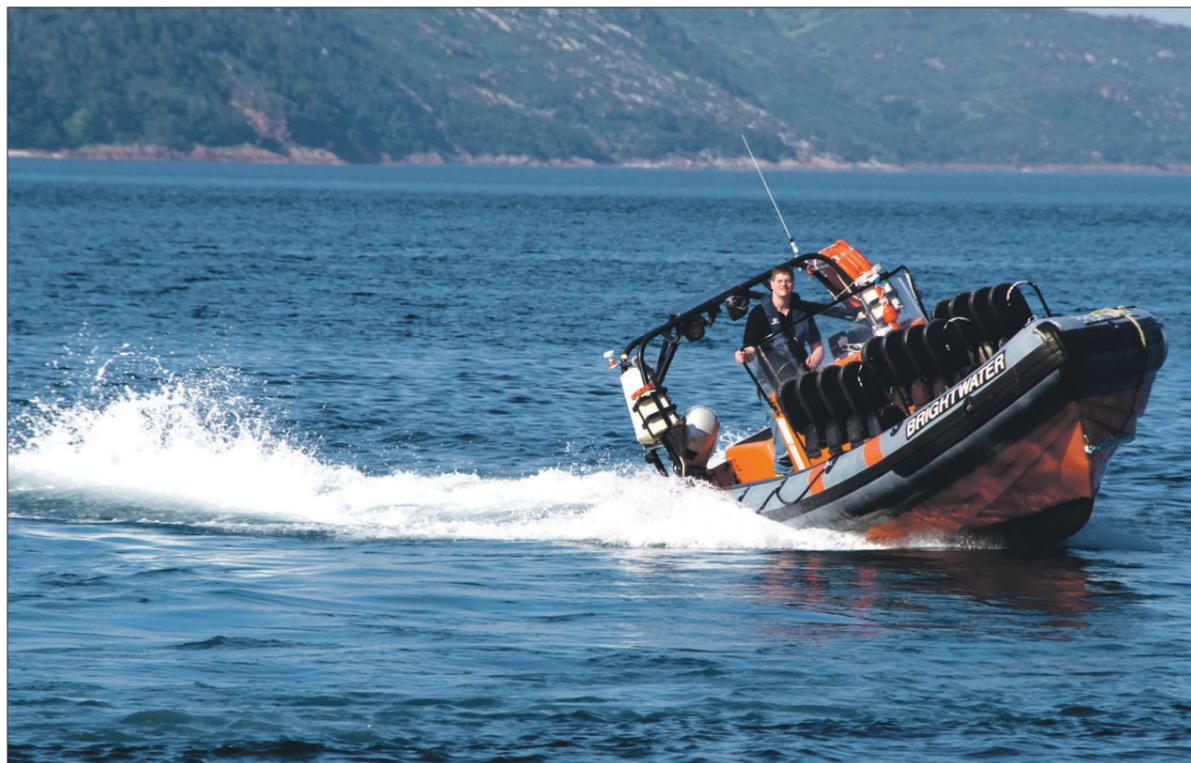
In theory yes I would like to return, but at the moment I think it is unlikely.

We have too many things on the go that involve me having to be on the mainland for it to be practical. Skipinnish Ceilidh Band work is mostly on the mainland, Skipinnish Ceilidh House is in Oban, Skipinnish Records is based in Spean Bridge, Skipinnish Sea Tours works partly out of Oban and most of our possible plans involve doing things that would be very difficult to do from Tiree.

But things can change, so I certainly wouldn't rule it out. I don't like the idea of bringing up my children anywhere else but Tiree, but will cross that bridge if children arrive!

I'll just have to wait and see what the next few years bring.

'I really miss being in Tiree in the summertime. There is a vibrancy about the island'



Right: Skerryvore Lighthouse, 12 miles out in the Atlantic. Angus MacPhail says the effect of seeing it perched on a tiny rock in the middle of the Atlantic never diminishes.



Left: Angus MacPhail on his rib which is used for Skipinnish Sea Tours, one of his business ventures, between Oban and surrounding islands.

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The Piping Scene

by Hugh MacCallum

Canntaireachd search

The Piobaireachd Society is looking for information which may lead to the discovery of the 'missing' volume of piobroch in canntaireachd form.

The following excerpt from the Piobaireachd Society's website on this subject may trigger a memory with someone regarding the possibility of finding the 'missing' third volume. It reads:

'Volumes 1 and 2 were discovered by chance in the house of Ann Campbell, Oban, in 1909. Ann was a niece of John Campbell, and is our last known link with the family. She never married, and had no idea of the importance of the music she possessed. If she had some volumes, it is possible that other family members preserved the others.'

It is likely that, if the 3rd volume survived, it is in the hands of someone who does not know what it is. The manuscript can only be interpreted by a few people with an interest in the topic. Some work has already been done on the family tree of Colin Campbell but no living relatives have yet been traced.

doors for widening the search for Colin Campbell's family, and the lost volume.'

If you think you may be able to help trace relatives of this family or if you think you may have a volume of canntaireachd in that cardboard box in the attic, please get in touch with this correspondent and I will pass any information on. I just hope it wasn't among the pile of Gaelic and other books that were thrown on a bonfire by two English chauffeurs who were instructed to clear out one of the basement rooms at Inveraray Castle in the late 1950s.

Pipe band successes

Since being promoted to Grade 2 this season Inveraray and District Pipe Band have been hitting the high spots.

In May they won the Grade 2 Scottish Championship and on June 27 they added the British Championship to their victory list, being placed first by all four judges.

It is good to see that piping in Argyll is thriving, having been re-ignited on the pipe band scene a number of years ago by Kintyre Schools with Ian McKerral at the helm.

I'm told that Mid Argyll Pipe Band are looking for a new pipe major, so if you know anyone who has the necessary experience and would be interested you can contact them at www.midargyll-pipeband.org

Strathclyde Police Pipe Band

Finally, I hope that the 'high heid yins' in Strathclyde Police will not make any drastic changes as regards the status of their world renowned pipe band.

Readers will no doubt have heard that the chief constable and other high ranking officers of Strathclyde Police have been keen to deprive the band members of quite a bit of their practice time, and, it seems, threaten the future of the band altogether.

As this has been widely reported in the national and piping press, I won't go into it further here except to say that I am appalled at the notion that they think that this is somehow in the public interest. Why is it in Scotland we seem to have a determination to destroy something which would be the envy of many overseas, and that for the cost of the expenses claim of one MP at Westminster or the monthly fee of a public relations consultant?

Hugh MacCallum

You can contact Hugh MacCallum at thepipingscene@obantimes.co.uk

Royal Research Ship Discovery visits Dunstaffnage



THE Royal Research Ship Discovery, the UK's largest general-purpose oceanographic research vessel, visited Dunstaffnage Bay last week.

Research expedition Weighing in at 3,000 tonnes and 80 metres in length, she was calling at Dunstaffnage to drop off scientists from the Scottish Association for Marine Science after a research expedition that took them from Iceland to Scotland.

SAMS scientists have been recording sea temperature in this region since 1975, compiling one of the

longest records of ocean temperature in the world. The annual sampling carried out by SAMS and the National Oceanographic Centre has revealed that Atlantic water flowing north is actually warming.

The first RRS Discovery was built in Dundee in 1901 and sailed to the Antarctic with Captains Scott and Shackleton on their first visit to that continent. She remains on display in Dundee to this day.

Lochaline

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Morvern Community Trust

THERE was a surprisingly low attendance at the first of Morvern Community Trust's public meetings which was held recently in Lochaline Hall.

The meeting was convened to discuss in brief detail how funds from the trust can be distributed to the community, but only 10 members of the public joined the four trustees present.

There was a lengthy 15-year

campaign led by Highland councillors Dr Michael Foxley and Francis Keith to get local quarry and renewable energy developers to pay a community benefit in their operating areas and this campaign bore fruit in the spring of 2007 when the Swiss-owned multi-national Holcim, through its UK subsidiary Aggregate Industries, acquired Europe's largest coastal quarry at Glensanda from Yoeman (Morvern) Ltd, and agreed to honour that company's latter-day recognition of the moral, but as yet, not legally binding, distribution of funds to its local communities, in this case Ardgour and Morvern.

A sum of £600,000 over 10 years will be shared with annual payments of £30,000 to each area,

but this will not commence until blasting operations commence at the extended quarry on an as yet unspecified date. The inclusion of this working area will increase Glensanda's granite deposits from the present availability of 400m tonnes to 814m tonnes.

The present trusteeship is chaired by Dr Susan Taylor, with Joanne Henderson, Faith Hutchison, Dr Michael Bramble and Keith Adams, who due to another commitment, was unable to attend the meeting.

Andrew Raven Memorial Weekend

SPEAKERS from many parts of the country with interests in rural and environmental development attended the Third Andrew Raven Memorial Weekend gathering that was held in Ardtornish House from Friday, June 18 until Sunday June 20.

At a public meeting on the Sunday morning, principal speakers were: Alan Caldwell of the Community Development Trust in Comrie which has a membership of 700; Deirdre Nelson, a Durness-based textile and community artist who illustrates the results of her tuition with people in such diverse rural communities as North Uist and West Australia.

The final speaker, before the meeting's chairman Hugh Raven invited the audience to take part in a one-hour session of questions and discussion, was Kate Braithwaite from the Carnegie Development Programme in Cumbria who stated that in some areas there: 'the heart of the community has been ripped away



Jane Rose with her 'recycled' art at Lismore hall

Lismore

Your correspondent is Pauline Dowling: 01631 760293

JANE Rose is an artist whose work is based to a great degree on things she finds on the shore not just of Colonsay, where she now lives, but in places she visits and spends time in.

Jane has found island landscapes and seascapes very inspirational and these featured prominently in her art until she began researching beach litter for her MA degree. Her interest lies in man made found objects in particular and

by recycling them as her art she is making the point that we are littering the planet to death. She spends many a day collecting anything of interest on the beach and then taking them to her studio (an old hen house with wonderful views of the Paps of Jura), where she selects and arranges objects in frames made from wood she also collects. Jane brought her work to Lismore recently and spent a week in the hall meeting the locals and visitors who called to see it. She is very concerned that the art carries a message about mankind's serial wastefulness and hopes that by highlighting this she will make a difference.

and much will have to be done to restore it.'

Ms Braithwaite was confident however that although there would be constraints on future rural investment funding, much could still be done; and all agreed that what would radically improve countryside issues, is the appointment of a 'Minister of Logic' by the governments in Holyrood and Westminster.

Andrew Raven OBE of Ardtornish, who has often been quoted as being a leading and inspirational environmentalist and land manager, died in October 2007, aged 46. He had been a director of the John Muir Trust, a member of the Scottish Consumer Council, Chairman of the Red Deer Commission for Scotland, and numerous other posts culminating in the award of the OBE for services to the environment in 2004.

Hall plans

LOCAL builder, Alinside, has produced a series of three dimensional plans for the renovation of Lochaline Hall and these were presented at a public meeting on Thursday, June 25.

Although the notices advertising the meeting stated: 'The village hall is owned by YOU, members of the community of Morvern, so it is vital that you try to attend this meeting to discuss proposals to improve and renovate the building', only 10 people were present.

The hall management committee secretary, Joyce Denness, explained that development plans 10 years ago were put on hold as it was then understood that Lochaline's new primary school would be a 'community-wide' building incorporating all the facilities that were then in the hall's future plans. But as this is evidently now not happening, Ivan Woolie of Alinside's plans, which included such additional facilities as a disabled person's car park and additional storage at the rear of the building, were much appreciated as works of technological art.

It's all systems go for this year's Morvern Highland Games which will be held in their usual venue, Knock Park, Lochaline on Saturday, July 18.

The only event not on the programme this year are the piping competitions, but piping enthusiasts will be well catered for as the award-winning Mid Argyll Pipe Band will be making their first appearance at the games which herald the annual gala week with its many indoor and outdoor events in and around Lochaline, including a dance in Drimnin Hall on Friday, July 24.

Islay

Your correspondent is Susan Campbell: 01496 850215

Port Mor Wheelers new cycle track plans

WITH the famous Tour de France starting this weekend, the folks at Islay's junior cycling club, Port Mor Wheelers, have been getting into the spirit with lots of riding and planning.

Meeting fortnightly at the Port Mor Centre, Port Charlotte, Islay, about 20 children attend to learn about bikes, mechanics, cycle handling skills and all cycling disciplines from road, mountain bike, BMX cross and touring. The Port

Mor Centre have given the club a piece of land on which to build a North Shore cycle track. The track will protect the ground from wear and tear of using bikes on it, and at the same time will challenge the youngsters to improve their handling skills. Fund-raising and gathering support has taken some time, and recently Scottish Power Renewables has come in as partners to support the bike track project - they already support Scottish Cycling at national level - and are delighted to be on board via the Islay Energy Trust. Thanks to all who have helped.

Parents, friends and youngsters now have a busy summer holidays ahead, building and constructing the track, which will be open to all. For more info on club and activities, contact Jez on 850010 or Brian on 810653

Cantilena Festival 2009 in Islay

THIS summer's annual Cantilena Festival began on Sunday, opening with a popular piano recital by Havilland Willshire. The programme included works by Haydn and Mendelssohn. These great composers will be celebrated during the following five concerts held each evening at various venues around Islay, reaching a climax on the last night, tomorrow (Friday) with what is now the orchestra's traditional performance of Mendelssohn's Octet, which Mendelssohn wrote at the tender age of 15.

This Year of Homecoming is being celebrated in a thousand different ways, and Cantilena is extending the idea by performances of various compositions written by Haydn, who set more than 200 of Burns' poems to music and Mendelssohn, who visited Scotland many times and even made a voyage to view Fingal's Cave on Staffa before composing his much-loved overture of the same name.

A recent addition to the festival, a concert yesterday in Islay House at 8pm was 'A Very Scottish Homecoming' which included 'musicke' by early Scottish composers the Earl of Kelly, Sir J. Clark of Penicuik, James Oswald, etc. plus newly commissioned works by living Scottish composers.

Patient transport service on the move

ISLAY and Jura's Patient Transport Service is moving to Islay Hospital.

The service's new base at the hospital can be contacted using tel 01496 301031 or Fax 01496 301032, or e-mail the office at ptc.islay@nhs.net

You can still contact PTC staff at local surgeries: Bowmore on Tuesdays 9am-noon, Port Charlotte on Wednesdays 9am-noon and Port Ellen on Thursdays 9am-noon.

Islay Festival Association special general meeting

Islay Festival Association special general meeting Tuesday July 21 at 7:30pm at the festival offices in Kilm Square, Port Ellen.

Please will all interested Islay people attend, as it is essential that new office bearers are appointed in order for the festival association to continue functioning and prepare next year's Feis Ile/Islay Festival.

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Prince Charms Heachs after 'not quite a crash'

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales made a dramatic entrance to Islay this week.

His aircraft of the Queen's flight with Prince Charles at the controls overshot the runway, after heavy braking on landing, and burst the tyres.

Prince Charles showed no signs of being shaken or shocked by the accident, which he played down, as if he really did not want to spoil the day for the islanders.

When asked about the incident he said: 'It wasn't quite a crash.'

'It went off the end of the runway.'

'It is not something I recommend happening all the time.'

The crash made the Prince half-an-hour late to his first port of call at Laphroaig Distillery which had received his Royal Warrant of Approval in January.

Wearing a Lord of the Isles tartan kilt and jacket and waistcoat in the

Gordon Highlanders' regimental tweed, he toured the distillery before going to meet the island children at Islay High School.

The people of the Bowmore turned out in force at the school to greet the prince, and all the primary schools from the island and neighbouring Jura were there to cheer Prince Charles.

Julia sings for Clinton

THE BEAUTIFUL singing voice and looks of a stunning model from Crinan will be wooing President Clinton in America next month.

Julia Ryan, 24, of the Crinan Hotel will entertain President and Mrs Clinton when they attend a function commemorating 500 years of Scottish Whisky at the British Embassy in Washington.

The invitation to sing for the president of the United States came after Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador in Washington heard Julia sing at the infamous Carlisle Hotel in New York.

Sir Robin was spellbound by Julia's

voice, which her father describes as 'electrifying and husky', and instead of staying for 20 minutes as he usually would, he stayed for two and a half hours.

New venture at Kilmichael post office

A NEW friendly face has been greeting customers at the Kilmichael Glassary sub-post office and store.

The post office and shop have been taken over by Ms Bobbie Jo Marshall in what she admits is a completely new venture for her.

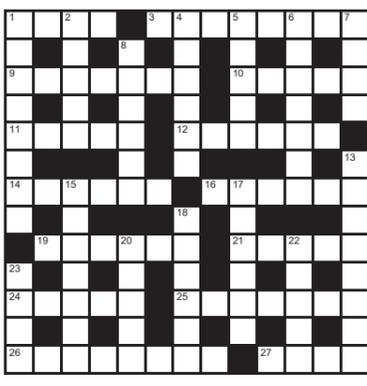
She and her partner came to Argyll around a year ago because they liked the area and the people.

Formerly an administration leader with retailer C&A in Bristol, Ms Marshall, 41, said she was not planning any major changes to the business.

Post Office Counters general manager Wendy Goldstraw said: 'We wish her every success and hope that customers enjoy the new service.'

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Loch Awe shop keeps local touch

LOCH Awe Stores has changed hands – but the new owners are familiar faces in Lochawe village and Dalmally.

Nicola, from Lochawe and Keith MacIntyre, originally from Dalmally, have bought over the general store and the adjoining house, which sit in the heart of the village.

Nicola had been managing the shop for the family of Frances Baird, who died around 18 months ago, until they sorted out her affairs.

'They gave us the opportunity to buy it,' said Keith, who will be taking a backseat while Nicola runs the business as he is a partner with his uncle Iain MacIntyre in the family joinery business, A

MacIntyre and Sons. 'We thought "why not" because it is a good shop that does well and it is the centre of the community really,' said Keith, who is also delighted to be moving into an old house.

The couple have been living in St Conan's Road with their two children, Morven, aged 14, and Leanne, 10, and both can trace their ancestors back in Lochawe and Dalmally to more than 100 years.

The shop includes a post office and as well as general produce, gifts and crafts for tourists, newspapers, magazines and even jewellery. Loch Awe Stores sells the permits for fishing on Loch Awe and River Orchy, so keeps a stock of fishing equipment too.

Nicola opens every morning at 7am and is looking at extending the opening hours.

'It is interesting meeting different people; it's good craic and it is a really good atmosphere,' said Nicola. 'She's perfect for the job!' added Keith.

'I started part-time work in here when I was 14 and still at school,' said Nicola.

The local feedback is that the village is delighted that one of their own has taken over the store.

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor, who lives in Dalmally, said: 'I am very pleased Keith and Nicola have taken over the store and will run it as a local asset. I am sure they will do a good job.'



Nicola and Keith MacIntyre outside Loch Awe Stores. 15_127awe01

Accolade for Lighthouse Caledonia

AN ENVIRONMENTAL initiative that originated in Loch Fyne and was further developed in the Western Isles has won a prestigious award for enhancing sustainability at a ceremony attended by Scottish minister for environment, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, in Edinburgh last week.

Organised by The Crown Estate, the Scottish Marine Aquaculture Awards recognise excellence in the aquaculture industry. Lighthouse Caledonia, the independent Scottish salmon farming company, scooped the 'Stewardship' award in recognition of achieving 'single loch-single company-single production cycle' status in Loch Roag in the Western Isles.

An important aspect of the strategy is to synchronise farming cycles and simultaneous fallowing of all sites in the loch system. To achieve this, the whole of Loch Roag was fallowed last winter for the first time in 25 years. The loch has subsequently been restocked for harvest in 2010.

Hard work

Colin Ritchie, farm manager at Loch Roag, said: 'The award recognises the hard work and time involved from many people and different parties.'

'This award will help to enhance the environmental, economic and social sustainability of farming in the Western Isles, as well as deliver benefits for other marine and freshwater industries,' said Oddgeir Oddsen, managing director.

The awards recognise 'the best of the best' in the Scottish aquaculture industry. Lighthouse Caledonia has demonstrated commitment to the highest standards of loch management by implementing this pioneering environmental initiative. This concept was introduced in Loch Roag following a similar successful initiative in Loch Fyne.

Lighthouse Caledonia was also a finalist in 'Farm Manager of the Year' (Archie Galbraith and Cammy Gibb from Loch Fyne) and 'Aquaculture Ambassador

Newsagent puts shop up for sale

WELL-known Oban newsagent Robbie Anderson has put his Stevenson Street business Hannah's on the market.

Mr Anderson has owned the popular and busy news agency and sweet shop for the past 16 years, having bought it from Lovat MacDonald, an Oban businessman who owned a number of shops in the town.

The shop was originally an ice cream parlour before becoming a newsagent's and the name Hannah's came from one of two sisters who ran the shop some time ago.

The shop has been advertised for offers over £230,000 and further details can be found at daltonsbusiness.com.

Businesses' promotion opportunity

BUSINESSES in the west Highlands and islands are being given the chance to promote themselves through The Gaelic Rings tourism initiative.

Gaelic Rings was launched in 2007 to promote the language, heritage and culture, taking in six routes across the islands from Islay to Lewis and the mainland area from Kennacraig to Ullapool.

Now Cearcaill na Gàidhlig is inviting businesses of any category or size, like accommodation providers, cafes, outdoor centres, business services or even community centres, to take a free business listing on the website www.gaelic-rings.com.

MSP hopes to boost China links

JAMIE McGrigor joined other MSPs at a meeting with Chinese business representatives and explained the advantages of investing in the Highlands and Islands.

The meeting was organised through corporate advisory and investment firm Mahon China.

Highlands and Islands MSP Mr McGrigor said the Chinese visitors expressed a considerable interest in his region's businesses such as aquaculture, renewable energy and tourism.

He added: 'I would urge any business in my region that might be interested in foreign investment to contact Mahon China.'

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Atlantis Leisure held up as example to community enterprises

COMMUNITY company Atlantis Leisure in Oban has been held up as an example to other community enterprises in a report published on services in rural areas.

Atlantis Leisure director Roy Clunie and former chairman Hugh McLean were joined by consultant Sarah Skerratt, from the Scottish Agricultural

College, in studying four leisure centres throughout the British Isles, including Atlantis, for the report, which was commissioned by the Carnegie Trust.

Their findings were shown at a seminar in Atlantis Leisure earlier this month, which was attended by enterprise minister and Argyll

and Bute MSP Jim Mather. The other centres studied were Shannon Swimming and Leisure in Ireland, Clipping Memorial Hall, Lancashire, and Kilwinning Sports Club.

The findings allowed the seminar to see how successfully run community leisure ventures were managed and sustained.

Kate Braithwaite, director of rural programmes at the Carnegie Trust, said: 'We see a great future for rural communities being their own managers of rural services in a much bigger way.'

'We regard Atlantis Leisure as a successful example of this because it is led by a board of unpaid directors who

have incredible amounts of energy.'

Mr McLean said: 'All the directors will tell you they get more out of doing this than they put into it.'

'One of the points made at this seminar is that we have fun doing it. You have to enjoy because it does have its hard times.'

Barcaldine House in rebirth

BARCALDINE House has had many owners in its 300-year history but the country mansion's present management is looking to the future to make the business a success.

For the two years preceding the recent takeover by Heather Buchanan from Melrose, the house, once a home of the Clan Campbell, gradually fell into disrepair and faced spending its 300th anniversary in ruin.

'It was a brave move to re-open the house in the middle of

a recession,' admitted Heather, the company's director. 'But we saw the potential in it.'

Greeting Heather on her first visit to the house were collapsed ceilings and rotting interior decor, while the roof and chimney copings had ivy and trees growing from them.

Just a few months later Heather and her staff have a fully functioning hotel and holiday cottages, wired up with all the mod cons expected of 21st century accommodation.

'We have installed telephones, Freesat televisions,



Barcaldine House has been renovated after two years of neglect.

internet access, iPod docking stations and CD/DVD players in every room,' said Heather.

But the ancient Barcaldine mansion's step into the 21st century only truly becomes apparent through its management's grasp of internet marketing.

Heather said: 'Bookings, marketing, billing and financial control are completely web based. By using an international reservation web portal, Synxis, we will appear as a Scottish destination on travel agent databases in 32 countries worldwide.'

'Our website went live on June 16 and within five minutes we had our first booking from Japan, so it seems to be working.'

Another ace in the pack is in the restaurant, where head chef is Craig Ferguson. Along with his wife, restaurant and bar manager Susan, Craig was head hunted for the role. They aim to avoid 'pretentious' dining, instead, focusing on a 'good, honest menu in an informal setting'.

The chef prides himself on using only local produce on the menu and this 'local' theme can be found all over the mansion.

Heather explained: 'We have a saying about what goes on the menu: If it doesn't swim in the sea, walk in the forests or fly in the sky 10 miles from here, we're not going to use it.'

In other aspects of the business, Pole Position in Oban designed the website, Purdie's of Inveraray supply soaps and hand lotions, and the bottles of water are from Strathlmond, run by Benderloch's Duncan MacKellar.

The hotel aims to operate all year round, avoiding seasonal changeovers of its all-Scottish staff.

Marine fact-finding mission for MSPs

A GROUP of MSPs were in Oban on a marine fact-finding mission last month.

Members of the Scottish parliament's rural affairs and environment committee met with various marine interests including regulators, scientists and conservation groups to discuss the proposed Marine (Scotland) Bill.

After a guided boat trip to

Lismore and Loch Creran in the company of Scottish Natural Heritage staff, MSPs John Scott, Maureen Watt, Alasdair Morgan and Peter Peacock arrived at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) for a meeting focusing on planning and management processes for activities in the marine environment.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the aquaculture, fishing, aggregate and marine tourism industries, conservation organisations, statutory bodies including the Crown Estate and SNH, representatives from Argyll and Bute Council and SAMS scientists.

The event concluded with a tour of the SAMS laboratory.

Praise for restaurant owner

AN INDIAN restaurant owner has been praised by Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather.

Mr Mather, also the Scottish minister for enterprise, energy and tourism, heard how Light of India owner Abdul Muslim helps hundreds of starving, ill and homeless people in his native Bangladesh, through his charity, Bangladesh Poverty Development Centre.

The centre is run from his house in Bangladesh and, for the past 12 years, has provided people with free medical treatment, surgery and medicine; an ambulance service; free inoculation and care to newborn babies and treatment for pregnant mothers.

Abdul's charity has also built 120 homes in the region for flood victims.

Mr Muslim, who has run his restaurant in Oban for 26 years, said: 'I raise around £8,000-£10,000 per year



Promoting the Bangladesh Poverty Development Centre charity in Oban were, from left: Oban South and the Isles councillor Roddy McCuish, Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather, Abdul Muslim and Abdul Suleman Muslim from Light of India restaurant and SNP Westminster parliamentary candidate Mike MacKenzie. 07_124ind01

but these people get no help from their own country.

'People are dying; they are begging for food but no-one cares, not their government and not even the public.

They just let them die.'

Mr Mather said: 'It is a great thing he is doing; maintaining contact with his homeland and helping people unable to help themselves.'

Green for go with ferries

CALEDONIAN Maritime Assets Ltd. (CMAL) has secured a first for Scotland and the UK with the introduction of green passports to its ferry fleets.

The Canna has become the first existing ferry in the UK to have its own green passport. Two more sister ships are to receive their passports shortly. The green passport – officially called 'An Inventory of Hazardous Materials' (IHM) – will be with the ship until the end of its life. The ship will be reviewed by a member of the Lloyd's Register Group on an annual basis and every five years the IHM will be renewed and re-certified. This is to help the ship recycling yard to calculate a safe and environmentally friendly way of decommissioning the ship.

All 30 ships in the fleet serving the Clyde and Hebrides ferry service will be set through the auditing process to ensure they achieve the green passports in the next five years. This demonstrates the commitment for safeguarding the environment as well as complying with the new Ship Recycling Convention.

Guy Platten, a managing director of CMAL, said: 'The green passport is a great example of working with industry colleagues to take action now to help assure environmental protection.'

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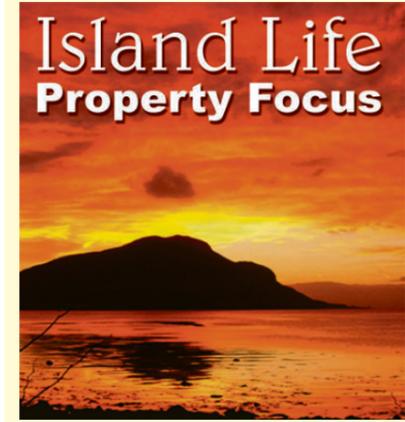
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Island Life Property Focus

ISLAND living is not for everyone but for some of those who do take it up, it can be the life changing experience they have dreamed of.

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And living somewhere as opposed to just visiting can be a wholly different experience.

For starters there is getting used to the ebb and flow of the ferries.

Island life, depending on how far you are from the mainland or how self-sufficient you are with boats, can revolve around when the next ferry will appear.

If you choose to stay on an island in winter this will feature even more as weather and timetables change.

But with a bit of organisation – and sometimes help from neighbours – life can be adapted to fit.

Many businesses in the West Highland and islands have adapted to fit this lifestyle too.

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won't be the first to ask for a fridge to be delivered or for a sofa to be retrieved from storage and shipped out.

The same applies to building or extended a house; from the architects to the joiners and the plant hirers to the painters, they all have experience of delivering their trades on the islands, be it the length and breadth of Skye to the traffic-free Iona.

Building or extending your own home can be a rewarding experience – but on an island it can be beyond dreams.

There are a couple of tips to take into account before leaping headlong into such a venture though:

Make sure you have an architect who is used to dealing with the local planning department – they will know if you can get permission for your wind turbine and solar panels for your self-sufficient living or your two-storey Modernist dream home or your glass fronted croft house to drink in the views.

Check out the local builders: they will know the best and cheapest way to get materials to your site.

Visit other self-builds or extensions: find out what hurdles, if any, they had to overcome. Other self-builders are usually more than willing to offer advice and if new to an island it's a great way to meet and get to know people.

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Best Effort - Gaelic (Learners); Amelia Inglis, Best In Subject - Music (Joint Award); Alasdair Jordan, Best In Subject - Drama; Briony Kincaid, Best In Subject - Art; Best In Subject - English (Joint Award); Best In Subject - French; Best In Subject - Mathematics (Joint Award); Craig Livingstone, Best Effort - French; Nicole Lopez, Best Progress - French (Joint Award); Best Effort - Music; Jordan Lyons, Best Progress, Religious & Moral Education; Beth Macarthur, Best Effort - Religious & Moral Education; Corey Macdonald, Best Progress - Food & Textile Technology; Ruby MacFadyen-Donald, Best Progress - Gaidhlig (Fluent Speakers); Christie Mackechnie, Best Progress - Drama; Anna Mackinnon-Garvin, Best In Subject - Gaidhlig (Fluent Speakers); Mark Macleannan, Special Achievement In Cooking;

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Argyll & Bute Council LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS, 1985. Notice is hereby given that an Abstract of Accounts of Argyll & Bute Council for the period of 12 months to 31st March 2009 duly made up, balanced and signed, will be deposited in the offices of the Council at the following locations. Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Dalriada House, Lochgilphead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Burnside Building, Campbeltown; Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Mount Pleasant Road, Rothays; Jamieson Street, Bowmore; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crossapol, Tiree (restricted hours); Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh.

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DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009 PRE-AUDIT INSPECTION

Notice is hereby given, under Regulation 5(1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, that the accounts to be audited, all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto and copies of the financial statements of DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD for the year ended 31 March 2009, duly made up, balanced and signed, will be deposited in the offices of the TREASURER, DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL AND BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD, COUNCIL OFFICES, GARSHAKE ROAD, DUMBARTON. The accounts will be open to INSPECTION on Mondays to Fridays, 27 July 2009 to 17 August 2009 from 9.15 a.m. to 1.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. and any person may take copies or extracts from the same without fee.

Any interested person may make objections to such Accounts or part thereof and shall transmit these objections and the grounds thereof in writing to the Auditors: Grant Macrae, Director, KPMG LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EG. And a copy thereof to: (i) The Controller of Audit, Accounts Commission, 18 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2QU (ii) Any officer concerned, and (iii) To me, the undersigned, not later than 17 August 2009. Where a person objects to the Accounts the Auditor shall, if so requested by that person, afford to that person an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Auditor with respect to objection. J. White, FCMA Treasurer Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board Garshake Road DUMBARTON G82 3PU

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Water Environment And Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regulations 2005 ("The Regulations") Schedule 1 Appended to Notice Of Requirements To Advertise The Application For A Licence In Pursuance Of Regulation 13 WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005 ("The Regulations") Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Regulations, that an application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by J S Salmon Limited for authorisation to carry out a controlled activity, namely: 1. Abstraction of 25,920 m3 per day from Allt Mor burn at NGR NR 7674 5576 from 1 October 2009. 2. Impoundment of water within the Allt Mor burn at NGR NR 7674 5576 from 1 October 2009.

ADVERT DATE: 9TH JULY 2009 NOTICES UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS The applications for Planning Permission listed below, and Environmental Statements where appropriate, together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at the AREA PLANNING OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and at the location where listed below during normal office hours. Written comments (whether supporting or opposing the applications) may be made to the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS MANAGER at the address below within the period listed below from the date of publication of this notice.

"WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005 ("the Regulations") "Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Regulations, that an application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by David Rees for authorisation to carry out a controlled activity, namely: 1) Abstraction of 13219 m3 per day from the Allt Coire Ghlais at NGR NN 1120 2912 from October 2010. 2) Abstraction of 17539 m3 per day from the Allt Coire Chreachainn at NGR NN 1138 2988 from October 2010. 3) Abstraction of 21082 m3 per day from the Allt Mhoille at NGR NN 1224 3099 from October 2010. 4) Impoundment of water within the Allt Coire Ghlais at NGR NN 1120 2912 from March 2010. 5) Impoundment of water within the Allt Coire Chreachainn at NGR NN 1138 2988 from March 2010. 6) Impoundment of water within the Allt Mhoille at NGR NN1224 3099 from March 2010. "Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L1040448: The Registry, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB "A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) or by prior arrangement at the SEPA Lochgilphead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA, telephone 01546 602876. "Written representations received within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made there will be included in the register a statement indicating that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request."

Argyll & Bute Council PLANNING TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, at Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

Ref No: 09/00891/DET Applicant: Mr Mrs H Speed Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwelling house Site Address: Dungrinach Fionnphort Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA66 6BL Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Fionnphort Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00810/DET Applicant: Cieran Marine Proposal: Proposed shower/toilet block and new pontoon Site Address: Foreshore North West Of Marine Resource Barcalaine Argyll And Bute Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Ledaig Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00880/DET Applicant: Mr Alex Ross Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwelling house Site Address: Camus Beag Clachan Seil Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Balvair Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00924/DET Applicant: Scottish Association For Marine Science Proposal: Proposed demolition of hostel building and replacement with national facility for scientific diving (NFSD) Recreational facility building and extension to teaching block (extension to existing building) Site Address: Dunstaffnage Marine Research Laboratory Dunbeg Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1QA Location of Plans: Oban Area Office Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00936/DET Applicant: Peter And Dawn Husemann Proposal: Proposed alterations and extension Site Address: The Parsonage Bonawe Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1RG Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Ledaig Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00938/DET Applicant: Colin MacNeven Proposal: Proposed erection of dwellinghouse Site Address: Ardtonish Crannag A' Mhainistir Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4LU Location of Plans: Oban Area Office Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Ref No: 09/00868/DET Applicant: Mr And Mrs Knight Proposal: Proposed erection of dwelling house and associated shed Site Address: The Tower Klondyke Craignure Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA65 6AY Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Craignure Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996 The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned. Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS Ref No: 09/00868/DET Applicant: Mr And Mrs Knight Proposal: Proposed erection of dwelling house and associated shed Site Address: The Tower Klondyke Craignure Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA65 6AY Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Craignure A18 Local Plan Potential Departure from Policies RUR 1 and RUR 2 of the Mull Coll and Tiree Local Plan (21) Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site. The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be 'shredded' and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered. Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

Argyll & Bute Council NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT LOCAL PLAN TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL PLAN Argyll and Bute Council have decided to adopt the above named local plan on or after 6th August 2009 unless, before the plan has been adopted, the Scottish Ministers direct that the plan shall not be adopted until further notice or shall not have effect unless approved by them. Certified copies of the plan together with certified copies of the reports of all local inquiries held and of the Council's statements prepared following the consideration of such reports have been deposited at the Council's offices in Kilmory, Lochgilphead and at libraries in Oban, Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Dunoon and Rothays. The deposited documents are available for inspection free of charge Monday to Friday between 09.00 and 17.00 hours at Kilmory, and at the libraries during their normal opening hours. The plan is also available on the Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentpolicy/localplan/lpproposalofadraft/

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba FERGUS EWING MSP ADVICE SURGERIES FOR CONSTITUENTS IN JULY Friday 17th JULY 12:30 Till 1:30pm Community Centre, Glenkingie Street, CAOL 2:30pm Till 3:30pm Highland Council Service Point Lochaber House, High Street FORT WILLIAM No Appointment necessary. For Further Information Contact: Constituency Office, Highland Railhouse Station Square, Inverness IV1 1LE Telephone: 01463 713004 Email: Fergus.ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Drimnin Limousins sell to 225p per kilo at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 149 store, breeding and Over 30 Month cattle, plus 741 store hogs, breeding ewes, lambs and feeding ewes, at Oban last Tuesday.

Bullocks sold to 225p per kilo for two 218kg Limousins from Drimnin Estate, Arisaig, and to £1,020 for a 570kg Limousin from Mill Farmhouse, Benderloch.

Heifers sold to 220p per kilo for two 264kg Simmentals from Ardfeanaig, Mull and to £710 for a 395kg Charolais from Feall Farm, Isle of Coll.

Breeding cattle sold to £1,100 for a Limousin cross cow with calf at foot from Strongorm, Balvicar and to £1,000 for a Limousin cow and calf from Soroba. A Shetland cow with calf

at foot from from Carloonan, Inveraray sold to £920.

Over 30 Month cattle averaged 121.6p per kilo and sold to 136p per kilo twice for a 666kg from Tyree, Benderloch and a 502kg from Strongorm. A Limousin cross from Tyree, Benderloch also sold to £920.

Cross ewes with twin lambs at foot from 99 Upper Borve sold to £104 with Mule ewes with single lambs from Balindore selling to £88 and to £74 for Blackfaces with lamb at foot from the same home.

Cross hogs from Fiart, Lismore sold to £66 with Blackfaces from the same home to £56.

Suffolk ewes from Barcaldine Home Farm sold to £80, while Texels from Homestead, Ardfern fetched £70.



Lynne MacLean gives the Royal Highland Show Supreme Champion Blackcraig Kodiak a big hug while clinging tightly to her special rosette 17-427/bx22

'That's my boy!' says Lynne

11-year old girl from Barcaldine meets Her Majesty the Queen

ELEVEN-year old Lynne MacLean from Barcaldine was given a special rosette by Her Majesty the Queen last week during a visit by Queen Elizabeth to the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston.

Lynne, a pupil at Barcaldine Primary School, was at Scotland's premier agricultural event with her father Willie MacLean, Inverglenn, and their prize-winning Galloway bull Blackcraig Kodiak.

The MacLean family were celebrating after the outstanding black bull won the Galloway breed championship at the show; then went on to surprise his owners by being selected as the event's Supreme Champion, leading the Galloway team to the Beef Native Inter-breed championship, the overall Beef Inter-breed championship and the Beef Pairs championship, - being described by senior judge Pe-

ter Donger from Northants as 'simply the best Galloway I have ever seen.'

During Friday's Royal visit, Her Majesty the Queen presented Lynne with a special rosette to mark the occasion.

'She was very nice,' said Lynne.

'She asked us where we came from and when we told her she said that she knew exactly where that was and that it was a lovely part of the

country. She was really interested in the cattle and seemed to know what she was talking about.'

No novice in the busy cattle show rings, this was Lynne's third Royal Highland Show, and she helped her father get the award-winning six-year old bull ready for his many appearances as the events' top livestock exhibit.

Elated by their success but exhausted after an exciting and

eventful week, the father and daughter show team aimed to leave the national showground around 10 o'clock on the Sunday night for the long journey back to North Argyll.

'Will I have a day off school on Monday?' Lynne asked her father hopefully.

'No,' was the short and simple reply.

After a week in the national spotlight, it was quickly back to the old routine.

Herefords lead Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 60 store cattle and 34 Over 30 Month cattle at Dingwall last Wednesday when a mixed show on offer met a similar trade.

Bullocks averaged 159.2p and sold to 177.7p per kg for a pair of 242kg Hereford crosses from Spittal Mains, Watten, and £735 for a pair of 455kg Limousin crosses from Dalmagarry Farms, Tomatin.

Heifers averaged 162.5p and sold to 231.4p per kg for a pen of 242kg Shorthorns from Spittal Mains, and £800 twice for a 550kg Simmental cross from Fornightly Farm, Nairn, and a 550kg Limousin cross from 3 Balnaben, Conon Bridge.

Young bulls aver-

aged 144.4p and sold to 147.8p per kg for an Aberdeen Angus cross from Ardheslaig, Strathcarron, and £830 for a 570kg Charolais from Upper Delliefure, Grantown on Spey.

Over 30 Month prime and feeding cows averaged 110.4p and sold to 132.5p per kg for a 615kg Belgian Blue cross from Flowerburn Mains, Fortrose, and £1,055 for a 935kg Limousin from Killocoy, Muir of Ord.

OTM clean bullocks and heifers averaged 134.9p and sold to 142p per kg and £795 gross for a 560kg Belgian Blue cross from Castlecraig, Nigg.

Bulls sold to 85.6p per kg and £745 for an 870kg Aberdeen Angus from 1 Craig, Achnashellach.

Prime sale at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 77 prime cattle at Dingwall last Tuesday.

Prime bullocks averaged 174.9p (+1.0p) and sold to 185p per kg for a 570kg British Blonde cross from Findon Mains, Culbokie, to Fraser Brothers Butchers, Dingwall, and £1,280.20

for a 740kg Charolais cross from Docharty Farm, Dingwall.

Prime heifers averaged 175.4p (-0.5p) and sold to 183p per kg for a 555kg Limousin cross from Bridgend Farm, Dingwall, and £1,110.20 for a 610kg Charolais cross also from Bridgend Farm.

Store cattle trade continues to rise at Stirling sale

UNITED Auctions sold 368 store cattle at Stirling last Wednesday when trade for both bullocks and heifers rose slightly on the week.

Bullocks averaged 169.62p (+2.04p) and sold to 215.7p per kg for a 306kg British Blue cross from Craigside and £940 for 504kg Limousin cross from Ardgate.

Heifers averaged 167.7p (+0.05p) and

sold to 194.1p per kg for a 340kg Limousin cross from Craigside and £900 for a 517kg Simmental from Glencraigs.

Forward cattle averaged 153.62p and sold to 177.6p per kg and £1,115 for a Simmental cross from Kerelaw Mains.

Cast cows averaged 111.51p and sold to 147.7p and £1,235 for an Aberdeen Angus cross from Craigs.

Lamb prices ease at Stirling

UNITED Auctions sold 2152 prime sheep including 1458 lambs averaging 139.3p (-19p) and 694 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Texel lambs from Kinloch sold to a top of 157p per kilo.

Suffolk lambs from Tullygarth and Texel lambs from Easter Mye sold to £70 with Beltex from Corsehope to £61.50 and 150p per kilo while Charollais from Penston sold to £57 and 141p per kilo.

Mule lambs from St Mungoes fetched £55.50 and 135.5p per kilo.

Texel ewes from Easter Seat sold to £95 with Suffolks from Lawfield to £85 and Leicesters from Fleminghill £79. Muirpark sold Cheviots to £77 while Mules from Achavoulig made £76 and Dyke sold Blackface ewes to £58.

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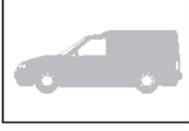
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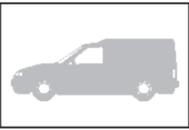


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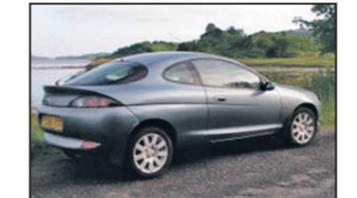


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loved mum, nana, sister and aunt. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

MORRISON - Peacefully, on July 4, 2009, at The Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, Bella, 28 McCaig Road, Oban, mother of Janet, mother-in-law of Tommy, granny of Alex and Neil and great-granny of Jodie. Will be sadly missed.

WIDDISON - Margaret, at Highland Hospice, Inverness on July 6, 2009, beloved wife of Trevor and mum to Brian and Fiona, dear daughter of the late Jack and Belle Shearer. Funeral at St John's Episcopal Church, Inverness at 1pm on July 13, 2009. Family flowers only please. Donations to Highland Hospice.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

HATTON - All the family of the late Bella Hatton would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy following their sad loss, also the staff of Eader Glinn and Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilhead for their care also Rev Bob Nelson for his touching service. Thanks to William McClymont for his handling of the funeral arrangements. Those who attended contributed £262 for Cancer Research UK.

McLAREN - Alasdair, Linda and Laura wish to extend their sincere thanks to everyone for their expressions of kindness and sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits received following the tragic death in Afghanistan of their beloved son and brother Robbie. Special thanks are extended to Reverend D.K. Prentice CF and Reverend Dr R.D.M. Campbell CF (V) for their support throughout and for the funeral service. The family also wish to thank all members of the Mull and Iona Community, the Armed Forces and the Police Force, for their overwhelming practical support. A final thank you to D and A Munn and all who attended the church and graveside, many of whom travelled from all corners of the British Isles. Donations for 'Help for Heroes' over £2,000 to date.

POTTER - Ted Potter, together with Bill and Sylvia, would like to thank our good friends who have given us their loving sympathy and support on the death of my dear wife, Anne, with whose companionship, love and fun, I have been blessed for over 63 years. We are also very grateful that we were able to spend our last few weeks together at home thanks to our Doctors, the staff of Macmillan Nurses, the Marie Curie Foundation and the Integrated Care Team. All these have our highest praise and gratitude.

REID - Following the sad loss of Alasdair, Ann would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for their support and expressions of sympathy, for the many telephone calls and cards received. I would like to thank Dr MacLennan, Dr Richard Wilson, District Nurses, I.C.T. Team and Ann, from Marie Curie for all their care of Alasdair. Sincere thanks also to Rev C Knott for service in Oban on Wednesday evening and Rev Bob Nelson for comforting service at St Kilda's Lochbuie on Thursday, also to Jim Corbett for special memories of Alasdair. Thank you to everyone who attended church services and those who attended at Balmuccia cemetery. Thank you to Jim, and patience for hospitality at Lochbuie House afterwards, and to Maggie and Catherine for the lovely food, and to Ian MacInnes at D and A Munn for sympathetic and efficient funeral arrangements. Retrial collections for Marie Curie Cancer amounted to £423.51.

INTERMENT OF ASHES
WILSON - The interment of Margaret Wilson's ashes, the late wife of Archie Stewart, Lismore will take place on Lismore at 12.30pm on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at the Parish Church Graveside. All welcome.

IN MEMORIAM
ANDERSON - Treasured memories of Captain Gilbert Anderson (Bertie), who passed away on July 11, 2006. Always in our thoughts.

- Inserted by his wife, Margaret, daughter, Kathleen and grand-daughter Tiernay.
ANDERSON - Fond memories of good times shared with my father, Captain Bertie Anderson, who passed away on July 11, 2006 at his home 7 West End, Port Charlotte, Islay. - Inserted by Cambi.
CAMPBELL - In loving memory of my dear mum, May, who passed away on July 6, 1998. I think of you in silence I often speak your name But all I have are memories And a picture in a frame. My heart still aches with sadness My secret tears still flow For what it meant to lose you mum No one will ever know. - Your loving daughter Kay, Lochgoilhead.

McLENNAN - Peacefully at home, on July 3rd 2009, in her 73rd year, Janet McLennan "Nettie", a much

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our dear gran, May who passed away on July 6, 1998. Memories of you are fondly kept

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You loving grandchildren.
- Duncan and Caroline.

COUCH - Marion, July 13, 2006. They say there is a reason They say that time will heal But neither time or reason Will change the way we feel

- Love Sarah.
DUNNETT - In loving memory of our dear parents, mum Isabella, who died on June 5, 2006, and dad Jim, who died on July 9, 1991. Forever in our thoughts.

- Moira, John and family in Hampshire and Carol and family in Surrey.
MACGILLIVRAY - In loving memory of our dear dad, Alister, died July 14, 1999 and our dear mum, Ena, died October 2, 1982. Time passes, memories stay In our thoughts every day.

- The family, Acharacle, Argyll.
MACKAY - In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother Annie, died July 6, 1998. Always in our thoughts.

- Donald, Ina, Anne, Peter, May and family, Canada.
MACKENZIE - In loving memory of John, a much loved husband, father and grandfather, who passed away on July 11, 2008. Greatly missed by all.

- Loving wife Ann, son Ewen, wife Anne and family.
MACKINNON - In loving memory of our dear parents, mother, Mary died July 11, 1995, father John, died October 4, 1975 our beloved brother Donald John, died July 6, 1994, also remembering our dear brothers-in-law Norman died August 30, 1995, Angus, died December 24, 2006.

Memory is a precious gift That keeps us ever near To those who live within our hearts
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- Mary, Christine, Charles and family.
MACLEAN - In loving memory of my dear beloved son and our brother, Ronnie, who died July 6, 1984. Deep in our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day.

- Inserted by Grace and family Tobermory and Orkney.
NICHOLSON - In loving memory of our dear mum and granny, Mary (May) who passed away on July 8, 2008. - From all the family.
RAMON - Treasured memories of a devoted wife, gran and great-gran, Dolina, who passed away July 10, 2008. If memories bring me close We are never far apart God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart. - Ian.

RAMON - Dolina, passed away July 10, 2008. Not a day goes by we don't think of you mum. Neenie, we miss you so much. - Lynda, Gordon, Louis and Mhairi

SMITH - Treasured memories of Morag, a dearly loved wife and mother, who died on July 14, 2007. No matter how our lives may change No matter what we do We'll never forget the precious years The ones we shared with you Loved and remembered every day.
- Jimmy, Violet and Theresa.

SPREADBURY - Treasured memories of Charles, beloved husband, father and grand-father, taken from us July 11, 1992. Forever in our hearts.

- Moira and family.
STEWART - Iain, July 12, 2002. Happy thoughts of times together Hold memories that last forever.

- Love Dunriona and family.
SUTHERLAND - In loving memory of William Birkmyre (Bill), who attended Oban High School in the late 1940's before joining the Royal Navy and subsequently pursuing a civilian career in engineering. Died in London on July 11, 2008, aged 73 years. Remembered every day by wife Peg, children Alistair, Iona and William, by grandchildren Beth, Cameron, Heather and Isabella in London, and by brother Ken in Edinburgh.

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John Calvin...the Argyll connection

The 500th birthday of the great reformer John Calvin, which falls on 10th July 2009, is being celebrated around the globe.

His influence in Scotland is considerable due to the work of John Knox.

Knox and the Protestant reformation owed much of its success to the patronage of the Campbells.

Archibald, 4th Earl of Argyll, having supported the Catholic, Mary of Guise, and commanded a body of Highlanders at the battle of Pinkie on 10th September 1547, suddenly and inexplicably embraced the Protestant faith and by 1557 had signed the Covenant against 'Popish abominations'. His son, the 5th Earl, joined the Lords of the Congregation, supported John Knox and with

Lord James Stewart, leader of the Protestant party, expelled French troops, signed the First Book of Discipline, and destroyed 'the remaining monuments of idolatry in the West.'

Thus the house of Argyll was conspicuous among the leaders of the Reformation, and had perhaps contributed more than any other family to the ultimate triumph of the Protestant religion in Scotland.

Calvin, love him or loathe him, was not a Calvinist.

He strongly disapproved of Knox's strong-arm tactics and the destruction of idols.

As Knox was arriving in Scotland in May 1559, Morel the leader of the French Protestant preachers in Geneva, expressed to Calvin his fear that Knox 'may fill Scotland with his

madness.' Yet, it can be argued, that Scottish education, with equality of opportunity for the children of laird and ploughman owes much to Knox.

Above all Calvin brought the Bible to the heart of the church's life, imbued the legal system with the idea of the 'godly magistrate', arguably gave rise to modernity, in particular modern capitalism and laid the ground of Scottish thrift and a prosperity oriented spirituality. In spite of appearances he was passionately committed to Christian unity and to freedom of conscience.

Were he here today he would doubtless bring the words of the Bible and the spirit of Jesus to bear upon deprivation and poverty on the one hand and to MP's expenses on the other.

Murdoch MacKenzie



Murdoch MacKenzie of Connel at the Reformers' Wall in Geneva. July 10th 2009 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.

BIRTHS

MACINNES - SHAW
Neil and Donna are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Finlay James on June 23, 2009 at The Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. A handsome brother for Isla Rose.

PAYNE - FORSYTH
Matthew and Alexandra are proud to announce the safe arrival of their son Ruaig Alan Forsyth Payne, born in Stockholm on July 1, 2009, a brother for Campbell and grandson for John and Edna Payne and Natalie Hervir and Alan Forsyth. Both families are delighted.

DEATHS

CUMMINGS - Peacefully, at home, in Perth, on Saturday, July 4, 2009, Catriona (Kate) McKinnon, aged 79 years, formerly Albert Street, Tobermory, dearly loved daughter of the late Duncan and Isabella McKinnon, beloved wife of James, devoted and dearly loved mum of Sylvia, Aileen, Stuart, Gordon, Shirley-Anne, Michelle and James, a proud and loving granny, a much loved sister of the late Duncan, Neil and Gavin and a dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Perth Crematorium, today, Thursday, July 9, at 11.30am. Any enquiries please contact James Carcary Funeral Directors, Perth. Tel 01738 633285

GRANT - Peacefully at home after a short illness, in his 69th year, Ewen John Grant, a civil engineer in the Highlands and Islands for 30 years, loving and beloved husband of Lillias. A private service took place at Inverness Crematorium. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses.

HAMILL - (Fort William). Peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on Sunday, July 5, 2009, Samuel, aged 64 years, son of Christina Hamill (née MacLean) and the late Samuel Hamill. Dearly loved husband of Eleanor, loving father of Scott and Ross. Funeral service at Duncansburgh/MacIntosh Church, Fort William, Saturday, July 11, service commencing at 12 noon, thereafter to Glen Nevis Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Donations if desired at the church for Ward 7C, Raigmore Hospital.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at Cowal Hospice after a short illness on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, Thomas Simon Macdonald, beloved husband to Margaret, a dearly loved father to Angus and Fiona, dear father-in-law of Mary and Eliot, a loving papa to Lorne, Nicola and Amy. Sadly missed by all family and friends. The Funeral Service took place on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at Kim Parish Church and thereafter to Greenock Crematorium.



Pictured are the hard-working stall holders with Rev Norman MacCallum at the end of another busy St John's Cathedral Bazaar in the Corran Halls. The annual bazaar, which was once held in the cathedral, raised £3,700 this year for church funds. The stalls on display included books, records, flowers, plants and a tombola. There were also children's events and a raffle. 07-4288a01

Oban Inner Wheel AGM

OBAN Inner Wheel held its AGM at the end of June when president Fiona Innes handed the chain of office over to Christine Allen, Taynuilt, for the coming year.

The executive members for next year include: secretary, Ann Urwin, Kilchrenan; treasurer, Christine Marlow, Taynuilt; overseas, Ivy Smart, Taynuilt; club correspondent, Sandra Owen, Oban and immediate past president, Fiona Innes, Oban.

The conveners are Judith Small, North Connel, Rosemary MacIntyre, Kilmore and Shona Neil, Taynuilt.

Following the meeting, Helen Jackson gave a DVD presentation of her recent trip to Borneo which was very interesting and colourful.

At the end of the month members will be joining other members from Helensburgh, Dunoon and Campbeltown in a friendship lunch in Oban.



The children of Duror Sunday School at their baking stall.

Duror Sunday School come to aid of Indian girl

CHILDREN at Duror Church of Scotland Sunday School raised £187 to support an Indian child they sponsor.

The school sponsors a boy named Tiket, through Action Aid, and every year come up with various fundraising ideas to collect at least £180 to support Tiket for the year.

As well as running a baking stall, the children made a money chain of coppers, donated by members of the community.

Duror Sunday School teacher Elsa Shepton said: 'The children did very well and had to work very quickly to make the chain because the midges were so bad.

'The chain was a symbolic event, showing Tiket out united love for her. Thank you to everyone who gave generously.'

Eye to Eye with John Wallace

Ostrich Syndrome (part II)
LAST month I wrote about patients who chose to ignore warning signs and medical advice and, as a result, suffered severe vision loss.

This month's topic is another regular event in my practice.

Last week an elderly, well travelled, gentleman consulted me. His wife had nagged him into coming along for an eye examination. He proudly told me his last eye examination had been 25 years ago in Singapore and his spectacles purchased then were still working well!

Thankfully, his eyes were healthy.

His spectacles were rather dilapidated, the frame was held together with sticking plaster and the lenses were so badly scratched it was barely possible to see through them.

I tried to explain that as well as prescribing spectacles and contact lenses, optometrists also check the health of our patients' eyes.

Many eye diseases and also normal age related changes are so gradual patients frequently fail to realise their vision is deteriorating. The vast majority of these problems can be dealt with successfully if we can examine you at an early stage in their development.

Since 2006 the Scottish government has invested heavily in every optometric practice in Scotland. Each practice providing NHS eye examinations is now equipped with instrumentation that enables in-depth examination of the health of your eyes.

Everyone resident in Scotland is entitled to a regular NHS eye examination.

Anyone aged 60 and over is entitled to an annual NHS eye examination.

The thinking behind these changes is that early detection means early, usually less expensive, treatment can be offered before a



small problem becomes a big problem causing major vision loss.

With us all living longer it is incumbent on us all to maximise our healthy clear vision.

Don't give preventable vision loss the chance to develop and spoil life.

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Obituary

Lindesay Henry Robertson
24 August, 1927
- 23 June, 2009
Minister, Engineer, Community Development Worker



LINDESAY Robertson was born in New Zealand on 24th August, 1927. The family returned to Bragleenmore, Kilniver, in 1930.

After joining the army in 1945, Lindesay gained a Cambridge engineering degree and an athletic Blue. In 1952 a serious climbing accident in which an ankle was shattered ended his mountaineering and his army career.

In 1954 he married Kate Cameron, a young doctor who had looked after him. After study for the ministry in Glasgow, he joined the Iona Community. In 1959 Lindesay and Kate went to Nyasaland (now Malawi), with their daughters, Fiona and Catherine. Based at Mulanje Mission, Lindesay visited villages by bicycle, preached in Nyanja, helped to set up village cooperatives and improve water supplies.

After eight years Lindesay decided to work with the Malawi Government, bringing piped water to villages from mountains such as Zomba and Mulanje. He inspired villagers to dig trenches for water pipes and ensured that Malawians were trained to carry on the work. After 18 years about two million Malawians had access to piped water. Lindesay's work was admired by governments and aid organisations and has been copied in many parts of the world.

In 1986, Lindesay and Kate returned to Bragleenmore. He became involved in his local Church at Kilniver and in the community. Water Aid enlisted him to do similar work in Ghana, much of which he did in the UK with occasional visits to Ghana. Again he made sure that Ghanaians were trained to continue the work. His work was recognised with the award of the MBE in 1971 and the President's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Contribution to Water Aid in 2002.

After several years of declining health, Lindesay died peacefully on 23rd June, 2009. He is survived by Kate and their daughters, Fiona and Catherine. A modest man, he did good by self discipline, hard work, inspiring leadership and love of God and neighbour. This was one life that brought benefit literally to millions!

Stanley Hood

Shinty results

Shinty

MacPhee & Partners Macaulay Cup 1st Round
Inveraray 3 Kyles Athletic 2 after extra time

MacPhee & Partners Macaulay Cup 2nd Round
Fort William 1 Lochaber 2
Kingussie 4 Glenurquhart 1
Glenorchy 2 Oban Caman 5
Graham Cameron

Bullough Cup ¼ Final
Kyles 4 Inveraray 2

Scottish Hydro Premier Division
Bute 3 Newtonmore 4

Marine Harvest North Division 1
Beauly 3 Caberfeidh 5
Kinlochshiel 1 Lovat 3
Skye 0 Kilmallie 4
Strathglass 4 Lochcarron 0

Marine Harvest South Division 1
Ballachulish 1 GMA 2
Kilmory 3 Lochside Rov 2
Tayforth 4 Oban Celtic 1

Marine Harvest North Division 2
Caberfeidh 3 Kinlochshiel 2
Ft William 6 Newtonmore 0
Kingussie 5 Kilmallie 0
Lovat 5 Skye 4

Marine Harvest South Division 2
Ballachulish 0 Col Glen 3
Bute P Glenorchy P
Strachur 6 GMA 2
Taynuilt 9 Aberdour 0

Marine Harvest North Division 3
Ardnam/chanP LochcarronP
Beauly 2 Inverness 1
Lochaber 3 Aberdeen Uni 7
Strathglass 3 Lochbroom 4

Six sent off at An Aird cup tie Lochaber knock Fort William out of Macaulay Cup

ALL THE shinty headlines this week are aimed towards the Macaulay Cup second round tie at An Aird, Fort William where six players were red-carded in derby game between near rivals Fort William and Lochaber.

The cup tie, while competitive and played with the passion you would expect of a derby match, was not the 'battle' that many avenues of the national media would have us believe. Officials from both clubs remain adamant that the referee's strict interpretation of the rule book resulted in the six sendings-off, and did not reflect a violent aspect to the game.

Events took much of the shine off what was a tremendous cup victory for Lochaber who knocked out one of the pre-season favourites to reach this year's final.

Andy MacDonald opened the scoring for Lochaber

Shinty
MacPhee and Partners Macaulay Cup 2nd Round
Fort William 1
Lochaber 2

with Fort William's Bryan Simpson maintaining his run of good scoring form to net the equaliser before the interval.

Then came the first of the double dismissals. Lochaber's Ben Delaney was caught by Fort defender Paul Bamber and as the young Lochaber player squared-up to his much taller opponent, Chris Bamber waded into the fray.

Referee Colin MacDonald set off both Delaney and Chris Bamber but elected to take no action over the original incident that sparked the confrontation.

Next to go was the duo of Fort William's John MacDonald and Lochaber's

Hughie Innes. Innes was caught late by MacDonald and remonstrated against the tackle. Again referee Colin MacDonald surprised both sets of supporters by showing straight red cards to each player.

Fort player Duncan Rodgers was next to take the long walk as the referee added a fifth straight red card to his notebook.

Lochaber then drew the crowd's attention sharply back onto the game in-hand with a second goal when Martin Johnston scored - but goalscorer Johnston then became player number six to suffer the wrath of the referee and he too walked.

With each of the six red-carded players expected to receive two-match bans, this Saturday, the depleted sides meet each other again, this time in the Premier division, when referee Ronnie Campbell gets the league tie underway at 12 noon.



Fort William's Bryan Simpson, centre, takes a tumble between Lochaber's James MacRae and Ben Delaney

Griffen goal takes 'Aray through after extra time

INVERARAY defeated Kyles Athletic in extra time in the belated first round tie of the Macaulay Cup at tgh Winterin on Saturday.

Conditions were perfect for shinty, with a light breeze helping to help cool the players in the stuffy heat.

'Aray' started the brighter and took only two minutes to open the scoring, Grant Griffin slotting home from close range after being smartly found by a MacPherson free-hit.

This seemed to awaken the visitors who moved swiftly up the park to test the home defence, the pressure taking its toll only a couple of minutes later when Duncan Kerr turned his marker and drilled a shot in to the corner of the net.

Shinty
MacPhee and Partners Macaulay Cup 1st Round
Inveraray 3
Kyles Athletic 2 after extra time

At 1-1 the game swung end to end with the home side gradually edging it, only Kenny MacDonald in the Kyles' goal putting stop to their efforts.

This was the story of the opening encounters to the second half - MacDonald continuing to frustrate 'Aray' while Kyles caused problems with their pace and long hitting from the back.

On the hour mark the game again swung in 'Aray's favour when Chris Crawford flicked the ball over his marker and

finished strongly.

But their lead only lasted five minutes, Kyles' Robbie MacLeod finishing after MacKenzie in goal had palmed a shot on to the crossbar.

Extra time was called for after Kyles keeper MacDonald continued an inspired display in goal and near the end of the first period of added time, Grant Griffin grabbing his second of the day after a penalty box scramble.

Despite Kyles' late surges 'Aray' managed to hold on and will now meet Bute in the quarter-finals of the cup competition this Saturday at the Winterin.

Kyles play Newtonmore at Tighnabruach in the Premier league.

Oban Camanachd net five at Glenorchy

OBAN Camanachd march on in the Macaulay Cup with a convincing 2-5 over Glenorchy at Dalmally.

Aiden MacIntyre forced an excellent save from Glenorchy keeper Graeme MacKechnie in the seventh minute but the keeper could do little two minutes later when his defence failed to clear and Ian MacMillan fired the opener into the net from 18 yards.

Six minutes later, Oban were awarded a 'soft' penalty when MacKechnie got down to block a Scott MacMillan shot. The rebound bounced out to Ian MacMillan who fired the ball against the still-grounded MacKechnie and referee Cameron awarded a penalty against the keeper. Once the controversy had died down, which included the goal judge resigning in protest, Scott MacMillan lashed the ball home.

If the second goal was very fortunate - Camanachd's third after 28 minutes was an excellent effort - Andrew MacCuish finding the top corner of the Glenorchy net from wide on the left flank.

Ten minutes off the



interval there was another controversial decision when Glenorchy were awarded a goal which appeared to come direct from a free-hit. A lofted free-hit into the goal area bounced through to Oban keeper Gavin

Stobart who stepped out of the way and allowed the ball to go into the net - however, Keiran MacKay claimed the slightest of touches, and referee Cameron agreed.

But five minutes off the half-time whistle Camanachd

Shinty
MacPhee and Partners Macaulay Cup 2nd Round
Glenorchy 2
Oban Camanachd 5

restored their three-goal lead when Scott MacMillan sent the ball looping into the net from the left.

MacKechnie made another good save to deny Craig MacMillan within five minutes of the second-half starting but Glenorchy enjoyed their best spell of the game over the next 20 minutes until Oban substitute David Devine finished the best move of the match with a back-hand shot that was virtually his first touch.

Game over? Far from it! In the final five minutes came another 'soft' penalty, this time for Glenorchy, with Grant MacPherson maintaining his composure to score from the spot.

This Saturday evening, the same teams meet again - this time at Mossfield Stadium in the Premier league, with referee Ted MacDonald given the task of a 6pm start.



Oban Camanachd's U 17s celebrate winning the MacQuiston Cup for a third year

MacQuiston three-in-a-row for Camanachd

OBAN Camanachd's Under 17's won the South area MacQuiston Cup for a third consecutive year when they defeated a Strachur and District team 5-0 at Old Anniesland, Glasgow.

A hat-trick from Lewis Cameron and a double from Ruairidh Walton capped a tremendous performance from the team who now go forward to represent the South against the winners of the North area MacTavish Juvenile Cup, Lochaber Camanachd, for the national London Shield trophy.

Shinty fixtures

Shinty

Fixtures July 11

MacPhee & Partners Macaulay Cup

2nd Round

Inveraray v Bute

David Mitchell

Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup

Semi Final

Fort William v Glenurquhart

Graham Irving

Lovat v Kyles Athletic

Ron Kennedy

Scottish Hydro Premier Division

Kingussie v Glenurquhart

Calum Duff

Fort William v Lochaber

Ronnie Campbell 12 noon

Kyles v Newtonmore

Graham Cameron

Oban Caman v Glenorchy

Ted McDonald 6pm

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Caberfeidh v Lochcarron

John MacLeod

Skye v Lovat

Donald MacRae

Strathglass v Inverness

Jock Matheson

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Ballachulish v Tayforth

Colin MacDonald

Kilmory v Inveraray

Billy Wotherspoon

Oban Celtic v Lochside Rov

Robert Baxter Jnr

Marine Harvest North Division 2

Kingussie v Caberfeidh

Euan Pearson 12noon

Skye v Newtonmore

Innes Wood 12noon

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Ballachulish v Aberdour

Dougie Cameron 12noon

Bute v Glenorchy

George O'Rourke

Col Glen v Strachur

Ted McDonald

GMA v Taynuilt

Duncan Kerr

Marine Harvest North Division 3

Boleskine v Aberdeen Uni

Roddie MacLennan

Lochcarron v Lochbroom

John Sloggie

Strathglass v Kincairg

Neil Ferguson

Kilmory win

Shinty

South Division One

Kilmory 3 Lochside 2

Tayforth 4 Oban Celtic 1

A HATRICK from Steven Gilmor took Kilmory to a 3-2 win over Lochside Rovers at Lochgilphead, while a hat-trick from Stuart Ferrier helped Tayforth to a 4-1 home win over Oban Celtic. Ballachulish went down 2-1 at home to Glasgow Mid Argyll.

In South Division Two, Willie Nielson scored four times for Taynuilt as they thrashed Aberdour 9-0 to stay top of the table.

Spot the SHINTY BALL Competition

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We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

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Easy to enter

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This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:
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Racers brave all elements

ROUND Mull sailors experienced all weathers over last weekend ranging from windless calms, torrential rain, thunder and lightning, brilliant sunshine and strong winds.

However the challenging conditions did not dampen spirits with an excellent event enjoyed by 41 boats.

Mastering the variety of weather with great consistency saw Bill Carlow's Swan 48 Matata take the Class 1 win from Graham Anderson of Oban with his Hanse 371 Lucky Ned Pepper.

Class 2 was won overall by Peter Watt's Vaia from Glencoe with Brian Wiseman's Sorr of Appin second and Billy Forteith's Shadowfax third.

Mathew Simm's Everitt North 26 Odin from North Shields with Oban's Andy Thwaites steering and providing the local knowledge took Class 3

Sailing
overall.

The Restricted sail class honours went to Perthshire sailor Neil McDonald's Grand Soleil 39 Calisa.

A light wind start from Oban Bay on Friday saw competitors working hard to find zephyrs and keep boats moving towards Lismore Light and up the Sound of Mull.

The light start to the circumnavigation was in sharp contrast to Saturday's leg from Tobermory to Bunessan when the wind built throughout the day to top 30 knots near the finish giving exciting racing throughout the fleet.

Matata stormed through to take the first in Class 1 adding to his first of the day before and lift the Bunessan Hall Trophy for the best corrected time from Tobermory.

Portree sailor John Mackenzie and his team on

Stoirm Mhor took Class 2 and Matthew Simm's North 26, Odin Class again lifting Class 3.

The restricted sail Class 4 was won by Tobermory based Andrew Scott with Sequoia.

Sunday's race from Bunessan to Oban started with an early excellent south-easterly breeze that finally shut off just on the shortened course finish off Frank Lockwood's Island. Some boats sat for nearly an hour with sails flapping in the windless conditions within yards of the finish line. Lucky Ned Pepper won Class 1 with Sorr of Appin taking Class 2 and Marian Austin's Scintilla of the Sea Class 3. The restricted sail was won again by Calisa.

The event was not without drama with Richard Scott skipper of Jacobus receiving



At times, perfect sailing conditions greeted this year's Round Mull Race competitors.

a head injury on Saturday after the start. However after returning to Tobermory and receiving medical attention he was released later that day.

Phil Preston paid tribute

to the Bunessan community thanking them for providing the ceilidh and buffet for the event on Saturday night. In the same week as saying farewell to Robbie McLaren lost in Afghanistan, the

community rallied to host the ceilidh which was hugely appreciated by the fleet. He also thanked event supporters Forteith Food Service who provided a buffet in Oban Sailing Club preceding the

race and once again sailcloth suppliers Dimension Polyant who supplied shirts for competitors. North West Marine also provided the main committee vessel for the event once again.

Oban Football Festival

Football
ARGYLL and Bute Council in partnership with the Scottish Football Association will hold its Summer Football Festival at Oban High School from August 10-14.

The cost of the five day festival is only £45 and application forms can be had from Oban Saints Football Club or Argyll and Bute Library HQ, Highland Avenue, Sandbank, Dunoon.

Each player will receive coaching from qualified SFA coaches, a t-shirt on arrival and a certificate at the end of the festival.

Calling all swimmers

Swimming
SWIMMERS are being urged to take part in the annual fundraising Kerrera Swim on July 18.

For the past six years, staff at Atlantis Leisure have organised the swim from Kerrera to Oban Sailing Club, raising thousands of pounds for local charities.

The charities to benefit this year will be The Atlantis Leisure Playpark Fund, Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease and Argyll Riding for the Disabled.

Anyone wishing to take part can register at Atlantis Leisure.

Oban winners

Bowls
OBAN ladies are into the final round of the Argyll and Bute Competition after a good win against Upper Cowal.

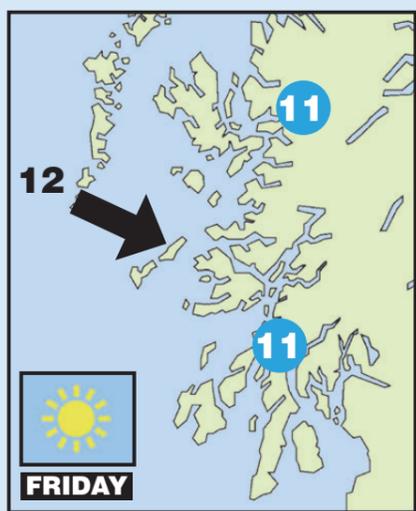
Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, July 9, 2009 are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

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Fri	01.34 1.3 07.23 3.6 13.44 1.1 19.43 3.8	
Sat	02.09 1.3 07.53 3.5 14.13 1.2 20.15 3.7	
Sun	02.41 1.3 08.21 3.4 14.39 1.3 20.46 3.6	
Mon	03.11 1.4 08.51 3.3 15.09 1.4 21.19 3.5	
Tues	03.45 1.5 09.27 3.2 15.47 1.5 21.59 3.4	
Wed	04.30 1.6 10.11 3.1 16.37 1.6 22.50 3.2	

Ardrihaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

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the weather

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Thursday

Expect light rain with a clear sky at night. Winds light to moderate and north-westerly in direction. Temperatures 11°C to 17°C

Friday

A sunny day with clear sky at night. Winds light west/north-westerly. Temperatures 8°C to 14°C.

Weekend Outlook

Outlook is good with sunny weather throughout but expect cloudy intervals. Winds light and easterly. Temperatures 10°C to 19°C.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Oban to Barra/South Uist - Calm
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

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Oban shooter gets first Scotland call-up

A SOLID performance in senior and junior classes at the Scottish Championships at the weekend has seen Oban Down the Line shooter Craig McFadyen receive his first international call-up.

The 18-year-old has only been shooting competitively for the past two years but finished second in both Class B and in the junior event at the Central Scotland Shooting School in Falkirk - good enough to qualify for the Scotland under-21 team. His performance in Class B was so impressive that he only finished second after a shoot-off with another competitor.

Shooting



Craig McFadyen

Craig had been leading the competition until the final few shots, meaning that he entered a sudden-death decider.

Craig, who is going to study primary school teaching at Glasgow University this year, said: 'I will be delighted to receive my first cap at the Home Internationals and British Championships in Powys, Wales, in two weeks.'

'My aim at the start of the season was to get into the under-21 team, so I am pleased to have achieved that.'

'I would like to thank Lorn Gun Club, of which I am a member, for their continued support.'

Craig will be one of two new caps on the five-man under-21 team.

Tennis championship goes to the form book

THERE were to be no shocks at this year's West Highland Tennis Championships at Atlantis Leisure with the top seeds winning the Gents and Ladies championship events.

In the Gents Singles, Scottish number seven Jordan Gray did not drop a set on his way to the final where he beat Alex Halsey 6-2, 6-1.

It was a tighter affair in the final of the Ladies Singles where Scottish number four Kirsty McRae defeated

Tennis

defending champion Jan Oliphant in a three set battle 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Argyll

Argyll players also competed in the championship events in a bid to test themselves against high quality opposition from both the UK and USA and the Oban pairing of Graeme McLean and Denise Gemmell had a fantastic run to the Mixed Doubles final where they lost to the

impressive brother and sister pairing of Calum and Kirsty Mcrae.

The local events held in the run-up to the championships weekend attracted more players than ever before and provided an enjoyable mix of competitive and sociable tennis for local competitors.

The tournament committee would like to thank Atlantis Leisure, the many local businesses and Argyll and Bute Council for their continued support of the Championships.

All systems go for Keyline Cup on Saturday

THE 16th annual Keyline Cup Tournament organised by Oban Saints Football Club and sponsored by Keyline Builders Merchants will take place at Mossfield Stadium and Glencruitten Park, Oban, this Saturday kicking off at 11 am.

Taking part are Scottish Premier League teams Heart of Midlothian, Dundee United, Hamilton Accies and newly promoted St Johnstone. Representing the Scottish Second Division will be Alloa Athletic along with amateur hosts Oban Saints.

Dundee United, last year's winners, will again be taking their full first team squad to the competition as will Alloa Athletic. Hamilton Accies will also be taking a strong squad and both Hearts and St Johnstone will be taking a mixture of youth and

experienced players. Dundee United manager Craig Levein said: 'The Keyline tournament is a great competition. The boys play 150 minutes of football which is ideal for their fitness levels and of course much needed match practice before the season starts.'

Tournament organiser David Buchanan said all the arrangements were now complete and that the Saints players were looking forward to taking on their professional counterparts in what has become one of the best tournaments of its kind in the country.

David also said he was going to ask Craig Levein if he would present the Under 13 and Under 14 squads with their trophies and medals following their success in the Dumbarton Development League last season

Football

Pitch	Time	Match	Score
Pitch 1	1100	Oban Saints v St Johnstone	
Pitch 2	1100	Hearts v Hamilton Accies	
Pitch 1	1140	Alloa Athletic v Dundee United	
Pitch 2	1140	Oban Saints v Hearts	
Pitch 1	1220	Hamilton Accies v Alloa Athletic	
Pitch 2	1220	Dundee United v St Johnstone	
Pitch 1	1300	Hamilton Accies v Oban Saints	
Pitch 2	1300	St Johnstone v Alloa Athletic	
Pitch 1	1340	Dundee United v Hearts	
Pitch 2	1340	Hamilton Accies v St Johnstone	
Pitch 1	1420	Alloa Athletic v Hearts	
Pitch 2	1420	Oban Saints v Dundee United	
Pitch 1	1500	Hearts v St Johnstone	
Pitch 2	1500	Alloa Athletic v Oban Saints	
Pitch 1	1540	Dundee United v Hamilton Accies	



John makes up for lost time

Connell road racer John McPhee had one of his more challenging weekends on the race track in the Knockhill round of the Relentless British GP 125 Championship at the weekend. After breaking down in practice John only had one qualifying session, which resulted in a 25th grid position. However the youngster, who turns 15 on Tuesday, regrouped to overtake much of the field and finish 17th.

Tommy is toast of Argyll

Golf

ROTHESAY'S Tommy Kilpatrick won the Argyll and Bute Handicap Championship, one of the county's main events, ahead of former Rothesay club champion Gordon McClean.

Tommy's scored 76 less 13 for a nett 63 at the competition last weekend.

The scratch prize was won by Rothesay's Jim O'Donnell.

The previous weekend Taynuilt used home advantage to take the Inter-club Team Trophy.

Led by Craig Stanners, who carded a gross 65, Taynuilt beat runners-up Cowal by three shots.

Low scoring at Glencruitten

ON A day of low scoring at the George Smith Trophy second round and monthly medal at Glencruitten Golf Club on Saturday, Dale Robertson led the way with a 61-4=57.

Alan McKie was runner-up with 59-1=58 and John Plunkett was third, scoring 66-7=59.

Ingram lifts Shell Cup at Tobermory

Golf

MARGARET Ingram won the recent Tobermory Golf Club ladies section Shell Cup. By winning the stableford competition she reduced her handicap by one.