

# The Oban Times

## & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

Established 1861 No 8062

Thursday 29 September, 2011

www.obantimes.co.uk

77 pence



**FREE INSIDE Part 3**  
of our fascinating trip down  
memory lane celebrating 150  
YEARS of THE OBAN TIMES

**WIN £100 CASH**  
Complete our Readership  
Survey inside or online at  
www.obantimes.co.uk/survey



**ALSO INSIDE: WIN CaIMac tickets** | For all the latest news, video and photos and photos log on to www.obantimes.co.uk

### Town by-election due in November

THE by-election for the Oban North and Lorn Ward will be held on November 3, following the death of Councillor Donald MacDonald.

Nomination forms are available from the Election Office at the council offices in Kilmory until October 12, with completed papers due to be returned by 4pm that day.

They can also be downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections, and can be obtained, but not lodged, from the Municipal Building, Albany Street, Oban.

### Local court and fiscal praised

OBAN Police Chief Inspector Brian Auld has praised the work of the courts in helping to convict drug dealers, as part of the town's Operation Independence.

Speaking at Oban Community Council on Monday Chief Inspector Auld, who oversaw the operation, said the work of procurator fiscal David Glancy in preparing the cases against the accused dealers was 'significant'. He added: 'The six principle targets of the operation have appeared before the court. The sheriff's sentencing reflects the impact the offending behaviour has on the community.'

### Oban youngster picked for Scotland

Young Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre has become the first member of the town's Glencairn Golf Club to be called up to play for Scotland. See Page 3

### Police team to target stolen fuel

ARGYLL'S traffic police have begun a pro-active campaign aimed at catching criminals in the act of moving drugs, stolen diesel and scrap metal.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld said the force had put together a team drawing on specialist road traffic officers, community officers and drug dogs for spot checks. See Page 4



Stone skimmer Fiona Macaulay takes aim. Picture - Kevin McGlynn

## International competition at annual stone skimming championships

A SPECIAL contingent of stone skimmers from the Netherlands helped brighten up this year's rain-soaked World Stone Skimming Championships.

The event celebrated the 15th anniversary of its rebirth on Sunday by welcoming 323 'tossers' from 11 different countries, each vying to become world champion of the growing sport at Easdale's disused slate quarry.

Proving beyond all doubt that skimming stones takes more than just luck was Scotland's very own Dougie Isaacs, who clinched his fourth title in six years and his second in two by winning in a dramatic 'three stone toss off'.

Master of ceremonies, Donald Melville, was delighted at the

turnout and the entries from abroad - particularly the Oranje skimmers.

Donald said: 'It was a great turnout considering the weather and because of that the day went really well.'

'The standard was high again and three people hit the back wall, resulting in a three stone toss off which Dougie Isaacs won.'

'There's definitely a skill to it - but the guys probably don't know what it is! It might be spin or angle, but it doesn't seem to be youth or strength.'

'We had people from 11 countries in total this year, including the home nations. Among the entrants from New Zealand, Australia, Canada and America

we had our first entrant from

Lithuania. We also had two teams of four from Holland who came across specially for the championships - the newly formed Royal Dutch Stone Skimming Association.

'They just completely got what the event was about and the craic was brilliant.'

'They're now consulting on whether or not to set up a Dutch tournament, which would be great.'

Donald thanked everyone who helped make the event a success, from the organisers to the Hollow Mountain String Band who provided music and the competitors who make the event what it is.

Plans for 2012's event will start to take shape later in the year.

## Jobs fears for Argyll

'... public expenditure cuts will inevitably create more job losses in Oban and elsewhere in Argyll and Bute.'

NEW figures have revealed that Argyll and Bute's jobs market is the worst performing in the Highlands and Islands, with unemployment leaping in the last year.

And the analysts behind the report have warned of tougher times to come, with more public sector budget cuts due to take hold in the coming year.

The warning comes as part of Highlands and Islands Enterprise's economic statement for September. It shows that 1,831 people in Argyll and Bute claimed unemployment benefit in July, an increase of 178, or 10.7 per cent on the corresponding month last year.

That puts the county's overall unemployment rate at 3.3 per cent - the highest unemployment figure for the Highlands and Islands and higher than the six-county average of 2.8 per cent.

Meanwhile, unemployment in Oban as a travel to work area increased by 14.3 per cent to 238 people.

The author of the report, Tony Mackay of Mackay consultants, believes worse is yet to come.

'The unemployment level in the Oban area, and the rest of Argyll, is above the average in the Highlands and Islands but

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by STEVEN FLANAGAN sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk



Tony Mackay of Mackay consultants

still significantly below the Scottish average, which is currently 4.3 per cent,' he said.

'The recent increase in unemployment is disappointing but that has been happening throughout the country.'

'I am not optimistic about the next few months, however, because the public expenditure cuts will inevitably create more job losses in Oban and elsewhere in Argyll and Bute.'

'The UK Coalition Government is hoping the private sector will create more new jobs than will be lost in the public sector but I do not see that happening

locally. The main tourist season is coming to an end and that inevitably will result in higher unemployment. There are a few expansion possibilities, for example at Dunstaffnage, but I do not believe they will be able to compensate for the public sector cuts.'

The warning comes as councils across Scotland continue to digest last week's budget announcement by finance secretary, John Swinney.

The budget proposed to continue the council tax freeze, but many authorities had called for the deal allowing that to be abolished to protect jobs and services.

There was, however, some good news for Argyll and Bute in the report. West Coast Motors and Scottish Citylink invested in new buses to run between Campbeltown-Oban-Glasgow, while Lochgilphead based fish-breeding firm, Landcatch, announced it had tripled its profits to £940,000, increasing turnover by £100,000 to £4.1million.

Elsewhere, 115 more people claimed unemployment benefit in the Highland Council area, but the number of people signing on in the Western Isles dropped by five, a decrease of 1.1 per cent.

## Warning - parking chaos ahead

AN OBAN councillor fears parking chaos in Oban town centre, as the last remaining traffic warden prepares to take up a civilian role at Oban Police Station.

As of April next year, the police will officially take on responsibility for parking offences in on-street parking spaces, while Argyll and Bute Council will be responsible for policing designated car parks.

However, councillor Roddy McCuish fears a free-for-all for drivers in the intervening period.

He said: 'My concern is what is happening between now and April. The parking situation in Oban is chaos and I'm also concerned about

a loss of revenue through parking meters.' Improvements to parking was high on people's agenda in a recent survey carried out by economic and social development firm, Ekos, as part of the CHORD programme.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld explained his officers would be on the lookout for any parking violations but admitted he did not have the resources to allocate a specific officer to the role. He said: 'The councillors had been made aware this was happening but I think it has been made real now. Parking matters that are criminal will be dealt with by the police officers against competing demands on their time. The big test for us will be next summer.'

## Islay fears return to single track roadway

Council 'option' after botched job leaves island road unsafe

ISLANDERS fear one of Islay's most crucial stretches of road may be downgraded following a botched engineering job.

The 800-metre section of the A846, near Laphroaig Distillery, is the route for lorries serving Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardbeg distilleries and is also used by thousands of tourists visiting the distilleries and sites further down the road.

However, 10 years ago, worked carried out by a sub-contractor of West of Scotland Water bore down into the road, against Argyll and Bute Council advice, in order to install equipment.

The resulting deterioration of the road has made it 'unsafe', according to islanders, and a subsequent resurfacing job failed to alleviate the problem.

Now Argyll and Bute Council has put forward four options for addressing the problem, including a single track road with passing places - an option, the council has been told, is not popular with residents.

Islay Community Council secretary Hamish Campbell said: 'We had a consultation exercise in July, with four days notice, at which everyone said the same thing: we need to keep the two lanes on that road. My concern is that the council has not agreed in principle to that. If there was a commitment to doing that, they would have said.'

The council said it was considering the best option for the road and would hold another public meeting this autumn.

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'Scottish Water is in discussion with Argyll and Bute Council regarding the condition of a stretch of the A846 on Islay and any possible work required on it.'

### Missing child

AN 18-year-old has been charged with harbouring a missing child, under the Children's Act 1995, following an incident in Oban at lam on Sunday, September 25.

## Tiree's elderly celebrate

OLDER people in Tiree are celebrating after the Tiree Resource Club received a £72,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The money will go towards the cost of a much-needed mini-bus, which will help the island's elderly population get around and, more particularly, to resource club meetings and social activities.

In addition, the project will recruit an outreach worker to co-ordinate the transport, provide support for carers and provide a vital link between the vulnerable members of the community and the health care team on the island.

One of the families set to really benefit from this funding are Carol Ann MacArthur, 56, and her mum Ina McLeish, 76. Ina has Alzheimer's and is unable to be left alone. Carol Ann said: 'In the last three

years, mum's mental state has quickly deteriorated. But she is still very fit and wants to go out to the shops and to socialise.'

'My sister Doreen and I just can't do it all ourselves. This funding means that we'll both be confident in the care mum is getting along with a change of scenery and it will be a respite for ourselves.'

Local district nurse, Kate MacCallum, who chairs the resource club and is the driving force behind it, said: 'This award will enable us to develop and deliver a service which will support people who for very good reasons struggle with day to day living.'

'Now, with the purchase of a mini-bus with disabled access, people who could not access community events, the doctors surgery and the shops will be able to do so.'

## Barra group claims 'politics over science' in environment decisions

BARRA campaign group, SHAMED, has cast further doubt on the process that saw Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) nominate waters off the island for environmental designations.

Ahead of next week's consultation meetings at Barra's Castlebay Hall on Monday and South Uist's Eriskay Hall on Tuesday, the chairman of the group, Angus MacLeod, said everything points to politics over science.

He said: 'SNH are very plausible when they say that the UK was asked by the EU to find more 'sites' for common seals - until you learn that since that call went out in 2004, the only site in the whole of the UK being put forward is the Sound of Barra. It is the same for sandbanks and reefs.'

'Pressure has been brought to bear on the Scottish Govern-

ment to designate the Sound of Barra because SNH made a serious error in September 2000 when it notified the first pSAC in the Sound for common seals.'

He believes the only reason SNH and the Scottish Government are proceeding with the unpopular designations is because there is no mechanism to remove the 'proposed' status.

He said: 'Our local councillor, Donald Manford, has not shirked in his duty as our local councillor to demand one. It is to be hoped that our parliamentary representatives will see the justice in adding their voices to his.'

**We have it covered!**

**Matheson's Furnishings**

**Carpets Vinyls Rugs Tiles Woods Laminates**

All fitted by our own specialist installation team

Tweedmill, Soroba Road, Oban. Tel: 01631 565195

**The Queens Hotel**

**4 STAR DINING - 1ST CLASS SERVICE**

Fabulous, Fresh, Local Cuisine at The Queens Hotel this Christmas and New Year.

**FESTIVE LUNCHEAS & FESTIVE DINNERS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER**

**FESTIVE PARTY NIGHTS** Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December

**HOGMANAY GALA DINNER**

Menus & prices are available on request. Special accommodation rates available for party goers. To make your booking please contact The Queens Hotel.

Corran Esplanade, Oban, Argyll PA34 5AG Tel: 01631 562 505 Email: thequeenshoteloban@hotmail.co.uk www.thequeenshotel-oban.co.uk

**BEAT THE CLOCK IS BACK**

**PIAZZA**

FROM 5.30PM TO 7.30PM ALL MAIN DISHES AT THE PRICE OF THE TIME YOU ENTER

Tel 01631 563628

We reserve the right to withdraw this promotion at any time

**FOR EXAMPLE:**  
Come in at 5.35 Your Lasagne will be £5.35  
Come in at 6.15 Your Garlic Chicken will be £6.15

The Oban Times

& West Highland Times THE REGIONAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE WEST HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS AND ARGYLL



The Oban Times is the best-selling weekly newspaper in the Highlands and is distributed via 1742 newsagents every week

Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB Tel: 01631 568000 www.obantimes.co.uk

Editorial

Editorial Director Stewart MacKenzie editor@obantimes.co.uk

Deputy Editor Stuart Laundy slaundy@obantimes.co.uk

Northern Editor Stephen Norris snorris@obantimes.co.uk

Chief Reporter Euan Paterson epaterson@obantimes.co.uk

Senior Reporter Steven Flanagan sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk

Reporter Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

Reporter Richard Haddock rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

Web Co-ordinator Marian Miller mmiller@obantimes.co.uk

Newsdesk 01631 568060 editor@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising

Advertising Sales Manager Fiona MacInnes fmacinnes@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Rhona McKillop advert@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Fiona Bennett fbennett@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Vanda MacDonald copy@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Margaret Freytag advert@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Claire Firth cfrith@vvyvmedia.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Amy Robertson arobertson@obantimes.co.uk

Branch Offices

Fort William Tel 01397 703003 Fax 01397 702495

Lochgilphead Tel 01546 602345 Fax 01546 602661

Campbeltown Tel 01586 554646 Fax 01586 553006

Arran Tel 01770 302142 Fax 01770 302021

www.obantimes.co.uk



Scottish Association for Marine Science has 27 new undergraduate students for the new academic year - its largest ever intake. The group, which brings the total number of undergraduate marine science students to 63, includes two exchange students: One from Monmouth College, Chicago, the other from Thompson Rivers University in Canada.

# Islanders pull together to restore old Danish trawler

'a traditional working boat with a history'

A FORMER Danish fishing sail trawler, now plying her trade out of the Sound of Iona, is testament to the hard work and determination of a group of islanders.

The *Birthe Marie* had for 50 years worked the waters of the Northern Seas since 1933 but had fallen into disrepair following her decommissioning in the mid 1980s.

Mark Jardine from Iona found the *B Marie*, as she is affectionately known, six years ago after she had ended up as a houseboat on the Tyne. He immediately decided that she would be his next project.

**Boat with history** 'I was looking for a traditional working boat with a history and she had to be appealing to the eye - good looking,' said Mark.

'I didn't want her to be too big, but I did want her to be able to go further afield than the boat I had at the time.'

'When I saw *B Marie* I knew this boat was just what I wanted.'

'I got a grant from what was the Argyll Enterprise, a precursor of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, to protect employment in a fragile business area.'

'She was in a very fragile state so we took her to Amble Boatyard where I spend some time working on her. There were a lot of journeys up and down the road to see her and work on her. We organised work parties from Iona to go down, and we made lots of friends in Amble as

well. The work on her hull was completed sufficiently that she could travel in 2008.

**Reclaimed island timber**

'We then moved her by lorry to Dunstaffnage where we set about getting her sea worthy. Alistair Robb from Luig was able to help us with the engine work and we eventually sailed her home to Iona.'

'We managed to use reclaimed wood from the island and her mast is a former telegraph pole from Mull.'

Mark shows signs of a perfectionist when he adds: 'She isn't completely the way I would like her yet.'

The restored vessel received her licence to run as a charter boat in mid July this year.

'It is heartening to know all the help we have had,' said Mark. 'We have had support from the boating community all over the country and especially from here in Iona.'

Experienced seaman Mark sails the *B Marie*, now rigged as a Gaff Ketch, on half and full day sailing trips from Iona to the Treshnish Islands, the North of Mull, Ulva and Inch Kenneth. He is also open to suggestions for other destinations. Mark and his wife Anya have run Alternative Boat Hire for 20 years using, until recently, their former yacht *Freyja*, named after their daughter. Mark's son Stewart works with him on the boat, while his other son, Neil, lives on the high seas in Queensland, Australia.



*Birthe Marie* sits at her berthing in front of Iona Abbey

## National Trust plant £2m funding boost into Arduaine Gardens' future

THE FUTURE of Argyll's closure-threatened Arduaine Gardens is looking rosier this week after it received a funding boost of more than £2million.

The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) has raised the lifesaving sum to secure the future of garden, situated on the coast south of Oban.

The garden was threatened with closure in 2009 after running up unsustainable losses.

Supporters stepped in to relieve the site, while NTS raised funds and put in place a management plan to cut annual losses by about £30,000.

NTS chairman Sir Kenneth Calman said: 'Just two years ago, there was dismay at the possibility that this beautiful place would close to the public forever.'

'In that short time, we have turned the fortunes of the secret garden around. We have cut its losses by thousands and

raised enough money to ensure that it is well on the way to becoming self sufficient.'

'This demonstrates our new strategy well - we are not out to sell off our heritage gems, we are searching for new, innovative ways to make them work both financially and in telling Scotland's story.'

Located at the head of the Sound of Jura, at the entrance of Loch Melfort, Arduaine Garden is open all year round.

## Isle of Barra distillery plans still very much in the pipeline

THE man hoping to build a distillery on the Isle of Barra insists it will be built, even if little or nothing has happened in the last six months.

Peter Brown, a resident of Barra, won planning permission for a distillery at Borge in July 2009 and despite pre-selling a number of casks online at between £1,000 - £1,200 a time, finance for the project has been hard to come by, said Mr Brown.

Mr Brown admits little progress has been made since he last talked to *The Oban Times* in April.

He said: 'My only target is to get it up and running. This will take as long as it takes and I will push it to the utmost of my ability.'

'I'm a very determined person.'

Construction on the distillery has to start within five years of planning permission being granted to remain valid.

Mr Brown says the distillery will initially create two jobs for the island, with the number set to increase when the product is ready for retail.

It would also be one of the most environmentally friendly distilleries in Scotland, he said.

## Argyll's hot rocks hold potential power

ARGYLL has the hottest rocks in Scotland, pointing to untapped potential for geothermal power.

The British Geological Survey has produced a map of underground temperatures across the UK. And while Scotland as a whole had cooler temperatures than much of England, the map shows temperatures of up to 34 degrees centigrade 1,000 metres below the ground in southern Argyll.

The findings could help identify opportunities for geothermal energy projects, building on Argyll's cutting edge position on wind, hydro and tidal energy.

The Western Isles, formed of some of the country's oldest rock layers, have the coolest temperatures.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

Researchers who carried out the study said using the earth's heat to create power and heat buildings could make a valuable contribution to the government's renewable energy targets.

## Frustration flows over Bridge of Orchy water supply problems

A GROUP of residents from Bridge of Orchy will meet senior representatives of Argyll and Bute Council in a bid to solve its water supply problem.

**Health and safety standards**

Since last winter the water filtration system to the village has been damaged, meaning the quality of drinking water fell below health and safety standards.

Over the past year residents have had to fit UV filters, boiled all drinking water and even brought in bottled water to make sure they can drink.

But while a debate over who is responsible for the water tanks and filtration system rages on, the village's water supply continues to deteriorate.

Anne Marshall, who owns a property in the village, is a member of the Water Users

Group that will meet council executives, including, it is hoped, chief executive Sally Loudon on October 27.

She said: 'The water supply is deteriorating all the time. Houses don't have water at all on certain days. It's been a very frustrating situation to see nothing happening.'

'We're coming into another winter without something being done, so we are hoping for some kind of rapid response.'

'The population is generally elderly and retired folk and there are a lot of health issues to consider.'

Argyll and Bute Council previously maintained the water supply but claims it is now not responsible for ensuring the supply because there are no local authority houses in the village and the school has closed.

## Isles' MSP calls for Barra marine environment meeting

WESTERN Isles MSP, Alasdair Allan, has asked Marine Scotland to meet with the residents and fishermen of Barra to discuss controversial environmental designations.

The Scottish Government has already approved plans to designate East Mingulay as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), despite vociferous local opposition, and is progressing plans to do the same with the Sound of Barra. Mr Allan has now asked Marine Scotland to visit the island in a bid to restore some good will with Scottish Natural Heritage, who prepared much of the evidence for the SAC designations.

He said: 'It is clear that, for a variety of ongoing reasons, the relationship between Scottish Natural Heritage and the community on Barra has regrettably

broken down. I believe it is now time for Marine Scotland to make a formal approach to the community and the fishing industry to discuss possible ways ahead.'

'I have written to the director of Marine Scotland, Linda Rosborough, asking her to agree to do this, to see if we can find a way through an issue that has caused much concern locally. I believe that we have to try a new approach to resolve this issue.'

Both Mr Allan and his SNP colleague, Angus MacNeil, were last week accused by the chairman of SHAMED campaign group, Angus MacLeod, of making 'hollow promises' about the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) designations for the Sound of Barra and East Mingulay prior to the Scottish Government elections.

## Police search for missing sex offender



Missing: Roy Woodhouse

POLICE are appealing for information in an effort to trace a missing registered sex offender from Dunoon.

Peter Roy Woodhouse, aged 69, was last seen at Glasgow International Airport, around 10.30am on September 9, at which time he was to board the number 500 bus to Buchanan Bus Station, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

He is described as white, British, 5'8" in height, of medium build, blue eyes, with short grey hair. He speaks with an American accent.

He was convicted at Honolulu District Court, USA on January 21, 2010 of indecent assault and of stalking a female.

Any information can be passed to Lochgilphead Police Office on 01546 702201, your local police office or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 1111.

## Teenage girl punched boyfriend

AN OBAN teenager who punched her then boyfriend has had her sentence deferred for good behaviour for a second time.

Lyndsay MacDougall, aged 17 of Corsuisk, Corran Brae, admitted carrying out the assault on May 13 in Corran Brae in the town.

Eye to eye with John Wallace

## Eyesight is Precious

Every week, without fail, I have adults coming into my practice for an eye examination who have never had an eye examination before. Often these patients are in their fifties and sixties and have been in denial for many years. Recently the College of Optometrists, the professional body for all UK optometrists released a shocking report on the state of the nation's eyesight. Amazingly, one in five adults aged 18 to 60 have either never had an eye examination or have not attended an optometrist for over five years. What is most surprising about this is 86% of the UK adult population value eyesight as their most precious sense. Hearing was in second place with only 5% choosing it as being the most valuable sense.

with their vision. A further 30% felt eyesight tests were unnecessary! Alternative reasons for not having an eyesight test included fear of finding out there was a problem with the health of their eyes and the cost of both the examination and of glasses.

In Scotland NHS Scotland provides free annual eye examinations for all children, free two yearly examinations for all adults aged 16 to 60 and annual examinations for all diabetics, glaucoma sufferers and their immediate families and everyone aged sixty plus. Most practices have a wide range of spectacle frames and many provide low cost complete priced glasses as well as the more expensive designer and specialist products. In many cases patients on low incomes are entitled to help with the cost of glasses and often can have free glasses. Your optometrist can advise about your entitlement to help with the costs.

John Wallace BSc (Hons), FCOptom, DipCLP Wallace Optometrists & Podiatrists The West Highland Orthokeratology Clinic 11/12 Argyll Square, Oban Tel: 0845 230 3937 (EYES) www.wallaceoptometrists.co.uk

**Highland cattle add to Oban visitor numbers**

HUNDREDS of Highland cattle enthusiasts from all over the world are expected to arrive in Oban over the weekend of October 7 - 10.

The Highland Cattle Society will host their 114th Spring Show and Sale of cattle at Oban Livestock Centre when 150 pedigree cattle will compete for a range of top awards on the Sunday, prior to Monday's prestigious sale.

Breed society secretary Hazel Baxter said that a rising interest in Highland cattle throughout the world always ensured that the event was well attended.

**Community praise town celebrations**

OBAN Community Council has praised member Kenny MacIntyre for his work with the successful Oban 200 celebrations earlier this year.

Kenny was one of the driving forces behind the event in July and has been working on the project continuously for the past nine months.

Kenny thanked the community council members for their kind words at a meeting on Monday, adding: 'We have had great support from people within the Oban 200 committee. I'm not going to take all the credit for that.'

Kenny and Margaret MacLean were honoured during the Royal visit this summer for their work for the town over the years.

**Drunk man tried to butt and punch Oban police officer**

AN OBAN man admitted struggling violently with police and trying to assault one of them in an incident in Station Square, Oban.

Police were called on June 20 and found the accused, David Irvine, aged 52, of 24 Combie Court, 'heavily intoxicated'.

Oban Sheriff Court heard last week that Irvine tried to butt one officer and threw punches.

Sheriff Douglas Small deferred sentence on the accused for court reports.

**Mull ferry delayed by technical hitch**

FERRY passengers travelling between Oban and Craignure, Isle of Mull, faced delays on Tuesday morning.

Due to technical difficulties with the MV *Isle of Mull*, the 9.50am and 10.55am were delayed. Normal service resumed at midday.

Ferry company Caledonian MacBrayne apologised for any inconvenience caused to travellers.

**Nurseries schools gain Green Flags**

THE environmental credentials of five nurseries in Argyll in Bute have been recognised after they were awarded Green Flags by Eco Schools Scotland.

Part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign, the flag is awarded to nurseries and schools which establish eco-friendly projects.

In the Oban area, nurseries at Dunbeg Primary and Rockfield Primary were commended, joining nurseries at Arrochar and Ashfield Primary Schools and Tarbert Academy Nursery Class.

**Man charged after Isle of Seil assault**

A 69-YEAR-old man was charged with assaulting another man and disorderly conduct following an incident at the ferry pier in Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil, on Thursday, September 22.

A report has been made to the Procurator Fiscal.

**Dunoon road closed as lorry causes gas leak**

AN HGV crashed into an Argyll caravan park after a suspected tyre blow out on Friday, September 23.

The A815 was closed for two hours at Loch Eck near Dunoon, after the lorry crashed into two empty static caravans and caused a gas leak.

The truck driver was freed from his cab by fire crews and taken to Dunoon General Hospital.

**Two charged with shoplifting**

A 24-YEAR-old woman was charged with shoplifting £50-worth of goods from an Oban supermarket on Tuesday, September 20.

In a separate incident, a 34-year-old female was charged with stealing £60 worth of goods from an Oban shop on Saturday, September 24.

**Connel axe robber told by Edinburgh High Court to find a job**

A MASKED robber who held up staff at Connel post office with an axe has been told by a judge prison may not be the answer in his case.

Brendan McGuckin (27) appeared from custody at the High Court in Edinburgh on Wednesday, September 21 after earlier admitting assaulting an employee by presenting an axe at her and stealing £214 on October 1 last year.

But Lord Bonomy granted him bail and further deferred sentence, telling him: 'I appreciate you did not expect to be walking out of here today, but I have taken the view that it is not the best way of securing the protection of the public in your case to sentence you immediately to a period of imprisonment. That may yet be the case because what you did must have been a frightening experience

for those in the shop.' Lord Bonomy said the only way he could impose an alternative to custody was if it reflected the gravity of the offence, possibly including compensation.

**Work or training**  
He told McGuckin, of 49 Combie Street, Oban, to try and secure full-time work or training, see a consultant psychiatrist and attend again

for holistic therapy. Defence counsel Stewart Ronnie said McGuckin, a diver who had become addicted to alcohol and cocaine, had been unable to work for some time. 'Whilst he was out driving he took the decision to commit this particular offence. He owed money to his dealer,' he added. He said McGuckin had asked him to apologise to the women working in the shop at the time

of the robbery. Sub-postmistress Rosie Stevenson said she was working at the back of the shop and did not witness the raid herself. 'He terrified the two girls who were serving in the shop and made the people of Connel feel shocked and frightened. I assume he must have been desperate for cash to do such a thing. I do not know the boy or anything about him. I think

the police did a great job in apprehending him.' Ms Stevenson said she had mixed feelings about the decision to bail McGuckin and consider alternatives to jail. She said: 'I do not wish the boy any harm and I hope he might one day see that helping others makes one feel a million times happier within oneself, while harming others just leads to misery.'

**Kintyre beach body is missing Irish woman**

A BODY discovered washed ashore near Rhunahaorine Point, Kintyre, on the afternoon of Thursday September 22 has been confirmed as that of Ballycastle woman Karen Coyle.

The 47-year-old was a member of McQuillan's GAC, Ballycastle Camogie Club, (women's hurling) and had led her camogie team to All Ireland glory at the Camogie Sevens tournament in Dublin the day before going missing.

German tourists made the find on the beach on Thursday.

'Police are not treating her death as suspicious,' said a spokesman for the Northern Ireland police.

**Loch Awe firearms incident sparks police action**

POLICE marksmen were called to an incident on the shores of Loch Awe, following reports of gunshots.

Four cars from Strathclyde's armed response unit, backed up by a force helicopter, went to the scene, south of Portsoanachan, around 5pm on Saturday, September 24.

A 57-year-old man from Paisley was arrested and charged with the reckless discharge of a firearm and an air pistol was seized.

**Fireworks on the fourth for Oban**

OBAN Fireworks Display has been scheduled for November 4 this year, so that organisers can get a discount on the fireworks.

By moving the community event to the night before Guy Fawkes Night, the cost has been reduced by 15 per cent.

However, Councillor Roddy McCuish told Oban Community Council on Monday that the event is still likely to cost £6,500. He said: 'There were more than 3,000 people there last year but we only took in £2,500 and we have about £4,000 in the account. I'm not prepared to use public money. If we don't get the money, it won't go ahead.'

**November 'Blue Light Disco'**

POLICE officers in Oban are organising a 'Blue Light Disco' for teenagers in second to fourth year at school on Saturday, November 5.

The dance will be held in Skippinish Ceilidh House.

**Tiree woman foils phone scammers**

A WARNING has been sounded for locals to be on the alert for scammers after a Tiree woman rumbled a scheme against her.

Mary MacLean, Scarinish, was phoned on Tuesday morning by a woman with a foreign accent claiming to be from the Fair Trade organisation. The woman further claimed to have a £4,000 cheque for Ms MacLean from erroneous bank charges against her, but said a £100 administration fee was required to make the payment.

Ms MacLean then talked to someone with an English accent, before hanging up and calling the police.

She said: 'I just don't want anyone to get caught.'

**Roadworks result in night quarry loading**

Bonawe road affected by lorries supplying overnight roadworks

THE MOVE to overnight road works could create new problems for those living near quarries.

With a request for late working hours at Bonawe quarry on almost every week-night in October, there were calls for an electronic warning system at Ardochattan Community Council last week. Geoff Miller, community councillor from North Connel, said agreed out of hours working arrangements were not always well-known among other users of the Bonawe road.

He said: 'Residents have had a bit of a fright if they weren't aware of the movements. If this is going to happen it wouldn't cost them much to invest in some signs for people.'

Trucks are usually banned from leaving the quarry by the

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

single track road after 7pm, but an extension until lam can be granted by planners on up to 28 days a year.

Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's transport spokesman said that night-time roadworks were the cause: 'Just about everything they are doing is at night. It's going to happen more frequently and it's the time for them to invest in a proper warning system.'

Community council chair Iain MacDonald said the issue would be raised at a meeting with quarry officials.

Bob Gordon, spokesman for Bredon Aggregates, said vehicles needed to leave the quarry late to ensure the safe operation of road works and minimise disruption to road users.

In relation to recent road works at Connel and Loch Awe, he said planners had only been approached after the community had been consulted.

Mr Gordon added: 'It was as part of our communication with Ardochattan that the suggestion of warning road signage was raised and this is indeed something that we will discuss and progress with the relevant authorities.'

Late operating has been requested for Sunday to Thursday evenings between October 2 and November 3.



Young Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre has won his first Scotland jersey for this weekend's challenge match against England Boys. 15\_139b0b01

**National call up for Oban golfer**

A YOUNG Oban golfer is believed to be the first member of Glencruitten Golf Club to achieve international honours after being called up to the Scotland Boys under-16 squad.

Bob MacIntyre will turn out for Scotland Boys this weekend in a challenge match against England Boys at Troon's Dundonald Links.

Practice rounds will be played on Saturday, with the teams playing in foursomes and then singles matches on the Sunday.

A proud Bob, who has been involved with the Scottish Golf Union (SGU) coaching programme for the past two years, said: 'This is the first time I have received international honours. It is amazing to think I will be representing Scotland.'

'Everyone at the club is really pleased for me. I knew most of the boys on the Scottish team but we recently went for a practice round together and I met the rest of them.'

'I'm really looking forward to the competition,' Bob added. 'I'm looking forward to being part of a team but, especially in the foursomes, you just can't make a mistake.'

The 10-strong Scotland team will be looking to reverse a worrying run of consecutive defeats in this fixture but will be up against stern opposition. The top-ranked English player also came second in the Scottish Boys Championship.

**Diesel spills cause concern**

POLICE are working with haulage firms and bus companies after a rising number of reports of diesel spills on local roads.

Last week, three tonnes of sand and a chemical wash were used to tackle a fuel spillage on the A85 on the outskirts of Oban. It was the latest of seven reports of diesel on the road this month, five of them on the A85.

Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'We have done everything we possibly can, but it's still an issue. It was happening at the same time of day, between 8am and 9am every day on the A85. It seemed to be someone's regular route.'

She added officers had been around Oban firms using HGVs and buses to try and identify problems, while spot checks with VOSA officials have also been carried out.

Councillor Neil MacKay responded that leaks could be spotted in visiting vehicles parked overnight in the town.

But Chief Inspector Brian Auld said it was important to see the issue of oil spills in context. He said: 'Employers, fleet managers and drivers all have responsibility for ensuring their vehicles are road-worthy and regular maintenance is carried out.'

**Oban Pipe Band numbers swell thanks to shop's ongoing sponsorship funding**

OBAN PIPE Band can now welcome three new members fully into its fold as a result of an ongoing sponsorship by The Original Factory Shop.

The Soroba Road business handed Pipe Major Euan Dewar a cheque for £1,564 on Saturday, which has been raised over the course of the year by staff at the store.

The donation matches almost entirely the sum required to kit out the Grade 3A World Cham-

ions' three new members with uniforms and comes as a result of being picked as the shop's charity of the year in January.

Fundraising convener, Alistair Dewar, said: 'We are extremely grateful to the Original Factory Shop for their ongoing support.'

'The band has very high annual costs for the purchase of uniform, instruments and, of course, travel to competitions, so generous donations like this are very important.'



Pipe major Euan Dewar, Original Factory Shop manager Gwen Cameron, shop assistant Rachel Angus, tenor drummer Lauren Davie and piper Niall Jordan with the cheque. 15\_139p0b01

**Oban drug driver loses licence for seven years**

AN OBAN man who admitted driving while unfit through drink or drugs has had his driving licence removed for seven years.

Oban Sheriff Court heard last week William Burns, aged 31, was spotted by police driving another man's car on October 30 last year. Later a police casualty surgeon confirmed he was likely to be impaired through drugs.

Burns, of 11 Columba Court, also admitted driving with no licence. He was banned from driving for seven years and placed on a community payback order with a drug treatment element for 18 months.

**Creditors furious as Barcaldine hotel company runs out of cash**

FORMER staff and creditors of the company that owns the Barcaldine House Hotel, Barcaldine House Ltd, have been told that 'there's no more money left.'

The sole director of the company and its former parent firm, Blue Grange Ltd, Heather Buchanan, has told creditors they won't be getting any of the money they are owed.

A number are now pursuing fresh legal action while others are consulting debt collection agencies.

One former staff member of the hotel said: 'I'm still owed over £1,000 and when I phoned the company last week to get an update, I was told that there was no money left. I won't see any of it.'

'It's not good enough - we've already had cheques bounce. We had to put our own money into keeping the business going and this is how we're treated.'

'I will be getting debt collectors to visit the headquarters at Eildon House in Melrose. I will keep on fighting - there's no way she is getting away with this.'

Some staff are considering

staging a protest at Eildon House, which is home to some of Mrs Buchanan's 13 companies.

Blue Grange Ltd remains in liquidation, while Companies House still list Barcaldine House Ltd as active.

Meanwhile, the hotel itself has been sub-let to an entirely separate company owned by Michelin starred chef, Michael Riemen-

schneider. A spokesperson for his company said it was currently re-establishing good links with local suppliers with the goal being to buy the freehold lease from Mrs Buchanan's company.

Despite repeated calls and emails made to Mrs Buchanan by *The Oban Times*, she failed to respond to answer questions put to us by the hotel's creditors.



**St Andrew's First Aid**

**New first aid training in Oban**

St Andrew's First Aid will be delivering HSE Approved first aid training in Oban this October.

Course: HSE Approved Emergency First Aid at Work  
Date: Tuesday 25th October 2011  
Venue: The Oban Caledonian Hotel, Station Square, Oban

To make your booking simply go online

[www.firstaid.org.uk/training](http://www.firstaid.org.uk/training)

St Andrew's First Aid can also deliver training on customer's own premises, and provide first aid supplies. Please visit our website for more information.

**For more information:**  
contact 0844 921 0066 or email [sales@firstaid.org.uk](mailto:sales@firstaid.org.uk)



**Saturday 15th October RNLi Charity Auction Dinner 2011**

Last year we raised over £6000!  
Arrival 7pm fizz and canapes  
Ice breaker 7.15pm  
3 course gala dinner 7.30pm  
1/2 bottle of wine per person  
Tables will be set for 8 guests  
Table raffle £5 per person  
Auction starts @ 9pm

To play your part please reserve your place at the table by contacting Rachael [e.events@portavadiemarina.com](mailto:e.events@portavadiemarina.com)

Ticket price £40 per person, full prepayment required on booking.  
Why not stay over and make a weekend of it, accommodation rates from only £55 per couple per night, including breakfast!  
Best rates available online [www.portavadiemarina.com](http://www.portavadiemarina.com) or call 01700 811075

A selection of great auction lots. For those unable to attend any donations for auction lots greatly appreciated.  
Dress code for the evening is smart casual.

**Six high school pupils on children's television show**

SIX OBAN High School pupils will appear on a television recording for CBBC's Wildlife programme, Live 'n' Deadly.

The programme is presented by Steve Backshall and is being broadcast nationwide this Saturday from 9am on BBC 2.

The programme focuses on the beaver re-introduction programme in Knapdale Forest.

**Barcaldine near miss leads to driving charge**

A WOMAN has been charged by police with driving without due care and attention after a collision was narrowly avoided close to Barcaldine sawmill on Friday morning, September 23.

**Dunbeg 'shucker' in world oyster opening championships**

Scottish champion calls for 'more women shuckers'

A DUNBEG man competed with the best oyster shuckers in the world last weekend.

Angus Vajk (22) represented Scotland in the Bollinger World Oyster Opening Competition in Galway, Ireland after being named Scottish champion last month.

'It was great fun. There were people from all over the world,' said the 22-year-old, who, as son of Caledonian Oysters' Hugo and Judith Vajk, has been prising oyster shells apart since he was a nipper.

While Angus didn't place, he picked up some valuable tips and plans to keep competing. He said: 'I never thought there was so much to oyster opening, they took it quite seriously.'

'But I would like to see more women in the competition - they were all men.' Angus is appealing for any budding female oyster-openers in Oban to come forward, and is even prepared to offer tips and training.

Lorn Lines

WELL-known local photographer and artist Bob McCulloch will give the opening talk of the winter season to members of Oban Photographic Club on Monday, October 3, in the Regent Hotel, Oban.

Meetings for the rest of the year include competitions, talks on various subjects and advice from experienced photographers on how to get the best out of your camera. Meetings will start at the new time of 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Potential new members are very welcome.



Murdo Fraser addresses Oban and Lorn members of the Conservative Party at Oban's Regent Hotel on Friday. 15\_139murdo1

CONSERVATIVE MSP, Murdo Fraser, visited Oban last week in a bid to win support for his plan to abolish the party in Scotland.

Explaining his plan to local Conservative members at Oban's Regent Hotel on Friday, Mr Fraser said: 'We need to build a party that can take on the SNP. At the moment, we don't have that.'

'What I'm proposing is establishing a party that is quite different from the existing party, has its own agenda, but will continue to work closely with the Conservatives in the UK.'

'There is risk, but the biggest risk is in doing nothing. If we simply stand still we will cease to exist in Scotland in 20 years.'



OBAN Speakers Club will begin its winter session on Thursday, October 6 at 8pm.

The club meets fortnightly and members are reminded that this year the venue will be Soroba House Hotel.

New members will be made very welcome and anyone interested in joining should contact the secretary, Jim Fraser, on 01631 562162 or 07748796716.



Douglas Craig, right, Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and The Isles, recently presented a cheque to Mr David McNiven, director of Multiple Sclerosis Scotland. The cheque for £3,500 was half the total raised by Masonic Brethren throughout Argyll. The remaining sum was distributed to local charities in the Lodges' own localities.



THE NUMBER of detected assaults in Oban, Lorn and the Isles has dramatically reduced, according to figures from Oban Police.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld said reports of assaults have fallen by 24 per cent from last year.



DALMALLY-based Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor has decided pink is the colour after signing up to support Breast Cancer Research. The campaign will in turn promote the charity's Wear It Pink day on October 28. On this day, supporters in schools, colleges and businesses will be encouraged to wear something pink and each donate £2.

Jamie said: 'I know many constituents who have lost friends and family members to the disease and would like to encourage everyone in the Highlands and Islands and throughout the country to support wear it pink on October 28, to raise valuable funds for breast cancer research.'

Police target trafficking of drugs and diesel in Argyll

POLICE are targeting the main roads throughout Argyll in a bid to catch criminals moving drugs, stolen diesel and scrap metal.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld said the force had put together a

team drawing on specialist road traffic officers, community officers and drug dogs for spot checks.

The first targeting operation was carried out last Thursday at Taynuilt, where 60 vehicles

were stopped over a five-hour period.

'It is part of our Crime Brakers initiative, targeted at the use of trunk roads for criminal activities,' he said.

'One of our focuses is those

involved in the theft of diesel and scrap metal.'

Chief Inspector Auld added that different roads throughout Argyll will be targeted. He said: 'We will change the location and they won't be at set times.'

Following checks in Taynuilt last week, a 48-year-old male was charged with possession of cannabis resin and another man, aged 42, charged with fraud and other offences under the vehicle excess legislation.

Lismore concern as island nurse retires

'We need rural nursing specialists in these parts of the world who can do that paramedic role and more traditional district nursing.'

RESIDENTS of the Isle of Lismore fear access to emergency healthcare will worsen after the resident nurse announced she is retiring.

Mairi Perkins said in an open letter to islanders: 'After working almost single handed for 15 years both day and night for the island, it is now time to devote more time to my family and pursue other paths in life.'

'My 15 years working as Nurse Practitioner on the island has been an amazing experience: rewarding, exciting, difficult at times, challenging, exhausting and not without pain and tears but it has always been a privilege to serve the community.'

The staffing change brings into sharp relief the long-running debate about provision of healthcare, particularly out of hours, on the island.

Mandie Currie, secretary of Lismore Community Council, said islanders were uncertain about what would happen next. 'It leaves us with little or no cover on the island,' she said. 'There is a difference of opinion about how the nursing should be used. They don't really pop in to see old people, we don't automatically get a visit when you leave hospital or have a baby.'

'There are plenty of cases of people who have been discharged after major operations and they don't get a visit. There was supposed to be a nurse overnight on

EXCLUSIVE REPORT by Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

the island most nights.' Ms Currie said procedures for evacuation by air ambulance had improved but that did not solve the problem: 'The question is what happens in the time you are waiting for the air ambulance? Being on an island, we don't have any other options - you can't just get yourself to a hospital if we need to.'

'Basically, we want 24/7 cover. We need rural nursing specialists in these parts of the world who can do that paramedic role and more traditional district nursing.'

David Whiteoak, locality manager for Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership, said there had been a series of public meetings about health provision and islanders would have a voice in decisions about the future. He said: 'In the short term, we are putting arrangements in place to cover the nursing service there. It will be short term, because there is a consultation exercise going on with the islanders at the moment and we expect this will be completed at some point in October. We will be talking to the islanders about the outcome.'



Oban pilot lands role as ad actor

EAGLE-eyed television viewers in Oban will spot a familiar face in the cockpit during the new British Airways advert.

Stephen Cooper, a Boeing 767 pilot with the company, is featured in the advert, which

premiered on Facebook and Channel Four last Wednesday.

The former Oban High School pupil said: 'BA wanted to have current staff in certain roles throughout the advert, as the campaign is all about the

people, expertise and experience in BA.'

'I thought I'd apply for the role as I didn't want some good-looking actor misrepresenting us average looking pilots!'

Agreement over Isle of Mull road signs ends long wait

MULL roads are to get new weight restriction signs after the council, local residents and businesses reached an agreement.

The issue has been a contentious one for several years, after the government changed the way in which vehicle weights are assessed. However, discussion between local campaigners, council officers and elected members was successful, and the signs will now be put up on the island's roads over the next few weeks.

Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for transport and

REPORT by Euan Paterson

infrastructure, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, said: 'I am delighted that all the work by council staff and the people of Mull has allowed us to agree an order which is so much better for the island than the original proposals. 'We needed to protect weak rural roads from significant damage, but we also need to allow the businesses and communities which the roads are there to serve to go about their daily business.'

(MGW) criteria, used to assess vehicle weights, met with a significant amount of opposition on Mull, where it was felt it could restrict the delivery of essential goods.

The council's roads team then assessed all roads on Mull and carried out a public consultation on a proposed set of restrictions.

As a result of the response to the consultation, the restrictions were reassessed, factoring in the anticipated traffic on each route. This resulted in proposals which were significantly less stringent than the original ones.

Argyll College honours

Right - Argyll College held a graduation ceremony at Oban's Corran Halls on Friday, with 55 of the 209 graduates being congratulated on their achievements. Depute principal Elaine Munro was joined by Argyll and Bute MSP and cabinet secretary for education and lifelong learning, Michael Russell, in presenting certificates and commemorative scrolls to the graduates. Picture - Perfect Images Oban



Woman in racist remark case claims police were lying and drunk

AN OBAN woman broke down in the dock of the town's sheriff court claiming police officers and an administrator were lying.

Somaya Al-Hosani, 20, of 2G Colonsay Terrace, told Sheriff Douglas Small officers were 'lying' and couldn't tell what happened that night because they were so drunk.

She is charged with making a racist comment and brandishing a piece of wood during an altercation with netball players from Strathclyde Police who were having a night out.

Al-Hosani gave candid evidence about the events of the night of November 13, admitting

using racist language, which she said she wanted to apologise for as soon as she had used it. She also admitted holding a wooden stick. She said: 'I don't fight, I haven't got it in me to fight. But I wanted to ward them off.'

Prosecutor Fiscal David Glancy drew to a close the case against Al-Hosani and her co-accused Pariss Louis, 18, of 3B Croft Avenue, saying the police officers were credible and reliable witnesses.

Louis is charged with two counts of assault inside a public house and on Stevenson Street, and another charge of breaching the peace.

In a closing submission, her solicitor Stephen Macleod said: 'My client accepts she went over and there was an argument,' he said, but denied she committed a deliberate assault.

However, after four days of evidence, Sheriff Douglas Small found her guilty of two assaults and a breach of the peace. Deferring sentence for reports, he said: 'This is quite a serious matter.' Sheriff Small also found Al-Hosani had used racist language in an Oban pub. He found her not guilty of brandishing a piece of wood at two women and threatening them. Sentence on Al-Hosani was also deferred until next month.

Oban tango with Elizabeth Taylor was a step too far

A DRUNKEN man who 'tangoed' with a police officer called Elizabeth Taylor in what was described in court as the 'Oban variant of Strictly Come Dancing' has been fined £500.

William MacDonald, of 37 Hillcrest Drive, Alloa, admitted breaching the peace at Airds Crescent on March 24 this year by shouting, swearing and getting involved in a fight.

The 22-year old further admitted struggling violently with police officers.

Prosecutor Fiscal, David Glancy, said: 'There's a video showing the Oban variant of Strictly Come Dancing. The dancing partner is Constable Elizabeth Taylor.'

Insulation scheme cash comes to Argyll and Bute

OVER the next year Argyll and Bute Council will receive £455,000, as part of the £12.5 million Universal Home Insulation Scheme to be administered by local authorities.

The scheme offers a range of free home insulation measures to improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Oban man terrified shop customers

WRAPPING an item of clothing round his face before shouting at the terrified customers of an Oban shop has cost a man £375.

Andrew Woods, 60, of 6F Corran Brae, Dunollie, Oban admitted breaching the peace in premises at 20 Corran Brae on July 21.

Prosecutor Fiscal, David Glancy, said: 'This is a matter of fairly strong religious and moral views.'

Man smashed door of Connel bar

A YOUNG labourer has said he is 'extremely embarrassed' after getting drunk and smashing a glass panel in the door of a Connel bar.

At Oban Sheriff Court last week, Darren Blair, aged 20, of 25 Graham Terrace, Gilmerton, Perth, admitted causing the damage and also disorderly conduct, shouting, swearing, threatening staff and refusing to leave the premises.

Blair was fined £233 for the offences.

Lucky escape from Creagan crash



THE driver of this blue Vauxhall Corsa had a lucky escape on Saturday night after it ended up on its roof near Barcaldine.

Police said a 19-year old woman lost control of the vehicle just after 7pm on the A828 near Creagan Bridge, but escaped without injury.

The road was closed for a short spell for the vehicle to be recovered. 15\_139erash1

14-year old in charity scam fraud

A 14-YEAR-old schoolboy has been charged with fraud after he was reported to police for going around doors in Oban collecting sponsorship money for a phoney charity event.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld said: 'He was purporting to raise money for the benefit of charity but clearly not. We would advise members of the public to challenge any unsolicited calls.'

Four drivers caught in Taynuilt speed check

FOUR drivers were served with fixed penalty notices during a police speed check in Taynuilt on Saturday, September 24.

WIND PROSPECT GLEN LONAN WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITION. Wind Prospect are currently proposing a wind farm development on land approximately 6km south east of Oban. Tuesday 11th October 3:00pm - 8:00pm OBAN CHURCH CENTRE Glencruitten Road, Oban.

Manor House Hotel & Restaurant. Fresh Local Lobster Every Thursday. Overlooking the harbour Gallanach Road · Oban · 562087.

Follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/obantimes

TWO NEW, AFFORDABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WOOD FUELS. For your existing fire or stove Highfire Sawdust Briquettes. C. Hodge Fencing (Lerags, By Oban) Telephone 01631 563271

Instead of reading this 41,320 readers could be reading your advert. Telephone: 01631 568000 The Oban Times

**Appin Coastguards assist at Ardmucknish Bay**

APPIN Coastguard were sent to Ardmucknish Bay, north of Oban, on Saturday to help the crew of a broken down vessel.

Clyde Coastguard co-ordinated the rescue, which saw the stricken boat towed to Tralee Bay slipway by a vessel from Puffin Dive Centre.

**Fort William driver admits causing Appin accident**

A FORT WILLIAM man who forced a car off the road during an overtaking manoeuvre near Appin has kept his licence.

William Dunbar, 66, of 32 Clerk Drive, Corpach, admitted causing the crash when he was driving his flatbed truck along the A828 from Appin to Connel on July 19. Sheriff John Halley fined Dunbar £200 and imposed nine penalty points.

**Picture house raise bag pack cash**

THE HARD-working Oban Phoenix Cinema committee has continued to raise money for the community cinema project with a bag-packing event at the Co-op.

The fundraiser, held last Saturday, raised £248.70, which will assist the group with its efforts to re-open the cinema later this year.

**Road rage costs Tyndrum man £150**

ROAD rage in Taynuilt has cost a Tyndrum man £150.

Appearing at Oban Sheriff Court last week, Jeffrey Saunders, of 21 Mansfield, Tyndrum, admitted that on June 8, on the A85, he conducted himself in a disorderly manner.

**Macmillan coffee mornings**

COFFEE mornings will be held this week to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Elsie Riley, Argyll and Bute fundraising manager, said 'Every pound raised helps us fund our fantastic local services including clinical nurse specialists.'

**Oban 'bravado' exposé fined £200**

AN OBAN man who exposed himself at police officers in an act of 'fool-hardy bravado' before struggling with them during his arrest has been fined £200.

Craig Hendry, 21, of 18 Combie Court, pled guilty to the breach of the peace at Combie Street on June 25 when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

**A day in the twitter of Argyll and Bute Council**

THE PUBLIC had the chance to find out more about what Argyll and Bute Council do when staff took part in a twitter marathon.

For 24 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, they tweeted about the range of activities the council is involved in, from road repairs to nurseries, trading standards investigations to schools.

Council leader Dick Walsh said the event gave 'a chance to see one day in the life of a council'.

**Street 'wood' weapon man fined**

A MAN who admitted having an offensive weapon, a piece of wood, in an Oban street has been fined £100.

Sentence on David MacAllister, of 3C Castle Road, Oban, was deferred in December for good behaviour.

**Christmas shoebox appeal underway**

AN ANNUAL appeal for Christmas shoeboxes for deprived children gets under way this weekend.

Operation Christmas Child will be collecting boxes filled with small gifts for children in Eastern Europe, Africa and elsewhere.

**Domestic assault man acquitted**

A MAN has been acquitted of threatening behaviour and domestic assault after a trial at Oban Sheriff Court.

Brian Reed, aged 51 of Timberlee, Laurel Road, Oban, told the court there was an argument between him and his wife on May 16, but denied the two charges. After two days of evidence, Sheriff Douglas Small found him not guilty on both counts last week.

**Oban fire raiser avoids added time in jail**

Teenager also admits biting police officer

A FORMER Oban teenager grinned on learning he wouldn't spend any more time in jail after admitting fire-raising in Oban and biting a police officer.

**Jailed for assault**  
Craig Duffy, 18, who is currently serving a three year and nine month sentence for a serious assault on February 26 this year, appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday to face charges relating to other incidents in February.

**Set flat alight**  
Duffy, whose address was given in court as 3B Chestnut Place, Johnstone, pled guilty to setting a tablecloth alight at an address in High Street, Oban at 2.30am on Thursday, February 24, before biting a police officer's arm later that day, causing puncture wounds and significant bruising.

The court heard that, at the time of the fire-raising incident, eight flats within the High Street address were occupied, with many of the residents asleep.

The court heard Duffy's current sentence for serious assault would see him imprisoned until January 11, 2013 at the earliest, but he faced the prospect of spending longer in prison if sentenced on a consecutive basis.

However, visiting Sheriff John Halley ruled that, because Duffy was 17 at the time of the incident, what was said on his behalf by agent Laura Russell and his - until that weekend - clean adult criminal record, he would be sentenced to a total of 10 months imprisonment concurrent to his existing sentence.

Had it not been for his early guilty pleas, Duffy's sentence would have totalled 15 months.



**Charities compete for RBS community funding**

Four charities in Oban are competing for the Royal Bank Of Scotland Community Force funding. The £6,000 award will be awarded after an online poll closes. The four charities are Stramash, Soroba Young Families, Oban Phoenix Cinema and The Toy Cupboard. Pictured above at the Toy Cupboard are Little Lucy, and mum and dad Peter and Angela. The Toy Cupboard has asked for money to support its toy library for babies and children. 16\_138toy1no

**No teacher shortage say local authority in Argyll**

THERE is no shortage of teachers for Higher classes at Oban High School, say Argyll and Bute Council.

While a number of teachers are on temporary contracts, the majority are subject specific teachers whose contracts run until the end of the school year.

Some teachers are on indefinite temporary contracts to cover maternity leave or until a permanent appointment can be made.

REPORT  
by STEVEN FLANAGAN  
sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk

While the art teacher currently looking after some higher art classes is not qualified to that level, a permanent appointment has been made and is due to start in the coming weeks.

A spokesperson for the council said: 'Oban High School does not have a shortage of teachers for the Higher classes timetabled this session. A reduction in teacher numbers means that the school is not able to offer as many Higher classes as it used to in every subject. However, it is still offering the same range of subjects.'

'No teachers at Oban High School are on six month contracts, and none have a contract which ends in January. Most temporary contracts last until the change of timetable at the end of May 2012.'

'A couple of temporary/maternity contracts were issued until posts are filled through the normal advertisement process or until a member of staff returns from maternity.'

Higher pupils at the school expressed concern at the end of last term that teachers were taking classes outside their specialist subjects, something they felt left them at a disadvantage compared to other pupils nationally.

**Charity shop in dire need of volunteers**

Oxfam face cutting back on hours

AN OBAN charity shop is in dire need of volunteers.

Olwen Joyce, manager of the Oxfam charity shop on George Street, said with just two staff it is impossible to run the shop without a willing team of volunteers.

She said: 'We sort and price our own stock - it's not like a normal retail shop where it all comes in boxes ready to go.'

'But we get lots of interesting things - we just recently sold a painting for £400. When you find these things its quite exciting.'

'To avoid cutting back on shop hours, Olwen is looking for willing helpers for a variety of tasks, including serving customers, sorting and pricing clothes, bric-a-brac and running their new online shop.'

Current volunteer Maggie Clayton said: 'It's never boring and it's totally different every day, the time goes really quickly.'

Dave Hobbs, who deals with the store's vinyl records, said: 'You get satisfaction that you are doing something to help people and also I feel part of a family really, it's a good team.'

Last year the shop generated more than £75,000 for the international development charity - enough to provide seeds to 7,500 families. But Olwen said the charity shop is also providing a valuable service to the community in straitened times. She said: 'We get a lot more people who are thinking twice about buying new.'

And a regular volunteering slot could help with job prospects, she added: 'If you are out of work for a while, you can lose your motivation to go out. But it is easier to get a job if you are working - we can give a reference and work experience.'

Anyone interested in volunteering should call into the shop or contact Olwen on 01631 566465.

**Work to start on Ledaig's long-awaited footpath**

WORK to build a long-awaited footpath in a North Lorn village will get under way next week, on October 3.

A stretch of 50 metres of path will be built, linking Benderloch's Victory Hall and Lochneil Primary School with the rest of the village.

A new pedestrian guard rail and adjacent streetlights will also be put in.

The project, to be carried out by Scotland TranServ, will take up to four weeks to complete, causing potential delays on the main A82 Oban to Fort William road.

The work will be carried out on weekdays between 8am and 6pm with one lane closed to traffic and temporary traffic lights in place.

Lewis Morrison, owner of Ledaig Leisure shop in Benderloch and treasurer of the Ardechtann Community Council, said villagers would be glad to see the long-anticipated project get under way.

**Health incentive for Slimmer of the Year finalist**

**Connell's slimline Tracy is shadow of her former self**



Tracy Davies has lost more than five stone to become a Scottish Slimmer of the Year finalist

JUGGLING two jobs, family life and studying at nights, Tracy Davies didn't think she could possibly find time in her busy life to improve her health and lose weight. But, as she approached 40, Tracy knew that she had to do something - before it was too late.

Tracy, from Connel, said: 'My father had his first heart attack at 38 and died when he was just 44 following another attack.'

'I knew that being so overweight was really increasing my risk of suffering similar heart problems and my life was, potentially, in danger.'

Tracy had always classed herself as being 'on the large side' but when she found herself straining to fit into size 24 clothes, she had to admit to herself that her size couldn't just be down to her 'big bones'.

'The truth was I felt enormous,' she confessed. 'Not only did I feel frumpy and old, at times I found myself struggling for breath.'

Working as a waitress in the evenings, Tracy found it especially difficult to eat healthily. 'At the end of a long day, the chef would dish up whatever was left. I was usually too tired to protest, so I would find myself eating huge platefuls of chips and pies - just because they were there.'

However, a year after joining Scottish Slimmers, Tracy has now lost almost six stone and her new, healthier lifestyle means she is far less worried about her health.

'My BMI (body mass index) is much lower so I am no longer classed as obese and this dramatically reduces my risk of suffering from heart problems, which is fantastic news.'

Tracy's friends and colleagues are very proud of what she has achieved - including the chef who, instead of serving up leftovers, now supports Tracy by preparing healthy options just for her.

Tracy is in the final of the Slimmer of the Year competition due to be decided on October 2.

**Sheriff gives jewellery thief a chance to mend his ways**

AN OBAN man who admitted stealing £2,000 worth of jewellery from a relative has been ordered to be of good behaviour.

Oban Sheriff Court heard last week that Andrew MacKenzie, aged 30, had been invited for a family meal on August 26 when he took the items.

Prosecutor Fiscal David Glancy said police stopped MacKenzie in relation to another matter and they noticed he was anxious. 'He looked like he was trying to conceal something,' he added.

When he was searched and the jewellery found, he maintained he had been given the items as an inheritance and intended to sell them.

Defending, Stephen Macleod said MacKenzie, of 19 Flat 3/1 High Street, had been severely assaulted. He said he was on his way to return the items when police stopped him and he was 'extremely remorseful' about the incident.

Sheriff John Halley deferred sentence on MacKenzie for one year.

**FLOORSHOP**

NOW IN STOCK  
We have choices of Autumn colours, stripes  
Everything that you require!  
Pop in and have a look  
WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE !!

Telephone: 01631 563316 • Unit 12, Mill Lane, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HA

**Argyll's 1st uPVC sliding sash window**

Traditional Windows without compromise

Our vertical slider is an authentic looking sash window with Ovolo finishing. This combines all the benefits of high performing modern materials and functionality with period character and design.

Our frames are good for the environment  
Our windows and doors provide an outstanding barrier against heat and noise loss

Energy Window  
Systems designed to achieve a Window Energy Rating of Band A

Systems designed to achieve a Window Energy Rating of Band A

Fully committed to ISO 9001 standards covering all environmental issues

All Spectus products come with a 10 year guarantee

**10 YEAR GUARANTEE**

MacLeod Windows - Handcrafted by the men of Argyll for the houses of Argyll

For more information contact  
Iain Macaskill: 0800 526 781

## Residents' vision for 999 cover

WEST Ardnamurchan residents have put forward their own plan for out-of-hours 999 cover after talks with health chiefs failed to find a solution.

West Ardnamurchan Community Council (WACC) met with representatives from NHS Highland and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) in Kilchoan Community Centre on Tuesday night, and laid out their vision for delivering the service.

Two district nurses, one of whom is retiring in February, currently provide emergency cover.

As well as the two local nurses identified in the SAS proposal, WACC want a full-time professional nurse in the area and an emergency medical vehicle based locally to cut out times from Acharacle.

SAS want to base a replacement nurse in Kilchoan - who will be 'strongly encouraged' to live in west Ardnamurchan - as part of a west Lochaber team.

The nurses would also join a new 'co-responders' team of at least six paid people who would attend medical emergencies until an ambulance can arrive from Strontian.

The team would be backed up by GPs in Acharacle and the air ambulance.

The parties will meet again on October 25, with Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon being invited to attend.

## Cruise boat passenger airlifted from Mallaig

A CRUISE boat passenger was airlifted from Mallaig to Inverness on Tuesday afternoon after suffering a stroke onboard the ship.

The *MS Quest*, which can carry up to 50 passengers, pulled into Mallaig harbour at around 1pm where it was met by a Stornoway Coastguard helicopter.

The man, accompanied by his wife and a representative from the cruise ship, was then rushed to Raigmore Hospital for treatment.



## Fort FC dream of Scottish Cup success

Fort William FC are dreaming of Scottish Cup success as they prepare to take on Bo'ness United in the first round at Claggan Park on Saturday. The two teams were due to go head-to-head last weekend but the match was called off because of a waterlogged pitch.

East of Scotland League side Bo'ness are expected to bring five buses of supporters to Lochaber to cheer on their side. Fort manager Danny Conlon and team captain Andy Martin got the chance to lift the oldest national trophy in football when it visited the town last week. See the back page for more build up to the game. 20\_139101

## Unemployment up

UNEMPLOYMENT in Lochaber rose slightly to 2.4 per cent in the last month - still well under the Scottish average of 7.7 per cent.

However, the number of people out of work is 15.2 per cent higher than the same time last year, with 37 more people collecting job seekers allowance.

In Skye and Ullapool, the number of people without work fell to 3.4 per cent. Over the Highland Council area, the jobless rate stands at 4.8 per cent, with 115 more people without work than in 2010.



## Pirate party delights youngsters

'Oo-ar me hearties' was the swashbuckling cry from 20 lucky Rainbows from the Portree unit at The Singing Kettle's pirate party last Saturday. They watched in wonder as old favourites Arty, Cilla, Kevin and Gary entertained with songs and antics at a packed Fingal Centre in Portree.

Rainbow leader Donna Campbell said: 'It was a great experience for the girls.'

# Crunch talks on ambitious marina plan

Marine consultants to present detailed report on £3m Corpach Basin project

AMBITIOUS plans for a £3million marina at Corpach will be put to the test at a crunch meeting early next week.

As revealed in last week's *Oban Times*, developers Caol Regeneration Company will discuss the blueprint with interested parties in the Moorings Hotel, Banavie, on Monday morning.

The detailed 68-page report by marine consultants Yachting Worldwide Ltd examines costings and an outline business plan for a 60-berth facility next to Corpach Basin.

Russell Thomson, Caledonian Canal manager for British Waterways Scotland, is firmly on board the scheme.

Current waiting lists for berths, he told *The Oban Times*, suggested Corpach Marina would have a ready market.

'The marina could satisfy that demand,' he said. 'Generally anything that improves the welcome to visiting yachtsmen to the area has itself got to be welcomed.'

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

'We have given early indications to those involved in developing the marina that we would be more than willing to engage with them. We understand business details are some time down the line, but we are happy to help them deliver.'

Mr Thomson added: 'Certainly from a business perspective we would welcome it. We would help market Corpach in the same way we have worked with marinas over on the east coast, such as Inverness and Lossiemouth.'

'If people are planning a voyage of some distance from Scandinavia or northern Europe, they want to plan their whole journey.'

'Those using the canal to visit the west coast want to have peace of mind that there are guest harbours they can go into, either as a planned stop or an unplanned one at a place of refuge.'

Alison Gainsford, head of business growth at Highlands and Islands Enterprise in Fort William and the project's development manager, said: 'This has the potential to be a very good development in terms of tourism. But it is a large development requiring a lot of funding - and that will be an issue.'

'We hope that the community will be generally supportive of it so that there is a groundswell to take it to the next stage. There is a lot of work to be undertaken and this will be a long term project.'

Local councillor Bill Clark told *The Oban Times* he 'had been shouting for a marina at Corpach for years'.

He said: 'If we could get a marina it would be extremely well used. It would get boats coming up the loch and down the canal. It would be a godsend for Banavie, Corpach and indeed for the whole of Lochaber.'

Yachting Worldwide estimates Corpach Marina would make annual profits, after costs, of £27,068 in its first year, rising to £99,006 by year five - provided it does not have to service large debt or interest payments.

## Lights out in Lochaber this winter

STREET lights in some Lochaber streets are to remain turned off throughout the winter as part of a Highland Council energy and money-saving plan.

The trial, which started in July, sees every second light on certain streets in Kinlochleven, Banavie, Fort William and Strontian being turned off between midnight and 6am, with others dimmed.

Lights have also been switched off during the night in Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye. The trials were originally supposed to finish in early December but have now been extended. Some local residents have complained, saying the move may affect road safety and lead to an increase in crime.

Transport, environmental and community

(TEC) services vice chairman Brian Murphy told *The Oban Times* there was public backing for the trials.

He said: 'We had extensive public consultations earlier this year and this is one of the things people said they wanted. We have had some complaints from Dunvegan, Kinlochleven and Strontian, but we're not finished yet.'

'The trial has been extended to give us a longer period of time to assess how it's going. We have made a commitment that if any problems are flagged up by the police the trials will stop.'

Once the trials are completed, the findings, including feedback from members of the public, will be collated and a report will be presented to the TEC Committee.



SCOTTISHPOWER RENEWABLES

## ARGYLL ARRAY PROPOSED OFFSHORE WINDFARM ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WORKS

Public Information Days

Staff from ScottishPower Renewables will be on hand at the Public Information Days to update you on the progress of the project and answer any questions.

Everyone is welcome to drop in, meet the project team and discuss the proposals. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

For more information, or to contact us, please visit [www.argyllarray.com](http://www.argyllarray.com)

Dalmally Community Centre, Dalmally  
Tuesday 11 October  
3pm until 7pm

Aros Hall, Tobermory, Isle of Mull  
Wednesday 12 October  
3pm until 7pm

Tryst Lounge, Royal Hotel, Oban  
Thursday 13 October  
3pm until 7pm

20 Years Ago

## Those Were The Days

The Oban Times

Thursday, September 26, 1991

### Petrol scare hits Tiree

ISLANDERS are undertaking an ambitious plan of action to try and ensure that Tiree doesn't lose its petrol pump lifeline.

Villagers fear that the 12-mile-long island will soon be left high and dry, without a petrol sales outlet to its name. Their worries started when West Highland Crofters Ltd, who have a depot with a petrol pump at Scarinish, went into liquidation. Concern grew when the future of the other petrol outlet was threatened when Brown's shop, site of the second pump, was sold for a non-retail purpose.

Now ambitious plans are under way which, if successful, will result in the islanders buying out the Crofters' depot, and Struthan Stores at Crossap, to operate two petrol pumps.

There is mass public support for the co-operative plan on the island, with a recent public meeting at-

tracting 135 people. Mr Ian Gillies, chairman of the steering group of the newly formed Tiree Community Enterprises project said: 'All the essential services, like the post bus, the volunteer firemen who need their cars to get to the fire station, the school minibus, the old folks' home minibus would all be affected if there was no petrol on Tiree.'

The islanders feel that a co-operative could keep petrol prices down while any profits from the venture could be pumped back into community projects.

### Kyle pool cash crisis

SKYE and Lochalsh District Councilors refused to increase funding for Kyle's proposed swimming pool at an environment committee meeting.

Kyle swimming pool committee is £35,000 short of the £250,000 needed to pay for the pool and they had asked for an increase on the £20,000 provided by the council.

If the committee does not raise the required amount by March 1992 they will be forced to repay the £120,000 funding received.

Kyle Councillor Ross McKerlich said he was disappointed with the council decision. He said Kyle had no leisure facilities despite being the second biggest village in the district. He added Kyle swimming pool would serve the whole of Lochalsh not just Kyle.

### Mull artist's claim

AN artist living and working on Mull believes he may be one of the most published artists in the United Kingdom.

Ronnie Leckie has produced more than 200 prints (some running to 1,500 signed copies), 15 calendars and over the last five years, has four pages of the German Wildlife Fund catalogue devoted to his work. The catalogue has a readership of more than 10 million.

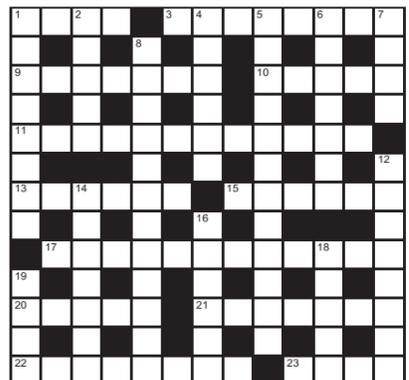
## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- Eat until full... (4)
- ...made in this? (8)
- Disengage the phone? (4,3)
- Gathering (5)
- Bail (12)
- Seat taken in upper house in US (6)
- Online newsgroup system (6)
- Writ (6,6)
- Medallion man? (5)
- Former monetary unit of Portugal (7)
- Fiasco (8)
- Joint (4)

Down

- Slight shock (8)
- Uniform (5)
- Fling (6)
- Direction shower (7,5)
- Bird crossing (7)
- Require (4)
- Remember the flowers! (6-2-4)
- Ear viewer (8)
- Shades (7)
- Spirit (6)
- Shellfish (5)
- During (4)



Last week's solution



**Community council election deadline looms**

CANDIDATES considering putting their names forward for election to their local community council have only four days left to do so. To be able to stand, candidates must return their nomination forms to Highland Council by 4pm next Tuesday. For the first time, postal ballot elections for all 153 Highland community councils are being held on the same day, November 16. Counting will take place locally from Thursday November 17. The new scheme also allows people aged 16 to seek election and vote in the election. Nominations forms are available from www.highland.gov.uk or council service points.

**Pupils get on their bikes for charity**

PORTREE Primary School P6 pupils Jamie Gillies and Ryan MacAskill are to cycle from Portree to Staffin on October 9 to raise funds for the Brainwave charity. Jamie's cousin is supported by the charity and he and his friend want to make a contribution to help the work they do.

**Nether Lochaber Church celebrates centenary**

SKYE, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson will join celebrations marking the centenary of Nether Lochaber Church in Onich at noon on Sunday. Mr Thompson will give a reading at the centenary service, which will be led by the Reverend Malcolm Kinnear. The Very Reverend John C Christie, last year's moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will be guest preacher.

Mr Thompson said: 'As an active member of the Church of Scotland, I know how important a thriving local church is for communities so I am pleased to join the congregation at Nether Lochaber in celebrating this milestone in the history of their community.'

**New members elected**

NINE people were elected to serve as members of South Harris Community Council in last week's elections. They are: Hamish Taylor; Morag Mackenzie; Kathryn P Campbell; Kenneth Angus Macleod; John R Maclean; Marion Morrison; Gavin Scott-Forrest; Joan Macleod and Alan Angus Ross. There were 13 candidates and the turnout was 67 per cent.



Race winners Tom Haining and Euan Campbell with best costume winners Steven and Amanda Munro. 20\_139race01

**Fun in the sun for Two Halls Race runners**

THE SUN showed its face for the annual fundraising Two Halls Race from Treslaig Village Hall to Ardgorr Memorial Hall on Saturday. Forty-one runners, mainly locals, were bussed from Ardgorr to Treslaig before walking, running or cycling their way along the 10-mile course, with many putting on fancy dress for the day. The event is held

to raise money for the upkeep of Ardgorr Hall. Tom Haining, aged 13, and Euan Campbell, both from Ardgorr, crossed the finish line together in first place in a time of 52 minutes and 33 seconds. Husband and wife Steven and Amanda Munro took the best-dressed prize for their costumes - Captain Jack Sparrow and

Wonder Woman. Each competitor was given a goodie bag from Lidl, as well as a burger and refreshments at a barbecue at the end of the race. Hall committee member Louise Ramsay organised the event and told *The Oban Times* it had been a 'really successful day'. She said: 'It's been a great day and it has really brought the community together.'

**Fury as tugs are axed**

Call for ministers to quit in event of shipping disaster

LOCHABER councillor and Highland Council leader Michael Foxley has said two UK Government Ministers should quit if a shipping disaster in Highlands and Islands waters follows this week's removal of two sea-going tugs from Stornoway and Lerwick. Speaking to *The Oban Times* on Tuesday, Councillor Foxley said the Stornoway tug had already left its station, sailing through the Pentland Firth to Aberdeen on Sunday. The Lerwick tug steamed out of port the same day for Loch Eriboll off Sutherland on its way south. He warned Shipping Minister Mike Penning and Secretary of State for Transport Philip Hammond's political futures were on the line over the removal of the emergency towing vessels (ETVs) from the ports. The furious council leader said: 'This is a resignation issue - when there's an incident I want to see these guys go.'

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

All four local councils - Orkney Isles, Shetland Isles, Western Isles and Highland - vehemently oppose the tugs' removal. They warn the UK Government are leaving the Highlands and Islands exposed to 'catastrophic environmental damage and the possible loss of life' if the decision is not reversed. The Government says the cost of keeping the tugs cannot be justified and says private industry should foot the bill for salvage or towing operations. Councils and other agencies have repeatedly warned the UK's Department for Transport of the consequences of having no protection should a vessel get into difficulty around treacherous northern waters. The specially constituted ETV Task Group identified a number of potential alternative sources of funding for the Department for Transport to explore, including contributions from the Crown Estate, Ministry of Defence, General Lighthouse Board, commercial activities, increasing salvage income and increased use of the ETVs by other agencies. The eleventh hour plea to the Ministers, however, looks like falling on deaf ears. Councillor Foxley said: 'We have done everything we can to impress upon the UK Government how important this issue is and to present realistic options for Ministers to explore. 'I genuinely believe there is nothing more that we can do and it is now up to the UK Government to come up with a credible way forward.' In a final letter to Mr Penning, Councillor Foxley said: 'In the event of a shipping incident, the consequences for life could be fatal and for the coastal environment devastating.'

**Crofting past, present and future in spotlight**

THE HAND of history will be on delegates' shoulders at the annual Scottish Crofting Federation Gathering on the Isle of Skye next Monday and Tuesday. The 2011 conference, at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic college in Sleat, coincides with the 125th anniversary of the 1886 Crofters Act to give people working the land security of tenure - and comes just two weeks after the Scottish Government activated the main provisions of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. The new legislation will rename the Crofters Commission as the Crofting Commission, allow crofters to elect the majority of members - all are currently government appointees - and provide new impetus to efforts to tackle neglect and absenteeism. Environment minister Stewart Stevenson will deliver the keynote speech to the gathering, which this year will have as its theme 'crofting land tenure: past,

present and future'. Over the two days, speakers will address delegates on crofting history, crofting community and culture and the formation of crofting regulated tenure. Further topics include other forms of land tenure - including the Glendale 'Irish' example, agricultural tenancies, community ownership, use of common grazings and current crofting law in regards to land tenure. Open forum discussions on regulated versus non-regulated systems, owner-occupancy versus tenancy and how crofting tenure can be sustained will also feature. The gathering will have a strong accent on youth - young crofters will discuss their aspirations and organise the ceilidh after the celebratory SCF dinner, while children from throughout the crofting islands will perform the

poetry, stories and song of their island ancestors. In 'Voices of the Island Crofts', the youngsters will tell the story of their own communities in Scots, Gaelic, Orcadian and Shetlandic dialects. The culmination will be a special performance at The Venue, Portree High School, next Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Conference speakers include SCF researcher Iain MacKinnon from Sleat, Angus McCall of the Scottish Tenant Farmers' Association and Liza Cleland from the Glendale Estate. David Cameron and Murdo Mackay from Community Land Scotland will also address delegates on crofting community ownership. Mr MacKinnon, from Camuscross, told *The Oban Times*: 'The gathering is not only commemorating the past - it is about planning for the future as well. Having so many young people participating is really exciting.'



**Young pipers hit the high notes to raise funds**

People in Fort William town centre on Saturday were treated to a performance from Lochaber Schools Pipe Band. The band held a fundraising event at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church and performed inside the church hall and outside on the Parade. Tea, coffee and home baking was on sale in the hall, along with an exhibition of what the band were raising money for - new uniforms and instruments. 20\_139pipe01



**Student Ryan's recipe for success**

Brian Hume, left, manager of the Ben Nevis Hotel, presents the Strathmore Hotels award to catering student Ryan MacDonald. The glass bowl is awarded to the student for achievement in Level 1 Professional Catering. During the ceremony Ryan was praised for his cheerfulness and ability. Ryan travels from Mallaig each day to attend college and has now joined the Level II course.

**Ambitious wind energy plans unveiled**

NORTH Uist residents have unanimously backed a community-run wind energy project which could generate more than £4m economic development cash for the island over 20 years. North Uist Development Company (NUDC), the group behind a two-turbine 1.8MW scheme near Clachan, unveiled its ambitious proposals at a public meeting in Carinish Hall last week. Around 30 local residents and crofters heard NUDC's Robert Fraser outline

the scheme's potential benefits - then voted unanimously by a show of hands to press ahead. Mr Fraser said: 'We envisage an annual income of £164,000 in the first 15 years of operation, rising to £357,000 in years 15 to 20. And these are cautious figures which, based on what other similar projects are achieving elsewhere in Scotland, we would reasonably hope to exceed.' NUDC will now set up a sub-group of elected representatives to decide funding priorities and which projects to support.

However, in common with all other green power projects in the islands, limited grid capacity remains a major obstacle. NUDC is currently in discussion with various parties, including SSE, in an attempt to ensure sufficient capacity exists in the distribution network. The company's 'optimistic' problems can be overcome and already has a 'non-firm' offer of capacity in the grid for the turbines. Essential preliminary tasks, including a scoping exercise, bird survey and otter survey,

have been completed and found no particular problems associated with the development. An archaeology survey is about to get underway. Discussions are also ongoing with North Uist Estate and local crofters on drawing up a mutually beneficial rental agreement relating to the small amount of land and access required. Once those talks conclude, an anemometer will be erected to collect 12 months of wind measurements to establish the site's suitability. Mr Fraser said: 'This is a long-term project, but we believe that the benefits to the community will be considerable. The body that makes funding decisions will be independent of NUDC and will be democratically elected, but the priorities that we would like to see benefit from the projected income range from a marina to the Cleitrevall viewpoint and from support for local producers and services to support for community halls and facilities. This is a project for the whole community and we do believe it is achievable.'

**Islands voted Gaelic Community of the Year**

SOUTH Uist and Eriskay have been named as the 'Gaelic Community of the Year 2011' in a competition run by Comunn na Gàidhlig. Apart from the prestige of the title itself, the award comes with a £3,000 prize for the community to use as they see fit. The islands came top on the use of Gaelic at each local level, the profile of the language within communities and how frequently

Gaelic could be heard being spoken by local people - with special priority given to use among young people. Judges were unanimous that South Uist and Eriskay be awarded first place on the basis of the evidence provided that Gaelic was an integral and important part of daily life. The islands have been benefiting from an 'iomairt Ghàidhlig' (Gaelic

initiative) to support the language in its remaining heartlands. Local steering group member Lena MacLellan said: 'Many will know that Gaelic is strong in this area, but that wasn't the basis of this application. We focussed on all the things being done at the moment to strengthen Gaelic and particularly to create new opportunities for Gaelic speakers to come together and use the language.'

**Work starts to replace ageing water mains**

WORK to replace ageing water mains in Fort William is due to get underway on Monday. The five-week job, worth almost £100,000, will see Scottish Water put in 280 metres of new pipework in Belford Road. The old main has suffered bursts in the recent past. To carry out the work safely the north footway of the road will

be closed to pedestrians for up to four weeks. During this time both traffic lanes of the A82 will remain open, although speed restrictions will be in place. Following this, there will be five days when the work will require closing one lane of the A82 and the use of temporary traffic lights. To minimise disruption the work has been scheduled to take place overnight. Both lanes of

the road will remain open during the day. Parking restrictions and bus-stop relocations will also be required for safety. Scottish Water project manager Andy Barnett said: 'This investment will serve Fort William well for many years to come. The A82 is an important route so we've programmed our work in a way that minimises disruption and maintains access.'

**Leader fights for local Crown Estate control**

MANAGEMENT of the Crown Estate's property and revenues should be devolved to as local a level as possible under any shake-up of the organisation, says Highland Council leader Michael Foxley. The UK Government's Scottish Affairs Committee has been taking evidence on reforming the Crown Estate, while the Scottish Government wants the Scottish Parliament to assume control.

Giving evidence to the Scottish Parliament committee on the Scotland Bill concerning the Crown Estate, Councillor Michael Foxley argued devolution needed to mean giving powers to local authorities in the Highlands and Islands, local harbour trusts and community owners such as the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust. He said: 'The Highlands and Islands can and will do much better if the foreshore and seabed resources are

managed directly by them. When the management of the Crown Estate assets are devolved to local areas then these harbours should have the direct control and management of their own foreshore and seabed.' Councillor Foxley added 'extraordinary' evidence from the British Ports Association that ports and harbours were happy with current arrangements would 'come as real news to Mallaig'.

**2012 Calendars**

Isle of Arran - £7.25  
The Oban Times - £7.25

**ON SALE NOW!**

Scottish Field - £10.50  
Scottish Field Mini - £7.25

Order online at: [www.scottishcalendars.co.uk](http://www.scottishcalendars.co.uk)  
or call us on 01631 568000  
\*Above prices include worldwide postage & packing

**Lochleven Seafood Cafe**  
[www.lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk](http://www.lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk)

**SPANISH NIGHTS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM OCTOBER**  
TAPAS PAELLA AND SPANISH DESSERT

**2 COURSE £16.95**  
**3 COURSE £19.95**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
Our shellfish menu is always available  
For bookings large or small call on **01855 821 048**

ARDGOUR

THE NUMBER of midges in Ardgour this summer soared to nearly five times higher than in 2010.

The annual Scottish midge forecast report saw a 454 per cent rise on the peninsula, with numbers rising across the country.

The damp summer gave the tiny swarming insects perfect hatching conditions.

Loch Ness saw the highest rise, up 1,179 per cent on last year.

PLOCKTON

SCOTTISH tenor and BBC Radio Scotland 'Grace Notes' presenter Jamie MacDougall will perform his show 'Jamie MacDougall sings the Kenneth MacKellar Songbook' in Plockton village hall on Saturday at 7.30pm.

Handel's arias, the ballads of Robert Burns and the songs of the Hebrides promise to be among the highlights.

Ticket information on 01599 555222.

CALLANDER

CALLANDER Jazz and Blues Festival will welcome 45 artists from UK and around the globe when it gets under way tomorrow.

Now firmly established on the festival map, the event is one of the largest rural music festivals in Scotland and welcomes the most eclectic range of artists possible.

Underlining that, one of the headline acts this year is a Russian band, Pervoe Solnce, a seven piece group whose combination of diverse musical styles forms a unique sound.

In contrast are The Slammers, consisting of double bass, piano, alto sax, drums, tenor sax, baritone sax, trumpet and trombone with a lead singer, Duncan Moris, who left the European Rat Pack tour to join the London band.

They will put on a brilliant Vegas-style show which will transport the audience back to the styles and swing of the 1950s.

One of the undoubted highlights of the festival is Saturday's Jazz Cruise on the SS Sir Walter Scott.

Sailing on Loch Katrine, guests will take in a two-hour cruise listening to live music from the Ness River Rhythm Kings, with refreshments served on board.

Callander Jazz and Blues Festival starts on Friday and finishes at The Waverley Hotel at 9pm on Sunday with a performance from Wolftrain.

# Primary one pupils in the picture



Arisaig Primary School's three new P1s, Libby Crawley, Finn O'Rourke and Corran MacKenzie.



Jo-Jo Rozga and Kitty Fletcher are the new P1s at Small Isles Primary School, Jura.



Four new P1 pupils started at Glencoe Primary School this term. Three P7 pupils left the school last year, with the new arrivals boosting the school roll to 16. 20\_139glencoe01



Banavie Primary School now has 122 pupils after 18 P1s joined at the start of term.



Dunbeg's new P1 pupils are all smiles for the camera. 16\_138dunbeg1



Mrs Cameron's primary one class at Lochnell Primary School. 16\_138lochnell1

BALLACHULISH

BALLACHULISH-based Paddle Lochaber is inviting people to try out canoeing and kayaking to celebrate the Year of Active Scotland.

Taster sessions have been organised on October 8 and 9 and October 15 and 16 through the Scottish Canoe Association. Up to 400 adults who have never tried the sport before are expected to take to the water at centres throughout the country.

A Paddle Lochaber spokesperson said: 'I'm hoping that the Go Canoeing programme will encourage members of our local community to come and give canoeing a try.'

More details at www.canoescotland.org.

A GAELIC story-telling session for under-fives will be held in Caol Library next Monday at 2.30pm when information boards on bilingual education will also be on display for parents.

The Sunart Centre library in Strontian will host a similar event on Tuesday November 1 at 10.30am. Mallaig will be the venue the following week. Councillor Brian Murphy said: 'This is a great opportunity for families with young children to pop in and see the displays and find out more about the positive benefits of bilingualism through Gaelic medium education.' A public meeting on the draft Gaelic Plan currently being developed is scheduled for Fort William on October 28, Councillor Murphy said.

CAOL



P1s Megan, Isla, Holly, Maria and Jamie started at Kilchoan Primary School this term. Two P7s left before the summer meaning the school roll has risen to 15.

## Down Your Way

### This week - Portree

PORTREE High School will hold its 'X-Factor' semi-final auditions at The Venue this evening (Thursday) at 7.30pm. Thirteen acts will take the stage after getting the thumbs up from the judges in the opening round.

English teacher Lisa Stephen told *The Oban Times*: 'Come along and see the amazing array of talent we have at Portree High School. The bar has been set very high this year.' Eight acts will be selected for the grand final next Thursday evening.



Young musicians from the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton will be guests of Isle of Skye Accordion and Fiddle Club.

ISLE of Skye Accordion and Fiddle Club gets its season underway in the Royal Hotel, Portree, on October 6, when young musicians from the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton will take to the stage.

The club invites various guest artists to play at its monthly gatherings in the Royal on the first Thursday of each month.

FORMER Portree High School pupil Rachael Cormack will be touring with her band *Run Lucky Free* around Scotland from October 3 to promote the release of their new single 'The Factory'.

The Edinburgh-based indie rock combo has won rave reviews from the music press - not least lead singer Rachael's classy vocals.

Edinburgh radio station Forth One tipped the band as 'one to watch' last year. *Run Lucky Free* has already played Edinburgh's HMV Picture House and Glasgow's renowned King Tut's.

Tour dates are: October 3 - Portree High School; October 5 - Mad Hatters, Inverness; October 6 - Slouch, Glasgow; October 7 - Cape, Stirling; October 9 - Wee Red Bar, Edinburgh.

ISLE OF Skye-based radio station Cullin FM has scooped £7,900 from Awards for All Scotland for new equipment to provide outside broadcasts across the island for the first time.

The editing suite will also be upgraded to a full recording studio and the station hopes to create more volunteering opportunities for local people.



Teresa Munro and Catriona Coghill: organising charity art auction.

A PORTREE woman and her Sonser business partner, who both lost brothers to cancer, are hosting a charity art auction at the Sligachan Hotel they run on Saturday.

Teresa Munro and Catriona Coghill decided to organise the event after Catriona's brother Iain Campbell and Teresa's brother Joe McGoff died within months of each other in 2009.

Proceeds from 'Art in the Attic' will go to Crossroads Care Skye and Lochalsh and the Joseph McGoff Foundation. Fifty artists in total have given artwork, including former Runrig singer Donnie Munro, who will open the event.

Catriona told *The Oban Times* more than 200 pieces had also been donated from homes across Skye and Lochalsh. 'The response has been really tremendous,' she said.

Teresa said: 'The idea behind Art in the Attic is to give neglected, unwanted pieces gathering dust a new lease of life. In this way we, his family and friends continue to cherish Joe's memory and support his ideals.'

Artwork can be previewed tomorrow at the hotel between 10.30am and 8pm or online at www.sligachan.co.uk/skye-charity-art-auction.php.

PORTREE Primary School has had a busy start to the new session - with the local community at the centre of activities to support learning and teaching.

Parents and members of the community support many school activities, contributing to recent success.

They include: Bearsden and Milngavie shinty tournaments - the P6/7 team who were the holders of the P6/7 trophy were runners up this year.

They beat a strong Newtonmore team 2-0 in the semi final but lost to Oban's Rockfield Primary School 2-0 in the final.

The P4/5 team, however, won their section and were undefeated throughout the day without conceding a goal. Volunteer coaches, David Taylor, the legendary David Pringle and teacher Ian Murray escorted the 15 pupils on the trip.

The pupils stayed with host families and it is hoped to invite Bearsden and Milngavie to Skye next Easter.

The local Skye Mod took place in Portree recently and many pupils from the school won prizes and participated in many events.

There were several individual prizewinners and the school won several group prizes for action songs, folk group and the Gaelic play competition.

The parent council is actively trying to raise funds to improve the school playground.

It is hoped to involve the local community in fundraising activities to support the campaign.

A group of singers from the school recently sent off a demo tape of songs in a bid to be selected for the Children in Need national choir, which will perform live this year.

The group includes pupils from both the Gaelic and English choirs, taught by Mrs Sara Matheson.

### Next week DOWN YOUR WAY visits Inveraray with reporter Steven Flanagan.

You can contact him on 01631 568000 or email sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk.

## The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

WIN £100 CASH

Take part in our 2011 Readership survey

As well as the chance for one lucky reader to win £100 cash, five runners up will win an 'Inverawe Treat', courtesy of Inverawe Smokehouses, worth £19.95 each.

### HOW CAN YOU WIN?

Simply complete the Oban Times Readership Survey and return it to the Oban Times Office. You can find the survey in this paper or, if you like, you can complete the survey online

[www.obantimes.co.uk/survey](http://www.obantimes.co.uk/survey)

If you are unable to complete the survey online and don't have a printed copy please contact The Oban Times office and we will be happy to send one out to you.

(\*UK participants only).

Be part of the future

The Oban Times  
PO Box 1  
Oban Argyll PA34 4HB  
Tel: 01631 568000  
[www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk)



Follow us on facebook  
[www.facebook.com/obantimes](http://www.facebook.com/obantimes)

### Jazz festival

THE SUCCESS of the 2011 Islay Jazz Festival, now in its 13th year and enjoying generous sponsorship from Lagavulin Distillery, greatly exceeded expectations and saw increased audience numbers at a variety of events throughout the island.

Among the luminaries from the jazz scene strutting their stuff at various local venues were multi-instrumentalist Fraser Fifield, pianists Jacob Karlsson and Brian Kellock, bassist Kenny Ellis and drummer Alan Cosker.

Swedish singer Victoria Tolstoy captivated audiences at the sponsoring distillery and at Portnahaven. Brass Jaw shone and Mario Caribe and Paul Harrison and crew grooved with the best of them. The Tom Bancroft band pulled out all the stops while Edinburgh diva Subie Coleman achieved new heights.

The three-day island festival, highlights of which will be broadcast on BBC radio, is promoted by Islay Arts Association in conjunction with Jazz Scotland.

### Ryan sings with boys' choir

BOWMORE Primary School pupil Ryan Johnstone recently appeared in concert with Còisir nam Balach, a pilot project of the National Youth Choir of Scotland, at an evening devoted to Gaelic music at the Glasgow National Piping Centre.

Local and National Mòd multi-prizewinning Ryan attended an inaugural course at the Douan's

Centre at Aberfoyle where he and other boy choristers received expert tuition in both modern and traditional Gaelic singing. The Glasgow concert was the culmination of all that had been achieved at Aberfoyle.

Còisir nam Balach was under the baton of course director Donald Feist from Port Charlotte who also conducts Govan Gaelic Choir.

The musicianship leader was Kirsteen Grant of Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir and the course administrator and Gaelic reader was Connel Mòd gold medallist Joy Dunlop. Còisir nam Balach is supported by Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Creative Scotland and is open to boys aged 11 to 14 years.

During the course, the boys learned a selection of specially chosen Gaelic arrangements including 'Sine Bhan' and 'S'ann an Ìle'.

### Kilmeny ceilidhs

THE MONTHLY summer ceilidhs organised by Kilmeny ceilidh club are now over for the current season.

These regular get togethers, where the accent has been on traditional song, music and dance, have proved an outstanding success and have attracted large numbers of locals as well as visitors to the island.

One of the added attractions has been the participation of a group of young and talented performers in the monthly programmes.

Thanks to the support and generosity of the ceilidh patrons cheques for £300 have been presented to Còisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle, the island pipe band and the Ella Edgar School of Dancing.

### Pre-Mòd concerts

BOTH Port Ellen and Bowmore primary school choirs mount their pre-National Mod concerts in their respective schools tomorrow night, September 30, Port Ellen at 7pm and Bowmore at 7.30pm.

### Ruaraidh MacLeod

EVERYONE was saddened to learn of the death on September 12 of Port Charlotte resident Ruaraidh MacLeod after a short illness. He was 92 years of age.

A native of Skye, he came to the island as a 15-year-old and, apart from wartime service, he spent the rest of his life in his adopted isle.

Ruaraidh, a widower for many years, was a larger than life character and kenspeckle figure. A noted raconteur, he had a host of stories and experiences and never let the true facts interfere with a good yarn! His earlier days were spent in dairy and farm work before becoming an employee at Bruichladdich Distillery where he achieved mascot status. He was a frequent broadcaster on Radio nan Gàidheal, where he was held in high esteem by the station's broadcasters.

Ruaraidh's long life was celebrated by the Rev Dr Rob Barlow at St Kieran's Church on September 17 and interment followed at Kilchoman cemetery.

The world seems a less colourful place with his passing and, as he would be quick to point out himself, 'that is the truth!' Beannachd leibh a Ruaraidh.

Hugh Smith, 4 Flora Street, Bowmore, Islay PA43 7JX. Telephone: 01496 810658.

### CONNEL

THE ETIVE Club will resume on Tuesday October 4 in Connel Church Hall.

The group, which meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2pm, is open to all senior citizens. Organiser Ann Campbell said this autumn there

would be a varied programme of ceilidhs, quizzes, craft and music, always finishing with a cup of tea and home baking. She said: 'It promises to be an afternoon of fun, fellowship and chat. We look forward to seeing you.'

ARGYLL and Bute's MP Alan Reid will be in Connel next Thursday, October 6, between 4pm and 4.30pm.

An appointment with him can be made by phoning 01369 704840.

Follow us on facebook  
[www.facebook.com/obantimes](http://www.facebook.com/obantimes)



**LISMORE**

ISLANDERS are invited to the annual meeting of Lismore Community Transport group, to see how the project is working and how far it has come.

The group took over responsibility for providing transport for elderly members of the community after Argyll and Bute Council's Stay Put Project was scrapped.

Lismore Community Transport sold its minibuses to raise funds and took on volunteer drivers in July this year.

Since then the sterling job by the volunteers has seen islanders receive weekly trips around the island to the museum cafe and library or the shop.

Once or twice a month there are also day trips to Oban for shopping or appointments.

Lismore Community Transport member Julian Wormleighton said: "We have a higher demand for the trips to Oban than we can provide but we have neither the manpower, nor the money to do much more."

"We have no local authority support but we have been generously supported by Aggregate Industries and formerly by Yeoman Glensanda."

At the annual meeting tomorrow (Friday) the group will look to elect a new committee and take suggestions for establishing a revenue stream to support its work.

**APPIN**

APPIN SWRI has raised £438 from its annual bring and buy sale.

On September 8, 20 members paid an interesting visit to Oban War and Peace Museum, followed by a meal at Piazza.

The institute's first meeting of the session took place on September 15 when members were delighted to be joined by a number of girls from Appin Youth Club.

President Doreen Evans welcomed the speakers for the evening: hairdressing tutor Andrina and students Chloe and Rebecca from Argyll College.

While Chloe and Rebecca demonstrated straightening and curling on volunteers, Aimee and Jenny from the youth club, Andrina answered members' questions and gave helpful hints on hair care. After the finished hairstyles had been admired, Linda MacLeod warmly thanked the girls from the college. Competition results: Photograph: Gold - Ann Calvert; Silver - Marjorie Clifford; Red - Doreen Evans.

A paper flower: Gold - Marjorie Clifford; Silver - Brenda MacLeod; Red - Pat Wyeth Webb and Doreen Evans.

**ARDCHATTAN**

ARDCHATTAN Community Council has borrowed a speed gun from their neighbours in Connel to highlight hotspots for fast drivers on their roads.

They stressed it would not be used to name and shame individuals, but to gather data on the extent of the problem in and around Benderloch, Barcaldine and North Connel.

Margaret Adams said if community representatives were seen gathering the information, "hopefully it will slow people down".

Residents are also concerned about people driving too slow on the area's main roads, particularly in the summer. Police Inspector Julie McLeish said it was a difficult issue to tackle. "There is no minimum speed limit," she added.

THE POLICE are getting better at responding to problems on the Connel Bridge, according to Inspector Julie McLeish.

She made the comments in a briefing to Ardochattan Community Council last week. However, some residents said they had a hard time keeping



**Home-grown veg on menu at Duror primary**

Duror Primary School pupils cooked up a storm at their recent Veggie Taster Day. All parents and the community were invited along to taste produce grown in the school garden and cooked and served by the pupils. 'It was a real success,' said head teacher Marilyn MacDonald.

up with the unfolding situation two weeks ago when a lorry driver hit a girder on the bridge, closing it for three hours.

Inspector McLeish said it is a challenge to contact all those who may be affected in a dynamic situation, but officers prioritised local radio and The Oban Times Facebook page to get the latest news out. She added: "We genuinely don't mind if people ring us. If we know we will tell you."

Community councillor Robin Dodman pointed out that there are more than 50 warning signs on roads approaching the Connel Bridge and proposals for a gantry on either side of the bridge were discussed.

ARDCHATTAN Community Council will ask planning enforcement officers to make sure homeowners are keeping within the rules.

At their last meeting, members raised a number of places where they felt planning conditions had been flouted, particularly around access roads.

Anne Hilditch also asked whether planning rules had eased for new builds on the area's single track roads. She said: "All these new houses have nothing, there's no curbing, there's no bell mouth."

THE COMMUNITY council had a minute's silence at their meeting last week, in memory of Donald MacDonald who sadly died suddenly last month.

Chairman Iain MacDonald introduced the tribute, saying it was fitting to remember him at their meeting in Ardochattan Primary School, which the Oban councillor had done so much to save when it was threatened with closure.

He said: "For Donald, it was all about the community and the people in the community but what made Donald different was how he went about it, with patience and humility. We will all miss him greatly."

The councillors also signed a letter of condolence for his widow.

**BENDERLOCH**

A TREE stump close to the main road in Benderloch is giving cause for concern.

Community councillor Lachie Strathern said: "While the tree was cleared, a rather large tree trunk was left very close to the roadside and I would say it is pretty hazardous."

But at a meeting last week, Ardochattan Community Council heard it is due to be cleared by the Forestry Commission.

**EASDALE**



Best dressed pirate Eilidh MacFadyen at the opening ceremony of Titanic, the new play ship on the island of Easdale.

**Children launch new pirate play ship**

AHOY me hearties, fair winds recently brought a new pirate ship to the island of Easdale.

Titanic, as named by the island's children, was officially launched by the island's children.

Errant travellers on the high seas at night will be able to see the crew's next thanks to some environmentally friendly solar panels and a mini wind generator on the ship. Mike MacKenzie MSP thanked all the children for taking part in the day. He said he hoped that one day the renewable energies used on the pirate ship would soon be used to the advantage of other facilities around the area.

Islander Donald Melville named five-year-old Eilidh MacFadyen as best dressed pirate.



Ardnamurchan High School pupils learned about monitoring volcanoes from Dr Macfarlane.

**Scientist outlines volcano project**

PHYSICS pupils from S3-6 at Ardnamurchan High School have discovered how high-definition instruments can help predict potentially devastating volcanic eruptions by measuring tiny land movements.

Dr David Macfarlane demonstrated instrumentation he developed himself, called St Andrews FAST imaging Radar

**ARDNAMURCHAN**

Equipment, by thermal mapping the school hall in real time.

Images The scientist, who heads the all-weather volcano topography imaging system project at St Andrews University, also showed how "millimetre wave" devices can take

detailed images of volcanoes even in hostile conditions. Dr Macfarlane's main project work is based in Montserrat and involves monitoring changing conditions and topography of volcanoes and lava flows.

He said: "I was impressed by the quality of the school and the interest shown by pupils both here and throughout the West Highlands."

**GAIRLOCHY**

IT GIVES a whole new meaning to British Telecom's Openreach policy - the phone box with no door!

The Gairloch booth on a windswept corner near the Caledonian Canal had its door removed around six months ago after locals reported that high



Doorless: The phone box at Gairloch.

winds had loosened it from its hinges and could fall on anyone near the kiosk.

The Glen Spean and Great Glen Tourism Group say walkers on the Great Glen Way regularly use the box to call accommodation providers to pick them up.

Approaches to BT have resulted in replies saying that they don't maintain the kiosks, and that it is the responsibility of BT Retail.

A spokesman for the group said: "We realise that visitors to the Highlands may expect to get a little wet from showers - but they don't expect to get soaked in a call box. BT acted quickly when we told them the door was hanging off after gales earlier in the year. Presumably they feared health and safety repercussions, but perhaps they don't think that a wet box is quite as hazardous."

A BT spokesperson told The Oban Times: "The Gairloch kiosk has a door replacement on order, but we have had a shortage of doors and we are having some made. It will be replaced in the near future as soon as they are back in stock."

**ABERFELDY**

PUPILS from Breadalbane Academy this week hosted an engineering challenge, with teams from Pitlochry and Crieff High School also taking part.

The Faraday Challenge Day is part of the Institution of Engineering and Technology's Faraday education programme, which includes 55 challenge days across the UK.

Held yesterday, teams of six 12-13 year old students at the Aberfeldy school were tasked

with researching, designing and building solutions to real engineering problems.

Each team member in the winning group will be awarded a prize and a trophy for their school.

The top three teams from across the UK will then receive an all-expenses paid trip to the national final in London in June next year to compete for a cash prize of up to £1,000 for their school.



Angus takes the Lochnell pupils on a march around the school grounds.

**Champion piper helps Lochnell pupils**

TO HELP with their topic on 'Scotland', Lochnell Primary School pupils had a visit from one of the country's best pipers, from just down the road.

Angus MacColl came to see the primary two class and the children were interested in finding out about a range of traditional Scottish instruments.

Angus, who teaches chanter at the primary school, was delighted to help out with their studies.

Three of his young pupils entertained primary two in the classroom, playing chanter tunes they have been learning, then Angus took the class and their teacher, Mrs Shirley Livingstone, on a march round the school grounds.

The class and their teacher marched in time to the music and Angus' young niece, Fiona, did an impromptu dance for school and nursery pupils who were delighted to share the music of a world champion piper.

**GLENCOE**

A FASCINATING collection of scrapbooks held by Glencoe and North Lorn Folk Museum will form part of the Highland Archaeology Festival, which opens on Saturday for a two-week run.

A two-day conference in Inverness featuring talks about excavations and research across the Highlands will bring the festival to an end.

**BARRA**

COMHAIRLE nan Eilean Siar is trying to find funds to repair a crumbling road in Vatersay.

The narrow stretch of road south of Uidh not only has a poorly laid surface, but it is showing signs of rapid deterioration.

But Councillor Donald Manford said the council has taken note. He said: "The condition of this stretch is of growing concern and I am pleased that urgent effort is being made to identify the necessary funds to repair and improve the road in the near future."

**ARMADALE**

A DISPLAY in the Museum of the Isles at Armadale Castle about the Armadale Pier dig and live archaeology in action at Eilean Donan Castle form part of the two-week Highland Archaeology Festival, which starts on Saturday.

The festival will end with a two-day conference in Inverness featuring talks about excavations and research across the Highlands.

**TIREE**

RESIDENTS of Tiree can now view and give feedback on the island's Access Infrastructure Draft Recommendations.

To view the document and to give feedback, visit www.tiree.org.uk. The recommendations are also on show at The Rural Centre.

Comments can be sent to the Tiree Access Forum at trd@tireebroadband.com. Consultation closes on Friday October 14.

**KILLIN**

KILLIN Golf Club's annual prizegiving ceremony will take place on Friday October 21.

**WIN! CalMac Car and Passenger Ferry Tickets!**

Caledonian MacBrayne is proud to be the Main Commercial Supporter of the Royal National Mod. To celebrate the Mod's return to Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, CalMac is offering two lucky readers the opportunity to win a Standard Return Ticket for one car and two passengers. The prizes can be used on any of CalMac's Hebridean and Clyde routes and must be redeemed by 30 June 2012.

**To enter, simply answer this question:**

**On which Hebridean island will you find Stornoway?**

a) Isle of Lewis  
b) Isle of Harris  
c) Isle of Barra

**Call 0901 293 0450 or text WM39 followed by a space, your answer, name and town to 88010**

Lines open from 6pm on Wednesday, September 28, and close at midnight, Tuesday October 4 2011.

Terms & conditions: Calls cost £1.02 from a BT landline. Other networks will vary and calls from mobiles will cost considerably more. Text messages cost £1.02 plus one message at standard network rate. Entries made after the closing date will not be counted but may still be charged. Entrants must be 16 or over and have the bill payer's permission. The winner will be contacted via telephone. The prize is as stated. No cash alternative. The Editor's decision is final. Winners will be chosen at random. The winner may be asked to take part in publicity and their name may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications. This competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees. The prize only applies to a Standard Return Ticket (Island Rover, Island Hopscotch, Whisky Hopscotch and Multi-journey Tickets are excluded). No cash alternative is permitted. Competition closing date is Tuesday October 4 2011.

# The Oban Times

& WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

## Power from below

WITH the production or collection of energy from renewable sources often the subject of vociferous public objection, perhaps another seam of power from far below the surface of Scotland offers the means of generating limitless amounts of electricity while remaining out of sight, out of mind.

Hard granites, or hot rocks, such as those readily found throughout the west coast, provide the origin of endless heat due radioactive decay of uranium, thorium and potassium contained within the structure of the rock.

Geothermal systems are not new and have been acknowledged as a potential and effective energy source for some time. Electricity can be generated by pumping water down bore holes to create steam to drive power plants but more research would be required on how to exploit the resource and overcome expensive drilling costs before its true viability can be calculated.

While Scotland debates an opportunity, Germany and Australia are already developing geothermal projects.

Geothermal has recently become a hot topic as the Scottish government has added it to its list of renewable energy resources, but if the true potential of hot rocks is to reach fruition investment needs to be forthcoming now.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### Theatre in Glasgow

THE OPPORTUNITY to attend the theatre in Glasgow and see a play which relates to the West Highlands does not come along very often but next week, from October 4 to 8, there will be a choice.

On stage at the Tron Theatre is Calum's Road.

Many readers will be familiar with the story of Calum MacLeod who lived on the north end of Raasay and single handedly built a road. The project took him the best part of 20 years.

Using the most basic of tools, Calum knew that the only hope of survival for his home location was to have road communication to the rest of the island, and therefore to the mainland of Skye, and since the local authority refused to undertake such a provision he took on the task.

His story has been told in song and more significantly in Roger Hutchinson's book *Calum's Road* and it will be interesting to see how the National Theatre will relate the story on stage.

The Glasgow performance is part of country-wide tour which will end up in Raasay. The Theatre Royal will be the venue for a stage production of Para Handy, the tales of the puffer the *Vital Spark* and its master mariner captain Para Handy.

Those of us who are old enough will remember with great affection when Neil Munro's tales of life on the west coast puffers was serialised on our television screens and it is a tribute to the author and to all those who worked on these vessels, as well as those they served, that such affection still remains.

The recent publication of a book 'The Last of the Puffermen' is an excellent read from one of the crew members on these little vessels which supplied a valuable lifeline to the west coast prior to the introduction of roll-on, roll-off ferries.

Both the above mentioned plays highlight the change which has taken place in our traditional homelands and allow us to look back, with nostalgia, a past time which many of us, I am sure, find particularly enjoyable.

#### Comunn Taobh-an-Iar

COMUNN Taobh-an-Iar had a successful start to the new season at its recent ceilidh in Ellangowan Social Club, Milngavie.

The singers were Catherine Tinney, Anne Bone MacLean, Darren MacLean and Norman MacKinnon.

In the absence of Ivor Brown, Jonathan Campbell played accordion selections and the piper was Graham Richardson. Accompanist

for the evening was Kirsteen Grant and Peter MacDonald was chairman.

#### Piping tuition

MONDAY evening classes are now underway at the College of Piping and will continue until December 10 with Jonathan Greenlees and Gordon McCready, from the all conquering Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band, as tutors.

The autumn tuition course at the National piping Centre will take place from October 17 to 21 and pupils at any level, including beginners, are welcome to enrol.

#### Change of venue

FOR MANY years the majority of association functions have taken place in Partick Burgh Halls but as you will note from the Diary Dates many are now taking place in Crawford Hall on Beith Street, Partick.

Beith Street runs parallel to the Clydeside Expressway and the hall is located to the west of the junction with Rosevale Street.

#### Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Gowan Gaelic Choir who won the Silver Cup for mixed choirs at the recent local Mod in Lochgilphead

#### Diary dates

**Thursday September 29:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, David Ferrard.

**Friday September 30:** Glasgow Skye Association, Opening Concert, Crawford Hall, Beith Street, Partick, 7.30pm.

**Saturday October 1:** Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh. Julie Fowlis, Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline. Calum's Road - see above.

**Sunday October 2:** Julie Fowlis, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh.

**Tuesday October 4 to October 8:** Calum's Road in the Tron Theatre and Para Handy in the Theatre Royal - see above.

**Thursday October 6:** Live at the Star, St Andrew's in the Square, 8pm, Americana with Fallen Angels.

**Friday October 7:** Glasgow Ilay Association, Opening Concert, Crawford Hall, Beith Street, 7.30pm.

#### Pub scene

IT SHOULD be a full house in the Park Bar this Saturday with the long-awaited return of Skipinnish to provide the music.

On Friday it will be the Burns Brothers with Sunday still to be arranged while in the Ilay Inn it will be Penny Dogs on Friday and Matthew MacLennan and his band on Saturday.

**Neil Murray. Tel: 0141 954 8105. Email: neilmurray@yahoo.co.uk.**

### YOUR LETTERS

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 300 words in length for publication on this page. The editor also reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them.

Names and postal addresses must be supplied, including on emails, to indicate good faith. A daytime telephone number is also required for verification.

Anonymous letters or those supplied without a contact telephone number will not be printed. Please write or fax to: Letters page, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Fax: 01631 568001. Email editor@obantimes.co.uk.

### PRESS POLICY

WE AT The Oban Times do our utmost to make sure that all our reports are fair, accurate and balanced, but we accept that, on occasion, mistakes can occur in the hectic process of producing the biggest local newspaper in the West Highlands.

It is the policy of The Oban Times Group to correct any errors in print. If you find an error of fact on our pages please write to The Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB giving your day-time telephone number where possible. This statement of policy will appear on this page every week along with any corrections or clarifications.

The Oban Times adheres to the Press Complaints' Commission's Code of Conduct.

The views expressed in The Oban Times are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



## Lochavullin, Oban, August 1993

Iain MacDonald of Albany Street, Oban, submitted this week's flashback photograph. He said: 'The Lochavullin area of Oban has undergone many changes in the past 50 years. Photos submitted previously to *The Oban Times* bare witness to this. The above photo was taken from the Hydro in August 1993 and shows the ground cleared for the building of the new Tesco store. Wm Low is still in situ on the right, but would be subsequently demolished. The present site of Lidl, Argos and Homebase is a playing field. The Auction Mart, Hotel and Mart Bar were demolished and the ground cleared the previous year. What we see today fills the emptiness seen in this picture.' We invite readers to send in flashback photographs. 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.

## Letters to the editor

PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB  
email: editor@obantimes.co.uk

www.obantimes.co.uk

Telephone: 01631 568000  
Fax: 01631 568001

#### Hope MacDougall Collection concerns

Sir, I was concerned to discover that the Friends of the Hope MacDougall Collection intend to dissolve the organisation as a separate, autonomous body and combine it with the Friends of Dunollie.

I believe the Hope MacDougall Collection should remain separate from the Dunollie Project as its founder's name and her work should be preserved intact. The two organisations have very different remits. The remit of the Collection is cultural, covering a broad spectrum of life within rural Scotland, including agricultural history and practices.

The remit of the Dunollie Project covers only the Clan MacDougall and maintenance of the fabric of Dunollie House.

My fear is that if the two organisations are combined the Collection will, over time, become fragmented and eventually lost.

Instead of dissolving the separate entity of the Hope MacDougall Collection, the Friends should elect office bearers who would be responsible for administering the Collection and co-operating with other museums to bring its artefacts to a wider audience. However, if the Friends no longer have the will to work for this Collection and a continuing separate identity for it is therefore impossible, it is vital that its purposes not be lost in the Dunollie Project and that Hope MacDougall's work is preserved under her name.

**Janet Watt, nee MacDougall, Port Appin.**

#### Ganavan public toilets

Sir, It is now almost five weeks since the public toilets at Ganavan were mindlessly vandalised and they still remain closed with no sign of work starting or any repair being contemplated.

The degree of damage which I saw was not significant or to the extent that the repairs should have taken this length of time.

The problem currently is that people arriving at the toilets and finding them closed are taking to urinating and defecating behind the toilets in the concealed area below the high grass banking.

People seen going behind the toilets to relieve themselves is now a daily occurrence and recently my ten-year-old nephew stood in human faces behind the toilet when going to retrieve a ball.

When is Argyll and Bute Council going to act? As I see it there are two options: The council steps up to the mark and carries out repairs promptly or demolishes the toilet block.

Either way, the current situation cannot be allowed to continue.

**Lachlan King, Oban.**

#### Oban Pipe Band thanks

Sir, Now that the 2011 Pipe Band season has come to a close it is time to reflect on what has been achieved by Oban Pipe Band, and for me to thank an awful lot

of people for helping to make it such a successful year.

Throughout its 91 year history Oban Pipe Band has had many achievements in competition, and this season has further added to its list of accomplishments by becoming Grade 3A World Champions, Scottish Champions and Champion of Champions.

Indeed, the band brought to Oban a total of 16 trophies from competitions throughout the country.

I am hugely indebted to the players for their commitment and hard work, and to the committee and fundraising volunteers for their assistance.

All this would not have been possible, however, but for the support and generosity of the local community which regularly contributed towards the many fundraising activities which took place over the year.

Likewise, several local businesses kindly provided donations, all of which helped towards equipment and travel costs.

To all concerned I thank you most sincerely.

While the players enjoy the challenge of competition and are already making preparation for next season, it is a fact that Oban Pipe Band is first and foremost a community band and will, whenever possible, continue to represent and support public events and activities taking place in North Loth.

#### Alternative source of power needed

Sir, Professor Colin Davidson's letter of September 22, headed 'Stock up on candles' extolling the virtues of wind turbines, fails to realise how true his headline words are when the wind fails to blow.

In 2010 onshore turbines generated only 22 per cent of their capacity.

The Royal Academy of Engineering calculated that the cost of producing a kilowatt hour of electricity by an offshore wind turbine is 7.2p compared with 2.2p for gas, 2.3 for nuclear and 2.5p for coal. The installed cost of the 3,500 wind turbines operating now is £7 billion.

A comparison can be made between the cost of a recently built gas-fired power station in Plymouth at a capital £400 million generating 882MW, with a wind farm of 30 five-megawatt turbines at a cost of £500 million with a total capacity of 150MW which works out at being 22 times more expensive.

Professor Davidson, an electrical engineer, knows that when the wind fails to blow no electricity is being produced but like all supporters of wind power he deliberately avoids mentioning it.

Without an alternative source of power what do we do when the lights go out? Nor does he mention the huge subsidies paid to installers and to land owners which adds considerably to the cost of electricity to many poorer customers who may be out of a job.

It ill becomes him when he sneers at a previous contributor, G W Stewart, and at nuclear power, which has kept the lights on in Scotland.

Why can't we have a bit of honesty from supporters of wind

turbines? The SNP Scottish Government has also failed to tell us the true cost of electricity produced by wind turbines.

Nor do they tell us that when the lights go out they would have to rely on buying electricity from England, produced by nuclear power. Talk of humbugs!

**George A Clarke, Torloisk, Isle of Mull.**

#### Dismay as march of massive windmills continues

Sir, I must respond to another letter from Professor Davidson in last week's *Oban Times*.

Luckily for me, however, all I have to do is to refer him to the letter in the same edition by Alan Thomson, which shares my point of view.

I am told I would be foolish to object to wind 'farms', cleverly named and not called power stations.

Why are we backing a horse at vast expense that only runs some of the time?

Even now there would appear to be an over supply of power from wind when we even pay some 'farms' to close down.

However, the never ending march of these massive windmills continues, driven by vast subsidies from us, potentially ruining one of our main assets.

Let us start with the base load improvements. I seem to be being belittled for placing my trust in boffins who can reach the moon and are considering Mars.

Has professor Davidson followed the development of helium reactors that cannot melt down and are inert and are much more efficient than the present rod and water cooled plants? They are in the early stages, but my boffins will beat wind in less than a century.

Tucked away in *The Scotsman* of September 14 there is an article attributed to Dr Peter Hughes, chief executive of Scottish Engineering. He, like me, was stressing the absolute necessity of a base load producer.

He was talking to Alex Salmond prior to the May election. I asked him about this and he replied and I quote: 'If we need to extend the life of Torness nuclear plant we can do.'

Dr Hughes asked him why he was not telling the public that. Again Dr Hughes said wind was an extra source of power, but just that.

**G W Stewart, Seil Island.**

#### McCaig and the vanishing 'wh'

Sir, I was disappointed to note in McCaig's latest View from the Tower further evidence for the homogenisation of Scottish English.

In two of his sub-headings he dropped the unvoiced 'wh' characteristic of pronunciation north of the border in favour of the voiced 'w' - 'Wither head the Scottish Tories?' and 'WOT, no lunch?'

Was this a running gag, an attempt at humorous punning or just ignorance?

Is he not aware that the Scottish 'wh' is under threat?

Does he not listen to Radio Scotland, whose reporters and newscasters serve us a daily diet of 'wails' - large marine mammals - 'wining' - plaintive crying - and 'weals' - the round things on cars?

Whilst the BBC might be neglecting its duty of care towards the diversity of Scottish speech, I would have hoped that respected organs of the press such as *The Oban Times* would be maintaining standards rather than going with the flow. Please support my new campaign SOWHIT - Save our WH from Insidious Transmutation.

**I C Wilkie, Strathbungo, Glasgow.**

#### Excellent care from NHS

Sir, Further to Alex Cameron's letter, *The Oban Times* September 22, may I also record my profound thanks to the ambulance crews, helicopter crew and nursing staff of Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, who cared for me following my heart attack at home recently in the middle of the night.

I was receiving cardiac treatment at the Golden Jubilee Hospital at Clydebank within hours and back in Oban the same day. I cannot praise too highly the professionalism and reassuring attitude of all staff concerned over my five days in NHS care or the wonderful response of the Isle of Seil Homecare team, who looked after my disabled wife during my absence so very well. My gratitude to you all. Thank you.

**John Cotman, Balvicar.**

#### Country obsessed with money and greed

Sir, Although I am not Scottish by birth, I am in heart.

I love fiddle music, bagpipes which stir your inner soul and the swirl of the eightsome reel.

I was stationed in Oban on Coastal Command in 1941 as a WAAF medic, my first posting from RAF Yatesbury, Wiltshire, where I was trained in medical duties and administration.

On my first sighting of Oban Bay as I stepped out of the beautiful Victorian station - no longer there - I was enchanted and fell in love with my Brig-a-doon.

Oban in wartime was a kaleidoscope of moving colour - the Navy, the Army and RAF blue.

It was the home of the Catalina and Sunderland Sea Plane and Coastal Command 210 Squadron of which I became an honoured member.

Those days are long gone and in 2011 the War and Peace Museum holds the history and the sacrifice of so many who lie with their aircraft in Oban Bay.

Who is responsible for the Cairn at Ganavan Sands, lying forlorn amongst the modern housing built there?

How has this country become so obsessed with money and greed, forgetting we could have had a Nazi regime if our wonderful men and women had not helped win our freedom?

**Wendy B Austin-Bishop, Grantown on Spey.**



## Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

THA E TÀMAILTEACH GUM BHEIL TAIC AIRGID an Rìghaltais dhan Ghàidhlig dol a reothadh airson nan trì bliadhna romhainn, ach leis gum bheil suidheachadh an spòrain phoblach chò teann, theagamh nach robh dùil ris a' chòrr.

Ma ghabhas duine ri fàs foghlaim tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig agus inbhe a' chànain feadh nan ealain mar shlatan-tomhais, tha cùisean air tighinn air adhart thar nan còig bliadhna fichead a chaidh seachad. Chithear agus cluinnear buaidh an adhartais sin aig Modan ionadail feadh na dùthcha agus 's e fìor adhbhar misneachaidh a th'ann.

Ach mar a tha mi air ràdh an seo iomadh uair roimhe, cha bu bheag a' spàirn a b' fheudar a dhèanamh agus an t-adhartais le Gàidhlig a bhunnic. Ach thachair e! Bho chionn chola-deug thug mi iomradh air gun d' rinn daoine mar a mhol Seòras Younger ann an 1985 agus dhearbhadh iad le gnìomh an cuid creideas nan cànan is nan dualchas agus choisinn sin taic an Rìghaltais. Mar thoradh air na gnìomhan dearbhadh sin, thogadh iomairt gus inbhe-thearainte a thoirt dhan chànan tro reachdas laghail. Fhuair sinn Achd agus fhuair sinn seirbheis craolaidh agus tha mi creidsinn gum bheil mòr-shluagh na dùthcha nas mothachail air Gàidhlig na bhia iad fad iomadh bliadhna roimhe. Mar a bhiodh dùil cuideachd, tha an t-adhartas air nàimhdean a thoirt às na cùillean agus mar a bha mi ag ràdh roimhe, tha cuid de phàipearan-naidheachd na Gàidhealtachd fhèin làidir an aghaidh na Gàidhlig. Ged a tha sin dòrainneach fhulang, aig an àm àm feumar a bhith mothachail gur ann ri linn an adhartais a rinn sinn a' tachairt. Nan robh Gàidhlig a' bàsachadh gu socair seimh, cha bhiodh an aon sreuchail ann! Mar a thuir Cennard Bòrd na Gàidhlig, feumar cuimhne a chumail air na bhunnic sinn agus ged nach bi àrdachadh maoin againn airson beagan bhliadhnaichean, chan fhaodar misneachd no creideas a chall. Feumaidh riaghalasan an t-saoghail suidheachadh ionmhas a rèiteach agus thig taic ur dhan Ghàidhlig.

As an eadar-ama, tha mòran ann a dh'fhaodas na Gàidheil a dhèanamh gus an cuid cànan a neartachadh agus 's e aon de na rudan sin cothrom a ghàbhal an cànan a chleachdadh le moit anns gach suidheachadh a ghabhas!

ALTHOUGH it is disappointing that the Government's modest Gaelic development budgets are to be frozen over three years, it is perhaps not surprising when all public services are under such enormous funding pressures.

Gaelic development will suffer as these budgets will be incapable of meeting the community demand which has been steadily growing as a result of a great deal of voluntary as well as professional activity.

But Gaelic users must remain confident and focussed on the significant progress they have achieved and which generates regular attacks in some sectors of the media.

Gaels can continue to promote and develop Gaelic in the community and they should particularly take every opportunity to use the language with pride in as many situations as possible.

**Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell)**  
ailean@obantimes.co.uk

## A view from the tower

by McCaig

#### 'Private and confidential' no longer

THE BOOK of 2011 will be one published under the oddest set of circumstances which must have given Edinburgh lawyers a hundred headaches but at the same time meant they have been paid money they never expected to see.

But considering the author is the world's greatest computer 'hacker' it is not surprising he would do strange things that no established author would ever contemplate. The author is Julian Assange whose name hasn't been out of the media for more than a day or two for a number of reasons, including alleged rape in Sweden, the publication of classified documents, computer hacking on a massive scale and obtaining cash under false pretences.

Publishing company Canongate Books obviously knew there was money to be made from publishing Assange's tale and had taken legal advice before it wrote him a cheque for £1 million as an advance on receipt of the completed copy.

The latter has not yet been received - nor is it likely to be - but Mr Assange has cashed the cheque to pay his world-wide legal bills and is not happy that Canongate Books has taken the only option open to them: publish a draft manuscript of what was to be the story of how an Australian from the small town of Lismore - an enclave near Brisbane - is one of the top 20 best known people in the world, not for anything he has achieved for the betterment of mankind but for his successful campaign to open up commercial and government computers.

Instantly he was deemed the world's best investigative journalist, laden with honours by numerous bodies who had been looking for a way to break the mould of state and commercial confidentiality. And a man who, while worshipped by the political left, was the man most likely to be arrested and locked up for numerous breaches of the law.

It seems he needed legal advisers wherever he went, not only for his hacking activities but for his alleged forced sexual activities. I'm not going to spoil his tale, but encourage you to buy his 'Unauthorised Autobiography' at £10.

**1,000 days at No 11**

IT HAS become increasingly fashionable for those who

have held the office of Prime Minister to write their memoirs as a justification for the actions they have taken in that office but appear not to have worked.

Cancellors of the Exchequer have now started to follow a similar pattern. These include Alistair Darling who tells us it was while he was 'at home' at No11 Downing Street.

Mr Darling did not have an easy time as he took over from Gordon Brown.

Although they had been colleagues making their way up the ranks towards one of the major offices of state, they never seem to have been close friends. Indeed, from what Mr Darling reveals they never were anything other than colleagues and sometimes none too friendly at that.

Both are Scots and as Darling admits when there were political hot-potatoes Prime Minister Brown would invite Chancellor Darling to cross the Forth to discuss some difficulty.

But as Brown had himself been Chancellor for almost a decade the atmosphere was craftsman tutoring the apprentice.

It is obvious Gordon Brown did not want Alistair Darling as Chancellor but Ed Balls who had helped him earlier in his career.

He knew that Balls was not popular with the rank and file members of the Labour Party and far to the left of Mr Darling.

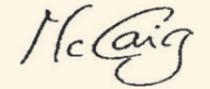
Indeed, he tells for the first time how he stood up to the Premier and refused to quit as Chancellor to take up a post he didn't want.

He declined to be Home Secretary as he regarded the subjects he would be expected to discuss as being specifically English and he declined the Foreign Secretaryship because he wasn't going to move from an office that embraced something he had at his fingertips.

His descriptions of what could be described as verbal 'hand-to-hand fighting' are the most honest and detailed I've ever read.

In the end, for a number of reasons, Mr Brown had to give in and Mr Darling remained as Chancellor of the Exchequer until the General Election removed both Brown and Darling from office.

'Alistair Darling Back From The Brink, 1,000 Days at Number 11' is published by Atlantic Books, priced £14.99



# The Oban Times

## AND ARGYLLSHIRE ADVERTISER.

The County Paper of Argyllshire, circulating extensively in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Greenock, Paisley, Stirling, Doune, Callander, Tyndrum, Dalmally, Kingussie, Inverness, Fort-Augustus, Fort William, Ballachulish, Tobermory, Easdale, Lochgilphead, Ardrishaig, Inveraray, Portree, Stornoway, The Lewis, Skye, all the Western Islands and many other Districts

No. 2980

31ST YEAR OF PUBLICATION

ESTABLISHED 1861

PRICE ONE PENNY

### Properties for Sale and to Let.

#### ARGYLLSHIRE

FURTHER REDUCED UPSET PRICE £14,000

#### ESTATE OF KILBERRY

TO BE EXPOSED FOR SALE by Public Roup, in DOWELL'S ROOMS, EDINBURGH, at 3.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1932. THE CASTLE and ESTATE of KILBERRY, including the Shootings and Fishings, and extending to approximately 7000 Acres. The Moor is easily walked. Kilberry is situated on the West Coast, 16 miles from Tarbert. The Castle contains 5 Public Rooms, 14 Family Bedrooms and suitable Servants' and Kitchen Accommodation. There are the usual Offices and Employers' Cottages.

There are 5 Farms on the Estate. The Rental for 1931-32, including the assessed value of the House and Shootings is £920, while the Owners' Burdens for 1931-32 amount to £217 15s 8d.

Further particulars from Messrs. DEWAR & ROBERTSON, C.A., 18 Alva Street, EDINBURGH, or from Messrs. FRASER, ROBERTSON & MACDONALD, W.S., 11 St. Colme Street, EDINBURGH, the latter of whom have the Title Deeds and Articles of Roup. 179

#### SHEEP FARM TO LET

THE Desirable FARM of BLARGHOUR, on SONSCHAN ESTATE, LOCHAWY, IS TO LET, with Entry at WHITSUNDAY, 1932.

The Farm carries a Blackfaced Stock of about 900 Ewes and about 270 Ewe Lambs, all bred on the Farm. There is a good Farm House, with sitting room, dining room, and a considerable area of low ground. The Stock is a well-doing one, and is to be taken over by the new Tenant at Market value only.

Mr. Angus Fraser, Blarghour, Sonschan, by Dalmally, will point out the boundaries to intending offerors on receiving two days' notice.

For Conditions of Let apply to Messrs. WADDELL MONTGOMERY & PIEDIE, W.S., 21 Melville Street, EDINBURGH, who will receive Offers up to WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1932. 146

#### ARGYLLSHIRE

#### COLONSAY ESTATE

TO LET, with Entry at Whitsunday, 1932, for such period as may be agreed on, the FARM of COLONSAY, in the Parish of Colonsay, at present occupied by Messrs. Duncan and Angus McNeill, and extending to approximately 770 Acres. There are a fine Standing and a good Dwelling-house.

The Farm will be shown by Mr. Murdoch McNeill, The Gardens, Colonsay House, Colonsay, on two days' previous notice.

For further particulars apply to Mr. DUNCAN STARK, Factor, GLENCOE, Argyllshire, who will receive offers. 23-1

#### DUNSTAFFNAGE ESTATE

TO LET, with Entry at Whitsunday, 1932, the Farm of Dunstaffnage, within 4 miles of OBAN and 14 miles of the Village of Connel. The Farm carries a Sheep Stock of about 224, with 65 head of Cattle. The Buildings are in good order and suitable for the Farm. Present tenant not an offeror.

Further particulars and Conditions of Let to be had from ALEXANDER McLAINE, Land Agent, Municipal Buildings, OBAN. 78

#### NORTH UIST

TO LET, that desirable HOLDING, consisting of half the fertile Island of HEISKEIL, possessing some of the finest Machair Grasslands in the West Highlands. The Island is 23 Cows, 4 Horses and 72 Sheep. A new Landing Slip has recently been constructed on the Island. The situation is ideal for fishing and kelp making.

Further particulars from H. H. MACKENZIE, Factor, 145 Warrander Park Road, EDINBURGH. 264

#### BALLACHULISH

TO LET on Lease from Whitsunday, 1932, LABOUR TEMPERANCE HOTEL, on Main Road near BALLACHULISH Railway Station. Contains 11 Rooms for use as Public Rooms or Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, &c. Large Garden.

Further particulars and permits to view from W. F. HALLIDAY, W.S., 4 North Charlotte Street, EDINBURGH. 370

#### FORT WILLIAM

FOR SALE—Property consisting of Commercial SHOPS with back premises, in principal street. For further particulars apply to MACGIVERN & MACGIVERN, S.S.C., FORT WILLIAM. 348

#### GRAND SHINTY MATCH

##### OBAN v. INVERARAY

At OBAN  
On SATURDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1932  
Throw-up, 1.45 p.m.  
Admission, 1/-; Unemployed, 6d; Boys, 6d.

#### GRAND SHINTY MATCH

##### OBAN v. OBAN CELTIC

At OBAN  
SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY 1932

#### GAELIC SOCIETY OF GLASGOW

##### MONTHLY MEETING

in the  
Highlanders' Institute, Glasgow  
ON  
TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY  
at 7.45 p.m.  
Lecturer—REV. MALCOLM MACLEOD, M.A.  
Subject—"INNIS NAN OG."  
Tea will be served and a Musical Programme submitted. Silver Collection. 383

#### GLASGOW JURA ASSOCIATION

THE FOURTH  
SOCIAL AND DANCE  
OF THE CURRENT SESSION  
WILL BE HELD IN THE  
Highlanders' Institute, Eimbank Street,  
Glasgow  
On TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY,  
at 7.45 p.m.  
Programme arranged by Miss May MacArthur.  
Admission Social by 10s tickets, 1/-;  
and to Dance, 1/- each person.  
395 D. MACKAY, Hon. Secy.

#### THE HIGHLANDERS' INSTITUTE

##### WHIST DRIVE

ON  
WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY  
at 7.30 p.m.  
Prizes. Ticket, 2/- (including Tea).  
A. R. CAMPBELL, Secy.

1912

**JANUARY 1912**  
**DUROR - BOAT FATILITY**  
Cull Bay, Duror, was on Saturday afternoon the scene of a distressing boating fatality involving the loss of two lives and the jeopardising of a third. The sad event has created a painful sensation throughout the district. Major Ionides (West Surrey Regiment), Mrs Ionides and Mrs Taylor, who were resident in Keil House, induced, no doubt, by the fine weather and the placid surface of the water, proposed a boating excursion round the bay. With this intention the party left the Keil shore in an open skiff with every anticipation of an enjoyable sail. Nothing definite is known with regard to the subsequent movement of the boat until towards evening the crew of a passing yacht discerned some floating object on the surface of the water outside Rhu More, which forms the northeast point of the bay. A closer inspection revealed the object to be an upturned boat with a lady clinging to the keel. The yachtsmen lost no time in effecting the rescue of Mrs Ionides in a very exhausted condition. When the boat was being righted Mrs Taylor was discovered underneath but unhappily life was found to be extinct. The most stringent search failed to find any trace of Major Ionides.

**JANUARY 1912**  
**HARRIS - GOLF COURSE AT SCARISTA**  
Through the kindness of Lord Dunmore, South Harris is now provided with a nine-hole golf course, the formal opening of which took place last Wednesday afternoon. The work of construction was carried out under the direction of Mr Marling, Royal Aberdeen Golf Club. The ceremony of declaring the course open was presided over by Dr. Tolmie Obbe. Thereafter a number of golfers from the various shooting lodges, who motored over to take part in the opening of the course, played a round. The best return was made by Mr Norman Robertson, factor of South Harris, whose two rounds were 35 and 36-71, which for the present will figure as the record.

**JANUARY 1912**  
**BENBECULA - MURDER TRIAL**  
The trial of John MacIsaac, farm servant, South Uist, on a charge of murder of Ann MacQueen, Benbecula, took place in Inverness last week before Lord Deane, and a jury. The accused was found guilty of culpable homicide, and sent to prison for fifteen years. The charge was that the accused, in the dwelling-house occupied by the now deceased Ann MacQueen, cottar, at Strome, Benbecula, did assault the said Ann MacQueen and beat her on the head with a stick or other instrument, or with his fists and did throw her down and did murder her. The prisoner, who pleaded not guilty was defended by Mr J.M. Mackay, advocate, instructed by Mr Kenneth J. Brand, solicitor, Inverness. A special plea was intimated to the effect that the accused was in an unsound state of mind at the time of the alleged crime.

**JANUARY 1912**  
**CORPACH - NEW LIGHTHOUSE**  
One of the most up-to-date structures on the whole canal system has just been erected at Corpach, in the form of a new lighthouse built on the site of the old one with concrete blocks made at the Commissioners' works at Inverness and placed in position there by the local canal workmen. The structure is a very simple, yet handsome one, and adds greatly to the amenities of the north pier at Corpach. The other evening the light was lit in it for the first time by Mr D.R. MacGillivray, Canal House.

**JANUARY 1912**  
**THE NEW INDUSTRY**  
WHAT promises to be an important local industry is at present in the initial stages of development on the estates of Mr Macalpine Downie of Appin, that of a limestone quarry. Several workmen are now busily engaged clearing the approaches previous to starting operations. The rock is of good quality, and the work is supervised by Mr Archd. McColl, late manager of Ballachulish Slate Quarries, whose experience in such work augurs well for a successful undertaking.

**AUGUST 1912**  
**MULL - FAILURE OF QUARRY INDUSTRY**  
The Ross of Mull Granite Quarries, Ltd., whose office was in London, recently went into voluntary liquidation. The company worked Tormore Quarry but the operations, unfortunately, were for some time carried on at a loss, and all work ceased in the quarry from January of this year. To meet the landlord's preferable claim, there were sold by warrant of the Sheriff on Tuesday last week some of the coals, quarry plant, tools, etc., of the company, the sale being conducted by Messrs Thomas Corson & Company, auctioneers, Oban.

**AUGUST, 1912**  
**MULL - THE MACLEANS OF DUART**  
The eyes of the Clan Maclean, and indeed of all Highlanders, were on Saturday last turned towards the ancient Castle of Duart. Two hundred years ago the Castle was torn from the hands of its Chief. For two hundred years it had lain in other keeping; on Saturday it was surrendered, and surrendered with a peculiar grace, to the successor of the Chief of 1691. It must have been a fine thing to own the Castle though one were not a chief nor even a Maclean. Its long chain of holders must have each in his day taken pride in the crumbling relic which spoke so grimly and pathetically of a tempestuous past, of turbulent clans, of ferocious feuds, of blood and rapine. As time laid its hand upon its once-strong walls and its chambers became roofless and forlorn, it gathered to itself an aroma of peace, no longer inspiring jealousy and revenge. It became an object of antiquarian interest, and travellers passing through the Sound of Mull picked up some sort of its history and saw in it a decaying monument of a ruder age, of an era of rough and ready justice, when the strong arm claimed its own.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**FORT AUGUSTUS-WHOLE FAMILY DROWNED**  
A most painful drowning accident happened in the Caledonian Canal, a short distance from Fort Augustus, on the night of Saturday last, when a whole family lost their lives—father, mother, and two daughters of four and two years—with a horse and van. John Townsley, an itinerant piper, had just shortly before bought and taken delivery of the horse and van from a hawker, and was proceeding on his journey to Cullochy, where they had been camping for the past few weeks. On Sunday morning as three boys were passing along the Canal bank they observed a body floating on the surface and at once ran to the Police Station to report the matter. Constable Mackenzie brought to the bank the body of a little girl, which he at once recognised. The constable was struck by the amount of wreckage that was in the vicinity, and came to the conclusion that a sad calamity had happened, and on removing the body of the child to the station he requisitioned the services of some lock-keepers and grappling irons and in a short time the horse and cart were found near the centre of the Canal. Evidently no one witnessed the accident, but it is conjectured from careful investigation of the fatal spot, that the horse, with its living freight, must suddenly have backed into the canal.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - SPEED LIMIT**  
The Clerk read a letter from Mr John Disselhoff, Sheriff-Clerk Depute, with regard to the decision of the jury in the public enquiry held in the Sheriff Court recently in reference to the death of Mr Samuel Macne, Oban, who was killed as a result of colliding with a motorcar on the Corran Esplanade. Mr Disselhoff recommended that the Ganavan Road be not closed against motor car traffic, but that the speed limit of motor cars be restricted to 10 miles per hour on that road as well as on the other roads in the burgh of Oban.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**MULL - ARMADA GALLEON AT TOBERMORY**  
Recent operations have been carried on for a month, and, though a good deal of bad weather has been experienced, quite a large array of relics were procured, and a selection of these is now on exhibition in the Caledonian Hotel at Oban. Among the articles recovered several stout pieces of African oak held the collection, but greater interest attaches, perhaps, to a group of iron cannon balls of larger size than any previously brought up, which each weighs 35 lbs, and



The Provosts of Oban from 1913 to 1937. Back row: Alexander L. MacArthur (1925-1928) and James Hutton (1928-1931). Front row: Donald MacD Skinner (1919-1922), Archibald MacAlister (1931-1937) and Archibald Black (1913-1919). The sixth Provost of Oban during that era was Robert Mitchell (1922-1925).

had a diameter of seven inches. Among the peculiar finds were a graduated strip of brass with loop at extreme top, supposed to be used for sighting purposes on a big gun and done in Roman numerals, a 4-inch shell filled with an extremely light metal, and a piece of copper-wire cable, which, kept in a glass jar filled with salt water, retained the original burnished condition it displayed when brought up. Other finds were several broken and small pieces of antique pottery, remains of a cutlass and two muskets, as also of daggers and swords, a quantity of lead and copper sheathing of the ship, three exquisite-formed teeth, presumably of a Spaniard, and almost a complete set of the bones of a young person, conjectured to be not more than 14 years of age. During the month eight "Pieces of Eight," one of them dated 1586, were recovered.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - BOAT LAUNCHED**  
There was launched last week from the yard of Mr Donald McDonald, boat builder, Carding Mill Bay, Oban, the motor launch "Gig Ferry," built to the order of Mr John McKay, Carding Mill Bay. The boat is to be used for passenger and cargo work on that exposed coast, and is constructed of very heavy type teakings. The engine is a heavy type Kelvin paraffin set supplied by the Bergius Engine Company, Glasgow. After running successful trials in Oban Bay the launch was shipped to Stornoway by the s.s. *Claymore*.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**BENDERLOCH - ESTATE FOR SALE**  
The residential and sporting estate of Lochnell, including Lochnell Castle, is to be exposed to the public sale in Dowell's Rooms, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 25th inst. The rental is £1750 0s 11d.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - FLEET IN BAY**  
The Fourth Division of the Fleet, which has been in Oban waters for the past week, is expected to leave for Lamnah on Monday. During the week the town has presented a busy appearance owing to the large number of liberty men ashore. The behaviour of the men has been unexceptionable. A special train, conveyed by Naval Reserve men whose period of training had expired, was run from Oban on Tuesday morning at 9.20 a.m. The men were landed from the various ships at 9 a.m., and were promptly entrained, the train being started very punctually. The men numbered over 200, and were drawn from all parts of the country. The larger number of the men being from England, the special was run to Carlisle.

**SEPTEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - WINSTON CHURCHILL**  
The Admiralty yacht *Enchantress*, with Mr Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and party on board, arrived at Oban from Colonsay last Saturday forenoon, worked by the destroyer *Sheldrake*, and anchored off the Maiden Island, where the Fourth Division of the fleet is at present lying. In the afternoon Mr and Mrs Churchill landed with some friends and played a round on the Glenruitten golf course.

**OCTOBER 1912**  
**CRANLARCH - FIRE IN MOTOR GARAGE**  
Early on Saturday morning the motor garage attached to Cranlarch Hotel was totally destroyed by fire. A number of smaller buildings, cart shed, washing house, etc., were destroyed. In the garage there were three waggons, two dogcarts, and two motor bicycles. Fortunately, for the first time since the middle of May, there were no motor cars in the garage.

**OCTOBER 1912**  
**SKYE - THREE MEN DROWNED**  
A drowning accident took place on Monday close to the island of Scalpay, near Broadford, in Skye. A small boat containing four men upset, and the occupants were all thrown into the water. One man succeeded in swimming ashore, but his three companions were drowned.

**OCTOBER 1912**  
**LEWIS - ISLAND FOR SALE**  
The island of Lewis, with an area of over half a million acres and its population of about 30,000 is in the market. Its owner Major Duncan Macpherson, is thus the largest proprietor north of the Grampians, the Duke of Sutherland alone excepted. Besides his vast insular estate, the Major is laid of the good-sized property of Achany on the mainland. Lewis is a superb sporting domain, its forests yielding in an average season about 200 deer, and its rivers well over 2000 salmon. Lewis Castle stands in the vicinity of Stornoway. The grounds attached to this stately pile contain the only trees to be found on the island. The present proprietor's immediate predecessor was Lady Matheson.

**NOVEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**  
It is officially notified in advertising columns this week that the Town Council are prepared to supply electrical energy for heating and cooking purposes at a nominal charge, the object being to profitably utilise current that is not otherwise required. The rate proposed is one penny per unit plus an annual standing charge on the apparatus installed. A number of radiators are already in use in Oban, and in view of the reduced charge, this clean and convenient method of heating should be in greater demand.

**DECEMBER 1912**  
**OBAN - WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MEETING**  
Under the auspices of the Oban branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (non-militant and non-party) a meeting was held in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls on Saturday evening last, when Miss Maude Royden, a member of the National Union Executive delivered an address. Rev. D.J. Martin, Argyll Square United Free Church, presided, and there was a fair attendance. In addition to Miss Royden, the Chairman was accompanied to the platform by Miss

MacCaig of Soroba; Mrs Gordon of Drimmin; and Mrs Macalister of Dunfurny.

**DECEMBER 1912**  
**MALLAIG - SENSATIONAL FISHING**  
Sensational is the only word which describes adequately the fishing at Mallaig last week. Record shots, record prices, and record earnings were the special feature. A dense shoal of herrings was met in Lochs Bracondale and Eynort, and the herrings were so thick that the boats stuck among them, the fishermen reporting that they had never before seen the like.

1913

**JANUARY 1913**  
**SKYE - LOSS TO FISHING FLEET**  
Early on Tuesday morning a steam drifter, the *Swallow* of Portnessie, was ashore in Loch Bracondale, Skye, and at night her crew and part of her gear were landed by the steam drifter *Active* at Mallaig. The boat is expected to become a total wreck, and is the third steam drifter since Thursday last which has gone ashore and been abandoned by her crew in this loch. The three ships, the *Sapphire* of Lossiemouth, *Equinox* of Portree, and *Swallow* of Portnessie, were all modern iron ships, and were insured in the same insurance office.

**FEBRUARY 1913**  
**OBAN - FISH MARKET BUSY**  
There was a particularly busy scene at the Railway Pier on Saturday, when the steamer *Buffalo* arrived at Oban from Stornoway and landed 16,000 barrels of fresh herrings and 7,000 boxes of kippers. The steamer, which was delayed by the tempestuous weather, arrived at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the work of discharging the huge cargo was immediately commenced. The railway officials despatched a special fish train for the south at nine o'clock in the evening, and two other trains followed in the course of the night and early morning.

**FEBRUARY 1913**  
**GLEN CROE - HUGE LANDSLIP**  
Several times the road round the head of the loch has been swept away and the roadmen have no sooner repaired it than a storm comes to their work. For many years the roads were intact, but now it looks as if it would be long before they would regain their former solidity. On Tuesday last week, a day of terrific wind and rain, saw the culmination of the winter's havoc in the landslip which occurred on the slopes of the Cobler lying next to Glen Croe. The sides of the mountain at this point bear clear evidence of many former landslip generations ago.

**FEBRUARY 1913**  
**KINTYRE - THE ANCIENT NAME**  
Considerable interest has been aroused by Professor Kuno Meyer's announcement in the "Times" of his discovery of the ancient name of the Mull of Cantyre. Professor Meyer has been able to identify Arch Echi, with Ard Echi = Echi's Cape with Ptolemy's Epidion Akron. In the view of Dr W. J. Watson (High School, Edinburgh), Epidion is based on epos, a horse. The Epidion then meant the horse folk, in which connection Dr Watson says "it is interesting to recall that Cantyre has ever been claimed as the original habitat of the Macceath. Echi being for echi = tighern, horse lord. In this name old British "p" is being replaced by Gaelic



The Glengarry Bus pictured outside the Tomdoun Hotel, Glengarry. One of the passengers is the late Jessie Cameron, Inchlaggan. Note that the driver carries a spare tyre, not a spare wheel.

"c" thus proving that the people of Cantyre in Ptolemy's time (circa 125 AD) spoke a language of the Cymric type which was later displaced by Gaelic." Dr Watson considers that in view of the persistence of place names it would not be surprising if Ard Echi were found to be still a living name in Cantyre.

**FEBRUARY 1913**  
**APPIN - WAR EFFORT**  
Among others in Argyll who, we understand, are contemplating making similar offers, Mr and Mrs Stewart of Achra, Appin, have offered their House at Duror to the War Office as a Convalescent Home for the sick and wounded in the War. It is understood that Lady Strathcona's offer of Glencoe House to the Government for a convalescent home for the wounded in the War has been gratefully accepted. The house, which is beautifully situated is to be fitted out soon for the reception of the wounded.

**MARCH 1913**  
**GLASGOW - EMIGRATION**  
Nearly 4000 emigrants left the Clyde on Saturday. All the Canadian-bound steamers are as full as they can hold at every sailing; they are booked up to the last berth for many weeks ahead. Last year 140,000 persons left this country for the colonies. This year the numbers are expected to reach 160,000. These formidable and disquieting figures raise many questions.

**MARCH 1913**  
**TYNDRUM - LEAD MINE**  
It is rumored that an English syndicate, impressed with the extent and quality of the lead deposits at Tyndrum, are at present entertaining the idea of renewing operations at the old lead working there, which, it is understood, were wrought there, for a number of years by the late Marquis of Breadalbane.

**MARCH 1913**  
**DALMALLY - NEW HALL**  
The Drill and Public Hall for Dalmally and District has now been finished, and will on Friday next week be opened with a concert and ball. The concert will be presided over by Major Bennett, Dunoon, who will formally open the hall.

**APRIL 1913**  
**KILFINAN - COPPER MINE**  
The hired fishermen in Kilfinan is rapidly developing, and it still holds immense possibilities. At present some seventy men are employed at the works, and it is understood that as soon as accommodation can be provided others are to be taken on. The cargo of ore recently shipped to Swansea has turned out highly satisfactorily, and the promoters contemplate laying track lines to the sea-shore and erecting a jetty to facilitate further shipment.

**APRIL 1913**  
**WHITEHOUSE - FLOUR MILL**  
The opening of the old Flour Mill at Whitehouse, Lochy, which has been in disuse for 75 years, will be the means of giving employment to a number of people in the district. The restarting of this old mill has been mooted for some time back, but the idea originated and was suggested by several doctors interested in reform.

**APRIL 1913**  
**LEWIS - FISHERMEN'S STRIKE**  
The hired fishermen in Lewis have decided to hold out for 1s per £ on the gross earnings. There seems no prospect at present of this demand being agreed to by the owners of the boats. As a compromise, the fishermen were advised to accept 10d, but this they declined. As a consequence of the strike some 400 fisher gys who were to proceed to Shetland have not gone.

**APRIL 1913**  
**MULL - SHIP WRECKED**  
The Glasgow Steamer *Shuna*, owned by Messrs Glen & Co, with a cargo of coal and iron from Glasgow to Gottenburg, struck on the Grey Rocks, in the Sound of Mull, on Thursday night during the storm, and at 10am on Friday became a total loss. The *Shuna* was a screw steamer of 1426 tons gross, and well known as one of the most regular trading vessels between Glasgow and the Scandinavian ports. She was built in Holland.

**JUNE 1913**  
**OBAN - PICTURE HOUSE**  
Operations have now begun for the erection of the new Picture Palace in George Street. The building, which will be of imposing appearance, has sitting accommodation for 600 persons, and is expected to cost about £1600. The exterior of the structure will be in cement plaster gash cast and ornamented in the old English style, while the interior is finished with fireproof asbestos sheeting. The lighting is by electricity, and the heating by low pressure hot water through double column radiators. The comfort of the audience has not been overlooked, as the latest type of tip-up chairs are to be provided, and lavatories are arranged over the entrance. Artists' rooms have also been included at the sides of the stage, so that the palace can be made available for concert purposes. Altogether the building is expected to be one of the finest of the kind in the north of Scotland. Arrangements are being made for opening early in July.

**JUNE 1913**  
**TAYNUILT - BIG BLAST**  
A monster blast has taken place at the Inverawe granite quarries, Taynuilt, leased by the Inverawe Granite Co Ltd, Glasgow, a mine which had been driven 50 feet into the face of the granite cliff having been exploded. The two chambers of the mine contained six tons of gunpowder, and the quantity of rock thrown was estimated at 100,000 tons. The blast was a great success, and the whole face of the cliff seemed to heave up and topple over.

**JUNE 1913**  
**COLONSAY - GUN PRACTICE KILLS BIRDS**  
As the result of the recent gun practice by the warships in the neighbourhood of Colonsay, hundreds of sea-birds, chiefly guillemots and puffins, have been destroyed. After the westerly winds of last week many of them were washed up on the shores of the mainland, about fifty being counted on the short stretch of beach between Kintraw and Airds Point, in the Craignish district. The destruction is believed to have been caused by the concussion of the firing.

**JUNE 1913**  
**ST KILDA - INFLUENZA**  
A Hull trawler which put into the West Loch last week reported that practically all the population of St Kilda were prostrated by a severe influenza epidemic, and were in immediate need of medical aid.

**JULY 1913**  
**OBAN - GERMAN ROYALTY VISIT**  
In the course of a tour through the Highlands, the Prince and Princess August Wilhelm of Prussia arrived at Oban on Saturday night by motor car, and took up residence in the Great Western Hotel. The Prince and Princess, who travelled under the names of Count and Countess von Behr, were extremely anxious to maintain their incognito during their stay, and this they effectually succeeded in doing, none of the guests being aware of the identity of the party.

**JULY 1913**  
**KINLOCHLEVEN - STEAMER ON FIRE**  
The motor ship *Scout*, belonging to Messrs David MacBrayne Ltd, Glasgow and running between Ballachulish, Kinlochleven, etc., was totally destroyed by fire early on Tuesday morning near Kinlochleven. The fire was noticed about ten minutes after leaving Colonsay. Seeing that nothing could save the vessel, the Captain ordered the two lifeboats to be lowered, at the same time heading his vessels for the foreshore. This precaution was absolutely necessary as long as the engines continued to work. In this way what must have been a fearful calamity was averted.

**OCTOBER 1913**  
**OBAN - RECORD CATTLE NUMBERS**  
Messrs Corson & Co's October cattle sales begin at Oban next week, and extend from Tuesday till Friday. Altogether 7000 cattle will come under the hammer, which must be a record for Scotland. These sales are recognised as among the most important fixtures of the kind in the country, and establish Oban as a leading centre in the live stock industry.

**OCTOBER 1913**  
**TERRIBLE DISASTER AT SEA**  
A terrible disaster, recalling that of the Titanic, occurred in the Atlantic last week, the British steamer *Volturno*, of the Uranium Line, being abandoned on fire, with an estimated death-roll of over 140. The vessel was bound for Rotterdam to Halifax, and her passengers were mostly emigrants. Ten liners responded to the *Volturno*'s wireless messages for help, and were quickly on the scene, but the sea was so stormy that no boat could approach the burning vessel. Most of the lives were lost, mid heartrending scenes, through the lifeboats of the *Volturno* being smashed against the side of the ship and destroyed. The Captain was the last to leave the doomed vessel. The latest news of the abandoned ship is that she is still on fire.

**OCTOBER 1913**  
**OBAN - CATTLE SALES CINEMATOGRAPHED**  
It will no doubt be pleasing to breeders of Highland Cattle to know (writes an esteemed correspondent) that so much interest has been taken in the recent sale at Oban that it has now been cinematographed. The films are given in some of the principal picture houses in Edinburgh, as being one of the leading events of the agricultural season, when some seven thousand head of cattle were disposed of. The embarking of cattle were disposed of. The disembarking of cattle from the West Highland steamers is vividly correct, when every movement is depicted, even down to the ruthless twisting of a stubborn animal's tail, a practice commonly resorted to when he refuses to obey orders in the process of being shipped or landed. Notwithstanding the large percentage of other cattle sold at Messrs Corson's auction mart, the picturesque Highlanders, with their beautiful shaggy coats and resplendent horns were photographed. It may be added that these films were shown in the Oban Cinema House in the course of last week.

**NOVEMBER 1913**  
**AN COMMUN CALL FOR HIGHLAND COLLEGE**  
A meeting of the Executive Council of An Commun Gaidhealach was held in Queen's Gate Hall, Inverness, on Saturday. Mr Neil Shaw, the secretary, submitted the minute of a meeting of the Education Committee held in Glasgow, in which reference was made to the establishment of a University College for the Highlands. The Committee resolved to recommend that a beginning should be made next year by instituting summer courses in Gaelic and agricultural and domestic science.

**NOVEMBER 1913**  
**CORPACH AND BANAVIE - NEW HALL**  
A public hall for the Corpach and Banavie district of the parish of Kilmalie is at last a thing accomplished. During the past 20 years many schemes and proposals were made, but until, as Lochiel said on the opening night, a lady came and saw and overcame the difficulties, nothing practical was done. On Friday night the new hall was formally declared open and handed over to the Trustees for the district. The opening took the form of a musical and dramatic entertainment, sustained by the Crief Comedy Company, on the invitation of Mrs Gordon Smith Cameron, the generous donor of the hall. Besides the visitors, Mr D. R. MacGillivray, with his usual willingness, represented the local talent.

### The Oban Times

WELCOME to the second of a series of monthly special editions in which Editorial Director of The Oban Times, Stewart MacKenzie, will endeavour to trace the history of Oban, the surrounding area and the wider West Highlands and Islands, as seen through the pages of The Oban Times. Each monthly supplement will cover a 25-year period from the launch of The Oban Monthly Magazine and Register of News for Argyll and the Isles in July, 1861 - until the present day.</

1916

**TESTIMONIAL TO MR JOHN WARREN FORT WILLIAM**

IN VIEW of the approaching retirement of Mr. JOHN WARREN from the service of the British Linen Bank in FORT WILLIAM, where he has been Accountant for over thirty years, a general desire has been expressed that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without in some way publicly recognizing his long and faithful service and the esteem and affection in which he is held by the Community. It is proposed to make him the recipient of a Testimonial.

Subscriptions to the Testimonial Fund should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. K. M. MacLeod, British Linen Bank, Fort William, or to any member of Committee, namely, Messrs. P. MacLennan, Merchants; George MacFarlane, Chemist; James F. Walls, Bank Agent, all of Fort William.

The Subscription List will close on 30th January.

R. DOW, Solicitor, FORT WILLIAM, Honorary Secretary.

**NOTICE BURG OF OBAN**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, with a view to promoting the interests of the Town, are preparing an HOTEL and APARTMENT LIST for Season 1932. Parties wishing their names on the List, will please communicate with the Officer in Charge, Information Bureau, not later than 4th FEBRUARY. The charge per insertion is 2/6, and this must be prepaid. 365

**PRINTING OF LISTS AND REGISTERS OF ELECTORS FOR THE BURG OF OBAN COUNTY OF ARGYLL**

TENDERS ARE INVITED from Printers in the Registration Area and Adjacent Districts for a Contract for the Production of the 1932 and Subsequent Lists and Registers. Forms of Tender and other particulars may be obtained on application to the REGISTRATION OFFICER, County Buildings, CAMPBELTOWN. 368

**BURG OF FORT WILLIAM ALMA ROAD PLANTATION SCHEME**

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the Supply and Delivery of RANGES, COMINATION SEATERS and MANTEL REGISTERS. Specifications may be had from Mr. ANDREW FORBES, F.O.S., Burg Surveyor, FORT WILLIAM, with whom Tenders should be lodged on or before 30th JANUARY, 1932. R. DOW, Town Clerk. 381

**OBAN PROVINCIAL MOD**

COPY OF SYLLABUS can be had on application to the Secretary, NEIL MACLEOD, 14, Craigmard Road, OBAN. 412

**SHARES FOR SALE**

OFFERS WANTED for 800 for any part thereof Fully Paid £1 SHARES of the Highland Transport Company, Limited. Last year's dividend 5%. Any reasonable offer entertained. Apply, GEORGE CALDER, Portree. 382

**FORT WILLIAM**

FOR SALE—Property consisting of Commercial SHOP with back premises, in principal street. For further particulars apply—MACIVEN & MACIVEN, S.S.C., FORT WILLIAM. 348

**TO SELL or LET, with Immediate Entry, Self-contained DWELLING-HOUSE at KILCHATTAN HAY, BARR, containing 12 Rooms and Kitchen, Bathroom and ample Offices.—Apply, MACBETH & MACLAGAN, Writers, ROTHESAY. 362**

**TO LET, PREMISES (late Refreshment Rooms, Kentallen Station), Suitable for Tea-rooms. Two Apartment Dwelling-houses, Kentallen. Entry now. For particulars apply I.M.S. Divisional Estate Agent, 87 Union Street, Glasgow. 145**

**WANTED, CROFT, to keep One Cow or more, no objection to sheep. Stirling, Dumbaron or Bordering Shires.—No. 275, Oban Times, Oban. 23-1**

**NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION OF SCOTLAND (LOAN BRANCH)**

**NOTICE**

A MASS MEETING will be held within the West Highland Auction Mart, OBAN, on WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY, at 1 p.m. Business—Agricultural Marketing. W. D. C. Secy, National Bank Buildings, OBAN. 409

**LOAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held in the King's Arms Hotel, OBAN, on WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY, at 3.15 p.m. Business—Report, Accounts, Appointment of Officers, etc. W. M. MITCHELL, Secretary, National Bank, OBAN. 415

**ESDALE KILGRASTON ROAD, EDINBURGH.**

**BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for GIRLS from 10 to 18 years. Headmistress—Miss H. P. Auld, B.Sc. (Hons.). Thorough General Education; Preparation for Examinations; good Playing Fields, etc. For Prospects, apply to I. G. LANGWILL, C.A., Hon. Secretary, 19 Melville Street, EDINBURGH. 38-1**

**LODGE COMMERCIAL No. 180**

A MEETING WILL BE HELD in the Public Hall, EASDALE, on THURSDAY, the 4th of FEBRUARY, at 7.10 p.m. Business—Correspondence, Petitions, E.A. Degree. Note.—Brethren intending being present at above Meeting, please give their names to the Secretary, on or before the 27th JANUARY. 388

**SOMETHING NEW IN BOYS' SCHOOL BOOTS**

EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED

FAIR WEAR OR NEW PAIR

For some time now, we have been looking for a boot which would combine comfort with utility, and we have succeeded beyond all measure.

The Boot we offer you is made from the finest Full Chrome Leather, the sole is double through sole of finest English bend Leather and has tacking in clusters with an iron heel plate.

When ordering ask for—  
No. 4239—BOYS' CHROME DERBY BOOT  
Sizes 11, 12, 13, 1, ... .. 7/11  
" 2, 3, 4, 5, ... .. 8/11

This Boot is exactly as approved by, and supplied in large quantities, to various Town and County Councils over Scotland. 1691

**MARSHALLS (BOOT MAKERS) LTD**  
Sunnyside Rd. Coatbridge

**GLENMORE FOOTBALL CLUB**

**A JUMBLE SALE**  
(In aid of the Funds of the above)

WILL BE HELD in THE West Highland Auction Mart, Oban ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 30th JANUARY At 3 o'clock. Admission 2d each. Goods called for on receipt of Post Card. N. CLARK, Secy. A. MACDONALD, Treas. 417

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GYLFE AND DUNOLLIE CHAPTER No. 155.**

**WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE**  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY Particulars later. 419

**GLENCRUITEN GOLF CLUB WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE**  
IN THE CALEDONIAN RESTAURANT, OBAN ON FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. TICKETS, 2/6 each, to be had from members of the Ladies' Committee and members of the Club Council. 366

**NETHER-LORN FARMERS' SOCIETY ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH**  
WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1932 AT ARDSHELLACH FARM (Kindly granted by Mr. MacLarty). Ploughs to be on Field by 8 a.m. Entries by Friday, 12th February. T. TAYLOR, Secretary. 23-1

**KILCHRENNAN GUN CLUB ANNUAL CLAY BIRD SHOOT**  
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY Particulars later. J. S., Secretary. 378

**LODGE COMMERCIAL No. 180**

THE REGULAR MEETING will be held in the MASONIC HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th of JANUARY, at 8 o'clock prompt. Business—Minutes, Arrangements for St. John's Festival, M.M. Degree. 397

**MR JOHN FREEMAN**  
WILL VISIT AS USUAL— TUESDAY, 26th Jan.—Kinlochleven (Mrs M'Gavin) WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.—Mallaig, Station Hotel THURSDAY, 28th; FRIDAY, 29th; SATURDAY 30th Jan.—Fort William, as usual. 23-

**OBAN & ARDRISHAIG MOTOR CAR SERVICE**  
DAILY (Sundays excepted) Oban, dep. 8.0 a.m.; Ardrishaig, dep. 1.15 p.m. Ardrishaig, arr. 12.40 p.m.; Oban, arr. 4.50 p.m.

Reduced Fares in operation Single Fare, 8/3 Return Fare, 10/-

**SPECIAL SERVICE** between ARDRISHAIG AND OBAN And Intermediate Places, as under: Ardrishaig, dep. 9 a.m.; Oban, dep. 6 p.m. Oban, arr. 11.5 a.m.; Ardrishaig, arr. 8.5 p.m. On Saturdays 'Trio' leaves Oban at 8.45 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. DAVID MACBRAYNE (1925) LTD, 44 Robertson Street, Glasgow, C.2., and Local Agents.

**OBAN, EASDALE AND CUAN FERRY MOTOR SERVICE**  
CAR WILL LEAVE MOTOR OFFICE, QUEEN'S PARK PLACE, 8 a.m.

	a.m.	Return	a.m.
Kilmore, ... ..	8.35	Easdale, ... ..	11.9
Kilnivear, ... ..	9.50	Balvicar, ... ..	11.15
Ardrishaig, ... ..	9.10	Clachan, ... ..	11.20
Clachan, ... ..	9.20	Kilmore, ... ..	11.40
Balvicar, ... ..	9.30	Kilmore, ... ..	12.0
Easdale, ... ..	10.30	Oban, ... ..	12.20

Carrying Goods and Passengers. DUNCAN MACDOUGALL.

**EASDALE AND OBAN MOTOR SERVICE**

MOTOR BUS leaves EASDALE Daily (Sundays excepted) at 8.45 a.m., carrying Passengers and Goods arriving OBAN 10.30 a.m.; Leaving OBAN at 3 p.m. Parcels Prepaid. Seats Booked at Craig's, Easdale, or by Driver at Motor's Garage, Oban. The Bus will leave CUAN FERRY, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 9 a.m. Transport arranged for Cattle and Sheep. Private Car Available for Hire. J. & J. GILLIES. 14

**BALVICAR AND OBAN CAR SERVICE**

CAR leaves CUAN FERRY daily (Sundays excepted) at 8.30 a.m., arriving OBAN at 10.45 a.m. Seats Booked from EASDALE, leaving at 8.20 a.m. Leaving OBAN 3 p.m. In addition to above Daily Service Car will leave for OBAN at 1.30 p.m. on SATURDAYS only. Leaving OBAN at 5.30 p.m. Holiday Fares: Return Fare, 5/-; Cuan-Ferry-Easdale and Oban. Please Book Seats in Advance, at SMITH'S GARAGE, BALVICAR. Phone No. 1. Saloon and Touring Cars for Hire. 613

**ISLE OF SKYE BEATON'S BUS SERVICES**

Depart	Arrive	Arrive	Arrive
Portree	Armadale	Glasgow	Edinburgh
8.0 a.m.	10.15 a.m.	5.41 p.m.	7.38 p.m.

Passengers from the Mallaig Portree South arriving— 11.45 a.m. 3.30 p.m.

SPECIAL NEW FERRY SERVICE MALLAIG TO ARMADALE IN CONNECTION WITH BUS SERVICES.

**WHEELS LOBSTERS, CRABS**  
CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED ESTABLISHED OVER 100 YEARS BAXTER & SO.7 Principal—GEORGE JOHN BAXTER, 16, 223 and 224 BILLINGSGATE LONDON 4156-15-10-31

Telegrams—Baxter, 16 Billingsgate, London. Cheques & Postal Orders with Account Sales Daily Bankers—London City and Midland Bank.

**ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS**  
NEWEST, SAFEST AND UP-TO-DATE SYSTEMS Phone No. 1. ALL CLASSES OF ELECTRICAL REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN. ESTIMATES FREE 98

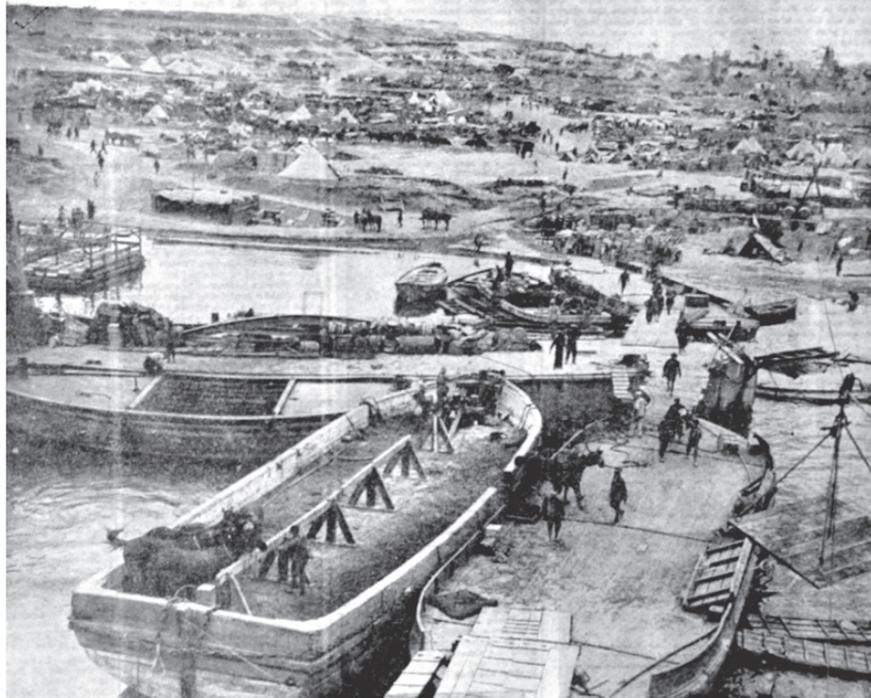
**THOMAS S. WALLACE**  
BREADALBANE STREET, OBAN

**EGGS FROM THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**  
SEND TO THOMAS HAYES, 50 PARNIE STREET, GLASGOW.

"Feadhaidh do dè na' fhadh 's gur' lagha do bhunmachadh." 388

**BOOK ON HIGHLAND QUESTIONS.**  
With the demand for control of our own Scottish lands, knowledge of how Highland affairs are treated and should be treated is essential to every intelligent citizen in the Highlands. "HIGHLAND RECONSTRUCTION" is the book YOU need, 15/6 net. Postage 6d. 1251

**ALEX. MACLAREN & SONS,**  
Bookbinders, 393 ARYLE STREET, GLASGOW.



The landing of the British troops at the Dardanelles stands out as one of the greatest feats of military history. The remarkable picture, taken by an official photographer with the dardanelles Expedition, shows the scene at 'V' Beach in the midst of the landing operations. Many of our Highland soldiers are with the Expedition, and this striking picture, appealing so forcibly to the imagination, will therefore be of special interest to the readers of the Oban Times.

**1914**

**JANUARY 14**  
**GLÉOCÉ - MAN DIES IN SNOWSTORM**  
The death of Mr Wm McColl, under tragic circumstances, has cast quite a gloom over the district. He left his sister's house at Ballachulish on Friday last week to visit some friends at Shoulder, some miles past King's House, Glencoe, but never reached his destination. The great snowstorm of Friday night, which in that wild region blew with great severity and soon enveloped the district, overtook him, and being an old man bordering on 85 years, he succumbed before the blinding elements, and died by the roadside.

**JANUARY 14**  
**MALLAIG - FATHER AND SONS DROWNED**  
James Nicol (50), fisherman, with his sons, James and John, were drowned on Tuesday morning last week between Mallaig and the Point of Sleet. Mr Nicol was an industrious fisherman, and he and his sons were held in the highest esteem by the whole community. The younger son, John, was married only a few weeks ago, and the greatest sympathy is felt for the two widows in their terrible bereavement.

**JANUARY 14**  
**ERISKAY - FOUR DROWNED**  
On Sunday afternoon last a party of six - four men and two women - left Eriskay in a small boat with the intention of visiting Northbay. A sudden squall upset the boat, which immediately went to the bottom, carrying with it all its occupants. Two men, however, after an exciting struggle with the wreckage under water, managed to reach the surface, where each happily found an oar, and by this means kept afloat, too exhausted to afford aid to their luckless companions, even if it had been possible for them to do so. A rescuing boat was too late to save any of the others.

**JANUARY 14**  
**INVERARAY - DEATH OF THE DUKE**  
The news of the death of the Duke of Argyll at Cowes, Isle of Wight, was received at Inveraray on Sunday morning with very deep sorrow. The intimation was conveyed through Provost Gilmore to the community, and on behalf of the inhabitants the Provost forwarded a telegram of sympathy.

**JUNE 1914**  
**CONNEL - BRIDGE LOST**  
The railway bridge across Loch Etive at Connel Ferry is now open for foot and vehicular traffic. This long looked for facility will not only be of great convenience to the inhabitants of the district, since its recent inauguration, it is being widely taken advantage of. Not only for the local business community but for visitors the wire is a very great convenience.

**JULY 1914**  
**OBAN - CANAVAN PAVILION OPENS**  
The Pavilion erected by the Oban Town Council at Canavan Sands was opened on Tuesday of this week. The building comprises a large tea-room, with a wide verandah to the front and rear; a ladies retiring room, and a house for the caretaker, consisting of a kitchen, parlour, two bedrooms, and a bathroom. The building has been erected by Messrs D & J MacDougall, and the work has been carried out under the supervision of Mr J G Falconer, architect.

**JULY 1914**  
**OBAN - TELEPHONE**  
The extension of the trunk telephone to Oban is proving a great boon. Oban is now linked up with the telephone system of the kingdom, and the service, since its recent inauguration, is being widely taken advantage of. Not only for the local business community but for visitors the wire is a very great convenience.

**AUGUST 8, 1914**  
**SIX EUROPEAN NATIONS AT WAR**  
Almost the whole of Europe is now in the throes of a struggle such as history has never before seen. The predictions of soldiers and statesmen have often conjured up the breaking forth of this Armageddon in our generation, and the doctrinaires of peace have as steadily refused to believe them, but now it is here to mock their theories and confound their faith.

**AUGUST 1914**  
**CANNA - IRISH STEAMER WRECKED**  
The *Anna Moore*, a steamer of 1974 tons, from Dublin, struck on the Heisker rock, off the island of Canna, and became a total wreck. Under the command of Captain F Sand, the steamer was returning to Dublin from the North of Scotland with a cargo of general merchandise. When the vessel struck, the Captain and crew of 23 men got into their boat and rowed to Canna, where they landed safely. The men arrived at Oban on board Messrs MacBrayne's steamer in the evening.

**OCTOBER 1914**  
**ISLAY - FRENCH BARQUE WRECKED**  
On the morning of the 21st October it was reported in the village of Port Ellen, Islay, that a large ship was on the rocks of Eilean-a-churn, Ardmore. The vessel turned out to be the French barque, *Guethary*, (Captain Louis Pedron), with nickel ore from New Caledonia for Glasgow. Another mishap was rumored to have taken place in the sound of Islay on 23rd last. A British mine-sweeper in charge of naval reserve men was said to have struck a rock near the Jura shore.

**OCTOBER 1914**  
**HMS ARGYLL**  
In response to her appeal in "The Oban Times" Miss Campbell of Stonefield received no fewer than 1100 mullers - being 300 more than the number asked for - as gifts for the officers and men of the county cruiser, H M S Argyll, now with the Grand Fleet.

**NOVEMBER 1914**  
**CLYDE - CHIEFTAIN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED**  
Throughout the West Highlands, where the vessel is so well known under the command of Captain D Cowan, much regret will be felt that the *Chieftain*, the largest steamer of the MacBrayne fleet, was seriously damaged by fire in Glasgow Harbour on Monday afternoon. The knowledge of her appeal in "The Oban Times" Miss Campbell of Stonefield received no fewer than 1100 mullers - being 300 more than the number asked for - as gifts for the officers and men of the county cruiser, H M S Argyll, now with the Grand Fleet.

**NOVEMBER 1914**  
**NOVEMBER 1914**  
**NOVEMBER 1914**

**NOVEMBER 1914**  
**OBAN - TROOP COMFORTS**  
Large orders for comforts for the troops and sailors on active service are finding their way to Oban. A consignment of navy blue jerseys for the men of the Second Cruiser Squadron has just been despatched to Rear-Admiral Gough Callhorne by Mr W Chalmers, Clear Tartan Warehouse, Oban, at the order of Mrs Cheape, "The Squire" of Bentley Manor, and of Inneimoor, Mull. Mrs Cheape had previously given orders to the same firm to forward to the Worcester Yeomanry (Major Gray Cheape's regiment), 50 jerseys, 150 Balaclava helmets, 60 cardigan jackets, 100 pairs of socks, 100 pairs of mittens, and 50 bod beds.

**DECEMBER 1914**  
**CANNA - MINE TOWED TOP SAFETY**  
By the presence of mind and skill of Mr Neil MacDougall, Captain Mr Chas Cameron, first mate, and the crew of the *Plover*, one of the MacBrayne Fleet of Steamers, what might have resulted in an appalling loss of life and shipping in the Hebrides at the island of Canna, has been averted.

On Saturday last the *Plover* was on her voyage from Oban to Lochmaddy, and when approaching the harbour at Canna about four o'clock in the afternoon, they made an alarming discovery that what had been at first regarded as an innocent buoy was in reality a dangerous floating mine. A rope some 80 feet in length was taken from the *Plover* and attached by a loop to the mine which was towed into shallow water from any contact with shipping and moored here.

**DECEMBER 1914**  
**ISLAY - SHIP HITS MINE**  
The *Tritonia* struck a mine shortly before mid-day on Saturday, about 40 miles west of Innistrathull, and began to sink rapidly by the stern. The crew were speedily put in two boats, one under the captain, the other in charge of the first mate, it was decided to withdraw for Islay. Fortunately, the weather was quiet, and although there was a heavy swell on the sea, the boats made fair progress. During the night, however, they lost touch with one another, and the captain's boat, directed by a member of the crew, a native of Portnahaven, Neil Ferguson who safely reached the shelter of Loch Indral. Anxiety was felt as to the whereabouts of the mate's boat, but in the early evening news was received that the other boat had safely reached Main Head, on the North coast of Islay. The crew were quite unable to save any of their effects. Several of them suffered severely from the long exposure to sea in very scanty clothing, but were thankful to reach land in safety. The crew numbered 42, and there were no passengers. The *Tritonia* left Liverpool on Friday last, en route for Newfoundland with coal and general cargo.

**JANUARY 1915**  
**KILMORE - BEES TO CHINA.**  
On the last day of 1914 two hives of bees were despatched from Kilmore, Oban, en-route for China. Housed in a specially made box and provided with sufficient candy it is hoped this particular class of livestock will complete the long journey in safety. The bees are from the apiary of Mr Buchanan, merchant, Kilmore, and they are being taken to their destination by a member of the crew, a native of Portnahaven, Neil Ferguson who safely reached the shelter of Loch Indral. Anxiety was felt as to the whereabouts of the mate's boat, but in the early evening news was received that the other boat had safely reached Main Head, on the North coast of Islay. The crew were quite unable to save any of their effects. Several of them suffered severely from the long exposure to sea in very scanty clothing, but were thankful to reach land in safety. The crew numbered 42, and there were no passengers. The *Tritonia* left Liverpool on Friday last, en route for Newfoundland with coal and general cargo.

**JANUARY 1915**  
**KINTYRE - KEIL HOUSE COLLEGE.**  
IT is reported that Keil House, Southend, Kintyre, has been purchased for the purpose of being converted into a technical college in connection with an important trust which contemplates providing technical instruction for Argyllshire in several departments, including agriculture.

**JANUARY 1915**  
**TREE - NEW PIER**  
The completion of the new pier at Gott Bay, Tree, marks an epoch in the history of the island, and is the consummation of the hopes and efforts of many years. The pier consists of a concrete breakwater sheltered by a parapet wall 571 feet long.

**JANUARY 1915**  
**LEWIS - NORWEGIAN STEAMER LOST**  
A Norwegian steamer, stated to be over 2000 tons, was wrecked off Shallowbot on the Atlantic seaboard of Lewis, in the early morning of the 15th inst. Several bodies and wreckage have been washed ashore. There appears to be no survivors.

**FEBRUARY 1915**  
**LUING - FARM ON FIRE**  
An alarming outbreak of fire occurred at Kilchattan steading on Wednesday afternoon last week. About five o'clock flames were noticed issuing from a barn which contained about one hundred tons of hay. Attention was turned to saving the stock and adjacent buildings, and the cattle, numbering over two hundred, were turned out to the fields. By this time the conflagration was so great that the glare was visible at a distance of twelve miles. The steading, which is one of the largest in Scotland, was built by the late Marquis of Breadalbane in 1853.

**FEBRUARY 1915**  
**BARRA - MINE EXPLODES**  
A German mine was washed ashore in Castlebay Harbour on Thursday last week. On coming into contact with the rocks, the mine exploded, and the shock was felt over a considerable area. In the village of Castlebay a large number of windows were broken by the force of the concussion and doors were violently rattled.

**FEBRUARY 1915**  
**OBAN - NEW BANK PREMISES**  
The builders of the new bank premises in excavating the foundations for the erection of the new premises of the Oban branch of the Clydesdale Bank, Ltd. The building operations are in the hands of Mr Alex. MacTavish, builder, Gallanach Road, Oban. The architects are Messrs John Baird and James Thomson, 88 Bath Street, Glasgow.

**MARCH 1915**  
**TREE - HORSES**  
Mr Cowie, horse dealer, has been on the island lately buying horses. About fifteen animals were taken south, many of them being bought at a high figure. Mr Cowie is expected to come back at the end of the month, there being still a number of horses for sale, for, owing to the pressure of work meantime, the crofters could not very well dispose of them. A well-set mare, the property of Mr Alex McPhail, Clachan, Cornaigmore, fetched £52. Three is well known in the Clydesdale - a type of horse that is marketable at all times.

**APRIL 1915**  
**TREE - CAPTAIN'S SHIP TORPEDOED**  
News has reached the island of Tree from Captain Archd. Lamont, of Ruairg, announcing the torpedoing of his vessel. From particulars to hand, it appears that Capt. Lamont was in command of the steamer *Olivine*, of the William Robertson Line of steamers, Glasgow, and was on voyage from Guernsey to Calais with granite. The crew lost all their belongings. The master was able to save the ship's papers.

**MAY 1915**  
**THE SINKING OF THE LUSTANIA**  
The sinking of the *Lustania* by the Germans is one of these black deeds which will go down to history as an iniquity never to be forgotten or forgiven. It is true that disasters of the sea of equal magnitude have occurred, as witness the *Titanic* and the *Empress of Ireland*. But in this case we have a coolly calculated plan against innocent lives, where young and old, infants and helpless little creatures of tender age, have been hurled to their death under appalling circumstances.

**JULY 1915**  
**SKYE - WELCOME RAIN**  
Sixty and other Western Isles have suffered from the prolonged drought, which has continued for nearly two months, except for one day's rain. The cattle on certain islands had to be removed owing to the water supply having completely ceased to be available for the use of livestock. Hill pasture, which, under normal conditions, is rich and good at this season, is short and parched in many places, but will improve quickly with the rainfall.

**JULY 1915**  
**SPEAN BRIDGE - FIRE**  
A serious outbreak of fire occurred at the Abinger Arms Hotel, Spean Bridge, at an early hour on Friday, whereby a garage used in connection with the hotel was completely gutted. In the garage at the time were three motor cars as well as two motor bicycles, and all of these, as well as a quantity of stores, were destroyed.

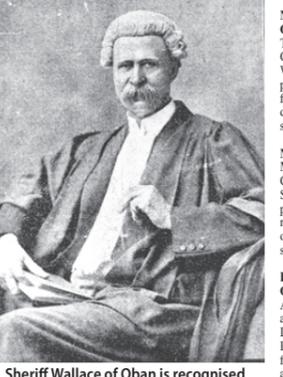
**JULY 1915**  
**UIST PONY AT THE DARDANELLES**  
A Uist pony now at the Dardanelles, which was commandeered early in the War from a Tobermory lady, is a rare source of delight in the Transport Section of the Mountain Brigade operating in the Gallipoli Peninsula. Whenever she hears the boom of a shell, instead of rushing about in a frenzy as others do, she lies down, stretches out her forelegs, and, shutting her eyes, is as dead as a hedgehog in a moment. Watch her lie down. She throws her head to earth in the most natural fashion, but she leans over to one side, and only her rider knows what "Polly" means. She has made room for him under her side, and when the roar and scream of the shell are over, "Polly" rises and makes room for the Mull lad on her firm, broad back.

**AUGUST 1915**  
**TREE - LONDON SHOW JUDGE**  
Mr Hugh MacDiarmid, Isldale House, Tree, has been appointed one of the judges of Highland and Welsh cattle at the Smithfield Club Show, to be held in the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, London, on 6th December next.

**SEPTEMBER 1915**  
**OBAN - PAPERS SUNK**  
Several hundred copies of The Oban Times have gone down with the sinking of the *Hesperian* by the Germans. Our Canadian readers will be good enough therefore to understand the reason for the omission of their usual weekly supplies. It is a matter of regret to us that our issue of September 4th is now out of print.

**NOVEMBER 1915**  
**OBAN - MONSTER LOBSTER**  
While Mr Alex MacDougall, lobster fisherman and coast watcher, Haunn, Treshnish, was in pursuit of his calling this week, he very cleverly captured a huge lobster, which clung to the top of a creel. It measured 2 feet 7 inches in length. The distance between the claws when extended 12 feet 5 inches, and the circumference of the greater claw is 12 inches.

**DECEMBER 1915**  
**OBAN - OLD POST OFFICE DESTROYED**  
An outbreak of fire occurred in the old Post Office, Oban, on Saturday morning last, and within an hour and a half the building was burned to the ground. The new premises for the Clydesdale Bank in course of erection were only separated from the burning building by the breadth of the carriage way leading from Argyll Square to the Railway Station. In consequence of the intense heat and showers of sparks emitted from the blazing pile, there were signs at one time that the barricade surrounding the new building might become ignited, and it was also feared that the stone work might be damaged, but all danger of this nature was averted by the exertions of the Brigade.



Sheriff Wallace of Oban is recognised throughout the legal world as one of the foremost judges on the shierial bench of Scotland. He has held his appointment at Oban since 1910, having been promoted in that year from Campbeltown where his preferment by the Lord Advocate in 1904 was the sequel to an unusually full, active, and interesting term at the Bar, and on the political platform on behalf of his party.

**JANUARY 1916**  
**ISLAY - LIGHTHOUSE TRAGEDY**  
1916 was ushered in by gales and on the morning of the 1st a sad catastrophe occurred at Carraigad. Shortly after daylight appeared, Daniel Whyte, a boy of about 18 years, went off with some provisions to his father, Mr Donald Whyte, who had been on the lighthouse for some days unable to come ashore owing to the state of the weather. The lad, attempting to return, was washed off the rocks by a heavy sea. His father rushed to his assistance, and jumping into the surf caught the boy and swam to the beach, where both appeared to have got a footing, but for an instant, for another wave washed them both away. The boy was seen to clutch his father's arm, and together they drifted out into deep water and were drowned. The painful incident took place within view of wife and children powerless to help.

**FEBRUARY 1916**  
**OBAN - LARGE LANDINGS**  
The S S *Archdattan* arrived at Oban from Stornoway on Saturday evening with 10,000 boxes of herring and 1000 boxes of fresh herrings. The cargo was despatched to the English market by special train.

**FEBRUARY 1916**  
**MULL - MAN TRAVELS 7000 MILES TO ENLIST**  
Since the commencement of the Great War the instinct of patriotism has called Britons from all the ends of the earth in defence of the Homeland. In the rush to the colours from foreign parts records have been created in distance travelled and inconvenience endured, but few records excel that of Mr John Downie, a native of Bunescaul, Mull. Mr Downie had adopted a sea-faring life, and holds a captain's certificate in the foreign service. For the past eight years he has been on shore duties in the Argentine Chaco, which news from the outside reaches but slowly. Being an experienced seaman, he made application to the British Consul in Argentine for a commission in the British Navy and that gallant Mull man is now on H M S *Victoria*.

**FEBRUARY 1916**  
**MALLAIG - RECORD SHOT OF HERRINGS**  
On Thursday of last week the steam drifter *Bluebell*, of Portnochie, arrived in Mallaig from the Skerryvore grounds with a shot of 175 crans large mixed herrings. There were few herrings forward on that day, and this shot met a keen demand, selling for £4 to £4.12s per cran. The shot realised £780, and is the record shot to date for Great Britain, and also for the world, for a single night's fishing by a steam drifter.

**FEBRUARY 1916**  
**PORTREE - FIRE**  
Early on Sunday morning fire was discovered to have broken out in the tenement building in Wentworth Street, Portree, the property of Mr Duncan MacKinnon, retired merchant. The tenement was a four-storey one, and was occupied by seven families. Despite heroic efforts on the part of Mr Donald Ferguson, blacksmith, the crew of a ship in the harbour, the police and others, the property was completely gutted. Almost all the families involved have lost their effects, and it is feared that Miss Marian MacKay, who occupied a shop and room on the ground floor, have perished in the flames.

**FEBRUARY 1916**  
**"HAVE YOU AN OBAN TIMES THERE?"**  
Private MacArthur, a cousin of Mr Jas Hutton, bootmaker, Oban, writes from the Front that he was surprised one night recently to hear a strong shout from the German trenches - "Have you an Oban Times there?" MacArthur and his comrades surmise that one of the numerous waiters engaged in Oban before the War had been accustomed to see and read "The Oban Times" and the sound of the Scottish voices had thus provoked the grimly humorous call from the German trenches.

**APRIL 19**



One of the Musical treats of the Glasgow Mod of 1921 was the singing of the Oban Junior Choir. Under the leadership of Mr John MacDonald, the Choir performed with great distinction. Beside gaining first prize for Unison Singing, they secured the Oban Times Challenge Trophy. From right to left the names are: Top Row Annie McCorquodale, Sarah Kennedy, Nancy McDonald, B McCulloch 2nd Row - James McDonald, Chrissie McGillivray, Cathie McGregor, Harriet McDonald, Susan McKinnon, Mary McIntyre, Shedden McCulloch. 3rd Row - Grace McDonald, Cathie Campbell, Edith Davidson, Miss McQueen (High School), Mr John McDonald (Conductor), Isa Smith, Jean McLeod, Cathie Rankin. Front Row - Edith McCulloch, Peggy McInnes. Two choir members (Isa and Annie Gillies) are absent from the group.

1917

January 1917

**KILLIN - CLAN MACNAB**  
The burial ground of the Clan MacNab on Inch Bhuie, Killin, has lately been secured by the Clan, and an inscription on its behalf has been placed on the stone screen where the chiefs were buried, and a caretaker has been appointed. Inch Bhuie, the Yellow Island, was so called because of the profusion of broom that grew there. It had died out, but Mrs George Ogilvy Reid scattered some seeds about the place, and it is once more the Yellow Island.

February 1917

**MULL - FIRE DESTROYS FARM**  
A fire occurred in the dwelling house of Scalliste farm on the estate of Mrs Guthrie Stirling of Duart, Mull. The fire spread with great rapidity, and before anything could be done to save it the greater part of the building was destroyed. Fortunately the outbreak was confined to a dwelling house. The farm is occupied by Mrs Campbell.

March 1917

**OBAN - HIGHLAND CATTLE SHOW**  
The annual show of pedigree bulls, under the auspices of the Highland Cattle Society of Scotland, was held on Wednesday of last week within the West Highland Auction Mart of Messrs Thomas Corson & Co., Ltd. The total number of animals catalogued was 47, and of this number 26 were in the two-year-old section. There was a particularly fine class of yearlings, but all over the stock was of the best quality. The judges were - Mrs MacDiarmid, Corries; Mr Campbell, Shiness; and Mr Campbell, Tullich.

April 1917

**SEIL - NEW HOTEL TENANTS**  
Tighnaruish Hotel, Clachan, Kilbrandon, which has been tenanted by the Weir family since 1888, is to change hands at Whitsunday first. The hotel, which is situated on the Ardincaple estate, has been let to Mr Murdoch MacGillivray, Burnbank Temperance Hotel, Comel Ferry.

April 1917

**INVERARAY - ALLOTMENTS**  
There are now over 60 applicants for allotments, and the difficulty of obtaining seed potatoes has been overcome. Two of the local merchants are supplying seed potatoes.

July 1917

**OBAN - CROWDS FLOCK TO TOWN**  
Over last weekend all the ordinary trains for Glasgow were loaded to their full capacity, especially the train leaving each day at 11.20am. Besides the ordinary service, special trains were run on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, starting at 1p.m., and a special train left at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Monday. These trains were also very well filled. As showing the pressure on the railway service, it may be noted that all the passengers by the 11.20 a.m. on Saturday and Monday took their seats a full half hour before the scheduled time of departure.

August 1917

**KINLOCHLEVEN - GERMANS ESCAPE**  
Scotland Yard announces the escape from a working party at Kinlochleven German Camp on Tuesday of Carl Konig and Daniel Schneider, prisoners of war. They were both locksmiths by trade. Konig is aged 23 and Schneider is 37.

August 1917

**REST AND BE THANKFUL - LANDSLIP**  
Last week another landslip took place in Glencore, near the hill known as Rest and be Thankful, and the road leading to Arrochar from Inveraray was blocked. At the end of last week a light motorcar was got through the Glen with much difficulty. The torrential rain last week has loosened earth on the side of the Glen and tons of earth and stones came tumbling down the hillside, rendering the Glen impassable.

August 1917

**OBAN - GLENCRUITTEN ESTATE SALE**  
The estate of Glenclrutten, near Oban has been sold. The property of Major J.S. Bontein, which has been in the market for some time, has been purchased by a Mr A. Mackay, Broughy Ferry, who has been in residence at the mansion house during the present month. The estate extends to 2400 acres and the shootings yield a bag of 120 brace of grouse, besides woodcock, pheasants, snipe, ducks and rabbits. There is also some good trout fishing. The mansion house is beautifully situated and from its fine elevation commands a striking view of mountain and sea. The garden and policies are tastefully laid out. It is about twenty years since Major Bontein acquired the property, the mansion being erected by him when he took possession. The Glenclrutten golf club of eighteen holes was formed by Major Bontein with a view to adding to the golfing attractions at Oban, and it has proved a decided asset to the town.

August 1917

**NORTH CONNELL - LOCH ETIVE DROWNING**  
A sad drowning fatality, where by Miss Mary J. Cowan, a young lady visitor from Glasgow, lost her life, occurred on Loch Etive in the neighbourhood of Achnaba farmhouse on Saturday, forenoon, 22nd inst. Accompanied by Mr and Mrs MacTaggart, Glasgow, who were also spending a holiday in the district, the deceased went out on the loch in a motor launch. Shortly after leaving the shore Miss Cowan overbalanced herself and fell into the water. Mr MacTaggart promptly jumped into the water, but his heroic efforts to effect a rescue were unavailing. Mr Buchanan, farmer, Achnaba, who had observed the accident from a field, waded out to his full depth and got into a small boat and he and Mrs MacTaggart went to Mr MacTaggart's assistance. When they reached him he was unconscious and they were unable to pull him out of the sea and into the boat. An immediate effort was made to recover the body of Miss Cowan, but without success. Miss Cowan, who was twenty-seven years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr D. Cowan, shipbroker, Glasgow, and a niece of Mr Hugh Cowan, Kimberley Hotel, Oban.

October 1917

**OBAN - HUGE SHEEP SALE**  
On Thursday last Messrs Thos. Corson & Co., Ltd., held their annual sale of black-faced breeding ewes, when the number catalogued was nearly 10,000. The display of sheep was one of the best ever offered here, many of the lots, notwithstanding the rough weather, presenting a very creditable appearance. Buyers were forward in large force from the South country and Islay was strongly represented, the latter island getting nearly 2000 of the sheep. Trade was buoyant all through the sale and some remarkable prices were recorded. Three different stocks of black-faced ewes

reached the 60s figure and one draft of Cheviot ewes also made this sum. The average rise all over the sale was £7s 1d.

October 1917

**OBAN - HIGHLAND FOLDS SOLD**  
The twenty-second annual sale of the Highland Society of Scotland was held at Oban on Wednesday, when Messrs. Thomas Corson & Co., Ltd passed about 80 animals through the ring at the West Highland Auction Mart. Interest in the sale was considerably enhanced by the announcement of the dispersal of the Camusericht and Meagernie folds, the catalogue containing also the usual drafts from the high-class stocks of leading Highland breeders. There was a very representative company of buyers and excellent prices ruled throughout the sale, the sensational figure of £200 being given for the Camusericht cow, Annag Bhoideach, a four-year-old yellow of splendid type.

October 1917

**LOCHABER - LONG WALK HOME**  
A remarkable walking feat was recently performed by seven Lochaber shepherds, the oldest of whom is over fifty and the youngest fifteen. After driving hogs to Newtonmore for four and five days in very unfavourable weather conditions, they found there was no vehicle of any kind to be had to take them back to Lochaber. They thereupon set out on foot from Newtonmore at 3 p.m. for the return journey, walking all night, and arriving at their respective homes the following morning.

November 1917

**CAMPBELLTOWN - BUSINESS VENTURE**  
The Campbelltown Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Trench Point, Campbelltown, has been formed as a private company to acquire the business of Campbelltown Shipbuilding Co., shipbuilders and ship repairers, Campbelltown. The capital is £60,000, in £10 shares.

December 1917

**ISLAY - THREE MEN DROWNED**  
In connection with the herring fishing at Bruichladdich a very sad accident occurred on the night of Tuesday last week. The fishing boats were returning with heavy catches about 8 p.m. and when getting near the pier a Portnahaven boat, laden to the gunwale with herring, capsized and the crew of three men were drowned. Other boats at the quay heard their cries in the darkness, but could not render help in time. All were single men belonging to Portnahaven.

December 1917

**INVERARAY - FLOODING CLOSED ROAD**  
Owing to heavy flooding, the River Awe cut its way through the road leading to Island Ferry and Inveraray Ferry, making it quite impassable, and causing considerable inconvenience to passengers. It is said that Golla Chrosda prophesied some hundred years ago that the Awe would flow through Lub-na-Leubag into Loch Etive some time and it is doing so now. The Road Surveyor has a number of men employed filling up the gaps.

December 1917

**NO MATCHES TO BE HAD**  
In many districts there is now a famine in matches and it is no uncommon sight to see men in the Islands carrying a live peat to their work to light their pipes.



To the gratification of many friends, Miss Nisbet, daughter of Captain Nisbet, of the ss Clydesdale, has just been appointed Matron of the Campbelltown Cottage Hospital. Miss Nisbet has had a busy, useful and patriotic career as an Army Nurse in Salonica

1918

March 1918

**ISLAY - THE HOLMES LIFE BUOY**  
It seems that a man fell overboard from H M S Hannibal during the Manoeuvres, and was in danger of being lost in the gathering gloom. One of the Holmes life buoys, with which the ship was supplied, was thrown, and at once a light flashed out from the sea. This would have burned for half an hour, but in ten minutes the man was rescued. A buoy and a man's head are but dots in a troubled sea, but with such a buoy the smoke by day and the flame by night serve as guides and render the work of the rescuers one of comparative ease. The buoy is the invention of Mr Joseph R Holmes, the distiller, at Bowmore, Islay.

March 1918

**STORNOWAY - TOWN HALL DESTROYED**  
On Saturday evening last a fire broke out in the Town Hall, Stornoway, and in a very short time the fire spread over the whole building, which has been totally destroyed. The Town Hall and Municipal Buildings, public reading room and library, and adjoining offices were erected in 1905 at a cost of about £12,000 and on 7th September of that year the formal opening ceremony was performed by Lord Rosebery.

Forming an impressive and handsome block of buildings facing seawards, the Stornoway Municipal Buildings were probably unsurpassed and perhaps unequalled by any municipal buildings in the North.

April 1918

**OBAN - GLENCRUITTEN GOLF CLUB FORMED**  
A further meeting in connection with the formation of a Club to take over the Glenclrutten golf course, Oban, was held on Thursday evening last - ex-provost Dugald McIsaac presiding. Mr J A Adams, IR, interim hon. Secretary, reported that 112 members had been enrolled since the previous meeting and that there was a prospect of others joining. A section of the course is at present being ploughed up for cultivation as a War measure.

April 1918

**ERISKAY - TWO LIVES LOST**  
On Thursday 28th March, a small boat went out for seaweed in the morning. A heavy sea filled in and the boat and crew were seen to disappear. A rescue party left immediately, but on arriving found that two men had disappeared.

July 1918

**ATTEMPT TO SAVE TORPEDOED SHIP**  
While heroically attempting to save the British steamship *Birkhall*, which had been torpedoed by a U-boat in the Mediterranean, the master (Captain Neil MacKinnon, a native of Balmartin, Tiree) and the first officer (Mr M G Hunter) lost their lives, while other officers and the crew narrowly escaped drowning.

July 1918

**EASDALE - SALE OF ESTATE**  
The Estate of Ardencaple, Easdale, which has been in the market for some time, has been purchased by Mr Fletcher, shipbuilder, Montrose. The property formerly belonged to the late MacDougalls of Ardencaple. Mr Fletcher, the new proprietor, who is a ship builder and extensive salvage contractor, proposes we understand, to erect a ship building slip at Ardencaple, as it appears from the nature of the beach and maritime conditions that it is admirably suitable for such a scheme.

September 1918

**LOCHBOISDALE - HOTEL DESTROYED**  
The almost total destruction by fire of Lochboisdale Hotel, South Uist, was a serious calamity, not only for the popular lessee, Mr Simon Mackenzie, but for the whole of the Outer Hebrides. In some way unknown, fire broke out in the premises on the evening of Wednesday, 4th inst, and before many hours were over the whole of the buildings and the great bulk of their contents were reduced to ruins and ashes. So quickly did the fire spread that the most strenuous efforts to cope with it were unavailing. Only the kitchen wing was saved. Lochboisdale Hotel was one of the landmarks of the Outer Islands. It was a large and handsome structure, and standing on a slight elevation, dominated the head of the loch. The building was the property of Lady Gordon Cathcart, the proprietrix of South Uist, the furnishings being owned by Mr S Mackenzie, the tenant.

November 1918

**VICTORY AND PEACE COMPLETE SURRENDER OF GERMANY**  
The Great War, begun in July, 1914 is at an end. Under the Armistice signed by the German plenipotentiaries hostilities ceased at eleven o'clock on Monday, 11th November, 1918, announcement being made to the Allied Armies by Marshal Foch. The duration of the Armistice is 36 days, but already Germany is pleading for an immediate peace. One of the last acts of the War was the taking of Mons on Monday morning by General Horn's First Army. Thus for Britain fighting ended where it began in 1914. In London and Paris and throughout the Allied Countries the surrender of Germany is a cause of great rejoicing, and the Armistice terms are universally approved. Events have moved with dramatic swiftness in Germany. The Kaiser has abdicated; the Crown Prince has renounced the succession of the Throne. The Kaiser has taken refuge in Holland; and it is reported that the Crown Prince has been shot. On the signing of the Armistice a revolutionary frenzy broke out all over Germany. In Berlin the Red Flag was hoisted on the Kaiser's palace; the Police were disarmed; the streets were commanded by machine guns. The whole of the German North Sea Fleet and also Heilgoland are in the hands of the Revolutionaries. Wilhelmshaven, the great naval depot, has been sacked. In many districts there is a mania for destruction. Chaos prevails in Austria-Hungary, and the Emperor Charles has abdicated.

December 1918

**STORNOWAY - TRAGIC HOME-COMING**  
A terrible disaster befell the Island of Lewis on New Year's Day, when nearly 200 sailors returning home on leave lost their lives at the entrance to Stornoway harbour. The tragedy occurred through H M Yacht *Iolaire* (formerly the *Amalthen*) the parent ship of the Stornoway base, running upon the rocks after all but completing the passage from Kyle of Lochalsh. The *Iolaire* carried a crew of 23, and there were on board 250 blue jackets, all Lewis men, and all eagerly looking forward to spending New Year at home with their families and friends. Of this total of 273, only 75 survived the wreck, and an anticipated season of rejoicing was turned into one of grief and mourning. Particulars of the disaster show that the *Iolaire*, which was in charge of Commander Mason, left Kyle about 8 o'clock pm an hour ahead of the *Sheila*. She had an excellent passage across the Minch, with a fair wind from the south freshening as the voyage proceeded. Between 1 and 2 am, she was approaching Stornoway Harbour, the lights on Arinish Point and the beacon off the harbour entrance being quite visible. The passengers were in high spirits, as they were on their first leave since hostilities ceased. For some quite inexplicable reason the vessel, instead of turning into Stornoway Harbour, proceeded right across the harbour mouth and ran stern first on to the Beasts of Holm, jagged pinnacles of rock about 50 yards west of the Point, completely submerged at high water, but showing a low tide. By this time the wind had increased to the force of a moderate gale, and there was a high sea running on the lee shore where the *Iolaire* struck. The narrow space between the vessel and the shore was a veritable maelstrom. The rocky beach was only about thirty yards off, and though a large number of the men jumped overboard, few were able to reach the land, and nearly all who risked the perilous journey perished within sight of the lights of home.

**Your King and Country Need You.**

**A CALL TO ARMS.**

An addition of 100,000 men to his Majesty's Regular Army is immediately necessary in the present grave National Emergency.

Lord Kitchener is confident that this appeal will be at once responded to by all those who have the safety of our Empire at heart.

**TERMS OF SERVICE.**

Age on enlistment 19 to 38. Ex-Soldiers up to 45. Minimum height, 5ft. 3in.; chest, 34½ins. Must be medically fit. General Service for the War.

Men enlisting for the duration of the War will be able to claim their discharge, with all convenient speed, at the conclusion of the War.

**HOW TO JOIN.**

Full information can be obtained at any Post Office in the Kingdom or at any Military depot.

**GOD SAVE THE KING!**

Shop by Post from the

**BONANZA Ltd.**

EVERYTHING FOR LADIES' WEAR, CHILDREN'S WEAR AND THE HOME!

You can shop by post from us with every confidence in our good taste, but if not entirely satisfied, we will promptly return the money or exchange the goods.

Ladies' Scotch Knit Wool Cardigans Similar to Sketch, in Grey, Nigger, Putty, Fawn, Black, White, Jade, Sky, Heliocopper, 19/6

Splendid Quality Pure Wool Cardigans As Sketch, Heavily Flocked, with broad rib, Putty, Grey, Saxe, Rose, White, Black, 29/6

Wool Cardigans In Block Stripes of Brown, Champagne, Jade, Fawn, Lemon, Heliocopper, 12/11

Ladies' Sports Blazers In Beautiful Quality Flannel, and all the Newest Stripes. Price, 22/6

Ladies' Wool Golf Coats IN ALL SHADES, FROM - 15/6, 18/6, 19/6, 29/6

Ladies' White Sports Corsets With Elastic Top, Strong Suspensory, Excellent Quality, 8/11

Lovely Quality Crepe-de-Chene All Silk, double width, for Dresses, Jumpers, Underwear, etc. Ivory, Sky, Turquoise, Pink, Jade, Champagne, Apricot, PER Lemon, Saxe, Navy, Brown, YARD Grey, Mole, Brick, Rare 6/11

WE PAY CARRIAGE ON ORDERS OF 20/- AND ABOVE

GLASGOW'S HOUSE FOR VALUE 173 to 185 ARGYLE ST., GLASGOW. 1846

The ANGUS'S

From 25/6

**SCOTCH MADE BOOTS**  
REASONABLY PRICED FROM 25/6. Made by skilled craftsmen from the finest quality kip and shoe butt leathers, also lighter makes in sturdy chrome and box calf. "ANGUS'S" boots are dependable solid leather footwear. Ask your bootmaker for the "ANGUS'S" - If any difficulty write us. Trade enquiries only.

ANGUS SHOE WORKS, Dept. A87, DOWNFIELD, DUNDEE

Urges the unwilling writer -

**The Waverley Pen**

MAGNIVEN & CAMERON  
WAVERLEY  
BIRMINGHAM

A vigorous world favourite for over sixty years

6d Boxes 1/- Boxes 1 gross Boxes

SOLD BY ALL STATIONERS

"They come as a Broom and a Blessing to men, The Pickwick, the Owl and the Waverley Pen."

Don't buy a new Hat

Have your present hat cleaned, or dyed, and made into a new fashionable shape by the efficient Rejuve process at Gibson & Reid's

**"REJUVE" (Regd.)**  
Dry Cleaning Process.

We put new bands and leathers in gentlemen's hats, if desired. Illustrated catalogue of shapes posted direct to applicants.

REDUCED PRICES.  
Straw Hats - Clean and remodelled, 3/6 to 4/6. Dyed and remodelled, 4/6 to 5/6. Felt and Fur Hats - Clean and remodelled 3/6 to 4/6. Dyed and remodelled, 4/- to 5/6.

**GIBSON & REID**  
The Paisley Dye Works (Dept. O), PAISLEY,  
or to Glasgow (Central Rejuveing Shop) 32, Renfield Street, GLASGOW.

**SAVE YOUR WHISKY**  
BY LOCKING THE BOTTLE

THE "WHITE HORSE" MUZZLE  
MAKES YOUR WHISKY TAMPER PROOF

3/6 EACH

SOLD EVERYWHERE

MAKIE & CO., DISTILLERS, LTD., GLASGOW

DO YOU WANT AN A1 FLOUR?

THEN TRY

HIGHEST GRADE PATENT

**WHITE SPRAY**  
SCOTSDALE MILLS, GLASGOW, WVA.

UNEQUALLED FOR SCONES AND ALL HOME BAKING.

TO BE HAD FROM ALL MERCHANTS.

**PUDDINGS WITHOUT EGGS.**

Do not deprive the children of their milk puddings because eggs are dear. Give them a simple baked pudding, very nourishing, and made economically with milk and

**Brown & Polson's "Patent" Corn Flour**

—no eggs required. Follow the recipe carefully, boiling for ten minutes, and baking in the oven till a nice brown on top, and it will be delicious alone with milk. For a special treat serve with jam, or stewed figs, prunes or apples.

Another nice dish is made by shaking a few sultana raisins into the pudding before baking.

pudding recipes in every packet.

## Shop by Post with Patrick Thomson's

Scotland's Finest Tailors  
North Bridge  
Edinburgh

P.T.'s Pay Carriage in the United Kingdom. Satisfactions Guaranteed or Money Refunded.

### NEW FROCKS for YOUNG GIRLS

Of High-Grade Materials, Quality and Finish

No. C. 40 - Girls' Pretty Cotton Frocks, in effective floral and jess color, and attractive colorings. Sizes, 27 to 36in. Prices rising in a size from 10/11

No. C. 41 - Misses' Dainty Summer Frocks, of well-printed and durable casement cloth. All colorings. Sizes, 36 to 42in. Prices rising in a size from 15/11

No. C. 42 - Girls' Pretty Zephyr Frocks, in shades of brown, rose, saffron, and navy. Short bodice, long sleeves, & dainty Peter Pan collar. Sizes, 27 and 30in., priced accordingly.

No. C. 43 - Misses' Navy Serge Frocks of fine quality, fully in vogue. Skirt newly styled as side, and trimmed in black crepe. Sizes, 36 to 42in. Prices rising in a size from 1st size. 33/6

No. C. 44 - Girls' Cream Winceyette Blouses, of good wearing and washing quality. Splendidly made and properly finished. Sizes for girls aged 10 to 16 years. P.T.'s PRICE 7/11

P.T.'s are complete outfitters for girls and boys of all ages, and can supply every clothing requisite, of guaranteed quality, at lowest prices.

P.T.'s PRICES 9/11 & 10/11

**PATRICK THOMSON LTD., EDINBURGH**

## DIARY OF THE WAR

Each week throughout World War 1 The Oban Times ran a Diary of The War - a brief summary of events issued by the War Office in London. Year after year, the pages of The Oban Times were dominated by the names of those who were killed in the service of their country. There was not a town, village, glen or island throughout the land that was not directly affected by the sheer volume of the young lives lost. Long after hostilities had officially ceased The Oban Times ran a free weekly column for families searching for information or news of missing loved ones. A lucky few were reunited, or at least had a finale to their quest. The majority were simply left with the words 'missing in action' or the void of no information at all.

In this short summary of the years during the period of the First World War, we are unable to reflect the sheer volume of the losses, therefore we have concentrated on what was happening on the home front, safe in the knowledge that although those who made the ultimate sacrifice are not individually mentioned here - they will never be forgotten.

### FOURTH YEAR - 31ST WEEK

**FEBRUARY 28**  
Raiding tactics are continued on the Western Front. Early this morning heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans near Gommécourt. The enemy also suffered severely in a raid in the southern part of Houthulst Forest, where the German defences were penetrated to a depth of 1200 yards. Scottish troops took part in this operation.

The menace to the peace of the Far East caused by the German prisoners in Siberia will, it is believed, lead to important action being taken by Japan. In torpedoing the hospital ship *Glenart Castle* in the Bristol Channel the Germans broke their pledge as to immunity of such vessels from attack in that area. There is no further news of survivors, and it is feared that 153 lives have been lost.

**MARCH 1**  
Further raids are reported from the British and French fronts in France. This evening's French bulletin states that German storm troops at two points came into collision with American infantry, who everywhere repulsed the enemy, causing him considerable losses and taking some prisoners. The Japanese Government has addressed enquiries to the Allied Governments asking for an expression of their views on the latest developments in Russia.

**MARCH 2**  
At many points on the British and French fronts, particularly in the region of Reims and farther east, the enemy has attempted raids, generally without success. The French expert commentator describes these engagements as "vast reconnoitring operations" and says it would be premature to conclude that they are necessarily the preliminaries to the imminent offensive. Successful raids against the enemy lines have been maintained. Over 200 bombs were dropped by British airmen on various objectives, and many rounds were fired from the air at ground targets.

**MARCH 3**  
This evening's bulletin from German Main Headquarters states: By reason of the signing of the peace treaty with Russia the military movements in Great Russia have ceased. A bombing raid was successfully carried out to-day by naval aircraft on the seaplane sheds at Ostend. A number of bombs were dropped from 1500ft to 300 feet, and observed to hit objectives. Three direct hit were also obtained on an anti-aircraft battery in the vicinity. All our machines returned safely.

**MARCH 4**  
In a raid south-east of Messines last night Australian troops killed fifty Germans, destroyed dugouts and took eleven prisoners and a machine gun. Some sharp fighting took place to-day west of Lens, when a German raiding party was repulsed, many casualties being inflicted on the enemy. The French to-day captured over 150 prisoners in a raid on the German positions at the Calonne Trench, east of the Meuse. Our troops in Palestine have made a further advance.

**MARCH 5**  
The Australians made another raid near Messines last night. Overcoming strong resistance, they reached the German second line, and beating off two counter-attacks, severely punished the enemy. The French repulsed surprise enemy raids at different points and the Americans have driven off an attack in Lorraine. Artillery actions are proceeding on the Meuse and in the Vosges.

Established 1877.

### ROBT. FORBES & SONS,

Glasgow Warehouses,  
OBAN,

GENERAL DRAPERS,  
CABINETMAKERS, : :  
UPHOLSTERERS, : : :  
COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,  
- AND -  
REMOVAL CONTRACTORS.

Estimates and Price Lists on Application.

### M'ISAAC & RIDDLE,

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

STUDIO - ESPLANADE, OBAN.

### THOMAS URQUHART & SONS,

90 WARROCH STREET,  
ANDERSTON, GLASGOW.

Established 1878.

LARGE Quantities of New and Second-hand  
J Batters, Flooring, Lining, Sarking, Doors,  
Windows, Corrugated Iron Sheets, and other Building  
Material always in stock. Old Buildings bought and  
demolished. Estimates on application.



Main Street, Buensan, Isle of Mull prior to the First World War

**1919**  
**JANUARY 19**  
**OBAN - SORBOBA HOUSE**  
The property of the Trustees of the late Mr John Stuart MacCaig, has been let to Mr Ian Robertson, of Messrs Alexander Robertson & Sons. Mr Robertson has recently returned to Oban on completing his service in the Army, in which he held the rank of Captain.

**FEBRUARY 19**  
**INVERARAY - FIRE AT DALCHENNA HOUSE**  
Shortly before eight o'clock on the evening of Thursday last week, fire was discovered to have broken out in the upper portion of the north-east wing of Dalchenna House. The house has been occupied all winter by members of the Women's Land Army, who are engaged in wood work at Kilbride. Two rooms were entirely gutted out, and damage by water was done to other parts of the building.

**FEBRUARY 19**  
**UIST - PIER WANTED AT LOCH CARNAN**  
The following resolution was proposed and adopted at a meeting of the people of Lochard and Lochearnan districts, held at Lochard, South Uist, on Thursday, 30th January: - That the best interests of this wide and populous district can only be advantageously served by the erection of a pier at Lochearnan; that the erection of this pier, by abolishing the present antiquated and inconvenient method of loading and discharging goods into boats would ensure the safe landing of these goods, which too often suffer serious damage and even total loss, and would greatly benefit the community, who in the past have suffered frequent disappointments and conditions verging on a state of starvation caused by the impossibility of discharging cargo without a pier.

**MARCH 1**  
Further raids are reported from the British and French fronts in France. This evening's French bulletin states that German storm troops at two points came into collision with American infantry, who everywhere repulsed the enemy, causing him considerable losses and taking some prisoners. The Japanese Government has addressed enquiries to the Allied Governments asking for an expression of their views on the latest developments in Russia.

**MARCH 2**  
At many points on the British and French fronts, particularly in the region of Reims and farther east, the enemy has attempted raids, generally without success. The French expert commentator describes these engagements as "vast reconnoitring operations" and says it would be premature to conclude that they are necessarily the preliminaries to the imminent offensive. Successful raids against the enemy lines have been maintained. Over 200 bombs were dropped by British airmen on various objectives, and many rounds were fired from the air at ground targets.

**MARCH 3**  
This evening's bulletin from German Main Headquarters states: By reason of the signing of the peace treaty with Russia the military movements in Great Russia have ceased. A bombing raid was successfully carried out to-day by naval aircraft on the seaplane sheds at Ostend. A number of bombs were dropped from 1500ft to 300 feet, and observed to hit objectives. Three direct hit were also obtained on an anti-aircraft battery in the vicinity. All our machines returned safely.

**MARCH 4**  
In a raid south-east of Messines last night Australian troops killed fifty Germans, destroyed dugouts and took eleven prisoners and a machine gun. Some sharp fighting took place to-day west of Lens, when a German raiding party was repulsed, many casualties being inflicted on the enemy. The French to-day captured over 150 prisoners in a raid on the German positions at the Calonne Trench, east of the Meuse. Our troops in Palestine have made a further advance.

**MARCH 5**  
The Australians made another raid near Messines last night. Overcoming strong resistance, they reached the German second line, and beating off two counter-attacks, severely punished the enemy. The French repulsed surprise enemy raids at different points and the Americans have driven off an attack in Lorraine. Artillery actions are proceeding on the Meuse and in the Vosges.

**MARCH 19**  
**MULL - SEVEN CATTLE POISONED**  
The sympathy of the farming community and of the public generally has been extended to Mr James Merry, Gorsten, and Mull on the misfortune which has befallen him through the loss of no fewer than seven head of cattle by poisoning. It is believed that the animals had eaten some holly. He is unwilling in his attention to the many patients under his care, and is proving himself most successful in combating this dangerous disease.

**MARCH 19**  
**MULL - CROIG PIER**  
A public meeting of the inhabitants of the north-west portion of Mull was held in the Dervarg Reading Room on the 20th February to consider a proposal to ask the Government to erect a pier at Croig.

**MARCH 19**  
**INVERARAY - GAS RISING**  
The price of the highest quality coal the tenant of Inveraray Gas Works has intimated a rise in the price of gas.

**MARCH 19**  
**INVERARAY - INFLUENZA**  
The influenza epidemic has a large percentage of the inhabitants of the town and district in its grip. Dr Stewart has an enormous amount of professional work to attend to daily. He is unwilling in his attention to the many patients under his care, and is proving himself most successful in combating this dangerous disease.

**MARCH 19**  
**BALLACHULISH - QUARRIES TO REOPEN**  
The quarries at Ballachulish, which have been closed down for the last two years, have been recently taken over by the Government, and are to be re-opened shortly. They are to be equipped with modern plant and up-to-date machinery, which will increase the output of slates, and facilitate the work of the quarrymen. The quarries have been leased for the last 13 years by the West Highland Slate Coy, Glasgow, and were managed by Mr James Kemp, one of the Directors of the Company. The slates are of excellent quality and the strata in the facings, which are of large diameter, run horizontally and are divided off by narrow strips of quartz. The slate industry at Ballachulish came into existence about 200 years ago, and has been carried on more or less since. It is interesting to note that it takes from 8 to 10 years to become efficient in the art of slate quarrying - particularly the branch of splitting and cutting up the slates into standard sizes.

**APRIL 1919**  
**EIGG - INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC**  
A terrible outbreak of this scourge broke out recently in the parish of the Small Isles, the island of Eigg being chiefly affected. Nearly all the people - young and old - were prostrated simultaneously, including the doctor. There were several deaths.

**APRIL 1919**  
**LORN FARMS**  
A number of farms in the Lorn District are to change hands at the May term. The farm of Torsa, in the island of Luing, at present tenanted by Messrs Bell, has been let to Mr Allan Morrison, Sheffield. Mr Thomas Colhart, associated for some time with Dunell Farm, near Oban, is taking over Auchinriach Farm, Ardfern. The farm of Dunans, Easdale is to be taken over by Mr MacMillan, Dunbeg, Oban. After the May term the Home Farm on the estate of Melfort, Kilniver, will be tenanted by Messrs Macdonald, Lakefield, Taynuilt. Mr Thomas Tyson, Lagganbeg, is taking a lease of the farm of Leccamore, Luing at the May term. Mr John Livingstone, who assisted his late brother in Leccamore, is removing to Drimantian, Mull. The farm of Shenaville, in the Ledaig district is to be worked after the May term by Mr Duncan Buchanan, Achnaba, Ledaig.

**APRIL 1919**  
**CAMPBELTOWN - NEW CREAMERY**  
The inadequate milk supply is the cause of much concern among the Authorities, and it is encouraging to find that Sir William Sutherland in this week in Campbeltown occupying his scanty leisure by selecting a site for a proposed creamery for Campbeltown.

**MAY 1919**  
**ST KILDA - SUBMARINE**  
In the House of Commons last week Dr Donald Murray (Inch, Western Isles), put the following question: - Would the First Lord of the Admiralty say whether he was aware that a considerable number of buildings in the island of St Kilda, including the church and the nurse's home, were destroyed by shell fire from a German submarine last summer, and whether the Government proposed to pay compensation, with a view to restoring these buildings? The secretary to the Admiralty said he was aware of the facts stated in the question. Compensation had already been granted by the Air Raid Compensation Committee to three cases in St Kilda. Four other cases were under investigation.



Gunne dubb a mhi-fhortain

The Black Gun of Misfortune or Sorrow - the famous gun involved in the Appin Murder of 1752. About the middle of the century the gun was found in a hollow tree in Appin. Those who identified it had little doubt that it was the lethal weapon used when Colin Campbell of Glenure was shot on Thursday the 14th of May, 1752 in Letter-wood, Kentallen. The hands that fired the two musket balls by a single charge of gunpowder on the occasion are known to a few families, but the knowledge is closely guarded.

**MAY 1919**  
**ISLAY - EXPLOSION OF A MINE**  
A mine which came ashore near Lossit, Portmahaven, Islay, has been lying on the shore for about a year, and a naval party having visited the place, it was understood that the explosive charge was removed. On Sunday 1st inst, three men and a boy were examining the mine when a buzzing sound was heard, and before the party could get many yards away, there was a terrible explosion. Dugald McIntyre (22), a son of Mr Duncan McIntyre, farmer, Kelsay, was fearfully injured. Robert McIntyre (39), ploughman at Kelsay farm, was very badly injured about the back and loins. The other man and the boy escaped uninjured.

**MAY 1919**  
**FORT WILLIAM - AERIAL POST**  
Mr D MacIntyre, Cameron Cottage, Fort William, who for a number of years was Postmaster at Fort William, received from his son, who is in the service of the Commercial Cable Company at St John's Newfoundland, a letter per the first direct aerial Atlantic post. The cover of the letter bears an ordinary Newfoundland stamp surcharged "Trans-Atlantic Air Post, 1919 - One Dollar." To Philatelists stamps such as these will be of unique interest and are likely to be keenly sought after.

**JULY 1919**  
**SKYE - A MONSTER SEAL**  
A seal, some of the largest ever seen in the North, was shot at Dunvegan, Skye, by Captain MacDonald, on one of the lochs on the island. It was about as large as an ordinary farm horse. It has been sent to Glasgow to be stuffed.

**JULY 1919**  
**TOBERMORY - WATERSPOUT RAINS FISH**  
An immense waterspout, which burst above Tobermory early on Monday morning, spread quite a big shower of herring fry over the town and part of the Sound of Mull. The herring fell in heaps on some of the streets and roofs of buildings, the MacDonald Arms Hotel receiving the densest part of the discharge of fish. They also fell thickly in places some 600 yards apart in the town of Tobermory. The water was just discharged as well as along the Esplanade. The oldest inhabitants of Tobermory do not recollect a similar occurrence.

**NOVEMBER 1919**  
**OBAN - KING BUYS AT GREAT CATTLE SALE**  
During the week of the October Cattle Sales at Oban some splendid animals were passed through the ring, but, as in other parts of the country, the fat stock secured the top prices, on account of the great demand for that particular class. It is worthy of special notice that the King was a purchaser at the sales, His Majesty securing two Highland stirs and two pedigree Highland Heifers, all from stock belonging to the Earl of Southesk. The sales to the King were carried through by Mr Robert MacDiarmid, Corries, Loch Awe, who is the leading authority in Britain on Highland stock.

**NOVEMBER 1919**  
**OBAN - HOUSING SCHEME**  
At a special meeting held under the presidency of Provost Skinner on Monday evening, the Oban Town Council adopted a scheme of housing under Section 1 of the Housing and Town Planning (Scotland) Act, 1919, as recommended by the Public Health Committee of the Council, of which Baillie Mitchell is Convener. This scheme provides for the erection of 12 houses on a piece of ground adjoining Glenclutten Road and

**FEBRUARY 1920**  
**IONA - FERRYBOAT WRECKED**  
The ferryboat which maintained communication between Iona and the Ross of Mull has succumbed to the recent stormy weather. The boat was moored for safety at Tormore, but owing to the persistence and severity of the gales last week she broke her moorings and was driven on the rocks, where she was soon reduced to matchwood.

**MARCH 1920**  
**JURA - LORD ASTOR**  
Lord Astor proposes to keep cattle and sheep on a large scale on that portion of the Island of Jura which he has recently purchased. With this in view, he is draining much of the land which used formerly to be under water, is building a pier to import and export the live stock, etc.

**MARCH 1920**  
**ACHNACLOICH - NEW FORESTRY SCHOOL**  
A communication was submitted from the Forestry Commission regarding the establishment of a forestry school at Achnacloch and enclosing a plan of the proposed buildings. The Road Surveyor stated that the huts would be placed on a site near the public road between Achnacloch and Taynuilt.

**APRIL 1920**  
**OBAN - FIRE AT OBAN CATHEDRAL**  
On Monday afternoon the Cathedral Hall adjoining St. Columba Pro-Cathedral, Oban, was totally destroyed by fire, and the Cathedral itself narrowly escaped destruction. The Hall stood to the rear of the Cathedral and was the original Roman Catholic Chapel in Oban, worship being held there prior to the erection of the Cathedral. The outbreak was discovered about two o'clock and as a strong easterly wind was blowing at the time, the fire spread with great rapidity and within an hour the Hall was burned to the ground.

**APRIL 1920**  
**ISLAY - DISTILLERY SALE**  
Lochnial Distillery, Port Charlotte, one of the oldest distilleries in Islay, has been sold to Messrs. J.P. O'Brien & Co., Ltd., distillers, Liverpool. Lochnial was established a great many years ago by the late Mr Bell Sheriff and the distillery was carried on most successfully, the product being highly esteemed on the market.

**JUNE 1920**  
**THE HERRING CRISIS**  
Owing to the refusal of the Government to grant a minimum price of 50s per cran for herrings a strike of fishermen all round the coasts of Britain was declared last week. The majority of the boats at Oban left on Thursday night last for their home ports. This was followed by the departure of those engaged in the buying and selling of the fish. It is stated that the Premier has referred the question of payment of a guaranteed price for herring to the Cabinet for early consideration. Further consultations, between the Government and the trade are expected to take place immediately.

**JUNE 1920**  
**OBAN - MR LLOYD GEORGE AND THE MOD**  
Much interest is being taken in the expectation that the Mod to be held in September will have the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr Lloyd George.

**JULY 1920**  
**APPIN - AGRICULTURAL SHOW**  
The interest in the show is being taken in a proposal to hold a show this year in the Appin district. Such a movement will be very popular and it is said that most of the farmers are keenly interested and are to patronise the show.

**JULY 1920**  
**HARRIS - EMPLOYMENT**  
Close on 300 men are finding remunerative employment at Obbe, where Lord Leverhulme is to build a harbour and a street of houses. At Geocar, he intends to build a factory for carding, spinning and other textile purposes that is to cost £15,000. At Leaclee his Lordship is to erect five or six new houses, with bathroom, scullery, hot and cold water, and modern conveniences.

**OCTOBER 1920**  
**MULL - MONSTER LOBSTER**  
While Mr Alexander McDougall, son of Mr Charles McDougall, Treshish, Isle of Mull, was fishing flounders in Calgary Bay last week he had the unique experience of capturing a huge lobster by one of the hooks on the flounder line. It measures 4 feet between the extended feelers, 3 feet 4 inches from the tail to the tip of the feelers and 2 feet between the ends of the extended legs.

**OCTOBER 1920**  
**OBAN - CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY**  
Following upon the taking of premises in George Street, Oban, by the Co-operative Society, a public meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, which was crowded. Baillie W. Archibold, J.P., a director of the Wholesale Society, who presided, expressed the view that there was plenty of scope for a Co-operative Society in Oban.

**OCTOBER 1920**  
**HARRIS - SHIP WRECKED, SIX DROWNED**  
The Danish Vessel, *Paritan*, was totally wrecked on an uninhabited island in the Sound of Harris and six of the crew were drowned. The surviving two Danes were rescued after living on the island for two days without food or shelter.

**DECEMBER 1920**  
**SOUTH UIST - DARING SEA RESCUE**  
As a result of the stormy weather, a trawler went onto the rocks at Pollachar, South Uist, on Monday evening. Mr MacAskill, innkeeper, with assistance, succeeded in rescuing the crew of nine men. The gale was so strong that every window in the inn was broken.

**DECEMBER 1920**  
**CAMPBELTOWN - BOAT WRECKED AT PIER**  
In the gale of 3rd December a boat of the Campbeltown fishing fleet belonging to Mr James Wareham was totally lost at Lochranza. The crew had just discharged their catch at the pier when the gale burst upon them. The sea was so heavy that the crew had to jump ashore for their lives and look helplessly at the boat being smashed to matchwood. The only salvage is the motor engine. In the present state of the fishing industry and the high cost of boats the loss will be seriously felt.

**DECEMBER 1920**  
**ST. KILDA - POLICING THE SHEEP**  
Two members of the Inverness county police force were sent to the island to supervise the dipping of sheep, of which there are about 800 on the island. The natives took part in the gathering, but owing to the wildness of the sheep and the fact that St. Kilda dogs are not to be used for gathering purposes, only 374 sheep were dipped. Another drawback was the wooden dipper, which is in need of repair. As no wood could be got in the island, the repairs could not be executed.

**150 years of The Oban Times**  
IN the next special edition of '150 years of The Oban Times' we will aim to bring you the period in the local community and newspaper's history from 1938 to 1963.

IS THIS A NEW COSTUME?

Not simply my old Tweed Costume which I have washed myself with

**PATERSON'S CLENSEL**

and which is also unsuited for washing. Cleanses, Blouses, Dainty Underwear, and the most delicate fabrics.

SAVES SHRINKING OF WOOLLENS.

The Most Wonderful Cleanser the World Produces.

Buy a Bottle To-day and prove it for yourself. Sold by Grocers and 1/2 PER LARGE BOTTLE every where.

If unobtainable, full size bottle will be sent post free, on receipt of P.O. for 1/6. If you send name and address of your usual Grocer or Store to 750

Miss M'ARTHUR, (Dept. 4), JOHN PATERSON & Co., Ltd., Cleanser Works, Henrietta Street, GLASGOW, S.

### ARMY BLANKETS 2/6

POLICE WATERPROOF COATS, ...	10/6
POLICE TROUSERS, ...	8/11
RAILWAY REEFER JACKETS, ...	7/6
RAILWAY REEFER JACKETS, ...	7/6
CANVAS LEGGINGS, ...	3/6
POLICE WATERPROOF CAPES, ...	4/11
OILSKIN COATS, ...	12/6, 15/6, 18/6
RUBBER BOOTS, ...	12/6, 15/11
KHAKI BREECHES, ...	6/11, 10/6
Blue PILOT BREECHES, ...	10/6
LEATHER LEGGINGS, ...	6/11
ARMY KILTS, ...	9/6, 12/6
ARMY HAVERSACKS, ...	1/6, 2/6
LEATHER COATS, ...	35/6
GENTS' LEATHER COATS, ...	50/6
LEATHER KNEE BOOTS, Black, ...	19/6
Brown, Lacing, ...	2/6
ARMY WATERPROOF SHEETS, ...	2/6
WHIPCORD TROUSERS, ...	3/11
FARMERS' TROUSERS, ...	10/6
LORRY COVERS, ...	12/6
CART LAMPS, ...	2/3

CASH or C.O.D.

**SALMONS**

GOVERNMENT STORES

397 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW

8-10

H & D. BLACK, Painters, Paperhangers, and Decorators, 22 AIRD'S CRESCENT, OBAN. Designs and Estimates on application.

### EASDALE AND OBAN MOTOR SERVICE

MOTOR BUS leaves EASDALE Daily (Sundays excepted) at 8.45 a.m., carrying Passengers and Goods arriving OBAN 10.30 a.m.; Leaving OBAN at 3 p.m. Parcels Prepaid. Seats Booked at Craig's, Easdale, or by Driver at Manor's Garage, Oban.

The Bus will leave OUAN FERRY, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 9 a.m. Transport arranged for Cattle and Sheep. Private Car Available for Hire.

J. & J. GILLIES.

EASDALE. 14

### BALVICAR AND OBAN CAR SERVICE

CAR leaves OUAN FERRY daily (Sundays excepted) at 8.30 a.m., arriving OBAN at 10.45 a.m. Seats Booked from EASDALE, leaving at 8.30 a.m. Leaving OUAN 3 p.m.

In addition to above Daily Service Car will leave for OBAN at 1.30 p.m. on SATURDAYS only. Leaving OBAN at 4.30 p.m.

Holiday Period Return Fare, 4/-

Cuan-Ferry-Easdale and Oban.

Please Book Seats in Advance, at SMITH'S GARAGE, BALVICAR.

Phone No. 1. 615

Saloons and Touring Cars for Hire.

### ISLE OF SKYE BEATON'S BUS SERVICES

Depart Portree	Arrive Armadale	Arrive Glasgow	Arrive Portree
8.0 a.m.	10.15 a.m.	5.41 p.m.	7.18 p.m.

Passengers from the Mullalig Portree South arriving - 11.45 a.m. 3.30 p.m.

SPECIAL NEW FERRY SERVICE MALLAIG TO ARMADALE IN CONNECTION WITH BUS SERVICES.

### KILMUIR and PORTREE to KYLE DAILY SERVICE.

Dunvegan Mail leaves PORTREE Daily, 8 p.m. Sliogachan Mail, 6.30 p.m. daily. Telephone - Portree 2. 257

NEIL BEATON, Morris Distributor, PIER GARAGE, PORTREE.

### YOUR KNICKER SUIT

HAVE IT MADE BY PRACTICAL TAILORS FROM THE BEST SCOTCH TWEEDS.

NEWEST PATTERNS.

### GENT'S KNICKER SUITS.

Tailored to order.

70/-, 75/-, 80/-, 90/-, 105/-

Send Post Card for Patterns, stating Knicker Suits. We will send you a large variety of the best material suitable, with our Easy Self-Measurement Form, Tape, and Book of the latest styles, Post Free.

QUALITY, STYLE AND FINISH GUARANTEED.

### SHAW & MONTGOMERY

PRACTICAL TAILORS, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CLOTHIERS, 624, 628 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW.

Est'd. 1876. 1608

### MOTOR INSURANCE

PAY BY INSTALLMENTS WITHOUT EXTRA COST

Immediate cover issued at lowest rates. Calls, Write, or Phone Central 3397.

SCOTIA MOTOR POLICIES, 116 HOPE STREET, GLASGOW. 90

A PERFECT FINISH TO A ROUND

Is a clean straight putt and a Golden Spangled Cigarette. The complete satisfaction given by these high-grade popular priced cigarettes is due entirely to the fine quality of the Tobacco - specially selected pure Virginia.

## GOLDEN SPANGLED VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

10 FOR 6D. Of all Tobacconists. Ask for Spangled. 20 FOR 1/-

Made by Gallaher Limited, Pall Mall and London. Scottish Branch: 58 Albion Street, City, Glasgow.



**WILLIAM MCGONAGALL  
Poet and Tragedian  
1830 - 1902**

Loved, or laughed at, McGonagall, despite being of Irish parentage, is recognised as Scotland's 'alternative national poet'.

**OBAN**

**OH! Beautiful Oban with your lovely bay,  
Your surroundings are magnificent on a fine  
summer-day;  
There the lover of the picturesque can behold,  
As the sun goes down, the scenery glittering like  
gold.**

**And on a calm evening, behind the village let him  
climb the hill,  
And as he watches the sun go down, with delight his  
heart will fill  
As he beholds the sun casting a golden track across  
the sea,  
Clothing the dark mountains of Mull with crimson  
brilliance.**

**And on a sunny morning, 'tis delightful to saunter  
up the Dunstaffnage farm,  
Where the green trees spread out their branches so  
broad;  
And as you pass the Lovers' Loan your spirits feel  
gay  
As you see the leaflet float lightly on the sunny  
pathway.**

**And when you reach the little gate on the right hand,  
Then turn and feast your eyes on the scene most  
grand,  
And there you will see the top of Balloch-an-Righ to  
your right,  
Until at last you will exclaim, Oh! What a beautiful  
sight!**

**And your mind with wonder it must fill  
As you follow the road a couple of miles further, till  
You can see Benneure Loch on the left hand,  
And the Castle of Dunstaffnage most ancient and  
grand.**

**Then go and see the waters of Loch Etive leaping  
and thundering  
And flashing o'er the reef, splashing and dundering,  
Just as they did when Ossian and Fingal watched  
them from the shore,  
And, no doubt, they have felt delighted by the  
rapids' thundering roar.**

**Then there's Ganavan with its sparkling bay,  
And its crescent of silver sand glittering in the sun's  
bright array,  
And Dunolly's quiet shores where sea crabs abide,  
And its beautiful little pools left behind by the tide.**

**Then take a sail across to Kerrera some day,  
And see Gylen Castle with its wild-strewn shore  
and bay,  
With its gigantic walls and towers of rocks  
Shivered into ghastly shapes by the big waves'  
thundering shocks.**

**Then wander up Glen Croftyen, past the old village  
churched,  
And as you pass, for the dead have some regard;  
For it is the road we've all to go,  
Sooner or later, both the high and the low!**

**And as you return, by the side of the merry little  
stream,  
That comes trotting down the glen most charming  
to be seen,  
Sometimes wimpling along between heather banks,  
And slipping coyly away to hide itself in its merry  
pranks.**

**Then on some pleasant evening walk up the Glen  
Shelach road,  
Where numberless sheep the green hillside often  
have trod,  
And there's a little farmhouse nestling amongst the  
trees,  
And its hazel woods climbing up the brae, shaking in  
the breeze.**

**And Loch Avonyleen lies like a silver sea with its  
forests green,  
With its fields of rushes and headlands most  
enchancing to be seen,  
And on the water, like a barge anchored by some  
dreamland shore,  
There wild fowls sit, mirrored, by the score.**

**And this is beautiful Oban, where the tourist seldom  
stays above a night,  
A place that fills the lover of the picturesque with  
delight;  
And let all the people that to Oban go  
View it is its native loveliness, and it will drive away  
all woe.**

**Oh! beautiful Oban, with your silvery bay,  
'Tis among your Highland scenery I'd like to stray  
During the livelong summer day,  
And feast my eyes on your beautiful scenery,  
enchancing and gay.**

**1924**

**January 1924  
ARDNAMURCHAN - POTATO FAMINE**  
A largely attended meeting of crofters and others in Western Ardnamurchan was held in Achnochish School - Mr A Henderson, Sanna, in the chair - to consider the situation which has arisen in the district owing to almost total failure of the potato crop, aggravated by the poor yield in oats, and the entire absence of any work in the district. He (the Chairman) thought the position of the poorer classes in Ardnamurchan was as bad as could be found anywhere in the Highlands.

**February 1924  
BARRA - WARE POTATOES**  
The Ministry of Health sent thirty tons of ware potatoes to Castlebay, which Mr Smith, Inspector of the Poor is distributing among the people according to their circumstances. Those who are able to pay, either in money or in work at the roads are charged a reasonable price per cwt for the potatoes, and those who are destitute and unable to work at the roads are getting a supply gratis.

**March 1924  
ARISAIG - FIRE AT MAINS FARM**  
The steading of the farm of Mains, tenanted by Mr Lachlan MacLaren, situated on the estate of Sir Arthur W Nicholson of Arisaig, was at a late hour on Tuesday night discovered to be on fire. Considerable difficulty was experienced in saving the farm stock. The steading, however, was saved, and the whole crops and farm implements were destroyed.

**April 1924  
SOUTH UIST - EMIGRANTS FOR CANADA**  
The Canadian Pacific liner *Marloch* left Glasgow on Friday last for Lochboisdale, South Uist, preparatory to crossing the Atlantic to Canada. In addition to the large number of emigrants there was on board a party of 40 London and Scottish journalists, photographers, etc who were to witness the embarkation of Highland emigrants at Lochboisdale.

**April 1924  
INVERARAY - SHINTY**  
On Saturday afternoon when news was received of the victory of Inveraray shinty team over Glasgow Skye at Glasgow, in the final for the Celtic Cup, the townspeople were highly pleased. In the evening as the Loch Fyne steamer *Minard Castle* approached the pier there was a display of rockets from the steamer in honour of the occasion. The Inveraray Shinty Club won this cup in 1898. All through this season the team has built up almost creditable record. Kyles Athletic won the Scottish Cup, Inveraray the Celtic Cup and Furnace the Dunn Cup. All the principal trophies have found their way into an area very closely connected.

**May 1924  
NAVIE - HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE**  
The most destructive fire which has taken place in Lochaber for many years occurred on Saturday, when the Lochiel Arms Hotel at Navie was practically gutted, the only portion saved being the bar, kitchen and servants' quarters at the rear.

**June 1924  
MULL - TOBERMORY INDUSTRY**  
The new fish curing business which Messrs George Duncan and Co, Oban, are commencing in Tobermory will prove most advantageous as a means of providing employment for those out of work. Over 700 cmye barrels were landed last week, and curers will commence immediately.

**June 1924  
STORNOWAY EMIGRANTS FOR CANADA**  
The Canadian Pacific Liner *Metagama* left for Canada last week with a total passenger list of 980, including a Salvation Army party of one hundred six hundred thirty three class passengers and 210 cabin passengers embarked at Glasgow, and 150 third class and twenty cabin passengers at Belfast. There were on board the vessel



**FOUNDING A HERD IN CANADA**

This group of Highland cattle was recently despatched to Canada to the order of Mr Alex A Mitchell, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Mr Mair, of Messrs Thomas Corson & Company (1922) Ltd., purchased the cattle for Mr Mitchell who is a brother of Mrs Stewart, Falls of Lora Hotel, Connel. The animals in the group are Prionna IV, bred by Lord Invernarn, and Prionna Ruadh of Achnacloch, Muileach Og of Achnacloch and Major IV of Achnacloch, bred by Mrs Maze of Achnacloch. Mr Peter Bruce, Culnadalloch, centre, is standing at the head of Prionna Ruadh, and his son (Mr Colin Bruce) to his right at the head of Muileach Og. The attendants at the extreme left and right respectively are Mr Hugh Cameron and Mr Lachlan Fraser. The picture was taken at the railway siding at Achnacloch before the cattle were entrained to Glasgow. From Glasgow they were shipped to Canada by the s.s. *Carmia*

seventeen brides, eight septuagenarians whose ages totalled 580 years, and seventy domestic servants.

**September 1924  
OBAN - SHIPBUILDING**  
Messrs Munro's Shipbuilding Repairing and Engineering Company have received an order to build a 91 foot Twin Screw Motor Yacht to the design of Mr J A MacCallum, naval architect, Glasgow, for Spanish owners. At present the Company are extending their boat building sheds in expectation of further contracts.

**October 1924  
JURA - OLD AGE EXPECTED**  
Jura is supposed to be a healthy place, and the inscription on an island grave stone goes to prove it. MARY MACCRAIN Died in 1856, aged 128, descendant of GILLOUIR MACCRAIN, who kept a hundred and eight Christmas In his own house and who died in the reign of Charles I

**October 1924  
ISLAY - TEN MEN REPORTED LOST**  
News has been received that the Fleetwood trawler, *Anida*, which frequently calls at Oban, met with disaster off Portnahaven, Islay, in the early hours of Wednesday morning. The vessel, it seems, struck a rock known as the Frenchman's Rock. Three of the crew have been saved, but 10 men are reported missing.

**December 1924  
KINTYRE - BLAZE IN TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
Kintyre Technical School, Southend, Campbeltown, was burned to the ground on Sunday night. There were in residence in the school four masters, 55 boys, and a domestic staff. The school was originally a private residence, known as Keil House. In 1915 it was reconstructed and founded as a technical school for Highland boys as a result of a bequest left by the late Sir William MacKinnon, Bart, and his nephew, Mr Duncan MacNeill. The village of Southend is close at hand, and most of the boys were taken in by house-holders and the hotelkeeper there, the others going to Campbeltown.

**1925**

**January 1925  
SWEDISH STEAMER WRECKED**  
On Sunday morning 18th, inst, the steamer *Arnold*, of Gothenburg, 703 tons register (Magnus M. Olsson, master) and owned by Adolf Brath & Co., of Gothenburg was totally wrecked off the little island of Soay, at the south end of Coll. Shortly after the men got into the boats the vessel broke amidships, the forepart disappearing into deep water.

**January 1925  
CARRADALE - PIER WRECKED**  
During the gale of last week the pier at Carradale, Kintyre, was wrecked by the tremendous seas, which pounded it. A large quantity of goods consigned to local merchants, which lay on the pier, was washed away including over a score of barrels of paraffin. The tide was abnormally high and this circumstance was responsible for damage to Springwell Cottage, Torrissdale, three miles from Carradale, which the inhabitants had to abandon early in the night owing to the invasion of the sea. The wind and tide caught half of the wall of the cottage facing the sea to collapse, leaving a gaping hole. In Campbeltown part of the roof of a two-storey property at High Street, Dalintober, fell in.

**July 1925  
OBAN - LAUNCH OF MOTOR YACHT**  
Messrs. Munro's Shipbuilding, Repairing and Engineering Co., Ltd., successfully launched the twin-screw motor yacht *Amalfi* on Thursday morning of last week from their shipyard at Kerrera. The *Amalfi* is 91 feet in length, with a beam of 18 feet, a moulded depth of 9 feet and a draught of 6 feet 6 inches. The new yacht will be seen in British waters during the course of the summer but before the sinter she will proceed to Gibraltar and be utilised for cruising in the Mediterranean.

**July 1925  
ABERFELDY - WARRANT FOR ARREST**  
A sensation was caused in the Aberfeldy district last week when it became known that Captain Francis W. Metcalfe, factor on the Menzies Estate of Lord Barmy had disappeared by motorcar and that a Sheriff's warrant had been issued for his arrest on a charge of embezzlement. His non-appearance at Aberfeldy on Friday night or on Saturday led to enquiries being made and as a result the police were informed and a Sheriff's warrant issued for his arrest on a charge of embezzling £50 belonging to his employer. Lord Barmy, who arrived at Tarfery House, Aberfeldy, on Saturday has offered a reward of £50 for the arrest of Captain Metcalfe.

**July 1925  
OBAN - SALE OF THE QUEEN'S HOTEL**  
An important property transaction has been completed in the purchase by the Royal Bank of Scotland from Miss Angus, formerly of the Queen's Hotel, of the subjects in George Street, Oban, long occupied as such until their destruction in the disastrous fire, which took place on 25th October. Occupying a site of pre-eminent advantage for business purposes, the property has a frontage to George Street of 108 feet and it extends for a substantial length backwards, covering a total area of 2295 square yards. The sale was negotiated by Messrs. D.M. MacKinnon & Co., solicitors, Oban, on behalf of Miss Angus; with Messrs Hosack & Sutherland, solicitors, Oban, on behalf of the Bank.

**August 1925  
MULL - BURNING FATALITIES**  
The tragic accident which happened at Ardenaig, Mull, recently, causing the death through burning of James Graham, the 16 year old son of Mr Archd, Graham, joiner, Bunessan, Island of Mull, has claimed another victim in the person of William Graham (23) a member of the same family, who succumbed to his injuries on Thursday last week.

**August 1925  
LÜING - FARM FIRE**  
A serious fire took place at Bardrishaig Farm, Lüing, about one o'clock last Monday morning. Mr John Galbraith, the tenant, was awakened early in the morning by the noise of cracking of burning wood. He immediately obtained a ladder, entered the top rooms and was able to save the occupants although not a moment too soon. The dwelling house was completely gutted.

**1926**

**January 1926  
BUENOS AIRES - DON JUAN MACDONALD**  
It is with profound regret that we have to add yet another name to the list of pioneers passed away who have helped materially in the progress of the Argentine. Don Juan Macdonald breathed his last at his residence, Paraguay 755. He was the son of Alexander Macdonald and Anne Brann Mathieson, a niece of Sir Kenneth Mathieson. He was born at Ardnamurchan, in Argyllshire. The late Don Juan Macdonald amassed a large fortune through his sterling qualities of honesty combined with steadfastness of purpose and energy. The keenest of business men and the kindest of friends, his loss is felt in every sphere of society. His death, at the ripe age of 88, throws many of our best known families into mourning. The late Don Juan leaves a family of four sons and four surviving daughters to mourn his loss.

**January 1926  
ISLAY - ANOTHER DISASTER**  
On the rockbound coast of Islay another trawler has come to grief. She is the *Cormorant*, of Fleetwood, and she went ashore near Killechean. Five of the crew who stuck to the trawler are saved, but six who left in a small boat are missing. It may be recalled that a little over 12 months ago the Fleetwood trawler *Amida* was wrecked on a submerged reef near Portnahaven. Of the crew of 13, only three were saved. Some time later a German trawler outward bound from Tarbet, Loch Fyne, was dashed against the rocks, and lost. Only one member of her crew reached safety.

**February 1926  
KINLOCHLEVEN - RUGBY MATCH**  
The Kinlochleven Rugby Football Club played their inaugural match on Saturday when they entertained a team from Lochaber. The visitors outplayed in the scrum from the start, and Kinlochleven did all the pressing till half-time, when the score stood at 16 points to nil, tries having been gained by More, Threlfall, Caslin and Blackstock. Caslin kicked two goals. In the second half, although a man short, Kinlochleven scored four more tries through Caslin, Weston, Threlfall and Blackstock. Caslin kicked two goals, and Blackstock and Threlfall one each, so that the final score stood at 36 points to nil in favour of the home team.

**February 1926  
MONESSIE - CAMP FIRE AT MONESSIE**  
A somewhat alarming outbreak of fire occurred during the weekend at one of the camps organised by the contractors for the Lochaber hydro-electric scheme. The fire took place in what was known as No 3 Adit, near Monessie, and the buildings affected, all of which were burned to the ground, comprised cookhouse, men's dining hall, and miners' hut.

**March 1926  
OBAN - NEW DRILL HALL**  
A fine new drill hall has erected at Drimvargie for "C" Company (The Oban Detachment) of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (territorial) was officially declared open last Friday night by Lieutenant-Colonel Maclean of Ardgour, chairman of the Argyllshire Territorial Army.

**May 1926  
OBAN - NO OBAN TIMES**  
By the sudden strike of the Trades Union printers of the country, ordered by the Trades Union Congress, on Monday, the 3rd May, we were unable to publish the "Oban Times" last week, and as the strike was only declared "off" on Wednesday, the 12th May it is impossible to give a full paper on this occasion. Indeed but for some strenuous exertions of a few of our staff, who feeling that it was unworthy to break their engagements, have resumed work, the present sheet - incomplete as it is - could not have been printed. We trust that our Readers will understand the reason for the break, that has occurred in the continuance of the "Oban Times" the first one in sixty-five years, and that our Readers will consider the present paper as an earnest of our determined efforts to keep faith with them.



1925 - Kilmore School, by Oban with teacher, Miss Rodger

**END OF THE STRIKE**  
Shortly after noon on Wednesday, the general strike declared at midnight of Monday 3rd May, by the Council of the Trade Union Congress was unconditionally called off by order of the same body. This decision of the TUC followed upon their long session on Tuesday night, which extended into the early hours of Wednesday morning. Their conference was continued on Wednesday forenoon, and it transpired that they had been considering proposals submitted to them unofficially by Sir Herbert Samuel, the Chairman of the Coal Commission, upon which, in his view, negotiations for a settlement of the coal dispute could be resumed.

**May 1926  
INVERARAY - HISTORY OF THE CLUB**  
This is an important year in the history of the Inveraray Shinty Club, being the Jubilee year of formation of the club, which was instituted in 1876.

**June 1926  
TOBERMORY - SCHOOL BUILDINGS**  
The plans of the proposed new school buildings at Tobermory are now with the Scottish Education Department. It was remitted to the Chairman's Committee with powers to take such action for acquisition of the ground as they may consider necessary. The Committee resolved to recommend the Education Authority to borrow a sum not exceeding £290 for cost of improvements carried out at Port Ellen School, on the security of the Education Rate leviable within the County - loan to be repayable in 20 years.

**June 1926  
KINLOCHLEVEN - NEW SCHOOL**  
The Clerk reported that he had been able to arrange a loan of £15,000 for five years for cost of erection of new school at Kinlochleven, the rate of interest being 4% per cent.

**June 1926  
OBAN - NO INVERNESS ROAD LINK**  
The Road Board has decided to proceed with the Glasgow to Inverness Western Highway. We had hoped that Oban would have been on the route, but it has been decided to link up Fort William with the South by Tyndrum, Kingshouse and Glencoe. We do not grumble at an improvement in the means of

communication for any part of the Highlands, but if it is a matter of priority, decidedly the preference might have been given to Lorn and Appin, which are more populous and important districts, than those through which the trunk road is to pass. Free bridges at Connel, Loch Crean, and at Ballachulish will have to come sooner or later. Bridges are almost more required than new roads in the Western Highlands. To get "over the water" without having to make long detours is the crying need of the counties of Argyll and Inverness. Better communication in the Highlands will never be accomplished until the bridge question is faced in a courageous manner. And this would be the time (apart from the influence of the coal strike) to allow depressed Iron Bridge Building Industry a share of the £17,000,000 Annual Road Fund.

**July 1926  
ABERFOYLE - BALLACHULISH MEN KILLED**  
Two men were killed and another was seriously injured by a fall of rock following an explosion in Craigmore Stone Quarry, Aberfoyle, last Saturday. Two of the workmen - John Livingstone, about sixty years, and Angus McInnes, about forty years, both residing in Aberfoyle, but who hailed from Ballachulish - were killed immediately, being buried underneath the fallen rock. Roderick McQuarrie was so seriously injured in the back and head that he was taken at once to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Another workman, McKenzie, was injured in the back. Several other quarrymen had narrow escapes.

**August 1926  
OBAN - LINER TO VISIT**  
A good deal of interest will be taken in the arrival at Oban on Monday of next week, of the new super cruising Cunard Liner *Carinthia*, which is expected to visit the town on that date. This mammoth vessel is veritably a floating palace and her visit presents a new development of travel in the Western Isles and one which will doubtless have a permanent effect on the tourist industry of the western littoral of Scotland. Designed specially for such cruises the *Carinthia* is among the largest liners afloat, being over 20,000 tons. Before embarking on her present cruise she had completed a voyage of some 40,000 miles round the world.

**August 1926  
LOCH FYNE - SHARKS**  
A most unusual sight was witnessed in Minard Bay, Loch Fyne, twenty miles from Inveraray, when a shoal of sharks of various sizes observed. The fishing fleet was preparing to leave for the fishing ground, and the fisherman never saw such a number of sharks at any time anywhere.

**August 1926  
OBAN - THE ROYAL BANK'S NEW PREMISES**  
The work of reconstruction of the Queen's building situated at the junction of George Street and Stevenson Street, Oban, is to be commenced shortly. The building which was gutted by fire about two years ago, will house the new premises of the owners, the Royal Bank of Scotland, and in addition will contain the new law

in Glasgow, eleven persons being killed from falling roofs, stones, etc. and over a hundred injured. Some of the gusts of wind in that city reached a velocity of 100 miles an hour. In Oban the storm was the worst which has been experienced for at least a period of 50 years.

**February 1927  
INVERARAY - FAMOUS TREE FALLS**  
On Friday, the famous Winterton Pine, 105 feet in height, with a spread of about 70 feet, was blown down. Tradition says this tree was planted by the Athollmen when they raided Argyllshire in 1684. The tree was a prominent landmark in the Castle grounds and was frequently painted by artists.

**May 1927  
FORT WILLIAM - ELECTRIC LIGHTING**  
At a special meeting held on Monday night the Town Council had before them the report of Mr James E. Sayers, electrical engineer, Glasgow, with reference to the electric lighting of the burgh. After the report had been fully considered, it was decided to again approach the Electric Lighting Company with a view, if possible, to come to some amicable arrangement for the period still to run before current can be supplied by the Lochaber Power Company.

**July 1927  
OBAN - RUSSIA AND THE HERRING INDUSTRY**  
Mr F.A. Macquisten, M.P. for Argyll, has been asked by Oban Town Council to bring in a joint effort by the Town Councils of Buckie and Oban to promote a trade treaty with Russia in order to restore the Scottish herring fishing industry to prosperity.

**July 1927  
FORT WILLIAM - INVERLOCHY**  
At the adjourned meeting of the Town Council held on Friday night, a letter was read from Messrs Hosack & Sutherland, Oban, inquiring as to the possibility of arranging for a water supply for the new village of Inverlochy from the town's Glen Nevis supply. Attention was drawn to the fact that one of the tenants at Inverlochy Place had planted potatoes, etc., in the plot in front of the house. Instructions were given that the plot must be restored to grass.

**August 1927  
TOBERMORY - SIR ROBERT BADEN POWELL**  
General Sir Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, attended by Colonel Bryce Allan, O.B.E., of Linnduh, the Sea Scout Commissioner of Scotland visited the camp of the Argyllshire Scouts from Tarbert and Tobermory, now at Linnduh, Tobermory. The General was greatly impressed by the fine physique of the boys and found interest and amusement in their sports.

**September 1927  
OBAN - EXCURSION TRAINS**  
Two trains from Glasgow, one from Denny, and one from Dundee, brought no fewer than 1550 day trippers to Oban on Sunday. The weather was ideal and the trippers spent an enjoyable day in and around the town. On Saturday a party of about 250 excursionists, including 150 members of Cambuslang Co-operative Society, spent the day in Oban.

**September 1927  
FARNHOCH - TRAGEDY OF THE S.S. GRENADIER**  
The burning of the steamer *Grenadier* and the loss of three lives at Oban Pier, early on Tuesday morning is a tragedy. No cause has yet been found for the outbreak of the fire and it is extraordinary what an irresistible grip the flames had of the ship when discovered. Of course, a pleasure ship in the nature of things, must have partitions, shelters and furnishings, which form rich fuel for a fire. And it is a curious commentary, that the means for safety in one direction may be the means of danger in another. The rafts and cork jackets for the preservation of life from drowning will become fuel for the fire fiend. Diminutive portholes, which are effective against the stress of the sea, may make a prison of the hull in the event of fire. No incident in the catastrophe was more heartrending than that of the steward, Horschburg, with his head and arm through a port-hole, but unable to escape and calling to end his agony, "Shoot me! Shoot me!" and of young Kenneth MacRae in his agonising cries "Save me! Save me!" At the time some of the crew were, with the implements, which they could procure, frantically endeavouring to cut through the deck to save their comrades, but they were beaten back by the flames. Everyone in crew or crowd would have done anything humanly possible, but they were powerless. The fire had the mastery. The sight will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. No other kind of death can be realised by the living so fully as the terrible death by burning. Everyone knows the pain of a slight burn, so the imagination need not be stretched to conceive the agony of mind and the suffering of body which the steward Horschburg and the fine young lad Kenneth MacRae must have undergone before death ended their agony. Captain Archibald MacArthur died on the ship he sailed and loved. It was within a few days of his last voyage, after fifty-one years service in Highland Wars. Captain MacLan, who had to dash through the flames, did not leave until he knew that the veteran Captain had got on

subject for interesting speculation. Some of those who are familiar with the island express the view that it is well adapted for use as a whaling station.

**June 1928  
LOCHABE - DROWNING TRAGEDY**  
A motor accident of a distressing nature occurred at the Pass of Brander, between Oban and Dalmlally, on Tuesday afternoon, resulting in the death of the driver and the injury of two passengers. When it had reached a point in the road at the head of Loch Awe, a motor car had to be passed and it is surmised that the driver of the motor van had taken too much of a swerve, with the result that the vehicle went over the embankment and tumbled into the deep water of the Loch. No trace of the driver of the car could be found and up to a late hour last night no trace of the body had been found.

**July 1928  
POLLOCH - SAWMILL BURNED**  
The sawmill at Polloch, situated on the hill above Glenfintaig Farm and belonging to Messrs. James Kennedy & Co., timber merchants, Glasgow, was towards the weekend completely destroyed by fire. In addition to the destruction of plant, a quantity of saw wood was also burned. The mill was blazing fiercely and it was hopeless to attempt to save anything.

**July 1928  
LOCHABER - TRAIN BREAKS IN TWO**  
A somewhat alarming occurrence took place on the service line of the contractors for the hydro electric scheme towards the weekend. As a train was proceeding eastwards, a coupling broke and it was some time being negotiated. The result was that three trucks immediately began to run down hill and it looked as if a catastrophe was inevitable. A number of men who were aboard at the time managed to jump clear ere a great impetus had been gained and none of them sustained any injuries. The runaway coaches soon gained momentum and the marvel is that they were not precipitated into one or other of deep dells en route. As it was they stuck to the rails till a bridge up above Ben Nevis Distillery was reached, where they jumped the metals and were hurled into the ravine below.

**July 1928  
FASDAIL - FACTORY DESTROYED**  
The factory erected last year at Cardwell Luing, by Messrs. MacCowan, of the Cullipool Slate Quarries, for the manufacturing of concentrated feeding stuffs for poultry and cattle from particular kinds of seaweeds was burned down on Thursday evening of last week. The building was a composite iron and wood structure and it is estimated that the loss, including building machinery and the quantity of manufactured material in the factory at the time amount to from £2000 to £3000. We understand the building was not insured.

**July 1928  
OBAN - HOLIDAY WEEKEND**  
Three excursion trains arrived on Sunday, two from Glasgow and one from Hamilton, with a total of 1150 passengers. On Friday last Saturday and Monday trains arriving at Glasgow were heavily laden with Glasgow Fair visitors and special buses were also run from Glasgow to Oban by the Link Lines.

**August 1928  
FARNHOCH - FORESTRY SCHOOL**  
It is understood that the Forestry Commission have purchased the lands of Farnoch, near Taynuilt and that a scheme of afforestation of an area of about 1200 acres is to be proceeded with at an early date. There will be a definite boon to the neighbourhood in providing, as it is expected to do, considerable employment, in the first instance, in clearing the ground which is presently largely under scrubwood and preparing it for planting.

**August 1928  
FORT WILLIAM - RUNAWAY CHARABANE**  
Some commotion was caused on Saturday at what a motor charabane belonging to Macrae & Dick, Inverness, which had been parked at Gordon Square, moved off of its own volition. In it were seated two ladies who, fortunately, managed to scramble out ere any great impetus was attained. Crossing the main thoroughfare the car rushed down the steep slope leading to the pier and railway station and hurled itself against the pier office, rebounded onto one of MacBrayne's cars, a fact which probably prevented it from being precipitated over the pier into Loch Linnhe. Both cars were damaged, but no one was injured. The slipping of the brake lever is believed to have been responsible for the accident.

**August 1928  
KILBERRY - HIGHLAND FOLD DISPERSED**  
The Kilberry Highland cattle are to be sold at the West Highland Auction mart, in the autumn and by that sale the fold will be finally dispersed. The father of the late Kiberry was one of the founders of the Highland Cattle Society.

**August 1928  
COLL - ST. BRANDAN WRECKED**  
The steamer *St. Brandan*, belonging to Messrs. J. and A. Gardner, Glasgow while on her way from Skye to Glasgow last Friday night, foundered on a rock at Cairns of Coll. The crew of nine, including the Captain, Mr Dugald MacDonald, a native of Mull, were saved. The *St. Brandan* had called at Carbost, Skye, with barley for Talisker distillery and was proceeding to Glasgow with 200 tons of whisky. The quantity of whisky valued at £8,000. Captain MacDonald said it was one of the worst nights they had experienced at sea.

**October 1928  
OBAN - PROPOSED FLYING BASE IN OBAN**  
The Air Ministry are this week making investigations regarding the advantages and facilities existing at Oban with a view to its being made a future base for flying boats. Ardrevite, it is stated, is one of the best places to be found on the West Coast for the landing of flying boats. The R.A.F. auxiliary vessel *Adastral* is expected in the bay today (Thursday) to carry out operations in connection with the laying of light moorings for four flying boats. A thousand gallons of aviation petrol have been despatched to Oban for the use of the flying boats.

**1929**

**February 1929  
OBAN - HILL BLAZE**  
A fire which occurred last Sunday on Pennyfuir Farm, Oban, occupied by Mr James Arthur, involved over 200 acres of heather. The outbreak, it is presumed, was caused by youths setting the heather alight and the flames spreading gave cause for alarm. The hill extends in a continuous ridge on to the adjoining farms of Dunbeg and Achavaich and at its eastern boundary is the plantation of young trees on the Glencairn Estate.

**March 1929  
BERNARA - THREE MEN DROWNED**  
When proceeding to the fishing ground at Bernera between North Uist and Harris last Saturday four lobster fishermen were thrown into the sea through the capsizing of their boat and three of them lost their lives. The boat overturned only a few yards from the shore. All the men were comparatively young.

**March 1929  
COLL - PROPOSED NEW PIER**  
A special meeting of the Coll Parish Council was held within their office on Saturday, 23rd March, for the purpose of considering further correspondence relative to the new pier. Mr C. E. Stewart stated that he was prepared to grant the ground required rent free. The only condition which he would insist on was that the pier when erected should be accessible at all states of the tide and should be a first class pier.

**April 1929  
BENDERLOCH - ERIKA FOR SALE**  
The Island of Erika on the west coast of Argyllshire and extending to about 267 acres, is situated at Oban with a view to its being made a future base for flying boats. Ardrevite, it is stated, is one of the best places to be found on the West Coast for the landing of flying boats. The R.A.F. auxiliary vessel *Adastral* is expected in the bay today (Thursday) to carry out operations in connection with the laying of light moorings for four flying boats. A thousand gallons of aviation petrol have been despatched to Oban for the use of the flying boats.

**April 1929  
LISMORE - PROPOSED PUBLIC HALL**  
The Land Court have issued their final order in an application by His Grace the Duke of Argyll (Landlord) for authority to resume that part of the holding at Killelean, Lismore, presently occupied by Hugh Macintyre, postman, Killelean, which extends to 200 square yards or thereby. It is desired to free the ground for the purpose of building a public hall for the island of Lismore.

**April 1929  
HARRIS - WHALING STATION CEASES**  
In his annual report, Mr John Mackintosh, Chief Sanitary Inspector for Inverness-shire, states that the whaling station at Bunasvadder, Harris, has ceased operations. The closing down of the business has meant a great financial loss to



January 1928 - OBAN - ROYAL BANK BUILDINGS The recent opening of the Royal Bank of Scotland, in George Street, Oban, is an event of importance in the commercial development of the West Highland. The Oban branch was started under the auspices of Mr John D. Sutherland, now of the Forestry Commission, then of the firm of Messrs. Hosack and Sutherland, solicitors and estate agents, Oban and during Mr Sutherland's term of office the building at 120 George Street just vacated, was erected in 1901. With the steady growth of Oban that building has for some time past proved insufficient for the Bank's business and the Directors were accordingly fortunate in securing the handsome building at the south end of George Street, which is shown in our illustration. The building stands at the corner of George Street and Stevenson Street, the frontage facing George Street. The Directors, we are informed, were anxious to obtain offices which should not only provide adequate accommodation for the service of their clients and staff, but which should be worthy of Oban as the commercial centre of a wide district.

July 1929
CARRADALE - MISSING NAVAL BOYS
Three boys who had been absentees from H.M.S. Emperor of India at Campbelltown were arrested in a wood about Carradale. The boys, who are English, confessed that they were hiding till the battleship left for the South. The boys were handed over to the Naval authorities.

July 1929
STORNOWAY - MEMORIAL UNVEILED.
A memorial tablet to Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the great Canadian explorer, was unveiled at Stornoway by Mrs Hale, daughter of Mr. T.B. Macaulay, President of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The tablet, which is inserted in the wall of the U.F. English Church, bears the inscription: Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the explorer, who was the first white man to follow the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean and the first to cross the Continent of North America north of Mexico, was born in the year 1763 in a house which stood on this site.

July 1928
GIGHA - TWO MEN DROWNED
About 10.30 on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., Hector MacMillan (70), lobster fisherman, Gigha, and his nephew, John MacInlay (56), carpenter, Whiteinch, Glasgow, conveyed an officer of H.M.S. Beaufort from the shore to the ship anchored about half a mile away from the starting place. A stiff breeze was blowing at the time and it transpired that they waited on board the vessel till about midnight. They then left to return to the island and were not seen alive again.

July 1929
GLENBORRODALE - HIT BY LIGHTENING
A thunderstorm of extraordinary intensity was experienced in Ardmurchan last week. For over three hours vivid flashes of lightning in quick succession and accompanied with deafening thunderclaps, made a grand through awesome spectacle. During the storm the lightning struck the highest tower of Glenborrodale Castle. The portion of the tower above the point of contact was blown away and down the side of the tower for some length a bad rent was made. The Castle, which is of Gothic architecture, is one of the most imposing buildings in the Highlands and everyone on the estate is glad that it escaped serious damage.

August 1929
MACBRAYNES LAUNCH THE LOCHSHIEL
There was launched on Thursday by Henry Robb (Ltd.), from their shipyard at Leith, a steel screw motor vessel which they have built to the order of David MacBrayne (Ltd) for cargo, the West of Scotland and the Western Isles. The vessel, which was named the Lochshiel by Lady Read, wife of Sir Alfred Read, managing director of the Coast Lines, is of the shelter deck type, the tween deck space being fitted up for cattle, horses and sheep. As the length of the vessel has been limited to 111 feet, Diesel engines have been adopted to give the maximum space for cattle and the largest possible cargo hold space.

August 1929
TAYNULT - MUCKKAIN FOR SALE
This residential and sporting estate which is three miles from Taynult and ten miles from Oban will be offered for sale by auction on a date to be announced later (unless previously sold privately). The farms of Dalnamac and Lakefield are included in the sale.

August 1929
GLENORCHY - FINE SALMON
A magnificent salmon of 40-lbs. was landed from the Orchy last week.

August 1929
HARRIS - EMIGRATION
Six young men from Harris - Munro MacDermaid, Mollingimish, D. MacInnes, Kyles-Scapay, Duncan MacKay, do., Donald MacKay, do., S. MacKenzie, Urgan and K. MacEanan, Clasmol, left last Friday for the Falkland Islands.

August 1929
OBAN - POLISH TRADE
The steamer Percy, belonging to Messrs. Leslie, Aberdeen, shipped from Oban on Tuesday 662 whole barrels and 1100 half barrels of cured herring for Danzig.

December 1929
LOCHABER - FIRST ELECTRICITY
The first electricity supplies from the £6,000,000 Lochaber Hydro-electric works were generated secretly on Wednesday. The five generators of the 30,000 kilowatt power station thus throbbled into action for the first time, propelled by water rushing down the Ben Nevis tunnel. Aluminium production may begin this month. The last phase will be the spectacular explosion which will release the waters of Loch Treig into the 15 mile round tunnel. On the present occasion the waters utilised were from intakes and the experimenters have made to decide the practicability of the engineers' theory that it may be possible to supply immediately sufficient current to the aluminium furnaces before the final blasting into Loch Treig.

December 1929
OBAN - SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF FIRE
A serious outbreak of fire, which at one time assumed alarming proportions, occurred in the tenement No. 1 Burnbank Terrace, Oban, about 9.30 p.m. on Saturday last, when two attic houses were destroyed and the lower flats severely damaged. Part of the roof above the scene of the outbreak gave way with a crash and passed through the ceiling of the flat immediately underneath, occupied by a Miss MacDougall. The collapse of this part gave rise to a further concern and the risk of the fire spreading to the adjoining tenement was greatly increased. As a result of the fire all the families in the tenement, eight in number, have been deprived meantime of the use of their houses, but all obtained temporary quarters.

January 1930
ARDNAMURCHAN - EPIC OCEAN STRUGGLE
The story of the schooner Neptune II, which as the result of terrific gales, was blown across the Atlantic from the Newfoundland coast to the shores of Argyll, is one that perhaps has had few parallels in the annals of the sea. The Northern Lighthouse Commissioners'

steamer Hesperus, discovered about 5pm on Thursday night the Neptune near Ardmurchan Lighthouse and towed the distressed schooner to Tobermory Bay. The crew of the Neptune though they were at a point near to the Scilly Isles. After an aborted journey to St Kilda due to severe weather conditions the Hesperus had to seek temporary shelter at Canna, and Tobermory was not reached until Sunday morning. The Hesperus, with the Neptune in tow, arrived in Oban about three o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

January 1930
ARDTORNISH - ESTATE OF MR SELLAR
Mr Gerard Henry Craig Sellar of Ardtornish, Argyllshire, and of 18 Princes Gate, London SW a member of the Argyllshire County Council, who died at Callander, Perthshire, on 11 November, aged 58, left unsettled property in his own disposition of the gross value of £1,729,161 13s 3d. Mr Sellar was a well-known oarsman and yachtsman, and Commodore of the Royal Highland Yacht Club, formerly assistant private secretary to the late Mr Joseph Chamberlain, later secretary to the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Transvaal.

April 1930
LOCHFHYNE - EVAN MACCOLL MEMORIAL
The Highlanders of Glasgow and their numerous friends well deserved the eulogy pronounced by the chairman, Sir John Lorne Macleod, upon their loyalty in rising to the occasion and so crowding out Glasgow's St Andrew's Hall last Friday - a magnificent tribute to the esteem and affection felt by his many admirers for Evan MacColl, the sweet singer of Lochfyneside.

April 1930
OBAN - LEMONADE WORKS
The old established business of D MacCall and Co aerated water manufacturers and ale and stout bottlers, Soroba Park, Oban, has been disposed of by MR A B MacCall. We understand that a private limited company has been formed under the old name, and that the new management has now taken control of the business. The managing director is Mr W A Nimmo, and the other directors are his father, Mr Robert Nimmo, and Mr R B Wallace, both of whom are directors in the well known firm of John Wright & Co Ltd Perth.

January 1931
MULL - TRAWLERS AGROUND
The steam trawler Cloughton Wyte (F.D. 36) went aground in the Sound of Mull. The crew had an alarming experience, as they sent up flares throughout the night and early morning, but failed to attract assistance until observed by Captain Badger, commander of the Northern Lighthouse steamer Hesperus. The steamer was at once directed to the spot and the crew after some difficulty were taken on board the Hesperus. Another trawler, the Glamis Castle, went ashore on an island near Fionnary. It is said that there are about forty tons of coal aboard and if it could be discharged a ready sale for it could be obtained on the spot.

January 1931
OBAN - SOROBA ROAD HOUSING SCHEME
Approval was given by the Department of Health for erection of 42 houses at Soldiers' Park, Soroba Road. The Council unanimously resolved that the scheme should embrace 18 two-storey apartment houses and 24 three-apartment houses of the three-storey type.

February 1931
THREE - FINNISH SHIP DISASTER
Last Saturday morning about 3 a.m. during darkness and a heavy rainstorm the S.S. Melve, of Helsingfors, bound from Revel to Manchester, with a cargo of about 2000 tons of wood and pulp ran ashore at Balephethish Bay. The engine room and the holds were flooded and it is almost certain that the ship will become a total loss. The local rocket apparatus was tried on Sunday afternoon, but failed to establish communication owing to the distance the ship is from the shore. The crew, consisting of twenty-three members, arrived at Oban at midnight on Tuesday in the steamer Lochearn and were boarded out in the Bayview Temperance Hotel.

March 1931
ISLAY - THE LATE MR HUGH MORRISON
Mr Hugh Morrison of Islay, who died on 15th March, has left about £2,000,000. The founder of the Morrison family fortune was Mr James Morrison, who left Hampshire as a boy last century and started work with a draper in London. He became partner in a great warehouse business and left £3,000,000.

August 1931
ST KILDA - ISLAND SOLD
It is now announced that a syndicate interested in ornithology have purchased the Island of St Kilda. Lord Dumfries, eldest son of the Marquess of Bute, is a partner in the enterprise. The island will become the joint property of the partners, although the purchase will be made in the name of Lord Dumfries. St Kilda will remain a sanctuary for the bird life with which is abundant.

August 1931
CUAN - HOSPITAL FOR SALE
This building, which is situated at Cuan Ferry, 16 miles from Oban, is for sale. There are six rooms, kitchen, scullery, two bathrooms, two lavatories and ample cupboard accommodation. Hot and cold water laid on. The property is capable of being converted into a dwelling house.

August 1931
LOCH AWE - A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE
Mr and Mrs Jack Ballfour, who reside in Balhousie Street, Perth, have been engaged in the timber trade at Loch Awe for some years and owing to the isolated district had erected a wooden house near to his sawmill. A fire spread with great rapidity owing to the inflammable character of the building. The whole contents of the house, including furniture and a large quantity of bed linen and other household utensils, as well as a considerable sum of money, which included the wages of the employees, were lost in the flames. The damage is not covered by insurance.

September 1931
TYNDRUM - ROYAL HOTEL GUTTED
One of the most destructive fires ever experienced in the Tyndrum district occurred on Tuesday evening,

when the Royal Hotel, tenanted by Robert Stewart, was burned to the ground within a few hours. As a strong east wind was blowing at the time, the flames spread with great rapidity.

December 1931
ISLAY - STORMS WRECK FLEET
As showing the violence of recent storms no fewer than three trawlers are on the rocks in the Sound of Islay. The Passages and Norma were wrecked last week, the latter being driven on the rocks when returning from the fishing grounds, about two miles north of Portaskaig. The trawler Crisilla has been on the rocks since 4th November. The three vessels were abandoned by their crews.

February 1932
TOBERMORY - WESTERN ISLES HOTEL
The commendable renovation enterprise is due to the efforts of two Tobermory men, Messrs John and Malcolm MacLean. Mr John MacLean who had held important positions in India, and has travelled extensively throughout the World. The principal contractor for the renovation, which was secured against strong competition from the South, is a brother of Mr MacLean, Mr Malcolm MacLean of Messrs Malcolm MacLean & Co, contractors, Tobermory, which will ensure that local workmen will get preference. The Hotel is expected to be ready to receive Guests in time for the Summer season.

March 1933
LOCHMADDY - SS BURNSIDE DESTROYED
The SS Burnside owned by Jack Brus, Glasgow, and trading between Glasgow and the Western Isles, sprang a leak while discharging cargo at Lochepet. She put back to Lochmaddy Pier where it was found that the vessel was also on fire. Closer examination revealed that lime barrels had come in contact with water and set the vessel alight. Several petrol paraffin casks were left aboard and the paraffin and petrol casks were seen to explode at intervals. The flares of the fire were seen at a distance of twelve miles from Lochmaddy.

April 1933
OBAN - CARGO OF 300 TONS OF BRICKS
Messrs Gardner's steamer S/O Onon landed at the North Pier, Oban, a cargo of about 300 tons of bricks for Mr James Livingston, contractor. A steamer has also been landing quantities of bricks at the South Pier for Messrs Cowieson in connection with the construction of the new Picture House, the steel framework and the brickwork of which is already considerably advanced.

May 1933
ISLAY - AIR AMBULANCE
The value of aerial transport in cases of emergency in the Islands was once again evidenced on Monday, when, in response to a telegram from Dr Stuart, Islay, St Andrew's Ambulance association was instrumental in getting a plane sent to convey an urgent case to Glasgow. The patient, Mr John MacKerim, Bruichladdich, was rushed to the infirmary and was immediately operated upon. It is understood that he is making satisfactory progress.

September 1933
CAMPBELLTOWN - DISTILLERY SOLD
The Scotch Distillery, High Street, Campbelltown, has been sold by the trustees of the late Duncan MacCallum to a Glasgow blending house. The distillery was founded in 1837. In 1891 the firm was bought over by the late Mr Duncan MacCallum and made into a limited company under the title of Messrs Stewart Stewart, Galbraith & Co, Ltd. The distillery was completely rebuilt and modernised in 1897.

September 1933
CONNEL - ELECTRIC LIGHT
A meeting of householders and others interested in the proposed extension to Connel of the Oban Electric Supply was held on Monday evening. Mr P M Bruce, Culindaloch, presided over a large turnout, and was accompanied by Mr MacNicol and Mr Keith. Mr MacNicol explained what had been done by the committee after Oban Town Council had approached Connel with a view to their using light and power from Oban.

October 1933
INVERGARRY - STOPPAGE OF RAILWAY
The line company have decided to withdraw the whole train service - both passenger and freight trains - from the above branch as from December 1st. Arrangements are being made for the organisation of road motor services to deal with the whole of the passenger, parcels, goods and mineral traffic at present carried by the railway between Spean Bridge and Fort Augustus.

November 1933
LUING - NORTH END PURCHASED
The northern section of the island of Luing has been purchased by Messrs MacCowan, quarrymasters, Cullipool. It includes the farms of Leccamore, Ardamuir, Bardrishaig and Park, as well as houses and fens in the quarry village of Cullipool, where Messrs MacCowan's quarrying operations are principally carried on.

November 1933
CAMPBELLTOWN - LIGHT RAILWAY TO CLOSE
The Ministry of Transport has issued an order for the winding-up of the affairs of the Campbelltown and Machrihanish Light Railway Company, Ltd, for many years one of Scotland's three railway companies. The present railway, which was built in 1906, absorbed an earlier colliery line. It followed part of the route of a canal designed by James Watt. The track owned by the company is only six miles long.

December 1933
NORTH UIST - LOCHMADDY HOTEL FOR LET
This well-known angling and tourist resort is to let, as from Whitsunday, 1934. It commands a central position in the Outer Hebrides, with the shortest sea crossing. Attached are lands (including several small islands) and fishing rights on a number of lochs containing salmon, sea and brown trout. Present rent, £265. Shootings can be arranged for. Particulars from Mr H H MacKenzie, factor, 143 Warrander Park Road, Edinburgh, to whom offers should be sent before 31st January 1934.

"COPLYE" THE STOCKING FOR NOW AND ALL SUMMER. In THREE WEIGHTS, Heavy, Medium and Fine. Plain or Ribbed, Fashioned or Seamless Feet, Colour Black. GUARANTEED PURE "COPLYE" LLAMA WOOL, reinforced with extra "COPLYE" Llama Wool threads at Heels, Toes, and Soles for sheer good-wear. IMPORTANT INFORMATION. 1,000 DOZENS OFFERED (ANY WEIGHT) AT PIECE-WARE PRICES. Prices for Sizes 8-inch, 9-inch, 9 1/2-inch feet 10/11 per pair; six pairs 10/6. Prices for Sizes 10-inch, 10 1/2-inch, 11-inch feet 12/6, 13/6, 14/6 per pair; six pairs 12/6, 13/6, 14/6. Delightfully smooth, comfortable and durable. Every pair examined before leaving the factory. Postages paid in the United Kingdom. Only to be purchased from Copland & Lyne. 71 Copland & Lyne, Caledonia House, SAUCHIEHALL STREET, GLASGOW.

FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE, TAKE ABDINE THE GOLD MEDAL FRUIT DRINK. Keeps Stomach High - Complexion Bright. Sold by all Grocers, Chemists, Stores, &c. 10 Packets, and Boxes (15 Packets), 1s. or post free, 1s. from D. McGLASHEAN, 12 West End Place, Edinburgh.

YOUR NEW SUIT. HAVE IT MADE TO MEASURE. FROM THE BEST SCOTCH TWEEDS. For GOOD WEARING QUALITIES and for GOOD APPEARANCE after some wear, there is nothing like GENUINE SCOTCH TWEED. Suits to Measure: 32, 34, 36, 42, 50, 60, 70. We will send you Post Free our lovely range of Patterns, including the best Scotch Tweeds, English Worsted, and Indigo Serges, and our Easy Self-Measurement Form, Color, and Illustrated Catalogue, showing the latest styles. All sent Post Free. We guarantee you a Perfect Fit and satisfaction, or refund money in full. Thousands of Testimonials. SHAW & MONTGOMERY, Practical Tailors and Hosiery Specialists, 624, 628, 632 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW. ESTABLISHED 1876.

"ANCHOR" LINE. ROYAL MAIL EXPRESS SERVICE. GLASGOW TO NEW YORK. Cameronia, Fri. July 23 | Cameronia, Fri. Aug. 27 | Tuscania, Fri. Aug. 13 | Tuscania, Fri. Sept. 10 | California, Sat. Aug. 21 | California, Sat. Sept. 18 | Marconi Wireless Telegraphy on all Steamers. Second Class, and Third Class at Moderate Rates. Reduction on Second Class Return Tickets. Second and Third Class Passengers Booked to Boston and Philadelphia without extra charge. FAST ROUTE TO CANADA AND THE NORTH-WEST. Pamphlets on Land, &c., forwarded free on application. GIBRALTAR, EGYPT, AND INDIA. New Steamers of 6000 tons, leaves GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL for GIBRALTAR, PORT SAID, SUZ, BOMBAY, and CALCUTTA at short intervals. Splendid Passenger accommodation. Very Moderate Fares. Apply to ANCHOR LINE (HENDERSON BROTHERS), LIMITED, Anchor Line Buildings, 12 to 14 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow; or to Local Agents everywhere.

CUNARD LINE. FASTEST VESSELS IN THE WORLD. FROM LIVERPOOL TO NEW YORK. ORDUNA, Sat. Aug. 7 | SAXONIA, Sat. Aug. 21 | TUSCANIA, Sat. Aug. 14 | CAMBERGONIA, Sat. Aug. 29. Cabin and Third Class Passengers only. For further particulars, apply to Local Agents, or to CUNARD LINE, GLASGOW or LIVERPOOL. 41

ALLAN MAIL LINE TO CANADA. Regular Sailings from GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDON, and HAVRE, to CANADA and the UNITED STATES. Matrons for Unaccompanied Young Women. ALLAN LINE, 25 Bothwell Street, Glasgow; 88 Commercial Street, Dundee; 19 James Street, Liverpool; 14 Cockspur Street, London, S.W.; and 103 Leadenhall Street, London, E.C. SUB-AGENTS EVERYWHERE.

South & East Africa UNION CASTLE LINE. ROYAL MAIL ROUTE. THE CAPE, NATAL, TRANSVAAL, RHODESIA, EAST AFRICAN PORTS, MAURITIUS, &c. For Sailings and other information apply to the Head Office, 5 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.; Glasgow Office, 17 West George Street; or to Local Agents.



October 1926 - Ballachulish Male Voice Choir enjoyed great success at the National Mod held in Oban

Celebrating over 180 years in Oban. In 1827 we were the first bank to open a branch in Oban and are celebrating our history with The Oban Times. Congratulations - here's to the future. Visit rbs.co.uk/oban. George Street branch built in 1859. Shown here in 1933 and still our branch to this day. RBS The Royal Bank of Scotland Here for you

# GOVERNMENT

urges everyone now to save every shilling. Every wise Housewife systematically saves by always buying

## MAYPOLE MARGARINE,

The one Food not advanced in price, and British-made from choicest Nuts and Milk.

One Quality Only : **1/-** DOUBLE WEIGHT,  
The Very Best : **6<sup>p</sup>** for **1-LB.**

which means **6<sup>p</sup>** for **1-LB.**

The only perfect Substitute for Butter; and ALL made at **SOUTHALL, near London.**

### MAYPOLE DAIRY CO., LTD.,

9 ST. GEORGE'S ROAD, CHARING CROSS, GLASGOW.  
27 HAMILTON STREET, GREENOCK.  
151 MURRAY PLACE, STIRLING.  
26 HIGH STREET, INVERNESS.

ORDERS SENT BY POST, RAIL, OR STEAMER, ON RECEIPT OF REMITTANCE. 129

# Bird's CUSTARD

Any Doctor will tell you that in summer, good health depends largely upon an abundance of fruit in the daily diet.

Fruit when stewed is free from risk, and if you always serve it with BIRD'S — the Nutritious Custard, you have the most delicious dish in season.

Try to-day, BIRD'S Custard with Cherries, Raspberries, or Currants.

In 1d Pkts. 4d & 7d Boxes, and Large Tins.

## MONTGOMERIE'S BREAD.

GRATIFIES AND SATISFIES.

Sold by First-class Merchants throughout the West Highlands.

"ARE YOU NERVY?"

Do you "jump" at a sudden sound? Are your nerves "on edge"? If so, you need "Wincarnis" to tone up your nervous system and give new life and new vigour to your nerve centres.

### WINCARNIS

is excellent for "nerves." Will you try a bottle?

SAMPLE Send three penny stamps (to pay postage). COLEMAN & Co., Ltd., W 191, Wincarnis Works, Norwich.

### DRIED SEAWEED.

SLAKE WEED (CARAGEEN).  
BONE & MEIKLEJOHN,  
BEG to intimate that they are open to purchase dried seaweed and slake weed in any quantities.  
BAGS SUPPLIED FREE FOR SLAKE WEED. 1923

STEVENSON STREET, OBAN.

SEND postcard for Patterns of those hard wearing, fashionable, all-wool Tweeds for Ladies', Gent's, Girls' or Boys' wear. A'OO TWEEDS are cheap (from 1s 6d per yard). Any length cut.

BLANKETS, Warm and Woolly, 18s., 20s., and 24s. per pair.

WOOL GROWERS SHOULD SEND THEIR WOOL FOR MANUFACTURE TO

### R. HOUSTON & SONS,

ROCKBANK MILLS, GREENOCK.

AGENTS WANTED WHERE NOT REPRESENTED

### BUTTER IS DEAR!

Economise these hard times by using the Perfect BUTTER SUBSTITUTE.

### OUR NUT MARGARINE,

made from Selected Nuts and Fresh Country Milk, and Blended with Butter IS PERFECTION

AT **1/-** PER LB.

and a half-pound given free with each one pound. You save money.

One CASH BONUS COUPON given with each 1-lb over-weight, and we give **5s** for **50** Coupons returned.

Without Coupon we will pay half-carriage on all quantities over 6-lb nett.

BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO H.M. THE KING.

## WYLIE & LOCHHEAD, Limited,

HOLD THE LARGEST STOCK OF FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS IN SCOTLAND.

SELECTION, QUALITY, AND PRICE UNEQUALLED.

ILLUSTRATED FURNITURE CATALOGUE FREE.

45 BUCHANAN STREET, GLASGOW.

1934  
**March 1934 BALLACHULISH - QUARRY SECURE**  
 A great development in the Ballachulish slate quarrying industry is anticipated as the result of the incorporation at Dunfermline on 19th February, of a private limited liability company, under the name of Scottish Slates (Ltd.), with a capital of £12,000. The objects of the Company are to carry on the business of slate quarrying in the lands of Brecklet, Ballachulish and to carry on in the United Kingdom and elsewhere the business of quarry masters or dealers in slate and other material that may be quarried.

**May 1934 SKYE - SEARCH FOR OIL**  
 Shale was found in Skye before the War. Encouraged by the new Act controlling the exploitation of petroleum discoveries in this country, prospecting for oil, carried out on the authority of a Government licence, has recently begun. In many parts of Scotland oil shale has been found in workable quantities and discoveries have even been made in this direction in the West Highlands. Just before the war, prospectors tapping the potential mineral wealth of Skye, came across oil shale to the north of Portree at Holm on the Scorrybreck estate. The shale, it is understood, was of good quality and in such quantities as would make the working of it an economic proposition should market prices prove favourable.

**May 1934 BARRA - CASTLEBAY DOCKERS' DISPUTE**  
 The coal hulk *Black Miner*, owned by Messrs Duncan MacIver, Ltd. of Stornoway, which has been prevented from leaving Kintyre Bay, Barra, since the beginning of the herring fishing season owing to a dispute between local dockers and the owners, was released at dawn on Tuesday. The dockers, who had thrown a chain across the entrance of the bay some time ago, did not attempt to prevent the hulk from being removed.

**May 1934 MULL - TALK TO AMERICA.**  
 Immediately following the inauguration of the new telephone service from Mull to the mainland last Thursday morning, a trunk call was put through from the Western Isles Hotel to America and within a very short time those present were exchanging greetings with New York. The call was picked up at the other side of the Atlantic by Mr. Nat. D. Wells, an engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Coy., in New York and lasted over half an hour, during which time a number of those who attended the ceremony, including Bailie MacLean, Mr. J.M. Spink, Town Clerk and Mr. J. Cameron, head postmaster, Tobermory spoke over the wire to New York.

**May 1923 BALLACHULISH - QUARRYMAN KILLED**  
 One man was killed and another seriously injured when a shot suddenly exploded during blasting operations in the Ballachulish slate quarries on Monday. Duncan MacLachlan (24), slate quarrier, Lorne Cottage, Ballachulish, who was killed and Nicol Black, 30 West Laroeh, Ballachulish, who was injured, were conducting shot firing operations in the bottom of their working in No. 4 gallery, when one of the shots unexpectedly exploded. MacLachlan, who fired the shot, got the full force of the explosion and was thrown some fourteen yards against a rock. Black was struck with flying stones from the blast.

**July 1934 PORT ASKAIG - LIFEBOAT**  
 Work on the new lifeboat for Portaskaig, Islay, which is being built on the Clyde, has now commenced. The announcement was made by the Duke of Montrose, chairman of the Scottish Council of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, when speaking last week at North Berwick. The new motor lifeboat for Portaskaig, which is the gift of a Glasgow lady, will cost £11,000.

**September 1934 KINTYRE - SEAWEED FACTORY**  
 Cellophane is that transparent covering for articles which is now so much in demand. It is said that it might be produced from seaweed, and accordingly, Cefoil (Ltd.), who have a plant on the Thames, have decided to erect an experimental plant at Bellochauty, Kintyre. The enterprise, which is successful, might mean much to the Highlands and Islands will be watched with interest. At the same time comes the notice that the duty on imported seaweed is to be taken off, the reason given by the Import Duties Advisory Committee being that various types of seaweed are used for such purposes as sound deadening and heat and cold insulation and in the manufacture of gelatines and emulsions and are not found in commercial quantities on the shores of the United Kingdom.

**September 1934 OBAN - QUARRY BLAST**  
 As a result of a blast recently carried out at the Mill Farm Quarry, Oban between 2000 and 3000 tons of good whinstone rock were dislodged. Preliminary boring operations with compressors were carried out by Messrs. Heggie & Robertson, Dunfermline and after charging the holes with about 550 lbs. of gelignite they fired the blast, which was most successful. The quantity of stone available will meet the requirements of the Town Council for the next twelve months.

**December 1934 THREE - VANCOUVER'S FIRST MAYOR**  
 That Vancouver had a remarkable growth in 48 years can be judged, when there passed away the widow of the first Mayor, Mrs. M.A. MacLean, a charming lady, a sturdy pioneer and like her husband a Gaelic speaker of Highland stock. To Argyllshire and to the little island of Tiree in particular remains the honour of being the native land of the first Mayor of this beautiful city of Vancouver, Malcolm Alexander MacLean, who was born in that Hebridean isle in 1844. He was also the first President of St. Andrews and Caledonian Society of Vancouver and died on the 4th April 1895.

1937  
**January 1937 KINTYRE - UNDEVELOPED MINERALS**  
 The unexploited coal resources of Kintyre was one of the chief proposals put forward at the second day's proceedings in the official enquiry held at Campbeltown by Sir John Sutherland. Ex-Provost Smith, Campbeltown, vice convener of Argyll County Council, drew attention to the undeveloped minerals of Kintyre. He quoted from a report of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, which was issued in 1934, that in the North district there was a coal seam estimated to contain 800,000,000 tons of which only 1,500,000 had been wrought. The coal mining industry, the ex-provost stated, formerly employed 200 men and if it could be re-opened it would help considerably to absorb the 700 or 800 unemployed men in the Campbeltown area. In addition there was an extensive deposit of sand suitable for glass making and large deposits of clay suitable for making bricks.

**January 1937 TOBERMORY - LIFEBOAT STATION**  
 It has been decided by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to make Tobermory the headquarters of the committee of management is laying down a 46 ft motor lifeboat for service next winter. The boat will be built at the yard of Messrs Alexander Robertson & Sons, Sandbank, Argyll and will cost approximately £8,000.

**January 1937 MALLAIG - INFLUENZA**  
 The present influenza epidemic in the West Highlands continues and there appears to be no signs, as yet, of an improvement. One of the most badly affected districts has been Mallaig, where fully three quarters of the population have been laid up with influenza. Both the local doctor and nurses are victims of the epidemic and there was an extensive loss of stock. Local fishing boats were forced to return to port as their crews had suddenly been depleted by illness. School attendances suffered and out of a role of 122 children, 77 were absent. No services were held in the Church of Scotland owing to a minister being seriously ill.

**February 1937 NORTH UIST - KIRKIBOST DESTROYED**  
 The Farm steadings and the whole of the contents of the stackyard at Kirkibost, North Uist were completely destroyed by fire last Friday morning. The buildings and 17 stacks of valuable feeding stuff were burned down within an hour's time of the outbreak. Fifty-five cattle, mostly Highland and Cross-Highland animals, were shipped to Oban by the MacBryne steamer *Lochdunveg* on Wednesday and are to be sold at Corson's Auction Mart.

**February 1937 FORT WILLIAM - ALUMINIUM WORKS**  
 Preliminary work on extensions to the Lochaber power scheme at the factory of the British Aluminium Company at Fort William commenced at the beginning of this week. The British Aluminium Company announced last week that they were going to extend the productive capacity of their works through the subsidiary companies, the Lochaber Power Company and the North British Aluminium Company. Lochaber power scheme is one of the largest in Britain and work on the extension will employ between 150 and 200 men and when it is completed 100 new houses will be ready for the extra factory workers required.

**February 1937 ISLAY - CREW FOUR HOURS ADRIFT**  
 The neighbourhood of Ardbeg on the south east coast of Islay is earning an unenviable reputation for shipwrecks, of which three have occurred within a period of three months. The latest disaster took place early on Tuesday morning when the Fleetwood trawler *Lunedra* (288 tons gross), outward bound from Fleetwood for the Faroe Islands, went ashore on a reef during a blinding snowstorm and the crew of 12 men had to take to their lifeboat. Uncertain of their position the crew underwent severe privations while they waited for the coming of dawn. When the snowstorm abated and the lights of Ardbeg became visible the men dared not venture near the shore because of the treacherous rocks. For four hours they had drifted about in their perilous position without food or water.



The Oban Times annual outing of 1933

cost of Islay is earning an unenviable reputation for shipwrecks, of which three have occurred within a period of three months. The latest disaster took place early on Tuesday morning when the Fleetwood trawler *Lunedra* (288 tons gross), outward bound from Fleetwood for the Faroe Islands, went ashore on a reef during a blinding snowstorm and the crew of 12 men had to take to their lifeboat. Uncertain of their position the crew underwent severe privations while they waited for the coming of dawn. When the snowstorm abated and the lights of Ardbeg became visible the men dared not venture near the shore because of the treacherous rocks. For four hours they had drifted about in their perilous position without food or water.

**March 1937 BARRA - FLU EPIDEMIC**  
 A severe epidemic of influenza is at present sweeping over the island and several cases of whooping cough are reported among the children. Last week there were only five scholars out of a roll of 132 attending Castlebay School.

**March 1937 OBAN - AUCTION MART CHANGES HANDS**  
 Messrs. Thomas Corson & Co., Ltd., West Highland Auction Mart, Oban, have taken over the business of Speedie Bros., Ltd., Oban Auction Mart. Speedie's Mart, which is situated on Soroba Road, has been in operation to the older firm of Corson's for several years.

**March 1937 OBAN - LADY PROVOST SITS ON BENCH**  
 Mrs MacAlister, wife of Provost MacAlister, Glyen Park, Oban, was one of the Justices of the Peace on the bench at a sitting of the Court at Oban on Wednesday. This is the first time that a woman has sat on the Bench at a J.P. Court in Oban.

**October 1937 MULL - SEAPLANE SERVICE FOR ISLES**  
 There is a possibility of a regular seaplane service, three times weekly, to Mull, Skye and Stornoway from Greenock, coming into operation inside four or five weeks. West of Scotland Airways, Ltd., who



Miss Mout, daughter of Mrs Mout, nee Gillies, formerly of Kilmartin, and Pipe Major JT Mout; and Miss Davidson enthusiastically read their copy of The Oban Times in Queensland, Australia



June 1935 - With an explosion which was felt for miles around, more than half a million tons of granite was dislodged on Thursday evening at Bonawe Quarries, Taynuilt, by one of the biggest quarry blasts ever to be fired in Britain. Twenty tons of gunpowder sunk 100 feet into the rock was used in the blast.

**March 1937 ISLAY - NEW OWNER OF DUNLOSSIT ESTATE**  
 The Islay estate of Dunlossit, which was recently sold, has been purchased by Mr Helmut Schroder, of London, son and heir of Baron Bruno Schroder, senior partner of the banking house of J. Henry Schroder & Co., London. There are 12 farms on the estate.

**March 1937 OBAN - DISTILLERY AND RE-OPENING**  
 There is a possibility that the Oban Distillery may be re-opened. The Oban Distillery was closed down some years ago. It is one of the oldest and best-known distilleries in the Highlands, with an output, which compares favourably with that of its competitors. Overhauling of the plant will be required before any further steps can be taken, although it is understood that the equipment would not take long to be put in working operation.

**March 1937 OBAN - SAVED BY CIGARETTE CASE**  
 A cigarette case saved a workman from serious injury while he was engaged in the building operations at the Marine Hotel, Oban Esplanade, on Monday. The workman, Dugald Gillies, Airds Crescent, Oban, was engaged at the basement when he was struck on the head by a falling brick. The brick fell from a height of nearly 30 feet and struck Gillies above the forehead. He was in a stooping position at the time and a strong metal cigarette case, which he kept under his cap, deflected the brick without fracturing his skull.

**March 1937 MULL/MORVERN - BUILDINGS DESTROYED**  
 Considerable damage was caused by two serious outbreaks of fire, which were reported last week from the Torosay (Mull) and Ardour districts. Practically the whole of the dwelling house of Ardour Farm, Torosay, was destroyed by fire, which broke out on Tuesday evening. Fanned by a strong wind the flames spread rapidly and within a short time the roof had fallen in. The outbreak in the Ardour district was discovered about 11.45 a.m. on Friday. Unable to save the house, efforts were then made to prevent the flames from spreading to the steading and fortunately this was successful. By 1 p.m. all that remained of the dwelling house was the charred walls.

**March 1937 BONAVE - CAR FERRY**  
 Although it has only been in operation for less than a week, the new motor ferry across Loch Eive at Bonawe has proved itself popular with road users. The new ferry boat *Deirdre* arrived at Bonawe on Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, having sailed up from Glasgow under her own power and within a few minutes of her arrival she had been put into commission and had taken the first motor car across the ferry.

**May 1937 HEISKER - AEROPLANE LANDS ON HEISKER**  
 A passenger aeroplane landed on Monday on the lonely island of Heisker after receiving an S.O.S. that the daughter of the lighthouse keeper at Monarch was critically ill and required medical treatment necessitating her immediate removal to the south. Later the plane landed at Barra and took on board another sick patient who was also flown to the south.

**June 1937 GLENBORRODALE - BODY FOUND**  
 The body of Jessie Cameron (17) daughter of Mr William Cameron, a joiner on the Glenborrodale estate, Ardnamurchan, who disappeared from her father's

intervals along the island and mainland coasts and were interred in Kichattan Graveyard, the burial ground for the Island of Luing.

**October 1937 CAMPBELTOWN - MUNITIONS FACTORY**  
 Mr Ernest Brown the Minister of Labour, has promised to keep in mind the claims of Campbeltown for a munitions factory should be established in the burgh under the Government's rearmament scheme. The project for establishing a munitions factory in the town has received the support of Mr F.A. Macquisten, M.P. for Argyll.

**October 1937 MORAR - OLD MAN BURNED TO DEATH**  
 A one-legged old-age pensioner perished in a fire which destroyed his home at Cross, near Morar, early on Sunday. The victim, Alan McEachan (75), lived alone in a small thatched cottage well off the main Mallaig road. The glare of the flaming cottage was seen in the darkness for miles around. Neighbours said that the cottage was destroyed inside half an hour. A sister was burned to death in her home at Morar number of years ago.

**Oct ober 1937 MULL - FERRY WRECKED AT CRAIGNURE**  
 A number of passengers being ferried to Craignure from Oban-Tobermory steamer *Lochmorar*, had a narrow escape from drowning on Wednesday evening of last week, when the motor boat in which they were travelling, broke down and was driven on to the rocks opposite Java Lodge by the heavy seas.

**October 1937 SKYE - SHEEP STEALING**  
 After a six-day hearing of the case, Donald Macdonald, 4 Marrishadder, was at Portree Sheriff Court on Monday sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment on 12 of 14 charges of sheep stealing. When passing sentence, Sheriff Macconchie said sheep stealing was a mean, abominable offence, which in the old days was punished by death or transportation. He refrained from inflicting the maximum penalty on account of letters of good character sent by neighbours and two clergymen.

**Oct ober 1937 LOCHYSIDE - WATER SHORTAGE**  
 Crofters at Lochyside, near Fort William are at present suffering from a water shortage and they have been forced to depend on supplies for drinking and cooking purposes being brought to their cottages by a cart provided by the British Aluminium Company.

**December 1937 CLYDE - BASKING SHARKS OIL FACTORY**  
 The possibility of some commercial use being made of basking sharks is at present being investigated by the Secretary of State for Scotland, who has been in correspondence with Mr F.A. Macquisten, M.P. on the subject. The project for establishing a factory on the Clyde for the extraction of shark liver oil is one of the projects receiving the attention of the Secretary for Scotland.

**September 1935 - George Clark, the Grange heavy-weight athlete breaking the record for the heavy hammer at Lochaber Games with a throw of 106 feet 3 inches**

## The Oban Times

In the next edition of '150 years of The Oban Times' we will aim to bring you the period in the local community and newspaper's history from 1937 to 1963.

Market reports

DALMALLY

United Auctions

Warranted ewes:  
Blackface: £92.00 - Corrylorn: £90.00 - Cladich: £89.00 - Littleport: £86.00 - Ballybrennan: £85.00 - Invernahyle and Eden Taggart: £82.00 - Duncroisk: £80.00 - Cladich, Succothmore and Ballybrennan: £79.00 - Cladich and Arncliffe: £77.00 - Braglenbeg and Tulloch: £76.00 - Duncroisk, Cladich and Braglenmore: £75.00 - Arncliffe: £74.00 - Littleport, Corylorn and Killundine Estate: £72.00 - Braglenbeg: £70.00 - Ormsary Farmers and Glenbeg Farm: £69.00 - Benmore, 2 Treslaigh and Brackley: £68.00 - Duncroisk, Fearnoch and Drissage: £67.00 - Braglenmore and Castles Estate: £66.00 - Keilator, Glenbeg and Ardsheal Farm: £65.00 - Achnacarron and Stronmagachan: £62.00 - Balliemeanoch, Craig and Killundine Estate: £61.00 - Musdale Farm and Castles Estate: £60.00 - Garvachy, Stroneskar, Brackley and High Ballantyre. Suffolk Cross: £70.00 - Stronachuilin  
Texel Cross: £81.00, £80.00 and £78.00 - Kirkton Farm. Cheviot Cross: £81.00 - Barn-dromin: £80.00 - MacLachlan Estate and Barn-dromin: £70.00 - 4 Ruairigan, Tobermory: £68.00 - Barn-dromin: £67.00 - 4 Ruairigan: £64.00 and £61.00 - Blackmount.  
Cross: £73.00 - Clachan Farm Partnership: £62.00 - Stronachuilin Farm: £60.00 - Craig Farm and Stronachuilin Farm.  
Gimmers:  
Blackface: £160 - Balliemeanoch: £160 - Succothmore: £155 - Balliemeanoch: £152 - Arncliffe: £152 - Achnamara: £135 - Knock-Dhu: £120 - Succothmore: £115 - Balliemeanoch, Arncliffe, Dunans and Achnamara: £112 - Balliemeanoch: £110 and £108 - Arncliffe: £103 - Tullochmor: £102 - Achnamara and Blarghour Farm: £100 - Duncroisk, Stronachuilin and Blarghour Farm.  
Mule: £118 - Glenshellach: £114 - Garvachy.  
Cheviot Cross: £84.00 - 4 Ruairigan.  
Cross: £96.00 - Duncroisk Llyn: £88.00 - Achnamaddy.  
Ewe lambs:  
Blackface: £76.00 - Lephinkill Farm: £68.00 - Tullochmor: £66.00 - Braefoot: £62.00 - Dunans and Ballybrennan: £61.00 - Braglenmore: £60.00 - Luriginish, Ballybrennan.  
Mule: £72.00 - Lower Tirinie: £70.00 - Innisaig and Goatfield.  
Cheviot Cross: £62.00 - 4 Ruairigan

Beltex Cross - Glenfintaig Estate, £47.  
Ewes:  
Cheviot - 5 Aird, and 12 Portnallog, Carbost, £54;  
Cross - Seaview, Morar, £53.  
Feeding sheep:  
Cross - Roughburn, Roy Bridge, £58;  
Cheviot - Roughburn, £56.50;  
Blackface - Garroige, Whitebridge, £54.

TREE

United Auctions

Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: £69.50 and £66.50 - 2/15 Balevullin: £66.00 - Benview: £64.50 - 6 Barrapole: £62.50 - 4 Gott: £60.00 - Gott.  
Texel Cross: £65.50 - 6 Barrapole: £61.50 - 4 Gott and Scarinish Farm.  
Cheviot Cross: £52.00 - Vaul Mule: £54.50 - Ardmay  
Ewe Lambs:  
Mule: £95.00 - Ardmay: £90.00 - Braeside and Mannal House.  
Gimmers:  
Texel Cross: £142, £135 and £130 - Drumfrahoch: £130 - Carrachan: £120 - 1 Heanish, Carrachan and Hillcrest: £115 - Middleton Farm and Greenhill.  
Cheviot Mule: £140 - Croish

Suffolk Cross: £56.50 - Tormisdale Farm.  
Texel Cross: £56.50 - Kilmeny Blackface: £50.50 - Dunlossit Farm - Ceannacroic Farm.  
Prices per kilo:  
Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: 171p - Kindrochaid: 167p - Octofad: 166p - Conisby (D MacPherson): 163p - Octofad: 162p - Achmaclach: 160p - Ballinaby, Paice A Chlissan and Coillabus.  
Texel Cross: 179p - Gartness: 174p - Coull and Woodend: 173p - Octofad: 172p - Octofad: 171p - Glenegadale: 167p - Coull and 15 West End: 166p - Blackrock: 165p - Conisby (1 MacPherson) and Glenegadale: 164p - Stanalane: 161p - Gartloist: 160p - 15 West End, Ballinaby and Ardnave.

DALMALLY

United Auctions

Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: £62.00 - 27 Glen, Barra: £60.50 - Couston Farm Co. Texel Cross: £74.00 and £67.00 - Dunans: £60.50 - Glenshellach Cheviot Cross: £52.00 - 15 Ardmhor, Barra  
Cross: £60.00 - 2 Bonawe Croft. Blackface: £52.00 - Glenshellach,

Gerinish, 49 Balgarva, 3 Kilaulay and 2 Kilerivagh: £52 - 341 North Boisdale, 52 Balgarva and 8 Milton. Cheviot Cross: £54 - St Mary's Bornish: £53.50 - 8 Pennerine: £53 - 52 Balgarva: £52.50 - 52 Balgarva: £52.20 - 5 Grimsey Island: £51 - 203 Stoneybridge: £50 - 2 Kilerivagh.  
Cross: £67, £64 and £58 - 5 Howmore: £56.50 - Doon: £55 - 183 Snishival and 3 Pennerine: £54 - Doon: £53.50 - 183 Snishival: £53 - 3 Pennerine: £52.50 - 366 South Boisdale, 3 Kilaulay and 19 West Gerinish: £52 - 183 Snishival and 8 Accarsaid Aird.  
Mule: £59 - 6 Rughashinish Blackface: £46 - 4 South Glendale: £45.50 - Drimisdale SSC: £45 - 468 South Lochboisdale.  
Wedders:  
Cross: £60 - 1 East Kilbride: £51 - Ben Kenneth SSC.  
Blackface: £60 - 470 South Lochboisdale.  
Ewes:  
Suffolk Cross: £71 and £69 - 269 Daliburgh: £64 - 356 South Boisdale: £63 - 325 North Boisdale. Texel Cross: £68 and £66 - 330 North Boisdale: £62 - 2 Grimsey Island: £60 - 325 North Boisdale Cheviot Cross: £55 - 5 Grimsey

of Mull; Mule: £60 Mid, Isle of Lismore; Cross: £49 Upper Largie; Blackface Correct: £58 Sunipol, Isle of Mull; Blackface: £45 Soroba and Kiloran, Isle of Colonsay, £44 Glengorm, Isle of Mull.  
Leading prices Ewe Lambs: Mules- £68 Kilchattan, Isle of Colonsay; Suffolk £53.50 Plocaig; Blackface £56 Sunipol, Isle of Mull; Cheviot £39 Quinish.

DINGWALL

Dingwall and Highland Marts

Ewes:  
Correct:  
Cheviot - Proney Farm, Dornoch, £99, 91/92 Achviach, Dornoch, £98, Golval, Forsinard, £95; Mule - 116 Birch Drive, Maryburgh, £80; CHM - Fasgadh, Lairg, £76; Suff Cross - 81 East Brora, Brora, £72; Broken mouth: Cheviot - 91/92 Achviach, £70, Proney Farm, £67, Navidale Farm, Helmsdale, £66; Mule - Dungrianaich, Muir of Ord, £56; Blackface - Fasgadh, £46; Feeders:  
Cheviot - Knockglass, Dornoch, £91, Guisachan Farm, Tomich, £73, 233 Lingmore, Brora, £66; Mule - Mayfield, Thurso, £70, Balintore Farms, £61; Texel - Ballachraggan Croft, £69; Texel Cross - Upper Gartally, Drumadrochit, £69; Suff Cross - Inchindown, Invergordon, £67; Blackface - Guisachan, £64; Grit - 72 Westford, Alness, £61; Cross - Garbeg, Drumadrochit, £57, Teanluick, £54.  
Gimmers:  
Cheviot - Burnside, Delny, and Morvich, Rogart, £120, Geise, £118, Acheilach, Rogart, £112; Texel - Ballachraggan Croft, £100; Charmoise - 116 Birch Drive, £100, Spittal Mains, Watten, £85; Cross - Garvamore, Laggan, £75; Lleyl - Spittal Mains, £66.  
Lambs:  
Texel Cross - Meddat, £55, Mayfield, £51; Lleyl Cross - Spittal Mains, £53, £47.50; Cheviot - Tighnabruich, £50, 3 Hill Terrace, Evanton, £49.50.  
Rams and wedders:  
Cheviot ram - 1 Balcham, Lairg, £94, Guisachan, £80; Cross ram - Meddat, £90; Texel ram - Meddat, £80; Cheviot wdr - The Willows, Elphin, and Upper Gartally, £75; Cross wdr - Rheindown, Beauly, £55; Texel Cross wdr - 145 Badnellan, Brora, £54.  
Lewis Livestock Producers:  
Lambs:  
Cheviot - 39 Lower Shader, £55, 28 Lower Barvas, £50, Cross - 22 Lower Barvas, £55, 16 Upper Barvas, 28B Galson, and 14 Lower Shader, £53, 26 Borve, £51; Texel Cross - 17 South Galson, £53.50, 28 Lower Shader, £51, 16 Lower Shader, £50; Blackface - 1 Melbost, £50, 26 Upper Shader, £49.50; Suff Cross - 16 Upper Barvas, £47. Ewes: Texel Cross - Cnoc Glas, High Borve, £58; Cross - 25 South Galson, £57; Blackface - 3 North Shawbost, £51; Cheviot - 36 Borve, £48.  
Feeding sheep:  
Cheviot ram - 25 Crowslita, £83; Blackface ram - 22 South Shawbost, £72; Cross ram - 9 Mangersta, £70.

Dalmally ewe sale attracts record numbers of buyers

UNITED Auctions sale of breeding sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart drew record crowds of buyers from all over Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland when their catalogued entry of 6,544 all classes' sheep were cleared at levels well above sellers expectations.  
All breeds of ewes sold to average £67.88 against £46.21

last year whilst the Blackface section alone recorded an average of £68.43 against £45.59 last year.  
All breeds of gimmers sold to average £93.68 against £89.20 last year whilst the Blackface section averaged £95.10 against £87.48 last year. Ewe lambs sold to average £53.60 against £43.86 last year whilst the Blackface

section averaged £51.66 against £40.33 last year.  
This sale, undoubtedly, presented the large attendance of buyers one of the finest selections of quality breeding sheep ever presented at this centre, and is now recognised as the principal centre for this area for acquiring quality breeding sheep of all breeds.

Tiree sheep sale meets extreme trade

UNITED Auctions held their second sale of lambs and annual breeding and feeding sheep sale at Tiree Auction Mart this month, with 1,023 head of all classes was sold.  
Lambs maintained recent mainland values and all classes of sheep sold at extreme rates.

Dunlossit Texel crosses to £70 in Islay

UNITED Auctions held their second sale of lambs and sheep at Islay Auction Mart this month, where 4,127 head of all classes was sold.  
Lambs averaged £58.06 or

154p per kilo and sold to a top of £70 for Texel crosses from Dunlossit Farms, Lossit.  
Cast feeding ewes from Mr McArthur, Lossit sold to £100 for Texel crosses.

Geise Cheviot gimmers sell to £125 at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts sold 5,055 breeding and store sheep including 1,468 sheep on behalf of Lewis Livestock Producers at its Dingwall sale last Thursday.  
Breeding and feeding sheep met a satisfactory demand at the sale, but gimmers were more difficult to sell.  
Breeding ewes averaged £60.67 and sold to £102 for Texels from Ballachraggan Croft, Cabrich, and Texel crosses from Rhifail Farms.  
Feeding ewes averaged £53.80 and sold to £92 for Texels from

Teanluick, Beauly.  
Gimmers sold to £125 for Cheviots from Geise, Thurso while lambs sold to £59 for Cheviots from Tighnabruich, Helmsdale.  
Rams and wedders sold to £95 for a Texel from Meddat, Nigg Station.  
Lewis Livestock Producers (LLP) lambs sold to £64 twice for Crosses from 39 Lower Shader and ewes sold to £59 for Blackfaces from 25 Borve.  
LLP feeding sheep sold to £84 for a Cheviot ram from 16 Lower Shader.

Dunans Texel crosses fetch £74 at Dalmally

UNITED Auctions held their third sale of 3,674 all classes lamb and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart this month, where all classes sold well at levels comparing favourably to other mainland centres.

Limousin heifer is Lochboisdale champion

UNITED Auctions held their second sale of all classes lambs and sheep, and also a show and sale of suckled calves, at its Lochboisdale show on Friday.  
In total, 1,567 lambs and sheep were sold, with all classes sold in keeping with current mainland values.  
The show of calves was judged by Mr Donald Pattullo, Millhaugh, Crieff and his champion was a Limousin heifer calf consigned by Mr G Walker, 291 Daliburgh which later sold for £700 to the judge.

Mamore Texels sell to £70 at Fort William

DINGWALL and Highland Marts sold 5,214 store sheep of all classes at its Fort William sale on Friday, where an excellent show met a firm enquiry from start to finish.  
Lambs sold to £70 for Texel crosses from Mamore, Fort William.  
Ewes sold to £56 for Cheviots from Shuna Farm Partnership.  
Feeding sheep sold to £63 for a Cheviot ewe from Drimsallie, Kinlochail.  
Rams and wedders sold to £64 for a Suffolk cross ram from Burnbank, Ardgour.

Quality wanted at Lochmaddy as buyers prove selective

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd, sold 3,156 store sheep of all classes and 80 breeding rams at Lochmaddy market on Monday when a smaller show of store lambs were available from the last sale, with quality, stronger lambs still maintaining similar prices, the remainder selling at lesser money.  
Purchaser of breeding rams were in a very selective mood with only the better quality rams selling well.  
Lambs sold to £66 for Cheviots from 6 Claddach Kyles, Bayhead while ewes sold to £51 for Crosses from 7 Balemore, Bayhead.  
Gimmers sold to £90 for Lleylans from Ahmore, Lochmaddy and feeding sheep sold to £54 for Texel wedders from Ahmore.  
Rams sold to £400 twice for Suffolks from Little Kirkhill, Maud.

Suffolks to £56.50 at Oban

CALEDONIAN Marts had 4,136 store and feeding sheep at its Oban sale last Tuesday.  
Store lambs averaged £39.56 (+£1.87 on the year) and sold to £56.50 for Suffolks from Achnacreemore and Strongorm.  
Feeding ewes averaged £35.69 (+£3.11 on the year) and sold to £64 for Texels from Kinlochailch.



Auctioneer Kenny MacKenzie of Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd brings Cross lambs under the hammer at Lochmaddy this week when strong, well bred lambs again proved in demand with poorer types harder to cash

Cross: £130 - Benview: £120 and £115 - Middleton Farm: £105 - Benview.  
Cast feeding ewes:  
Suffolk Cross: £100 - 2/15 Middleton Farm: £92.50 - Drumagla: £89.50 - Mannal House: £80.50 - Garaphail: £79.50 - Drumagla: £73.50 - 6 Crossapole: £61.50 - Whitehouse and Garaphail: £60.50 - Mannal House and 6 Barrapole.  
Texel Cross: £100.50 - 2/15 Balevullin: £90.50 - Benview: £88.50 - Hough: £74.50 - 10 Balephuil: £69.50 - Lochphuil: £68.50 - 4 Kilkeneth: £65.50 - Crofthouse.  
Cheviot Cross: £78.50 - Cnoc Gorm: £73.50 - 4 Kilkeneth: £71.50 - Vaul: £70.50 - Drumasa- idh: £68.50 - 15 Crossapole: £65.50 - Croish: £64.50 - 3 Middleton: £62.50 - 5 Balemartin: £60.50 - Vaul: £61.00 and £60.00 - Hillcrest.  
Cross: £69.50 - Middleton Farm and Drumasa- idh: £68.50 - 9 Barrapole: £63.50 - 10 Balephuil. Mule: £66.50 - Gott.  
Blackface: £48.50 - 5 Cornaigbeg. Rams:  
Suffolk: £400 - 2/15 Balevullin. Texel: £400 - 2/15 Balevullin: £380 and £250 - Ruaig.  
Bluefaced Leicester: £250 - Ruaig.

Littleport, Brackley and Dunans: £49.00 - Ederline Estate: £48.50 - Cladich and Ardsheal Farm: £48.00 - Braglenmore, Brenchoille and Castles Estate: £46.50 - Bonawe HF and Auch Estate: £46.00 - Stronmagachan: £45.50 - Killundine Estate: £45.00 - Stroneskar and Couston Farm Co: £44.00 - Breacachadh, Coll: £43.50 - Keilator, Fearnoch and Castles Estate: £42.00 - Littleport: £40.50 - Dunans, Castles Estate and Brackley.  
Riggs: £59.00 - 15 Ardmhor, Barra: £46.50 - Auch Estate: £45.00 - Grishipoll, Coll and 15 Ardmhor, Barra.  
Ewes:  
Blackface: £42.00 and £39.00 - Castles Estate.  
Prices per kilo:  
Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: 164p - Couston Farm Co: 161p - Brenchoille and Couston Farm Co.  
Texel Cross: 194p and 178p - Glenshellach: 171p - Dunans: 161p - Brenchoille: 160p - Dunans. Cheviot Cross: 163p - 15 Ardmhor, Barra.  
Cross: 162p - 55 Tangasdale, Barra: 160p - Couston Farm Co.  
Blackface: 169p - Killundine Estate: 165p - Goatfield: 163p - Ederline Estate and Glenshellach: 160p - Braglenmore.

Island  
Cross: £54 - 6 Rughashinish. Blackface: £64 - 6 Rughashinish: £60 - 325 North Boisdale: £58 - 6 Rughashinish.  
Cattle  
Calves:  
Bullocks:  
Limousin Cross: £815 - 458 North Lochboisdale: £740 and £650 - 22 Hacklet.  
Shetland Cross: £645 - 44 Liniuque. Heifers  
Limousin Cross: £700 - 291 Daliburgh: £620 - 61 Bualuchrach. Shetland Cross: £520 - 76 Ardnannion. Simmental Cross: £565 - 92 Bualudh.  
Prices per kilo  
Bullocks: 182p - 22 Hacklet.  
Heifers: 180p - 291 Daliburgh.

OBAN

Caledonian Marts

Lambs:  
Suffolks averaged £48.07 (+ £4.55 on the year) £56 Fasgadh, £55.50 Upper Largie, £52.50 Drimmin, Achnacreemore and Kilbride. Texels averaged £48.65 (+ £2.11 on the year) £56 Kiloran, Isle of Colonsay, £55.50 Lagganulva, Isle of Mull, Croft 2 and Strongorm, £54.50 Dalrannoch.  
Crosses averaged £44.23 (+ £2.13 on the year) £55 Kiloran, Isle of Colonsay, £52.50 Ballimackillickan, Isle of Lismore, £50 Achuran, Isle of Lismore and Kiloran, Isle of Colonsay.  
Cheviots averaged £43.50 (+ £3.52 on the year) £55.50 Caliaich, Isle of Mull, £52 Tiraghoil, Isle of Mull, £51 Baligarve Croft, Isle of Lismore, £50 Upper Largie.  
Beltexes averaged £44.50 (+£2.10 on the year) £55.50 Upper Largie. Blackfaces averaged £34.88 (+£0.55 on the year) £52 and £48 Sunipol, Isle of Mull, £48 Achnacloch, £46 Gornestorn Farmers, £44 Kiloran, Isle of Colonsay.  
Ewes:  
Texel £62 Baligarve, Isle of Lismore; Cheviot £50 Ardentrive, Kerrera;  
Continental- £51 Lettermore, Isle of Mull; Suffolk- £48 Scoor, Isle

DINGWALL

Dingwall and Highland Marts

Aberdeen Angus bullocks: 251-300kilo - Farr Bay House, Bettyhill, £400, 150.9p; 301-350kilo - Toftingall Farm, Watten, £650, 198.2p; 351-400kilo - Dalchalloch Farm, Calvine, £705, Oldtown of Leys, Inverness, 181.3p; 401-450kilo - Dalchalloch Farm, £855, 193.4p; 451-500kilo - Stemster Mains, £980, 193p; 501-550kilo - Stemster Mains, £1030, 189p; 551-600kilo - Stemster Mains, £1080, 187.8p; 601-650kilo - Stemster Mains, £1130, 184.9p; over 651kilo - Lower Ardnagrask, Muir of Ord, £1105, Stemster Mains, 197.2p. Aberdeen Angus heifers: 301-350kilo - Toftingall Farm, £480, 157.4p; 351-400kilo - Heathmount, Tain, £665, Drumbuie, Drumadrochit, 172.8p; 401-450kilo - Knockinnon, Dunbeath, £710, Heathmount, 170.4p; 451-500kilo - 3 Dounie, £885, Lower Ardnagrask, 184.8p.

ISLAY

United Auctions

Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: £68.50 - Octofad: £67.00 - Coull, Kilchiaran and Duich: £65.00 - Machrie Croft and Duich: £64.50 - Octofad and Achnaclach: £63.50 - Ardbeg and Duich: £63.00 - Octofad, Paice A Chlissan and Island: £62.50 - Paice A Chlissan: £62.00 - Octofad, Ballimartin, Coillabus and Kindrochaid: £61.50 - Starchmill and Ardnave: £61.00 - Coull, Kilchiaran and Duich: £60.00 - Island and Achnaclach. Texel Cross: £70.00 - Dunlossit Estate - Lossit Farm: £67.50 - Lossit and Dunlossit Estate - Cattadale Farm: £66.50 - Gartloist and Duich: £65.00 - Ardnave: £64.50 - Ardbeg, Lossit and Duich: £64.00 - Ardbeg: £63.50 - Coull: £62.50 - Octofad, Stanalane, Tallant, Ardnave and Duich: £61.50 - Conisby (1 MacPherson) and Ardalla Estate: £61.00 - Gartloist: £60.50 - Octofad and Achnaclach. Cheviot Cross: £66.00 - Ballivacar Farm: £62.00 - Tormisdale Farm: £58.00 - Aoradh: £56.50 - Tormisdale Farm: £55.00 - Ballivacar. Cross: £56.00 - Ardnave: £55.00 - Ballinaby.  
Mule: £63.00 - Leorin: £60.50 - Corray: £59.50 - Torrabus (1 Torrance): £56.50 - Corray and Coillabus: £55.00 - Conisby (1 MacPherson).  
Blackface: £58.00 - Kilchiaran: £54.50 - Dunlossit Estate - Ceannacroic Farm.  
Ewes:  
Texel Cross: £100 - Lossit: £86.50 - Gartloist: £83.00 - Blackrock: £77.50 - Ardbeg: £73.50 - Dunlossit Estate - Cattadale Farm: £66.50 - Lossit.  
Cheviot Cross: £82.50 - Aoradh: £68.50 - Paice A Chlissan: £61.50 - Aoradh.  
Cross: £61.50 - Gartloist. Mule: £66.00 - Ardbeg.  
Blackface: £58.00 - No 1 Foreland: £46.00 - Ardbeg: £45.50 - Kilchiaran.  
Wedders:

LOCHBOISDALE

United Auctions

Lambs:  
Suffolk Cross: £65 - 414 Smerclate: £60 - Doon and 44 Liniuque: £56.50 - Doon: £55 - 414 Smerclate: £54.50 - 269 Daliburgh, 183 Snishival, 371 South Boisdale, 304 Kilpheder and 44 Liniuque: £54 and £53.50 - Doon: £53 - 11 Howmore and 414 Smerclate: £52.50 - 44 Liniuque: £51.50 - 11 Howmore: £51 - 8 Milton.  
Texel Cross: £63 - Doon: £60 - 5 Howmore: £54.50 - 20 West Gerinish and 355 North Boisdale: £54 - St Mary's Bornish: £53.50 - 183 Snishival, 3 Kilaulay, 3 Pennerine and 249 Daliburgh: £53 - 355 North Boisdale: £52.50 - 355 North Boisdale, 20 West



The first ram sale to be held in more than 15 years took place at the Kintyre showground on Friday and it looks set to become an annual event. It proved a great success and was well supported with people travelling from Islay, Mid Argyll and Lorn. The sale was run by Cumberland & Dumfriesshire Farmers Mart plc, in conjunction with the Kintyre Agricultural Society. Auctioneer Archie Hamilton said: 'I was very pleasantly surprised by the amount of buyers and spectators who turned out; it far exceeded expectations. We hope to come back next year; there has been excellent support from the area. We handle between 15,000 and 18,000 sheep every year from this area at our mart in Longtown and it's our way of giving something back.' The sale was topped at £550 for a Texel shearing from John Pirie & Son, Machrihanish, selling to Willie Skilling, Tayinloan. Overall the 92 rams sold averaged £300.97, which was well within reach of vendors' expectations.

FORT WILLIAM Dingwall and Highland Marts

Lambs:  
Cheviot - Annbank, Kilchoan, £59, 5 Aird, Isle of Skye, £55.50, Glenborrodale Farm, £54; Suffolk Cross - Mamore, £58.50, Market Stance, Fort Augustus, £56; Cross - Ockle, Acharacle, £57, Portanaisie, Glenborrodale, £53.50, Drimsallie, £53; Charollais Cross - 9 Bunlossit, Roy Bridge, £54.50; Texel Cross - Mamore, £52, Craighair, Kilchoan, £50; Lynx - Gortan, Acharacle, £51, Tigh An Uil, Kilchoan, £49.50; Blackface - Mamore, £50, Muirshearich Sheep Stock Club, £48.50;

**CALEDONIAN MARTS**  
Tel: 01631 570631 Fax: 01631 565275  
WWW.CALEDONIAN-MARTS.COM  
**OBAN LIVESTOCK CENTRE**  
**OCTOBER SALES 2011**  
**TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER at 11.00am**  
1000 CATTLE 1000  
Special October Show & Sale of Suckled Calves, Store, Breeding and OTM Cattle.  
**WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER at 11.00am**  
500 BREEDING TUPS 500  
Show & Sale of Blackface Rams and Ram Lambs, Also Special Sale of Cheviot, Suffolk, Texel and Continental Rams and Ram Lambs. Show Commences at 10am prompt Please Note Entries for this sale close Friday 7th October at 5pm Unfortunately No Late Entries can be Accepted.  
**TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER at 11.00am**  
2000 SHEEP 2000  
Special Sale of Store Lambs, Breeding & Feeding Sheep  
**TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER at 11.00am**  
1100 CATTLE 1100  
Great Annual Show & Sale of Luing, Sim/Luing, Saler, Shorthorn, Highland and Aberdeen Angus Calves, Bulling and In-Calf Heifers also Cows In-Calf and with Calves, Store, Breeding and OTM Cattle. Show kindly sponsored by N.F.U. Scotland  
For further information on these sales contact:  
John Kyle - 07713 342512  
Alastair Logan - 07713 342514  
Ronnie Maccormick - 07717 435248 or 01631 570631

**COVENTRY for FENCING**  
Scotland's No. 1 WIRE, STOCK FENCING, BARBED, HIGH TENSILE, MILD STEEL BEST PRICES  
TIMBER DIRECT FROM OUR SAWMILL  
Depots throughout Scotland • Delivery available  
For a competitive quote please call 01631 566866

**Oban Times FARMING**  
**Oban Times FARMING**  
**Oban Times FARMING**  
**Keil Engine Services**  
New Quads in Stock at Discount Prices  
Tel: 01631 720380

# CD review

**Hoogie - Spot The Bothy**  
Lively songs and tunes from the boys of Hoogie, steeped in Scottish dance music traditions. Traditional and modern Scottish music forms the backbone of the group's repertoire, including many of their own compositions in a modern Scottish idiom, both for listening and for dancing. Hoogie have been playing since 1996 and their performances have taken members of the band all over Europe. They have broadcast on TV and radio shows, as well as performing concerts and teaching music workshops at folk festivals around Scotland. Dougie Hunter (accordion), Keith B Smith (fiddle, pipes), Kenn Clark (guitar, bouzouki, vocals), Kenneth Knowles (drums, percussion) and Andy Brewster (bass, mandolin).

**Alli 'Beag' MacLeod & Kevin MacLeod - Braes Of Badentartat**  
A lively mix of melodeon, guitar, strings, and some nineteenth-century Gaelic poetry thrown in and set to music. Kevin MacLeod is well known as the banjo player with The Occasionals, his friend Alli 'Beag' MacLeod is a respected local traditional accordionist. When the two come together, back home in Polbain in the far north of Scotland, there is a musical understanding that few, other than fellow musicians, will have experienced. Alli 'Beag' and Kevin first considered this recording in the autumn of 2009, over a few drinks in the kitchen. Initially, they thought to do a duet recording, reflecting their opportune musical sessions, but they were also keen to include a fine new self-penned poem from their great friend Sandy 'Boots' MacLeod.

**Barbara Dymock - Hilbert's Hotel**  
One of the finest Scottish revival singers and a founder member of Ceolbeg, Barbara has re-emerged on the music scene with perhaps her finest recording to date. A neat balance of Scots traditional, Jacobite songs, Bothy ballads and gypsy songs nestle alongside lyrics by Burns, Dylan and Michael Marra, who produced the album. Backed by an acoustic band, Barbara has compiled a moving album full of great songs and timeless character.

sponsored by  
**musicscotland.com**  
Over 4000 Scottish, Irish, Roots, World, Folk and Celtic music CDs, DVDs, books and sheet music titles, with mp3 music samples.  
Worldwide despatch next working day of in-stock titles  
www.musicscotland.com  
Tel: 01631 719 001  
Email: info@musicscotland.com  
20 Argyll Square, Oban PA34 4AT  
musicscotland.com is part of Oban Music

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**Oban Camanachd Club Raffle Bonanza Draw at Cuan Mor on 21/9/2011**  
1st Prize Hamper of Spirits - Stan Rajs  
2nd Prize Hamper of Wine - Doreen Hay  
3rd Prize Case of Beer - Paul Dalby  
Tickets for October draw can be bought from players and Committee Oban Camanachd Club

**OBAN & DISTRICT PROVINCIAL MOD**  
Children - Friday, 30th September  
Adults - Saturday, 1st October  
Friday: Mod Office in St. Columba's Halls  
Other venues: Esplanade Church, St. John's Cathedral, Scout Hall, Masonic Hall, Pipe Band Hall  
Saturday: Oban High School  
Starting time 9.15 a.m.  
Details on Posters & Programmes.

**FORT WILLIAM ACCORDION & FIDDLE CLUB Musical Evening on Tuesday 4th October, 2011 at 8pm**  
GUEST ARTISTS:  
Alan Gardiner Trio  
Railway Club Inverloch  
All Welcome  
Admission £4.00  
Tea & Raffle Extra  
IN THE EVENT OF A LATE ARRIVAL CANCELLATION BY ANY GUEST ARTIST THE COMMITTEE WILL FIND AN ALTERNATIVE ARTIST

**FASNACLOICH GUN CLUB Open Shoot Saturday, October 1 12 Noon Start**

**Argyll Animal Aid Sponsored Dog Walk Sunday 2nd October At 12 noon**  
From Oban Sailing Club To Puffin Dive (for treats) and back  
Approx 3.5 miles  
Sponsor forms available from Oban Vets, Tweeddale Street  
Pets at Home Store, Oban  
On line at www.smallpaws.co.uk

**Oban Accordion and Fiddle Club Monthly Club Night Thursday 6th October 2011 Argyllshire Gathering Hall 7.30pm**  
Audience and Players Welcome  
Special Guest Artists  
Donald MacLeod Trio  
Admission £3  
Come Along and Enjoy the Music

**OBAN U3A Monthly Coffee Meeting Caledonian Hotel, Oban Tuesday 4th October, 2011 at 10.30am**  
Our monthly coffee and chat meeting for members new and old

**Advertise in the Community Notice Board for just £14.95 (plus VAT)**  
This section is available to charitable organisations with a charity number.  
All AGM's will be placed on the Public Notice Page  
Please ask for details

**To advertise in the WHAT'S ON COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**  
Telephone: 01631 568000

## Mòd tribute concert in memory of Ishbel MacAskill



The late Ishbel MacAskill - tribute concert to be held in Stornoway during Mòd week

THERE HAS been considerable interest shown in a tribute night to the late Ishbel MacAskill as part of the Mod nan Eilean Siar 2011 fringe programme, organisers report.  
The concert, scheduled for An Lantair in Stornoway on Tuesday, October 18 follows a successful memorial concert held at Eden Court in Inverness in June.

The local organising committee of the Royal National Mod felt it was appropriate to celebrate the life of Ishbel, a true ambassador of the Gaelic language and culture, during Mòd week.

Mrs MacAskill, a native of Point on Lewis, tragically died at her home in April.

Convenor Alex MacDonald said: 'Ishbel made her debut performing at the fringe of the 1979 Mod in Stornoway and went on to become one of Gaeldom's finest singing exports. She was an outstanding Gael who very was proud of her Gaelic roots and Gaelic heritage and culture in particular. She was passionate about Gaelic and promoted the language, not just through singing, but also through her acting and involvement in Gaelic projects such as the fèisèan movement.'

'Her singing repertoire was vast, as was her knowledge of Gaelic songs and this was reflected in the memorable way she came across on the stage in whichever international arena she was appearing. Ishbel was a wonderful, warm hearted woman who brought Gaelic to the world stage in a way that will be difficult to be replicate.'

Artists performing on the evening include Margaret Stewart, Christine Primrose, Catriona Watt, Isabel Ann Martin, Mischa MacPherson, Iain MacKay, Calum Alex MacMillan, Murdigan MacDonald, Seonaidh 'Beag' MacMillan, Tonkan MacDonald and Còisir Og an Rubha.

All money raised on the evening will go to the local branch of the Breast Cancer Support Group.

Due to the volume of interest, anyone who do not already have tickets is being encouraged to purchase them as soon as possible.



## Benmore Gardens prove spectacular in Autumn

BENMORE Botanic Garden in its magnificent mountainside setting, just seven miles north of Dunoon, is a splendid destination for an autumn day out, when vivid hues of the season provide a palette of spectacular colour for all to enjoy.

The garden's 120 acres boast world-famous collections of trees and shrubs, including some of the tallest trees in Britain. Entering through the spectacular Giant

Redwood Avenue planted in 1863, visitors can also see Scots pine dating back to 1820 still grow on the hillside above Benmore House.

Benmore is a vital link to a disappearing wilderness and Scottish native plants also thrive in the woodland shelter. Meanwhile, the restored Victorian Fernery, built by the Greenock sugar refiner, James Duncan who was Laird of Benmore from 1870 to 1889, is home to an

amazing collection of ferns, and plays an important role in the conservation of this plant species.

In recognition of this industrialist and philanthropist, an exhibition celebrating the life and legacy of Duncan is being held in the Courtyard Gallery until the end of the 2011 season.

A book written by Andrew M Watson entitled James Duncan - An Enlightened Victorian accom-

panies the exhibition and provides an internationally important insight into the life, work and passions of the man who added a picture gallery to the house.

After an exhilarating walk, enjoy lunch or afternoon tea at the café which serves delicious home-baking. The adjoining shop gives visitors the opportunity to purchase a souvenir gift. The garden is open daily from 1 March to 31 October.



Lady Claire Macdonald, centre, is pictured with the owners of The Pantry, Jenny Love, left, and Donna MacCulloch. 15\_139pantry1

## Lady Claire brings her talent to the table for opening of new Oban food outlet

LADY Claire Macdonald, the owner of the Isle of Skye's Michelin-star winning Kinloch Lodge restaurant, visited Oban on Tuesday to open the town's latest shop, The Pantry,

situated in Argyll Square's. Lady Claire, renowned as Scotland's foremost ambassador of Highland cuisine and produce, held a cookery demonstration to open the new food outlet owned by

Jenny Love and Donna MacCulloch, but nearly missed her appointment thanks to roadworks at Connel Bridge. Thankfully, she managed to arrive in time and prepared three courses

for the gathered crowds: a herb crepe with smoked salmon, cucumber and crème fraiche; a game sauce ideal for venison or duck, and a lemon curd parfait over Scottish blueberries.

## Exhibition opens at new Craignure centre

A MULL artist is celebrating with the opening of the new An Roth community Enterprise Centre with a new exhibition.

Artworks by Veronica Slater will be on display in the corridors and stairwells of the Craignure centre from this Sunday, October 2.

Veronica said the pieces, which use ornaments from the community-run Island Castaways Charity Shop and the island's landscapes, would help to create 'thinking spaces' in the new building.

## Busy autumn for Dunbeg club

DUNBEG'S Tuesday Club is looking forward to a busy autumn, starting with their first meeting after the summer on October 11.

Organiser Jean Summer said they usually have a busy programme of speakers, quizzes, beetle drives and other activities every fortnight at 2pm in the church.

She said, 'Everyone's welcome and you'll get a cup of tea and a scone or a pancake!'

## Tales of Mull

TRADITIONAL tales about Mull and the sea will be told at two evening events. An Tobar, Tobermory, on Thursday, October 6 and the Ninth Wave in Fionnphort, on Friday, October 7.



## BOOK REVIEW

THE SOUND OF GRAVITY by Joe Simpson

THE latest novel from the acclaimed author of Touching the Void, The Sound of Gravity is a powerful tale of love, loss and redemption, focused around a haunting, split-second memory that changes the course of a lifetime.

Trapped high on a stormbound mountain face in the depths of winter, a stricken young man, Patrick, is forced to fight for his life. When his companion's hand slips from his grip, his life is shattered and forever changed.

Half a lifetime later, haunted by grief and guilt, Patrick is freed from his self-imposed vigil when, at last, the mountain releases his heart-rending secret.

## SHELTER by Harlan Coben

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mother to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools.

The new school comes with new friends and new enemies, and lucky for Mickey, it also comes with a great new girlfriend, Ashley. For a while, it seems like Mickey's train-wreck of a life is finally improving - until Ashley vanishes without a trace. Unwilling to let another person walk out of his life, Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that this seemingly sweet, shy girl isn't who she claimed to be.

## A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES by Deborah Harkness

The first of a new trilogy aimed squarely at the Twilight market, A Discovery of Witches tells the tale of historian Diana Bishop, whose life changes after she opens an alchemical manuscript in the Bodleian Library.

The event heralds the unwelcome intrusion of magic into her carefully ordered life. Though Diana is a witch of impeccable lineage, the violent death of her parents while she was still a child convinced her that human fear is more potent than any witchcraft. Now Diana has unwittingly exposed herself to a world she's kept at bay for years; one of powerful witches, creative, destructive demons and long-lived vampires.

## Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at Benmore



## Enjoy the Splendour of Autumn at Benmore

Visit James Duncan of Benmore - An Enlightened Victorian, exhibition exploring the life and legacy of James Duncan, Laird of Benmore 1870 - 1889. Courtyard Gallery daily from 10.30am until 31st October.

Restored Victorian Fernery | Events | Exhibitions  
Guided Walks | Café | Shop | Plant Sales  
For more info call 01369 706261 or visit www.rbge.org.uk/benmore

## Christmas Party Nights

COMING SOON  
The Oban Times will soon be running its Christmas Party Nights feature.  
Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote your business, call today to discuss your advertising requirements  
Tel: 01631 568000

**150th Anniversary Gift Shop**  
Shop online at www.obantimes.co.uk/shop or call 01631 568000 \*P&P charges apply.

- Anniversary T-Shirt £6.99\*
- Anniversary Mug £5.99\*
- Teddy Bear £7.95\*
- Executive Golf Umbrella £16.99\*

# Taynuilt driver stunned as garage finds a bunny under the bonnet



Bunny under the bonnet - A rabbit, like this one, was stuck in the top right corner of the engine casing.

'I've been doing this job for 38 years but I have never seen anything like it,' says puzzled Oban garage owner

MYSTIFIED mechanics at an Oban garage faced an unusual engine problem on Monday morning when faced with a rabbit that had wedged itself into the engine compartment. The hitch-hiking rabbit had got stuck amongst the plastic casing around the engine and had endured a 12-mile a journey from Taynuilt to Roddy's Garage in Oban. Garage owner Roddy MacIsaac said: 'I've been doing this job for 38 years but I have never seen anything like it. 'The thing was stuck in there, so

we had to take the plastic casing apart to get it out.' **Chance find** The furry find was made by mechanic Bruce Donn, who had only looked under the bonnet to check a welding job he had done months previously. 'There wasn't even a problem underneath the bonnet. The car was in because of a noise from the back brakes. 'I opened the bonnet and there is this wee furry thing stuck under a plastic panel.

'I've seen mice and dead birds in there before but never a rabbit.' After freeing the rabbit, which staff have named Roddy, it scampered out of the garage unit and has not been seen since. Car owner Fiona Blakey, from Glen Loran, Taynuilt, said: 'When I came to get the car Roddy asked if I had a pet. When he told me what had happened I didn't believe him but then he showed me the video he took of it. 'Everyone thinks the whole thing is hilarious.'

## Charity salutes its west coast warriors

ANTHONY Nolan Trust has saluted its west coast warriors, who have raised upwards of £3,000 for the charity by taking part in a 12-hour fitness challenge. The West Coast Warrior Challenge on Saturday saw fundraisers from Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Oban take part in the gym-based fitness test in teams of two at Mid

Argyll Sports Centre, Lochgilphead, and Energie Fitness in Oban. Competitors took it in turns to complete four hours of running, cycling and rowing within the allotted 12-hour period. The challenge was the idea of Catriona Gunn and Ewan MacGillivray, who completed the challenge in Oban last year. Catriona said:

'We are trying to develop this event so that more and more people take part. We could have had more people this year but we have still raised a lot of money.' In Lochgilphead, the oldest competitor was Judy Galbraith, from Ardrishaig, who turned 60 this week. She was joined by daughter, Sharon, for the event.

## Oban shop's fish 'n chips are 'best ever' claims critic

AN OBAN chip shop is celebrating after national food critic, Tam Cowan, described its fried fish as 'the best I've ever tasted.' Further cementing the town's position as Scotland's Seafood Capital is the Oban Fish and Chip Shop at 116 George Street, who are still celebrating the weekend's rave review from national daily newspaper food critic, Tam Cowan. It is the second time the shop has received major celebrity endorsement, with renowned chef, Rick Stein, saying it had the best fish and chips he'd ever tasted when he visited nearly six years ago. The family run business is owned by Lilian and George MacDonald. Lilian is delighted by the review. She said: 'He wouldn't say it was the best if it wasn't. He's never said that about any other place he's been to and we're all absolutely delighted with it. 'It gives us all such a huge boost and reminds us why we

put all this effort in.' Tam was served by Pamela McGroarty when he visited, the partner of Lilian's son Lewis Hutchison, who in turn fried the fish that day. As well as praising the fish, the pot of mussels his party tucked into as a starter was described as 'delicious.' So what's the secret of Scotland's best fried fish? Lilian said: 'All my fish is bought locally at Watt's, as are my shellfish. 'I actually buy everything I can locally, so our pies come from Nevis Bakery while all our puddings are from Grant the Butcher in Taynuilt.' And the batter? 'That I can't tell anyone. It's a family secret. We've been developing it for years and now we've got a recipe everyone seems to love. We won't be telling anyone what's in it!' Lilian said they now hope the attention will draw the attention of judges from the National Fish and Chip Shop of the Year Awards.



Oban Fish and Chip Shop waitress, Pamela McGroarty, with the fish celebrity food critic Tam Cowan crowned as 'the best I've ever tasted.' 15\_t39fish1

## Oban pupils bring Little Shop of Horrors to sell-out audience



Above - Calum Henry as Seymour feeds the plant with blood from his finger.



Left - Kyle MacKechnie embraces his role as Mr Mushnik



Bottom - the cast perform the musical number 'Skid Row' (Downtown) to an appreciative audience

THE WEALTH of performing talent at Oban High School was on show as the pupils laid on a superb sell-out performance of Little Shop of Horrors.

Directed by performing arts teacher Sam Martin, it was the 40 pupils at the school who took part that performed and marketed the show, the first at the school in six years.

A full house on all four shows last week was treated to a polished performance from the 20 cast members, backed up by an impressive set and stage design that included a six-foot plant that swallowed up actors.

As well as well-rehearsed chorus lines that sounded masterful harmonies, the principal actors excelled when it came to solo performances.

The show, sponsored by MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust, had been a year in the making and involved pupils from S1 - S6. The adaptable Carys Rimmer played eight parts in the show and senior pupils Kenna Barrow and Calum Henry flourished in the principle roles of Audrey and Seymour.

Kyle MacKechnie as Mr Mushnik, provided an expressive comical performance and Alasdair Jordan embraced the role of the nasty, but complex, Orin Scriverello character. After-show comments from audience members were only full of praise for the young cast and their director.

'Congratulations to Sam Martin and all the cast and crew at OHS Little Shop of Horrors,' said one audience member. 'What a fantastic and professional show. 'It was gobsmackingly good. So much so, I forgot I was watching a school production.'

## WEST HIGHLAND WEDDING SHOW

Sunday 2nd October ~ Corran Halls ~ Oban 12 - 4pm



Above: Fort William Highland Wedding Show 2010.

Highland Functions are staging the West Highland Wedding Show this Sunday 2nd October from 12noon till 4pm at The Corran Halls Oban! The show will offer you a chance to meet some of the region's top wedding suppliers under a magnificent marquee. Professional Photographers, Brilliant Wedding Bands demonstrating what they can do for your wedding reception, Wedding Cakes, Jewellery, Wedding Cars, Spectacular Venues, Hair and Beauty, Video Production, High Quality Catering, Wedding Flowers, Chair Covers, Table Displays, Stunning Wedding Gowns, Tiaras, Kilt Hire, Hen & Stag ideas & lots more!

It doesn't even stop there - you are also invited to take a seat at Oban's Premier Bridal Catwalk Show, 'Apple Blossom Time' Designer Dress & Accessory Studio from Perth will be showcasing the latest collections from top Bridal wear designers such as Aire Barcelona, Alma Novia, Luna Novias, Lean-Ann Belter, Stephanie Allan and Bridesmaids by Wtoo. Waterfront Restaurant's

Alex Needham will be there on the day cooking up the most fantastic Isle of Mull scallops on the barbecue. Cameron Ross Kilt Hire will also be displaying their Kilt Hire Outfits on the catwalk \*Winners of the Bridal Buyers Awards 2011. An insight into the trends for 2012 and beyond, the whole show will offer inspiration to brides for their big day! Look out for our next Wedding Show in Inverness on the 23rd October.

Enjoy a tailor-made wedding at the Ardanaisig Hotel, Scotland's Intimate Wedding Hotel of the Year (2011). Visit our stand at the Highland Wedding Show for more information.

Kilchrenan by Taynuilt Tel: +44 (0)1866 833 333 info@ardanaiseig.com www.ardanaiseig.com



West Highland Wedding Show 2011 Sunday 2nd October, Corran Halls, Oban 12 - 4 Entry just £3 Fashion Show featuring designer wedding gowns from 'Apple Blossom Time' Studio, Perth Spectacular Venues | Award Winning Photographers Lighting Experts | Gorgeous Wedding Dresses | Brilliant Bands for more information, call 07500 110725 email events@highlandfunctions.com or visit www.highlandfunctions.com

Wee Beauty PHOTOGRAPHY Highly recommended World Class weebeauty.com facebook.com/weebeauty

SLANJ CELTIC ROCK CELIDH BAND ROCKING CELIDH AND CLASSIC SONGS-SLANJ BAND ARE THE ULTIMATE BAND FOR YOUR EVENT! GET YOUR £150 OFF VOUCHER AT THE HIGHLAND WEDDING FAIR, OBAN WWW.SLANJBAND.COM

**gig argyll guide** your essential guide to live music in argyll

Thursday 29 September >	CHRIS SUCKLE
Markie Dans	9.30pm
Friday 30 September >	CHRIS SUCKLE
Markie Dans	9.30pm
Friday 30 September >	Gary Innes and Ewen Robertson
Coasters	Traditional Music - 9.30pm till Late
Saturday 1 October >	R & B Night
Coasters	DJ Ewen MacEachen - 9.30pm till late
Friday 7 October >	GUNNA SOUND
Markie Dans	9.30pm

**Local Origins Rural Network Community Producers Market**

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct **PINK MARKET** Breast cancer awareness / fundraiser 10 am to 3 pm

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Oct **3rd Argyll Apple Day Scottish Apple Collection** we need fruit donations for juicing press

Kintaline Farm, Benderloch, 1 mile along Trale Road. LOTS of local food and crafts to enjoy, therapies, freshly cooked lunch, new members joining all season

Lorn.org.uk 01631 720223 market@lorn.org.uk lorncommunity.ning.com

**The Oban Times HOTLINE**

If you have a story to share, call us on

**OBAN** 01631 568000

**FORT WILLIAM** 01397 703003

**FREE INVERAWE TREAT**

WHEN YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE OBAN TIMES\*

**Worth £19.95**

The Inverawe Treat, courtesy of Inverawe Smokehouses, combines its delectable smoked salmon with its award-winning roast smoked salmon pate and some of Macleans cocktail outcakes, the perfect accompaniment. Visit [www.smokedsalmon.co.uk](http://www.smokedsalmon.co.uk)

**CALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ON 01631 568 000 OR VISIT WWW.OBANTIMES.CO.UK**

\*Cancellation charges apply and no refunds can be given. By signing up to this offer you agree for the Oban Times to share your details with Inverawe Smokehouses and for them to contact you. Applies to 12 months subscription minimum. For full terms and conditions visit [www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk)

**RENAULT TRAFFIC 07**



115 DCi, MOT and tax, 100,000 miles.  
Tel: 07515 105472

**£3800 o.n.o.**

**ROVER 45 IMPRESSION 53TD 04**



Two litre diesel engine, 62,000 miles, 2 former owners, alloy wheels, very good condition, excellent running order, tax and MOT to Feb 2012.  
Telephone: 07786 626852

**£1750**

**FIAT ULYSSE**



1997, Diesel, 7 seater, red, long MOT and Tax Disc, well looked after.  
Telephone: 01546 870387

**£600**

**AUDI A3, 1.8SE**



May 03, 5 door hatchback, Silver, (Petrol), in good condition, 74,000 miles, taxed & MOT, F.S.H.  
Telephone: P. MacLeod 01855 811392

**£2995 o.n.o.**

**WANTED**

All types of 4 x 4 vehicles, Landrovers, Toyotas, Daihatsus, any 4 x 4, also considered non-runners or MOT failures

Telephone: 01250 884306 or mobile 07885 203020

**WANTED**

Any 4x4 Vehicle Landrover, Toyota, Mitsubishi etc High Mileage or any condition, Mot failure or non runner considered.

Telephone: 07864035750

**RENAULT MASTER 120DCI**



Dropside Pick-up, 2006. Silver. Taxed & MOT'd. g.c.  
Tel: 01343 842114 or 07702 985180

**P.O.A.**

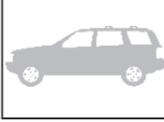
**FORD FOCUS 02**



Automatic, Petrol 1.6 Lx Great runner, 11 months mot, 5 months tax. Good tyres, cassette, MP3 83,000 miles, Air Con.  
Telephone: 07886 322978 or 01631 562335

**£1400**

**LANDROVER DEFENDER 110 TD5**



02 Reg. Ex. Utility vehicle 9 months Tax & Mot.  
Telephone: 01546 602196 or 07786 925491

**£5200 o.n.o.**

**JAGUAR S TYPE SPORTS**



MOT and tax, private plate included  
Tel: 07515 105472

**REDUCED PRICE £1850**

**JAGUAR XJ 3.2**



1998, exceptional condition, 53,000 miles, garaged, never used in winter  
Tel: 01631 710298

**£3200**

**RENAULT CLIO EXTREME 2 16V 1.2 2003**



3 door, 55,000 miles, MOT Dec 2011 Tax Jan 2012, nice clean condition, great runner.  
Tel: 07795 244 979 or 01546 870 621

**£2000**

**MKV VW GOLF GTI**



54 plate, Steel Metallic Grey, 200bhp, manual, 5 door, full leather interior, 67k miles, MOT Feb 12, FSH, owned from new, very good condition.  
Telephone: 01687 462424

**£7000 o.n.o.**

**FORD FOCUS 1.8**



Green, W reg, 70,000 miles, one year MOT, 6mths tax, good condition. Alloy wheels, CD player.  
Telephone: 01631 563518

**£1200 o.n.o.**

**FORD FREDA CAMPER VAN**



R reg, 86,000 miles, diesel automatic, fully equipped 4 berth, auto free top, taxed Dec 11, MOT Nov 11, non smoking lady owner. MOT Sept 12.  
Telephone: 01586 553804

**£8500 o.n.o.**

**FORD FIESTA ZETEC S**



2008, TDCI, showroom condition, FSH, taxed and MOT'd until June 2012.  
Telephone: 07588573316 (after 7pm)

**£5400 o.n.o.**

**BAILEY RANGER 470.4**



4 berth caravan  
Contact James on 01586 830201

**£3000**

**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA SRI-XP-140**



2008/08 Reg, black, 7 seater, 40,000 miles with F.S.H. Just been serviced and in outstanding condition. Has full XP kit and 18 inch alloys.  
Telephone: 07789 034352 or 01586 552725

**£6600 o.n.o.**

**HONDA CBR 125**



57 plate 13500 miles Heated grips.  
Telephone: 01688 302529

**£1500 o.n.o.**

**SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 4X4**



1.6v, manual, petrol 2005, 3door with one previous owner 34,000 miles Black and silver, Central locking and immobiliser electric windows, rear wash wipe, electric door mirrors  
Contact Mike 01852 316203 mob 07879 631814

**£4495 o.n.o.**

# Motoring Times

For the latest local deals on new and used cars In association with Quarry Road MOT Centre

**Need an MOT?** Contact Donald or Neil  
From Cars to Light Commercials Quarry Road MOT Centre Quarry Road, Oban Tel: 01631 564614

**The Quarry Road MOT CENTRE** **FLIT**

**AUDI A4 2.0 TDI SE**



78,000 miles, good condition.  
Telephone: 07884 252 166

**£6800 o.n.o.**

**SCORPA TRIALS BIKE FOR SALE**



Model: SY250 2006  
Condition: Used but in good condition, well looked after.  
Type: Trials  
Gears: 6  
Drive type: Chain  
Start type: Kick start  
Engine type: 2 stroke 250cc  
Colour: Blue  
Manufacturer: Scorpa  
Telephone: 01852 314234 or 07775 907644



Follow us on facebook  
www.facebook.com/obantimes

**WINTER BERTHING AND WINTER STORAGE ASHORE AVAILABLE AT CRAOBH MARINA**  
Craobh Haven by Lochgilphead  
Tel 01852 500222 craobhmarina@talk21.com



**new car index**

**ISUZU S & S Services**  
Old Bridge Road, Heathfield, Ayr Tel. 01292 880080 / 880440

**RENAULT W.D Semple**  
Inveraray & Lochgilphead Tel. 01499 302150

**TO PROMOTE YOUR NEW CAR DEALERSHIP PLEASE CALL: 01631 568000**

**SUBARU S & S Services**  
Old Bridge Road, Heathfield, Ayr Tel. 01292 880080/880440



First Previous Menu Next Last Zoom in Search

**Get an E-edition of The Oban Times delivered to your inbox on the day of publication.**  
www.obantimes.co.uk/digital

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 1999**

MARINE FISH FARM - ATLANTIC SALMON - ALTERATIONS TO CAGE CONFIGURATION AND FEEDING BARGE AND INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY STORAGE RAFTS AT EXISTING FARM SITE AT GLENCRIPESDALE LOCH SUNART ARDGOUR

The Council has received an application from Marine Harvest Scotland for Marine Fish Farm - Atlantic Salmon - Alterations to cage configuration and feeding barge and installation of ancillary storage rafts at existing farm site. at Glencripesdale Loch Sunart Ardgour (11/03437/FUL). The application is supported by an Environmental Statement.

The application, the accompanying Environmental Statement and its addendum are available for public inspection between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday at the following locations -

1. Planning and Development Service, Council Offices, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness
2. Lochaber Area Planning and Building Standards Office, Gordon Square, Fort William
3. Strontian Post Office, Strontian, Acharacle, Argyll (during normal opening hours)

They can also be accessed online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> (search using the application number 11/03437/FUL)

Printed copies of the complete Environmental Statement can be purchased from Marine Harvest Scotland Ltd, Farms Office, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, TEL: 01397 715074 at a cost of £55-00. The Non Technical Summary and CD can be obtained free of charge.

Any person who wishes to make a representation on the application, Environmental Statement and addendum can make them online by visiting <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> or by writing to The Head of Planning and Building Standards, ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX. The deadline for receipt of comments is 28 days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Council will acknowledge receipt of comments but is unable to respond individually to points or questions raised. Please note that your comments will be published online. Please quote the application reference number in your correspondence.

J. Stuart Black  
Director of Planning and Development

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY; online at [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk) and, where given, the alternative location(s).

Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected
11/02953/PIP	Land 50M NW of The Old Rectory Ballychulish	Erection of house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03280/FUL	Glencoe Independent Hostel Glencoe, Ballychulish PH49 4HX	Siting of 1 additional caravan	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03285/PIP	Land 225M North of Camess West (Plot 3) North Ballychulish Onich	Erection of house and extension of private roadway (renewal of 08/00153/OUTLO)	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03310/FUL	Distillery Guest House North Road Fort William PH33 6LR	Alterations and extension to guest house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03330/FUL	147 High Street Fort William PH33 6EA	Change of use of premises from Class 1 (Shops) to Class 3 (Food & Drink) and installation of external seating area	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03363/PIP	Land 100m North West of Torness Gairloch Spean Bridge	Erection of four houses (renewal of 07/00029/OUTLO)	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03369/FUL	40 Old Town North Ballychulish Onich Fort William PH33 6RZ	Extension to house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03381/FUL	Ookbank Onich Fort William PH33 6RY	Extension to house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03390/FUL	Old Blar Cottages Banowie Fort William	Extension to building to form new holiday letting unit	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03407/PIP	Land 80m SW of 2 Bohenie Roy Bridge	Proposed dwelling house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03408/FUL	Myrtleville Spean Bridge PH34 4EP	Change of use from nurses base to house	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)
11/03409/PIP	Land SW of 2 Bohenie Roy Bridge	Proposed house site	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS  
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX  
Email: [eplanning@highland.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@highland.gov.uk)

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008  
Planning Application  
Pre-Application Consultation**

Tarmac Limited is conducting pre-application consultation on the following development proposal:

Extension of planning permission from 2018 to 2036 at Lochaline Mine. Further Information can be obtained from Tarmac Limited (contact details below)

A public meeting will be held at Lochaline village hall on Tuesday 11th October 6pm-8pm

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposal should do so by writing to: Stephen Cowan, Tarmac Limited, Strathclyde Business Park Bellshill, ML4 3NJ. [stephen.cowan@tarmac.co.uk](mailto:stephen.cowan@tarmac.co.uk) by 12 November 2011.

Please Note -No application has been submitted to the Highland Council in relation to this proposal. Any comments made to the prospective applicant at this time are not representations to the Council and would not be considered as part of any future application. If the prospective applicant subsequently submits a formal application for planning permission there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Council.

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

One Councillor is to be elected for the Oban North and Lorn Ward of Argyll and Bute Council.

NAME OF WARD	NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS TO BE ELECTED
Oban North and Lorn	1

Nomination forms can be obtained from The Election Office, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 12 October 2011.

Completed nomination papers MUST be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by 4.00pm on Wednesday 12 October 2011.

If the election is contested, the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm on Thursday, 3 November 2011.

**Postal or Proxy Voting**

Applications to cancel or alter existing postal and proxy votes, or to change from postal to proxy voting MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Kilmory House, Bolgalm Street, Campbeltown PA28 6HZ by 5.00pm on Wednesday 19 October 2011.

New applications to vote by post MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Wednesday 26 October 2011.

New applications to vote by proxy MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on Wednesday 26 October 2011.

If as the result of a disability an elector becomes incapacitated after 5.00pm on Wednesday 26 October 2011 an application to vote by proxy due to that disability MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5.00pm on the day of the poll.

For advice on postal or proxy voting contact the Electoral Registration Office 0800 980 0470.

Sally Loudon, Returning Officer, Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT 27 September 2011  
Tel: 01546 603264 Fax: 01546 606874  
E-mail: [elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk) Web: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections)

**Notes**

1. Nomination Packs : Nomination packs may also be downloaded from [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections) or obtained (but not lodged) at Municipal Building, Albany Street, Oban PA34 4AW
2. Electoral Register - The deadline for applications to be included in the Register of Electors to be used at the election is Wednesday 19 October 2011.
3. Issue and Delivery of Postal Ballot Papers : Postal ballot papers will be delivered during the week beginning 24 October 2011. Please consider this when deciding whether to vote in person, by post or by proxy. In the event of any delay in the receipt of a postal ballot paper please note that the earliest date an application can be made for the replacement of a lost postal ballot paper is Monday 31 October 2011.

For advice about registering to vote or applying for a postal or proxy vote contact the Electoral Registration Office on 0800 980 0470. For all other enquiries about the election contact the election office on 01546 603264 or e-mail [elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

**New Start Oban**

**Annual General Meeting**

4.30pm on 7 October 2011  
At Quarriers, Campbell Street, Oban All welcome

**Discover Fresh Approaches to the Rural Tourism Trade**

**Rural Enterprise Demonstration Day**  
6 October in Appin Village Hall to investigate ideas for adding value to land-based businesses or diversification options for those interested in entering the Rural Tourism Trade. Wigwam Holidays, Craithie Opportunity Holidays and Visit Scotland will present. For more info call Scottish Land & Estates on 0131 653 5400.

**Proposed Assignment of Grazings Share (s)**

Colette M Hart is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to assign the grazings share (s) pertaining to the croft at Matheson Croft, Port Appin, PA38 4DE to Mrs Janet Katherine Tricker of Tigh Beag, Connel, Oban, Argyll PA37 1PJ. If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township, or if the Commission consider that you have a direct interest in this application, you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW (e-mail [info@crofterscommission.org.uk](mailto:info@crofterscommission.org.uk)) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert. Please note that any comments you provide are part of an open process and will be made available to interested parties. Your comments would also be released under a Freedom of Information enquiry. Frivolous, vexatious or unreasonable comments cannot be accepted.

Mrs Annie Lawson, Lower Kichattan, Isle of Colonsay, PA61 7YR is applying to divide the croft at Drumclagh, Isle of Colonsay into two parts in order to create an additional croft. This application includes the division of the croft grazings rights in the South Kichattan Common Grazings. If you are a crofter, shareholder or owner of a croft in the township, or if the Commission consider that you have a direct interest in this application, you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW (email [info@crofterscommission.org.uk](mailto:info@crofterscommission.org.uk)) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert. Please note that any comments you provide are part of an open process and will be made available to interested parties. Your comments would also be released under a Freedom of Information enquiry. Frivolous, vexatious or unreasonable comments cannot be accepted.

To find out more about living and working in argyll & bute visit us @ [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)



**PLANNING**

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at Municipal Buildings Albany Street Oban PA34 4AW, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/01721/PP	Alterations and installation of rooflights	Coquet Lodge Annex Balvicar Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4TF	Sub Post Office Balvicar
11/01769/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, installation of septic tank and formalisation of access (amended house design to planning permission 10/00177/PP)	Land North East Of Linnhe Croft Cottages Port Appin Argyll And Bute PA38 4DE	Sub Post Office Ledaig
11/01801/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.	Lynn House Ganavan Road Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 5TU	Oban Area Office
11/01838/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank.	Land South Of Kelowna North Connel Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1QZ	Sub Post Office Ledaig

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 67 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location Of Plans
11/01771/PP	Refurbishment of dwellings, including extending existing roof overhang, installation of structural overcladding system and re-roofing	1 And 2 Glen Road Bridgend Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA44 7PY	Sub Post Office Bridgend
11/01773/PP	Refurbishment of dwellings, including extending existing roof overhang, installation of structural overcladding system, re-roofing and removal of chimney on no 4	4, 5 And 6 Glen Road Bridgend Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA44 7PY	Sub Post Office Bridgend
11/01800/PP	Refurbishment of dwellinghouse, including extending existing roof overhang and installation of structural overcladding system	1 Burnside Craighouse Isle Of Jura Argyll And Bute PA60 7XP	Sub Post Office Craighouse Isle of Jura

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED  
ADVERTISEMENT UNDER SECTION 67(2) OF THE MAKING OF A REVOCATION ORDER OR MODIFICATION ORDER**

Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of a Dwellinghouse at Land to North of 'Struan' Toberonochy, Isle of Luing, Argyll and Bute

Reference Number: 09/01680/PPP  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Argyll and Bute Council have made an order under section 65 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revoke the above planning permission.

The Council have been notified by the owner or lessee (if any), the occupier of the land, and all persons who in the Council's opinion will be affected by the Order that they do not object to the Order. Any person who will be affected by the Order and who wishes for an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers, must give notice in writing to the Scottish Ministers, The Directorate for the Built Environment, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 60Q not later than 27 October 2011.

If no such notice is given by that date the Order will take effect by virtue of the provisions of Section 67(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on 10 November 2011 without being confirmed by the Scottish Ministers.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED  
ADVERTISEMENT UNDER SECTION 67(2) OF THE MAKING OF A REVOCATION ORDER OR MODIFICATION ORDER**

Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of Two Dwellinghouses at Land at Former Oban Rare Breeds Farm Park Oban, Argyll and Bute

Reference Number: 10/01159/PPP  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Argyll and Bute Council have made an order under section 65 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revoke the above planning permission.

The Council have been notified by the owner or lessee (if any), the occupier of the land, and all persons who in the Council's opinion will be affected by the Order that they do not object to the Order. Any person who will be affected by the Order and who wishes for an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers, must give notice in writing to the Scottish Ministers, The Directorate for the Built Environment, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 60Q not later than 27 October 2011.

If no such notice is given by that date the Order will take effect by virtue of the provisions of Section 67(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on 10 November 2011 without being confirmed by the Scottish Ministers.

Date: 29 September 2011  
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead



**Scottish Natural Heritage  
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba**

All of nature for all of Scotland  
Nàdair air fad airson Alba air fad

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has been asked by the Scottish Government to carry out a consultation on the proposal to designate an area within the Sound of Barra as a Special Area of Conservation. This consultation was launched on Friday 16th

September 2011 and will run for 12 weeks, closing on the 9th December.

Consultation documents will be available on our website [www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk) and we are happy to provide hard copies. If you would like a pack or an email link to the consultation please contact Johanne Ferguson at the SNH Office at Stilligarry, South Uist or [johanne.ferguson@snh.gov.uk](mailto:johanne.ferguson@snh.gov.uk)

Public Meetings will be held as follows:

- Castlebay Hall - 3rd October - 7:30pm
- Eriskay Hall - 4th October - 7:30pm.

**Alan Reid MP  
Meet your MP**

**Wednesday 5 October 2011**  
Bunessan - 10.00am-10.30am  
Fionnphort - 11.00am-11.30am  
Iona - 12.15pm-12.45pm  
Tobermory - 6.00pm-7.00pm

**Thursday 6 October 2011**  
Dervaig - 9.30am-10.00am  
Salen - 10.45am-11.15am  
Craignure - 11.45am-12.15pm  
Benderloch - 3.00pm-3.30pm  
Connel - 4.00pm-4.30pm  
Dunbeg - 5.00pm-5.30pm  
Oban - 6.00pm-7.00pm

For an appointment please call 01369 704840

**CROFTERS COMMISSION  
COIMISEAN NAN  
CROITEARAN  
DECROFTING  
APPLICATIONS**

Applicant, Croft, Extent & Purpose, Case number  
Mr & Mrs J Reade  
Ballscale, Kilmorian & Kilmore  
17.96 ha - whole croft  
4.87.34929

Mr & Mrs J Reade  
149 & 3 New Road, Kilmorian & Kilmore  
12.14 ha - whole croft  
4.87.34971

Comments can be made to the Crofters Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 14 days of the date of this newspaper.

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

Crofters Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW info@crofterscommission.org.uk

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Name, Croft, Extent, reason, conditions Case Number  
Mr R Wright  
Woodend, Ardgour  
0.140 ha  
Conditions: 1, 2 & 3  
4.86.34043

Mr J F MacDonald  
27 Mingary, Arisaig & Moidart  
0.840 ha - site for 4 dwellinghouses  
Conditions: 2 & 3

- Conditions**
- (1) to provide a site for a dwellinghouse
  - (2) complete enclosure of the land with a stock proof fence within 4 months of the proposed development completion
  - (3) That fence shall be maintained in good order and repair by each successive owner or occupier of the land.

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

**BEST FOR NEWS, VIEWS & PHOTOS**

**The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES**

Tel: 01631 568000  
[www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk)



My Morvern  
HISTORIAN TELLS OF LIFE ON THE PENINSULA

NHS action in hospital  
to tackle 140 per cent rise in cases

Barro boat to fish off Morveco

**Oban Times PUBLIC NOTICES**

**69%**  
of the business community read the regional press



# West Coast property service

www.westcoastpropertyguide.co.uk

**MACARTHUR STEWART**



**7 Kilduskland Drive, Ardrishaig**  
A detached family home with lovely views towards Loch Gilp and spacious accommodation, as follows:

**GROUND FLOOR:** modern breakfasting kitchen, dining room, bathroom, bedroom two & master bedroom with en-suite.

**LOWER GROUND:** large living room with open fire, bedroom three. Off road parking; generous garden; patio area. Oil CH.

**Offers Over £200,000**

LOCHGILP HEAD OFFICE ☎(01546) 602424  
Visit our website at www.macarthurstewart.co.uk

**RE/MAX**



**Four Bedroom Semi**  
Manse Crescent, Inveraray

Caman comprises of a family lounge, large entrance hallway, kitchen, shower room, large bathroom, 4 bedrooms, conservatory and a detached garage. The quiet level garden is laid mainly to lawn with a slabbed patio area to side of the property. The property also benefits from oil central heating, Double glazing, mains electricity and water.

**Offers Over £225,000**

For full details contact 01369 708960 or visit www.remax-scotland.com

**TO LET**

**Torlundy Courtyard By Fort William**  
2 Bedroom Flat Available, newly carpeted and painted, part furnished, off peak electric heating, £480pcm.  
**Telephone 01397 703015.**

**TO LET CLACHAN ISLE OF SEIL**  
3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom semi detached house, £500pcm, plus council tax, plus utility bills.  
**Telephone: 07827 946675**

**TO LET Detached house in Oban**  
4 bedrooms, garden, partially furnished. £600pcm + council tax (Band F) + bills, no smokers or DSS.  
**Telephone 07851 847951**

**CENTRAL OBAN**  
One bedroom flat to let, fully furnished, recently refurbished, £500 per calendar month plus council tax and bills, no smokers or DSS, available mid-October.  
**Telephone 07732510502 or 07973408110.**

**FLAT TO LET 1 bed, central Oban flat.**  
Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating Fully Furnished or unfurnished as required. No Smokers  
**Please call 0770 448 7856**

**ONE BEDROOM FLAT FOR RENT**  
10 mins from Fort William town centre, available from mid October - end March, suit single or professional couple, no smokers, no pets, no DSS.  
**Telephone 01397 708622 Mobile 07818 878001**

**ROOMS TO LET**  
**CENTRAL LOCATION - FOUR STAR ACCOMMODATION**  
ALL ROOMS EN SUITE, USE OF KITCHEN, LAUNDRY ROOM, EATING AREA.  
**£75.00 PER PERSON PER WEEK .**  
**TELEPHONE 07771 708 301**



**ADRIAN FLUX**

**WANTED**  
Want to let your holiday property? We'll give you more bookings, less hassle

- ✓ Achieve as many as 47 bookings a year
- ✓ FREE property inspection & letting consultation
- ✓ EXPERT photos & advertising

Call today for your **FREE** owners pack  
**0800 915 4750**  
www.SykesOwners.co.uk

**West Coast Property Guide**  
**West Coast Property Guide**  
**West Coast Property Guide**  
**West Coast Property Guide**  
**West Coast Property Guide**

## RECRUITMENT

**dawnfresh**

**Fish Farm Technicians: Loch Etive & Loch Awe**

Dawnfresh Farming Ltd, part of the Dawnfresh Seafoods Group, is the largest Trout Farming Company operating in the UK. Our Marine and Freshwater farms are located throughout Scotland, England and Ireland.

We are seeking to recruit 4 individuals to fulfil roles as Seawater (2) & Freshwater (2) Fish Farm Technicians. These positions will be based at our seawater cage farms on Loch Etive, nr Taynuilt & freshwater cage farm on Loch Awe, nr Kilchrenan.

The role of Fish Farm Technician is interesting and varied. Working outdoors as part of a small team, it is focused upon all aspects of successful trout production including feeding, grading, harvesting, net changing and other general farm maintenance tasks, including boat handling.

Applications are invited from individuals who have a positive approach to this type of work, who feel comfortable working over water and be willing to work flexibly to meet the demands of the job.

Previous aquaculture experience is desirable but not essential as full training and support will be provided. A full driving licence is essential.

These posts will be initially offered on 6 months fixed term contract basis, but with good potential for leading to full time positions, working a 40 hour week on any five out of seven days. Beyond the nature of the roles, the post holder(s) would be expected to undertake additional hours as required in order to accommodate the needs of the business, this will include weekend cover on a rota basis.

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your CV by Thursday 13th October 2011, to:

Lindsey Elder, HR Assistant, Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd, Bothwellpark Industrial Estate, Uddingston, G71 6LS., Office 01698 810008, E-mail: lindsey.elder@dawnfresh.co.uk

Informal enquires can be made to Sean Lydon, Etive Farm Manager, Office 01866 822549, E-mail sean.lydon@dawnfresh.co.uk or Dean Jordan, Tervine Farm Manager, Mobile 07872 378759, E-mail dean.jordan@dawnfresh.co.uk

**CHILDREN 1ST**

WE LISTEN, WE SUPPORT, WE TAKE ACTION for Scotland's vulnerable children and families

**PRACTITIONER - ABUSE AND TRAUMA RECOVERY**  
Location: Lochgilphead  
Hours: 35 per week  
Salary: Starting at £26,331 with progression to £30,861  
Ref: CFS11/24  
Funded until 31st March 2013

This is an exciting opportunity to provide a focused therapeutic service, working with children, young people and their families to support recovery from childhood trauma including child sexual abuse, domestic violence and/or other forms of abuse.

You will work closely, being co-located with Argyll and Bute CAMHS team. You will work collaboratively with all partners, supporting young people and their carers and contributing to training delivery.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, experienced professional with a Nursing, Social Work, Psychology, or other appropriate qualification to SSSC qualified practitioner level. Professional development will be encouraged and there will be excellent opportunities to expand your range of therapeutic skills under the supervision of the CAMHS Clinical Psychologist.

Do you want to find out more?  
Visit www.children1st.org.uk for further information and an application pack or call 0845 6044296 quoting the relevant reference number.

Closing date for applications is 14th October 2011 at 12 noon

Interviews to be held on 26th October 2011 in Lochgilphead

The selection process will include seeking a PVG Scheme Record. CHILDREN 1st is the working name of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children Registered Charity No: SC016092. Equal opportunities matter to CHILDREN 1st

**PORT APPIN SURGERY**  
**Part Time Reception Vacancy**

Small, rural dispensing Surgery require a Receptionist with administrative and dispensing duties. Previous experience desirable but not essential.

15-20 hours per week, with flexibility, would be an advantage.

**For more information contact Linda MacGillivray, Practice Manager on 01631 730271**  
**Apply with CV to drmarydr@doctors.org.uk**  
**Closing date October 21st 2011**

**ACHA**  
Argyll community housing association

**Human Resources Assistant**  
Ardrishaig  
Salary Grade 10 (£15,464 - £17,385 per annum) 35 hours per week

To apply visit our website at www.acha.co.uk ; Tel 01546 605 859 or email recruitment@acha.co.uk

**Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 14th October 2011**  
Interviews for this post will be held in Ardrishaig on 21st October 2011

**It's time to unveil your talents**

**STORE MANAGER - Oban**  
Great benefits and competitive salary

If you are passionate about retail and want to progress your career within management, why don't you think about a career with Superdrug?

To apply for these exciting opportunities please visit www.superdrug.jobs

For informal enquiries, please email jobs@superdrug.com

**Superdrug**  
take another look

**ST COLUMBA HOTEL**  
ISLE OF IONA

**Head Chef**  
(closing date 15th October)

**Head Gardener**  
**Maintenance Worker**  
(closing date for these posts is 24th October)

All positions are available as live in jobs if required.

For further details please contact Dot Stewart  
**01681 700304**  
dot@stcolumba-hotel.co.uk  
www.stcolumba-hotel.co.uk

**Leading the way in Learning Disability**

ENABLE Scotland is a dynamic, vibrant and expanding organisation dedicated to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities across Scotland.

**CAMPBELTOWN**

**Part Time Personal Supporter**  
Ref: K1/0901. Grade A. 16 hrs p/w. Salary: £13,936 p.a. pro rata for part time.

We are looking for a reliable and enthusiastic individual who has a genuine interest in working with people to work in our community support team, as a Personal Supporter you would work directly with older people, people with learning disabilities or people who have mental health issues to enable them to be included in their local community.

Working largely on your own but as part of a team the ideal candidate will have a flexible person-centred approach to work practices; they will be friendly, non-judgemental, enthusiastic, practically minded, flexible and adept in a variety of domestic and social situations. They must also have good communication skills, proven problem solving and organisational abilities as well as basic administrative skills.

You will work a variety of hours as part of a shared rota system which is determined by the needs of the people we support, therefore early morning, evening and weekend work is included. If you believe you could be a flexible, reliable and available addition to our team we would love to hear from you.

As an organisation, we are committed to developing all of our staff, providing an extensive training and development programme and career opportunities within ENABLE Scotland. We offer positive terms and conditions, including a contributory pension scheme.

For an application pack, please telephone 01586 550328 or e-mail margaret.mcgeachy@enable.org.uk quoting the relevant post ref. (We particularly welcome applications from candidates with a disability and make our forms available in alternative formats). To view and apply for all our vacancies, please visit www.enable.org.uk. Closing date: 14th October 2011

These posts will be subject to a PVG Check.  
ENABLE Scotland is an equal opportunities employer. Scottish charity number SC009024.

**AUCHNACRAIG ESTATE ISLE OF MULL**

An opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a cattleman to take responsibility for a renowned Highland cattle fold on the Island of Mull in Argyll.

The position is not full time, but other maintenance, handyman and gardening work is available on the estate or otherwise locally to supplement income.

The successful applicant will be responsible and self motivated and able to work with minimum supervision. House provided. Please apply in writing and in confidence to

**Richard de Klee, 28 Alva Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PY**

**Cleaning assistance needed in Campbeltown.**  
Must be experienced and efficient.  
3-4 hours a week  
Start date: ASAP.  
Hourly rate £8-10 according to qualifications.

Apply to: Box number 505, Campbeltown Courier, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE.

**Oban Times RECRUITMENT**  
**Oban Times RECRUITMENT**  
**Oban Times RECRUITMENT**

**Experienced Healthcare Assistants required for specialised home care contract**

Advantage Healthcare is currently recruiting experienced Healthcare Assistants to provide assistance to automated peritoneal dialysis patients in their own homes. Comprehensive training is available for the right candidates but NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care or above is essential. We have full and part-time positions in Tarbet, Cambeltown, Taynuilt Argyll.

Due to the nature and location of the work you must be a car owner with a full UK driving licence. We also offer a members loyalty programme, CRB Reimbursement scheme, flexible hours to suit you, competitive rates of pay and holiday pay.

To apply, call our National Accounts Team on 01952 278868 or send your CV to isaflaming@advantagehealthcare.com \*Conditions apply. Subject to enhanced CRB.

Advantage Healthcare is an equal opportunities employer (AGY). Clinical references must be obtainable.

**Advantage HEALTHCARE GROUP**

**BIDWELLS**

**Laudale Estate - Head Stalker**

A professional and highly motivated Head Stalker is required for the 13,000 acre Laudale Estate, Morvern, Argyll. Applicants should be able to demonstrate high levels of experience and professionalism over open range and woodland stalking as well as a thorough knowledge of Wildlife, Access and Health & Safety legislation.

Applicants should have the ability to work alone or as part of a team.

A large modern house, vehicle and competitive package is available. For further details and Job Specification please contact - Finlay Clark, Bidwells, Carn Dearg House, North Road, Fort William, PH33 6PP. Telephone 01397 702433, e-mail - finlay.clark@bidwells.co.uk. Closing date for application - Monday 24 October 2011.

**G McNaughton & Son**  
LOCHGILP HEAD

**An experienced Accounts Manager is required for busy office.**

The successful applicant needs to be focused and work both on their own initiative and as part of a team. Sound knowledge of Sage Accounts is essential and background in Payroll administration.

Rate of pay negotiable dependant on experience.

**Apply in writing with CV to morvern@gmcmnaughtonandson.co.uk**

**Trainee Dental Nurse required, No Experience necessary, immediate start,**

Please send CV to Argyll Square Dental Practice, 21 Argyll square, Oban, PA34 4AT

OR E-mail: mirzaimran222@yahoo.co.in

**Ballet West**

**Ballet West has an opening for a calm, cheerful person with outstanding people skills.**

Administration and Microsoft Office experience essential.

Please send your CV to Ichrachan House, Taynuilt, By Oban, PA35 1HP  
Tel: 01866 822641  
Email: balletwest@btconnect.com

Find all these jobs online at our new website

**West Coast Jobs** www.westcoastjobs.co.uk



**Oban Times RECRUITMENT** **Oban Times RECRUITMENT**

www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk

NOW ONLINE

Advertise your unwanted items in either The Oban Times, Campbeltown Courier or Argyllshire Advertiser and your ad will also appear online at www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk. Simply use the coupons on this page or visit the website and input your details there

AUDIO EQUIPMENT

MIDI HI FI Philips midi Hi Fi system, with two 50Watt out put speakers, CD, tape, radio & remote control, reason for sale unwanted present, £20 Telephone 07749 521916. PURPLE IPOD NANO 16GB 4th generation ipod nano, purple, with original box & leather cover. No longer have use for since purchase of iphone, £49.99 Telephone 07738 005143.

BABY EQUIPMENT

BUSY ELEPHANT TOY playkool brand blue in colour, good condition boxed, £4 Telephone 01631 564558. CAR SEAT GROUP 2 - 3 Graco Junior Maxi. 3 - 12 yrs High Back Booster seat splits into just a booster, adjustable head & armrests. Good condition, £20 Telephone 01631 563466.

COT MOBILE forget me not mint and beige, Mothercare musical cot mobile boxed good condition, £10 Telephone 01631 564558.

GRACO BABY WALKER to suit boy green and blue in colour height adjustable with detachable toy console very sturdy, £20 Telephone 01631 564558.

GRACO CAR SEAT good condition, surplus to requirements, free to good home. Telephone 01546 605251.

MAMAS & PAPAS PUSHCHAIR Pulse (black), lightweight pushchair with waterproof cover. From birth, easy collapse, very good condition. Over £100 new! £35 Telephone 01631 710110.

TINY LOVE PLAYMAT suits boy or girl lights up and plays music dangle toys and mirror, £10 Telephone 01631 564558.

ZOGGS SWIMSEAT used twice orange very supportive, age 0-12 months good condition, £3 Telephone 01631 564558.

BICYCLES

BOYS FS24 MOUNTAIN BIKE full suspension, good condition, suit 8-12 years old, £40 Telephone 01631 710541.

BOYS RALEIGH HOT ROD suit 5-8 years old Front suspension, vgc, £49.99 Telephone 01631 710541.

BUILDING / DIY

BRAND NEW QUINN ROOFTILES Black Western Slate, each tile 420mm x 334mm (9.7 tiles per m2). 200 tiles available (more can be purchased from Rembrand), £1 for 4 tiles Telephone 07872 329379.

BRAND NEW ROOF RIDGE TILES 54 tiles, Black Western Slate, universal angle, length 455mm (more can be purchased from Rembrand Oban). All 54 for £49. Telephone 07872 329379.

CORNER BATH white, with panel. Great for adding a bit of luxury to your bathroom! Good condition, £5 Telephone 01852 200257.

MORTIS LOCK 2 keys & attachments, 5-barrel, good condition, £37 new, £10 Telephone 07852 989786.

POLISHED BLACK PORCELAIN FLOOR high gloss black granite effect, large format 600mm x 600mm. 3 packs of 3 tiles each. Total coverage 3.24m2, retails for £50, £20 Telephone 07872 329379.

WELSH SLATES new, unused, approx 800, grey slates in three crates, 24"x12", were £3.75, accept, £1.50 each Telephone 07792 934645 (Clachan)².

CAR ACCESSORIES

CHILDS CAR SEAT GROUP 2 - 3 Graco Junior Maxi. 3 - 12 yrs High Back Booster seat. Splits into just a booster, adjustable head & armrests, good condition, £20 Telephone 01631 563466.

L A N D R O V E R FREELANDER DOG GUARD floor to roof, good condition, £45 Telephone 01880 740636.

ROOF RACK Halfords, to fit Ford Escort, Granada, Scorpio or Orion; Peugeot 405, or 406. Good condition with all parts, £12 Telephone 07852 989786.

CD'S, DVD'S AND VIDEOS

24 BOXSET series 1-8 and 24 Redemption, mint condition, first to see will buy, £49.99 Telephone 01586 553967.

THUNDERBIRDS DVD BOXSET Thunderbirds DVD boxed, every episode on 9 discs, in mint condition, £20 Telephone 01586 553967.

CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

BUNDLE OF FRENCH CLOTHES including body warmers, skirts, trousers, shorts and waterproofs suitable for a 6 year old, £30 Telephone 01631 720073.

SWIM VEST AND MATCHING SHOES Speedo blue and orange, 4 - 5 years old - 22 to 26kg, in bag, £15 Telephone 01631 720073.

COMPUTERS AND GAMES

AOC MONITOR 17", perfect working order, £49.99 Telephone 01631 740281.

FLATSCREEN MONITOR Beluea, 21.1", perfect working order, £49.99 Telephone 01631 740281.

PLAYSTATION & 3 GAMES Resistance 1, Resistance 2 and Killzone 2, £10 the lot Telephone 01586 553967.

ROCKBAND GUITAR AND GAMES PS3 Rockband guitar, with Rockband and Guitar hero Metallica games, in great condition, £30 Telephone 01586 553967.

UPS (uninterruptible power supply) Trust PW-4080T UPS, 800VA. Protect your computer from power cuts and surges. Also protects modem/fax/phone. Can deliver Oban., £30 Telephone 07725 877480.

DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

FRIDGE FREEZER Bush, one yr old, £200 new, sell £120. Ikea king size mattress, Sultan Savang, 2yrs old, good condition, £75, buyer collects. Telephone 01681 710497.

MORPHY RICHARDS 3 tier food steamer, as new, £10 Telephone 01631 565316.

W H I R L P O O L FREESTANDING Fridge Freezer, 3 stars, white, perfect working condition, £35 Telephone 01631 720073.

FURNITURE

2 SEATER SETTEE cane/basket weave with padded floral wrap round cushions, very good condition, £30 Telephone 01631 564578.

BED - MEMORY FOAM double divan with luxury temperature reactive memory foam mattress. (New, still wrapped) Can deliver Cost £599 must sell Accept, £180 Telephone 07900 873653.

BEECH SIDEBOARD large modern, with two doors and 4 drawers, ex Matheson, bargain at, £49 Telephone 01631 564557 or 07900 544154.

BUNK BEDS strong metal-framed bunk beds. Slot together, can be used as two single beds, £40 Telephone 07725 877480.

CANE DRESSING TABLE lovely, unusual dressing table, with drawers and separate mirror, £10 Telephone 01852 200257.

CANE/WEAVE 3 PIECE SUITE with padded cushions. Conservatory or living room, very good condition, £49.99 Telephone 01631 564578.

KINGSIZE BED base with four drawers, cost £460 new Jan 2011 (mattress available free), buyer uplifts, offers. Telephone 01866 822492.

SOLID PINE BED painted grey. Single bed, excellent condition, £30 Telephone 01631 720073.

WALL UNIT Ikea Besta, solid wood, ash finish, includes PC workstation, 6'x6', £150.00 ono Telephone 01631 570053.

GARDEN

GARDEN SHED 10ft by 8ft wooden shed (Beaver Timber). Seven yrs old. Needs painting and minor repairs. Buyer dismantles/collects (Connell), £49.99 Telephone 01631 710110.

NORTH STAR HOT TUB (ROUND) very good condition & complete with cover, steps, underwater light. Spa is less than a year old, runs on 13 amp, great fun, £2250 Telephone 07747 308091.

HEATING, FIRES AND FIREPLACES

NIGHT STORAGE HEATER Dimplex slim night storage heater good working order Length 40"x Height 27"x Depth 5.1/2" seen in Onich (Free to collector). Telephone 01855 821519.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

TROPICAL FISH Swordtails, many males & females, red, red/black, silver/blue, 5mths old, CAMPBELTOWN, £1.50 Telephone 07899 008339.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT

SKY PLUS BOX Pace Sky Plus Model BSKYB3100. Comes with remote and viewing card. Excellent condition. Can deliver Oban area., £30 Telephone 07725 877480.

HOME FURNISHINGS

CEILING LIGHTS Two elegant ceiling lights by Poole Lighting, brass with three opaque glass globes. Excellent condition. Can deliver Oban area, £30 Telephone 07725 877480.

COFFEE TABLE Homebase Montreal oak coffee table, 2 drawers, vgc, £49.00 Telephone 01631 564331.

PINE CUPBOARD beautifully made Douglas Fir, free standing cupboard with blue top. Two doors, shelf, ideal for Farmhouse Kitchen or for toys, £25 Telephone 01852 200542.

WALL LIGHTS two elegant wall lights by Poole Lighting, brass with two opaque glass globes. Excellent condition. Can deliver Oban area, £15 Telephone 07725 877480.

LIVESTOCK

POINT OF LAY PULLETS All Breeds. Telephone 01786 842788 or 07500 264977.

QUALITY ALPACAS FOR SALE

PRICES TO SUIT ALL BUDGETS DELIVERY AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE TEL Andrew on 01852 200725 Real Characters WARNING - VERY ADDICTIVE!

MAIL ORDER

SCOTTISH FIELD CALENDARS, featuring spectacular photography of some of our most scenic lochs, rivers, beaches and mountains. Always a popular gift for family and friends at home or abroad. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

MARINE UNDER £250

DINGHY TRAILER suit 9 - 12ft, new wheels and tyres, ready for road, £140 Telephone 01499 500216.

LUCAS M45 SERIES 12V starter motor suit Lister or Perkins, £49 Telephone 01586 552240.

SEAGULL OUTBOARD ENGINE British, Model WHC250AA4 series 102 with clutch. Complete and in working order with handbook, parts list and some spares, £49.99 Telephone 01546 886300.

MISCELLANEOUS

FUEL CONTAINERS (Jerry can type); metal; 20 litre capacity; good condition, £6 Telephone 01546 886300.

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT

20L FUEL JUG Acerbis 20l quick fill fuel jug, reasonable condition, fill your bike quickly and safely, £25 Telephone 01499 302674.

ALPINESTARS TECH6 MOTOCROSS Boots, in blue, size 9, used but in good condition, all buckles etc intact, soles good also, £40 Telephone 01499 302674.

BODY ARMOUR Make, NO FEAR, size large in blue, very good condition, suit adult male in size, £20 Telephone 01499 302674.

HYDRAULIC PUMP UP BIKE STAND suitable for motocross bike, pump up stand, lifts bike up 3ft, ideal for working on or maintenance. Good condition, £49.99 Telephone 01499 302674.

METZELER 6 DAYS EXTREME ENDURO Tyre, used but plenty meat left on it yet, good practice tyre, road legal also, £20 Telephone 01499 302674.

MOTO X TYRES Golden tyre gt216 140/80 18" Vee rubber V211 140/8018" both got plenty life left in them, I think they're both road legal too, £30 Telephone 01499 302674.

MOTOCROSS GEAR BAG quite big, boot compartment etc Wulf sport. blue/black in colour, £17 Telephone 01499 302674.

STEP UP STAND step up stand suitable for motocross bike, gets both wheels off the ground, good condition, £16 Telephone 01499 302674.

THOR KTM COLOURS FORCE MOTOX Helmet, size large, used in very good cond. washable liner, in helmet bag. Also have an aria to sell separate, £40 Telephone 01499 302674.

USED MOTOX MICHELIN S12, 130/80x18" used but plenty tread left, good condition, £15.00 Telephone 01499302674.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

ELECTRIC GUITAR (fender Copy), hardly used, with gig bag, ideal for beginner, good condition, £20 Telephone 01586 553967.

OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

BOYS GOLF SET left handed, including bag, £40 Telephone 01631 710541.

BOYS GOLF SET right handed, including bag, £30 Telephone 01631 710541.

LOMO DRYBAG 37 x 67cm, very good condition, £5 Telephone 07852 989786.

POWER TOOLS

PILLAR DRILL / BENCH PRESS Clarke Metalworker Pillar Drill complete with 3" bench vice. Good working order. 5 speed. Can deliver Oban area, £49.99 Telephone 07725 877480.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

COLOUR COPYING A4/A3, single/double sided, reduce/enlarge, from originals, files on disk or by email. A4 copies from 25p. Call Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

ENVELOPES Wide range of sizes and colours, sold individually or by the box. Contact Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

TOYS AND GAMES

BIGTRAK TOY (remake of classic 80s model), brand new, still in box, ideal Xmas gift, £20 Telephone 01586 553967.

ELC KITCHEN with accessories, including a hob with sizzle effect. Also comes with a working light, as new, £30 Telephone 01631 720073.

WANTED

ONE OR TWO KITTENS must deliver. Telephone 01855 831242 (Kinlochleven).

SCRAP METAL all types of scrap metal, we uplift scrap cars, call Mr Cook, West Coast Scrap Metals. Telephone 01499 500638 or 07787 991636.

www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk

TURN YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS INTO CASH!

UNDER £50 FREE!

Visit the website at www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk to input your details and not only will your ad appear online but will also appear in the Oban Times, The Campbeltown Courier, and The Argyllshire Advertiser

ITEMS UNDER £50 ARE FREE

alternatively you can fill in the form below and hand it in to any of our offices (details below)

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE MONDAY 4.00pm NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS PLEASE

ITEM DESCRIPTION PRICE TELEPHONE

ONLY ONE ITEM PER COUPON

FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS INPUT YOUR DETAILS ONLINE AT www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL WEST HIGHLAND OFFICES: OLAN: The Oban Times, Lockaville Industrial Estate, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB

FORT WILLIAM: The Oban Times, Manore House, The Parade, Fort William PH33 8BA

CAMPBELTOWN: The Campbeltown Courier, Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

LOCHALPHECH: Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochalphech, Argyll PA31 6HB

Photographic Orders

You can order photographs published in this newspaper

A5 photograph: £4.41

A4 photograph: £6.76

Order from the relevant offices by filling in the coupon below, quoting the code, shown alongside the picture

Name Address

Picture code Date of Paper A5 No. of copies (£4.41 per photograph (incl. vat)) A4 No. of copies (£6.76 per photograph (incl. vat))

Total

Payment can be made in cash or by cheque, (cheques to be made out to Wyvex Media) To cover postage and packing 1 to 3 photos £1.30 extra charge, 4 to 5 photos £1.60 charge. Any more is an extra £2 charge.

Please send your order to:

The Oban Times PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB Tel: 01631 568000

The Oban Times Manore House, Fort William, PH33 8BA Tel: 01397 703003

Campbeltown Courier Centre, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE Tel: 01586 554646

Argyllshire Advertiser Argyll Street, Lochalphech, PA31 6HB Tel: 01546 602345

UNWANTED ITEM TO SELL?

Be seen by over 40,000 readers

Tel: 01631 568000

www.obantimes.co.uk



Great stories, news, views and photos are just a click away

as well as sport, leisure, what's on, recruitment, property section and much more - you can even order a copy online

VISIT US AT www.obantimes.co.uk

Argyll services

caravans

www.argyllholidays.com

Caravans for sale

ON SITE CARAVANS from £8,950

Loch Awe Holiday Park - 14 miles from Oban

Contact us today on 01866 822 666

OFF SITE CARAVANS from £1,095

Loch Awe Holiday Park, PA28 6AE

Ideal for temporary use - Can be delivered to your location

PENINVER SANDS CARAVANS CAMPBELTOWN

FOR SALE (Off-site)

SELECTION OF PRE-OWNED

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOM STATIC CARAVANS.

SIZES FROM 23ft x 10ft to 35ft x 12ft.

PRICES FROM £1,500

CARAVAN TRANSPORT SERVICE

LOCAL & LONG DISTANCE

COMPETITIVE RATES

For Further info: Tel 01586 552262

Or 07901 843690

plumbing & heating

We install and maintain plumbing systems

We install and maintain all types of central heating

We maintain all types of boilers

We install underfloor heating systems

J M Gillies Ltd

Unit 6 Tweedmill Soroba Road Oban, Argyll

Tel: 01631 565636

Fax: 01631 564724

Email: information@jmgillies.co.uk

removals & storage

MACQUEEN BROS LTD

Removals/Storage & Self Storage

Full range of packing materials

Glengallan Road, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HG

Tel: (01631) 564848

www.macqueenbros.com

window blinds

Chris Craft window blinds

OBAN 01852 300174 FORT WILLIAM 01855 831480

FREE MEASURING / FREE ESTIMATES

FREE FITTING / MADE IN SCOTLAND

ALL BLINDS MADE TO MEASURE

FREEPHONE 0800 371250

Check out our Customer Views at

www.customers.chriscraft.co.uk

construction services

WJS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Project Management • General Building

Groundworks • Drainage • Mini Digger Hire

Tel: 07920 111400 or 01852 300077

email: wilhelmsander@btinternet.com

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited.

1. The agreement is between the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited Limited and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

2. Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.

3. The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.

4. The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.

5. An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertisement by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.

6. Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.

**BIRTHS**

**DAVIDSON** - David and Ann are delighted to welcome their grandson Callum Gregor. Born 23-9-11. Son of Iain and Louise.  
**McGREGOR** - Gordon and Claire are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Cullen Duncan on September 17, 2011 at Portsmouth. A brother for Eryn and grandson for Donald and Marion, Benderloch.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**McKIE - MAIR**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Kevin, son of Iain and Sheila McKie, Inverness and Catriona, daughter of Alastair and Fiona Mair, Edinburgh. Congratulations Kevin and Catriona and best wishes for your future together.

**RUBY WEDDING**

**MACLEAN - FLETCHER** - At Loch Don Free Church, Loch Don on October 1, 1971, Archie and Cathie were married by Rev David Fraser.

**DEATHS**

**BLUE** - Lillian Margaret, died peacefully at home, Glenfoot Terrace, Oban, on Thursday September 22, 2011, aged 60 years. Beloved daughter of Mary and the late Donald Blue. Loving sister of Donnie, Brian, Mary and Robert. Funeral service will be held in Church of Scotland, Glencruitten Road, Oban on Friday September 30, 2011, at 1pm, thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Salvation Army and Glencruitten Road Church Funds.

**BOLSOM** - née Marshall. On September 22, 2011, Jean Diana peacefully in Chesham, Bucks, after a difficult illness, bravely borne, aged 67 years. Dearly beloved partner of Michael, loving mother of Julia and Laura, grandma of Tilly and Oscar, daughter of the late Andrew and Muriel Marshall, Taynait and sister of Esme, Colonsay and aunt of Sandy. All communications to Wright Funeral Directors, Great Missenden, Bucks. Telephone 01494 863101.

**FLETCHER** - Helen, DL, wife of Archie Fletcher of Dunans, died peacefully on September 15, 2011 in Somerset. Funeral to be held at St. Benedict's Church, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, BA3 4HR, on Tuesday October 18, at 11am. Enquiries to Forsey and Son, FD, 01458 272297.

**GRAHAM** - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on September 21, 2011, in her 88th year, Margaret Sutherland nee Saddington, beloved wife of the late James Graham, dear mum of Margaret and the late Gordon, loving granny to Ailsa, Jamie, Graham and great granny to Struan.

**McPHERSON** - Auntie Lizzie passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Islay Hospital on September 26, 2011, aged 86 years. Remembered with fondness and love.

**MORRISON** - Passed away peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on September 23, 2011, Margaret, (Peggy), loving wife of Johnny, 8 Creag-An-Airm, Oban, much loved mum, gran and great gran. Sadly missed by all.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMPBELL** - The family of the late Mary (Mamie) Campbell wish to thank relations and friends for their expressions of sympathy following our recent loss. Special thanks must go to Dr Jespersen, the District Nurses, the Homecare and Medico teams for their attendance and support over the years. Many thanks also to Ken Hunter and members of the Congregational Church, Hamish Hoey for the funeral arrangements, Norman Carmichael for his valuable assistance and to all who paid their last respects.

**DAW** - Katherine and Paul would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and cards received on the recent sad loss of Hughie. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Glen Mor Surgery for their attentive caring and support, to Catherine, Michelle and Kay, Macmillan nurses and Elspeth and Jimmy, Crossroads for their care, Rev Younger for his comforting and uplifting service and Mike McFall for efficient and caring funeral arrangements. A collection of £262.50 was raised for Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland.

**MACCORQUODALE** - Hugh, Mary, Neil and Megan would firstly like to offer thanks to everyone for their kind words at this difficult time, and especially to our neighbours for their help and understanding. We would also like to thank everyone for the phone calls, letters, sympathy cards and much baking received. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the good work of the doctors and nurses of the Lorn Medical Centre, the staff of Ward B at the Lorn and Islands Hospital and also the Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses. However, we would like especially to thank Care Plus for taking care of Cathie in her hours of need: Helen, Sharon and their team were fantastic. Furthermore we are greatly obliged to D & A Munn for all the funeral arrangements and Soroba House for an excellent lunch. We offer our thanks to those who travelled so far to be there on the day and to all who came along to pay their respects at the church and at the graveside. Finally, not forgetting Mr Donald MacKinnon who provided an exceptional service on the day.

**SPROAT** - The family of the late Harry, only son of Mary and George, would like to thank relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy received. Thanks also to doctors and staff at Tobermory Surgery, Dunarros Hospital, helicopter crew, Lorn and the Islands Hospital, ambulance crew, Southern General Hospital, Rev

Ian Thom, Undertakers, Dunfermline, the Tobermory Lifeboat crew, Douglas MacNeillage for his kind words when scattering Harry's ashes on the Sound of Mull, Mr MacDonald who conducted the lovely memorial service at Tobermory Parish Church, to all who attended and Park Lodge for catering. The wonderful donations amounted to £850 for the RNLI.

- Harry's sisters: Mary and family, Caol, Sandra and family, Inverness, Georgina and family, Tobermory, Harry's family, Dunfermline and daughter Irene, Tobermory.

**MEMORIALS**

**BEACHAM** - Margaret, passed away October 1, 2010.

A very much loved mother and friend, who is missed every day and with every tear we shed.

- All your children, grand children and great grand children.

**GRAY** - In loving memory of Willie, a loving dad, granda and great-grandpa, who died September 29, 2004.

Words are few Thoughts are deep Memories of you We will always keep.

- Love Irene and family. xxx

**MACDONALD** - In loving memory of my dear mother, Julia, who passed away on September 30, 2008.

Will miss you forever.

- Julie and Roddy, Inverness

**MACINNES** - Precious memories of Roddy, who died tragically on September 28, 2010, aged 17 years.

Forever in my thoughts.

- From your loving mum. Also remembering Kirsty Bryden who died along with Roddy.

**MACINNES** - Roddy, tragically killed September 28, 2010.

Life without you is very hard to bear

For losing you the way we did will always seem unfair

You left behind some broken hearts

But happy memories too But we never wanted memories we only wanted you

Your place of rest we visit Your flowers we place with care

But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there

You are in our thoughts every day Roddy.

- Dad.

**MACINNES** - Roddy, our brother who left us on September 28, 2010.

In our hearts forever.

- Violet, Marina and Hazel.

**MACINNES** - In memory of my grandson Roddy, died tragically one year ago.

There will always be heartache and always silent tears

But also happy memories of days when you were here.

- Granny.

**MACINNES** - In loving memory of my dear grandson Roddy, aged 17, who tragically died as a result of a road accident on September 28, 2010.

- Granny, Newton.

**MACINNES** - Treasured memories of our much loved nephew and cousin Roddy, so tragically taken from us on September 28, 2010.

- Auntie Vava and family.

**MACKECHNIE** - In loving memory of our dear son, brother and uncle John who died on September 27, 1992.

Time passes, memories stay

You're in our thoughts John every day

Forever missed and always remembered

In our hearts with love.

- Mum and Dad xx Precious memories of John.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.

- Marina, Cameron, Emma xx

**McCULLOCH** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret Cameron Stevenson, who died September 30, 1996. Fondly remembered.

- By her husband, children and grandchildren at home and in Canada.

**McGRATH** - Treasured memories of our dear dad and grandpa, Joseph who died October 2 1979.

How I wish that I could say

I'll go and see my dad today

To sit and talk with him a while

To hear his voice and see his smile

Loved and remembered always

Your loving children and grandchildren xx

**SCOTT** - In memory of Jean, a loved and loving wife, mum and granny, who died October 1, 2000.

Remembered every day.

- Eddie, Pamela, Edmund, Gordon, David, Bronwen, Kirsten, Caitlin, Gavin and Sarah xxxx

**STEWART** - In loving memory of a dear mum, Ann, granny and great granny, who died October 5, 2006.

Your life was one of kindly deeds

And helping hands for others needs

Beautiful memories are left behind

Sadly missed.

- Ronald, Kate, Neil, Rhoda, Isabel and families.

**THOMSON** - In loving memory of Isabel a very dear mum, gran and great gran, who died September 28, 2001.

Sadly missed along life's way

Quietly remembered everyday.

- Renee, Ian, Charles, Alice and families.

**WALKER** - In loving memory of my dear mother who passed away on October 4, 1990.

Sadly missed.

- Inserted by her loving son Archie.

**Tea and treats at Glencruitten**



At the ready: Volunteers were on hand to serve tea, coffee and treats at the Glencruitten Church Centre on Saturday to raise funds for the North Argyll Eventide Home fundraising committee. The annual coffee morning has become a major fixture in the group's fundraising efforts, with the proceeds going towards providing treats for the residents, such as Christmas gifts, sweets and concerts. Pictured practising for the morning rush are, from left, Maureen Devine, Fiona MacKillop, Maire MacGillivray and Sarah Kerr. 15\_139coffee1

**Glencoe minister uses his private line to God**

AT AN Ecumenical Harvest Service at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Glencoe, last Sunday, the Rev Adrian Fallows used his mobile phone at the pulpit to converse with the Almighty about His views on aid to starving people in Africa.

Convincingly, he contrasted the failure of most Christian people, who have plenty to eat and to spare, with the utter need of thousands of God's people in the Horn of Africa, presently experiencing utter famine.

The almighty was quoted, in the course of the phone conversation, as saying that the

failure was tragic, and that He only hoped that the people over here would respond fully to the crying need of His people over there.

The Rev Father Francis, Parish Priest of Glencoe-Balachulish took part of the Service, which concluded with a brief but musically perfect performance on the accordion by Mark Fullerton, Glencachulish, a young Catholic, aged 9, and a final collection to Mary's Meals as the congregation left the church raised more than £250.

Tea was served in the hall afterwards.

**Thought for the week**

**A cat dies and goes to Heaven**

A CAT dies and goes to heaven.

God meets him at the gate and says: 'You have been a good cat all these years.

'You can have anything you desire, all you have to do is ask.'

'Well,' said the cat, 'I lived all my life on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.'

'Say no more,' says God and instantly a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, six mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to heaven.

God meets them at the gate with the same offer he made to the cat.

'All our life,' the mice say, 'we've had to run.'

'Cats, dogs, women with brooms have chased us.

'If we had roller skates,

we wouldn't have to run any more.'

God says he can take care of it and, instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

A week later God checks on the cat, which is asleep on its pillow.

God gently nudges him awake and asks: 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?'

'Never been happier,' says the cat, stretching and yawning. 'And those meals on wheels you've been sending over are great.'

Isn't it good to have a laugh? I think sometimes we need to smile and laugh a little more.

As I grow in my faith, I find myself going back to the simple truths of God.

One of my favourite truths

is: 'Where God guides, God will provide.'

God constantly guides and provides in every detail of life, in the big and small things. Doesn't God want the best for us?'

He has a plan set out for our lives and we are to live out this plan and be in tune with His will.

This is not only believing in God, but obeying Him as well.

Think about your life. Is God providing you with the necessary 'tools' to go in the direction you are taking? Or is God not providing? Remember, only where God guides, will God provide. Where God does not provide, He is not guiding!

Put your trust in God and have a blessed week.

Rev Robert E Brookes



**Surprise reunion as congregation honours long-serving member**

EARLIER this month, the congregation of Iona Parish Church was all ready to honour their longest serving member, Crawford Morison, but due to gales and bad weather the minister, Rev Linda Pollock, was unable to get across for the occasion. However the sun was shining last Sunday and the event went ahead.

As an added bonus, one of the visitors to the church was a lady who visited Iona in 1950 for a youth camp that Crawford also attended, so it was an unexpected reunion. Crawford, whose association with the church goes back 56 years, is pictured with Rev Pollock.

**CHARITY DONATIONS**

**WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT**  
 Working towards a time when every person in Scotland has equal and ready access to the best information, treatment and care for cancer  
 West of Scotland Fundraising Office  
 1st Floor, Erskine House  
 North Avenue, Clydebank  
 Business Park, Clydebank G81 2DR  
**Tel 0808 100 6000**  
 In memory of Dawn Joyce

**Oban Hospice**  
 CARING FOR THE FUTURE  
 Donations always gratefully accepted  
 Please contact  
**David Mudie (Treasurer)**  
**Oban Hospice Ltd**  
 The Croft  
 Kilmore

**FOR THE BLIND CHILDREN OF SCOTLAND'S ACADEMIC TUITION AT THE ROYAL SCHOOL IN EDINBURGH**  
 Please give your financial support by donation, deed of covenant or legacy  
 Please send to **Appeals Department, Highland Arts Effort, Royal Blind Asylum School, P.O. Box 500, Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 4HZ.**

**MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE**  
**Oban & Lorn Fundraising Branch**  
 Donations always gratefully accepted  
 Please contact  
 Mrs Lillian Kermode  
 Tynwald, Glenburn,  
 Soroba Road, Oban  
 01631 571009

**CANCER RESEARCH UK**  
**Fighting Cancer on all fronts...**  
 CRC Scotland spends more on research than any other organisation  
**Commitment of over £15 million each year**  
 Cancer Research UK Scotland  
 Suite 1/1, Unit 4 Blair Court  
 Clydebank Business Park  
 Clydebank, G81 2LA

**Follow us on facebook**  
 www.facebook.com/obantimes

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANGLICAN COMMUNION**  
 Sunday 2 October 2011  
 Trinity 15  
 St John's Cathedral, Oban  
 Harvest Thanksgiving  
 Holy Communion.....08.00  
 Sung Eucharist.....10.15  
 Sunday School and Creche  
 Loop System  
 Large Print Hymn Books  
 All Welcome  
 Norman MacCallum,  
 Provost.  
 (01631) 562323  
 St Columba, Gruline, Mull  
 Holy Communion..... 11.00

**LORN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
 Sunday  
 North Connel Hall  
 10:30am  
 All Welcome  
 01866 822286 or  
 07788598843  
 www.lorncf.org.uk

**ASSOCIATED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OBAN**  
 Campbell Street Church  
 Sunday 2 October 2011  
 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
 Phone-In 'Worship Link' available  
 Rev. Archie McPhail  
 MA, MTh  
 (01631) 567076  
 All welcome

**Stokes Memorials**  
 Serving Argyll and the Highlands & Islands for over 35 years  
 Established 1973 - Fraser Downie, Master Sculptor  
 • New and traditional memorials. • Work carried out in any cemetery.  
 • Additional lettering. • Free estimates and advice.  
 • Cleaning and renovations. • House signs.  
 • Pet memorials.  
 312/314 Argyll Street, Dunoon • Tel/Fax 01349 792161 • Email: info@stokesmemorials.co.uk

**MEMORIALS**

**BEST FOR NEWS, VIEWS & PHOTOS**  
**The Oban Times**  
 & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES  
 Tel: 01631 568000  
 www.obantimes.co.uk



Youngsters at Sgoil Araich Gaelic Medium pre-five unit. 15\_136pre5rock01



Rockfield's mainstream pre-five unit. 16\_136campus1

**Theme of 'growing' inspires Rockfield pre-school uniforms**

YOUNGSTERS at Rockfield's pre-five units are the first to sport a new uniform.

Mrs Margaret Cain, principal teacher responsible for pre-five education, said they had introduced the purple sweater and polo shirt, featuring a tree that was very special to the school.

She said: 'The vision for the nursery is all about learning and growing together, that's why there is the tree.'

'There is also a link with the old Rockfield school. The whole town of Oban knows at the bottom of the brae at the old school there was an old sycamore tree, and we decided to keep that link going.'

Rockfield has both a Gaelic Medium pre-five unit, Sgoil Araich and the mainstream nursery.

**Church stalwarts recognised**



Two Ballachulish residents have been presented with certificates to honour their many years of service at St Munda's Church. Kathleen Thorburn has attended the church for the past 46 years, and has spent many of them playing the organ at Sunday services. Willie MacDonald has been clerk to the church congregational board for 32 years. The certificates were presented by Rev Alison Burnside, in one of her last official duties before she and family leave for Orkney.

# Top two face up in potential premier league decider

NEWTONMORE and KYLES ATHLETIC face each other at Tighnabruich on Saturday in a match that could decide the destiny of the premier league title.

Just two points separate the teams, who will both have two games to play after the clash.

However, a Kyles win would all but bring the title back to Argyll, with the south team then needing just one point from their last two games.

More manager Norman MacArthur told The Oban Times he wanted the win to pile the pressure on Kyles for the rest of the run in.

He said: 'We'll just treat it like any other game.'

'We've got to win and put the pressure on them, that's the first step. I think they've got the two harder games, so you never know what can happen.'

More defeated Inveraray at The Eilan last weekend, recording a comfortable 3-0 victory. Glen Macintosh scored all three goals, although relegation battlers Inveraray restricted the half time score to 1-0.

'We played well enough,' MacArthur said. 'Our keeper didn't really have a save to make and their keeper was outstanding.'

Kyles trainer James Perlich said the team had worked hard in the lead up to the game.

'The boys have done so well this season but it all comes down to this Saturday. We know what's

at stake but we'll prepare for this game like we prepare for any other because that has worked for us all season long.

'The boys have been pretty calm about the league situation and no-one is really talking about it because it is uncharted territory for this team.'

'In Tighnabruich the Scottish cup is the one everyone wants to win but this team has more respect for the league and they really want it.'

Kyles' nerve and fitness was tested by a plucky Oban Camanachd last weekend, who went a goal up at Mossfield, however, David Zavaroni, Roddy MacDonald and Fraser MacDonald secured the vital two points.

At the other end of the table INVERARAY are relying on results going their way as they aim to avoid relegation from the premier league. Even if Inveraray win at already relegated Dalmally this Saturday, they will still have to keep an eye on results posted by Oban Camanachd and Lovat for the remainder of the season.

Defender Chris Crawford said: 'We are not going to be complacent on Saturday because we really need the two points.'

'Glenorchy haven't won a game yet and we don't want to be the team they do it against.'

'Hopefully we have the points in the bag when Lovat play Kilmallie. We are hoping certain results go our way.'

Inveraray welcome the experi-

enced Douglas Dando back into the fold for Saturday.

Last weekend, Inveraray could not match a strong Newtonmore and a young side did well to keep the scoreline respectable at 3-0. A dejected GLENORCHY will have to try and cope with an Inveraray side desperate for a win on Saturday.

With no points on the board and only three games left to change that statistic, Glenorchy should be up for the battle against their near rivals but coach Allan MacKechnie admits the difficult season has taken its toll on his players.

'Derbies like this should give the team that extra incentive but the boys are lacking a bit of passion and drive and I see Inveraray coming here all guns blazing,' he said.

'We have been resigned to playing in South Division One next season for a while and I will give a few of the reserve boys a run out in the last few games.'

'There are a few of the first team players who have been carrying injuries and they don't want to make it worse by playing in the remaining games.'

Last weekend the Dalmally men did put up a fight when Kingussie came south but the Kings' superior fitness told in a 7-0 defeat.

KINGUSSIE travel to face Lovat this weekend as they look to consolidate fourth place. Kings overtook Glenurquhart last weekend after their 7-0 win against Glenorchy in Taynuilt.

Manager Steven Borthwick told The Oban Times a number of first team players will miss the game, including Iain Borthwick, Paul Gow and James Hutchison.

He said: 'It's going to be a tough game; Lovat are a good team when they turn up and we'll have a weakened squad again. For the last four months we've been missing players, but it's meant we've been able to bleed a few more youngsters.'

Last weekend's game against Glenorchy was moved from Dalmally after Mart Park was ruled unplayable. Glenorchy, yet to pick up a point, performed well in the first half but went in 2-0 down after goals from Ronald Ross and Martin Dallas.

Ross completed his hat trick with goals in the 58<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> minute, before Hamish Anderson made the score 5-0 in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute.

With three minutes to play Rory MacGregor scored and Ross added the seventh goal in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute.

LOVAT take on Kingussie at Balgait Park on Saturday having not hit a shinty ball in anger in seven weeks.

Coach John MacRitchie was left fuming last weekend when the game at Kilmallie was called

off and no alternative pitch was found, leaving his team to kick their heels in their battle to avoid the drop.

MacRitchie told The Oban Times: 'It was disappointing to say the least - the weather was fine in Fort William on Saturday. It was frustrating not to get a game - I think the park was playable, but there's nothing you can do about it.'

'Now there's a lot of the boys who are on holiday for the rearranged fixture on October 15. I don't see how the game was not switched to a playable pitch.'

The coach will have almost a full squad available for the Kingussie match. Euan Ferguson will be back in the squad, although Fraser Gallagher remains sidelined.

MacRitchie said: 'If we can get a point I will be happy - and hopefully Glenorchy can do us a favour against Inveraray. We will just need to see if we can take something on Saturday.'

OBAN CAMANACHD were disappointed with the result, but happy with the performance against title-chasing Kyles Athletic at Mossfield last Saturday.

And co-manager Diarmid MacMillan hopes the team can carry their form into next weekend's crucial tie against Glenurquhart.

Diarmid said: 'I will be away on holiday on Saturday but I will be hanging by the phone to find out the result.'

'If we can take our form into this Saturday's match with Glenurquhart, I see no reason why we can't get something from the tie.'

'We will have a full squad available to us apart from Matt Rippon, who is injured for the rest of the season.'

Last weekend's defeat to Kyles came after the Oban side took the lead.

'We were very unlucky and disappointed not to hold out for a draw as we played very well and defended well,' said Diarmid.

'We scored first through Iain MacMillan and looked like scoring more but we missed good chances and other good shots were saved.'

'Lorne Dickie missed one on the goal line and they scored twice late on in the game.'

GLENURQUHART travel to take on Oban Camanachd this Saturday hoping to regain fourth spot in the premier division.

The Drumnadrochit side have not played for the last eight weeks and were pushed down to fifth by Kingussie last weekend.

With Oban still battling relegation, Glenurquhart manager Jim Barr knows his side will need to perform well to take any points back north with them.

The Glen won 4-1 when the sides last met in an eventful match in July, which saw both sides having a man sent off.



Kyles goalscorer Roddie MacDonald is shadowed by Oban Camanachd's Robert Alexander during Saturday's match. Picture by John MacTavish

## Kilmory hope victory will be league lifeline as Lochaber secure second spot

KILMORY chairman Angus Gilmour admits his side would be 'very disappointed' to be relegated after victory on Saturday ensured they would not finish bottom of South Division One.

A 4-1 victory against Aberdour, thanks to goals from Alex Cunningham (2), Andy Cunningham and Duncan MacBrayne, consigned their rivals to bottom place in the table but the Fifers have a reserve team in South Division Two, complicating the relegation issue.

Results in the premier league will also affect division one, with the prospect of a relegated Oban Camanachd pushing Lochside Rovers down into division two.

Angus said: 'We made hard work of it, missing early chances but it was a good result on Saturday.'

'That should make us safe and with the pressure off I hope we can put in two good performances against Kyles and Bute in the last two games.'

'We would be very disappointed to go down because the rules state that the

bottom-placed team will be relegated and we would hope the Camanachd Association would honour that.'

'However, there are various permutations to take into account.'

A win on Saturday against Kyles Athletic would put Kilmory even on points with the Tighnabruich outfit with one game to play.

A confident TAYNUILT will go out on Saturday to try and do what no other team has done in South Division One this season - take points from league champions Bute.

Happy to have their final game of the season at home, Taynuilt will give everything they have to try and dent the islanders' 100 per cent record.

Coach Fraser Inglis said: 'We've had a great season, considering it is only our second year in this league.'

'We've finished in the top half of the table and progressed well in the cups, including reaching the semi-final of the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup.'

'We have also qualified for the Macaulay Cup for the first time in our history. It is going to be

really difficult to beat Bute on Saturday but hopefully we'll have a good crowd there.'

'The boys need to put everything they have into this game because it's a long time before we play again.'

OBAN CELTIC'S David Hamilton, replied: 'It's not been our best,' when asked to sum up his side's 2011 campaign.

After a strong finish in last season's South Division One, Celtic have struggled this term with injuries and have been more concerned with avoiding relegation than chasing league honours.

Celtic lost 6-1 to league champions Bute last weekend, with Kenny Wotherspoon netting a consolation goal, but hope to take something from their final game of the season in Glasgow on Saturday.

'We're a few players short for Saturday against a very good Glasgow Mid Argyll,' said David.

'We're hoping to finish with a positive result but I feel it has been a tougher league this year and we haven't been helped by long-term injuries to crucial and experienced players. We

can't afford to lose two or three senior players because we don't have the depth of squad required.'

'We'll need to take a look at that for next season.'

LOCHABER rounded off their Marine Harvest North Division One season in style with a comfortable 7-2 win over Lochcarron at Spean Bridge on Saturday.

Zander Ferguson opened the scoring in the 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, and just 13 minutes later the score was 4-0, after two strikes from Ben Delaney and one from Shaun Nicolson.

Ferguson and Nicolson both scored again after half time, with Ferguson completing his hat trick with three minutes left.

Lochcarron fielded some inexperienced players and created plenty of chances to score, but only managed to beat Lochaber keeper Calum MacDonald twice.

Lochaber's win meant they finish the season in second place, nine points behind league winners Kinlochshiel, while Lochcarron have to settle for fifth.



Inveraray's David MacPherson and Newtonmore's Fraser Mackintosh clash during the north team's comfortable victory on Saturday. 17.139inver02

### Fixture

Saturday 1 October  
(All throw ups 2.30pm unless stated)

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**  
Glenorchy v Inveraray  
Colin MacDonald  
Kyles Athletic v Newtonmore  
Billy Wotherspoon  
Lovat v Kingussie  
Evan MacRae  
Oban Caman v Glenurquhart  
Dunkie Kerr

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Skye v Glengarry  
Deek Cameron  
Kilmallie v Glenurquhart  
John Angus Gillies Stats

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Kyles Athletic v Kilmory  
George O'Rourke  
Glasgow MA v Oban Celtic  
Gus Campbell  
Taynuilt v Bute  
Graham Irving Stats

### Results

**Scottish Hydro Premier Division**  
Kilmallie v Lovat  
Postponed  
Glenorchy 0, Kingussie 7  
Robert Baxter  
Match transferred to Taynuilt  
Newtonmore 3, Inveraray 0  
Graham Cameron  
Oban Caman 1, Kyles Ath 3  
Graham Irving

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Lochaber 7, Lochcarron 2  
Graeme MacMillan

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Fort William v Glengarry  
Postponed  
Kinlochshiel v Kilmallie  
Postponed

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Kyles Athletic v Lochside Rvs  
Postponed  
Oban Celtic 1, Bute 6  
Iain Kennedy  
Kilmory 4, Aberdour 1  
Deek Cameron

### League tables

Scottish Hydro Premier Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kyles Athletic	15	12	3	0	27
Newtonmore	15	11	3	1	25
Fort William	18	10	2	6	22
Kingussie	16	6	5	5	17
Glenurquhart	16	7	2	7	16
Kilmallie	15	7	1	7	15
Oban Camanachd	15	5	2	8	12
Inveraray	16	5	1	10	11
Lovat	15	5	1	9	11
Glenorchy	15	0	0	15	0

Marine Harvest North Division One	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kinlochshiel	14	14	0	0	28
Lochaber	14	9	1	4	19
Beaulieu	14	6	5	3	17
Caberfeidh	14	6	3	5	15
Lochcarron	14	4	5	5	13
Skye	14	4	2	8	10
Inverness	14	1	4	9	6
Strathglass	14	1	2	11	4

Marine Harvest South Division One	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bute	14	14	0	0	28
Glasgow MA	15	9	3	4	21
Lochside Rvs	15	8	2	5	18
Taynuilt	15	7	2	6	16
Ballachulish	16	8	2	7	16
Oban Celtic	15	4	4	7	12
Kyles Athletic	14	5	0	9	10
Kilmory	14	3	2	9	8
Aberdour	15	2	1	12	5

Marine Harvest North Division Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
Newtonmore	18	16	1	1	33
Fort William	17	11	3	3	25
Glenurquhart	15	10	0	5	20
Kingussie	18	7	2	9	16
Lochaber	18	7	0	11	14
Lovat	17	7	1	9	13
Skye	17	6	1	10	13
Kinlochshiel	17	6	1	10	13
Glenurquhart	17	6	0	11	12
Kilmallie	16	3	3	10	9

Marine Harvest South Division Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
Strachur	14	12	1	1	25
Tayforth	14	11	1	2	23
Bute	14	7	3	4	17
Colglen	14	7	0	7	14
Ballachulish	14	5	1	8	11
Inveraray	14	5	0	7	10
Glasgow MA	14	4	8	7	10
Aberdour	14	1	0	13	2

Marine Harvest North Division Three	P	W	D	L	Pts
Aberdeen U	16	16	0	0	32
Beaulieu	18	13	2	3	28
Boleskine	18	14	1	4	27
Caberfeidh	18	12	2	4	26
Lochcarron	18	7	2	9	16
Lochbroom	18	6	4	8	16
Inverness	18	5	1	12	11
Strathglass	17	4	1	13	9
Ardnamurchan	17	4	0	13	8
Lewis	18	1	1	15	3



**WIN £750**

LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...

This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

C Geddes  
Nant Drive, Oban

M Wilson  
Eochar, South Uist

**All you have to do**  
We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.  
If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.  
The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.  
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

**Easy to enter**  
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 12noon Tuesday.  
You may hand it into The Oban Times Head Office, Lochavullin, Oban by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

**Competition Rules**  
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.  
The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.  
In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.  
The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.  
Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

**Spot the SHINTY BALL Competition**



I enclose £1 for 20 crosses (tick box)  The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 20, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.  
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.  
How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen.  
Twenty crosses may be put on this coupon for £1.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Send to 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB

**Corporate stationery**  
Business cards, letterheads, envelopes, comp slips

**Personal stationery**  
Matching paper & envelopes,  
postcards, address labels

**krisp print**

Contact us at: Krisp Print & Stationery,  
Burnbank, Burnside Street,  
Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JD  
Tel: 01586 554975 Email: staff@krispprint.co.uk  
www.krispprint.co.uk

## Local drivers prepare for Colin MacRae Rally at Aberfeldy

### RALLYING

CREWS from Argyll and Skye will join the large entry list at this Saturday's Colin MacRae Forest Stages Rally.

The rally has received top billing on the national rally front, as it is the final round of both the RAC MSA Scottish Rally Championship and the Dunlop/WONAGO MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

Aberfeldy is now bracing itself for the influx of over 110 rally crews and their support teams from all four corners of the UK and the spectacle of the UK's top club rally drivers will attract rally fans in their thousands.

Locally, Connel's Shaun Sinclair and Oban's Chris Hamill will compete in the four-wheel drive class in their Mitsubishi Lancer EVO9.

Competing in the two-wheel drive category are: Skye's David and James Cameron in their Peugeot 205, Lochgilphead's Alister MacArthur drives his Talbot Sunbeam, Argyll crew Douglas Watt and Donald Munro race their Ford Escort Mk2 and Ally and Derek Galbraith of Lochgilphead compete in their Peugeot 205 GTI. Leading the championship charge are current BHRC Champions David Stokes and Guy Weaver in their Category 2 Ford Escort Mk1.

The Category 3 field includes two of the biggest names in rallying history, Stig Blomqvist and Jim McRae.

The whole event is set to get underway at 7.40 am when the Historic cars are flagged off from the square in the centre of Aberfeldy, followed by the Scottish National competitors at 8.40 am.

# Rugby festival comes to Colonsay

One problem was the lack of a pitch on the island

POSTS will be cut from trees and groundwork is already underway on the pitch as rugby comes to the Isle of Colonsay.

The island, which has no recognised rugby pitch, is hosting its inaugural Isle of Colonsay Rugby Festival next year.

Scheduled to be played on July 28, teams from Arran, Islay, Mull and Oban have already expressed an interest.

A friendly match between Islay RFC and the Ochaloach Bears, a team representing Colonsay, was the inspiration behind the tournament. Tim Gabelko, spokesman for the Ochaloach Bears, said: 'The weekend in Islay was brilliant. Fingers crossed the Colonsay tournament can recreate that atmosphere but on a larger scale.'

An immediate problem facing the organisers was the lack of a rugby pitch on the island, as most of the land is used for farming.

Eventually, a location by Machrins Beach on the west coast of the island was secured,

### RUGBY



The School of Rugby pupils with, from left: Coach Billy Thomson, Argyll and Bute Rugby Development Officer Allan Wright and head of the School of Rugby, Murray Hamilton. 16\_139rug01

## Oban High named a School of Rugby due to quality of coaching

OBAN High School's exemplary rugby coaching set-up has been named one of 17 Schools of Rugby by the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU).

The recognition has allowed the school to pick a squad of 25 first year boys, who will train three times a week in order to improve their study discipline, as well their rugby skills.

Funding for the project has come through the SRU, from CashBack for Communities and has allowed the school to pay for coaching from Oban Lorne's Billy Thomson and modern apprentice coach, Fergus Matheson.

The scheme will work in partnership between the SRU, Oban High School and Oban Lorne RFC, which is providing much of the equipment.

Teacher Murray Hamilton, head of Oban School of Rugby, explained: 'The boys get two periods of rugby during the school week

### SCHOOL RUGBY

and one extra-curricular coaching session. The school periods are rotated, so they don't always miss the same classes.

'This scheme is about developing young people to give them the discipline and skill that rugby requires.

'They have to take that discipline into their studies and their behaviour in school has to match their behaviour on the pitch.'

The awarding of School of Rugby status follows on from the school's consecutive awards of bronze, silver and gold in the SRU's School Rugby Champion scheme.

The CashBack for Communities-funded programme will benefit from roughly £250,000, derived from the seized proceeds of crime each year.

## Tough Scottish Cup tie for Saints

### FOOTBALL

OBAN Saints return to action on Saturday after last weekend's break when they travel to take on top Caledonian League side Weirs Recreation in the first round of the Scottish Amateur Cup.

The game will take place at Lochinch, with a 2pm kick-off. Referee Jim Laird from Prestwick will be in charge.

Former player Ross Graham, now living and working in Glasgow, plays for Weirs and will be wanting to put one over on his brothers Jamie and Chris who will be in the Saints squad for Saturday's cup match.

Saints had three players, Keith Miller, Willie Gemmill and Myles McAuley in the Scottish League team who defeated Carlton YM 5-1 in the Douglas Harvey Memorial Trophy match held in Paisley last Sunday. Willie Gemmill netted one of the goals from a free kick.

## Senior Ladies Open held at Killin

### GOLF

THE Killin Senior Ladies Senior Open held on Wednesday 21 September was reduced to nine holes due to bad weather.

Overall Scratch: Margaret McRae (Pitlochry) 44. Overall Handicap: Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 36.

Silver Division: 1 Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 36; 2 Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly) 37; 3 Merope Dunlop (Old Ranfurly) 38.

Bronze Division: 1 Moira Hogg (Old Ranfurly) 38; 2 Christine Soutar (Blaigowrie) 39; 3 Sheena Davies (Crieff) 39.

Longest Drive - Silver: Janet Buchanan (Dalmally); Longest Drive - Bronze: Jo Miller (Taymouth).

Nearest the Pin: Mary Cullens (Strathguy) 9ft 8ins. Magic 2's: Margaret McRae (Pitlochry).

## Youth results and fixtures

### YOUTH FOOTBALL

LAST weekend's results:  
Under 13s 12, Goldenhill 2.  
Scoring for Saints were - Liam Higgins (3), Evan MacLennan (3), Jay Cooper (2), Lomond MacPherson, Ben Coates, Hector MacDonald and James MacIntyre

The Under 14s, 15s and 16s had no games.

This weekend's fixtures:  
Helensburgh v Under 13s;  
Milngavie v Under 14s;  
Under 15s v EDFC United; Under 16s v Strathleven.

## October Football Festivals

### COACHING

ARGYLL and Bute Council's Football Service is gearing up for the school October holidays.

Coaching courses are on offer all over Argyll and Bute, with the course in Oban taking place from October 17 - 21 at the Oban High School Community All Weather Pitch from 10am - 2pm.

For further information on any of the courses or to request an application please contact football@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Oban Lorne's Jemma Campbell is stopped in her tracks by the Broughton defence. 15\_139rug01

## Lorne Ladies lose to Broughton

AN UNDER-strength Oban Lorne women's squad lost 35-5 to Broughton on Sunday at Glencruitten.

A Larni Wright try was the only score for the home team in the RBS Women's National League match.

The women's next match is on October 9 away to Edinburgh University.

This Saturday is a full day at the Oban Lorne

### LADIES RUGBY

clubhouse, starting with a breakfast at 8am for the Scotland versus England world cup match.

Oban Lorne's men then take on Cumbernauld at 3pm and a people are urged to support the club by attending a fundraising auction from 8.30pm at the clubhouse.

## Belle Robertson plays in Dalmally charity event

### GOLF

FORMER Scotland and Great Britain golfer Belle Robertson was among those who took part in the annual Charity Invitation Day held by the ladies at Dalmally Golf Club.

Ms Robertson was making her first visit to Dalmally and the former Curtis Cup player finished the day in third place behind winner Gina Colman, of Dumbarton, and Anne Byiers.

The weather at the event on September 17 improved dramatically after an inauspicious start to the day with heavy showers.

An entry of 70 was received but only 57 took to the tee on the day, coming from far and near.

The Stableford competition provided an excellent standard of golf throughout the day, which

served to raise £1,100 for Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland and Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease.

All the visiting players expressed their enjoyment of the day and of the wonderful food, for which Dalmally has become renowned.

Dalmally Golf Club's own Fiona Livingstone and Ann MacLaren won mystery prizes.



The winners at this year's Dalmally Golf Club Charity Invitation Day.

## Visitors will prove a tough challenge for Oban Express Primary League teams

THIS Sunday will be an exciting challenge for the Oban Express Primary League when Drumchapel, Dumbarton and Ardencaple from Helensburgh bring their teams up for a challenge afternoon against our own Saints 2002, Tralee, Jags and Scorpions with the matches starting at noon.

This will be a good chance to see how our teams are developing against the established central belt sides and will show how much the Oban league is advancing and growing. The other teams will be involved at the usual time on Sunday morning at the community pitch with a mini tournament of their own.

It was business as usual at the high school pitch last Sunday and the boys and girls of the

Oban Express Primary Football just about managed to beat the weather and put on a good show of football for the large crowd of spectators gathered.

Primary seven teams Saints Boys and Red Star got the day underway with a hard fought match but neither side could find a winner and the match ended goalless. The boys did open their account for the day in their next match against the Jags but with the forwards misfiring it was down to defenders Cameron Scott and Ruairaidh Horne to find the net. The more forward players redeemed themselves in their final match with Craig McMillan and Craig Easton on target against their younger stabelmates Saints 02.

The younger Saints then managed to hold out for a draw against Red Star with Sam Coates keeping it tight at the back and enjoyed a single goal win against Lochnell with Lennon Campbell snatching the all important winner. In their match with Galaxy Jamie Turner, who usually plays in goal, found himself pushed on as a striker and scored in the comfortable win.

Thistle opened their day against Lochnell but a Kier McLean goal was cancelled out with an equaliser from Lochnell's Finlay Bennett. Bennett was again on target with a late winner against the newly formed All Stars who had kept them at bay for long spells thanks to some fine saves by Ross McCaskill and good

defensive work from Ryan MacDonald and Cameron Clark.

The All Stars had earlier enjoyed a fine win in their first ever match against Red Star with Andy Ritchie netting twice after Beppe Lopez had opened the scoring.

Tralee's Ryan Henrickson scored the only goal of the match against Wasps and was on target again in their win over Galaxy with Stuart Black also finding the net but the score would have been more had it not been for the determined play of Galaxy's Cameron Carmichael.

Tralee were also involved in a great game with Pumas but found themselves one down to a goal from Ryan Barclay. The equaliser

### PRIMARY FOOTBALL

came midway through the game from John MacLoed but in the dying seconds Barclay pounced again with the winner.

Scorpions had a great day at the office and had goalkeeper Ally Couples in fine form, not conceding a goal and laying the foundations for wins over Galaxy, Pumas and Wasps with Craig Millar, Jamie Munroe and Ewan Finlay scoring at the other end to ensure the victories.

The other team from Lochgilphead Red Star kept it tight at the back but didn't bring their shooting boots and were held to their third scoreless draw against Thistle.

## Weather

**Thursday** Heavy rain.  
Winds moderate, south, south easterly  
Temperatures 15°C to 16°C

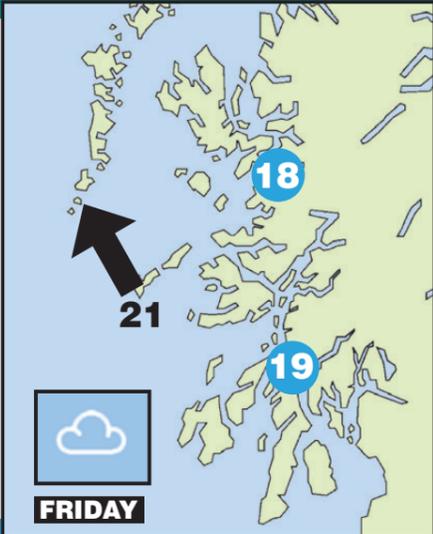
**Friday** Sunny intervals.  
Winds moderate, south, south easterly  
Temperatures 12°C to 19°C.

**Weekend** Cloudy.

**Outlook** Winds light, west, south westerly.  
Temperatures 11°C to 14°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate  
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate



## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, September 29, 2011** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	00.36 0.4 06.27 4.2 12.48 0.2 18.44 4.3	
Fri	01.15 0.4 07.05 4.1 13.32 0.3 19.22 4.1	
Sat	01.57 0.6 07.46 3.9 14.19 0.6 20.02 3.7	
Sun	02.42 0.9 08.30 3.7 15.09 0.9 20.45 3.4	
Mon	03.34 1.2 09.22 3.4 16.05 1.3 21.36 3.0	
Tues	04.34 1.4 10.37 3.1 17.12 1.6 23.08 2.7	
Wed	05.49 1.6 12.54 3.0 18.35 1.8 ** ** **	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mallaig	+0.25		

## NANCY BLACK Ships' Chandler



Sponsors the Oban Times weather

come rain or shine

**NANCY BLACK** Ships' Chandler  
Telephone: 01631 562550

# **The following pages are from the Fort William (Northern) Edition of The Oban Times.**

The Oban Times prints two editions of the paper. There is the main edition as well as the Fort William (Northern) Edition.

Sometimes pages that appear in the Fort William edition do not appear in the main edition (and vice versa).

As an electronic subscriber you get the main edition plus the pages that appear in the Northern edition.

# The Oban Times

## & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

Established 1861 No 8062

Thursday 29 September, 2011

www.obantimes.co.uk

77 pence



**FREE INSIDE Part 3**  
of our fascinating trip down  
memory lane celebrating 150  
YEARS of THE OBAN TIMES

**WIN £100 CASH**  
Complete our Readership  
Survey inside or online at  
www.obantimes.co.uk/survey



**ALSO INSIDE: WIN CalMac tickets** | For all the latest news, video and photos log on to [www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk)

### Residents' vision for 999 cover

WEST Ardnamurchan residents have put forward their own plan for out-of-hours 999 cover after talks with health chiefs failed to find a solution.

West Ardnamurchan Community Council (WACC) met with representatives from NHS Highland and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) in Kilchoan Community Centre on Tuesday night, and laid out their vision for delivering the service.

Two district nurses, one of whom is retiring in February, currently provide emergency cover.

As well as the two local nurses identified in the SAS proposal, WACC want a full-time professional nurse in the area and an emergency medical vehicle based locally to cut out times from Acharacle.

SAS want to base a replacement nurse in Kilchoan - who will be 'strongly encouraged' to live in west Ardnamurchan - as part of a west Lochaber team.

The nurses would also join a new 'co-responders' team of at least six paid people who would attend medical emergencies until an ambulance can arrive from Strontian.

The team would be backed up by GPs in Acharacle and the air ambulance.

The parties will meet again on October 25, with Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon being invited to attend.

### Cruise boat passenger airlifted from Mallaig

A CRUISE boat passenger was airlifted from Mallaig to Inverness on Tuesday afternoon after suffering a stroke onboard the ship.

The *MS Quest*, which can carry up to 50 passengers, pulled into Mallaig harbour at around 1pm where it was met by a Stornoway Coastguard helicopter.

The man, accompanied by his wife and a representative from the cruise ship, was then rushed to Raigmore Hospital for treatment.



### Fort FC dream of Scottish Cup success

Fort William FC are dreaming of Scottish Cup success as they prepare to take on Bo'ness United in the first round at Claggan Park on Saturday. The two teams were due to go head-to-head last weekend but the match was called off because of a waterlogged pitch. East of Scotland League side Bo'ness are expected to bring five buses of supporters to Lochaber to cheer on their side. Fort manager Danny Conlon and team captain Andy Martin got the chance to lift the oldest national trophy in football when it visited the town last week. See the back page for more build up to the game. 20\_139for101

### Unemployment up

UNEMPLOYMENT in Lochaber rose slightly to 2.4 per cent in the last month - still well under the Scottish average of 7.7 per cent.

However, the number of people out of work is 15.2 per cent higher than the same time last year, with 37 more people collecting job seekers allowance.

In Skye and Ullapool, the number of people without work fell to 3.4 per cent. Over the Highland Council area, the jobless rate stands at 4.8 per cent, with 115 more people without work than in 2010.



### Pirate party delights youngsters

'Oo-ah me hearties' was the washbuckling cry from 20 lucky Rainbows from the Portree unit at The Singing Kettle's pirate party last Saturday. They watched in wonder as old favourites Arty, Cilla, Kevin and Gary entertained with songs and antics at a packed Fingal Centre in Portree.

Rainbow leader Donna Campbell said: 'It was a great experience for the girls.'

## Crunch talks on ambitious marina plan

Marine consultants to present detailed report on £3m Corpach Basin project

By STEPHEN NORRIS  
snorris@obantimes.co.uk

AMBITIONOUS plans for a £3million marina at Corpach will be put to the test at a crunch meeting early next week.

As revealed in last week's *Oban Times*, developers Caol Regeneration Company will discuss the blueprint with interested parties in the Moorings Hotel, Banavie, on Monday morning.

The detailed 68-page report by marine consultants Yachting Worldwide Ltd examines costings and an outline business plan for a 60-berth facility next to Corpach Basin.

Russell Thomson, Caledonian Canal manager for British Waterways Scotland, is firmly on board the scheme.

Current waiting lists for berths, he told *The Oban Times*, suggested Corpach Marina would have a ready market.

'The marina could satisfy that demand,' he said. 'Generally anything that improves the welcome to visiting yachtsmen to the area has itself got to be welcomed.'

'We have given early indications to those involved in

developing the marina that we would be more than willing to engage with them.

'We understand business details are some time down the line, but we are happy to help them deliver.'

Mr Thomson added: 'Certainly from a business perspective we would welcome it. We would help market Corpach in the same way we have worked with marinas over on the east coast, such as Inverness and Lossiemouth.'

'If people are planning a voyage of some distance from Scandinavia or northern Europe, they want to plan their whole journey.'

'Those using the canal to visit the west coast want to have peace of mind that there are guest harbours they can go into, either as a planned stop or an unplanned one at a place of refuge.'

Alison Gainsford, head of business growth at Highlands and Islands Enterprise in Fort William and the project's

development manager, said: 'This has the potential to be a very good development in terms of tourism. But it is a large development requiring a lot of funding - and that will be an issue.'

'We hope that the community will be generally supportive of it so that there is a groundswell to take it to the next stage. There is a lot of work to be undertaken and this will be a long term project.'

Local councillor Bill Clark told *The Oban Times* he 'had been shouting for a marina at Corpach for years'.

He said: 'If we could get a marina it would be extremely well used. It would get boats coming up the loch and down the canal.'

'It would be a godsend for Banavie, Corpach and indeed for the whole of Lochaber.'

Yachting Worldwide estimates Corpach Marina would make annual profits, after costs, of £27,068 in its first year, rising to £29,006 by year five - provided it does not have to service large debt or interest payments.

### Lights out in Lochaber this winter

STREET lights in some Lochaber streets are to remain turned off throughout the winter as part of a Highland Council energy and money-saving plan.

The trial, which started in July, sees every second light on certain streets in Kinlochleven, Banavie, Fort William and Strontian being turned off between midnight and 6am, with others dimmed.

Lights have also been switched off during the night in Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye. The trials were originally supposed to finish in early December but have now been extended. Some local residents have complained, saying the move may affect road safety and lead to an increase in crime.

Transport, environmental and community

(TEC) services vice chairman Brian Murphy told *The Oban Times* there was public backing for the trials.

He said: 'We had extensive public consultations earlier this year and this is one of the things people said they wanted. We have had some complaints from Dunvegan, Kinlochleven and Strontian, but we're not finished yet.'

'The trial has been extended to give us a longer period of time to assess how it's going. We have made a commitment that if any problems are flagged up by the police the trials will stop.'

Once the trials are completed, the findings, including feedback from members of the public, will be collated and a report will be presented to the TEC Committee.

### CAMPBELL homes

Four Bedroom Detached Property near to Fort William

- Panoramic Views across Loch Eil
- Extensive open plan living area and fully fitted kitchen
- Generous Guest Suite
- Remote Controlled Garage

For more information on this unique family home please contact Campbell Homes  
Tel 01397 712561  
Web [www.campbell-homes.com](http://www.campbell-homes.com)  
Campbell Homes, Station Road, Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire PH34 4EP

### Community plan to save centre

THE FIGHT to save Caol Community Centre (CCC) and its senior citizens lunch club heads to Inverness next Wednesday when a proposal for community ownership will go in front of councillors.

Highland Council's resources committee will examine a report by director of social work Bill Alexander, with the CCC steering group hopeful permission will be granted for them to take out a long-term lease. The committee will also look at a report commissioned by the steering group, which says the centre will bring in £62,800 in the first year, but will cost £84,000 to run, including hiring a project worker.

The council wants to offload the centre, which is currently funded by social work services.

### Ballachulish wood on target to become Scotland's newest field archery course

A BALLACHULISH woodland is expected to become the home of Scotland's newest field archery course within weeks.

Kinlochleven-based South Lochaber Bowmen (SLB) have already cleared pathways through trees to 14 targets in Brecklet Forest, high above the Lochaber village.

Final agreement is expected soon with landowners Forestry Commission Scotland, club president Dubh Irbhinn told *The Oban Times*.

'We are hoping to have a course inspector from the Scottish Field Archery Association here to open it and give us the green light in mid-October,' he said.

'We still have to assure the Forestry Commission about certain issues relating to health and safety, but hopefully once the course is officially passed we can get underway.'

The ambitious club plans to expand to a full, SFAA-approved, 28-target course by next March which, according to Mr Irbhinn, could put Lochaber on the European and world field archery competition map.

Ballachulish Community Council (BCC) is supporting the venture - after being reassured on safety issues. BCC chairman Mel MacAskill, who practised archery in Caol when a teenager, said: 'It's nice to see archery making an impact again in the area. We will do anything we can do to help them.'

Mr Irbhinn said: 'Once the community council realised how safety conscious we were about technical aspects, and would not be running around shooting people's dogs, they were happy. It's a proper course and they are quite impressed with what they are seeing.'

SLB is also looking to set up a second club in Fort William after archery nights at Lochaber High School proved popular with families. The club is following a proud tradition - MacInain archers from nearby Glencoe were reputed to have fought at Bannockburn at King Robert Bruce's side in 1314 and formed part of a Cameron force against their Mackintosh rivals at the Ford of Loch Arkaig in a land dispute in 1665.

### Could you receive a Tax Free Income from Solar Power?

Income from solar PV panels is:

- Tax free!
- Index-linked!
- Guaranteed for 25 years!
- Up to 15% return per year!

Call for our Great Solar Deals!

Ask for your FREE SOLAR SURVEY and see if you could join the hundreds of our customers already benefitting from a solar power system.

Tel: 0800 148 8682  
[www.GoSolarNow.co.uk](http://www.GoSolarNow.co.uk)  
[info@gosolarnow.co.uk](mailto:info@gosolarnow.co.uk)

### OPEN DAY

Saturday 1st October • 12-3pm

Enjoy coffee and cake and goody bags for your pets

Visit us in our new premises and find out what the day in a life of a vet is all about

Glen Nevis Place, Fort William • 01397 702727 • [www.crownvetsfortwilliam.co.uk](http://www.crownvetsfortwilliam.co.uk)

**Community council election deadline looms**

CANDIDATES considering putting their names forward for election to their local community council have only four days left to do so. To be able to stand, candidates must return their nomination forms to Highland Council by 4pm next Tuesday. For the first time, postal ballot elections for all 153 Highland community councils are being held on the same day, November 16. Counting will take place locally from Thursday November 17. The new scheme also allows people aged 16 to seek election and vote in the election. Nominations forms are available from www.highland.gov.uk or council service points.

**Pupils get on their bikes for charity**

PORTREE Primary School P6 pupils Jamie Gillies and Ryan MacAskill are to cycle from Portree to Staffin on October 9 to raise funds for the Brainwave charity. Jamie's cousin is supported by the charity and he and his friend want to make a contribution to help the work they do.

**Nether Lochaber Church celebrates centenary**

SKYE, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson will join celebrations marking the centenary of Nether Lochaber Church in Onich at noon on Sunday. Mr Thompson will give a reading at the centenary service, which will be led by the Reverend Malcolm Kinnear. The Very Reverend John C Christie, last year's moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will be guest preacher.

Mr Thompson said: 'As an active member of the Church of Scotland, I know how important a thriving local church is for communities so I am pleased to join the congregation at Nether Lochaber in celebrating this milestone in the history of their community.'

**New members elected**

NINE people were elected to serve as members of South Harris Community Council in last week's elections. They are: Hamish Taylor; Morag Mackenzie; Kathryn P Campbell; Kenneth Angus Macleod; John R Maclean; Marion Morrison; Gavin Scott-Forrest; Joan Macleod and Alan Angus Ross. There were 13 candidates and the turnout was 67 per cent.



Race winners Tom Haining and Euan Campbell with best costume winners Steven and Amanda Munro. 20\_139race01

**Fun in the sun for Two Halls Race runners**

THE SUN showed its face for the annual fundraising Two Halls Race from Treslaig Village Hall to Ardgorr Memorial Hall on Saturday. Forty-one runners, mainly locals, were bussed from Ardgorr to Treslaig before walking, running or cycling their way along the 10-mile course, with many putting on fancy dress for the day. The event is held

to raise money for the upkeep of Ardgorr Hall. Tom Haining, aged 13, and Euan Campbell, both from Ardgorr, crossed the finish line together in first place in a time of 52 minutes and 33 seconds. Husband and wife Steven and Amanda Munro took the best-dressed prize for their costumes - Captain Jack Sparrow and

Wonder Woman. Each competitor was given a goodie bag from Lidl, as well as a burger and refreshments at a barbecue at the end of the race. Hall committee member Louise Ramsay organised the event and told *The Oban Times* it had been a 'really successful day'. She said: 'It's been a great day and it has really brought the community together.'

**Crofting past, present and future in spotlight**

THE HAND of history will be on delegates' shoulders at the annual Scottish Crofting Federation Gathering on the Isle of Skye next Monday and Tuesday. The 2011 conference, at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic college in Sleat, coincides with the 125th anniversary of the 1886 Crofters Act to give people working the land security of tenure - and comes just two weeks after the Scottish Government activated the main provisions of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. The new legislation will rename the Crofters Commission as the Crofting Commission, allow crofters to elect the majority of members - all are currently government appointees - and provide new impetus to efforts to tackle neglect and absenteeism. Environment minister Stewart Stevenson will deliver the keynote speech to the gathering, which this year will have as its theme 'crofting land tenure: past,

present and future'. Over the two days, speakers will address delegates on crofting history, crofting community and culture and the formation of crofting regulated tenure. Further topics include other forms of land tenure - including the Glendale 'Irish' example, agricultural tenancies, community ownership, use of common grazings and current crofting law in regards to land tenure. Open forum discussions on regulated versus non-regulated systems, owner-occupancy versus tenancy and how crofting tenure can be sustained will also feature. The gathering will have a strong accent on youth - young crofters will discuss their aspirations and organise the ceilidh after the celebratory SCF dinner, while children from throughout the crofting islands will perform the

poetry, stories and song of their island ancestors. In 'Voices of the Island Crofts', the youngsters will tell the story of their own communities in Scots, Gaelic, Orcadian and Shetlandic dialects. The culmination will be a special performance at The Venue, Portree High School, next Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Conference speakers include SCF researcher Iain MacKinnon from Sleat, Angus McCall of the Scottish Tenant Farmers' Association and Liza Cleland from the Glendale Estate. David Cameron and Murdo Mackay from Community Land Scotland will also address delegates on crofting community ownership. Mr MacKinnon, from Camuscross, told *The Oban Times*: 'The gathering is not only commemorating the past - it is about planning for the future as well. Having so many young people participating is really exciting.'

**Fury as tugs are axed**

Call for ministers to quit in event of shipping disaster

LOCHABER councillor and Highland Council leader Michael Foxley has said two UK Government Ministers should quit if a shipping disaster in Highlands and Islands waters follows this week's removal of two sea-going tugs from Stornoway and Lerwick. Speaking to *The Oban Times* on Tuesday, Councillor Foxley said the Stornoway tug had already left its station, sailing through the Pentland Firth to Aberdeen on Sunday. The Lerwick tug steamed out of port the same day for Loch Eriboll off Sutherland on its way south. He warned Shipping Minister Mike Penning and Secretary of State for Transport Philip Hammond's political futures were on the line over the removal of the emergency towing vessels (ETVs) from the ports. The furious council leader said: 'This is a resignation issue - when there's an incident I want to see these guys go.'

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk All four local councils - Orkney Isles, Shetland Isles, Western Isles and Highland - vehemently oppose the tugs' removal. They warn the UK Government are leaving the Highlands and Islands exposed to 'catastrophic environmental damage and the possible loss of life' if the decision is not reversed. The Government says the cost of keeping the tugs cannot be justified and says private industry should foot the bill for salvage or towing operations. Councils and other agencies have repeatedly warned the UK's Department for Transport of the consequences of having no protection should a vessel get into difficulty around treacherous northern waters. The specially constituted ETV Task Group identified a number of potential alternative sources of funding for the Department

for Transport to explore, including contributions from the Crown Estate, Ministry of Defence, General Lighthouse Board, commercial activities, increasing salvage income and increased use of the ETVs by other agencies. The eleventh hour plea to the Ministers, however, looks like falling on deaf ears. Councillor Foxley said: 'We have done everything we can to impress upon the UK Government how important this issue is and to present realistic options for Ministers to explore. 'I genuinely believe there is nothing more that we can do and it is now up to the UK Government to come up with a credible way forward.' In a final letter to Mr Penning, Councillor Foxley said: 'In the event of a shipping incident, the consequences for life could be fatal and for the coastal environment devastating.'



**Young pipers hit the high notes to raise funds**

People in Fort William town centre on Saturday were treated to a performance from Lochaber Schools Pipe Band. The band held a fundraising event at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church and performed inside the church hall and outside on the Parade. Tea, coffee and home baking was on sale in the hall, along with an exhibition of what the band were raising money for - new uniforms and instruments. 20\_139pipe01



**Student Ryan's recipe for success**

Brian Hume, left, manager of the Ben Nevis Hotel, presents the Strathmore Hotels award to catering student Ryan MacDonald. The glass bowl is awarded to the student for achievement in Level 1 Professional Catering. During the ceremony Ryan was praised for his cheerfulness and ability. Ryan travels from Mallaig each day to attend college and has now joined the Level II course.

**Ambitious wind energy plans unveiled**

NORTH Uist residents have unanimously backed a community-run wind energy project which could generate more than £4m economic development cash for the island over 20 years. North Uist Development Company (NUDC), the group behind a two-turbine 1.8MW scheme near Clachan, unveiled its ambitious proposals at a public meeting in Carinish Hall last week. Around 30 local residents and crofters heard NUDC's Robert Fraser outline

the scheme's potential benefits - then voted unanimously by a show of hands to press ahead. Mr Fraser said: 'We envisage an annual income of £164,000 in the first 15 years of operation, rising to £357,000 in years 15 to 20. And these are cautious figures which, based on what other similar projects are achieving elsewhere in Scotland, we would reasonably hope to exceed.' NUDC will now set up a sub-group of elected representatives to decide funding priorities and which projects to support.

However, in common with all other green power projects in the islands, limited grid capacity remains a major obstacle. NUDC is currently in discussion with various parties, including SSE, in an attempt to ensure sufficient capacity exists in the distribution network. The company's 'optimistic' problems can be overcome and already has a 'non-firm' offer of capacity in the grid for the turbines. Essential preliminary tasks, including a scoping exercise, bird survey and otter survey,

have been completed and found no particular problems associated with the development. An archaeology survey is about to get underway. Discussions are also ongoing with North Uist Estate and local crofters on drawing up a mutually beneficial rental agreement relating to the small amount of land and access required. Once those talks conclude, an anemometer will be erected to collect 12 months of wind measurements to establish the site's suitability. Mr Fraser said: 'This is a long-term

project, but we believe that the benefits to the community will be considerable. The body that makes funding decisions will be independent of NUDC and will be democratically elected, but the priorities that we would like to see benefit from the projected income range from a marina to the Cleitrevall viewpoint and from support for local producers and services to support for community halls and facilities. This is a project for the whole community and we do believe it is achievable.'

**Islands voted Gaelic Community of the Year**

SOUTH Uist and Eriskay have been named as the 'Gaelic Community of the Year 2011' in a competition run by Comunn na Gàidhlig. Apart from the prestige of the title itself, the award comes with a £3,000 prize for the community to use as they see fit. The islands came top on the use of Gaelic at each local level, the profile of the language within communities and how frequently

Gaelic could be heard being spoken by local people - with special priority given to use among young people. Judges were unanimous that South Uist and Eriskay be awarded first place on the basis of the evidence provided that Gaelic was an integral and important part of daily life. The islands have been benefiting from an 'iomairt Ghàidhlig' (Gaelic

initiative) to support the language in its remaining heartlands. Local steering group member Lena MacLellan said: 'Many will know that Gaelic is strong in this area, but that wasn't the basis of this application. We focussed on all the things being done at the moment to strengthen Gaelic and particularly to create new opportunities for Gaelic speakers to come together and use the language.'

**Work starts to replace ageing water mains**

WORK to replace ageing water mains in Fort William is due to get underway on Monday. The five-week job, worth almost £100,000, will see Scottish Water put in 280 metres of new pipework in Belford Road. The old main has suffered bursts in the recent past. To carry out the work safely the north footway of the road will

be closed to pedestrians for up to four weeks. During this time both traffic lanes of the A82 will remain open, although speed restrictions will be in place. Following this, there will be five days when the work will require closing one lane of the A82 and the use of temporary traffic lights. To minimise disruption the work has been scheduled to take place overnight. Both lanes of

the road will remain open during the day. Parking restrictions and bus-stop relocations will also be required for safety. Scottish Water project manager Andy Barnett said: 'This investment will serve Fort William well for many years to come. The A82 is an important route so we've programmed our work in a way that minimises disruption and maintains access.'

**Leader fights for local Crown Estate control**

MANAGEMENT of the Crown Estate's property and revenues should be devolved to as local a level as possible under any shake-up of the organisation, says Highland Council leader Michael Foxley. The UK Government's Scottish Affairs Committee has been taking evidence on reforming the Crown Estate, while the Scottish Government wants the Scottish Parliament to assume control.

Giving evidence to the Scottish Parliament committee on the Scotland Bill concerning the Crown Estate, Councillor Michael Foxley argued devolution needed to mean giving powers to local authorities in the Highlands and Islands, local harbour trusts and community owners such as the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust. He said: 'The Highlands and Islands can and will do much better if the foreshore and seabed resources are

managed directly by them. When the management of the Crown Estate assets are devolved to local areas then these harbours should have the direct control and management of their own foreshore and seabed.' Councillor Foxley added 'extraordinary' evidence from the British Ports Association that ports and harbours were happy with current arrangements would 'come as real news to Mallaig'.

**St Andrew's First Aid**

**New first aid training in Oban**

St Andrew's First Aid will be delivering HSE Approved first aid training in Oban this October.

Course: HSE Approved Emergency First Aid at Work  
Date: Tuesday 25th October 2011  
Venue: The Oban Caledonian Hotel, Station Square, Oban

To make your booking simply go online  
[www.firstaid.org.uk/training](http://www.firstaid.org.uk/training)

St Andrew's First Aid can also deliver training on customer's own premises, and provide first aid supplies. Please visit our website for more information.

**For more information:**  
contact 0844 921 0066 or email [sales@firstaid.org.uk](mailto:sales@firstaid.org.uk)

**Portavadie MARINA**

**Saturday 15th October**  
**RNLI Charity Auction Dinner 2011**

Last year we raised over £6000!  
Arrival 7pm fizz and canapes  
Ice breaker 7.15pm  
3 course gala dinner 7.30pm  
1/2 bottle of wine per person  
Tables will be set for 8 guests  
Table raffle £5 per person  
Auction starts @ 9pm

To play your part please reserve your place at the table by contacting Rachael e. [events@portavadiemarina.com](mailto:events@portavadiemarina.com)

Ticket price £40 per person, full prepayment required on booking.  
Why not stay over and make a weekend of it, accommodation rates from only £55 per couple per night, including breakfast!  
Best rates available online  
[www.portavadiemarina.com](http://www.portavadiemarina.com) or call 01700 811075

A selection of great auction lots.  
For those unable to attend any donations for auction lots greatly appreciated.  
Dress code for the evening is smart casual.

FW

### Save the Children charity shop hosts staff reunion

A CHARITY shop in Fort William is holding a reunion this afternoon (Thursday) for anyone who has worked in the store during the last 25 years. Up to 40 current and previous Save the Children staff members are expected to attend for tea and cake at the Alexandra Hotel from 3pm.

### Vikings 'invade' Highland Archaeology Festival

VIKINGS will be invading Fort William as part of Highland Archaeology Festival on Saturday. The event with Highland Council's countryside rangers at King George V Park from 11am to 2pm will give local children the chance to experience life as a Viking and help build a Viking longship. For details contact 01397 705922.

### Underwater centre open day

KEY INDUSTRY executives are visiting The Underwater Centre in Fort William today to view the sub-sea training specialists' latest equipment. Representatives from Subsea 7, Shell, Bowtech, Fugro and ISS are among those attending. The open day includes a tour of the pier and facilities, the indoor dive complex and classrooms, a boat trip to the deep dive site and short presentations.

### Young cooks win place in final

TWO YOUNG cooks from Ardnamurchan High School have won through to the 2011 Rotary Young Chef of the Year Competition Lochaber final at Mallaig High School on October 4. Calum MacIver and Donald MacAulay were voted top chefs at the school heat last Thursday, when seven pupils aged between 13 and 15 volunteered to take part.



Fiona Thompson with the KK Cameron Cup after winning the Loch Linnhe Swim.

## Fiona wins Loch Linnhe swim at first attempt

THIS year's Loch Linnhe Swim saw six women taking part in the annual 1km race across the loch from Treslaig to Lochaber Yacht Club. First time competitor Fiona Thompson, of Banavie, was first home in a time of 21minutes and 33seconds. Emma Pearce

finished second, 41 seconds behind Fiona, Marie Meldrum third in 25m 22s and Morag Hughes came fourth in 25m 42s. The other two swimmers found the chilly waters too much and were pulled out by the rescue boat. No men were brave enough to attempt the crossing.

In the junior race along Fort William shore front to the yacht club, 12-year-old Mairi McArthur showed great determination to complete the course in 10m 57s. Mairi was awarded the McDonald Cup for winning the event and The Oban Times Shield for first girl home.

## Arisaig guesthouse hosts charity art exhibition

AN ARISAIG guesthouse will host a display of new work by Glenfinnan-based artist Gail Wendorf in aid of two international charities on Saturday. The Arisaig House exhibition, featuring Wendorf's series Ceilidh! and some of her Scottish

landscapes, will see a minimum of 25 per cent of proceeds from sales split between Mercy Ships and Mary's Meals. Arisaig House owners Emma Weir and her sister Sarah Winnington-Ingram said: 'We're delighted to host this exhibition of Gail's stunning work in aid of two

charities providing vital services to the poorest of the poor.' Mercy Ships delivers free medical care and humanitarian aid to 'the forgotten poor' in developing countries. Mary's Meals sets up school feeding projects in communities in Africa where poverty and hunger

prevent children from gaining an education. The Dalmally-based charity provides daily meals in school for more than 500,000 children in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. The exhibition opens from 7pm. To attend the event contact Arisaig House on 01687 450730.

# BID to improve High Street

Cash award could see a dedicated development officer appointed to rejuvenate retail sector

EFFORTS to rejuvenate Fort William High Street could see a dedicated development officer position created.

**EXCLUSIVE**  
REPORT by  
RICHARD HADDOCK  
rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

The town's Chamber of Commerce is preparing an application to the Scottish Government for funding to turn the pedestrianised street into a 'business improvement district' (BID).

The Fort BID would see a not-for-profit company set up to represent local businesses and promote the High Street as a retail sector.

If the application is successful, the chamber will receive a £20,000 grant from the Government to hire a specialist worker, as well as funding from Highland Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

business owners set up earlier this year to try and turn around the High Street's fortunes was disbanded after just two meetings. The group had planned to tackle problems such as high rents, empty premises and untidy shop fronts.

Mr Hawkes said: 'It was not going to progress. It was not something the chamber had a mandate to take forward.'

The retail offer on High Street has come in for criticism in recent months following the closure of several businesses, including the Highland Sweet Company, Subway and chocolatiers Thorntons.

High rents charged by the owners of commercial premises on the thoroughfare are believed to have been a factor.

## End of an era as Cuillin FM show comes off airwaves

WEST Highland radio listeners will mark the end of an era tomorrow morning when Cuillin FM's Friday's Big Breakfast Show broadcasts for the last time after six years on air.

The award-winning show's recipe for getting the weekend off to a fun start proved a winner from the start - as did its reputation as a source of useless information.

The first programme, on May 20 2005, happened purely by chance when Nick Wakeham and co-presenter Susan Campbell were joined by John Grundy in the studio during an ordinary breakfast show.

The banter was so good that Nick, then Cuillin FM chairman, decided to run past the allotted slot for a further hour - and so the Friday Big Breakfast Show was born.

Susan Campbell left within a year for personal reasons and was replaced by Shona

By STEPHEN NORRIS  
snorris@obantimes.co.uk

Campbell, who has stayed on ever since.

In 2008 the between 7.30-10am show won the prestigious Thomas Prag Award against stiff competition from other radio stations.

'Special items' such as It's In the Papers So It Must Be True, The World's Most Depressing Song and Nan Templeton, a landlady from Edinburgh who sent regular messages to John Grundy, were a big hit with listeners.

The Reverend Norbert Noseworthy and his Thought of the Month from the Trossachs also raised many a laugh, but it was The Glen Midden Chronicles that proved to be the show's star turn.

Devised by John Grundy and written by Nick Wakeham, the

weekly soap opera - featuring the voices of all three presenters plus John Wilson - followed the adventures of a dysfunctional ferry crew on a relief boat for Caledonian MacBrayne.

But no more - Friday's Big Breakfast Show will be the last. Nick Wakeham and his co-presenters felt that after six years non-stop keeping the programme fresh and vibrant was becoming harder.

He said: 'We would rather go out on a high than keep going until we were either on life-support machines or, worse still, not being listened to.'

The final programme will see the presenters look back over the past six years - 'quite a laugh on a very sad occasion', Mr Wakeham said.

Even though the show has gone, The Glen Midden lives on at www.glenmidden.co.uk, where fans of the show can relive their favourite moments.

## 'Partners in Enterprise' honoured by Chamber

FORT William Chamber of Commerce honoured its first 'partners in enterprise' at its recent AGM in the Alexandra Hotel.

Chairman Robert Hawkes presented framed certificates, courtesy of Gillian Sloan Framing, to Marine Harvest and BSW Sawmills to mark their ongoing support for the business group.

The chamber has more than 65 members and is on track to reach its target of 80 by the end of the year.

Plans for the future include:

- Introducing a range of business related workshops, in partnership with OCUK and Business Gateway.
- Continuing to lobby for improvements to the A82.
- Delivery of the mentoring initiative.
- Continue to fight for interests of local businesses through the chamber's involvement with local, regional and national bodies.

Retiring vice chairman Tim Sims said: 'The next year is likely to be a

challenging one for most businesses and I am particularly keen to see the smaller businesses from across Lochaber reaping the benefits of being part of the chamber.

'The chamber provides an excellent support mechanism, which at a time of recession is a valuable resource.'

Office bearers for 2011/12 are: chairman, Robert Hawkes, Hotscot; vice chairman, Don Hind, Corpach Boatbuilders; executive committee: Tim Sims, Redcat; Steve Ham, Underwater Centre; Marian Austin, Nevis Range; Liz Graham, Lamont Design; Simon Nicolls, Snowgoose Solutions; Scott Donald, Kearney Donald Partnership; Dave Oxley, HIE; Simon Purdon, Business Gateway, and Michael Bowman, Lochiel Logistics. Stewart Leitch of Lochaber Hotels represents the tourism sector on the group.

The October networking meeting of the Chamber is being hosted by Crown Vets.



Chamber chairman Robert Hawkes, left, and retiring vice chairman Tim Sims, right, present certificates to Steve Bracken, second left, of Marine Harvest, and Peter Jackson of BSW Sawmills.

## Sports injury clinic relocates to hospital

A FORT William physiotherapy unit has been re-organised as part of a move to reduce patient waiting times across the Highlands.

The sports injury clinic was run once a week at Fort William Health Centre by GP Chris Ellis and physio Jackie Parfitt, but will now operate from the Belford Hospital.

The move is part of a standardisation of physiotherapy treatment throughout the

NHS Highland region, which aims to reduce waiting times to a six-week average.

However, Lochaber was already achieving a four-week average wait from referral to first appointment when the service was operating from health centre.

Patients can now be referred by their GP or self refer to the clinic, where they will be treated by the physiotherapy team and seen

by a doctor if their injury is deemed to be serious enough. Those with the most serious injuries will be prioritised, which NHS locality general manager Tracy Ligema said will reduce waiting times and help meet the six-week average target Highland-wide.

She said: 'To achieve the six-week waiting time, physiotherapy time needs to be targeted to triage and prioritised on clinical need,

regardless of how the injury or condition was incurred.

'This allows for skilled screening and triage to prioritise the most serious cases.'

Ms Ligema said the new service will also provide more specialist input for musculoskeletal physiotherapy.

The clinic has run since 2003 and sees an average of six patients a week.

### whats on LOCHABER

**Friday >** NUGENERATION  
Skipinnish Ceilidh House House / Trance night  
with Symondo & Rob C  
£5 entry from 10.30pm till 2am

**Saturday >** Nightclub  
Skipinnish Ceilidh House Saturday 10.30 - 2am  
£5 entry

**Thursday 27th October >** EMILY SMITH BAND  
Skipinnish Ceilidh House Gorgeous Scots song  
from award winning singer / songwriter.  
Tickets £12 from 01397 705 666

Sponsored by  
**SKIPINNISH CEILIDH HOUSE**  
FORT WILLIAM  
www.skipinnish.com  
Middle Street, Fort William

**Do you have an event or live music on?**  
Do you want your advert to be read by 12,586 weekly readers?  
Call Fiona on 01631 568000 for more information  
Source Jicreg data as at 01/01/2011

**TWO NEW, AFFORDABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WOOD FUELS**

For your existing fire or stove  
**Highfire Sawdust Briquettes**

A lower cost alternative to coal and wood made from compressed sawdust.

If you are looking to buy a new heating system or convert your old one...

Brites - The ideal fuel for wood pellet stoves and boilers.

**C. Hodge Fencing**

(Lerags, By Oban) Telephone 01631 563271

### Manor House Hotel & Restaurant

**Fresh Local Lobster Every Thursday**

Overlooking the harbour  
Gallanach Road - Oban - 562087

**WIND PROSPECT**

## GLEN LONAN WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Wind Prospect are currently proposing a wind farm development on land approximately 6km south east of Oban. The potential development could comprise up to 20 wind turbines, however the exact scale of the development is subject to ongoing studies and consultation.

We invite local people to attend the pre-application public event where you will be able to view the draft plans and speak with members of Wind Prospect's development team:

**Tuesday 11th October 3:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**OBAN CHURCH CENTRE Glencruitten Road, Oban**

Further information relating to this proposal is available from Wind Prospect directly. Those wanting to comment on the draft proposal may do so at the event, via the project website or by the post before the 1st November (see below for details).

*Please note that all comments made to Wind Prospect are not representations to Argyll and Bute Council. An opportunity to make representations at the Council will exist when a formal planning application is made.*

Wind Prospect, 13 Rutland Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2AE  
Tel: 0131 225 8545  
Email: glenlonan@windprospect.com  
Web: www.glenlonanwindfarm.co.uk

### Leisure centre manager guest speaker at Inverlochry WRI

INVERLOCHY Women's Institute heard from Lochaber Leisure Centre manager Gary Davidson at their first meeting of the 2011/12 session.

After a short business discussion, Mr Davidson spoke to the group about the renovations made to the centre over the last year and new activities on offer at the centre. The ladies were very impressed and plan a visit in the near future.

The raffle winners were Elizabeth Kennedy and Mr Davidson, much to his surprise, while the keep fit poster competition was won by Cathie Stevenson.

### Ballachulish artist to open new studios

BALLACHULISH artist Brian Dickie is to be the guest of honour at the opening of Dramafish Studios at Kinlochleven on Saturday.

'Dickie', as he is affectionately called, will open the building in Kinlochleven Business Park at 12.15pm to start the Dramafish Fun Day.

MC for the day is local musician and guitarist with The Donnie Munro Band, Chaz Stewart. Musicians Jim Shepherd and Allan Y McDougall, Zumba dancer Karen Campbell and entertainment from Celts & Comrades, Lochaber Youth Theatre and Showstoppers will feature.

### Fort William FC Lotto winner

FORT William FC Lotto had one winner this week, I Corbett, who won £600 with numbers 1, 13, 20, £100 next week.



## Diamond wedding cheer for Inverlochry couple

Inverlochry diamond couple Colin and Grace Neilson celebrated 60 years of married life recently. The pair, who have run the popular MacDonald Bros Florists for the last 46 years, met at a dance in the old Fort William town hall and were married at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church on September 12 1951. They have one son, David, two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Grace told The Oban Times they will celebrate at the Alexandra Hotel with friends and family next month. She said: 'We've had so many cards every day I think the celebrations will last until next month.'

**Staffin school may lose teacher**

STAFFIN Primary Gaelic Medium unit may lose a teacher next year after the school roll dropped by eight pupils to 21. After 10 P7s left at the summer to go to Portree High School, only two P1s joined Staffin meaning the number of pupils is below the Highland Council cut-off to keep both the teachers currently at the school. The council agreed to keep on the staff this year, but will review the situation next summer. But with only one child currently in the school's nursery, the school roll is unlikely to go up enough.

**Rag, Tag 'n' Textile stages free fashion show**

BALMACARA-based social enterprise Rag, Tag 'n' Textile is to stage a fashion show as part of the 2011 Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival in the Highlands. 'From Ross-shire with Love' will feature costumes and accessories inspired by Ian Fleming's James Bond 007 series.

TAG Highland, Charleston Academy, the Calman Trust and Kyleakin Connections are helping to provide accessories, models and refreshments. The free entry show in Kyleakin Hall on Saturday begins at 7.30pm.

**Feedback sought on small-scale wind turbines**

HIGHLAND Council is to consult on new draft guidance covering small-scale wind turbine developments. Technical bodies, the renewables industry, the Scottish Government and the public will be asked for feedback for a future report to planning, environment and economic development councillors. PED committee chairman Ian Ross said: 'We want to ensure any concerns people have are addressed at an early stage and it is important that we are consistent and clear in our approach.'

**Man smashed ex-partner's windows with golf club**

A FORT William man drunkenly smashed two windows at his ex-partner's house with a golf club after finding out she had a new boyfriend. Ross Keenan, of 2B Linnhe Buildings, pled guilty to wilfully damaging the property of another at 14 Inverloch Court on June 25. He also admitted a breach of the peace by placing the woman in a state of fear and alarm.

After hearing Keenan had been of good behaviour since the incidents, Sheriff Sheila Goodall admonished the 43-year-old on both charges, but fined him £200 for making grossly offensive calls to the woman during which he uttered threats of violence and swore repeatedly from his home earlier the same day. Keenan spent two nights in custody after the incidents and has paid for replacement windows, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

**Second talk on memorial hall**

LOCHABER Historical Society has invited Helen Critchley of Roy Bridge to talk about the village's memorial hall for a second time.

Last year Ms Critchley revealed the hall's history was significant not just locally and nationally, but within a European context as well. Members will find out more about the hall at what promises to be an interesting night at the Alexandra Hotel next Thursday at 8pm. Everyone welcome. The society meets monthly over the autumn and winter.



Rotary Club of Lochaber members with their Lochaber High School interviewees.

**Rotary gives pupils job interview practice**

THE ROTARY Club of Lochaber gave 12 sixth years from Lochaber High School the opportunity to have mock job interviews last Wednesday. The pupil volunteers each submitted letters

of application and were then interviewed by a panel of three Rotarians who, if possible, had a link to the pupils' chosen careers. After the interviews the young people were given constructive feedback on their

performances and were treated to lunch in the Alexandra Hotel. After lunch speaker was Harry Whiteside, who gave an insight into the work of Voluntary Action Lochaber.

**Birds thrive on Outer Isles as mink removed**

A PROGRAMME to wipe out predatory mink in the Outer Isles appears to be working. Monitoring work by RSPB Scotland on local populations of Arctic tern - which fly thousands of miles to migrate to the Western Isles to raise their young - has found evidence that colonies have increased from six to 26 around Lewis and Harris.

Local RSPB officer Martin Scott was informed terns were breeding again on islands in the sound of Harris. 'The evidence shows that this species is showing a positive response to mink removal,' he said. 'We think that the terns have gained confidence to return to nest in localities that historically they have used before. The terns act as a barometer to gauge the trends of other bird species and

we have anecdotally noted red throated diver and golden plover have been recorded in greater numbers this year.'

The success means the Hebridean Mink Project will continue until March 2014, assisted by £36,000 from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Around 1,530 mink have been caught so far. Wildlife tourism is reckoned to be worth around £2.5m a year to the local economy.

However, wildbird productivity is continuing to suffer, probably as a result of decreased food supply.

Project manager Iain Macleod said: 'This is the final push and we need the help of the community and local volunteers to make it succeed.' Anyone interested should contact 01851 705258.

**North Uist elects 12 people onto community council**

TWELVE people have been elected to serve as members of North Uist Community Council following last week's elections.

Voted on a for a four-year term are: Flora MacDonald; Christina MacCuish; Margaret Saxton; Ragnhalla P MacLain; Neil MacDonald Beaton; Sheena Stewart; Sandy Macleod; John Macleod; John MacDonald; Peter Rintoul; Donald E Morrison; Donald Angus MacLennan. There were 17 candidates for the 12 seats and the turnout was a respectable 54.5 per cent.

Four years ago not enough candidates came forward to force an election.



Bobby the badger helped Carol Dyer get the message across to Banavie pupils. 20\_139552ca01

**School gets insight into work of animal charity**

SCOTTISH Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) education officer Carol Dyer dropped into Banavie Primary School last Wednesday to help P5 and P6 with their enterprise project.

Ms Dyer addressed the whole school about the charity's vital work in the assembly hall before spending an afternoon in class with pupils.

Banavie head teacher Maxine Durham said: 'The children are going to be fundraising and have chosen to do it for the Scottish SPCA.'

'They feel this is important in this day and age that we need to look after animals.' A sponsored spell, we hear, is among the moneymaking ideas being considered.

**Last minute re-think on road closures**

LOCHABER communities and businesses have forced an eleventh hour re-think on plans to close the A82 overnight during roadworks.

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

Transport Scotland (TS) and contractors TransServ had been due to start resurfacing works at Onich on Sunday, closing the road to all but essential traffic from 7pm to 6am until October 12, weekends excepted. More works, from Nether Lochaber Village Hall to the petrol station at North Ballachulish, were scheduled for Sunday October 23, with completion on November 3.

date - despite issuing notices that work would begin on Sunday.

Scotland Transerv principal roads design engineer Angela Funk said: 'Following the local consultation on August 25 in Onich about proposed resurfacing works, an announcement was made earlier this week that the Onich works would go ahead on October 2 as planned, but that the east of Onich works would be postponed until October 23, after the Scottish school holiday period.

of the community with our responsibility for maintaining this section of the trunk road network. Closures will be required whenever these works go ahead and it has previously been established that nighttime closures are much less disruptive than daytime ones.'

She added: 'Constructing these works at night, at a later date in the year, runs the risk of bad weather affecting the weather-sensitive resurfacing operations and so it is not just a matter of delaying them for a few weeks.'

'We will be investigating the feasibility of limited work in November/December, during the closure of the A82 for the removal of the rock outcrop north of Corran Ferry junction.'

Councillor Murphy told *The Oban Times* from Aviemore: 'They should have known just how sensitive this issue is for the local community.'

'The road is our only way in or out.'

'We have no options of diversions and they have to listen to what the community has to say and work with us rather than against us. They have already demonstrated that a 9pm closure can work at Achintore.'

TS originally wanted the contracts to run consecutively, but agreed to split them after local consultations. However, the refusal to reschedule all work until after the October school holidays or to delay closing the road until 9pm incensed road users and campaign group the A82 Partnership.

Chairman Councillor Brian Murphy blasted the decision as 'totally unacceptable', telling *The Oban Times*: 'There will be a revolution about this.'

But in a dramatic last minute change of heart, TS will now postpone the works to a later

date - despite issuing notices that work would begin on Sunday.

'We have taken on board these representations and we now propose postponing the works at Onich and east of Onich for the time being. We will seek alternative dates, which will provide a better fit with the needs of the local community and the need to carry out necessary maintenance.'

'These works are essential and we must balance the needs

**But rock work forces weekend shutdown**

THE A82 Partnership has slammed the 'total inadequacy' of the lifeline route after it emerged it will be totally closed near Fort William in early winter to allow a dangerous rock overhang to be removed.

closure in late November or early December.

'A fixed date can only be agreed once the contractor undertaking the work has fully assessed the job, decided on an appropriate technique and identified the resources necessary to complete the task.'

'The date will be widely publicised as soon as it is agreed.'

He added: 'We appreciate that no time is a good time for this but we have tried to find the solution that causes the least disruption.'

'However, in any solution public safety must come first. We understand that it will still cause some inconvenience and we apologise for that in advance. If we can make as many people

aware of the proposed road closure in advance it should help them work around it.'

The A82 Partnership said the disruption reinforces the case for an urgent upgrade of the A82.

A spokesperson said: 'This full closure of the road for a minimum period of 60 hours and the lack of a practical alternative route will be a significant disruption to the economic and social life of the area.'

The Partnership will also seek an extension of Corran Ferry services and a fast boat passenger transfer between Corran and Fort William during the closure. Alternative arrangements for public transport provision will also be required to be put in place.

**Kinlochleven man sent threatening text to ex-partner**

A KINLOCHLEVEN man admitted after pleading guilty to sending text messages of a grossly offensive or menacing character to the woman on June 14. Defending, Hamish Melrose told Fort William

Sheriff Court the 26-year-old, who spent two nights in custody, had suffered a nervous breakdown at the time of the incident. 'He lost all concept of what was going on,' he said.



**Dave's in the pink to help breast cancer research**

Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson and fellow Highlands and Islands MSP Mary Scanlon are joining forces with Breast Cancer Campaign to raise awareness of 'wear it pink' day on October 28. The charity's biggest fundraising event will see hundreds of thousands of supporters in schools, colleges and businesses donning an item of pink in support of breast cancer research.

**More boats sailing on the Caledonian Canal**

SOME 1,022 visiting boats have transited the Caledonian Canal between April and August, according to figures compiled by British Waterways Scotland.

see a growing number of paddlers every year - including infrastructure, improved access, web site and a guide book is on schedule for a formal launch in March 2012.'

The traffic represents a 5.5 per cent increase over the average since 2005.

He added: 'One major event this year was the visit from over 30 boats from the Danish Ocean Cruising Association in July.'

Waterway manager for the Highlands Russell Thomson said 2011 saw the busiest August for more than five years. He told *The Oban Times*: 'Boats from Northern Europe, and particularly Scandinavia, continue to make up over 40 per cent of our visitors.'

'Welcoming events included traditional music and whisky tasting and a Danish male choir from the boat crews was hosted by British Waterways Scotland, The Highland Council, Glenfiddich and the Great Glen Canal Users Association.'

**Mod volunteers sought**

THE LADIES sub-committee of the Mod nan Eilean Siar 2011 local organising committee is seeking volunteers to help with teas, coffees and baking at Mod venues during Mod week.

running of a smooth and successful Mod. This is a crucial role which adds to what makes Mods in the Western Isles so special and hospitable. Your help is greatly appreciated.'

Convenor Moira MacLean said: 'There are many aspects to the

Anyone available for a morning, afternoon or day should contact Moira on 07769812361.

**Tuning up for new music venture**

WEST Highland College UHI and The National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton are preparing to launch their new joint venture.

Taster sessions, weekend courses and a new full time course for 2012-13 all feature, targeting those interested in traditional music.

Meetings are already taking place to plan and promote the courses, while the college will be recruiting new staff. Some courses could be in place by February/March 2012.

Courses will cover performance, recording, composition, arrangement, and notation skills. Prospective students will be able to request courses in their own particular field of interest.

The national certificate music course will form the core of instruction, but content can be tailored to both certificated and

non-certificated classes. NCETM director Dougie Pincock told *The Oban Times*: 'These courses will offer students who have not had an opportunity to study music before, on a part time or full time basis, a great new way to become involved in an important part of our local culture and tradition.'

'We are delighted to be able to provide the musical expertise and experience to West Highland College UHI and we are really looking forward to working together on this new project.'

'The full range of courses to be offered will be announced at our Christmas concert in Plockton on December 10.'

Assistant principal at WHC UHI Andrea Matheson added it was 'great' to see recent hard work bear fruit.

The Scottish Government has provided funding for the new partnership until 2015.

**FLOORSHOP**

NOW IN STOCK We have choices of Autumn colours, stripes Everything that you require! Pop in and have a look WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE !!

Telephone: 01631 563316 • Unit 12, Mill Lane, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HA

**Argyll's 1st uPVC sliding sash window**

Traditional Windows without compromise

Our vertical slider is an authentic looking sash window with Ovolo finishing. This combines all the benefits of high performing modern materials and functionality with period character and design.

Our frames are good for the environment Our windows and doors provide an outstanding barrier against heat and noise loss

Energy Window Rating of Band A

Systems designed to achieve a Window Energy Rating of Band A

Fully committed to ISO 9001 standards covering all environmental issues

All Spectus products come with a 10 year guarantee

**MacLeod Windows - Handcrafted by the men of Argyll for the houses of Argyll**

For more information contact **Iain Macaskill: 0800 526 781**

FW

**Barra group claims 'politics over science' in environment decisions**

BARRA campaign group, SHAMED, has cast further doubt on the process that saw Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) nominate waters off the island for environmental designations.

Ahead of next week's consultation meetings at Barra's Castlebay Hall on Monday and South Uist's Eriskay Hall on Tuesday, the chairman of the group, Angus MacLeod, said everything points to politics over science.

He said: 'SNH are very plausible when they say that the UK was asked by the EU to find more 'sites' for common seals - until you learn that since that call went out in 2004, the only site in the whole of the UK being put forward is the Sound of Barra. It is the same for sandbanks and reefs.'

'Pressure has been brought to bear on the Scottish Government to designate the Sound of Barra because SNH made a serious error in September 2000 when it notified the first pSAC in the Sound for common seals.'

He believes the only reason SNH and the Scottish Government are proceeding with the unpopular designations is because there is no mechanism to remove the 'proposed' status.

He said: 'Our local councillor, Donald Manford, has not shirked in his duty as our local councillor to demand one. It is to be hoped that our parliamentary representatives will see the justice in adding their voices to his.'

**Town by-election due in November**

THE by-election for the Oban North and Lorn Ward will be held on November 3, following the death of Councillor Donald MacDonald.

Nomination forms are available from the Election Office at the council offices in Kilmory until October 12, with completed papers due to be returned by 4pm that day.

They can also be downloaded from [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections), and can be obtained, but not lodged, from the Municipal Building, Albany Street, Oban.



Stone skimmer Fiona Macaulay takes aim. Picture - Kevin McGlynn

**International competition at annual stone skimming championships**

A SPECIAL contingent of stone skimmers from the Netherlands helped brighten up this year's rain-soaked World Stone Skimming Championships.

The event celebrated the 15th anniversary of its rebirth on Sunday by welcoming 323 'tossers' from 11 different countries, each vying to become world champion of the growing sport at Easdale's disused slate quarry.

Proving beyond all doubt that skimming stones takes more than just luck was Scotland's very own Dougie Isaacs, who clinched his fourth title in six years and his second in two by winning in a dramatic 'three stone toss off.'

Master of ceremonies, Donald Melville, was delighted at the

turnout and the entries from abroad - particularly the Oranje skimmers.

Donald said: 'It was a great turnout considering the weather and because of that the day went really well.'

'The standard was high again and three people hit the back wall, resulting in a three stone toss off which Dougie Isaacs won.'

'There's definitely a skill to it - but the guys probably don't know what it is! It might be spin or angle, but it doesn't seem to be youth or strength.'

'We had people from 11 countries in total this year, including the home nations. Among the entrants from New Zealand, Australia, Canada and America we had our first entrant from

Lithuania. We also had two teams of four from Holland who came across specially for the championships - the newly formed Royal Dutch Stone Skimming Association.'

'They just completely got what the event was about and the craic was brilliant.'

'They're now consulting on whether or not to set up a Dutch tournament, which would be great.'

Donald thanked everyone who helped make the event a success, from the organisers to the Hollow Mountain String Band who provided music and the competitors who make the event what it is.

Plans for 2012's event will start to take shape later in the year.

**Jobs fears for Argyll**

'... public expenditure cuts will inevitably create more job losses in Oban and elsewhere in Argyll and Bute.'

NEW figures have revealed that Argyll and Bute's jobs market is the worst performing in the Highlands and Islands, with unemployment leaping in the last year.

And the analysts behind the report have warned of tougher times to come, with more public sector budget cuts due to take hold in the coming year.

The warning comes as part of Highlands and Islands Enterprise's economic statement for September. It shows that 1,831 people in Argyll and Bute claimed unemployment benefit in July, an increase of 178, or 10.7 per cent on the corresponding month last year.

That puts the county's overall unemployment rate at 3.3 per cent - the highest unemployment figure for the Highlands and Islands and higher than the six-county average of 2.8 per cent.

Meanwhile, unemployment in Oban as a travel to work area increased by 14.3 per cent to 238 people.

The author of the report, Tony Mackay of Mackay consultants, believes worse is yet to come.

'The unemployment level in the Oban area, and the rest of Argyll, is above the average in the Highlands and Islands but still

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



Tony Mackay of Mackay consultants

significantly below the Scottish average, which is currently 4.3 per cent,' he said.

'The recent increase in unemployment is disappointing but that has been happening throughout the country.'

'I am not optimistic about the next few months, however, because the public expenditure cuts will inevitably create more job losses in Oban and elsewhere in Argyll and Bute.'

'The UK Coalition Government is hoping the private sector will create more new jobs than will be

lost in the public sector but I do not see that happening locally. The main tourist season is coming to an end and that inevitably will result in higher unemployment. There are a few expansion possibilities, for example at Dunstaffnage, but I do not believe they will be able to compensate for the public sector cuts.'

The warning comes as councils across Scotland continue to digest last week's budget announcement by finance secretary, John Swinney.

The budget proposed to continue the council tax freeze, but many authorities had called for the deal allowing that to be abolished to protect jobs and services.

There was, however, some good news for Argyll and Bute in the report. West Coast Motors and Scottish Citylink invested in new buses to run between Campbeltown-Oban-Glasgow, while Lochgilphead based fish-breeding firm, Landcatch, announced it had tripled its profits to £940,000, increasing turnover by £100,000 to £4.1million.

Elsewhere, 115 more people claimed unemployment benefit in the Highland Council area, but the number of people signing on in the Western Isles dropped by five, a decrease of 1.1 per cent.

**Islay fears return to single track roadway**

ISLANDERS fear one of Islay's most crucial stretches of road may be downgraded following a botched engineering job.

The 800-metre section of the A846, near Laphroaig Distillery, is the route for lorries serving Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Ardbeg distilleries and is also used by thousands of tourists visiting the distilleries and sites further down the road.

However, 10 years ago, worked carried out by a sub-contractor of West of Scotland Water bore down into the road, against Argyll and Bute Council advice, in order to install equipment.

The resulting deterioration of the road has made it 'unsafe', according to islanders, and a subsequent resurfacing job failed to alleviate the problem.

Now Argyll and Bute Council has put forward four options for addressing the problem, including a single track road with passing places - an option, the council has been told, is not popular with residents.

Islay Community Council secretary Hamish Campbell said: 'We had a consultation exercise in July, with four days notice, at which everyone said the same thing: we need to keep the two lanes on that road. My concern is that the council has not agreed in principle to that. If there was a commitment to doing that, they would have said.'

The council said it was considering the best option for the road and would hold another public meeting this autumn.

A Scottish Water spokesman said: 'Scottish Water is in discussion with Argyll and Bute Council regarding the condition of a stretch of the A846 on Islay and any possible work required on it.'

**Missing child**

AN 18-year-old has been charged with harbouring a missing child, under the Children's Act 1995, following an incident in Oban at lam on Sunday, September 25.

**Warning - parking chaos ahead**

AN OBAN councillor fears parking chaos in Oban town centre, as the last remaining traffic warden prepares to take up a civilian role at Oban Police Station.

As of April next year, the police will officially take on responsibility for parking offences in on-street parking spaces, while Argyll and Bute Council will be responsible for policing designated car parks.

However, councillor Roddy McCuish fears a free-for-all for drivers in the intervening period.

He said: 'My concern is what is happening between now and April. The parking situation in Oban is chaos and I'm also concerned about

a loss of revenue through parking meters.'

Improvements to parking was high on people's agenda in a recent survey carried out by economic and social development firm, Ekos, as part of the CHORD programme.

Chief Inspector Brian Auld explained his officers would be on the lookout for any parking violations but admitted he did not have the resources to allocate a specific officer to the role. He said: 'The councillors had been made aware this was happening but I think it has been made real now. Parking matters that are criminal will be dealt with by the police officers against competing demands on their time. The big test for us will be next summer.'



**SCOTTISHPOWER RENEWABLES**

**ARGYLL ARRAY PROPOSED OFFSHORE WINDFARM ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WORKS**

**Public Information Days**

Staff from ScottishPower Renewables will be on hand at the Public Information Days to update you on the progress of the project and answer any questions.

Everyone is welcome to drop in, meet the project team and discuss the proposals. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

For more information, or to contact us, please visit [www.argyllarray.com](http://www.argyllarray.com)

Dalmally Community Centre, Dalmally  
Tuesday 11 October  
3pm until 7pm

Aros Hall, Tobermory, Isle of Mull  
Wednesday 12 October  
3pm until 7pm

Tryst Lounge, Royal Hotel, Oban  
Thursday 13 October  
3pm until 7pm

20 Years Ago

**Those Were The Days**

The Oban Times

Thursday, September 26, 1991

**Petrol scare hits Tiree**

ISLANDERS are undertaking an ambitious plan of action to try and ensure that Tiree doesn't lose its petrol pump lifeline.

Villagers fear that the 12-mile-long island will soon be left high and dry, without a petrol sales outlet to its name. Their worries started when West Highland Crofters Ltd, who have a depot with a petrol pump at Scarinish, went into liquidation. Concern grew when the future of the other petrol outlet was threatened when Brown's shop, site of the second pump, was sold for a non-retail purpose.

Now ambitious plans are under way which, if successful, will result in the islanders buying out the Crofters' depot, and Struthan Stores at Crossap, to operate two petrol pumps.

There is mass public support for the co-operative plan on the island, with a recent public meeting at-

tracting 135 people. Mr Ian Gillies, chairman of the steering group of the newly formed Tiree Community Enterprises project said: 'All the essential services, like the post bus, the volunteer firemen who need their cars to get to the fire station, the school minibus, the old folks' home minibus would all be affected if there was no petrol on Tiree.'

The islanders feel that a co-operative could keep petrol prices down while any profits from the venture could be pumped back into community projects.

**Kyle pool cash crisis**

SKYE and Lochalsh District Councillors refused to increase funding for Kyle's proposed swimming pool at an environment committee meeting.

Kyle swimming pool committee is £35,000 short of the £250,000 needed to pay for the pool and they had asked for an increase on the £20,000 provided by the council.

If the committee does not raise the required amount by March 1992 they will be forced to repay the £120,000 funding received.

Kyle Councillor Ross McKerlich said he was disappointed with the council decision. He said Kyle had no leisure facilities despite being the second biggest village in the district. He added Kyle swimming pool would serve the whole of Lochalsh not just Kyle.

**Mull artist's claim**

AN artist living and working on Mull believes he may be one of the most published artists in the United Kingdom.

Ronnie Leckie has produced more than 200 prints (some running to 1,500 signed copies), 15 calendars and over the last five years, has four pages of the German Wildlife Fund catalogue devoted to his work. The catalogue has a readership of more than 10 million.

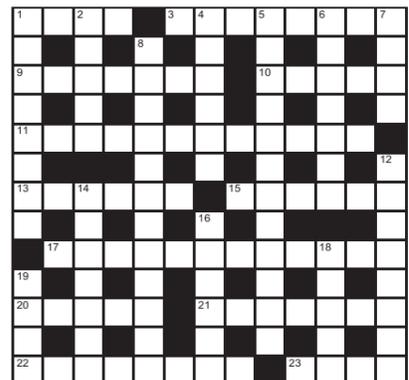
**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- 1 Eat until full... (4)
- 3 ...made in this? (8)
- 9 Disengage the phone? (4,3)
- 10 Gathering (5)
- 11 Bail (12)
- 13 Seat taken in upper house in US (6)
- 15 Online newsgroup system (6)
- 17 Writ (6,6)
- 20 Medallion man? (5)
- 21 Former monetary unit of Portugal (7)
- 22 Fiasco (8)
- 23 Joint (4)

**Down**

- 1 Slight shock (8)
- 2 Uniform (5)
- 4 Fling (6)
- 5 Direction shower (7,5)
- 6 Bird crossing (7)
- 7 Require (4)
- 8 Remember the flowers! (6-2-4)
- 12 Ear viewer (8)
- 14 Shades (7)
- 16 Spirit (6)
- 18 Shellfish (5)
- 19 During (4)



Last week's solution



**Highland cattle add to Oban visitor numbers**

HUNDREDS of Highland cattle enthusiasts from all over the world are expected to arrive in Oban over the weekend of October 7 - 10.

The Highland Cattle Society will host their 114th Spring Show and Sale of cattle at Oban Livestock Centre when 150 pedigree cattle will compete for a range of top awards on the Sunday, prior to Monday's prestigious sale.

Breed society secretary Hazel Baxter said that a rising interest in Highland cattle throughout the world always ensured that the event was well attended.

**Community praise town celebrations**

OBAN Community Council has praised member Kenny MacIntyre for his work with the successful Oban 200 celebrations earlier this year.

Kenny was one of the driving forces behind the event in July and has been working on the project continuously for the past nine months.

Kenny thanked the community council members for their kind words at a meeting on Monday, adding: 'We have had great support from people within the Oban 200 committee. I'm not going to take all the credit for that.'

Kenny and Margaret MacLean were honoured during the Royal visit this summer for their work for the town over the years.

**Drunk man tried to butt and punch Oban police officer**

AN OBAN man admitted struggling violently with police and trying to assault one of them in an incident in Station Square, Oban.

Police were called on June 20 and found the accused, David Irvine, aged 52, of 24 Combie Court, 'heavily intoxicated'.

Oban Sheriff Court heard last week that Irvine tried to butt one officer and threw punches.

Sheriff Douglas Small deferred sentence on the accused for court reports.

**Mull ferry delayed by technical hitch**

FERRY passengers travelling between Oban and Craignure, Isle of Mull, faced delays on Tuesday morning.

Due to technical difficulties with the MV *Isle of Mull*, the 9.50am and 10.55am were delayed. Normal service resumed at midday.

Ferry company Caledonian MacBrayne apologised for any inconvenience caused to travellers.

**Nurseries schools gain Green Flags**

THE environmental credentials of five nurseries in Argyll in Bute have been recognised after they were awarded Green Flags by Eco Schools Scotland.

Part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign, the flag is awarded to nurseries and schools which establish eco-friendly projects.

In the Oban area, nurseries at Dunbeg Primary and Rockfield Primary were commended, joining nurseries at Arrochar and Ashfield Primary Schools and Tarbert Academy Nursery Class.

**Man charged after Isle of Seil assault**

A 69-YEAR-old man was charged with assaulting another man and disorderly conduct following an incident at the ferry pier in Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil, on Thursday, September 22.

A report has been made to the Procurator Fiscal.

**Dunoon road closed as lorry causes gas leak**

AN HGV crashed into an Argyll caravan park after a suspected tyre blow out on Friday, September 23.

The A815 was closed for two hours at Loch Eck near Dunoon, after the lorry crashed into two empty static caravans and caused a gas leak.

The truck driver was freed from his cab by fire crews and taken to Dunoon General Hospital.

**Two charged with shoplifting**

A 24-YEAR-old woman was charged with shoplifting £50-worth of goods from an Oban supermarket on Tuesday, September 20.

In a separate incident, a 34-year-old female was charged with stealing £60 worth of goods from an Oban shop on Saturday, September 24.

**Connel axe robber told by Edinburgh High Court to find a job**

A MASKED robber who held up staff at Connel post office with an axe has been told by a judge prison may not be the answer in his case.

Brendan McGuckin (27) appeared from custody at the High Court in Edinburgh on Wednesday, September 21 after earlier admitting assaulting an employee by presenting an axe at her and stealing £214 on October 1 last year.

But Lord Bonomy granted him bail and further deferred sentence, telling him: 'I appreciate you did not expect to be walking out of here today, but I have taken the view that it is not the best way of securing the protection of the public in your case to sentence you immediately to a period of imprisonment. That may yet be the case because what you did must have been a frightening experience

for those in the shop.' Lord Bonomy said the only way he could impose an alternative to custody was if it reflected the gravity of the offence, possibly including compensation.

**Work or training**  
He told McGuckin, of 49 Combie Street, Oban, to try and secure full-time work or training, see a consultant psychiatrist and attend again

for holistic therapy. Defence counsel Stewart Ronnie said McGuckin, a diver who had become addicted to alcohol and cocaine, had been unable to work for some time. 'Whilst he was out driving he took the decision to commit this particular offence. He owed money to his dealer,' he added. He said McGuckin had asked him to apologise to the women working in the shop at the time

of the robbery. Sub-postmistress Rosie Stevenson said she was working at the back of the shop and did not witness the raid herself. 'He terrified the two girls who were serving in the shop and made the people of Connel feel shocked and frightened. I assume he must have been desperate for cash to do such a thing. I do not know the boy or anything about him. I think

the police did a great job in apprehending him.' Ms Stevenson said she had mixed feelings about the decision to bail McGuckin and consider alternatives to jail. She said: 'I do not wish the boy any harm and I hope he might one day see that helping others makes one feel a million times happier within oneself, while harming others just leads to misery.'

**Roadworks result in night quarry loading**

Bonawe road affected by lorries supplying overnight roadworks

THE MOVE to overnight road works could create new problems for those living near quarries.

With a request for late working hours at Bonawe quarry on almost every week-night in October, there were calls for an electronic warning system at Ardchattan Community Council last week. Geoff Miller, community councillor from North Connel, said agreed out of hours working arrangements were not always well-known among other users of the Bonawe road.

He said: 'Residents have had a bit of a fright if they weren't aware of the movements. If this is going to happen it wouldn't cost them much to invest in some signs for people.'

Trucks are usually banned from leaving the quarry by the

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

single track road after 7pm, but an extension until lam can be granted by planners on up to 28 days a year.

Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's transport spokesman said that night-time roadworks were the cause: 'Just about everything they are doing is at night. It's going to happen more frequently and it's the time for them to invest in a proper warning system.'

Community council chair Iain MacDonald said the issue would be raised at a meeting with quarry officials.

Bob Gordon, spokesman for Bredon Aggregates, said vehicles needed to leave the quarry late to ensure the safe operation of road works and minimise disruption to road users.

In relation to recent road works at Connel and Loch Awe, he said planners had only been approached after the community had been consulted.

Mr Gordon added: 'It was as part of our communication with Ardchattan that the suggestion of warning road signage was raised and this is indeed something that we will discuss and progress with the relevant authorities.'

Late operating has been requested for Sunday to Thursday evenings between October 2 and November 3.



Young Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre has won his first Scotland jersey for this weekend's challenge match against England Boys. 15.13960601

**National call up for Oban golfer**

A YOUNG Oban golfer is believed to be the first member of Glencruitten Golf Club to achieve international honours after being called up to the Scotland Boys under-16 squad. Bob MacIntyre will turn out for Scotland Boys this weekend in a challenge match against England Boys at Troon's Dundonald Links.

A proud Bob, who has been involved with the Scottish Golf Union (SGU) coaching programme for the past two years, said: 'This is the first time I have received international honours. It is amazing to think I will be representing Scotland. Everyone at the club is really pleased for me. I knew most of the boys on the Scottish team but we recently went for a practice round together and I met the rest of them.'

'I'm really looking forward to the competition,' Bob added. 'I'm looking forward to being part of a team but, especially in the foursomes, you just can't make a mistake.' The 10-strong Scotland team will be looking to reverse a worrying run of consecutive defeats in this fixture but will be up against stern opposition. The top-ranked English player also came second in the Scottish Boys Championship.

**Diesel spills cause concern**

POLICE are working with haulage firms and bus companies after a rising number of reports of diesel spills on local roads.

Last week, three tonnes of sand and a chemical wash were used to tackle a fuel spillage on the A85 on the outskirts of Oban. It was the latest of seven reports of diesel on the road this month, five of them on the A85.

Inspector Julie McLeish said: 'We have done everything we possibly can, but it's still an issue. It was happening at the same time of day, between 8am and 9am every day on the A85. It seemed to be someone's regular route.'

She added officers had been around Oban firms using HGVs and buses to try and identify problems, while spot checks with VOSA officials have also been carried out.

Councillor Neil MacKay responded that leaks could be spotted in visiting vehicles parked overnight in the town.

But Chief Inspector Brian Auld said it was important to see the issue of oil spills in context. He said: 'Employers, fleet managers and drivers all have responsibility for ensuring their vehicles are road-worthy and regular maintenance is carried out.'

**Oban Pipe Band numbers swell thanks to shop's ongoing sponsorship funding**

OBAN PIPE Band can now welcome three new members fully into its fold as a result of an ongoing sponsorship by The Original Factory Shop.

The Soroba Road business handed Pipe Major Euan Dewar a cheque for £1,564 on Saturday, which has been raised over the course of the year by staff at the store.

The donation matches almost entirely the sum required to kit out the Grade 3A World Cham-

ions' three new members with uniforms and comes as a result of being picked as the shop's charity of the year in January.

Fundraising convener, Alistair Dewar, said: 'We are extremely grateful to the Original Factory Shop for their ongoing support.'

'The band has very high annual costs for the purchase of uniform, instruments and, of course, travel to competitions, so generous donations like this are very important.'



Pipe major Euan Dewar, Original Factory Shop manager Gwen Cameron, shop assistant Rachel Angus, tenor drummer Lauren Davie and piper Niall Jordan with the cheque. 15.13960601

**Oban drug driver loses licence for seven years**

AN OBAN man who admitted driving while unfit through drink or drugs has had his driving licence removed for seven years.

Oban Sheriff Court heard last week William Burns, aged 31, was spotted by police driving another man's car on October 30 last year. Later a police casualty surgeon confirmed he was likely to be impaired through drugs.

Burns, of 11 Columba Court, also admitted driving with no licence. He was banned from driving for seven years and placed on a community payback order with a drug treatment element for 18 months.

**Kintyre beach body is missing Irish woman**

A BODY discovered washed ashore near Rhunahaorine Point, Kintyre, on the afternoon of Thursday September 22 has been confirmed as that of Ballycastle woman Karen Coyle.

The 47-year-old was a member of McQuillan's GAC, Ballycastle Camogie Club, (women's hurling) and had led her camogie team to All Ireland glory at the Camogie Sevens tournament in Dublin the day before going missing.

German tourists made the find on the beach on Thursday.

'Police are not treating her death as suspicious,' said a spokesman for the Northern Ireland police.

**Loch Awe firearms incident sparks police action**

POLICE marksmen were called to an incident on the shores of Loch Awe, following reports of gunshots.

Four cars from Strathclyde's armed response unit, backed up by a force helicopter, went to the scene, south of Portsoanachan, around 5pm on Saturday, September 24.

A 57-year-old man from Paisley was arrested and charged with the reckless discharge of a firearm and an air pistol was seized.

**Fireworks on the fourth for Oban**

OBAN Fireworks Display has been scheduled for November 4 this year, so that organisers can get a discount on the fireworks.

By moving the community event to the night before Guy Fawkes Night, the cost has been reduced by 15 per cent.

However, Councillor Roddy McCuish told Oban Community Council on Monday that the event is still likely to cost £6,500. He said: 'There were more than 3,000 people there last year but we only took in £2,500 and we have about £4,000 in the account. I'm not prepared to use public money. If we don't get the money, it won't go ahead.'

**November 'Blue Light Disco'**

POLICE officers in Oban are organising a 'Blue Light Disco' for teenagers in second to fourth year at school on Saturday, November 5.

The dance will be held in Skippinnish Ceilidh House.

**Tiree woman foils phone scammers**

A WARNING has been sounded for locals to be on the alert for scammers after a Tiree woman rumbled a scheme against her.

Mary MacLean, Scarinish, was phoned on Tuesday morning by a woman with a foreign accent claiming to be from the Fair Trade organisation. The woman further claimed to have a £4,000 cheque for Ms MacLean from erroneous bank charges against her, but said a £100 administration fee was required to make the payment.

Ms MacLean then talked to someone with an English accent, before hanging up and calling the police.

She said: 'I just don't want anyone to get caught.'

**Creditors furious as Barcaldine hotel company runs out of cash**

FORMER staff and creditors of the company that owns the Barcaldine House Hotel, Barcaldine House Ltd, have been told that 'there's no more money left.'

The sole director of the company and its former parent firm, Blue Grange Ltd, Heather Buchanan, has told creditors they won't be getting any of the money they are owed.

A number are now pursuing fresh legal action while others are consulting debt collection agencies.

One former staff member of the hotel said: 'I'm still owed over £1,000 and when I phoned the company last week to get an update, I was told that there was no money left. I won't see any of it.'

'It's not good enough - we've already had cheques bounce. We had to put our own money into keeping the business going and this is how we're treated.'

'I will be getting debt collectors to visit the headquarters at Eildon House in Melrose. I will keep on fighting - there's no way she is getting away with this.'

Some staff are considering

staging a protest at Eildon House, which is home to some of Mrs Buchanan's 13 companies.

Blue Grange Ltd remains in liquidation, while Companies House still list Barcaldine House Ltd as active.

Meanwhile, the hotel itself has been sub-let to an entirely separate company owned by Michelin starred chef, Michael Riemen-

schneider. A spokesperson for his company said it was currently re-establishing good links with local suppliers with the goal being to buy the freehold lease from Mrs Buchanan's company.

Despite repeated calls and emails made to Mrs Buchanan by *The Oban Times*, she failed to respond to answer questions put to us by the hotel's creditors.

**2012 Calendars**

Isle of Arran - £7.25  
The Oban Times - £7.25

**ON SALE NOW!**

Scottish Field - £10.50  
Scottish Field Mini - £7.25

Order online at: www.scottishcalendars.co.uk  
or call us on 01631 568000  
\*Above prices include worldwide postage & packing

**Lochleven Seafood Cafe**

www.lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk

**SPANISH NIGHTS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM OCTOBER

TAPAS PAELLA AND SPANISH DESSERT

2 COURSE £16.95  
3 COURSE £19.95

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Our shellfish menu is always available

For bookings large or small call on 01855 821 048

**Six high school pupils on children's television show**

SIX OBAN High School pupils will appear on a television recording for CBBC's Wildlife programme, 'Live 'n' Deadly'.

The programme is presented by Steve Backshall and is being broadcast nationwide this Saturday from 9am on BBC 2.

The programme focuses on the beaver re-introduction programme in Knapdale Forest.

**Barcaldine near miss leads to driving charge**

A WOMAN has been charged by police with driving without due care and attention after a collision was narrowly avoided close to Barcaldine sawmill on Friday morning, September 23.

**Dunbeg 'shucker' in world oyster opening championships**

Scottish champion calls for 'more women shuckers'

A DUNBEG man competed with the best oyster shuckers in the world last weekend.

Angus Vajk (22) represented Scotland in the Bollinger World Oyster Opening Competition in Galway, Ireland after being named Scottish champion last month.

'It was great fun. There were people from all over the world,' said the 22-year-old, who, as son of Caledonian Oysters' Hugo and Judith Vajk, has been prising oyster shells apart since he was a nipper.

While Angus didn't place, he picked up some valuable tips and plans to keep competing. He said: 'I never thought there was so much to oyster opening, they took it quite seriously.'

'But I would like to see more women in the competition - they were all men.' Angus is appealing for any budding female oyster-openers in Oban to come forward, and is even prepared to offer tips and training.

**Corporate stationery**  
Business cards, letterheads, envelopes, comp slips

**Personal stationery**  
Matching paper & envelopes, postcards, address labels

**krisp print**

Contact us at: Krisp Print & Stationery,  
Burnbank, Burnside Street,  
Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JD  
Tel: 01586 554975 Email: staff@krispprint.co.uk  
www.krispprint.co.uk

## Local cyclists finish first and second

CYCLING

TWO LOCHABER athletes beat hundreds of competitors to finish first and second in the gruelling Tour de Ben Nevis cycling race on Saturday.

Fort William's Ruari Watt won the event in a time of 4hours, 15minutes and 41 seconds, well clear of second-placed James Shirley, of Roy Bridge, who finished in 4h 35m 56s.

Some 324 riders took part in the 72kilometre race around the base of Ben Nevis. Starting from Fort William, the field headed south through Glen Nevis to Kinlochleven and north through the mountains via the Lairig Leacach to Spean Bridge, before cutting back across to Torlundy and the finish line in Fort William.

## Winter league

GOLF

WITH THE summer season finished, Fort William Golf Club moves to winter tees this weekend for the start of the ladies winter league. The men's league will get underway the following Saturday.

## Kilmallie play away

SHINTY

KILMALLIE'S 2<sup>nd</sup> XII face Glenurquhart in north division two on Saturday. Skye play Glengarry, who can still catch Fort William in second.

# Scottish Cup tie looks good for Saturday

'We can't afford to be losing a lot in the air at set pieces'

FORT WILLIAM will take on Bo'ness United in the Scottish Cup first round at Claggan Park on Saturday at the second time of asking, after last weekend's match was called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

The game was wiped out last Friday afternoon after an SFA referee confirmed an area at the centre of the pitch was unplayable.

With a large away support expected to make the 230-mile round trip to Lochaber, better weather on Saturday came too late to save the fixture.

With the prospects good for this weekend, Fort manager Danny Conlon will be able to call on captain Andy Martin, who has recovered from injury, and midfielders Chris Macleod and

REPORT BY RICHARD HADDOCK  
rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

was a sense of frustration in the squad because of the postponement.

He said on Monday: 'There's been a lot of interest in the game around the town, and it was a major disappointment it was called off. But it's up to us to try and lift the players.'

'It's a big game - it's the Scottish Cup and the guys are getting to play against a team they will probably never play again, and a good team by all accounts.'

Bo'ness' power in the air could cause the Fort defence difficulties - and Conlon has already had the junior side watched to assess the threat.

'We can't afford to be losing a lot in the air at set pieces,' he said. 'Whatever they throw at us we'll just have to deal with.'

With John Campbell still recovering from the knee injury, which has prevented him from playing this season, new signing Jonathan Smith is likely to start in goal.

The game will give the 23 year-old ex-Caley Thistle youth player the chance to stake his claim for an extended run between the sticks as Campbell works his way back to fitness.

Fort held a training session last Saturday in place of the cup game, but Conlon admitted there



Chris Bradley: back in Fort William after boxing for Scotland.

## Chris makes Scotland debut

LOCHABER teenager Chris Bradley did himself and Scotland proud in an international boxing match in Cork against an Ireland team considered one of the best in Europe.

After flying to Ireland with the Scotland squad on Friday, the weigh in on Saturday morning saw 14 year-old Chris and his opponent - 15 year-old, three time Irish champion Brendan Irvine - come in right on the weight limit.

Fort William lad Chris and Irvine took the ring for the first bout in the Saturday night show - and gave the crowd a demonstration of why they are rated so highly.

verdict wasn't in Scottish champion Bradley's favour as he lost a close decision to easily the best boxer he has ever faced.

Coach Niall Clark said: 'Everyone at the club is extremely proud of everything Chris has accomplished in his boxing career and he has been a credit to the club, his parents and himself with the way he has handled every situation he has encountered in his way.'

'His dedication is unbelievable. When I spoke to him after his bout he told me he wouldn't be back in Fort William until Monday afternoon so I told him to take a couple of days rest.'

'He told me no, and he would be back in the gym on Monday night because there was some technical aspects he wanted to work on. With an attitude like that he will continue to make a name for himself and have a lot of success in the future.'

Chris is one of a host of local boxers hoping to show the local Fort William people their boxing skills when Lochaber Phoenix Boxing club hold their latest show in the Nevis Centre on Saturday 8th October. Ticket information is available from Niall Clark (07554994744), Vince Lopez (07979321025) and Steve Docherty (07767069532).

## Lochaber come away with maximum points



Lochaber Squash Club and Gordonstoun Academy before their match at Lochaber Leisure Centre.

## SQUASH

LOCHABER Squash Club representatives Murray Joiners were in action for their first home game of the season against Gordonstoun Academy at Lochaber Leisure Centre on Thursday night. This was the first time Gordonstoun had gained promotion to the premier division in their 24-year history.

The first two matches went to the local team comfortably with 3-0 wins for Robert Douglas and Andrew MacMaster.

New club champion Alan Love had to work hard, but won 3-1 in an entertaining match before Bruce Love came up against Scottish under 17 Champion Fergus Richards.

Bruce showed his experience in the final game with an excellent 3-1 win, resulting in maximum points for the local team.



Glenelg Primary School shinty team claimed bragging rights in Lochalsh when they won the Bank of Scotland Cup at a tournament at Kirkton last Tuesday. Teams from Lochcarron, Loch Duich, Auchtertyre and Kyle also competed and endured the terrible weather to play. School secretary Fiona Cameron said: 'Thank you to parents and supporters who braved the elements and to Mrs D MacRae for organising the event.'



Kinlochleven High under 17s footballers defeated Ardnarmurchan under 17s 6-1 at the village's Island Park last Tuesday. Goal scorers were Patrick Carr (2), Ross Cooper, Sam Moffit, and Alex Whittaker (2). Referee was Donald Wilson with Ken Tadcastle on the lines. Both sides played very well and will stage a rematch at Ardnarmurchan High on Tuesday, November 1. The Kinlochleven team travel to play Mallaig on Thursday, October 6.

## Weather

**Thursday** Heavy rain.  
Winds moderate, south, south easterly  
Temperatures 15°C to 16°C

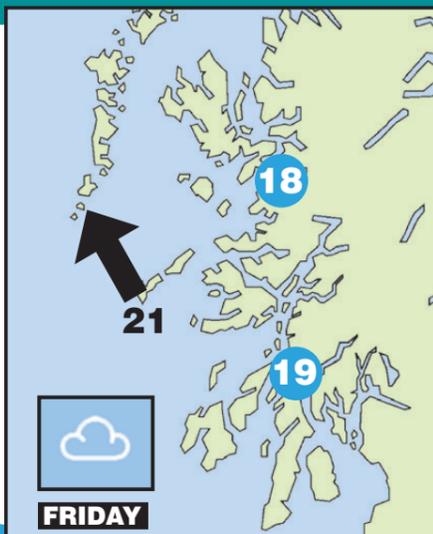
**Friday** Sunny intervals.  
Winds moderate, south, south easterly  
Temperatures 12°C to 19°C.

**Weekend** Cloudy.

**Outlook** Winds light, west, south westerly.  
Temperatures 11°C to 14°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate  
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate



## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, September 29, 2011** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	00.36 0.4 06.27 4.2 12.48 0.2 18.44 4.3	
Fri	01.15 0.4 07.05 4.1 13.32 0.3 19.22 4.1	
Sat	01.57 0.6 07.46 3.9 14.19 0.6 20.02 3.7	
Sun	02.42 0.9 08.30 3.7 15.09 0.9 20.45 3.4	
Mon	03.34 1.2 09.22 3.4 16.05 1.3 21.36 3.0	
Tues	04.34 1.4 10.37 3.1 17.12 1.6 23.08 2.7	
Wed	05.49 1.6 12.54 3.0 18.35 1.8 ** *	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Portree	+0.55
Campbeltown	-5.30	Tobermory	+0.16
Crinan	-0.47	Dover	+5.30
Islay Port Ellen	2.00		
Lochboisdale	+0.30		
Mallaig	+0.25		

## NANCY BLACK Ships' Chandler



Sponsors the Oban Times weather

come rain or shine

**NANCY BLACK** Ships' Chandler  
Telephone: 01631 562550