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Campervans flout rules

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Oban's beachside car park at Ganavan is turning into campervan central at night.

Up to 10 campervans were counted at the Argyll and Bute Council-run car park earlier this week after a free overnight's stay, despite official signs saying it is not allowed.

Although the town welcomes visitors with open arms, illegally parked campervans are causing rumblings.

Among those concerned is Mike Tye, whose family has owned Roseview Caravan Park at Glenshellach for 35 years.

'I get very frustrated by it and have done for years,' he said. 'It's been going on a long time and is only going to get worse.'

'These campers are taking up space in the town and causing congestion when sites like us have plenty of room.'

'If everyone parked up in car parks, we would have no campsite,' said Mr Tye.

And he added: 'Some people even have the audacity to stop and ask if they can just give us a bit of money to get water and empty their waste here, but I say no because it would only encourage them.'

Another man who runs a business in Oban but asked

not to be named said: 'Some of these vehicles cost £60,000 but the occupants are too tight to fork out a few pounds for a proper campsite. Instead they ignore parking rules and get free water and electricity at the expense of Oban ratepayers. We welcome these visitors but wish they'd play fair and put a bit of money into local pockets.'

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'Tourism plays an important role in Argyll and Bute's economy so we welcome visitors and encourage them to respect our beautiful countryside by camping responsibly.'

Campsites

'We ask them to support our local campsites which offer facilities to make the holiday more comfortable and provide the safe disposal of waste from campervans.'

'People are welcome to park their vehicles at Ganavan but there must be no residential use of the car park between the hours of 11pm and 7am. We have issued fixed penalty notices in this area, but it can be very difficult to prove that someone has actually slept in their vehicle overnight. We will continue to monitor the car park and carry out patrols.'

Oban councillor Roddy McCuish said he was disappointed that some campervans

were ignoring parking regulations: 'Unfortunately, people don't want to pay. If they can get away with it, they won't part with any money. We can't force them to use campsites but we can't have them staying overnight in car parks for free either. It isn't fair.'

'I would ask people to do the right thing. If there are regulations, please stick to them. Treat Oban as you would like others to treat your home town.'

Campervans are also parking overnight in lay-bys, including those towards Kilniver and towards Seil. At Tralee beach, mounds of earth have now been piled up at several points stopping vehicle access onto the machair and sands.

Taynuilt is also experiencing problems with campers near the pier and beach, and along the shore of Loch Awe at Kilchrenan, where branches from trees and wood from fences are being cut for fires, according to Facebook posts.

On Monday morning, a campervan that had been left parked at Ganavan car park rolled back until its rear end was left dangling onto the beach. Fortunately, no one was hurt. For a video and a full report on this, visit www.obantimes.co.uk

McCaig's Tower over the rainbow



McCaig's Tower, photographed by Nick Edginton, acted as a beacon last weekend as the rainbow colours drew members of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters into town for the first Oban Pride festival. Around 500 people took to the streets for Saturday's parade while hundreds of others attended various events around the town to show their support for equality and anti-stigma. Turn to pages 12 and 13 for the Oban Pride photo special and full report.

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Fraser finds way to claw in profits

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Crustacea connoisseurs are snapping up their weekly seafood shop via a new vending machine on the Isle of Tiree.

Fraser MacInnes was feeling the pinch when he couldn't find the staff to man his Tiree Lobster and Crab outlet at Heanish.

Because he runs Tiree Sea Tours through the summer season, Fraser was losing trade due to him having to close the doors when he was out on the boat.

A eureka moment in April, however, has resulted in him being the proud owner of a card-only vending machine that not only offers lobster and crab but other types of seafood too. 'It just came to me all of a sudden,' he said.

'If you can get chilled juice



Shellfish supplier Fraser MacInnes with his new, innovative vending machine. Photograph: Stephanie Cope.

and water out of a vending machine, then why not lobster and crab too?

Fraser knew what he wanted to do, so the next thing was to find someone able and willing to do it.

First, he called a company in London which deals with

vending machines but they said they couldn't help. Fraser was then directed to Mint Vending Services in Hillington, Paisley, who agreed to adapt a cold drinks and fruit machine to his specification.

The innovative machine arrived last Wednesday and is

now doing a roaring trade at Fraser's business premises.

'We totally sold out on Tuesday,' he said. 'We had a man from London who cleared out the langoustine shelf to take home with him.'

'It's mostly tourists who are using it just now but I'm sure once the word gets out it will become a popular attraction for everyone.'

'I'm really pleased with it. I'm pretty confident that it is the only one of its kind in the UK and possibly even the world.'

A cut-out of three degrees Celsius ensures customers get their seafood at the correct temperature and that, should the machine rise to above that temperature while Fraser is out, it will close down.

'The most important thing was to make sure health and safety issues were covered and everything bought from

Driver overtook nine vehicles near blind bend

A man has been fined £800 and given seven penalty points for overtaking nine cars while approaching a blind bend on the A82 near to Achallader Farm.

Fraser McLeod Murdoch, of 35 The Loaning, Ayr, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of careless driving when he appeared in Oban Sheriff Court on Monday May 20.

The 48-year-old admitted the offence, which took place on May 31 last year, and his defence solicitor said it was a misjudgment on his behalf.

'I don't think he realised there were nine vehicles in front of him,' Eddie Thornton said. 'He thought there were five or six and it took him longer than anticipated.'

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said that at 12.25pm officers were travelling on the

A82 when they spotted a car overtaking a series of vehicles.

'Police watched as he approached a blind right-hand bend on the opposing carriage-way. He was in that lane as he completed his manoeuvre,' he added.

In Murdoch's defence, Mr Thornton said there was a line of traffic and that his client did not exceed 60mph. Sheriff Patrick Hughes said Murdoch's actions placed him and other road users at some degree of risk, but was satisfied it could be dealt with without disqualification.

He fined him £800 and endorsed his licence with seven penalty points. Sheriff Hughes said: 'That will give you 10 points.'

'Any further matter, including speeding, will mean you will lose your licence.'

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Seafood shack John is a model citizen

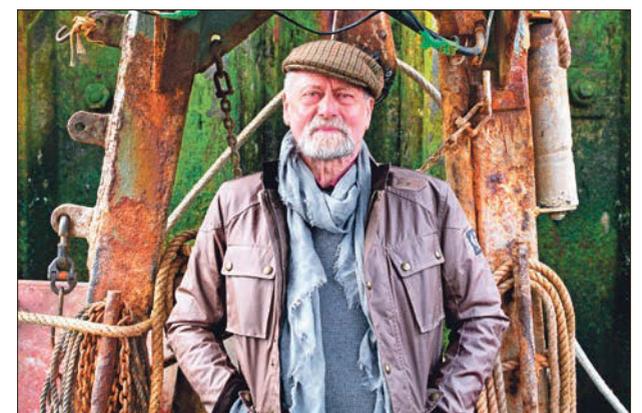
The owner of Oban's famous green seafood shack is following footballer David Beckham's footsteps to become a fashion model for a high-end clothing brand, writes Kathie Griffiths.

John Ogden is one of four well-known characters from the town and neighbouring islands to become the faces of a photoshoot for luxury heritage clothing company Belstaff and Leica Camera.

Beckham led a previous campaign for the British label fashion brand which wanted hardy souls to show off their equally 'hardy' outdoor wear.

Guy Grieve on Mull, who set up the Ethical Seafood Company, Dervaig hill farmer Fiona Boa and Ulva cafe-owner Rebecca Munro are the other three who appear on Belstaff's website alongside Mr Ogden in a series of images and moody videos showing them in their natural environment sporting the company's clothing and presented as Everyday Heroes.

Internationally renowned photojournalist Emily



John Ogden on the photoshoot. Photograph: Emily Garthwaite

Garthwaite was commissioned as part of a multimedia project to travel to remote areas and produce a visual insight into the lives of ordinary people living and working in extraordinary circumstances.

Mr Ogden said he was initially asked to come up with a list of suggested characters for the project: 'Then they said, you'll do as well!'

'I'm no dresser, there's no need to look so smart in my line of work,' he told The Oban Times over the phone as he was sailing back from

Mull with a boatload of mussels this week.

'I doubt I got paid as much as David Beckham for my time but they did send me a jacket with a £504 price tag on it to say thank you. It was too small for me, but I gave it to my stepson who was delighted to have it,' he added.

The green seafood shack has been an Oban landmark since 1990 attracting visitors from across the world. His famous prawn sandwich was once voted the best in Britain by the Observer magazine.

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Game of tones

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An Oban teenager has designed a game that could revolutionise the way hairdressing students train.

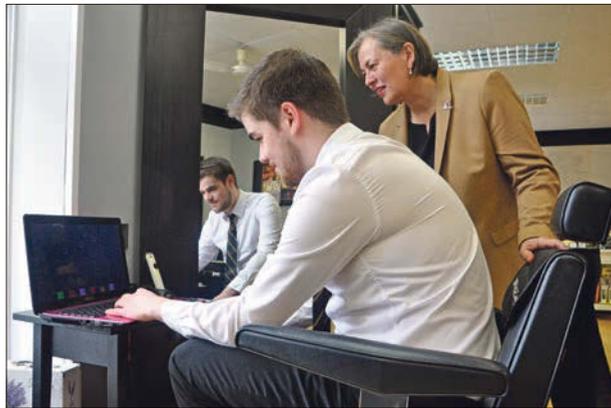
When college lecturer Elaine Smith approached the Oban High School IT department looking for help in developing a game that would assist her students in remembering their colour codes, Finlay MacDonald needed no further prompting.

The 17-year-old had just started out on his games design module and was only to happy to help.

Finlay said: 'I was absolutely delighted to take up this challenge. It didn't really matter that I knew nothing about hairdressing as Elaine's brief was perfect and I was able to work from that.'

'I took inspiration from other areas also – friends, family, games that I enjoyed and put it all together.'

Elaine came up with the idea of developing a game while she was teaching classes



Hairdresser Elaine Smith looks on as Finlay MacDonald guides her through the stages of the game.

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at the high school as part of her Skills for Work at Argyll College UHI.

'I noticed that at break times the students were playing games on their phones and I thought it would be quite good if we could get something that meant they could be learning while they were playing their games,' she explained.

'It meant that they would be underpinning their knowledge in a fun, current and

interactive way. I was a bit cheeky really and went into the games design class to ask if anyone could develop my ideas into a game. It was fate really as Finlay was looking for something to work on.'

Once Finlay had expressed an interest in the project, the pair teamed up and, with the help of a mood board designed by Elaine, he got to work on the technical development process. The re-

sulting game is called DUCT (Debris Undergoing Colour Transformation) and can be used for both fun and as a learning resource.

The idea of the game is to blast the falling colour molecules with a weapon in the corresponding toning colour in order to neutralise it. In its current format, the game uses six primary and secondary colours but can be tweaked to include tertiary colours and bleaches and also to suit different nationalities.

Elaine, who also runs Spruce hairdressing salon on John Street, is so pleased with the result that she has contacted Wella and John Frieda to see if they would be interested in using or promoting the game.

She will also be encouraging students who come into her salon to use the app which will hopefully be available to download online in the very near future.

Finlay intends to pursue a career in gaming and, once he has completed a maths course at college next year, will move onto games design.

Oban man five times over drink drive limit

An Oban man has admitted driving his car despite being five times over the drink limit.

Donald Samuel Campbell, of 9 Shuna Terrace, Soroba, pleaded guilty to driving on May 19 with 118 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, when the legal limit is 22mg in 100ml.

The 31-year-old appeared in Oban Sheriff Court on Monday May 20 but sentence was deferred for the court to obtain criminal justice and social work reports, as well as a restriction of liberty order.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'At 1.40am, police officers were on uniformed mobile patrol in Oban town centre on George Street when they saw a car travel towards them.'

'They saw the vehicle's front tyre clip the kerb.'

'Police pursued the vehicle and described the driving manner as 'swerving from the kerb to the centre line'.'

'Police put on blue lights and the car stopped. They noticed immediately he was slurring his words.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is an extremely high reading so the court will consider all options.'

The procurator fiscal made a motion for forfeiture of the vehicle.

Consideration of this will continue until sentencing on June 19.

Until then, the vehicle has been seized and Campbell has been disqualified in the meantime from holding or obtaining a driving licence.

Islands warned of doorstep sellers

Trading Standards officers at Comhairle nan Eilean Siar are warning residents in Uist and Barra that there have been reports of door-to-door sellers operating in the islands. If anyone is concerned, call Trading Standards on 01851 822694 or Police Scotland on 101.

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Early funding for Ardchattan Centre plans

A community planning to turn a mothballed school into a hub-for-all is celebrating £10,000 funding.

The money has come from the Scottish Government via its Launch Me fund, awarded to social enterprises which are moving into the next phase of their business plan.

Ardchattan community councillor Breege Smyth said: 'We are quite unique that we have got this money before the business has begun but we've got it because the funders can already see the

community engagement and support for the venture and that really has swung it.

'The funding has been earmarked for when the project can say okay the asset transfer will happen.'

A second meeting to discuss the school building's future and options was held on Tuesday. Once a recommendation is made it will be passed on to Scottish ministers for a final decision.

The Launch Me funding will specifically be used for marketing and branding the

new Ardchattan Centre if it goes ahead.

It is hoped part of the project would see a distinctive cafe with its own bakery.

The community has been involved in a long consultation with Argyll and Bute Council over the school which shut in 2014 when it had just four pupils but room for 57.

If the school is to stay shut, Ardchattan Centre supporters want to take on the ownership of the building and run it themselves.



Launch Me funding of £10,000 was celebrated at an afternoon tea at the mothballed former school on Sunday.



Tina Macmillan and Morvern McDougal outside Cafe Shore with Martyn's Monday Club wristbands.

Wear a band and smile for awareness

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A good-to-talk club in Oban is urging people to wear its wristbands and take a selfie to help spread awareness of suicide and mental health.

Martyn's Monday Club is running the wristband campaign in partnership with MindtheMen and You Matter Always to get the word out that it is okay to talk.

The wristbands are available from Cafe Shore in Argyll Square and the Greener Store in the train station.

Organisers from the club want people to take a selfie of themselves wearing them and post it on social media to reach as many people as possible.

Des Macmillan, one of the organisers, said: 'The idea is to try and get as many people as possible to acknowledge that we are here and it's okay to talk. Even if just one person benefits from this then that's good. The more people we can get to take up the selfie challenge and post it on social media, the better.'

Oban High School has taken 100 bands for its pupils, the town's rugby teams and open water swimmers with



Des Macmillan and Billy Forteith from Martyn's Monday Club were out with Oban SEALS on Saturday.

Oban SEALS are also showing support.

The bands will also be available at a stall on Charities Day on Saturday June 1 and at the bottom of Ben Nevis on the visitor centre side of the mountain on June 8 when, weather-permitting, family and friends of Oban man Martyn Cruickshanks, who took his life last year, will be heading for the top in his memory.

So far there are about 20 to 30 people of different abilities taking part in the climb, organised by Martyn's sister Eilidh, to help smash the sometimes stifling taboo that can surround suicide.

To make a donation to the justgiving page, visit justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eilidh-cruickshanks

Mr Macmillan said: 'It's a brave step by Martyn's family. It must be so hard for them,

but they speak so honestly about what has happened. It's raw and it's powerful and it raises so much awareness.'

Martyn's dad Robert helps run the men's Monday club at Hope in Oban and his mum Fiona is a facilitator at the women's group on a Tuesday.

Martyn's Monday Club and the Tuesday women's club meet from 7pm to 9pm at Hope in Soroba Road, helping people over 18 through life when they are struggling with mental health, feeling down, sad or lonely.

Two new clubs based on the model of Martyn's Monday Club are about to start soon at Lochaber Hope in Fort William.

'We are very proud to see two new clubs coming to Fort William. They are so keen to get it going,' added Mr Macmillan.

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Unnecessary creel lines are 'strangling life from ocean'

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A sailing instructor is calling for polypropylene creel boat lines to be binned following the death of a young minke whale off Iona.

David Lyle, who runs Crystal Sailing School at Ardfern Marina, is urging fishermen to scrap the life-threatening equipment and replace it with a safer option.

Earlier this month, while out on a yacht charter, David came across a young minke whale which appeared to have drowned due to one of the lines.

'Seeing this beautiful creature floating dead on the water was very sad and very disturbing for all of us,' said Mr Lyle.

'My students were shattered by the sight of the loss of a

huge creature by the polypropylene rope around its neck.

'This kind of rope has a breaking strain of 1,750 kgs which is far beyond what is needed to mark creel pots.

'The whale's death was totally unnecessary, a sinking line could easily be hauled up by a lighter one that a whale could break away from.

'Short, weaker pieces of line could be tied in at 10-metre intervals to allow a whale to part it.'

David, who often takes parties on night-time trips, has also recently experienced a frightening snagging of a rope around the propeller of his yacht.

'We passed 50 metres away from a pot buoy only to be snagged by a murky dark floating rope attached,' he revealed. 'The engine stopped dead and we feared being swept onto the rocks.'



I debated whether to cut the rope that held the boat with the coastguard, being aware of the consequences for both us and the fishermen.'

Rope cut, a much-relieved crew sailed engineless back to Tobermory.

David now wants to do something positive and prevent trappings of both yachts and whales.

He has received sponsorship from Craobh Haven Marina to offer reflective Solas tape free to any creel fishermen

It is thought this dead minke whale drowned after being snagged on a creel boat line.

that wants to put it on their buoys, while Crystal Sailing School will donate short pieces of light breaking 500kg rope so that fishermen can experience that a short join in their heavy line will not lead to the loss of their pots.

'The majority of fishermen are careful in the management of their pots,' continued David. 'I only wish to help them and avoid the horror that greeted us when we came across the whale last week.'

'I feel that the events of the past two weeks need slightly more publicity and action if we are going to have a balance between tourism and the fishing industry.'

The incident was reported to Scottish Marine Animal

Stranding Scheme (SMASS) which stated: 'In Scotland we have a dedicated whale disentanglement team who can be contacted 24/7, however, in this case and others like it, by the time anyone realises these animals have become caught it is often too late.'

In addition, the Scottish Entanglement Association (SEA) is working with the inshore creel fishing industry to better understand the scale and impacts of marine animal entanglements.

'No entanglement is deliberate and fishermen are often as upset by these events as anyone,' said a SEA spokesperson.

'It is vital that we continue to develop positive working relationships with the inshore fleet, and support and work with fishermen to try and prevent these incidents in the future.'

Accommodation is Oban's main issue for finding staff

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Accommodation, not Brexit, is the main issue for businesses struggling to recruit seasonal workers in Oban, according to a hotel manager.

James Anderson, manager at the Perle Oban, is finding it tough to fill at least seven positions within the hotel.

'We are all struggling; it's a difficult one,' he told The Oban Times.

'Accommodation is the biggest factor. You can have applicants outwith the area, but without the accommodation here, it means you cannot fill the roles.'

'You get applicants, but it is a case of not being able to progress any further because they can't get accommodation.'

It is not only his potential employees who struggle to find somewhere to stay, as Mr Anderson experienced the problem first-hand. He has been manager of the Perle Oban for 12 weeks.

However, it took him 11 weeks to find secure accommodation, and the closest home he could find was in Taynuilt. 'Some of the flats



The Perle Oban is struggling to recruit staff.

and houses I went to view had 10 other people applying.'

Chief executive of BID4Oban Andrew Spence echoed Mr Anderson's views on accommodation.

'I would agree that there is a problem trying to get seasonal workers in Oban but I don't think we can blame it all on Brexit,' he said.

'There are two issues that need to be addressed, accommodation being one and pay being the other.'

'People want to come and work here but finding somewhere affordable to stay is a huge problem. Add to that the problem of minimum wage and zero hours contracts and you then find that lack of

stability for incoming workers is a major factor also.

'Some businesses maybe want to take a look at the hours they are offering and revise them a bit. Rather than having a whole load of part-timers they could increase contracted hours to make the role more financially worthwhile.'

'Some of the key businesses in the town are retaining their staff by approaching things in a different manner.'

'In saying that, some of the media relating to this recently has been creating a problem and then making it worse.'

'Just because somewhere is shut for a short time it doesn't necessarily mean it's because there are no staff.'



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Little fighter's family says thank you with triathlon

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Parents of a Mull baby born at just 26 weeks are getting triathlon-ready to say a special 'thank you' to the hospital that saved their 'little lion man's' life.

Michael and Elissa Keenan will be taking part in Scottish Sea Farms' Triathlon Festival in Stirling this weekend with the event aiming to raise £20,419 to buy a brain monitor for the baby unit in Glasgow where tiny Òran spent 110 days.

The tot's fish farmer dad, who works at Scallastle on the island, has praised staff at the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital for their 'truly inspiring' care and said some of the the nurses burst into tears when he told



The Keenan family welcome home little Òran, pictured above, who spent 110 days in the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital.

them about the triathlon fundraising.

Òran, who they call their

little lion man because of his fighting spirit, was finally allowed home in April to

join his sisters and brothers. He will need to be on oxygen for the foreseeable future but apart from 'a couple of scares' over his breathing he is doing well.

When he was born weighing 2lbs 7oz on December 9, Òran seemed to be a miracle baby with all his key functions working well, but then his parents' worst nightmare happened on Hogmanay when his lungs collapsed. On three occasions his mum and dad were told to prepare for the worst.

Michael told The Oban Times: 'When Òran's lungs first collapsed it was two o'clock in the morning and the phones in the unit were ringing.

'It was the nurses wanting to see how he was doing; they couldn't sleep. It just blew my mind. It's not the only time it happened, half the time those phones ring

it's staff checking up on their little patients. That's why we need the NHS.

'These guys never finish, they just don't leave their work behind.

'I don't have the vocabulary to describe what they did for us and do for others – the level of care and the constant goodwill.

'When I told them about our triathlon fundraising, some of the nurses burst into tears – they said it felt amazing that people appreciate what they do.'

The cerebral function monitor the triathlon is fundraising for was specially chosen by Òran's nursing team so early babies who have suffered from brain asphyxia or seizures can be quickly assessed and get the best treatment needed.

Some of the nurses are due to take part in the triathlon, too, along with Scottish Sea

Farm teams from across the mainland and other islands, including Shetland and Orkney – they have all been touched by the Keenan family's story.

Elissa had enjoyed a hitch-free pregnancy until she reached 23 weeks and her waters broke and doctors on Mull urged her to make the four-hour journey to Glasgow to get specialist care. The next 48 hours were critical and the couple had to decide whether to resuscitate their baby if he arrived so early.

Three weeks later Òran was delivered by C-section, more than three months before his March due date.

He battled the odds to grow stronger with his parents by his side. While Elissa stayed in Glasgow to be with him, Michael would visit from Mull at weekends and whenever things took a turn for the worse.

To help them out, Elissa's parents flew from their home in Pennsylvania to look after their grandchildren and Michael's bosses were also supportive.

At the triathlon this weekend, Elissa will be running, Michael will be cycling and a friend is swimming.

'The children are buzzing about doing their own version of a triathlon as well, so it's a real team effort. We might not be medal winners at the event but with Òran growing so well, we are winners anyway,' said Michael.

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Oban and Lorn Lions Club has been presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International. The certificate was presented on behalf of international president Gudrun Yngvadottir, by district governor-elect Andrew Kerr Sutherland, and is in recognition of their three new women members.



The youngsters competed in their clan groups.



It was all smiles on the day.



Fancy face-painting was in evidence.

Sun shines on sports day

The sun was shining down as lots of families gathered at Mossfield Stadium for St Columba's school sports day on Friday May 17.

The afternoon kicked off with Oban High School Pipe Band piping in the school in their clan groups of Derry, Iona, Gartan and Clonard for a lap of the stadium.

The fun began with the first event of the day being the inter-schools' mile race between St Columba's, Rockfield and Park schools.

A great race was run, with the winning team being Rockfield, with the cheering audience encouraging them all.

The good weather and good atmosphere continued as the class races took place, from the wheelbarrow race to the spacehopper race.

All pupils from primary one to seven enjoyed taking part, with many winners happily showing off their winning stickers.

The parents' race was as popular as ever, with many participants in the fathers' and the mothers' races.



The agony of dropping the egg was plain to see.

There were also many future pupils joining in with the toddler and pre-school race, all enjoying a sweet treat at the finish line.

The last race of the day was the much-anticipated clan relay race, which was won by

Clan Gartan. Everyone had a great day and the school would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success, all the supporting families who came to watch and, of course, all the children for taking part.



The sack race was a hit; the excitement of winning was obvious; and two of the pipers.

Oban Pride is simply fantastic

Around Oban

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I have to start by saying a massive well done to those who organised the first Oban Pride.

It was a fantastic, well-attended event with a wonderful atmosphere and buzz about it, and I can't wait to see what they come up with next year.

It's still all go in the town with four cruise ships calling over the course of the week-end and another arriving to pick up new passengers.

They're not quite as big as the Costa Mediterranea was last weekend but between them will bring about 1,500 people to Oban.

There's also lots going on to keep you entertained if you live here starting with two tribute bands in the Corran Halls on Friday with The Complete Stone Roses vs Definitely Oasis. It should be a good night.

On Saturday, one of my favourite things, a beetle drive in aid of Riding for the Disabled, is in the Victory Hall, Benderloch.

And if that's not exciting enough for you, then on Sunday afternoon, Dunstaffnage Castle is being invaded by Vikings!

On Monday, if you've recovered from the Vikings, Oban Phoenix Cinema is having a Mamma Mia Singalong in aid of Oban

WHERE IS THIS?



High School Pipe Band, who deserve lots of support for the credit they are to the town and for all the entertainment they provide us with.

Last week's photo was taken at the door of Oban Sheriff Court, and this week's is not too much further away.

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Dalmally charity to feed 95,000 more children

Dalmally-based school charity Mary's Meals will reach 95,000 more hungry children in Zambia with a life-changing meal every school day thanks to donations being matched by the UK Government.

A total of £2 million donated by Mary's Meals' supporters to its Double The Love campaign will be boosted to £4 million by the UK Government.

The cash provides one good meal every day in school, attracting impoverished children in Zambia to the classroom where they can gain an education.

University unveils latest Gaelic plan

The University of the Highlands and Islands has published its third Gaelic Language Plan.

Proposals include producing more bilingual resources, encouraging staff to learn Gaelic as part of their development plans and holding more Gaelic events.

Could you become a foster family or carer?

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More foster carers are needed in Oban to help meet Argyll's demand.

This week sees the end of Foster Care Fortnight 2019 which saw efforts by the UK's leading fostering charity to get word out that there is a huge need in the area.

Argyll currently has around 30 foster families, including a retired couple in Oban who have put their life skills to use and fostered more than 100 young people in the past 29 years.

Adrian Brownlee from The Fostering Network was at Oban Library last week to help raise awareness.

It can take up to a year for the fostering process and all the safeguarding checks to be carried out. The basic requirements for anyone



wanting to apply to be a foster carer are being aged 21 or older, and having a spare bedroom.

The local authority checks to see if a young person's wider family can help first.

'Being a foster carer is a

challenge. You have to be in it for the good, the bad and the ugly, but it's hugely rewarding to be able to make such a difference to a young person's lifetime opportunities,' said Mr Brownlee.

'A shortage of foster carers

Adrian Brownlee was in Oban encouraging people to think about fostering.

is a national issue, it's not just here in Argyll. We need carers for all ages, from babies up to 18. Some people do the long-haul and others just dip in for a season. They are all valuable to us. Carers who are grandparents also have so much to offer.

'There is a definite need in Oban. There's a huge need, a constant need. The numbers of children coming through from Argyll and Bute are not huge in themselves but we need to make sure we have the capacity so they don't have to go another area.'

There is also a continuing care scheme for 16 to 21-year-olds and if the young person wants, they can remain until

they are 26. There are also different types of fostering, from respite to emergency and long-term.

'We aren't able to pay wages to fosterers but there is an allowance and a fee. The taxman recognises the unique contribution being made by fosterers and they are exempt, added Mr Brownlee.

Last week it was revealed that foster carers in Argyll receive more than double the allowance of those in the Highlands.

For youngsters aged up to four years old, Highland Council pays a weekly allowance of £77.69, the lowest rate in Scotland and less than half of the £196.71 per week being offered by Argyll and Bute Council.

If anyone thinks they could be a foster carer, call 01546 605517 or email fpdut@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Free emergency training for bikers to be held in Oban

Following the success of the Biker Down courses last year at Inveraray Community Fire Station, the motorcycle initiative is now to be rolled out to three different venues across Argyll and Bute, including Oban.

Motorcyclists are roughly 38 times more likely to be killed in a road traffic collision than people in cars. Around 30 bikers are killed or injured in the UK every day and when an accident does happen then the actions of those first on scene can be the difference between life and death.

As many bikers often ride in pairs or in groups, the first person on scene following a collision involving a motorcycle will often be a fellow biker.

Biker Down is a free training workshop designed for motorcyclists of all ages and experience, using the expertise of the emergency services to prepare riders should the worst happen on the roads.

Designed by bikers for bikers, the course focuses on three key areas: accident scene management, first aid for motorcyclists and the science of being seen.

It is about equipping them



to make a difference if they encounter an emergency, not about lecturing riders on the consequences of things going wrong.

The workshop will be held in Oban Community Fire Station on Sunday May 26 from 10am to 1pm.

The practical skills being taught include:

- how to manage a bike crash scene using the same principles the fire service uses.
- how motorcyclists can protect themselves and others
- how to prioritise their actions
- how to collect information for the emergency services

and how to make use of the resources they have available to them, including other people.

Ways of taking care of a casualty, including basic life support and the why, when and how of removing a crash helmet.

What may work (or not work) when it comes to making themselves more visible to other road users.

Participants will also learn about how people look for and recognise objects and how they can help to make sure that other road users see bikers.

SFRS's group manager for Argyll and Bute Stuart McLean said: 'Motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable and a crash that would be likely to cause only minor damage to a car could easily claim their life. Argyll and Bute is home to many country roads enjoyed by bikers, so road safety is clearly a key issue for our team.'

Anyone interested in learning more or would like to book one of the workshops can email: verina.litster@firescotland.gov.uk or visit Biker Down Scotland's Facebook page.

Tune strikes the right note

New anthem to be played in Oban

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A rousing patriotic tune written by an Oban man could be Scotland's newest anthem, 25 years after it was tucked away in a piano stool.

The Bluebells Still Will Sweetly Bloom will be played in public for the first time at a mass independence march in Oban on Saturday June 15.

Well-known musician Colin Campbell, who died in 2015, wrote it back in the 1990s but never entered it into a national newspaper competition calling for a Scottish national anthem.

Now his daughter, Fiona Ferris, has brought the tune back to life in time for next month's independence rally at Mossfield Stadium, where it will be played on a big screen.

Fiona has refreshed the lyrics originally written by the town's Jean MacDonald and has recorded it in Glasgow with her husband Tam as lead vocalist and a backing of talented musicians including the piper who was soloist at the Edinburgh Tattoo.

'It conveys renewal and everlasting hope. The bluebell is the flower of Scotland, not the thistle, as some people think. Bluebells don't grow everywhere in Scotland, like the Orkneys and Shetland

because of the wind, but I hope they won't feel left out.

'The message is that this is a pivotal moment for our generation. We are at a crossroads where people alive now are making decisions that will change the lives of people in the future.

'It was hard to get all that into words and link it to a bluebell. It's a simple wee tune - you can't get it out of your head and that's just what you want for an anthem,' she said.

It took almost four hours to record the tune on Saturday.

'We got some fabulous musicians together,' said Fiona. 'I had to have a bit of brass neck about it but they travelled and didn't take any payment. They were just happy to be part of our project.

'Most had never met before, never mind played together. We even had a child and a dog in with us. There was a great sense of togetherness. It was so moving for me, as I hadn't heard dad's tune played since the nineties.

'Just the fact that it will be played in Oban in front of a big audience is enough. Even if it stopped at that I would feel that I've succeeded. Anything after that would be a bonus, not just for me but for Scotland because we really do need a new song. It's a rousing tune.'

Colin Campbell was a professional musician in the sixties and seventies for the BBC and STV, as well as working in Canada. He also wrote the Rockfield Poker, a tune to help save the town's former school from demolition. Oban Live also paid tribute to him last year as part of a Sons of Argyll stage line-up, remembering great lives lost.

'More than anything, dad wanted his music to be heard and appreciated. This has been a wee bee in my bonnet. I wanted to honour my father,' said Fiona.

Jean MacDonald has been credited for the original lyrics and Fiona's mum, Lorna Campbell, has the tune's copyright in her name.

'If any money comes from this, we would like to publish my dad's five compositions and put them in a wee book of sheet music. That's something I promised him on his death bed that I'd do one day. He only wrote five pieces in his life but he said he'd rather have just five good ones than 200 mediocre ones.'

Around 1,600 people are expected to descend on Oban for the independence march. Organisers were this week meeting police to confirm the route which will pass through George Street, Argyll Square and Combie Street before reaching Mossfield Stadium.



Vikings make a date to invade Dunstaffnage

Families are invited to watch fearless Viking warriors in thrilling clashes as the popular Viking Invasion event returns to Dunstaffnage Castle this weekend, Saturday

25 and Sunday 26 May. Visitors can explore the living history camp to find out how the Vikings lived, what they ate, and how they made their weapons and clothes.

Children can also enjoy striking a Viking coin and trying on Viking helmets.

The event runs from noon to 4pm both days and is free for Historic Scotland members.

Oban golfer recognised by parliament

Oban golfer Robert MacIntyre was honoured in Parliament on Friday May 17, when Argyll MP Brendan O'Hara, in recognition of his British Masters triumph, raised an Early Day Motion in Westminster.

Robert secured second place at the 2019 Betfred British Masters finishing the tournament 15 under par with a remarkable final round which included an eagle at the 17th hole and a birdie at the 18th.

The House commended him on the hard work and dedication he has shown in pursuing his dream of being a professional golfer and acknowledged the huge contribution made by everyone at Glencruitten Golf Club in Oban in helping him develop from being a promising young talent through to his turning professional in 2017.



Bob receiving his certificate from Brendan O'Hara MP.

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I've been to a few awards ceremonies in my time and have seen many a gong given to different people for different reasons. The criteria for any award and how the winners are chosen is always a complex mix of factors.

As well as the attributes of the entrants, there is usually a combination of panel selection, public vote and luck. The organising and implementation of such events is a thankless task as no matter who wins, there are multiple opinions giving often-valid reasons as to why a different result should have been reached. Occasionally, however, there is little doubt the right winner has been chosen.

When Gordon Connell was named Music Tutor of the Year at the Trad Awards in 2010, there was resounding feeling that it went to the right nominee. Having received his tuition and witnessed his work over many years it was a proud moment when his name was called from the stage.

I felt a similar pride at the Fishing News Awards last Thursday when Alasdair 'Steptoe' MacLean was named

Shellfish Fisherman of the Year (static gear).

I wrote about Steptoe a few weeks ago regarding his nomination and received the following response from my friend Donald 'Copper Top' MacLeod from Barra who is far more qualified than I to comment on such things. There are few with a more comprehensive knowledge of the many facets of the fishing industry than Donald and from him, these words hold much power.

He wrote: 'Well said, Angus, I hope so too. The art is making the job a lifestyle that can also blend in with family and having a life, not just being centred on grossing and time at sea. The thing is that spending time at sea doesn't guarantee a good return, it's the honed ability to make annual, seasonal, monthly, weekly, weatherly, daily, hourly decisions that are invisible to most that makes a fisherman worthy of recognition of this award and Alasdair qualifies in all respects in my book and hopefully is recognised so. Good luck, Steptoe.'

The other highlight of the night for me was when John

MacAlister of Oban with his boat Summer Rose received the award for New Boat of the Year (shellfish, mobile gear).

Few on the west coast have achieved anywhere near to what John has in the fishing industry and, like Steptoe, his name was a familiar part of my childhood as my father and uncle held him in similar high regard.

Legendary tales of John's fishing achievements were common. The boat names Summer Rose, Fruitful Vine, Silver Fern, Star of Annan and Golden Promise were etched in my mind long before I met John in person for the first time in 2011.

John has built up over years of hard, innovative and intelligent work to be the owner of an impressive fleet of top fishing boats. That his new boat, at the edge of technological advancement and built with Ian Paton of Parkol Marine's eye for beauty, was named after his first, made it all the more meaningful.

Both Steptoe and John held real hero status for me when growing up. To share celebratory drams with both last Thursday was a real honour.



SAMS aid global seaweed project

Governments from around the world are considering how best to safeguard the rapidly expanding global seaweed industry, following advice from researchers at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) at Dunstaffnage.

Worth around \$5 billion annually, the seaweed industry is largely based in south-east Asia, China and west Africa, sustaining coastal communities in many developing countries.

Seaweed production more than doubled in size globally, from 13.5 million tonnes in 1995 to 30m in 2016. As a food, seaweed is a rich source of micronutrients (iron, calcium, iodine, potassium and selenium), vitamins and Omega-3 fatty acids.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) now intends to include seaweed alongside marine animals, such as finfish and shrimp, in producing advice on

biosecurity, which aims to prevent the spread of disease and pests.

Seaweed had not been included in the initial biosecurity planning until a presentation made at a recent FAO-led meeting in Paris by SAMS scientist Professor Elizabeth Cottier-Cook, the leader of the GlobalSeaweedSTAR project - UK-funded effort to improve the sustainability of the growing seaweed industry.

FAO is developing a framework for aquaculture biosecurity, alongside representatives of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and more than 25 other countries.

Prof Cottier-Cook and her team are now hoping to produce a technical document on seaweed biosecurity for FAO approval.

Prof Cottier-Cook, who has previously authored an international policy brief for the seaweed cultivation industry, said: 'Although a traditional means of cultivation in many parts of the world, production of seaweed has grown exponentially over the past 30 years. The inclusion of seaweeds in the FAO Progressive Management Pathway is a huge step forward for the industry, which currently suffers from pest and disease outbreaks.'

Dr Iona Campbell, who also attended the meeting in Paris, said: 'This is the first time that the seaweed industry has been represented in the process of the consultation, and it will continue to be formally included in the global action plan as a result.'

To find out more about the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)-funded GlobalSeaweedSTAR project visit: www.globalseaweed.org.



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Councillors reject plans to reduce Oban community council funding

Plans to change the funding given to community councils in Argyll and Bute have been rejected.

Officials from Argyll and Bute Council had suggested altering the way money is allocated to the area's community councils, in a way which would have seen the bodies in four large towns losing out.

Under the proposals, Oban

community council stood to see its annual grant drop by £379. The community councils in Helensburgh, Dunoon and Campbeltown were also set to lose out – by £750, £249 and £200 – while Lochgilphead's group was in line for a cut of £27.

But members of the council's policy and resources committee declined both the

recommended option and an alternative put forward by officers. There will now be further investigations into how the authority can make any changes to its allocations to community councils.

Charles Reppke, the council's head of governance and legal services, told the committee on Thursday: 'Members asked us to look

at different options after a decision taken a number of years ago.

'We have continued year on year to provide funding, and the appendix [with a report issued to members] sets out ways in which we can apply funding.

'I appreciate that some larger community councils will not be pleased about it, but it

is for members to decide how to go about it.'

Councillor Ellen Morton said: 'Money cannot be dispersed on the basis of any decision taken today. What I suggest is that we make no changes to the current system. It maybe needs another look. I think a solution can be found, but not this way.'

And Councillor Lorna

Douglas added: 'I absolutely agree with that. It is short notice for a lot of community councils and I don't think this is a fair way to resolve it.'

'I would agree that it can't stay as it is, but it is something we can come back to at a later date, once there is more information on what the community councils are doing.'



A Tobermory coastguard member descended 30 metres from the cliff top to secure the climber and help him to safety.

Mull cliffhanger sees rescue crews work together

A climber who got stuck on a cliff face near Glengorm on Mull last week came to no harm thanks to Tobermory RNLI's volunteer crew and the Craignure Coastguard Rescue Team (CRT).

The marooned mountaineer, who was uninjured, had become stuck on a cliff face and was unable to climb up or down.

After being paged by the UK Coastguard shortly after 5.30pm on Tuesday, May 14, the Tobermory crew launched their Severn class all-weather lifeboat.

On arriving at the scene, the climber was spotted by the lifeboat crew who were able to guide members of the Tobermory and Craignure CRT to the location.

Stornoway Coastguard's search and rescue helicopter, Rescue 948, was also in attendance but held off due to concerns about the risk of the helicopter's down draught on the unsecured climber.

The lifeboat launched its daughter craft, the 'Y boat', and two crew members proceeded to the shore to standby while a Tobermory CRT rope rescue technician descended

30 metres from the cliff top to secure the climber with a rescue strop.

The coastguard and the climber then safely descended a further 40 metres to the shore where they were met by the lifeboat crew and transferred to the lifeboat.

Tobermory RNLI Mechanic Paul 'Gunny' Gunn said: 'This was a great multi-agency operation and the coastguard rescue team carried out a successful rescue in a challenging location.'

'We were pleased to be able to support them and that there was a good outcome.'

'The climber took exactly the right action by calling for help as soon as he realised he was in difficulty and the information he gave to the coastguard meant that we were able to quickly locate him.'

The lifeboat returned to Tobermory where the coastguard and climber were transferred ashore.

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Oban Pride doo



Jackie Kerr from Button Nose Boutique designed a beautiful window display in Pride colours. FS15_T21_ObanPride30



Stewards get their marching orders at the start of Saturday's parade. FS15_T21_ObanPride1



Oban High School pupil Naomi Rimmer makes her stance clear. FS15_T21_ObanPride4

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Joy, love, companionship and compassion were evident in the town at the weekend, all wrapped up in the rainbow colours of the inaugural Oban Pride festival.

Organisers were blown away by the level of support and the reception they received during the mass parade on Saturday, while the family day, ball and Sunday's afternoon tea and trip to the cinema appealed to a wide variety of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters.

People attended from far and wide with around 500 taking part in the parade and 750 attending the events at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls

which ran from 1pm until late on Saturday evening.

'It's been an amazing weekend backed by a great crowd and a fantastic turnout,' said Oban Pride chairperson Phill Dexter.

'The town has really come together and supported us and even the cruise ship and the boats in the harbour played a part ... it was just overwhelming.

'There was no negativity aimed at us and no acts of homophobia or transphobia during the weekend. It totally exceeded all our expectations.

'All we set out to do was to highlight that there are LGBTQ+ people living in our community and that we are proud to be part of that community.

'We tried to put on different events which would appeal to different people and the feedback we have had so far indicates we achieved that.'

One of the many VIPs joining in the festivities was Christina McKelvie MSP, minister for equality, who said: 'It's been absolutely wonderful to see the town so colourful and to see so many people taking part and being welcomed by the people of Oban and its visitors. Oban Pride did Oban proud.

'Pride is about raising awareness and about creating an understanding that we should all just tolerate and love one another.

'Hopefully, it will let others, including young people, know that they have a home

and that that home is a place where they can be safe to be whoever they want to be and love whoever they want to love.'

Phill added: 'The committee would like to give a huge shout out to all the volunteers who helped us, especially Pride Life Glasgow, which was an amazing support on the day. There are so many individuals, groups, businesses and organisations that helped us, so a massive thanks to everyone for that.'

Anyone interested in helping to make Oban Pride 2020 bigger and better can contact the organisers via the Facebook page or by emailing obanpride@gmail.com

For more photographs, go to www.obantimes.co.uk.



Leoni Voss's Rhianna tribute went down a storm on Saturday night. www.colincooperphotography.com



Crowds start to gather in Oban's Station Square. FS15_T21_ObanPride8



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The procession snakes its way around the bay. FS15_T21_ObanPride20



McCaig's Tower all lit up in the rainbow colours for Oban Pride. Photograph: Nick Edgington



Crystal shares some limelight with MSPs Christina McKelvie and Michael Russell. FS15_T21_ObanPride15



Oban Pride committee members take to the stage with the artists at Saturday's ball. www.colincooperphotography.com



Aideen Shields, right, from Kerrera, with Rikki Vanoruf, left, and her cousin Kelly Kierans. FS15_T21_ObanPride18



Police Scotland Youth Volunteers lent a hand on the big day. FS15_T21_ObanPride22

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BUSINESS NEWS

Co-op funding boost for West Highlands

Community spaces in Oban and the West Highlands are being supported thanks to a funding boost after Co-op members generated more than £68,000 for community places in just more than two years.

Since the Co-op launched its Local Community Fund in September 2016, 2,000 local causes working to protect community spaces and places have received just under £5 million, of which 22 are in Oban and the West Highlands.

These include Glenaray and Inveraray Parish Church, Kinlochleven Men's Shed and Knoydart Community Hall.

Co-op members receive a five per cent reward for themselves with a further one per cent going to local causes when they buy own-brand products. Members can decide how the money is allocated, and are encouraged to select the causes they wish to support online.

Rebecca Birkbeck, director of community engagement at the Co-op, said: 'Our members are passionate about protecting community spaces which are so important when it comes to enhancing quality of life.'

Support for business growth is to continue

Argyll and Bute Council has launched the second phase of its successful Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme after securing additional European funding.

The programme – worth a total of £855,239, including this second phase – is funded by the council and the European Regional Development Fund under the 2014-2020 Structural Funds Programmes.

The programme gives growing businesses the chance to access specialist advice and grant funding to help them expand.

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council leader, said: 'Phase one of the programme was worth £348,000 and helped 72 businesses across Argyll and Bute access additional support to help their growth plans.'

'When they registered for the programme, the combined turnover of these businesses was £13.7 million, with a total of 229 employees. Although it's still early days to assess the full impact of



Fin Geekie of Wild Thyme Spirits on Colonsay has praised Business Gateway.

the support they have received, we can already see a positive effect as combined turnover has increased by more than £3.1 million and the number of employees increased by 54. Encouraging and assisting the growth of businesses is a key part of our economic strategy and our drive to attract more people to live and work in Argyll and Bute. This

second round of funding will allow us to provide extra support to businesses with growth potential.'

The specialist help on offer from subject experts includes up to two days of free advice on human resources, eCommerce, marketing, growth strategy, funding and tendering.

The growth grant funding can cover 50 per cent of costs up to £5,000 for projects linked to business growth. An employer/graduate placement grant can provide 50 per cent of basic salary costs up to £12,000 where a wholly additional full-time permanent employee or a graduate placement of six to 12 months is required to support business growth.

Businesses in key growth sectors can also access grants of up to £1,500 to support training, accreditation or attendance at trade fairs.

Fin Geekie, of Wild Thyme Spirits on Colonsay, said: 'Since setting up, we've had support from Business Gateway which has been with us every step of the way. The specialist advice we received in marketing and PR has really given us a boost and put us in a great position to go forward.'

To access the support, businesses must register for the programme. Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap or talk to an adviser on 01546 604555.

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Young Cape Breton entrepreneur joins HIE

A young entrepreneur from Canada is spending nine weeks in the Highlands and Islands as part of wider efforts to involve more young people in community and social enterprises.

Rebecca Dunphy, 25, from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, is carrying out an internship with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

She will be researching the agency's work with young people and exploring the potential for social and community enterprises to engage more young people in future.

Rebecca is a development manager at Halifax-based Common Good Solutions (CGS), an organisation that supports community and social enterprises to start up and grow.

She is also the co-founder of Rampage, a new social enterprise aiming to manufacture portable accessibility ramps using end-of-life tyres and other waste rubber. As well helping people with disabilities, this will create rural



Canadian Rebecca Dunphy is spending nine weeks in the Highlands and Islands.

jobs in Cape Breton and reduce landfill waste.

Rebecca said: 'I am delighted to be working in Scotland. The Highlands and Islands and Nova Scotia have many features in common, including a strong social economy that benefits many rural communities.'

'Increasing the involvement of young people in this not only

helps attract and retain fresh talent, it also secures the long-term future of social and community enterprises through succession planning.

'Exploring the potential for this in the Highlands and Islands is a great project to be involved with and I really look forward to getting started.'

The internship proposal came

from contact between HIE and CGS around areas of mutual interest, after Anne Macdonald, head of HIE's social enterprise development team, visited eastern Canada as part of the Churchill Fellowship programme.

Anne said: 'My approach to this fellowship was to learn from collective experiences of a wide range of organisations and individuals in Canada involved in the social enterprise sector, including CGS which has delivered many innovative projects.'

'As a result, we are focusing on creating the environment for young people and innovation to thrive in the region. We are taking forward a range of proposals to put more emphasis on attracting young people to be involved in all aspects of social business development and delivery.'

'We agreed to support an internship exchange as part of this and we are delighted to have Rebecca with us for the next few weeks.'

A record-breaking Easter for the islands

West coast ferry operator CalMac has reported a record breaking Easter weekend as visitors flocked to visit island destinations.

All in all passenger numbers were up 62 per cent on last year's holiday break from 69,549 to 112,616. This is also 24 per cent up on the previous record set in 2017.

Largs-Cumbrae recorded the biggest year-on-year increase of more than 200 per cent, with total visitors to the island over the four-day period reaching over 29,000 or 20 visitors for every local resident.

'The good weather over the Easter weekend undoubtedly would have contributed to the increase, but nonetheless the figures continue to prove the growing popularity of our island destinations, which is great news for the local economies we support,' said CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond.

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History buffs and those looking to research their family history, could find a treasure trove of information at The Archives.

The resource holds and preserves the official records of Argyll and Bute Council and also the records of the organisations whose functions the council inherited, including: the Commissioners of Supply, parish councils, burgh councils, schools, school boards, Argyll County Council and Bute County Council.

They tell the story of how Argyll and Bute has developed over the centuries and many contain the stories of individual people who lived here. The oldest record is the Rothesay Charter, which dates from 1400, with the newest records being the reports and agendas used in council meetings today.

The facility also provides accommodation for records created by private individuals, estates, solicitors, businesses and clubs located within the area of Argyll and Bute Council. These private records are often held on indefinite loan and remain the property of the person or institute depositing them.

What can be researched there?

To help the family history researcher there is a dedicated family history section in the searchroom, where copies of the records can be found that people have found most useful for tracing their ancestors, including monumental inscriptions and lists of men who might be liable for military service.

Once these have been looked at, staff may be able to suggest other records that might be of use, including Registers of Electors, Valuation Rolls, poor relief records, school admission registers and estate records. Researchers can find out about how their local area has developed over the years, with information on Argyll and Bute's roads, bridges, piers, buildings and estates.

If anyone has ever wondered who has previously lived in their house, or if they live in one of the former burghs, they might be able to see the original plans.

The Archive is held at the Manse Brae area office in Lochgilphead, and is open 10am-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Call 01546 604774, or email: archives@liveargyll.co.uk

Brock the Badger

Morvern lines

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I have been privileged to have witnessed many interesting and unusual sights in the wild.

Some of the most memorable were: the birth of red deer calves taking their first few faltering steps; being charged by silver-backed gorillas high in the Virunga Mountains above Kigali in Rwanda; photographing salmon struggling to leap waterfalls only to fall back again and again until they eventually fought their way upstream to spawn; watching a golden eagle and a fox play a game of catch-me-if-you-can, and sitting in a hide just a few feet from an eagle's nest when the king of birds folded his wings and dropped in from a thousand feet carrying in a fox cub to feed its hungry young. But one of the best was seeing a badger reversing two hundred yards down a sloping hillside to its home with a large ball of vegetation between its front paws to replace its bedding after giving birth.

Badgers are the UK's biggest land predator and related to stoats, weasels and otters. They are just as common as the fox, but much more shy in their habits and seldom seen, other than in the dead of night. Badgers live in large family groups in a burrow system known as setts or earths, consisting of many tunnels and galleries which can run 60 or 70 yards underground and, if the soil or sand is soft enough, to a depth of well more than 10 feet. There is usually one entrance though sometimes a secondary back door can be found many yards away.

Badgers hate dampness and are found only where they can make a home which is perfectly dry and protected from the rain. Their setts can be recognised by the tidy entrances, marked with piles of used bedding (dead grass and leaves), and by nearby latrine pits where the occupants leave their dropping because, like pigs, they are clean beasts. Badgers, when newly born, are a silver grey; they quickly change to a brownish yellow and finally to a blue-grey. The face is black and white and the underside of the body is almost completely black.

Commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders used to wear sporrans made of badger heads and skins but as they are now protected in the UK by acts of parliament, only road-kills are



An adult badger, and top right, neat and tidy entrance to a badger's sett. Photographs: British Trusts and Iain Thornber respectively.

acceptable. A badger's head used to be worn by the MacIvors on their calf-length toe-less boots called 'buskins' which were also used by Athenian hunters, and soldiers in Ancient Greek, Etruscan, and Roman societies. Hair from badgers picked from the neck, shoulders, abdomen and buttocks are still reckoned by purists to make the best shaving brushes because of their softness, colour and pliability. In the old days badger's grease was a popular cure for baldness – now there's a lucrative business waiting for some budding Oban or Fort William entrepreneur!

Badgers feed on young rabbits and other small mammals, ground-nesting birds' eggs, earthworms, fruit, roots and bulbs; they use their strong front paws to dig for food. Cubs are born in January or February, but spend the first two or three months underground, only emerging in the spring. Badgers are one of the only predators of hedgehogs – their thick

skin and long claws help them to get past the vicious spines.

Adults can be two and a half to three feet in length and stand as much as a foot or more at the shoulder. The body is thick and broad. The ears are short and lie back sleekly on the fur, while the tail is from seven to eight inches long. The weight of a full-grown animal may be anything up to 40 pounds (18 kilos) depending on the food supply.

Badgers were once common in the west Highlands but, according to old records, nowhere in the islands except on some small islets in the parish of Kilbrandon and Kilchattan in Argyll where they may have been accidentally introduced or walked over to at low water. They are mentioned in scripture in Exodus, Leviticus, and Ezekiel, and although badgers are still in Palestine there is some debate as to whether all the Biblical references can be ascribed to them.

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in his sett



On the whole badgers were not generally hunted but killed in traps intended for foxes or by terriers when setts were mistaken for their dens. In a list of 'vermin' destroyed in Glengarry from Whitsunday 1837 to Whitsunday 1840, 67 badgers were killed.

One was killed on the summit of Ben Resipole in Sunart in April 1876 when the keeper and his terriers were hunting for foxes; a month later the same man found another in a trap set for hooded crows. In 1868 a local writer recorded seeing a very fine and savage male in the possession of a Strontian shepherd who later sent it down to Dumfriesshire. In the 1880s one was caught at Inniemore on the Sound of Mull weighing 20 pounds by Mr Baxter, the Ardtornish gamekeeper, and, according to a report in *The Oban Times*, was still living in February 1882.

Badgers were found in Caithness and Sutherland before 1867 but in decreasing numbers. None were killed in the Reay Forest until after 1872 when Evander MacIver, the factor, began putting a bounty on their heads.

There are no references to them being in Assynt and Durness between 1870-1879. Only one was recorded in the 1873-1880 Dunrobin estate vermin lists thanks to the Duke of Sutherland who did not want them harmed. Two killed on Ben Bhraggie above Golspie were mounted and found their way into Dunrobin Castle.

Such was the public interest in badgers at that time, Messrs D A Macleay and Sons, the Dingwall gun makers and taxidermists, put a stuffed specimen, measuring fully three feet from snout to tip of tail, shot by a John Laidlaw at Rogie, near Garve, on display in their front window.

Badgers do so little harm to their neighbours and the landscape. Perhaps the Morvern and Ardgour rewilders should consider reintroducing more of them instead of their whacky ideas about lynx and aurochs and goodness knows what else they would like to foist on us if the grants hold up.

They feature in Gaelic language and folklore where they are known as Breac, broc, gaileag, stiallaire, taghan or brocair. Brocair also means a foxhunter but was used in some localities as a derogatory term for a man who wandered and nosed around in the hours of darkness, usually up to no good.

The badger's sett is called in Gaelic, garaidh or broc-lann. Annoying them used to be a well-known cruel sport called 'baiting' because they were a strong opponent and once they had taken hold of a dog or a human hand they seldom let go. Broc appears in many placenames throughout Argyll indicating their one-time presence. Fossilised badger bones found in Suffolk have been analysed and described as the oldest known species of mammals now living on the planet.

For those interested in how certain species used to be distributed, we have to turn to estate 'vermin' lists.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

We delve into *The Oban Times* archives to bring you faces and places from yesteryears



This week we turn the clock back to February 1997 and a photograph of The Wee Sweeties dance group. Sitting behind eight-year-old piper Christina Files are, left to right, Ashley MacInnes, 11, Shelley Yadav, 11, Stacy Smith, 10, Nicola McKie, nine, Nicola Richard, eight, Carol Smith, 11, and Jenny McGuire, 10.



The blacksmith's shop in Middle Street, Fort William. From the Roamer Archive.

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Looking forward to next year's Oban Pride event

The weather may have been damp and overcast but Oban Pride rose above that to become one of the most colourful festivals the town has hosted.

The range of events across the town were deservedly well-attended and received with great enthusiasm by residents and those who travelled to be a part of the inaugural Oban Pride.

The organising committee members said they were blown away by the level of support and the reception they received during the mass parade on Saturday, while the family day, ball and Sunday's afternoon tea and trip to the cinema appealed to a wide variety of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters.

People attended from far and wide with around 500 taking part in the parade and 750 attending the events at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls which ran from 1pm until late on Saturday evening.

It was a brilliant effort by all those involved and we hope sincerely that Oban Pride establishes itself as a fixture in the town's calendar.

We are already looking forward to next year's event.

Campervans should park in proper spaces

We report this week that a number of local businesses and residents are upset at the behaviour of some visitors who drive here in campervans.

They have a valid point in the case of those inconsiderate tourists who park with little thought for the disruption they may cause.

Yes, this is a highly popular area for visitors and the local economy relies on tourism to a large degree but these people should park in properly designated sites.

Skye air service would offer benefits to everyone

The Sleat Community Council was dismayed to read the letter from Joanne Matheson of Acharacle Community Council ('Airport on Skye would damage the environment', The Oban Times, May 9) concerning the proposals by Highland Council, HITRANS and Highlands and Island Enterprise to consider the resumption of air services to and from Skye.

It is disturbing that Ms Matheson seemingly bases her opinions on information seen on social media where she states 'that this proposal is for an airport that the majority of people don't appear to want'.

We would strongly challenge Ms Matheson's assumption and suggest that she provides factual evidence of her assertion. She clearly does not wish to consider the potential benefits for the island and its communities, including enhanced transport connectivity, business development, economic growth, employment and recruitment opportunities, improved links for medical travel, together with offering visitors an additional choice of travel options.

If she is basing that statement on information that she reads on social media, then she is very much misguided.

We would further question the Acharacle Community Council's right to object to the granting of further interim funding for the ongoing study without knowing the full requirements for the introduction of a trial service which are still being assessed particularly with the backdrop of the current financial climate.

Businesses, organisations and residents on Skye and its neighbouring areas should be assured that there will be an open and transparent consultation at the appropriate time, including public meetings, if indeed the proposal is progressed further.

This will allow those with an interest to hear the full facts of such a trial from the public agencies responsible.

Roddy Murray, chairman, and Rob Ware, secretary, Sleat Community Council.

Grateful thanks for help following serious illness

Following a most enjoyable holiday aboard the Glen Massan, part of the Majestic Line, my

YOUR PICTURES



We know our readers love to take photographs so we are happy to create this space to showcase these each week. If you have a photograph you would like to see published here, send it to editor@obantimes.co.uk, post it to The Editor, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB or hand it in to our offices in Crannog Lane, Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Oban, or in High Street, Fort William.

husband David had a stroke at the Columba Hotel in Oban. He was admitted to Lorn and Islands Hospital.

I would like to thank all the people who helped me during my stay, including the Columba Hotel which found me a bed; Julie's Cafe which kept me going with smashing soups; the bus drivers, who were most cour-

teous; and the laundry, which kept us clean. Everybody was most friendly and helpful.

After three weeks, David was moved to nearer home, where he is continuing to improve. Thank you to all the hospital staff for the care and treatment he received.

Jean Williams, Tregynon, Newtown, Powys, Wales.

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This week's photograph was sent in by Gill Shand, from Ellenabeich, who said: 'I took this shot over on Lismore. A beautiful day for a walk from Port Appin to Oban via Lismore.'

Visitors should be urged to use public transport

We should be doing more to encourage tourists to visit Oban by public transport rather than by car. The roads get very clogged up by caravans and HGVs in summer. The Glasgow to Oban bus service, although free to senior

citizens and disabled, has toilets that are quite unsuitable even for many who do not consider themselves disabled. The toilets on the trains are okay but ScotRail does not seem to realise that the rush hour on the Glasgow to Oban line consists of Saturdays and Sundays.

For example, the 12.11pm Sunday train from Oban to Glasgow often has standing room only because ScotRail flatly refuses to run a Sunday morning train from Oban to Glasgow, even in the peak summer season. Many people overlook the fact that certain types of disabilities, such as asthma, are a direct result of pollution. I have decided to support the organisation known as Extinction Rebellion because so many illnesses and disabilities are caused or made worse by pollution.

David Gallant, Oban.

Corran Ferry crossing issue is discussion point

With respect to the Morvern Lines and its headline, 'Fixed Link is a Bridge Too Far', Iain Thornber is right when he says that we have had these reports before.

I recall, about 20 or so years ago, an ingenious proposal to utilise the existing Ballachulish Bridge for both crossings.

The existing bridge would be turned into a pontoon crossing, with the North Ballachulish end fixed to a trunion arrangement on a railway track, which would be built to follow the shoreline around to Corran.

Every month, the pontoon crossing would travel from Ballachulish to Corran or vice versa, thereby allowing unimpeded vehicular traffic on both the A82 and the A861 – at least for a month at a time. I remember the proposal well, because it was reported in the Lochaber News on April 1 of that year!

Phil Thurlow CEng MICE,
Fort William.

Independence and leave vote is point in question

I think it needs pointing out to Ian Blackford MP and the rest of the SNP politicians that they only polled 36.9 per cent of the vote at the last general election, which was less than the 38 per cent who voted Leave at the EU Referendum.

So, in percentage terms, if the Scottish electorate didn't vote to Leave, it didn't vote for an SNP government either.

Angus MacMillan, Dumbarton.

Beachd Ailein

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A dh'aindeoin gach gluasad misneachail le Gàidhlig thar caogad bliadhna na mar sin cha ghabh àicheadh gum bheil liut cainnte linn m'òige, ann an caogadan na linne a dh'fhalbh, a' dol à bith. Gu ìre bha dùil ri leithid sin is Gàidhlig an-diugh beò ann an coimhearsnachdan is am measg slòigh a tha an sàs ann an cosnadh nan daoine a bha ga cleachdadh, agus nuair a thòisich buaireadh an t-seirbheis foghlaim air buaidh a thoir is a fhuair a' Bheurla làmh-an-uachdair ann am beatha nan Gàidheal thàinig cha mhòr stad air ùrachadh is leasachadh na Gàidhlig làitheil. Tha cuid de na seann ghnathasan-cainnte rin cluinntinn fhathast ged nach eil luchd-labhairt na èisteachd 's dòcha uile gu lèir gan tuigsinn aig amannan, agus gu nàdarra tha faclan ùra gan cruthachadh mar a tha iomchaidh.

An latha roimhe bha mi a' leughadh pios bàrdachd

a nochd à cùrsa goirid air sgrìobhadh bàrdachd, agus chuir e cianalas mòr orm. Thug an sgrìobhaiche air ais an leughadair cuide ris gu latha fainge na òige, le dealbh air croitear foghainteach ceòlmhòr a bha ealanta na chuid obrach, agus a chuir cuideachd an tàlant ciùil sin an sàs anns an eaglais. B' e sin an seòrsa saoghal a b' aithne dhuinn an uairsin far an robh uimhir de dh'obair nam bailtean ga dhèanamh tro lionmhorachd làimhe is na b' urrainn an sàs còmhla gu toileach, agus le geur-chainnt, eirmseachd, agus ceòl ag aotromachadh làithean fada. Cha chreidheadh na h-inbhich sin aig faing tri fichead bliadhna air ais an seòrsa ghoireasan agus teicneòlas a tha ri làimh an-diugh, agus cha mhòtha na sin a chreidheadh iad gun tigeadh latha far am biodh daoine gu beagnaidh ag obair leotha fhèin seach còmhla, agus an crac 's na sgeulachdan a' dol às mar a chaidh an taigh-cèilidh! Saoghal eile gun teagamh, agus ged a tha Gàidhlig ann fhathast tha cùisean cho eadar-dhealaichte.

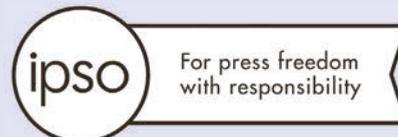
Sin an seòrsa smuaintean a bha gam bhualadh is

mi a' beachdachadh air a' bheàrn a dh'fhàg bàs an Dotair Iain MacAonghais ann an saoghal sgoilearachd agus fiosrachaidh na Gàidhlig. Mar a thuir iomadh neach a bha eòlach air chan fhaicear leithid Iain a-rithist, agus bidh ionndrainn air.

Tha mi fhìn a' faireachadh air leth fortanach gun robh cothrom agam beagan eòlais fhaotainn air Iain agus air mòran cheatharnaich eile a dh'fhàg dileab cho luachmhor againn mar Ghàidheil. Mo mhìle beannachd aca, agus tha mi 'n dòchas gun dèan sinne ar dleastanas leis na thug iad sin uile dhuinn!

It was a privilege to have known the late Dr John Macinnes, and his death has deprived the world of an encyclopaedic knowledge of Gaelic language and culture. Languages evolve to survive and the considerable changes that Gaelic has experienced over the past 50 years owes much to champions such as John. To honour them we must build on their formidable legacies.

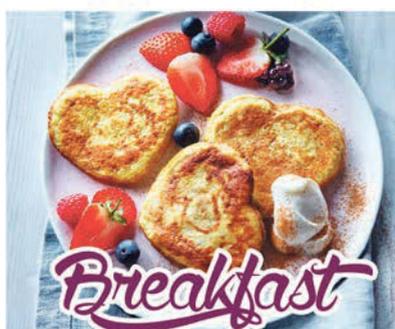
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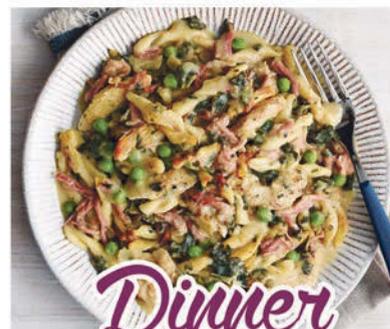
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DISTRICT NEWS

GLENORCHY & INNISHAIL

Community council chairman John Kerr addressed participants at last week's AGM.

He informed all present that it was the group's intention to hold six meetings in 2019 and thanked the office bearers and Argyll and Bute councillors for their helpful input.

He went on to outline the issues dealt with during the year, and in particular the SSE pylon issue, before outlining issues still to be finalised, such as the Blarghour Wind farm, which could offer huge financial help to the community.

He reiterated that the community council still wanted to help local communities before stating that the next AGM would take place in May 2020 and gave meeting dates up until that time which were as follows: July 10, September 11, November 13, January 8, 2020, March 11, 2020 and May 13, 2020.

All current office bearers will remain in place for the next year.

OBAN

Oban's Lorn and Oban Reuse Initiative (LORI) extended its summer opening hours from Monday (May 20).

Registered charity The GRAB Trust, which operates LORI, is making the move supported by the Moleigh Recycling site operator Renewi.

LORI will now be open 10am-4.45pm Monday-Friday, and 11am-4pm on Saturday, giving weekday customers an extra hour to browse the ever-changing offer of furniture and household goods donated for reuse. Items from the shop are diverted from landfill and support Oban's circular economy.

Speaking about the move, general manager Graham Love said: 'We are making the most of the Renewi site summer opening times to offer customers more opportunity to visit the LORI reuse shop. The extended opening hours will be most helpful to working people who might otherwise only get a chance to visit the shop on their day off. The range of



Plenty of fun and fruit at Oban Library's Bookbug healthy eating picnic.

Healthy turnout at library's Bookbug event

Bookbug and his little friends shared a fruit picnic at Oban Library last week as well as songs and stories.

Live Argyll's friendly mascot Logan the Otter also turned up to join in the healthy eating fun.

The library has been running Bookbug sessions in school term every Thursday morning for the past nine years. The first session starts at 9.30am.

Library supervisor Sue Nicholson said: 'The sessions are

popular with visitors coming to Oban as well as locals. It's always lovely to have people come and join in the fun.'

Bookbug is part of the Scottish Book Trust which helps promote and support reading.

goods is ever changing, so it's well worth dropping in regularly to see what's on offer.'

LORI will be making further changes to its operating hours next month (June) when it moves to seven-day trading.

STRATHFILLAN

Strathfillan community council will hold its AGM on Monday, June 3 (7pm) at Crianlarich Village Hall with its regular meeting following thereafter.

External reports will be given by

Police Scotland, elected members, the community engagement officer and a Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park representative. Internal reports will follow before the council works through any issues, debates and votes on behalf of the community.

Residents will have the opportunity to raise any issues before the meeting closes.

OBAN

Saturday was a busy day for Oban with the arrival of two cruise ships.

The Ocean Nova docked on

Oban's North Pier early on Saturday morning.

This regular visitor was dropping off 100 passengers at the end of their cruise before welcoming new passengers later on in the day. The ship also restocked with supplies.

The largest ship of the season, the Costa Mediterra, also dropped anchor outside Oban Bay.

With 2,000 passengers and 900 crew it was a busy morning for Port of Oban Cruise Group and BID4Oban ambassadors, who were handing out maps and leaflets.

Some of the passengers took



BARCALDINE

It was a beautiful sunny day for the grand opening of the new cabin, The Barcaldine Bothy, at Barcaldine Primary School, last Tuesday.

Guests included representatives from Robertson's Construction, the parent council, volunteers, friends and families.

advantage of half-day tours to Glencoe and Inveraray Castle before returning to Oban to visit the town, its attractions, cafes and shops. The vast majority, estimated at 1,500 passengers, chose not to leave Oban and took in the atmosphere of the Oban Pride march.

Fergus Gillanders (retired harbour master) was called on to pipe the passengers ashore to the delight of the visitors, with hundreds of passengers wanting selfies taken.

Linda Battison of Oban and Lorn Tourism Alliance was first on board to give information to passengers and crew. The ship's captain was presented with an engraved bottle of Oban Malt courtesy of Callum Rew of Oban Distillery and an engraved quail by Elaine Robertson of Argyll and Bute Council.

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Pupils gave 'thank you' speeches and cut the red ribbon to declare the cabin open and everybody enjoyed tea and delicious cakes, made by the pupils.

The cabin is already being used for teaching, learning and play. It is also a base for the newly-formed Barcaldine Outdoor Playgroup, which meets fortnightly.

offering them a fantastic experience and a warm welcome. Great feedback was received from the visitors despite the damp day.



One of the many cruise ship visitors who wanted a selfie with piper Fergus Gillanders.



Fairy cakes, meringues and chunky flapjacks were just some of the tasty treats on offer at St John's Cathedral last Thursday when volunteers started up the first of this season's summer teas raising money for the building fund. Morning tea will be every Thursday from now on until the middle of September, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Teas volunteers at St John's included Lillian Kermodie, Penny Evett and Mark Evett.



Hobby harpist Helen entertains

A lunchtime audience at Benderloch's Victory Hall was served up a treat on Friday by harpist Helen McNeill from Taynuilt.

Helen, who was playing her mum's harp, was one of the guests who popped up at a special Bookend's Souffle daytime event organised as part of Luminare 2019, a Scotland-wide festival celebrating 'creativity as we age'. Festival events varied from conversation sessions, telling stories, sharing experiences, dance and theatre, all proving that creativity has no age limits.

At random

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Feeling positive

I know I am biased being an Oban Times member of staff but I could not help but feel positive after sitting down to read last week's newspaper.

It was full of feel-good, upbeat stories.

First, there was the news that Oban man Helen Ballantyne had won more than £137,000 in a nationwide draw by the Bank of Scotland for customers to win their mortgages. Also on the front page were super talented Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre, who was just pipped into second place in the British Masters tournament in his rookie season, and the news that Gael Force Fusion had been chosen as the buyer for the former Sealife Sanctuary at Barcaldine.

Inside the paper was the story about celebrations taking place to mark work having started on the Rockfield Centre. This long-awaited refurbishment is down to the tireless efforts of many people. You know who you are and deserve our thanks.

There were also a number of reports detailing the fundraising efforts by a range of people, groups and organisations on behalf of a variety of charities, and I salute them all too. Then there was news of economic developments in Oban, including MacIntyre's shop's imminent opening in George Street.

And with the recent wall to wall sunshine, I was full of the joys. Long may it continue.

Public concern

I make no apology for returning to the now often mentioned problem of the unpleasant discharge across the pavement on George Street. This leak comes from the door of Spice World, between the New Look and Superdrug shops.

I bring this up again because of the number of people who have raised their concerns about it with me personally.

Oban residents are worried about what the discharge may contain and have expressed very vociferously to me their frustration that nothing has been done.

Why, I have been asked, has Argyll and Bute Council not issued an enforcement notice on the building's owner to have the problem resolved? Good question.

What do you think?

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OUTDOORS

Drivers warned to watch out for deer

With increased collisions between deer and vehicles at this time of year, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is warning motorists to slow down and be on the lookout for deer on the road.

Incidents of deer-vehicle collisions (DVC) usually increase in May and June as young animals disperse to look for their own territories.

In response to the risk, SNH, working with Transport Scotland, has arranged warning messages to be displayed on variable messaging signs (VMS) on trunk roads across Scotland from now until Monday June 10.

The VMS messages are targeted on roads with higher rates of deer-vehicle collisions. The signs display the warning message: 'Caution: high risk of deer on road.'

It's estimated that collisions between deer and vehicles could be as high as 9,000 per year in Scotland, resulting in 50 to 100 human injuries. The majority of collisions take place in early evening through to midnight, with another peak occurring from 6am to 9am.

Over the past 50 years, the number of wild deer in Scotland has increased, as has their range. In the same period, the volume of road traffic has almost doubled. This combination has led to increased DVC rates across the country.

Jamie Hammond, SNH deer management officer, said: 'Particularly in peak times, we advise motorists to slow down and watch for deer crossing roads.'

'Be aware that if you're driving near woods, deer can suddenly appear before you have time to brake. If you do hit a deer, report it to the police even if you're uninjured and your car isn't damaged, as the deer may be fatally injured and suffering.'

Dr Jochen Langbein of the Deer Vehicle Collisions Project, added: 'Although many people think most accidents occur on more remote Highland roads, in Scotland at least 40 per cent are on A-class trunk roads or motorways.'

Oban really pushed

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Landlubbers longing for new adventure had their boats floated for nothing at Oban Sailing Club on Saturday.

The club in Gallanach Road invited people to join it as part of the Royal Yachting Association's (RYA) national Push The Boat Out day.

Dinghies, keel boats and skiff rowing were just some of the activities on offer for the crowd of all ages who turned up to have a go.

There was also involvement from the crew of Oban lifeboat who put in an appearance with the Mora Edith MacDonald. RNLI fundraisers were also there with a stall.

Oban Sea Cadets were trying out the two Quest double-handled boats for the first time after they were recently gifted from boatmaker RS. Cadet Kate Hone,



Bonito and her crew out in Oban waters. 16_T21_boatout02

14, gave them the thumbs up.

The sailing club was also promoting its courses for this year which include sailing for adult beginners in July.

A Monday Mayhem session for member families is also proving popular at the club, giving fam-

ilies the chance to learn sailing skills while having fun out on the water.

Chief executive of RYA Scotland James Allan called in on the open day and said: 'There are events like this happening all over as part of Push The Boat Out

but what makes this Oban one so special is that you get a great sense of community about it.

'We've had youngsters from the schools, the Scouts, the Sea Cadets as well as general public all turning up to get involved – not forgetting the lifeboat crew and fundraisers.

'The idea is quite simply to get more people out on the water and Oban has definitely achieved that.'

The club's Iain Campbell said: 'We had a very successful attendance throughout the day with many families and groups doing taster sessions.

'We had 80 members of the public on the day with more than 20 club volunteers helping and lots of inquiries about dinghy sailing courses which we are running in the summer. We had Beavers and Cubs from 37th Argyll Scout group come in the morning who enjoyed being on the water and the cakes afterwards!'



Andy Lockwood gets Fergus Hunt, six, in the driving seat of a rib boat. 16_T21_boatout03



Kate Hone and Toby Murray-Anderson try out the Sea Cadet's new Quest boat. 16_T21_boatout05

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This week's walks

Push the boat out



Oban's RNLI crew with Sarah Hone, 10, and Abbie Petrie, six, at Push The Boat Out day. 16_T21_boatout01



Two youngsters were clearly enjoying themselves out on the water. 16_T21_boatout04



Phil Hamerton and Alison Rennie raising funds and water safety awareness. 16_T21_boatout07

LOCHABER AND LORN RAMBLERS

The walk leader is to be contacted beforehand for meet-up and start times. Car sharing usually possible and people can try before they buy. Further information at www.lochaberandlorn-ramblers.org.uk. Lochaber and Lorn Ramblers Group can be contacted by email on info@lochaberandlorn-ramblers.org.uk

Thursday May 30: Barguilean to Loch Nant, Taynuilt

A pleasant walk on tracks to Beinn Ghlas wind farm and Deirdre's Sheiling and then to forest above Loch Nant.

Start from minor public road from Taynuilt to Oban at junction of track leading to wind farm approx 3km southwest of Taynuilt crossroads at NM982289 and head S on track for approx 4km to generator shed for wind farm, then head west through turbines to sheiling.

Return to generator shed and then follow track south to forest above Loch Nant. Where track divides take either track to its end [possibly return to junction and take other track]. Return to generator shed and then back to start.

Grade: M; distance: 14km; height to climb: 300m; map(s): LR49, EX360/376; meet at: Longsdale CP, Oban NM862307 at 0930. Start of walk: 1010.

Leader: Graham Innes 01631 562290 or 07767 714503.

Sunday June 2: Meall Dearg and Sgurr na h-Eanchainne, Ardgour

Not high enough to make it into the Corbett list, this hill is nonetheless an imposing feature in the Lochaber landscape and one of its best viewpoints.

Start at the Ardgour ferry slip and follow the A861 N turn up drive to pass Ardgour House and head for communication tower at NN 000 645 ascend ridge to waterfall - Maclean's Towel.

Continue up ridge to summit of Meall Dearg Choire nam Muc,

734m. Turn east along ridge passing Lochan a Coire Dhuibh to summit of Sgurr na h-Eanchainne. Continue in an easterly direction to spot height 596m and on to Beinn na Cille 598.

Descend south to the graveyard at Cille Mhaodain, NN012656. Then follow the A861 back to Ardgour ferry slip.

Grade: M+; distance: 14km; height to climb: 800m; Maps LR40/41, EX391. Meet at Corran Ferry slip (NN 021 635) at 0900 for 0915 sailing. Start of walk: 0930.

Leader: Ian Moir 07973 836498.

NEVIS HILLWALKING CLUB

Full walk details at www.nevis-hillwalking.club. If anyone would like to go out on the walk please contact club secretary Suzanne Theobald on 01397 701783 or email enquiries@nevis-hillwalking.club.

Sunday May 26: Fraoch Bheinn, Sgurr Mhurlagain, Loch Arkaig.

Two Corbetts easily accessed from Strathan at the head of Loch Arkaig. Do one or both.

Start from the end of the public road at the head of Loch Arkaig, NM987916, where limited parking is available.

Head W on the track into Glen Dessarry for 1km. At NM978916, just W of the Dearg Allt, turn N up a path and follow it up towards the S ridge of Fraoch Bheinn.

Continue up to the summit, 858m.

Turn E and descend steep rough ground to reach a broad col at NM994937, 458m. A path leads SW from the col down to the track in Glen Dessarry.

* For the second Corbett, continue E up the flank of the SW ridge of Sgurr Mhurlagain to its crest.

Turn NE and head up to the summit.

Return to the col and descend SW on the path to the track in Glendessarry. Head E back to the start. Distance: 9km *14km; height to climb: 798m *1220m.

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An evening with Alan McGee

Rock and roll royalty will be present in Oban on Thursday June 6 when music industry executive and Scottish businessman Alan McGee makes a one-off appearance at the Corran Halls, writes Fiona Scott.

Best known for co-founding and running the independent label Creation Records and the man who discovered and signed Oasis, McGee is coming to town as part of an 18-leg tour which takes in venues in Scotland, England, and Wales.

Born in East Kilbride but now living in London, McGee is looking forward to returning to his homeland, where he and tour talkshow host John McNeil (The Zips) will entertain audiences in Dunoon, Edinburgh and Aberdeen as well as Oban.

Speaking to The Oban Times last week McGee said: 'I haven't really been back home for around 30 years, so I'm really

looking forward to it, especially the fish and chips.'

The opening half of the show will see McNeil and McGee discuss his career, the music industry, plus the inside track with bands such as Oasis and Primal Scream before the audience gets the opportunity to ask its own questions.

Described as being honest and entertaining, McGee is looking forward to his visit to the north west despite having been sceptical about the idea of a tour to start with: 'I didn't plan to do this; we did a few shows and then more came in, I like to keep myself busy so I just went with it,' he added.

'I'm not really sure what to expect from the Argyll audience but hopefully there will be lots of questions.

'I enjoying chatting and meeting new people so I'll answer almost anything

relating to myself – there is plenty to ask.'

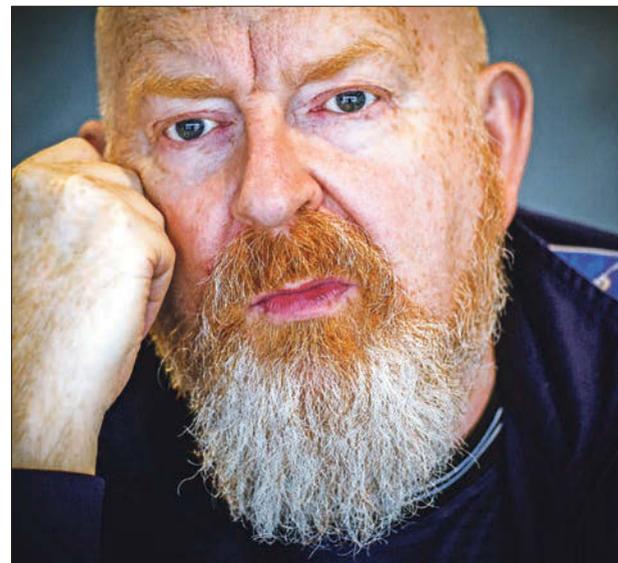
McGee's autobiography, *Creation Stories: Riots, Raves And Running A Label*, which was released in 2013, is soon to be made into a film, written by Irvine Welsh, directed by Danny Boyle and starring Ewen Bremner (*Trainspotting's* Spud) as McGee.

'The film is about my childhood and Creation, and basically the madness of it all,' he said.

McGee has been a record label owner, musician, manager, and music blogger for *The Guardian*.

He was also largely responsible for changing government legislation in which a new deal gave musicians three years to develop and be funded by the government instead of having to take other jobs to survive.

Alan McGee comes to Corran Halls.





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An unfortunate mistake!

Having a name like Robert Robertson can throw up its own unique challenges sometimes.

On Monday, I had the pleasure of chatting on Radio Scotland to Janice Forsyth on The Afternoon Show about our new Tide Lines single, Heroes.

I arrived at Pacific Quay, home of the BBC, in plenty time and was sitting on the couches with about half a dozen other people – all of us waiting for a rep to appear, call our name and lead us to whatever we were there for.

Eventually a gentleman appeared and shouted: 'Is there a Richard Robertson here?' Nobody replied so he tried again.

On his second attempt, a man responded saying: 'I don't think there is but what a funny name that is.'

To which the rep replied: 'Yes, I suppose you're right. Almost as bad as Robert



Alasdair Whyte singing in front of a projection to launch the second WHYTE album on Sunday evening.

Robertson. There are some people actually called that, you know.'

At this point, I felt I should check that he hadn't made a mistake with my name so I tentatively raised my hand and explained that my name

was Robert Robertson.

He asked if I was for the Janice Forsyth Show and, when I confirmed, he was ever so apologetic – half for getting my name wrong in the first place and half, I presumed, for making

fun of my actual name. As we headed up the stairs, I commented to him that it was amazing that he found my name so hilarious that he couldn't even remember it!

WHYTE launch latest album

Last Sunday night, WHYTE (the duo project of Ross Whyte and Alasdair Whyte) launched their second album, Tairm, at the Poetry Club of the SWG3.

Having just returned from touring in England, I didn't make it along, but I am very much looking forward to listening to the album because, as I wrote at the time, I very much enjoyed their first album, which was called Fairich and released back in 2016.

This latest launch took the form of a live performance featuring projected visuals by Dan Shay.

I will be reviewing the album (as well as some other new Gaelic albums with a connection to Glasgow

currently in my possession) in this column over the coming weeks.

Edinburgh Argyll Association ceilidh

The Edinburgh Argyll Association is hosting a cèilidh at St Cuthbert's Church, Lothian Road, this Saturday, May 25, from 7.30pm until 10pm. Doors open at 7.15pm.

Adham Ó Broin will give some Gaelic songs accompanied by stories of Cowal and Mid-Argyll, and The Singing Grigors will perform with bouzouki, clarsach, fiddle, flute and whistle. Heike Williamson will also sing and Kevin McCann will give some Scots songs with guitar. Andrew MacIntyre is the piper for the evening.

Tickets are £6 (or £5 for members) and children under 16 go free but must be accompanied by an adult. The last cèilidh was very busy indeed so make sure to head along in time to guarantee entry.

Exhibition looks at world in flux

War, violence, poverty and persecution leaves at least one in every 122 humans on the planet a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum.

Harrowing stories about migrants and their plight on television and radio motivated Lucy Woodley to produce an exhibition of multi-media sculptures going on show at Tobermory's An Tobar gallery soon.

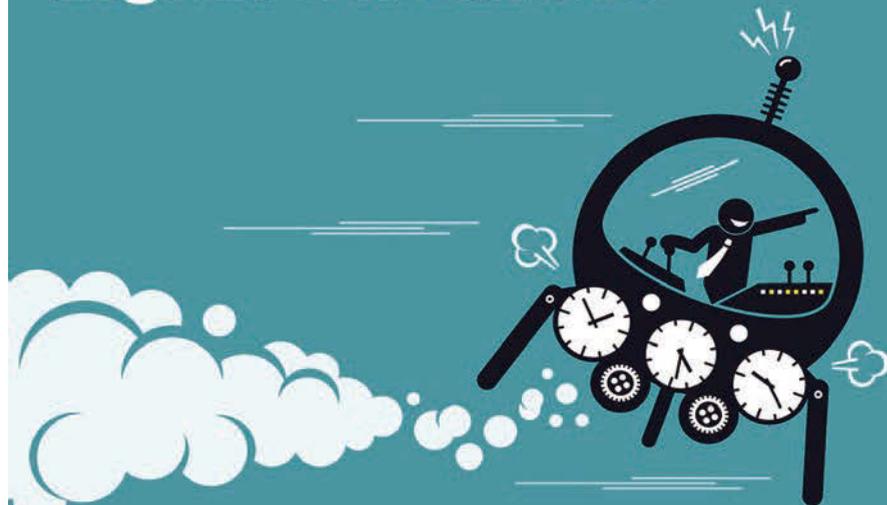
Working with silver and found objects, she uses symbolism to express themes around migration and a world in flux.

'We are being forced into reconfiguring our borders and along with them our identities. Ultima Thule is my way of exploring the themes around migration, the hope and the trepidation that comes with any journey that traverses known and unknown territories,' she said.

The exhibition runs from Saturday June 1 to Friday August 9.

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FRIDAY 24 MAY

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
18.35 Machair (rpt)
19.00 An La – News
19.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
19.30 Prosaig (rpt)
20.00 Orain Oir (rpt)
20.30 Dreach Ur S2 (rpt)
21.00 Air an Rathad (rpt)
22.00 Black Lake (rpt)
22.40 Belladrum 2016: Cridhe Tartan – C.Duncan (rpt)
22.50 Dhan Uisge (Lock Loyne) (rpt)
23.00 Seirm S5 (rpt)

DISATHAIRNE 25 AN CÈITEAN

SATURDAY 25 MAY

16.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
17.45 An La – News
18.00 Dluth Bhearradh/ Wallace & Gromit in A Close Shave (rpt)
18.30 A' Fagail Mhiughlaidh (rpt)
19.30 Prosaig (rpt)
20.00 Machair (rpt)
20.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
20.30 Kerry is Kirsty: Beinn Dobhrain gu Loch Liomhann (rpt)
21.00 Seirm S5 (rpt)
22.00 Impireachd Banrigh Bhictoria/ Queen Victoria's Empire (rpt)
23.00 Honeyballers (rpt)
00.00 Belladrum – Cridhe Tartan (highlights) rpt
18.15 An La – News
18.30 Seachd La / News Review

DIDÒMHNAICH 26 AN CÈITEAN

SUNDAY 26 MAY

18.15 An La – News
18.30 Seachd La / News Review
19.30 Alleluia! / Spiritual Music & Verse (rpt)

19.55 Earrann Eachdraidh / History Shorts (rpt)
20.00 Leugh Mi (rpt)
20.30 An t-Eilean/ From Skye with Love (rpt)
21.00 Dùbhlann an Dàta (rpt)
22.00 Seirm S5 (rpt)
23.00 Black Lake (rpt)
23.45 Belladrum 2016: Cridhe Tartan – Gavin James
23.50 Dhan Uisge / Loch Lomond (rpt)

DILUAIN 27 AN CÈITEAN

MONDAY 27 MAY

17.00 Programman Chloinne – Children's Programmes
19.25 Speaking Our Language (rpt)
19.50 Earrann Eachdraidh / History Shorts (rpt)
19.55 Earrann Eachdraidh / History Shorts (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 NEW/Ur – Dreach Ur S2
21.00 Trusadh – Eadar Airigh is Arizona/ Muriel of Skye (rpt)
22.00 Ceolmhor@Piping Live!S5 (rpt)
22.30 An Drochaid (rpt)
23.30 Mach a Seo! (rpt)

DIMÀIRT 28 AN CÈITEAN

TUESDAY 28 MAY

17.00 Programman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.00 Sgeul Seolaidh (rpt)
19.15 An La – News
19.25 NEW/UR International Friendly Scotland v Jamaica
21.35 Ceol bho Perthshire Amber (rpt)
22.00 Trusadh – Eadar Airigh is Arizona/ Muriel of Skye (rpt)
23.00 Orain Oir (rpt)
23.30 Alleluia! / Spiritual Music & Verse (rpt)
23.55 Fraochy Bay (rpt)

DICIADAIN 29 AN CÈITEAN

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

17.00 Programman Chloinne – Children's programming

19.00 Na Ceiltich/ Celtic History (rpt)
19.25 Speaking Our Language (rpt)
19.50 Earrann eachdraidh (rpt)
19.55 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 An t-Eilean/ From Skye with Love (rpt)
21.00 DIY le Donnie (rpt)
21.50 Dhan Uisge – Loch Lomond (rpt)
22.00 Fonn Fonn Fonn (rpt)
22.30 Ceolmhor @ Piping Live (rpt)
23.00 Baby Killer? Sgeulachd Jessie King (rpt)

DIARDAOIN 30 AN CÈITEAN

THURSDAY 30 MAY

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.00 An Ataireachd Bhuan (rpt)
19.30 Beul Chaint (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 Leugh Mi (rpt)
21.00 Sgeulachd Deacon Brodie (rpt)
22.00 Air an Rathad/ On the Road (rpt)
22.30 Impireachd Banrigh Bhictoria/ Queen Victoria's Empire (rpt)
23.20 Dhan Uisge (Loch Lomond) (rpt)
23.30 Fonn Fonn Fonn (rpt)

DIHAOINE 31 AN CÈITEAN

FRIDAY 31 MAY

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
18.35 Machair (rpt)
19.00 An La (rpt)
19.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
19.30 Prosaig (rpt)
20.00 Orain Oir (rpt)
20.30 Dreach Ur S2 (rpt)
21.00 Chi mi anns a' Bhothan Thu (rpt)
22.00 Black Lake (rpt)
22.45 Belladrum 2016: Cridhe Tartan – Gavin James (rpt)
22.50 Dhan Uisge (Loch Lomond) (rpt)
22.55 Seirm S5 (rpt)



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People's gallery celebrates Gloria

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Somewhere, painted on a small panel of a pergola in a park in China, is a Scottish scene.

Years ago when much-loved Tralee artist Gloria Young sketched her way there through Russia and Mongolia on the Trans Siberian Express, a group of young people decorating the new structure spotted her painting in their park and took her up scaffolding to add her own contribution from home.

And so on that patch of pergola is a 'wee tumbledown' Scottish cottage, a pinetree and a lochan.

That was just one of the many endearing and entertaining stories shared by Gloria at a special 'in conversation with' event hosted at the Rockfield Centre in Oban to open a retrospective exhibition of her work spanning decades.

People who have 'Glorias' on their walls at home were invited to bring them back to form a people's gallery as part of the exhibition. Organiser Breege Smyth said the offers came in fast and furious and could have filled the space



twice over. One after the other, more stories spilled out over the evening with Elspeth MacDonald gently teasing them out – and with a good deal of good-humoured audience participation.

What jumped out from the canvas was just how highly and closely held Gloria is in the hearts of the community. Each of her paintings has a story.

As a young art student, she was encouraged to use a man's name to get her work accepted and hung in exhibitions – how times have changed.

Now in her 91st year and

still teaching art, Gloria is an inspiration to many. Just recently people have been striking up sporting poses in her front room on a Thursday so a group she runs can sketch them – croquet was the last session.

Questions to Gloria in the hot-seat revealed the strangest commission she ever received was for a couple of her neighbour's outdoor motors propped up in his garage. The ever-changing estuary near her home is a scene she never tired painting of and touchingly, her favourite piece of work was a portrait of her dear, late husband Derek.

Mull welcomes fiddle player of high acclaim

Acclaimed fiddle player and composer Lauren MacColl is set to perform her album, *The Seer*, for folk music fans across Scotland this summer.

Lauren will play *An Tobar*, in Tobermory on Mull on Thursday June 27.

Commissioned by the Highland arts organisation Fèis Rois and premiered at Celtic Connections, *The Seer* is a 45-minute suite of music based on the life and prophecies of 17th-century prophet, *The Brahan Seer*.

Audiences can look forward to an emotive and engaging performance from Lauren, informed by tradition and a technique honed over many years, as

she performs the album alongside brand new music.

She will be joined on stage by folk luminaries Mairearad Green (*The Poozies*), Rachel Newton (*The Shee*), Anna Massie (*Blazin' Fiddles*), Bethany Reid (*RANT*) and Signy Jakobsdottir.

Lauren said: 'I'm delighted to be playing this string of dates in venues across the country this summer and to be able to share new material alongside my work *The Seer* with audiences across Scotland.'

'I'm thrilled to present the album with the full line-up of wonderful musicians and to share the legacy of the *Brahan Seer* in a com-

PELLING performance for everyone that comes along.'

Growing up on the Black Isle, Lauren has long been immersed in the tales deeply embedded in the rich oral culture of the Highlands.

The Seer, which was shortlisted for Album of the Year and Composer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards 2018, draws on this inspiration from place and people and uses a notably dark undercurrent to create a memorable sound.

Lauren learned her traditional music through the Feisean movement in Ross-Shire and in 2004 won the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award as a soloist.

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ery in Oban Gloria's glories



Far left, Gloria Young with Holly Pallas, who still treasures the watercolour set the Tralee artist gave her when she was just eight years old; and this page, some of Gloria's paintings which were on show at The Rockfield Centre.

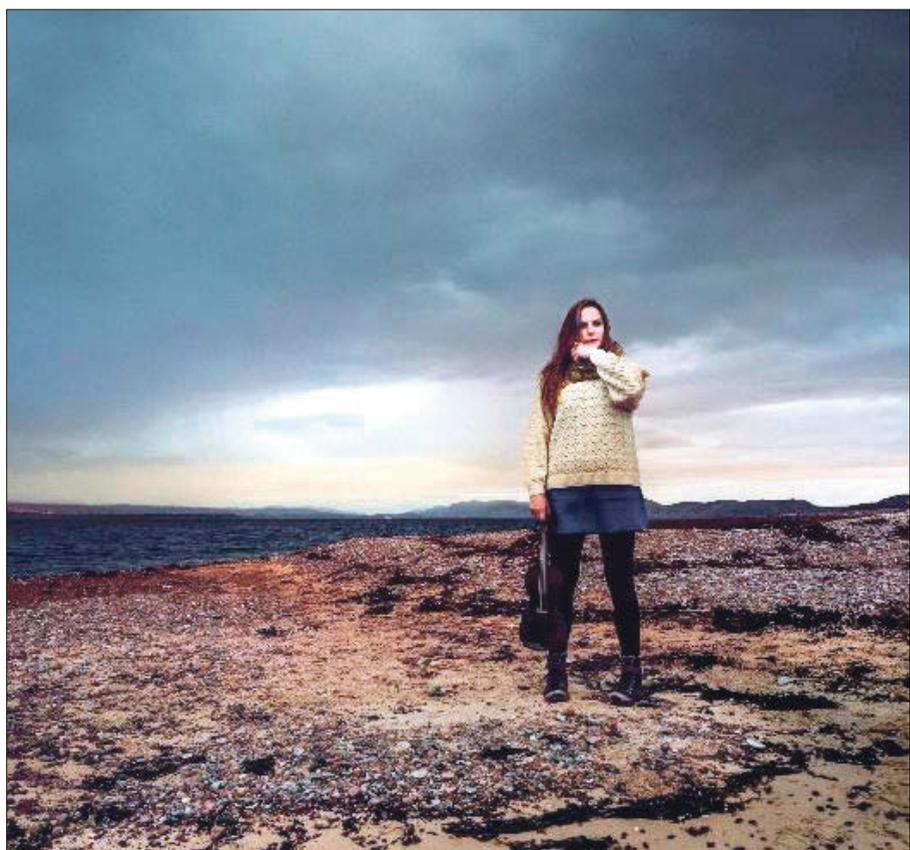


Gloria's exhibition ran until Sunday.

Proceeds from paintings sold at the event were in aid of Cancer Research UK. Their numbers added to the near 2,000 works of art she has sold

since 1968 and kept recorded in a little black book. All the details are meticulously kept in the form of columns – the final column contains abbreviations, making a note of Gloria's own take on her

work F for fair, G for good and R for...Reasons we won't be revealing, but folk lucky enough to spend the evening with Gloria last Thursday will understand well enough with a wink and a grin.



Lauren McColl will perform her album *The Seer* at An Tobar on Mull next month.

WHAT'S ON



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THURSDAY 23RD MAY

Slimming World
Salvation Army Hall, Fort William
9.30am, 11.30am, 3.00pm, 5.00pm
& 7.00pm
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8 Week Mindfulness Course

The Rockfield Centre
12-12:30pm
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FRIDAY 24TH MAY

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre. 12-12:30pm
Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans
Gunna Sound. Open till 2am

SATURDAY 25TH MAY

Ganavan Sands Parkrun
Ganavan Sands. 9:30am-12noon
8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre. 12-12:30pm

Cearcall Còmhraidh (Gaelic Conversation Group)

Furan Gaelic Centre. 12noon- 1:30pm
Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans
Calum MacPhail. Open till 2am

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre. 12-12:30pm
Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans
QUIZ NIGHT at 9.30pm
£1 per person, max of 6 per team
Win £20 bar voucher

MONDAY 27TH MAY

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre. 12-12:30pm
Slimming World
Union Street/Argyll Street,
Lochgilphead
5.30pm & 7.30pm
Tel; Rhona 07880 878906

TUESDAY 28TH MAY

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre, 12-12:30pm
Carers Coffee Morning
North Argyll Carers Centre
10:30am-12pm

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre. 12-12:30pm
Beach Clean
Slip opposite Stafford Street
10:30am-12pm
Slimming World
Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban
9.30am, 11.30am, 5.30pm & 7.30pm
Tel; Gillian 07796 040803
Under the Skin Camera Club
Rockfield Centre. 6.3pm - 7.30pm
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16:15/18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
20:30 TOLKIEN 12A

SATURDAY 25TH

11:30 KID'S CLUB HOODWINKED
12:45/15:00/17:15 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
15:45/19:30 ROCKET MAN 15
18:15 TOLKIEN 12A
20:30 RED JOAN 12A

SUNDAY 26TH

14:30 THE CORRUPTED 18
15:00/17:15 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
16:45 TOLKIEN 12A
19:15 MORVERN CALLAR 15
19:30 ROCKET MAN 15

MONDAY 27TH

12:00/20:30 ROCKET MAN 15
15:30 SHAZAM! 12A
16:00/18:15 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
18:00 OBAN HIGH SCHOOL PIPE BAND MAMMA MIA

SINGALONG

20:15 TOLKIEN 12A

TUESDAY 28TH

12:00/16:15/18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
14:30 AVENGERS:ENDGAME 12A
18:00 RED JOAN 12A
20:15 TOLKIEN 12A
20:30 ROCKET MAN 15

WEDNESDAY 29TH

12:00/16:00/18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
16:15 RED JOAN 12A
18:00 MONTHLY MUSICAL: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
20:15 ROCKET MAN 15
20:30 TOLKIEN 12A

THURSDAY 30TH

12:00/20:30 TOLKIEN 12A
14:45 AVENGERS:ENDGAME 12A
16:15/18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 U
18:15 RED JOAN 12A
20:30 ROCKET MAN 15

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The Jubilee Sailing Trust will visit Oban on June 6.

Ahoy there! Sailors wanted

Ever fancied sailing aboard a tall ship? This could be your chance.

The Jubilee Sailing Trust is bringing its Lord Nelson ship to Oban next month and is looking for crew to join it.

It is due to sail in to Oban on June 6 ready for a 10-day scenic voyage in the Western Isles, seven more days exploring the Hebrides and then a 12-day trip from the port town out to Aalborg in Denmark for the start of the Tall Ships Race.

The trust is hoping young would-be sailors will want to widen their horizons and get in touch.

Organisers are on a mis-

sion to give people of mixed abilities and circumstances the chance to explore their ability and potential by having an adventure at sea and say that on its ships barriers and differences are broken down, everyone is equal and friendships are made.

There are still berths available for non-disabled crew. Lord Nelson will be joined for some of the sailing by its retired captain Barbara Campbell from Dunoon while current captain Chris Phillips, who lives in Oban, enjoys a break from the helm.

To get more details go to jst.org.uk

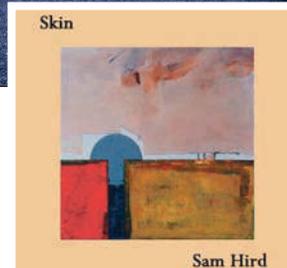
Mull songwriter launches new EP

Mull singer songwriter Sam Hird is launching a new EP next month, thanks, in part, to the team at An Tobar in Tobermory.

Sam manages the beautiful Carsaig estate on the island, which featured in the 1945 Powell and Pressburger movie, *I Know Where I'm Going* - Martin Scorsese's favourite film.

Originally from Manchester, where he studied music and worked with the popular band Bird To Beast, Sam now has a new baby with his partner, so touring is out of the question. However, An Tobar, the arts centre in Tobermory, is championing the musician, believing he should be more widely known.

After an outstanding appearance at the Tobermory venue supporting a visiting band, it got him straight into the studio to record five of his



Sam has launched his new EP on Tob Records, with the support of An Tobar.

in Liam Gallagher's band), Andy Robinson and Gogs from the King Creosote on drums and bass, and Hannah Fisher from Idlewild on backing vocals. Recorded in An Tobar by producer/engineer Gordon Maclean, who has worked with Roddy Woomble, King Creosote, Mull Historical Society, Michael Marra, Aidan O'Rourke from Lau, Andrew Wasyluk, and Bill Wells, An Tobar has now released the EP on Tob Records, with cover artwork by Mull artist Joe McHugh.

The EP is available from An Tobar, via its website and online from various platforms.

fantastic songs for his new EP, *Skin*.

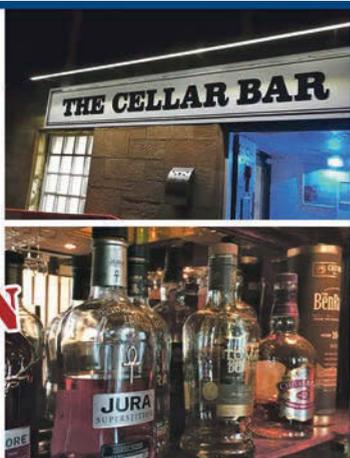
The musicians on the recording are Christian Madden from The Earlies (currently playing keyboard

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Alastair Campbell unusual inspiration for trad band

Scottish band Skipinnish has revealed an unlikely inspiration for one of the songs on their new album – Alastair Campbell.

Argyll's Skipinnish founder, accordionist and song-writer Angus MacPhail said the former Labour strategist, writer and campaigner 'sparked the flint' for the song Still We Run, on the latest album Steer By The Stars.

The two men know each other through their family connections – MacPhail was born and raised in Tiree, home of Campbell's deceased father Donald, and is a close friend of several members of clan Campbell. Campbell, a piper, performed with MacPhail at an award-winning Celtic Connections concert, Tìree Songbook, three years ago.

Conversations

'Alastair has always fascinated me. I don't belong to any political camp but I like his approach to life and to politics,' said MacPhail.

'Since we were introduced through his cousin's son, John Campbell, I have had lots of conversations with him and one night we were sitting talking in a "meaning of life" kind of way and I asked him how he managed to keep looking young and energetic – over 60 and still running every day – and also how he managed to live with the fact he had such bad depression from time to time.

'He said he never thought life was about happiness in the moment, and that we only really know if we lived a happy life when we get towards the end. And then he said, "and there's exercise too!"

'I just kept thinking of what he had said and what it meant. To me it was a way



Former Labour strategist Alastair Campbell was the inspiration for one of the songs on the new Skipinnish album, Steer By The Stars.

of saying you stay young by keeping focused on what you do next, not what you've done in the past. And then the first line of the song just came into my head, "forever young, and still we run".

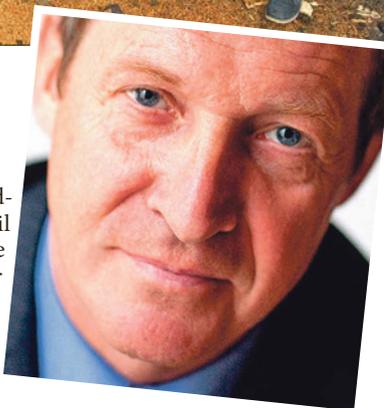
Angus had the song in his headphones as he ran the Great Manchester Run half marathon last Sunday (May 19), but it is another song on the album that has inspired him to get his running shoes on.

Written in memory of Eilidh MacLeod from the Isle of Barra who lost her life in the Manchester Arena bombing, Wishing Well, was released last year. Released to raise money for a permanent memorial on Barra, the single made it to 23 in the iTunes download charts.

As part of the fundraising, MacPhail also completed the 2018 Manchester 10K (his first) and the Edinburgh Half Marathon the following week. This year, in continued fundraising for the cause, he is doubling up and doing both half-marathons.

And on Campbell's recommendation MacPhail sent the song to Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, who also did the run.

MacPhail said: 'I heard him talking about the impact of the bombing on young lives like Eilidh and was impressed by the empathy he showed. I wanted to send him the album as a token of respect for the way he handled things.'



Alastair Campbell said he was a big fan of the band: 'I'm very happy to have played a part in the Skipinnish creative process.'

He said he had listened to the whole album and added: 'I love it. There are some fantastic running tracks on there but also some good Gaelic gloomy stuff which I like too.'

Skipinnish's new album Steer by the Stars is available exclusively on iTunes.

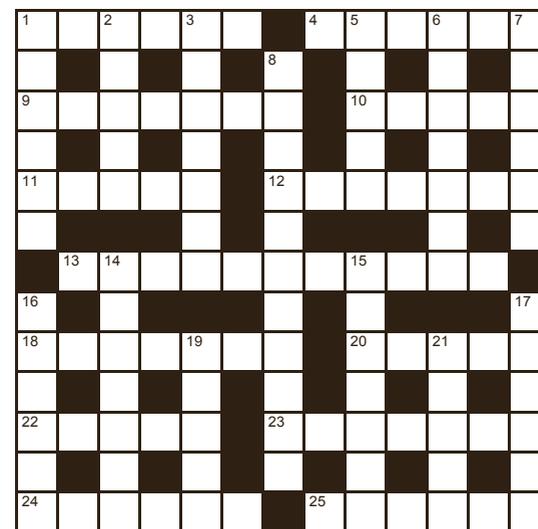
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MONDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 breakfast show, 9.00 Monday morning with Stephen, 11.00 Ian Simmonds Monday Mix, 17.00 Drivetime, 19.00 Rosie's Highland fling with Rosie MacColl, 20.00 John McLuckie's show, 21.00 David Cullen show, 23.00 Through the night with Clyde 2
TUESDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 Breakfast show, 10.00 Ken Hunter's Tuesday morning, 13.00 Macky on Fm, 17.00 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 19.00 Highest praise with Stuart Chalmers, 20.00 Clyde 2 through the night with the Greatest Hits.
WEDNESDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 breakfast show, 09.00 Sounds Scottish repeat, 10.00 The Comfort Zone with Lesley Blair Simmonds, 13.00 Doug Carmichael in the afternoon, 17.00 Drivetime with Campbell Cameron, 19.00 Country meets Rock & Roll with Len Ford & Kenny MacLachlan alternating, 21.00 Gordon's Grooves with Gordon Macintyre, 22.00 Midnight through the night with Clyde 2.
THURSDAY: 08.00 - 11.00 Breakfast with Andy and Sarah, 11.00 Molly's Mix with Molly Black, 15.00 Drivetime with Stephen McPhee, 19.00

Christine's collection, 21.00 Ann's Ceilidh, 22.00 Margo till midnight then Through the night with Clyde 2.
FRIDAY: 08.00 breakfast show with Laura, 10.00 Teeny and Tiny aka Harry, Janet, and Anna, 17.00 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 18.45 Sports View, 19.00 Country meets Country with Jackie Craig, 21.00 Peter Rainnie 12.00 Midnight through the night with Clyde 2.
SATURDAY: 08.00 The Breakfast show with Stephen MacPhee. 10.00 Saturday Morning live with Linda Crosher, 13.00 Clyde2 Sports and the Greatest hits, 18.00 Sports view – Oban Fm Dream team, 19.00 Sounds Scottish with Archie Darling, 20.00 Dave Lewis, 22.00 Margo till Midnight then Through the night with Clyde 2 and the Greatest Hits.
SUNDAY: 09.00 Sunday Morning with Breege, 11.00 Sunday brunch with Allan MacKechnie, 13.00 Clyde 2 on a lazy Sunday afternoon with the Greatest Hits, 19.00 New Country show – David Entwistle, 21.00 Drum & Bass – Graham Scott, 23.00 Clyde 2 through the night with the Greatest Hits.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Prose (6)
- 4 Freely negotiable by the holder (6)
- 9 Cure-all (7)
- 10 Sentimental (5)
- 11 Parting word... (5)
- 12 ...secret saying for identification (3,4)
- 13 Casting voice (7,4)
- 18 Astronomical instrument (7)
- 20 Dusk to dawn (5)
- 22 Watch word? (5)
- 23 Level land (7)
- 24 Difficult (6)
- 25 Jostle (6)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Down

- 1 Spirelike tree (6)
- 2 World-weariness (5)
- 3 Newly enlisted (7)
- 5 Written piece (5)
- 6 Harmonious connection (7)
- 7 Mideast capital (6)
- 8 Protection for edges when painting (7,4)
- 14 Worry (7)
- 15 Formerly New Hebrides (7)
- 16 Arrange (6)
- 17 Harmonize (6)
- 19 Repeated once more (5)
- 21 Welcome (5)

Oban fiddlers tune up for weekend on Tìree

Hard on the heels of their successful 75th Anniversary Fiddlers' Rally Concert, 25 members of Oban and Lorne Strathspey and Reel Society (OLSRS) took their programme to Tìree, staying at the Stevenson Centre, Hynish for the weekend.

On the Friday evening they performed a fundraising concert in Tìree Parish Church to a large appreciative audience raising £500 for church funds.

Elsbeth MacKinnon and friends not only set up and advertised the concert but also ensured everyone was

amply fed. The following day was spent exploring Tìree, with some of the group enjoying a trip to Skerryvore Lighthouse with Tìree Sea Tours. There was a bus trip with Angus John of John Kennedy buses and Mabel. The bus trip included a visit to Tìree's Historical Centre, An Iodhlann, which was specially opened up for them by Dr John Holliday.

On their return to Hynish there was a gin-tasting session arranged by Ian Smith of Tyree Gin. This was followed by the evening meal and then

a ceilidh, when they were joined by some of Tìree's musicians into the wee sma' hours. During the weekend Concert and the Tìree trip, some of the members were still busy musically.

At the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival, OLSRS conductor Helen Jordan was placed third in the Open March, Strathspey and Reel competition, while leader Jean Boardman was placed first in the Open Slow Air competition. These competitions are open not

only to Oban residents but also musicians throughout Scotland and the wider world, so many congratulations to both women. Also the same weekend, four members were in Ullapool taking part in the Adult Feis which is arranged by Feis Rois. To date, the society has had a very busy year and hopes to continue to meet at least once a month until its 2019/20 session begins in October. All interested musicians will be made most welcome. For further details, please contact the society through its Facebook page.



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Now in its 18th consecutive year, the acclaimed Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, returns to Fort William on June 1-2.

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sionate mountain biking fans will gather along the course, on the slopes of Aonach Mor, to cheer on their heroes. It's the riders and stars who deliver the excitement while the fans create the legendary Fort William World Cup atmosphere.

Regular shuttle buses transport fans from Fort William and Spean Bridge to the World Cup Village where they can check out and buy the latest bike gear, get fuelled up with a wide selection of food and drink and enjoy a few special forms of entertainment and diversion.

There's also the chance to meet and take photos with favourite riders in the Tech Zone – the biking equivalent of the Formula One pits.

The Nevis Range Mountain Gondola travels above the

course, giving a bird's eye view of the action, while the fit can walk down (and up) – the best way to appreciate the speed, technique and commitment of the riders as they do battle with the mountain and the clock.

There are some top British riders fighting for a podium slot, including double world champion Danny Hart and the number one Scottish prospect Reese Wilson, who was fifth at Fort William in 2018. In the women's race, five-time downhill world champion Rachel Atherton is the one to beat, with Tahnée Seagrave chasing victory.

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We are now nearing the climax of our competition and are now asking you to vote for the Top 10, with voting closing at 10am on Tuesday May 28th - we are giving you an extra day because of the Monday bank holiday - and the Top 10 will be announced on Thursday 30th May.

Voting is still very close, so to make sure your favourite makes it into the Top 10, complete the voting coupon (make sure it comes from either the 16th May or 23th May issues) and either post them to us or hand them in to our Oban or Fort William offices. **Vote for your favourite now!**

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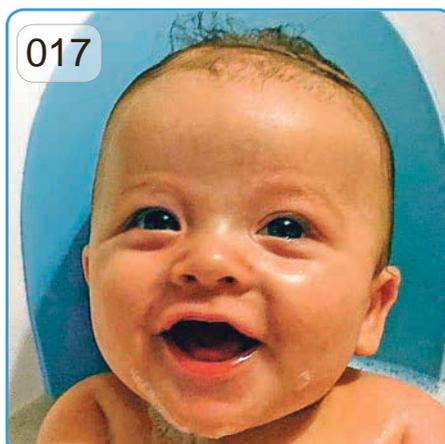
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Matthew Russell

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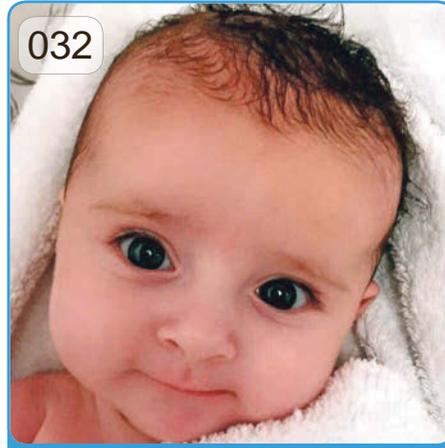
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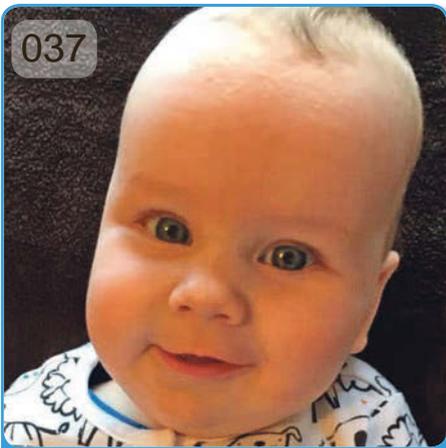
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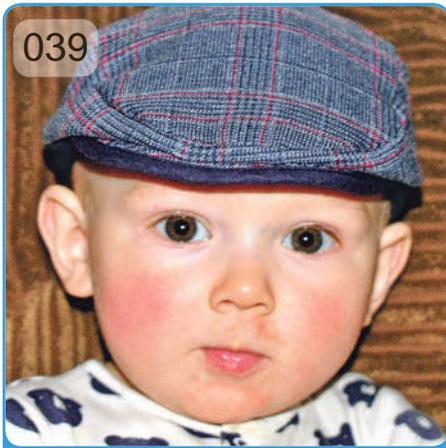
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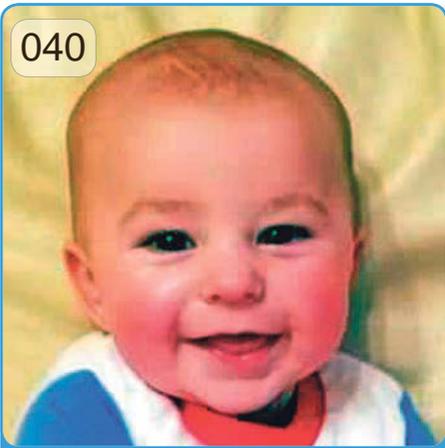
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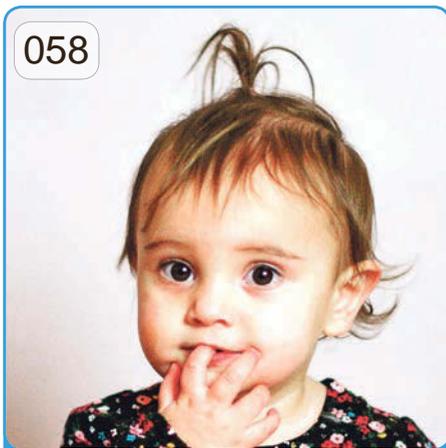
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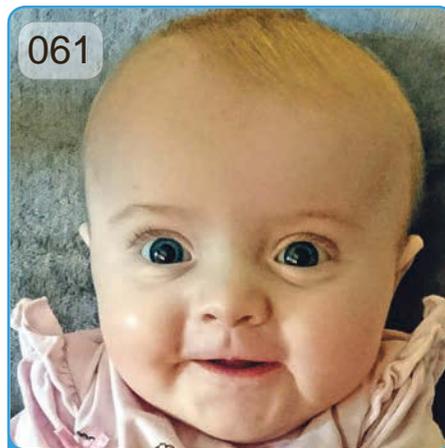
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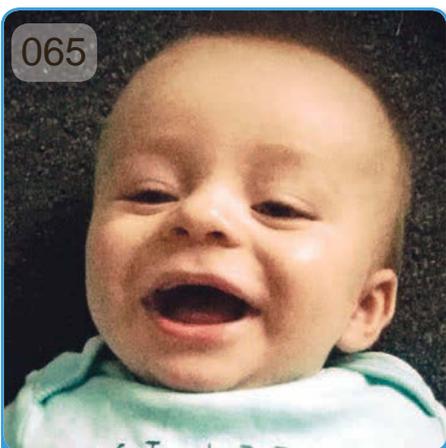
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SCF endorses support for Scottish lamb

The Scottish Crofting Federation has welcomed Scottish government support to the promotion of Scotch Lamb and has emphasised the need for abattoirs to assure total traceability and provenance.

'It is very encouraging that Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon has announced £200,000 of new funding to Quality Meat Scotland to promote Scotch Lamb PGI,' said Russell Smith, SCF's lead on agriculture.

'It demonstrates faith in our sheep sector and the high quality meat that we produce, much of which starts life on croft grazings. High animal welfare, provenance and total traceability are essential for us to maintain our reputation for the best quality lamb.'

Mr Smith added: 'Consumers are much more aware of the food chain and want to know exactly what their meat is and where it comes from. Abattoirs can be a vital link in the chain, providing accountability for high animal welfare and traceability.'

'Scotland has, unfortunately, lost most of its local, smaller-scale abattoirs in favour of large centralised plants. This necessitates long distances for transporting livestock to slaughter, increased costs for producers and an uncertainty that producers are getting their animals back.'

'If we want to provide meat to the discerning market, we have to reverse that policy and reinstate local abattoirs so that the consumer can be assured of their meat's provenance and

traceability. We should be able to provide croft-reared lamb, or Skye lamb or heather-fed lamb, with the confidence that we can trace the meat from birth, through a good life to a good death. The ability to sell directly from the croft to the consumer benefits both the crofter and the consumer.'

'The Scottish sheep industry is facing uncertainty and possible calamity due to leaving the European Union without a deal, so we must do everything we can to bolster the quality local, Scottish and UK market we supply to.'

'High quality croft lambs can be supplied for fattening under the Scotch Lamb mark or can be sold direct as croft-reared. What is essential is that consumers have a product they have complete confidence in.'

Around the markets

Oban - United Auctions held its annual May sale of 124 cattle and 501 sheep of all classes at Oban Livestock Centre on Tuesday May 14. Bulls sold to an average £704.17 per head or 229.39 pence per kilo and heifers levelled out at £652.77 per head or 211.28 pence per kilo. Bulls sold to a top of £1,020 for Limousin crosses from Achnaba while heifers sold to £950, also Limousin crosses from Achnacree Beag. M/s Troughton, Ardachy led the prices per kilo for bullocks at 272.9 whilst Achnaba sold their heifers to 246 pence per kilo. All classes of sheep sold at similar levels to other principal centres. Principal lots and prices:

Top prices per head:
Bullocks: AAx: £910(3) and £840(2) - Ardachy.
BSHx: £650(4) - Glenure Estate Ltd.
BRBx: £810(3) - South Achinduin.
LIMx: £1020 and £990 - Achnaba: £985(3), £970(2), £960, £920 and £900(2) - Achnacree Beag.
SIMx: £710(2) - Ballard, Coll.
Heifers:
AAx: £790 - Ardachy.
BRBx: £680 - Tyree.
LIMx: £950(2) - Achnacree Beag: £930 and £920 - Achnaba: £900(2) and £860(2) - Achnacree Beag.
SIMx: £600 - Pennygown, Mull.
Top prices per kilo:
Bullocks:
AAx: 247p(2) and 233p(3) - Ardachy.

BSHx: 249p(6) and 236p(4) - Glenure Estate.
LIMx: 273p(2) - Ardachy: 263p - Tyree: 256p(2) - Achnacree Beag: 256p(2) - Ardachy: 246p - Achnacree Beag: 244p - Ardachy: 243p(3) - Achnacree Beag: 241p - Tyree: 240p - Achnacree Beag.
SHx: 238p(3) - Inshaig.
SIMx: 262p(3) - Ballard, Coll: 236p(2) - Aird Farm.
Heifers:
AAx: 210p(2) - Ardachy.
BRBx: 218p - Tyree.
LIMx: 246p - Achnaba: 243p and 242p(3) - Ardachy: 241p(2), 239p(2) and 232p(2) - Achnacree Beag.
SIMx: 236p and 221p - Ballard, Coll.
In-calf cows: £1,000 - lochdar, Mull: £900 - Achnacree Beag.
Hoggs:
SUFFx: £85 and £75 - Killiechroinan.
TEXx: £80 - Kirkton.
CHEV: £59 - Daltote.
CROSS: £67 - Knock: £61 - Acharn.
MULE: £58 - Birchfield.
BF: £63 - Scammadale: £63 - Arronton Place: £57 - Scammadale.
Ewes:
SUFF: £98 - Tyree.
TEXx: £82 and £81 - Torbhlaire.
CHEV: £69.50 - Balnagown: £68 - Pennygown: £60 - Baligarve and Glenamachrie.
CROSS: £55 - Pennygown.
MULE: £69 - Glenmachrie: £68 - Balnagown: £65 - Torbhlaire:

£65 - Mid Farm.
BF: £50 - Kilbride, Kilmore: £48 - Cluaran Croft.

Stirling - United Auctions on Saturday May 18 had forward 463 breeding cattle at its second May sale.

Heifers with bull calves at foot: West Thomaston (Lim) £3,500, £3,400; The Ross (Lim) £3,250, £3,050; Crosshouse and Little Kilchatten (Lim) £2,700; Derrie (BP) £2,600; The Ross (BB) £2,400; Porterstown (Sim) £2,400 and £2,350; Knockgerran (Salers) £2,200.

Heifers with heifer calves at foot: The Ross (BB) £3,400; West Thomaston (Lim) £3,300; The Ross (Lim) £3,100 and £3,050; Little Kilchatten (BP) £2,650; Aberbothrie (Cont) £2,200; Knockgerran (Salers) £2,150; Harehead and Porterstown (Sim) £2,100.

Cows with bull calves at foot: Harehead (Sim) £2,150 and £2,100; Fairfield (AA) £1,900 and £1,850.

Cows with heifer calves at foot: Bickethall (Lim) £3,200; West Thomaston (Lim) £3,100; Little Kilchatten (Lim) £2,900; Newpark (BG) £2,300; Stuartslaw (Sim) £1,950; Fairfield (AA) £1,850. Bulling heifers: Balgownie Mains (Lim) £1,260; Brybrugh (BP) £1,250; Tillygloom (Cont) £1,220. Bulls: South Mid Frew (Lim) £2,600; Wester Whitecastle (AA) £2,000 and (Sht) £1,900.

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Group to take farming message to children

A new group is being proposed for Argyll and Bute which aims to inform and engage with schoolchildren about food and farming.

Farmers, crofters, land-owners, teachers, early years providers and anyone involved in agriculture or land use are invited to an open meeting, titled Teaching Children About Farming, to be held at the Inveraray Inn on Tuesday May 28 at 7.30pm.

NFU Scotland (NFUS) has arranged the meeting in partnership with the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET), a long-established organisation that, for the past 20 years, has sought to bring the working countryside and its practices to life for young people.

The meeting aims to expand the existing RHET network of 12 countryside initiatives across Scotland to include Argyll and Bute.

Working with volunteers who are directly involved with farming and other rural



NFUS Argyll and Islands regional chairman John Dickson.

industries, RHET provides children with the opportunity to visit a working farm and to hear first-hand how their food is produced and how the countryside is managed.

Where farm visits are not possible, RHET uses a network of volunteers to engage in classroom visits as well as providing a range of teaching resources.

In attendance at the Inveraray meeting will be RHET board chairman George Lawrie and RHET chief officer Katrina Barclay to give an overview of their organisation's work and to explore the option of setting up a group in Argyll.

Mr Lawrie said: 'It has never been more important to encourage young people to learn

more about where their food comes from and get a better understanding of the countryside around them.

'By getting involved in the work that RHET delivers, whether it is through volunteering to host a class of pupils on your farm or become a classroom speaker, you will help send out the positive message about modern Scottish farming and the role we play in the environment around us.

'We have a great network of trained contractors who support both the teachers and the farmers to ensure everyone gets the most from the activity, including producing a risk assessment and props to take into schools.'

NFUS Argyll and the Islands regional chairman John Dickson, who farms on Bute, is getting behind the formation of a RHET Argyll group.

He said: 'RHET has done a fantastic job in other parts of the country, engaging and informing schoolchildren of all ages about the journey that

food takes from farm to fork and the role farmers play in looking after our countryside.

'Currently Argyll and Bute is the only part of Scotland that does not have a local RHET group. With the help of farmers and crofters, and others involved in the land use sector, we now have an opportunity to change that and make sure that the fantastic story we have about the unique way we farm in these parts reaches the next generation of consumers.

'I would urge those with an interest in being involved to come along to the meeting in Inveraray and help us.'

NFUS regional manager Lucy Sumsion added: 'If you want to ensure that children in Argyll and Bute are able to learn about food, farming, crofting and the countryside then this meeting in Inveraray on May 28 is your opportunity to make sure it happens.'

For more on the meeting, contact Lucy on 01499 600154, 07787 434104 or email lucy.sumsion@nfus.org.uk.

NFUS asks members about Brexit

NFU Scotland is urging its membership to complete a survey to assess the confidence of Scotland's farmers and crofters in the context of Brexit.

The results of the survey, entitled Brexit and Business Confidence, will be released on Thursday June 20, the first day of the 2019 Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, near Edinburgh. That date marks almost three years since the referendum on membership of the European Union on June 23, 2016.

The union's reasons for running this survey are, first, to get a clear picture of what confidence is like within the agricultural industry and to give the union a strong, clear mandate on lobbying priorities as it continues to negotiate with politicians, governments and decision-makers on Brexit and a new agricultural policy for Scotland in the future.

All members will receive a printed copy of the three-page survey with the June edition of the membership magazine, the Scottish Farming Leader.

'Teaching Children About Farming'

Open Meeting

Tuesday 28 May at 7.30pm

The Inveraray Inn, Inveraray



Do you want to ensure that children in Argyll & Bute are able to learn about food, farming, crofting and the countryside?

The Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) aims to bring the working countryside and its practices to life for young people, by working with volunteers who are directly involved with agriculture and other rural industries.

Currently Argyll is the only part of Scotland that does not have a local Countryside Initiative or Project Coordinator. With your help we can change that!

COME ALONG — if you are a farmer, crofter, land owner, teacher, early years provider, are involved in agriculture or the land use sector and want to find out more about setting up a RHET Argyll Countryside Initiative.

Everyone welcome!

For further information please contact:

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Five star performance: Škoda tops the trophy haul in the 2019 Diesel Car & Eco Car Awards

• Kodiaq, Superb hatch, Superb estate, Octavia and Octavia vRS all named best in class

• ŠKODA wins more awards than any other brand

• Four ŠKODA models named in the Top 50 diesel and eco cars – two in the top 10

ŠKODA has recorded a remarkable sweep of titles at the annual Diesel Car and Eco Car Awards. The brand was named as the best in class in no fewer than five categories and drove off with more silverware than any other brand. Four ŠKODA models also appeared in Diesel and Eco Car's annual Top 50, with the Kodiaq and Superb both in the top 10.

Leading the charge for ŠKODA was the Superb, which won both the Best Large

Car and Best Large Estate Car categories. The judging panel praised the Superb's exceptional practicality and engine refinement, with Ian Robertson, editor and publisher of DieselCar & EcoCar Magazine adding: 'The Skoda Superb continues to offer customers more car for their money. Passengers simply won't believe the space on offer, with limousine-like rear legroom ensuring every journey is a comfortable one. The Superb hatchback wins the prize for best large car, while the estate grabs the accolade for best estate car thanks to its huge 660-litre boot that opens up to a massive 1,950 litres.'

The Octavia also recorded a brace of category wins, taking



home the Best Medium Estate Car and the Best Hot Hatch award for the vRS. 'Showing off its all-round ability, the Octavia is our top medium estate car for 2019, as well as being our favourite hot hatch in vRS guise,' said Ian Robertson. 'Front and back seat passengers have masses of space and its 590-litre boot is bigger than most models from

the next class up. The estate offers class-leading space and the vRS is fast and agile without attracting any unwanted attention. There's even a 4x4 version for extra reassurance.'

Completing ŠKODA's collection of awards was the Kodiaq, which saw off tough competition to be named Best Large SUV. Despite costing much less than many of its



class competitors, the Kodiaq wowed the judging panel with its attention to detail and broad range of drivetrain options. Explaining why the Kodiaq was unbeatable in 2019, Ian Robertson said: 'ŠKODA's first full-size SUV offers masses of passenger and cargo space in a neat package that's good to drive and full of 'surprise and

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One in eight motorists are delaying their next vehicle purchase due to Brexit

• Exclusive research for Autocar finds close to half of all car buyers are delaying their next vehicle buy, with 25 per cent of them blaming Brexit

• SMMT sales figures show April registrations down 4.1 per cent, with year-on-year sales down by 2.7 per cent

• UK buyers more likely to purchase vehicles from brands which manufacture in the UK after Brexit, with Ford and Toyota expected to see biggest benefit

• French and German manu-

facturers likely to be hardest hit

• To find out more about the effects of Brexit on the UK's automotive industry, read the latest issue of Autocar: autocar.co.uk

Nearly half of all drivers are set to delay their next vehicle purchase, with one in four of those blaming Brexit, according to exclusive research for Britain's leading weekly automotive title, Autocar, conducted by Simpson Carpenter.

The research follows

another month of declining UK vehicle sales, with the latest Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) figures showing new car registrations in April were down by 4.1 per cent.

Market research firm Simpson Carpenter interviewed more than 1,000 car buyers on behalf of Autocar.

The data collected showed that, of those looking to delay their next vehicle purchase, 39 per cent are doing so due to economic concerns – including the

uncertainty associated with the UK leaving the European Union. Luxury car buyers are the most apprehensive – 51 per cent have delayed their purchase, with one in three blaming Brexit. The hiatus will have a long-term effect on the UK's vehicle market, as 31 per cent of buyers now say they will delay their purchase until the long-run effects of Brexit become clear.

UK buyers are also expected to shift their brand preferences after Brexit.

One in five drivers said they would purchase a different make due to Brexit, with many favouring brands with UK manufacturing plants.

Ford, which has an engine manufacturing facility in Dagenham and Toyota, which manufactures vehicles in the UK, are likely to be among the net winners. French and German brands are the likely net losers. This includes BMW, despite its Mini plant in Oxford.

Mark Tisshaw, editor of Autocar, said: 'Since the

very beginning of the Brexit debate, the UK's automotive industry has had a very clear stance – leaving the EU without a trade agreement in place would hurt sales and productivity. With half of all car buyers now delaying their purchase, we are one step closer to what the industry has been warning us about for years. On a positive note, Brexit could see Brits starting to purchase more vehicles built here in the UK, helping plants like Sunderland stay in business.'

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Young surveyors are on the rise, as more female surveyors are being recognised for their talent.

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Over the last six years, the number of young people, aged 18-30, qualifying as Chartered Surveyors or Associate Surveyors

has steadily increased each year. In 2013, 1,125 18-30-year-olds qualified and in 2018, just under 1,520 young people of the same age group entered the surveying profession. This increase in more young talent pursuing careers in surveying is much-needed in an industry that lacks a diverse workforce, and where the average age of a surveyor is 55.

To help raise awareness of surveying as a career for diverse young talent from all backgrounds and celebrate the achievements of the UK's most inspiring young surveyors, RICS established its flagship RICS Matrics Young Surveyor of the Year Awards (YSOYA) in 2014 for those aged 35 or under.

The number of female surveyors entering the YSOYA has grown since their launch, with

43 females entering last year – of which 29 were shortlisted – compared with 30 female entries in 2014 of which 14 made the shortlist. The overall UK Young Surveyor of the Year, 2018 title also went to a female – Laura Collins, a quantity surveyor and associate at

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Holiday Lodge on The Isle of Jura, In a remote area of Scotland

Duties to include: Washing, ironing, general housekeeping. Must like boats.

Accommodation: Own bedroom
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Rates: £100 per working day
You would be expected to work 10 Hrs 7 days per week.

Can you please send a CV with a recent picture of yourself to kathy@ginge-manor.co.uk

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Closing date: 8am 28th May 2019. Interviews will be held week beginning 10th June 2019.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk>; electronically at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, CHARLES KENNEDY BUILDING, ACHINTORE ROAD, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6RQ; or electronically at your nearest Council Service Point. You can find your nearest Service Point via the following link https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/16/a_to_z

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
19/00965/MSC	Land 400M NE Of Blar Mhor Industrial Estate Lochyside Fort William	Approval of matters specified in conditions 2n, 2r, 6, 7 and 8 of application 18/03647/PIP in relation to enabling works for the formation of a new SUDS basin and the extension of an existing SUDS basin to serve Phase 1 residential development
19/02091/LBC	The Gate Lodge Glencoe, Ballachulish	Refurbishment and extension of Class C listed building
19/01965/PIP	Land 45M West Of Tower Ridge House, Torlundy, Fort William	Erection of house and garage with letting unit above
19/02111/FUL	Site 30M West Of Shilo, Morar, Mallaig	Proposed dwelling house
19/02046/LBC	Old Smiddy, Camaghael, Fort William	Retail outlet with ancillary snack bar, selling cold foods and drinks
19/02052/FUL	4A Burnside, Spean Bridge	Erection of a dwelling house amendment to 16/05205/FUL
19/02003/FUL	The Garage, Leven Road, Kinlochleven	Siting of three camping pods (retrospective)
19/02008/FUL	Gleann Fia, Glencoe, Ballachulish	Erection of garage with self-contained unit (amended design to planning permission 16/03011/FUL)
19/02073/TPNO	Land 40M NE Of Ardmor Lochaline, Morvern	Installation of 12m high telecoms pole and associated works
19/02048/MSC	Land 50M NE Of Sealladh Na Coille Achnabobane, Spean Bridge	Erection of house Plot 2
19/02043/MSC	Land 120M NW Of Taigh Breagh Achnabobane, Spean Bridge	Erection of house (Plot 1)
19/01993/FUL	Morvan, Corpach, Fort William	Erection of extension to house and siting of holiday letting pod
19/02034/FUL	Ben Nevis Public Bar, 103-105 High Street, Fort William	Erection of balcony extension

Time period for comments is 14 days & 21 days for 19/02091 and 19/02046
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX
Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

Construction of a hydropower scheme to include an earth dam and reservoir (Coire nam Muc)
Application Reference: 17/01675/FUL
Applicant: Corrigan Contractors Ltd

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 21(1)(b) of the above Regulations, The Highland Council hereby gives notice that planning permission for Construction of a hydropower scheme to include an earth dam and reservoir (Coire nam Muc) at Land 3100M NW Of Sallachan, Ardgour by Corrigan Contractors Ltd as described above, has been granted by the Council.

A copy of the planning permission is available through the Council's web based eplanning portal online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> (search using the application number 17/01675/FUL) or during normal office hours at the Planning and Development Service of The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX.

S.Black
Director of Planning and Development

Argyll and Bute Council

PLANNING

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
19/00913/LIB	Installation of replacement windows, reduction in size of 1 window and blocking up of 1 window	Greystones, Dalriach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5EQ
19/00916/LIB	Demolition of rear extension and consolidation of existing structure	2 Port Ramsay, Isle Of Lismore, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5UN
19/00911/PP	Demolition of rear extension and consolidation of existing structure	2 Port Ramsay, Isle Of Lismore, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5UN
19/00912/LIB	Erection of extension to form additional owners accommodation	Greystones, Dalriach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5EQ
19/00921/PP	Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 15/00206/PP (Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse) - in relation to the vehicular access	Cnoc A'Mhuillinn, Portsonachan, Dalmally, Argyll And Bute, PA33 1BJ
19/00888/PP	Formation of access track	Land At Housing Development Site, North West Of Bridge Cottage, Lochdon, Isle Of Mull, Argyll And Bute
19/00915/PP	Installation of replacement windows, reduction in size of 1 window and blocking up of 1 window	Greystones, Dalriach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5EQ
19/00780/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 4, Riverside Road, Kilmore, Argyll And Bute
19/00880/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East Of Musdale Farm, Kilmore, Oban, Argyll And Bute
19/00960/PP	Erection of extension to form additional owners accommodation	Greystones, Dalriach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 5EQ
19/00882/PP	Installation of external flue	4 Tramway Cottages, Ellenabeich, Isle Of Seil, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4RQ
19/00931/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 16/00692/PP - Formation of roundabout to serve future development land north and south of the A85, Dunbeg, Oban	Land South West Of Pennyfuir Cottage, Dunbeg, Argyll And Bute
19/00535/PP	Addition of 3 intakes to the existing Eas a Ghail Hydro Scheme Planning permission reference 13/01955/PP (Construction of run of river hydro electric scheme)	Eas a Ghail, Inverloch, By Dalmally
19/00922/PP	Redevelopment of existing boathouse including first floor extension and balcony	Boathouse, Ardtur House, Port Appin, Appin, Argyll
19/00827/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 2 Land Adjacent To Little Crag, Calgary, Isle Of Mull, Argyll And Bute
19/00828/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 3 Land Adjacent To Little Crag, Calgary, Isle Of Mull, Argyll And Bute
19/00930/PP	Installation of flue and associated stone screen	38 Easdale Island, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4TB
19/00759/PP	Erection of new filling store building, with external service yard, tanker parking, storage tanks and cask storage	Bunnahabhain Distillery, Bunnahabhain, Isle Of Islay, Argyll And Bute, PA46 7RP
19/00908/PPP	Site for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses	Plots 1, 2, 3 And 4, Imeraval, Port Ellen, Isle Of Islay, Argyll And Bute
19/00969/PP	Erection of water treatment building	Water Board, Lotts, Isle Of Islay, Argyll And Bute
19/00985/PP	Erection of replacement garage	Cillebhrìde, Main Street, Port Charlotte, Isle Of Islay, Argyll And Bute, PA48 7TL

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DEATHS

CLEGG - (Oban/Edderton/Rothesay). Peacefully in his home in Oban on Monday May 20, 2019, Tom Clegg (formerly of Rothesay then Edderton), beloved husband of the late Kathleen, much loved father of Kathryn and David, a loving grandad and father-in-law. A graveside service will be held in Edderton Cemetery near Tain on Tuesday May 28 at 1 pm, followed by a service of thanksgiving in Oban Free Church on Wednesday May 29 at 1 pm. All friends respectfully invited to one or both services. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to Alasdair Rhind, Funeral Directors, Sutherland House, Bank Street, Tain.

DONNELLY - Iain. Suddenly in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness on Saturday May 11, 2019, beloved husband, dad, grandad, brother and friend to many. Funeral service will take place on Monday May 27 at 1pm in Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church followed by interment at Kilmallie Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Special Care Baby Unit, Raigmore Hospital. Any enquiries to John McLellan Funeral Directors, Dudley Road, Fort William.

GALBRAITH - Suddenly but peacefully in Orkney Hospital on May 1, 2019, John, age 63, youngest son of the late John and Barbara Galbraith, formerly of Clid Farm, Isle of Coll, loving father of Iona, Sandy, Ruairidh and John Angus. Loved and missed by all.

KEITH - Peacefully, at her home, 2 Lower Achagoyle, Minard, on May 18, 2019, Mary Crawford Keith, (née McKellar), in her 96th year, (former primary school teacher in Furnace, Lochgilphead and Inveraray), beloved wife of the late Neil Keith, much loved mother of Eilidh and Lorna and dear granny of Morven, Gillian and Iona. A graveside service will take place at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae, Minard, on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 12.00 noon. No flowers please. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACMILLAN - Peacefully at Uist and Barra Hospital on April 26, 2019, Peggie, aged 91 years, beloved wife of Shonnie, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Fortified by the rites of the holy church. RIP.

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MACINTOSH - Peacefully on May 4, 2019, in The Uist and Barra Hospital, Margaret MacIntosh (née MacLennan) of 30 Baile Na Cille, Balivanich, Benbecula, in her 64th year. Beloved wife of Alec, devoted mother to Christine, Donna and Allison and loving Nana to Chloe, Ryan and Lydia. Daughter to the late Donald and Chrissie MacLennan, of Beechwood, Barcaldine, by Oban, and sister to Donald, Angus, Iain, Kenny, Catriona and the late David and Ronald. Sorely missed, loved and remembered each day.

MACTAVISH - (Inverness). Peacefully after a short illness at the Highland Hospice, Inverness on May 15, 2019, Alastair Mitchell, aged 72 years, Stornoway Drive, Inverness, late of The Kings Arms Hotel, Oban. Loving husband of Anne, much loved dad of Carol and Iain, also a dear granda and father-in-law. Funeral ceremony on Monday, May 27 at 11am in the funeral home of John Fraser & Son, 17-29 Chapel Street, Inverness followed by committal at Inverness Crematorium. All welcome to attend. Donations are invited for the Highland Hospice at the ceremony. Car parking available at the funeral home.

McKECHNIE - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on May 17, 2019, Neil McKechnie, aged 90 years, of 11 Queen Elizabeth Cottages, Furnace, beloved husband of the late Ann, adored father of Christine, Alan, Jane, George and Aileen, dearly loved papa and great papa, much respected father-in-law and a dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. Family flowers only please. Donations to British Red Cross and Glencoe Mountain Rescue.

MORRIS - Peacefully, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on May 15, 2019, Christine (Kirsty) Morris, (née Gargan), in her 82nd year, of 1 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead, a loving and much loved wife, mum and granny; she will be sadly missed by the whole family. A dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11.00am, thereafter a service of committal will take place at Cardross Crematorium at 3.15pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations to Cancer Research UK.

STIRLING - William (Willie) formerly of Bank of Scotland, died peacefully on Saturday, May 18, aged 87, in Randolph Hill Nursing Home, Dunblane. Dearly beloved husband of Nancy Farquhar and a loving and loved father, father-in-law and grandad to the family. Brother to Donald Stirling and the late Nancy McKechnie. Service at Polmont Old Parish Church on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11.30 am. Interment will be at Elgin Cemetery 1990 extension on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 2pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DRUMMOND - The family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their kind messages and flowers after the sad loss of Frankie. Thanks also to all who took time to travel to attend Frankie's Celebration of Life. Special thanks to Ian at D&A Munn for guidance and professional care, Belinda Braithwaite for a very special service, Amanda and staff at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls and everyone who contributed to the collection for Marie Curie. The total raised was £750.00.

FERGUSON - Kay, Alison and Ewen would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and many kind expressions of sympathy, for cards, flowers, telephone calls, home baking and visits following the sad loss of James. To Dr Helliwell and staff of the Mid Argyll Hospital. To the Rev. Robert MacLeod for a lovely service and to Roddy and Fiona for all their help and guidance and to Morna for the beautiful flowers. To all those who attended the crematorium and to the Coach House Inn for Purvey. Many thanks.

MACCUISH - The family of the late Alasdair MacCuish wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We would like to thank everyone who attended the service, burial and provided emotional and practical support at this difficult time. For those who phoned, travelled long distance, sent

flowers, cards and messages of condolences and donations to the retiral collection, we are extremely grateful. A special word of thanks to the care team who looked after Alasdair. To Monsignor MacNeil for a beautiful service. To Hamish Hoey and Son for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. To Soroba House for putting on an excellent purvey. To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

MACLEAN - Douglas, Irene, Doreen and Jacqueline would like to express their sincere gratitude shown by everyone following the very sad loss of their brother, Eric.

Grateful thanks to doctors and nurses at the Beatson Hospital in Glasgow and the Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban for their care and attention during Eric's illness.

Also thank you to Alyson Stewart (Celebrant) for the beautiful personal and dignified tribute to Eric, enjoyed by everyone who attended. Special thanks to Hamish Hoey and Son for their caring and professional service provided to the family at this difficult time. Many thanks to all staff at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls for the lovely refreshments and help from the staff. Thank you to all who paid their last respects and for the donations made to the Hope Kitchen, Oban. And finally, Eric's family are overwhelmed by the help and support shown to them by all of Eric's special friends. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for making it such a special tribute to Eric.

PATON - The family of the late Rev John Paton would like to thank the community of Mull and Iona, Linlithgow, Kintyre and including those from various parts of the world. Your love of Johnny has shone like a beacon over the last few weeks. Our special thanks to Ullapool Police, Dundonnell Mountain Rescue and the community of Ullapool, Rev Liz Gibson, Rev Stewart

Gillan, Rev Donald Scott, Marilyn Sheddon, Church of Scotland Presbytery of Argyll, Janet Campbell and Mull Gaelic Choir and Ruth and Elizabeth for music, and to all who attended, thanks for a perfect service, to Mull Funeral Services, thank you for outstanding, dignified and such professional care. Finally, thanks to MacBrayne's ferry crew, again for the respect shown as Johnny undertook his final journey.

REID - Tracey would like to thank all family, friends and work colleagues past and present for your messages, cards, flowers and a shoulder to cry on in the sudden, sad loss of Willie. Special thanks to Izabela Bodzioch and staff at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, also a huge thank you to Dr Fiona MacLennan at the Lorn Medical Centre. Special thanks to Rev Dugald Cameron for a special service. Thanks to Catriona at Hamish Hoey's for guidance and care. A huge thank you to Christine and Andy Black. A special thank you to my brother Kevin and my sister-in-law Dianne. A special thank you to Willie's sister Lorna Reid from the bottom of my heart. We raised £211.75 for Diabetes UK.

MEMORIALS

CAMERON - In loving memory of Alan Cameron (Cammy), who passed away May 26, 2016. Sadly missed. - by Elma, Ian, and Cameron family.

CAMERON - Marion (née MacCuish). Precious memories of a much loved mother and seanmhair, who passed away May 22, 2018. Remembering also our dear father, Ian Cameron, who passed away February 18, 1991.

Forever in our hearts and so deeply loved. - Sandra, Kenneth, Alasdair and families.

CAMERON - In loving memory of my sister in law and dear Aunt Morag (née MacCuish), who passed away May 22, 2018.

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Beach clean-up rounds off Coll Bird Festival

Coll Bird Festival, now in its sixth year, once again finished with a fantastic beach clean on May 12.

This year the island's RSPB team chose Gortan for the clean-up, a beautiful little bay that many visitors never make their way down to.

Organisers were delighted with the turnout which peaked at 49, with not one of them turning up just in time for the rewarding barbecue.

A spokesperson said: 'A lot of hard work by all involved, and we are very grateful for the enthusiasm with which locals and visitors take to collecting washed-up rubbish.'

Run by a charity, Coll Bird Festival aims to encourage new visitors to the island, particularly those interested in enjoying the huge variety of wildlife on Coll.

More than 90 bird species were spotted during the 2019 three-day event and, in the words of Prof Rhys Green: 'The Isle of Coll is the best place in the UK to see the elusive corncrake.'

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Some of the rubbish collected at Gortan beach.

through to the experienced birder, the range of guided walks and boat trips provides a fantastic learning opportunity in the most stunning of locations.

Highlights from the weekend included the corncrake, mating hen harriers, a pair of sea eagles, little tern, purple sandpiper, pintail, white wagtail and twite.

Evening talks change year on year with a range of visiting speakers including, for 2019, Siobhan from the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

The weekend was topped off with a buffet and ceilidh. Thanks to Billy the Box and

friends from Tiree. Thanks to CalMac for sponsorship, and to RSPB Scotland without whom this event would not be possible.

The spokesperson added: 'It was a wonderful weekend for us as well as the visitors, delighting in the Coll sun. It's great to hear feedback from our customers about the welcome they received not just at Coll Bird Fest, but on the island of Coll in general.'

'We are already busy planning Coll Bird Festival 2020, with the dates set for May 8-10, and we are delighted to have Prof Rhys Green as our key speaker.'

Obituary: Brian Whalley

Brian Whalley, who died on April 19, 2019 was born on May 31, 1929, and was the third son of Mr and Mrs William Whalley's six children, three boys and three girls.

He came with his family from their dairy farm in Lancashire to have a holiday at Rockhill Farm Guest House on the south shore of Loch Awe in Argyll.

There he met Helen Hodge, who was helping her mother to run the guest house and it was love at first sight. They were married in the little Scottish Episcopalian Church of St James's, Ardbrecknish, on March 11, 1964, and neither of them ever looked at anyone else again. Their son Lennox (Len) was born in 1965.

Mrs Hodge died in 2002 and Helen carried on the

family business. She so clearly remembers how it started.

Mrs Shields, who then owned Ardbrecknish House Hotel, as it had become, rang up to say she was overbooked. Could Helena Hodge possibly accommodate the extra people? She agreed and when the guests left, she stood bemused, looking at the money in her hand, saying: 'Good God, you can actually get paid for this!'

And so the business began. Following her mother's death, Helen carried on and now there was always Brian to help her - 'the rock on which she leaned' - and they entertained visitors from as far away as the USA. Some of them came again and again.

There was one couple, in particular, who visited Rockhill no fewer than 80

times. Brian was, in fact, the gentle giant, always ready to help anyone and in particular Helen, who was building up a stud of Hanoverian horses on the farm.

Soon Rockhill's horses became famous, much in demand for showing and for cross-country events. Of course, the young horses had to be delivered to new owners and Brian frequently drove them to all parts of the British Isles, often during the night.

Sadly, his health deteriorated over the past few years and his death brought an end to a wonderfully happy marriage lasting for 54 years.

The thoughts and sympathy of their many friends and neighbours on South Lochaweside go out to Helen and Len.

THOUGHT for the week

Psalms 147:1 says: 'Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.'

Today, as I write this, it is one of those glorious warm, sunny days in Argyll.

My office window looks out over a garden where a doe has been nursing a newborn fawn each morning. Not many months previously, I had the pleasure of watching her yearlings frolic as they chased each other and playfully butted heads.

Other times I look out my window and see a blackbird tossing the dead brown leaves into the air in search of a meal.

The 10-year-old me, walking home from the asphalt playground with a fine sheen of asphalt dust stuck to my sweaty face and a cough from the smog of Los Angeles, would have trouble believing the magic that is a part of my everyday life in rural Scotland.

And so, yes, praise the Lord!

I know the danger of losing this to climate change. I know the brokenness of our

political systems and the damage to people our power imbalances and discriminatory practices cause.

I know of the brokenness of individual lives from unresolved grief, from cynicism,

anger, the emptiness of loneliness and the hopelessness of abject poverty.

And I, with the prophets and poets, would cry out and work for change and relief.

I know within myself the sin that both angers God and breaks God's heart and for which Jesus died.

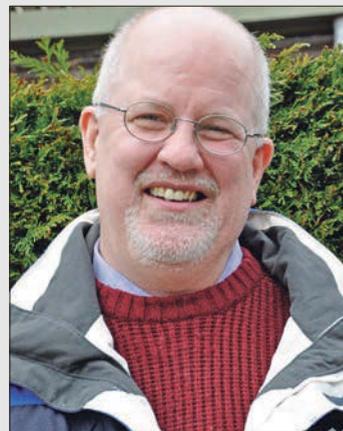
But today ... today I feel the need to

■ praise the Lord;
■ to say that God is good;

■ to say that God's works are beautiful;
■ to revel in being alive;
■ to soak in the wonder of it all.

As the writer of Ecclesiastes says: 'For everything, there is a season.' And so today - praise the Lord!

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Camanchd and Kyles reach

Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup semi-finals

Oban Camanchd 5 Inveraray 0

Holdes Oban Camanchd are through to the Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final after overcoming Inveraray 5-0 in their 3pm throw up at Mossfield.

Both teams opened at a high tempo and it took a great Cameron

Sutherland save on 12 minutes to keep out Lewis MacNicol's point-blank effort.

Andrew MacCuish gave the hosts a 24-minute lead. MacCuish's shot on the turn from around the penalty spot went high into the net.

The first goal was crucial and the Oban Camanchd centre line of Aidan MacIntyre, Lorne Dickie and Scott MacMillan started to take a grip of the game with Daniel Madej and Malcolm Clark playing very well behind them, limiting Inveraray to few chances.

Daniel Cameron made it 2-0 on 41 minutes with another turn and shot from similar range to the opener and the ball flew high over the keeper.

Daniel MacCuish added a third on 64 minutes with a shot that went under keeper Scott MacLachlan's feet.

Daniel Cameron's second on 66 minutes was a scrappy affair with Cameron capitalising on some panic in the Inveraray defence and he slotted the ball to the keeper's right to make it 4-0.

Oban Camanchd had a strong bench and Craig MacDougall and Willie Neilson came on in attack, taking over from Aidan MacIntyre and Daniel MacVicar with Daniel MacCuish dropping back to cover MacIntyre's wing centre role.

The red and blacks continued to create chances with Andrew MacCuish, marked by Allan MacDonald, invariably involved in all their good link-up play.

Gary McKerracher came off the home bench on 78 minutes but, rather than disrupt the defence, he joined the attack, replacing Andrew MacCuish.

And the switch paid off on 85 minutes as McKerracher was first to read the situation outside the D and his turn and shot made it 5-0.

Speaking after the match, Oban Camanchd assistant manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'We took a while to get going but I felt we went up a gear after Papa's goal. We asked for more from the players at the break because we have let ourselves down in the second half recently. That wasn't the case this time though and the boys certainly delivered so Stephen [Sloss] and I are now looking forward to what will be our first final.'

'It's Lochaber at home this Saturday though and, after dropping some points at the start of the season, we are now clicking up front and keeping clean sheets at the back.'

Kenny Wotherspoon has also been asked to take the South U21s again this season with the game against the North U21 scheduled for Saturday September 7. The venue has yet to be confirmed but it will be in the South having been in the North last year.

Glasgow Mid Argyll 2 Kyles Athletic 3

Kyles Athletic ensured there will be a repeat of last year's final but they had to fight all the way to beat



Oban Camanchd's Willie Neilson leaps in the air as Daniel MacVicar has a shot on goal during last Saturday's Scottish Seafarms Celtic Society Cup semi-final against Inveraray. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Glasgow Mid Argyll 3-2 in their semi-final at Yoker.

Robbie MacLeod gave Kyles the lead on 22 minutes. MacLeod gathered the ball fully 30 yards out and, as he lofted the ball goalwards, the dropping ball deceived GMA keeper Robert Dunning and went over the line.

GMA levelled five minutes into the second half when referee Alex MacVicar penalised John Whyte for a 'kick'. Craig Anderson stepped up to score from the spot for the second successive Saturday.

And it got even better for the Glasgow side on 55 minutes when Duncan 'Ach' MacRae scored from an acute angle with the ball going in off the far post.

Indeed MacRae went close to making it 3-1 but his effort went over.

Kyles Athletic knew they were in a game and Roddy Macdonald was pushed forward from defence to midfield. Kyles equalised on 74 minutes when Conor Kennedy got onto a cross-ball and he shot low into the net to notch his first senior goal for Kyles.

The visitors were awarded a penalty just three minutes later when keeper Dunning was penalised for a 'kick'. Robbie MacLeod didn't catch the spot-hit as he would have liked and Dunning saved with his feet with the ball played out for a corner. When the ball was played into the danger area, Roddy Macdonald's effort was saved by the keeper but Robbie MacLeod was on hand to atone for his penalty miss as he turned home the rebound to make it 3-2 and send Kyles through to the final which takes place at Taynuilt on Saturday June 29.

cottages.com MacTavish Cup semi-final Strathglass 0 Glenurquhart 2

Glenurquhart reached the cottages.

com MacTavish Cup final as two early goals gave them a 2-0 victory over Strathglass at Cannich.

Glenurquhart edged in front on 15 minutes. Ewan Brady played the ball from the right to Oliver Black on the left and he fed Neale Reid who pulled the ball to his right before scoring with a fierce shot on the angle.

Ewan Brady made it 2-0 on 25 minutes with a low shot which took a deflection off Donald Fraser, wrong-footing keeper Ally MacAdams.

Strathglass never gave up and they put most effort into the game but Glenurquhart were always the more creative.

The second semi-final between Newtonmore and Kingussie at the Eilan takes place this coming Saturday.

Mowi Premiership

Newtonmore 5 Kinlochshiel 0

Newtonmore continued their winning streak by beating Kinlochshiel 5-0 at the Eilan.

Glen MacKintosh got the opener on six minutes and Evan Menzies made it 2-0 on 16 minutes.

Michael Russell on 30 minutes and another from Evan Menzies on 36 minutes gave 'More a lead they weren't going to lose. Glen MacKintosh got his second on 84 minutes to round off the 5-0 win.

Lochaber 5 Caberfeidh 4

Lochaber edged out Caberfeidh 5-4 following a thrilling second half performance at Spean Bridge.

It was a damp day and, as the midges took hold, there were few signs during an even first 45 minutes of the thrilling spectacle that would eventually unfold.

Lochaber's Danny Delaney had the first chance of the match on seven minutes but he shot wide from 15 yards range.

Lochaber had to reshuffle on 14

minutes as defender Chris MacRae limped off with a hamstring pull.

Then, on 23 minutes, Ben Delaney weaved past a couple of players but his 20-yard shot was well-saved and then cleared by Caberfeidh keeper Ewan Pilcher.

Caberfeidh's Craig Morrison twice came close to opening the scoring. On 29 minutes, he found space on the left but he sent a 20-yard effort high over the bar.

Then, his shot from the D came off the post and out for a goal-hit.

With frustration building, Kevin Bartlett failed to hit the target on two occasions.

So when Lochaber took the lead on 31 minutes, the goal came against the run of play. Ben Delaney went on a run into the box and, when he was pushed over by Jamie MacKintosh, referee John Angus Gillies pointed to the spot. Young Findlay MacDonald showed maturity beyond his years as he stepped up and fired the ball into the top right corner of the net to give the hosts a 1-0 lead at the break.

Whilst the first half was unmemorable, the second 45 minutes was a treat for the spectators.

The visitors levelled when Ally MacLennan found Jamie MacLeod free on the right and he drilled a 25-yard shot into the top corner to make it 1-1.

However Stuart Callison restored Lochaber's lead when he finished off a well-worked move between the Delaney brothers and when Ben Delaney slipped the ball to Callison, he stroked it past the keeper.

Cabers were now dominant and, when they won a free-hit for an infringement on the halfway line, Ally MacLennan floated a great ball deep into the Lochaber defence, Kevin Bartlett took it down and rounded his marker and with the keeper stranded and the goal gaping, Bartlett sent the ball the wrong side of the post.

Caberfeidh levelled for a second time on 62 minutes. Ally MacLennan won the ball in midfield

Fixtures

Friday May 24

Strathdearn Cup 1st Round

Lochcarron v Lovat
John Angus Gillies - 7pm

Saturday May 25

Cottages.com MacTavish Cup Semi Final

Newtonmore v Kingussie
Graham Cameron

Tulloch Homes Camanchd Cup 1st Round Replay

Glasgow Mid Argyll v Bute
David Mitchell

Liberty British Aluminium Ballimore Cup 2nd Round

Glenurquhart v Aberdour
Archie Ritchie - 3pm
Strathglass v Inverness
Martin MacLean - 3pm

Strathdearn Cup 1st Round

Boleskine v Inverness
John Wood
Kinlochshiel v Newtonmore
Brian MacKay
Strathglass v Fort William
TBA - Noon
Glenurquhart v Caberfeidh
Des McNulty - Noon
Strathspey v Kingussie
Ronnie Campbell
Skye v Beaully
Iain Kennedy - Noon

Mowi Premiership

Inveraray v Kyles Athletic
Ross Brown
Oban Camanchd v Lochaber
Deek Cameron
Caberfeidh v Kinlochshiel
Andy MacLean

Mowi National Division

Skye v Oban Celtic
Iain Kennedy - 3pm

Mowi South Division 1

Ballachulish v Inveraray
Lucy McNulty
Kyles Athletic v Glasgow MA
Robert Baxter
Lochside Rovers v Tayforth
Graham Fisher

Mowi South Division 2

Ardnamurchan v Oban Celtic
Lachie Wood
Glenorchy v Kilmory
Ewan MacDonald

(All throw ups 14.30 unless stated)

Celtic final

Results

Saturday May 18

Cottages.com MacTavish
Cup semi final

Strathglass 0 v 2 Glenurquhart

Scottish Sea Farms Glasgow
Celtic Society Cup semi final

Glasgow MA 2 v 3 Kyles Athletic
Oban Caman 5 v 0 Inveraray

Sutherland Cup second round

Beaulie v Ballachulish
Ballachulish unable to raise a
team, walkover to Beaulie

Bullough Cup first round

Inveraray 10 v 0 Oban Celtic
Lochside Rovers 2 v 1 Kilmory

Mowi Premiership

Lochaber 5 v 4 Caberfeidh
Newtonmore 5 v 0 Kin'shiel



Mowi National Division

Fort William 5 v 0 Bute
Oban Celtic 1 v 1 Beaulie

Mowi North Division 1

Caberfeidh 1 v 4 Lovat
Fort William 2 v 1 Aberdeen Uni
Inverness 2 v 2 Glenurquhart
Kingussie 2 v 2 Newtonmore
Kinlochshiel 0 v 5 Glengarry

Mowi South Division 1

Kyles Athletic 0 v 3 Aberdour
Tayforth 5 v 1 Col Glen

Mowi North Division 2

Boleskine 12 v 0 Inverness
Lewis 0 v 2 Lochcarron
Strathspey 3 v 4 Strathglass

and he found Craig Morrison on the left and Morrison turned his marker before hitting a brilliant shot to the keeper's top left to make it 2-2.

Cabers took the lead for the first time in the match on 70 minutes. Kevin Bartlett played in Craig Morrison 20 yards out and he turned and shot goalwards, this time beating the goalie high to his right.

The Castle Leod side won possession straight from the restart and some good movement from Ally MacLennan saw him pick out Kevin Bartlett, who created space on the left before firing past the keeper to make it 4-2.

When Caberfeidh won possession on 76 minutes, Craig Morrison hit a low shot which keeper Callum MacDonald saved with his feet. The keeper fell to the ground but managed to clear the ball for a corner. There were shouts for a penalty but the referee deemed it was safe for MacDonald to clear without endangering himself.

The next 10-minute spell of the game changed everything.

Lochaber scored the goal of the match on 75 minutes. Ben Delaney won the ball on the left of midfield and he was impeded as he weaved his way past a couple of challenges but the referee played advantage and when Delaney reached the D, he passed to Danny Delaney who slotted home, beating the keeper at

his right post.

Lochaber drew level on 83 minutes. Stuart Callison won possession on the left and he delivered an inch-perfect pass to Danny Delaney on the edge of the D and he sent the ball low into the net to make it 4-4.

Lochaber now had the momentum and they got the winner with five minutes remaining. Shaun Nicolson found man-of-the match Ben Delaney at the penalty spot and he turned his marker before beating the keeper, low to his left, to make it 5-4.

Caberfeidh will rue the chances they missed earlier in the game, however, Lochaber kept fighting to the end of a terrific second half which deserved a bigger crowd.

The win takes Lochaber three points clear of the relegation zone and they collected a couple of bookings as Martin Johnstone was penalised for a reckless swing on Kevin Bartlett and Danny Delaney was punished for hitting the ball away three minutes into stoppage time.

Mowi National Division

Oban Celtic 1
Beaulie 1

There was last-minute agony for Oban Celtic as Beaulie snatched a

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Lochaber's Stuart Callison takes the air to counter Caberfeidh's Craig Morrison's tackle. Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

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goal at the death to earn a 1-1 draw in their 11.30am throw up at Mossfield.

The pitch was in great condition for this early throw up and the hosts had the ball in the net after just three minutes. Neil Carmichael sent the ball forward to Ally McKerracher who was pushed on the back as he turned his man. McKerracher found Ross MacMillan who scored but referee Graham Cameron blew just as the ball hit the net with play brought back for the foul.

Ally McKerracher and Ross MacMillan passed up chances whilst, at the other end, home keeper Iain MacFarlane had to make a good save with his feet to stop Beaully going ahead.

Oban Celtic opened the scoring following a clever free-hit on 20 minutes. Ally McKerracher took the ball down and shielded it before scooping it to Ross MacMillan who scored.

Oban Celtic signed Lennon Campbell from Lochside Rovers during the week and he came on at the start of the second half with Andy MacDonald going to half back.

Oban Celtic continued to create chances but, at times, they were guilty of over-playing whilst the final ball wasn't always right.

Lennon Campbell came close to a debut goal but he sent a shot wide following Neil Carmichael's free-hit.

With 10 minutes remaining, George MacMillan made a good run before passing to Ross MacMillan who just couldn't get the ball to an unmarked Lennon Campbell and the chance was gone.

After passing up so many chances, and indeed being thwarted by some great MacKay Murray goalkeeping, Oban Celtic were caught with a sucker-punch at the death. A long ball forward was played on to Finlay MacLennan and the youngster's waist-high

shot on the turn from 25 yards out beat the keeper to his left to make it 1-1.

Oban Celtic still created another opportunity as they broke forward from the re-start but Daniel MacMillan's effort went agonisingly wide.

George MacMillan turned in a man-of-the-match performance on the left of the Oban Celtic midfield whilst Daniel MacMillan also did well.

Oban Celtic assistant manager Les Kinvig couldn't hide his disappointment afterwards. 'This was certainly a point dropped and it was just one of these days where the ball wouldn't sit or run for us. The boys are doing the right things though but this was a match where we all asked ourselves afterwards how on earth we didn't win. We just couldn't get the second goal we needed.

'We'll be missing Peter Currie for the first of two trips to Skye; it's the league this Saturday and the Camanachd Cup the week after.'

Fort William 5 Bute 0

Table-toppers Fort William are just one match from reaching the halfway point in their league fixtures and they recorded a sixth straight win by beating Bute 5-0 in their noon throw up at An Aird.

Fort William settled into the match with goals from Lewis Morrison on four minutes and Lachie Shaw on 11 minutes.

Two more goals before the break from Lewis Clark on 28 minutes and Padraig McNeil on 34 minutes had the Fort comfortably in control. A second from Padraig McNeil on 78 minutes was the only goal of the second half.

Sutherland Cup second round

Beaully W/O v Ballachulish

The Beaully second team were given a walk-over when the



Fort William's opening goalscorer, Lewis Morrison tackles Bute's co-player/manager Iain MacDonald.

Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

Ballachulish second team were unable to raise a squad for their tie at Braeview Park.

Bullough Cup first round

Lochside Rovers 2 Kilmory 1

Lochside Rovers survived a late scare to beat Kilmory 2-1 at Ganavan.

Lochside started well and Lewis Buchanan smashed a goal-bound shot from 25 yards which was spectacularly saved by Steven Gilmour in the Kilmory goal.

Lochside took the lead right on half-time. Some good work again from Lewis Buchanan saw him force another fine Gilmour stop only this time Ross Campbell pounced on the rebound and he gave the keeper no chance with a fine strike.

The Oban side were awarded a penalty by referee Graham Fisher on 60 minutes but Iain MacMillan struck the spot-hit straight at keeper Gilmour.

It looked as if Lochside were going to see the game out but a lapse in concentration on 78 minutes allowed Alister MacArthur in to slot the ball past Dougie MacDonald in the home goal.

Lochside kept working away and they got a deserved winner on 81 minutes. Iain MacMillan, who was at the heart of all Lochside's good forward play, popped up and latched onto a free-hit just at the penalty spot, and he tucked the ball into the bottom left corner of the net.

Lochside now host the English Shinty Association in next month's quarter-finals.

Speaking afterwards, Lochside Rovers manager Brian MacCallum said: 'This was a hard-fought win. Kilmory are a big physical side but I'm delighted with the performances and atti-

tudes shown by the players.

'The lads never gave up and although we had the majority of the play and chances, we found it difficult to break down the Kilmory defence. Everyone played their part though and I think we deserved the win.'

MacCallum will be missing for the next two Saturdays so former boss Gareth Evans has agreed to help out George Easton and Andy Pearson during his absence.

Inveraray 10 Oban Celtic 0

The Inveraray seconds from South 1 had too much for South 2 side Oban Celtic seconds, winning 10-0 at the Winterton.

It was a damp day in Inveraray and both sides, particularly Oban Celtic, had very young teams on show with the majority players aged under 18.

Inveraray started really well and a Rhys Williams shot from the edge of the penalty area made it 1-0 after 10 minutes.

Campbell Watt made it 2-0 on 15 minutes with Rhys Williams getting his second just five minutes later.

Coll MacKay on 26 minutes and Craig Taylor on 33 minutes made it 5-0 before Campbell Watt got his second on 42 minutes to make it 6-0 at half-time.

A combination of excellent goalkeeping from Rebecca McPhee and some wasteful shooting stopped Inveraray adding to their tally.

Inveraray introduced 14-year-old Kory Kirkhope and 17-year-old Kane Kirkhope at half-time, joining older brother Kenny Kirkhope on the field, and they made encouraging contributions.

Craig Taylor got his second on 50 minutes and Campbell Watt completed his hat-trick on 55 minutes to make it 8-0.

Campbell Watt scored his fourth goal of the game on the hour mark. The young Oban Celtic side had a spell of pressure in the second half but couldn't make it count.

Coll MacKay, back on after a spell on the sidelines, completed the scoring with his second goal on 82 minutes.

The Inveraray youngsters played well whilst it will come good for the young Oban players if they all stick at it in the years to come.

Referee Ronnie Campbell used all his experience and handled the game very well.

The Inveraray seconds travel to play the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team in the quarter-finals.

Mowi North Division 1

Kinlochshiel 0 Glengarry 5

Glengarry go top of the division after defeating the Kinlochshiel colts 5-0 at Kirkton.

It took 'Garry until five minutes before half-time to break 'Shiel down with Raymond Robertson scoring.

Finlay Nicolson added a second with his effort coming on the stroke of half-time.

Nick Dalgety made it 3-0 just a couple of minutes into the second half and Finlay Nicolson grabbed his second on 70 minutes. Nick Dalgety scored again just on the final whistle to seal the 5-0 win.

Fort William 2 Aberdeen University 1

The Fort William colts came from behind to beat Aberdeen University 2-1 in their 3pm throw up at An Aird.

Stuart Cameron put the students ahead on 33 minutes with the only goal of the first half. Cal Brown drew Fort William level on 52 minutes and Grant Disher got what proved to be the winner on 58 minutes.

Elsewhere, the Lovat reserves go second in the table after beating previous leaders Caberfeidh reserves 4-1 at Castle Leod. The reserve team derby between Kingussie and Newtonmore finished 2-2 at the Dell.

Inverness came from two goals down to draw 2-2 with the Glenurquhart reserves in their noon throw up at the Bught Park.

Mowi South Division 1

League leaders Aberdour extended their lead at the top of the table to six points after beating the Kyles Athletic reserves 3-0 at the Tighnabruach.

Tayforth go third in the table after beating Col Glen 5-1 at Peffermill.

Mowi North Division 2

League leaders Lochcarron beat Lewis Camanachd 2-0 at Shawbost.

A Ciaran Melens hat-trick helped the Strathglass second team beat Strathspey Camanachd 4-3 in their 10.45am start at Grantown Grammar School.

Alan Knox scored six times as Boleskine proved too strong for the Inverness second team, winning 12-0 in their match at Smith Park.

WCA Round Up

It was a big weekend in the Mowi National Division and the Mowi Challenge Cup semi-finalists are known following the Women's Camanachd Association shinty action on Sunday 19 May 2019.

Mowi National Division

Badenoch 12 Ardnamurchan 0

Badenoch go two points clear at the top of the table after beating Ardnamurchan 12-0 in their 11am throw up at the Dell.

Megan Ralph scored five times. Zoe Reid and Ruth Forbes grabbed hat-tricks and Jeanette McGregor got the other.

Lochaber W/O v Glasgow Mid Argyll

Lochaber were given a walk-over when Glasgow Mid Argyll were unable to raise a team for their match at Spean Bridge.

Mowi Challenge Cup – quarter- finals

Glengarry beat the Ardnamurchan seconds 9-0 at Craigard to reach the Mowi Challenge Cup semi-finals and the Lochaber reserves defeated the English Shinty Association 2-1 on penalties after a 2-2 draw at Spean Bridge.

Inverness were 11-1 winners against the Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds at Yoker whilst Lovat are also through, courtesy of a 7-2 victory over Kinlochshiel at Balgate.



Lovat's Ruby Fraser, Fiona Urquhart and Paige Macdonald celebrate the win. Photo: Neil Paterson.



Oban Celtic's Ross MacMillan and Lennon Campbell close in on Beaully's Andrew Morrison during the Mowi National Division game at Mossfield. Photo: Neil Paterson

Sportsmanship is the only winner at 'sociable' Sevens

by Fiona Scott
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Rugby clubs from all over the West Highlands and islands were joined by guest sides for the 34th playing of the Isle of Mull Rugby Sevens on Saturday.

Steady drizzle throughout the day failed to dampen the spirits of either players or supporters and the 'Worlds most Sociable Sevens' more than lived up to its reputation.

Sponsored by the Isle of Mull Hotel and Ingelas Gallery, the event provided thrills, spills, and some excellent gamesmanship on the field of play and some quality entertainment around it.

Isle of Mull RFC secretary Duncan Swinbanks said: 'This tournament brings together rugby clubs from all walks of life and all levels of skill to compete on equal terms over the course of a day. Not only does it provide competition and enjoyment for all the players but it is also a great community event, bringing everyone together to enjoy our sport. 'Mull's geographic position



Oban Lorn and Lafferties Lighting pitch in for a photo call at the 34th Mull Sevens. FS15_T21_Mull7s8

in the centre of this remote area makes it a perfect setting for a competition of this nature.'

Getting the day off to a perfect start was a performance from Tobermory-based Seahawks Cheerleading Academy while Mull and Iona Pipe Band was present throughout the afternoon.

On display in the clubrooms, the Culcutta Cup also proved a popular attrac-

tion with people popping in and out all day to admire its magnificence.

Taking centre stage, however, was the rugby with ties taking place on both the Sound of Mull and Mountains of Mull pitches at Garmony.

The first semi-final of the main competition saw the Isle of Mull home side face charity invitational side Hearts and Balls. Despite playing out of their skin, the hosts

went down 21-7. Lewis Watt scoring Mull's try during the last play of the game.

The second semi-final was played between Oban Lorne and the Commonwealth Crusaders, with the Crusaders team proving to be too strong for the 'Green Machine' and winning convincingly.

The first of the women's semis saw Watsonions face Broughton Ladies, Watsonians winning, while

Oban Ladies took on Stirling County in the other with the latter coming out on top despite a strong challenge.

Before the main finals there was first the men's Bottle completion final which was won by Lenzie, and the ladies Bottle which was won by Inverness.

The men's 'Sea Eagle' trophy was played between the Isle of Coll and the Isle of Bute, and was won by Coll who had

RUGBY 7S

played brilliantly throughout the tournament.

The ladies' Sea Eagle trophy was claimed by Broughton Ladies, who beat Grangemouth.

The Ladies' Final, for the coveted 'Pink Cup' was played between Watsonians and Stirling County. Stirling had won the final for the past five years, but in the end it was Watsonians who ran in two late tries to take this year's title.

Hearts and Balls took on the Crusaders in the men's final with both teams going hammer and tongs and giving everything they had. Ultimately the charity side walked away as champions.

Following their win, Watsonians were awarded with the Most Sociable Ladies Team of the sevens, with the men's award being presented to Coll.

The Angus MacColl trophy (in memory of Angus MacColl) for outstanding local player went to Mull's own David MacLennan.



Commentators Douglas Swinbanks, left, and Reay Whyte kept everyone well informed throughout the day.

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Amanda O'Donnall and Kirsten MacLean of Mull get to grips with the Calcutta Cup.

FS15_T21_Mull7s1



It took some expert barbecue skills to keep this flame going all day.

FS15_T21_Mull7s6



Spectators take it all in from the grand stand.

FS15_T21_Mull7s10



This team of Mull RFC ladies kept visitors fed and watered throughout the day.

FS15_T21_Mull7s5



Lewis Watt sprints over the line for Mull.

FS15_T21_Mull7s11

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GOLF



Oban's Bob MacIntyre.

Bob's back in the swing

Following his second place finish in the recent British Masters, Glencruitten golfer Bob MacIntyre gets back into the swing of things this week when he travels to the Himmerland Golf Club and Spa Resort in Farso to take part in the €3,000,000 Made in Denmark tournament presented by FREJA.

SAILING



Steven Forteith at the helm of Requiem as she leaves Oban Bay. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Requiem wins peaks race

After three days of sailing, rowing and running, the team of Steven Forteith, Mark Taylor, Nicolas Le Clanche and Grant Baxter aboard Requiem won the Scottish Islands Peaks Race. They were first in class by 22 seconds, completing the course in one day, 23 hours, 54 mins and 30 seconds.

The race started in Oban with a short hill run, then a sail to Salen on Mull, run over Ben More, sail to Craighouse on Jura, run the Paps, sail to Arran, run Goat Fell, then sail to the finish in Troon.

OBAN SAINTS YOUTH TEAMS

Results and fixtures

Last weekend's results: Saturday - Under 13s 1, Knightswood 4. Saints goal was an own goal. Sunday - League Cup quarter final - Glasgow Boys 8, Under 13s 1. Scoring for Saints was Gabriel Tidser. Under 14s v Rutherglen Glencairn, postponed. Summerston v Under 16s, postponed.

This Sunday's fixture: Under 14s v Ashfield.

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Results and fixtures

Wednesday's result: St Joseph's FP 3, Oban Saints 3; Saturday: Premier Division - Oban Saints, no game; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 5 v Port Glasgow 5.

Saturday's fixture: Premier Division: Motherwell Thistle v Oban Saints; Premier Division One - Neilston v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Paisley v Tarbert.

Saints title hopes da

St Joseph's FP	3
Oban Saints	3
SAFL Premier Division	

A depleted Oban Saints side travelled to Clydebank last Wednesday to face champions-elect St Joseph's FP in search of the three points necessary to maintain their hopes of pipping the Duntocher men to the Premier Division title.

The home side needed just a single point to secure the league title while Saints required to take maximum points from their remaining fixtures.

After a highly entertaining 90 minutes including six goals, two red cards and major controversy, the spoils were shared and St Joseph's took the trophy back across Great Western Road to Duntocher.

With 11 players unavailable due to a variety of different reasons, Saints were forced to draft veterans Alex Craik and Ross Maitland into the squad and hand a starting role to long term injury victim Myles McAuley in his first match of the season.

Saints' good early work was undone when a short headed pass back from Willie Gemmell put his defence in trouble. Martin McComish's ball along the 18-yard line found Kieran Green in acres

of space and the industrious right back drilled a low shot beyond the despairing left hand of Graham Douglas to give the hosts the lead.

Saints drew level in the 37th minute when Lewis Cameron spotted Ruaridh Horne's overlapping run on the right and threaded a perfectly weighted ball through for the young wing-back. Horne raced through on goal and saw his initial effort blocked by Scott Urquhart, however, the rebound fell kindly for the Saints youngster who slotted the ball into the empty net to restore parity.

Low shot

Horne was involved in the second goal five minutes later but this time it was Matty Kelly on the opposite flank who found the net. Horne laid the ball to Lewis Cameron who held the ball up well and picked out Kelly who sent a low shot from the corner of the box across Scott Urquhart and into the bottom corner.

There was drama at the half-time interval when referee D'Alessandro spotted Ryan Halpin lifting his hand to team mate Cameron Harkins and promptly gave the big St Joe's striker his marching orders.

Despite being down to 10 men the home side made a spirited start to the second half but without partner Halpin there was little joy



The controversial equaliser: Craig Cameron climbs all over Dene Cassells before heading the ball home.

Photo and match report: Derek Black

for striker Daniel McKenna against the Saints back three.

Saints kept coming forward and stretched their advantage to 3-1 in the 56th minute when Lewis Cameron sent a low shot across Scott Urquhart and into the bottom corner.

With 12 minutes remaining, St Joe's skipper Daniel McKenna earned his side the slice of good fortune required to get back into the match with a good turn and curling right-foot shot from the corner of the Saints box which took a deflection along the way before flying into the postage stamp corner.

Saints made their only change of the match in the 81st minute withdrawing Matt Rippon and sending on veteran defender Alex Craik.

Saints should have been home and dry in the 89th

minute but James Ford's low shot from a Ruaridh Horne cutback was straight at Scott Urquhart, who made a comfortable save.

From Urquhart's long clearance referee D'Alessandro penalised Steven MacLeod for a non-existent challenge on Ally Graham gifting the home side another dead ball opportunity to try and exploit.

Amid claims for offside from the Saints players, substitute David Gallagher lofted a delightful ball to the six-yard line where central defender Craig Cameron clambered over the top of Dene Cassells to head the equaliser.

The St Joe's players and sidelines were jubilant but Saints were livid with the referee's part in the award-

Net gains for Park Primary A team

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Park Primary School A team were a class apart at the annual Active Schools Inter Schools Mixed Netball tournament held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

Nine teams, four from Rockfield PS and three from Park PS, competed for the coveted trophy with some highly competitive matchups throughout.

Play-off

Following some early round battles Park's A team and Rockfield's B team emerged top of the pile with Rockfield C and Rockfield A going head-to-head in a play-off for third place.

The latter game had the large number of spectators on the edge of their seats with some end-to-end action and some great defending in evidence. After seven minutes of enthralling netball the C team took the victory 2-0.

Onlookers hardly had time to catch their breath before

the final took place with expectations high of a similar display.

And although the 10-minute match took a different form, the expectations were met and then some.

Park A team gave a masterclass in netball ability, show-

ing determination in defence and agility in attack, scoring at regular intervals to take the title with a 9-1 victory.

Although Rockfield B were on the wrong end of the rather large defeat, their own resolve shone through with a stunning goal, from the edge

NETBALL

of the circle, producing the loudest cheer of the game in the ninth minute.

Active Schools co-ordinator Gillian Walker said: 'The whole event has produced some brilliant netball and the sportsmanship between all the teams has been superb.'

'I can honestly say that the standard of play this year has been at the highest ever with the winning Park team showing some excellent netball skills to take a well-deserved victory.'

Inter School Netball Champions 2019, Park Primary School A: Cameron Crowe (goalkeeper), Robbie Lockhart (goal defence), Lucy Blue (wing attack), Ellie MacPhee (wing defence), Keiran Griffin (centre), Nicola Duncan (goal attack), Anna Fairgrieve (goal shooter).

Player of the Tournament (boys): Thomas Lawne (Rockfield PS). Player of the Tournament (girls): Nicola Duncan (Park PS).



Park Primary School A team took the 2019 Active Schools Inter District Netball title. F5MOB_T21_PSNebballRockfieldA2

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FOOTBALL

ing of the goal. To rub salt into the gaping wound, Mr D'Alessandro showed Steven MacLeod a straight red card for his protestations.

When play restarted all of St Joe's nine outfield players joined Scott Urquhart in the penalty box but when Saints efforts to find a gap saw the ball strike a St Joe's arm Mr D'Allesandro remained unmoved instead blowing his whistle for full time.

Saints were on cup duty on Tuesday night, as The Oban Times went to press, when they took on Goldenhill in the semi-final of the Jimmy Marshall Cup at Glasgow Green. The Oban side play Motherwell Thistle at Ravenscraig on Saturday with a 1pm kick-off.

Martial arts

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Kyokushinkai Karate

The club will be holding a pre-grading course on June 2 in Lochgilphead, this will help determine who needs further help and where. The grading tests themselves will follow on the weekend on June 15-16. (Oban on the Saturday at 10am and Lochgilphead on the Sunday at 11am)

The yearly beach training and barbecue date has been set for Saturday August 24 and as usual will be at Kilmory Knap.

For further information on the Oban Kyokushinkai Karate club please contact Iain Rodger (6th dan) for a friendly chat on: 07584 166542 or iain@ikku.co.uk, alternatively send a message to 'Caledonia Kyokushin' on Facebook.

Kickboxing

The club has a grading test planned for the May 29 for those attempting 10th Kyu and up to fifth Kyu. The Wednesday junior classes are at 4.30pm until 6pm with the seniors following from 6pm until 7.30pm.

There is also a Sunday Junior Class which runs from 11am until 1pm.

New starters are always welcome and the club details can be found on Facebook as Senshi Do Kickboxing or email shihanwill@gmail.com

Shukokai Karate

The Oban club has been training outside for the last three weeks due to the usual hall in the high school being used for exams.

This has allowed the class to carry out fitness exercises and Kata on the beach. The summer grading test will take place in Dalmally Community Centre on Sunday May 26 at 1pm.

Argyll Shukokai has clubs in Inveraray, Oban and Dalmally.

Anyone interested in joining those clubs can get details from Kenny Gray on 07884 183905.



Oban Shukokai Karate Club members have been carrying out fitness exercises and Kata on the beach.

BJJ and MMA

The team trains Mondays to Fridays at 7.30pm and is always looking for new members

If anyone would like to try out BJJ or MMA, Oban BJJ can be found on Facebook or email using coogiepots@gmail.com

Wado Kai Karate

Classes continue as normal at Dunbeg school Tuesday nights 6.30pm-8.30pm and at Park for under 11s on Mondays at 3.30pm.

If anyone would like more information about Wado Karate or if they would like to talk about their interest in the sport please contact: Park School: Mike Faulkner m.faulkner6@btinternet.com

Dunbeg School: Sensei Chris Bruce (7th Dan) at crb999@btinternet.com

Knights of the Tower – Medieval Combat

The Knights of the Tower class day and time has changed, the location, the old Crofters, remains the same. Classes are now held on Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

If anyone would like to see what this is about or join in, simply turn up at the class.

Oban Otters trio reach for the stars

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Three Performance Squad members from Oban Otters Swimming Club recently took part in the West District Future Stars event at Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

Taylor Robinson, Ewan Dowd and Andrew Boyle all qualified to take part in the regional event which ran over Saturday May 11 and Sunday May 12.

The trio were thrilled to see their names in lights on the electronic leader board which displayed live split second timing while the running commentary also provided an exciting motivation for several hundred youngsters from 37 clubs across the West Region of Scotland.

There were 36 races taking place over the two days.

Taylor, 12, had a personal best time which allowed her to qualify impressively high in the pack for the 100m backstroke. She delivered

an excellent performance and did herself and her club proud.

Ewan, 12, managed to qualify at the last minute from the reserve list and responded well to the adrenaline surge

in the 100m breast stroke, managing to make up some time on the second 50m to beat his own PB by more than four seconds, which he was delighted with.

Andrew, 13, qualified for



From left, Taylor Robinson, Ewan Dowd and Andrew Boyle took part in the Future Stars swimming event at Tollcross.

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three events and was able to deliver consistent performances breaking through his own PB in the 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 100m butterfly, giving him inspiration for the future.

The three swimmers received poolside support from head coach Amanda Coates, which helped to calm their nerves and keep them focused at such a large event.

Andrew and Taylor had the honour of being medal bearers for some of their sporting heroes at the British Championships which took place at the same venue a few weeks earlier, making it all the more significant for them.

Next Sunday, May 26, sees Canadian swimming coach (former Olympian) Gary Vandermeulen arrive at Atlantis to deliver a training workshop to the Otters.

The workshop will be sponsored by charity Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD).



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Thursday

Sunny intervals and a gentle breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 15°C.

Friday

Light cloud and a gentle breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 15°C.

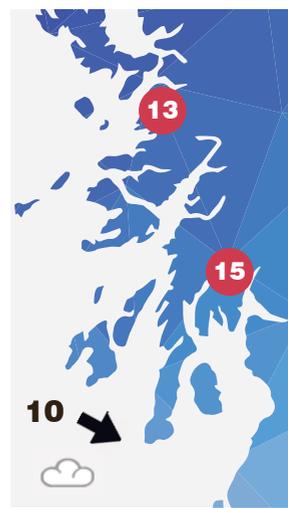
Weekend Outlook

Saturday

Light cloud and a gentle breeze

Sunday

Light rain and a moderate breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 13°C.



FRIDAY

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday May 16, 2019 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

	02.30	1.2	08.05	3.4
Thur	14.47	1.3	20.32	3.5
Fri	03.13	1.4	08.44	3.2
	15.31	1.5	21.15	3.3
Sat	04.02	1.7	09.29	2.9
	16.22	1.6	22.08	3.1
Sun	04.58	1.8	10.28	2.8
	17.19	1.8	23.20	3.0
Mon	06.03	1.9	12.04	2.7
	18.22	1.8	** ** *	**
Tues	01.00	3.0	07.17	1.9
	13.48	2.8	19.31	1.8
Wed	02.13	3.1	08.24	1.7
	14.38	3.0	20.34	1.7

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

Chain, shackles and buoys all available to purchase.

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Magnifique McPhee wins French Grand Prix

Oban's John McPhee created history at the Shark Helmets Grand Prix de France at Le Mans by becoming the first rider to progress from Q1 to then go on to take pole position, his first outright pole position since Argentina 2017.

In the race itself McPhee held off Lorenzo Dalla Porta all the way to the chequered flag in a thrilling finish to win.

McPhee rode a perfect last lap in a highly competitive French Grand Prix to take a second career win in Le Mans.

After the race, the Petronas Sprinta rider said: 'I can't

explain my feelings right now. I'm very excited. It has been a long time since I won and throughout the season we have suffered a lot. Transforming speed into results has been difficult, and finally we managed to achieve it by taking pole position.'

McPhee left it late by moving to the top of the timesheets with his penultimate lap of the session, but despite fast laps from three other riders McPhee held on to be the fifth different rider to take pole from the opening five rounds of the season.

McPhee topped Q1 but only after his final lap sent him top of the timesheets. Once

in Q2, the Petronas Sprinta Racing rider set a 1:42.277 on slick tyres, with the track having dried from a wet FP3 session, which earned him pole position.

The victory was historic for his Petronas Sprinta Racing Team - handing it its first ever race win off the back of gaining the organisation's first pole in qualifying.

The Oban rider initially lost a few places in the opening laps, but his patience and race craft saw him run comfortably in the lead group, trading the lead with fellow front runners Tatsuki Suzuki, Andrea Migno and Leopard's Lorenzo Dalla Porta.



John McPhee stands proudly on the podium at Le Mans.

When Suzuki slid out, taking Tony Arbolino out with him, the lead pack fractured, leaving Dalla Porta and McPhee briefly free at the front.

They were chased down by both Migno, who led briefly in the closing stages, and Kaito Toba, looking for his second win of the season, but it remained a tight race over the final corners between McPhee and Della Porta.

McPhee slipstreamed to the front at the start of the final sector, put in a block pass and then held the lead all the way to the line to win by just 0.106s.

He said: 'I have to thank the team because they have given me a lot of support. We have experienced hard weekends and we have been able to change the situation.'

'My last victory was at Brno [Czech Republic] in the wet, so it's amazing to also have

MOTO3

a win in the dry. It's my first victory of the season, but there is still a lot of time in which to take the season where we want it.

'Looking back at the first four races, I have kept calm and have continued to believe in myself. The speed has always been there and in each session we've shown a good pace thanks to the work by the team. It's good that we've taken this result that takes us into the top 10 of the World Championship, but there is still a long way to go.'

'Things are very even in this series and each rider pushes 100 per cent. There have been 10 different winners in the last 10 races and that shows that Moto3 is a tough class. It's a good result for me ahead of the coming races.' The next round will be the Italian GP, at Mugello, May 31-June 2.

Former Oban High teacher to referee Scottish Amateur Cup final at Hampden Park

FOOTBALL

Former Oban High School teacher Tim Woodcock has been appointed to referee the Scottish Amateur Cup final between Colville Park and Eastfield at Hampden Park on Saturday.

Tim spent 12 years in Oban before moving to Perth two years ago. He is now the Depute Head Teacher at Breadalbane Academy, Aberfeldy.

Tim has been refereeing for five years, but more intensely in the last two.

He referees amateur, youth and women's football as well as Futsal in both Perth and the Scottish Super Leagues.

Tim said it was a great honour to be asked to officiate at the blue riband event in Scottish Amateur Football.



Tim Woodcock.



John McPhee gave Petronas Sprinta Racing its first ever Grand Prix victory

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Hometown hero sets sights on World Cup



Banavie Fun Night raises nearly £3,000 for school



PSA changes to affect 'only small number of schools'

by Mark Entwistle
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No Lochaber schools are expected to suffer reductions in current Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) numbers as part of Highland Council's efforts to save £700,000 in the current financial year.

But the Lochaber Times understands that Lochaber and some schools on Skye will see a handful of their primary schools affected by the non-filling of PSA vacancies as part of moves to axe 63 full-time equivalent jobs in Highland schools.

The local authority this week claimed there would be 'minimal impact' on PSA posts due to extensive work done to protect staff, including the 50 vacant posts being left unfilled and identifying other opportunities within the council.

The GMB Scotland union has previously slammed the council's reduction of PSA jobs, saying it was being driven solely by cuts to save £700,000 this financial year and not the interests of children or staff, and that remaining PSAs will

see their workloads increased as a result.

But the council says it was committed to avoiding compulsory redundancies, and affected PSAs will be given priority to move into new and vacant posts.

The council also stressed that only one per cent of its more than 1,100 PSA staff will be required to move into new roles after the summer holidays – far fewer than originally expected.

Trade unions

Council budget leader, Councillor Alister Mackinnon, said: 'We have been working closely with staff, trade unions and interest groups in determining how best to meet the ASN [Additional Support Needs] allocation requirements.'

'Now that we have reached our conclusion, we will continue to work with affected staff in ensuring a smooth transition.'

Councillor Ben Thompson (Caol and Mallaig) told the Lochaber Times it was to be welcomed that there will be no changes to current staffing

in the local area and no reduction in resources.

'While there have been staff vacancies, that is very often the case in large organisations, simply because of the turnover of staff,' he said.

'Resources should move around between schools every year as children enter or leave school, or move from primary to secondary.'

'So the absolute number of staff in any local school is less important than whether or not the assessed need of children across the area is being met each year.'

His comments were echoed by his fellow Caol and Mallaig councillors, Allan Henderson and Denis Rixson.

However, Lochaber Area Committee chairman Andrew Baxter (Fort William and Ardnamurchan) cautioned that not filling so many vacant posts was bound to have some kind of impact.

'You would assume these vacancies existed in the first place because they were deemed necessary in schools. So not filling them is bound to have an impact,' he said.

Climate protesters target BP in Fort



Climate campaigners from the Fort William branches of Extinction Rebellion and Greenpeace mounted a protest at the town's BP filling station to coincide with Tuesday's annual general meeting of the oil giant in Aberdeen. Full story on page four. Photograph: Abrightside Photography.

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Abacus Mountain Guides set up a zip wire again this year.

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The P7s organised fantastic activities for everyone to enjoy and Lochaber High School Pipe Band attended.

Banavie Fun Night raises nearly £3,000 for school

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Banavie Primary School's annual fun night on Friday enjoyed some welcome sunny conditions and encouraged a good-sized turn out that raised nearly £3,000 for school funds.

There was a wide range of activities, with youngsters, including former pupils, enjoying themselves on everything from bouncy castles and zip wires, to archery, beat the goalie and nail painting.

The school's parent council said: 'Our recent fun night was a great success and a fabulous time was had by all.

'We raised the tremendous sum of £2,860.15 which was only made possible because of the generosity of all those who contributed to and attended the event.

'We had a lovely dry night with no midges. The temperatures did drop towards the end but that didn't stop the fun.

'Tag archery, bodyzorb, bouncy castle/slide/bungee run and zip wire took centre stage in our playing field.

'The P7s organised lots of great activities, with hook-a-duck, beat-the-goalie and wet sponge throwing all big hits. Some of the children tried their hand at digger skills, which was tucked up next to the emergency vehicles.

'Many of the old favourites featured again this year. The hottest ticket in town proved to be the bottle stall. Face painting as usual never stopped and was next to the popular glitter tattoos and the colourful nail bar. Lynn's board proved as popular as ever!

'And no one should have gone hungry on the night as there was a huge variety of goodies for sale – with burgers and hot dogs, tea and coffee, juice and crisps, homebaking and the chocolate fountain all catering for the crowds.

'We were entertained on the evening by Lochaber High School Pipe Band and it was lovely seeing so many young and old tapping their feet and dancing.

'The ambulance service, coastguard, Ferguson Transport, fire brigade and police were all present. It's great seeing these vehicles at our event and the school appreciates their support in attending.'

And the parent council praised the contribution and hard work put into the event by the soon-to-be-departing and high-school-bound P7 class.

'Where would we be without the help we get from the P7 pupils? The raffle again played a central role in the fundraising this year. A tremendous effort on their part as it was the P7 class

which approached many companies and secured a wide range of fabulous prizes. But that wasn't the end of it.

'They set up many of the stalls on the day, designed and displayed posters around the school and ran a huge variety of stalls themselves. Thank you notes have also been distributed thanks to these guys. A tremendous achievement.

'We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in making our fun night such a success. We are aware that parents contribute enormously to this evening by selling/buying raffle tickets, donating to the bottle/home baking and raffle stalls, helping on the night and, of course, attending with children, family and friends.

'Your support is very much appreciated. All monies raised directly supports the children within the school throughout the year.

'Last but not least, the stars of the show are the children themselves. It's great that you return on the night, take part and have fun. That's what makes it fun night!'

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Fort man played role in drugs supply

Amphetamines had street value of £2,250

A Fort William man has been ordered to complete 220 hours of unpaid work after admitting to playing a role in the supply of Class B drugs.

Mariusz Lukasz Loboda, 40, appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday where he pleaded guilty to being involved in supplying amphetamines at the West End car park in Fort William and elsewhere on August 17, 2017.

Loboda, who lives at the town's Wallace Place, was stopped by police at the car park next to the A82 after they received a tip off that a vehicle fitting the description of that being driven by Loboda was transporting illegal substances from Glasgow towards Fort William.

Police then searched the vehicle and found three small



bags and one wrap which, in total, contained 224.65gm of amphetamines, which has a street value of £2,250.

The substances were found stashed down the side of the driver's seat and concealed in the gear stick compartment of the vehicle.

Procurator Fiscal Martina Eastwood said that Loboda was acting as a courier as part

'Pressure was put on him by the supplier that there would be consequences if he did not pay'

of 'a small-scale operation'. Defence solicitor Stephen Kennedy told the court that Loboda was instructed to transport the substance as a way of paying back debts owed to a drug supplier, which had built up over six years.

'The result was that pressure was put on him by the supplier that there would be consequences if he did not pay. He was given a route out of that debt by acting as a

courier for the transportation of drugs from the Glasgow area. He felt that was the way out and the alternative was too serious to contemplate.'

Mr Kennedy added that his client realised the impact of supplying drugs and was 'ashamed' of what he had done.

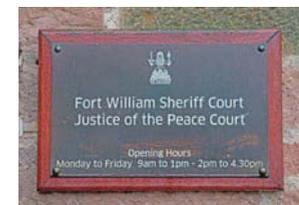
Sheriff Eilidh MacDonald described the charge as 'very serious', saying: 'People like you allow the drug trade to thrive and for people further up the supply chain to profit.'

Loboda was sentenced to a community payback order, namely to undertake 220 hours of unpaid work over a six-month period. Sheriff MacDonald said this was 'a direct alternative to custody' and warned Loboda that if he failed to fulfill the order he would be sentenced to jail.

Claggan man pleads not guilty to assault

A Claggan man pleaded not guilty to assaulting a police officer when he appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court last week.

Sean Laskey, 29, of Carn Dearg Road, had previously pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting PC Dean Gillies at Fassifern Road, Fort William, on March 24, 2018, by attempting to bite him on the body. However, when he appeared before Sheriff Eilidh MacDonald on Tuesday he changed his plea to not guilty. This was accepted by the Sheriff.



Laskey also maintained his plea of not guilty to a separate charge of acting in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting, swearing and making abusive remarks at police officers.

Laskey will now appear for trial in August.

Fort William man admonished after being of good behaviour

Kamil Borowka, from Fort William, has been admonished after being of good behaviour.

Borowka, 34, of the town's High Street was ordered to be of good behaviour for six months after pleading guilty last October to behaving in a threatening or abusive

manner towards his former partner at her home in Fort William, on Monday July 15 2018.

Sheriff Eilidh MacDonald said that as Borowka had been of good behaviour in this period and she would admonish him of the charge.

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Activists target Fort's BP station

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The BP filling station in Fort William was the target for a protest by local climate activists this week.

The demonstration, which attracted about a dozen campaigners calling for tougher action to tackle the climate emergency, was staged on Tuesday to coincide with the Aberdeen annual general meeting of BP.

The Aberdeen event prompted protests and demonstrations across Scotland.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Fort William organised the Fort William demonstration, which also attracted members of the town's Greenpeace branch.

XR said the demonstration at the BP filling station was to serve as a reminder of the environmental impact of the



The protesters unfurled banners and signs at the town's BP filling station on Tuesday.

company's activities, and its relationship with the Scottish Government.

A spokesperson for XR emphasised that the protest was not about people driving cars. The spokesperson said: 'The target is an immensely wealthy and powerful corporation not taking its environmental responsibilities

seriously enough – and not just at Deepwater Horizon.'

Deepwater Horizon was a BP oil rig that exploded on April 20, 2010, killing 11 people and spewing 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

The XR Fort William spokesperson continued: 'BP's track record of political lobbying against climate

change policies, market manipulation, hazardous waste dumping, violations of environmental laws and lack of investment in alternatives to fossil fuels speaks volumes.

'In 2018, out of total annual spending of \$15-17 billion, BP invested just \$0.5 billion (three per cent) in sustainable low-carbon energy and technology. In the same year, its annual profit more than doubled, to \$12.7 billion.

'This is the same BP with which the Scottish Government sees a sustainable future for the North Sea oil industry.

'And that is the same Scottish Government which recently made a declaration of climate emergency.

'We want the government to remember that this really is an emergency, with the prospect of massive and life-changing disruption.'

Caol man pleads guilty to stealing handbag

Factory worker Valentin Surunovs has admitted stealing a woman's handbag and its contents from Fort William Health Centre earlier this year.

Surunovs, who lives at Torlundy Road, Caol, pleaded guilty to the theft on January 15 when he appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

The court heard that the 38-year-old was attending a medical appointment and, upon leaving the building, he picked up a handbag that was lying on the floor. Surunovs then went outside to get on his bike but, after realising what he was doing, returned to the health centre with the bag.

The court heard from procurator fiscal Martina Eastwood that Surunovs then handed it back to the woman and said: 'I had a moment, I have put it back. I have not taken anything, you can check.'

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose told the court that Surunovs, who accepts he had a drug problem at the time, was informed he had to wait two weeks to get medical treat-



ment. As a result, Mr Melrose said, Surunovs left his appointment 'looking for a place to get money to buy drugs to last him', at which point he stole the handbag.

The owner of the bag later discovered that her car key was still missing, something which Surunovs denied stealing when questioned by the police. Two days after the initial incident he returned with police to the wall where he had kept his bike at the health centre and they found the car key lying on the ground.

'The key had fallen out of the bag and he had not realised,' added Mr Melrose.

Sheriff Eilidh MacDonald deferred sentencing and ordered Surunovs to be of good behaviour for three months. He is to appear at Fort William Sheriff Court again in August.

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Le Champlain made its debut visit to Fort William this week. Photograph: Iain Ferguson

Luxury expedition ship docks in Fort William

With its 170 passengers paying anything up to £3,000 per cruise, a holiday on the luxury expedition ship, Le Champlain, is nothing if not special, writes Lewis Robertson.

And this week saw the vessel's make its debut visit to Fort William.

Launched just seven months ago, the 9,900-tonne vessel is operated by the French company, Ponant, and arrived in Loch Linnhe on Tuesday.

The official welcome party included Caol and Mallig councillor Ben Thompson, and Fort William Marina and Shoreline (FWMSC) Company secretary and director Sarah Kennedy.

The Le Champlain crew and passengers used the pontoons at the town's West End Car

Park, installed by FWMSC, to come ashore.

Upon arriving on board the liner, Mr Thompson, Mrs Kennedy and Le Champlain's captain, René-Paul Boucher, exchanged gifts. Mr Thompson presented Captain Boucher with the traditional gift of Scottish slate from Ballachulish Quarry. In return, Captain Boucher presented Mr Thompson with a glass plaque.

Captain Boucher also receiving whisky, honey and beeswax from Mrs Kennedy, and the trio raised a toast to the ship's arrival.

Captain Boucher said Tuesday's calm waters of the loch allowed Le Champlain to navigate the Corran Narrows with ease as it was 'the perfect

conditions to come for the first time'.

Named after the French explorer and navigator, Samuel De Champlain, who is known as the Father of New France, the ship is 131m long and 18m wide and boasts an underwater bar that allowed passengers to view the depths of Loch Linnhe.

Guide Cassandra Macandain explained that no other cruise ship has this feature. The vessel also boasts a spa, hairdresser, gym and a cinema, and multiple bars.

Le Champlain will now head to Skye and Orkney, before ending its journey in the Norwegian port of Bergen.

The next vessel to arrive in Loch Linnhe is the Seabourn Quest tomorrow (Friday).

Pioneering autism project will be a first for Lochaber

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In what will be a pioneering initiative for Lochaber, a specialist college near Inverness is looking to support autistic people who want to set up micro businesses of their own.

Last year, Cantraybridge College, based at the village of Croy, was awarded £239,028 from the Social Economy Growth Fund to support autistic people to set up their own micro businesses.

The award is currently being used to train individuals in how to identify business ideas and then set up their own supported enterprises.

The college says this is already making a unique and important contribution to the lives of autistic people in the Highlands.

Cantraybridge Enterprise Service aims to help create



Cantraybridge College was awarded £239,028 to support autistic people to set up their own micro businesses.

at least 18 new businesses by March of next year and is open to any adult with an autistic spectrum condition living in Highland.

This includes those who are waiting for a formal diagnosis. The project has four dedicated staff members who travel

throughout the region to deliver individualised training and support.

Cantraybridge CEO Jenny Liddell told the Lochaber Times this week the college was looking for participants in the Lochaber area and would be running a drop-in

session at the Nevis Centre in Fort William on May 29 from noon to 4pm.

Anyone who would like more information is invited to go along and meet the team.

Ms Liddell added: 'The Cantraybridge Enterprise programme is no ordi-

nary business education programme.'

'It combines enterprise education with personal support to assist individuals in overcoming both professional and personal barriers to becoming self-employed.'

'It also offers options for a range of continuing support once a new business is launched.'

The Social Economy Growth Fund – backed by the Scottish Government and European Social Fund – has made more than £4 million of funding available to 22 Scottish organisations, social enterprises and charities to address poverty and social exclusion.

Communities Secretary Aileen Campbell MSP added: 'The Social Economy Growth Fund enables organisations to design and deliver community-led solutions to overcome poverty, disadvantage

and inequalities – which is a key principle of our Fairer Scotland Action Plan.'

'We are encouraging councils and third sector partners to develop local strategies that advance the social enterprise sector in every part of Scotland.'

Research findings from the pilot programme will be presented to the Scottish Government and could see similar holistic initiatives being opened up nationally.

Less than one third of autistic adults find their way into the workplace, leading to social and economic exclusion and significant cost to the economy.

Adults with autistic spectrum conditions are encouraged to get in touch with the college to reserve a place on the programme by contacting robyn.fenion@cantraybridge.co.uk or 01667 213132.



Glencoe museum curator Catriona Davidson proudly shows off the accreditation.

Museum delighted to retain accreditation

Glencoe Folk Museum says it is delighted to have been awarded full accreditation again this year by Museums Galleries Scotland.

Museum accreditation is a nationally-agreed standard, which assesses museums on their ability to manage and care for their collections, and on the service they provide to their visitors.

It also gives museums the opportunity to reflect on their current performance, plan for the future and consider what they could be doing better.

In return, they receive access to funding streams, support

and advice, and a certain level of credibility. There are currently around 250 accredited museums across Scotland, which are reassessed every five years.

Museum curator Catriona Davidson said: 'We are so thrilled to have achieved full accreditation again, as it demonstrates how committed we are to caring for our collections and giving people the best visitor experience possible.'

'We work hard to ensure we are continually improving our services, so it is lovely to get recognition for this –

especially as we begin a busy tourist season.'

Set within 18th-century, traditionally thatched cottages, Glencoe Folk Museum holds an eclectic array of objects celebrating heritage and providing an insight into the history of the area and its people. The museum's collections cover more than 300 years of history, and include significant items such as a boot which belonged to Captain Robert Campbell – the man notorious for leading the Massacre of Glencoe – and weapons found hidden in the thatched roofs of local houses.

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Fort William awarded official Fairtrade Town status

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Fort William has been awarded Fairtrade status for its commitment to ethical trading principles, following a year-long campaign involving promotions to consumers, businesses and community groups in the area.

As part of the campaign, a number of retailers have to sell more than four Fairtrade products and restaurants and cafes must serve Fairtrade tea and coffee.

The campaign secured support from schools and voluntary groups, as well as other businesses, which helped to promote the Fairtrade message.

Sasha McKinlay, spokesperson for the Fort William



Lundavra Fairtrade Committee Riley Forsyth, left, Arlo Sutherland, teacher Eilidh Heger, Rory Knox and Cerys Denholm. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos; and right, Fairtrade tea pluckers in Malawi.



Fairtrade Town Campaign, is delighted the town has achieved the coveted status.

'For such a small area, there is a great deal of interest and activity taking place that supports Fairtrade, in particular in our schools,' she said.

'I've been so touched by the efforts of our local kids in particular to help spread the message that everyone in our global community deserves a decent standard of living. They have a real

sense of social justice which is to be commended.'

Adam Gardner, communities campaigns manager at the Fairtrade Foundation, added: 'We are delighted to welcome Fort William to the Fairtrade movement which now boasts more than 1,900 communities worldwide, taking practical steps to making a fairer world trade system a reality.'

'Thanks to the support of the public and campaigners, an increasing number of farmers in developing countries are now selling their products on Fairtrade terms, bringing them a stable income, and the chance to trade their way out of poverty. Today, more than 1.6 million farmers and workers across 74 developing countries benefit from

the international Fairtrade system, but there is still a long way to go.'

Fairtrade helps small-scale farmers ensure they earn decent incomes and have long-term contracts with companies. In addition, they earn the Fairtrade Premium, which they invest in vital business, social and environmental projects.

The Fairtrade mark independently certifies that products meet economic, social and environmental standards. As such, it is the most widely recognised ethical mark worldwide.

Anyone can join the Fort William Fairtrade Town group on Facebook if they would like to get involved in planning and organising future events, or to join the steering group.

VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER

In last week's article from Lochaber Chamber we looked at the importance of acknowledging mental health issues in people's working lives.

Employers are becoming more aware of the need to treat worker's mental health in the same way as physical health.

But do employers have a duty of care to step in when they think an employee has an issue with alcohol or drugs?

Individual businesses will have their own views and policies, but many businesses and individuals would benefit from increased understanding of the issues.

That's why Lochaber Chamber is working with the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership to promote a Basic Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training Day at the Moorings Hotel on Thursday June 6.

This free one-day event is open to everyone and we encourage all our member businesses to come along to increase their knowledge and understanding of the issues around substance use and abuse.

The training will increase your knowledge of substances, their effects and what tools and techniques can be used to reduce the harm caused by substance use.

The training will be led by Sharon Holloway, de-



velopment manager at the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, based on the approach set out in the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Strategy.

We will also be joined by PC Katy Duncan from Police Scotland, who will give us an introduction to the local situation and how Police Scotland can help support the community.

By the end of the training participants will have a better understanding of how stigma can impact upon substance use; different drug types and effects; what is meant by prevention and harm reduction; tools and techniques to use for motivating change; and what services and resources are available.

Book your place and find out about other events from Lochaber Chamber of Commerce at www.lochaber-chamber.co.uk. Or call our friendly team on 01397 705 765 to find out more.

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A year on from the launch of a controversial initiative to support pupils' educational pursuits through whisky, the Ardnamurchan Distillery says it is already proving a success, writes Lewis Robertson.

Just over a year ago Ardnamurchan Distillery at Glenbeg embarked on a ground-breaking initiative to gift whisky casks to young residents in the area to help them fund their ambitions.

Cask

The distillery, regarded as Scotland's most environmentally-friendly whisky producer has been working in conjunction with the Ardnamurchan Trust to assign a cask of maturing whisky to youngsters on the peninsula under the age of 18.

Distillery sales manager Connal Mackenzie explained: 'Each resident young person between the age of 10 and 18 is assigned a cask of maturing whisky from the distillery which they can sell back to us, retaining any profit for further education, once they



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Appeal after theft of tools from Fort

Police in Lochaber are appealing for information following a high value theft of tools in the Fort William area.

The equipment – valued at more than £3,000 – was removed from a property in Wallace Place, which is currently undergoing renovation.

The theft happened overnight between 8.45pm on Wednesday May 15, and 8.15am on Thursday May 16.

The tools include some smaller items but also cordless drills, nail gun, a finishing gun, grinder, router, batteries and charger, as well as a radio and many of the items are branded Makita.

Constable David Mockett commented: 'We would urge anyone who may have been in the area to let us know if they saw anything suspicious, even if it seemed of little note at the time.'

'Removing this quantity of tools may have required more than one person and a vehicle to remove.'

'We would urge people to be vigilant and let us know if they are aware of any equipment matching this description for sale.'

Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting reference NP1445/19, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Call to pool social workers in Lochaber

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Highland Council and independent care providers in Lochaber and elsewhere in the north of Scotland are being urged to consider pooling their social workers in a bid to improve support for foster carers in rural areas.

The plea comes from MSP Kate Forbes, who said even if the local authority had an influx of applicants for becoming prospective foster carers, a lack of social workers may hamper how successful this recruitment drive could be.

Ms Forbes thinks sharing social workers could save staff time and travel costs, as well as lead to higher levels of foster carer retention.

The MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, said: 'To support foster carers in rural areas, we need to do things differently.'

'There are some brilliant social carers in the Highlands who care for vulnerable children and young people in a vast area. They do a tough job exceedingly well and deserve our full praise.'

'However, I think we need to reconsider how Highland Council works with the independent providers to cover every part of the Highlands.'

'This model is one idea that could work, whereby social workers cover a much smaller area of the Highlands to support local families irrespective of whether they provide care through Highland Council or independent third party providers.'

'It makes sense that, rather than each body struggling to recruit a social worker in every community and expecting social workers to cover vast areas, the different organisations could, contractually, share social workers.'

'I think this is worth exploring as it could improve the service, reduce the pressure on social workers and ensure children and foster parents get the support they need.'

Asked what she thought of Ms Forbes' proposal, Sara Lurie, director of the Fostering Network in Scotland, agreed that supporting foster carers, especially in rural areas, required creative thinking.

And she added: 'We are pleased to see MSPs such as Ms Forbes giving full attention to fostering. There is nothing at the moment preventing Ms Forbes' suggestion from becoming a reality because social workers can already work for more than one fostering service.'

'However, we would have concerns about whether a social worker could be an effective link between foster carers and multiple fostering services given the varying policies and procedures between services.'

'It would also be challenging for social workers to develop the strong working relationships they require across the team if working for multiple services.'

'However, if we want foster care to be the very best it can be, supporting foster carers is vital. One possibility to support foster carers would be to introduce a peer support system such as our Mockingbird programme.'

'This uses an extended family model which provides short breaks, peer support, regular joint planning and training, and social activities.'

In addition, Ms Lurie said if people truly wanted to acknowledge the vital role of foster carers then it was essential the Scottish Government introduced and funded a minimum fostering allowance so that foster carers were not having to dip into their own pockets to cover the costs of looking after the children in their care.

Distillery reaps rewards cask initiative



Ardnamurchan Distillery in Glenbeg, and right, Ardnamurchan Distillery sales manager Connal Mackenzie.

turn 18. In the meantime, they will be shown the opportunities available to them at the distillery if they wish to join our team.'

The launch of the initiative proved somewhat controversial, however, and was criticised last year by Alcohol Focus Scotland's chief executive Alison Douglas, who said the scheme was 'irresponsible' and went 'beyond the traditional marketing techniques'.

But Mr Mackenzie laughed off these remarks and said the

distillery had helped the local economy by building towards a 'more sustained job market'.

'We work in the whisky industry, all we can do for future generations is improve foundations for people to get into it if they want. We didn't do it for the headlines. People have been good to us, so we want to be good back.'

When asked if the distillery had managed to form a positive relationship with the community, Mr Mackenzie said: 'I think we do, we have people popping in for a catch

up at times and all of our people are local.'

A year on and the scheme is still going strong, with nine casks currently assigned to young residents of the Ardnamurchan peninsula, who will later be able to use these casks to help pay for any training or educational path they wish to embark on.

Mr Mackenzie said that the company was hoping to work more closely with neighbouring businesses and offer more local employment to residents in the future.

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Kinlochleven STEM event in

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This month saw the culmination of months of planning as Kinlochleven High School's S2 pupils battled it out in their recent STEM challenge.

Students were charged with designing an innovative project that would produce green energy while generating revenue streams in other areas.

The competition took place in front of a panel of judges from government and industry, with Kate Forbes MSP, Councillor Ben Thompson, Colin Gilmour, project manager at Green Highland Renewables, and Gena MacLean, programme coordinator at Developing the Young Workforce (DYW).

The panel of guest judges put the students through their paces and the competition was fierce.

Projects ranged from wind-powered theme parks to solar panelled gondolas and energy producing sports pitches to zipline turbine solutions.



Each group presented their project to the judges, having to provide information about finance, levels of power generated and what the public perception of their proposed project may be. They also an-

swered searching questions from the judges.

The students fielded questions with confidence, relying on detailed research, which impressed the judges, with more than one judge

admitting they were astonished when informed that the students involved were S2, believing they had surpassed themselves on every level.

The tension mounted as the judges retired to their delib-

erations, with The Vibrating Sports Pitch winning the day.

Conceived by Ailsa Janzen, Isobel Spark Whitworth, Karina Karcinskaite, Blair Nicolson and Leon Lawrie, this project offered the most

The winning S2 Green Energy Challenge team – Ailsa Janzen, Isobel Spark Whitworth, Karina Karcinskaite, Blair Nicolson and Leon Lawrie – and the judges; and right, the winning P6/P7 team from St Bride's – Finlay MacMahon, Joshua Allan, Sam Nicolson, Sam Hobson, Nikola Grieve, Harrison Wyatt, Linnea Livingstone, Charlotte Strachan, Skye Van Hoven, Ramsay Stubbs and Alex Cameron – with the judges.

creative solution to the brief set, with judge Councillor Ben Thompson commenting: 'It was tough to select one winner from several well-thought-out and impressively-presented pitches.'

Industry judges Colin Gilmour and Gena MacLean thought the students had great awareness of business practices in addition to their knowledge of renewable energy and the science required to implement their ideas in a practical context.

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Charity calls for more joint mental health thinking

A Lochaber couple, who set up a mental health group after losing their son, have said that professional and third sector workers need to work closer together to make a difference to people's lives in the area, writes Lewis Robertson.

Rosemary and Malcolm Gillespie set up Ewen's Room nine years ago because, as Mrs Gillespie said: 'We didn't want to see anyone else go through what Ewen went through.'

Ewan tragically took his own life after struggling with mental health issues.

Last week the Lochaber Times reported that in the first two weeks of February this year, six people came to the Fort William-based support group, Lochaber Hope, with the youngest aged just nine, saying that they wanted to end their own life.

When asked if there are enough services in the area to help support people, Mrs Gillespie said: 'There are a few professional people who, I think, don't really know how bad life can be. There is still this business of 'we are the



professionals, you are not.'

The group covers the areas of Ardnamurchan, Morvern and Moidart (West Lochaber), and offers support to those who are struggling with various mental health conditions and also to educate and spread awareness of mental health issues.

Speaking of the problems within the Lochaber area, Ewan's Room education

officer Justine Dunn told The Lochaber Times that educating government bodies was an issue.

She said: 'There's a whole raft of education that needs to be done with the people running government departments, which just hasn't happened.'

Mr Gillespie agreed, saying: 'When there is a shortage of resources, you tackle the easiest thing first and because it's

Impresses MSP



Ms Forbes added: 'For the second year in a row I was blown away with the standard of ingenuity at Kinlochleven High School. It was a difficult decision to pick a winner, because all of the teams had creative, well-presented ideas.'

'Heartly congratulations to all teams and the teachers who support, encourage and inspire them.'

Not to be upstaged by their older peers, the primary

school competition was equally impressive, with pupils facing a Lego Robotics Challenge: constructing vehicles to battle it out over two stages – first a speed test, then to navigate a treacherous obstacle course.

The primary schools involved were Kinlochleven, Duror, St Bride's, Glencoe and Ballachulish.

There were some truly incredible machines on display, many of which surpassed

the expectations of event organiser Graeme Martin, principal teacher of science and technology, who praised the students.

The event culminated with Mr Martin and Don Esson, quality improvement manager at Highland Council, judging the winner.

Due to the high quality of the vehicles on show, their deliberations took some time. In the end, it was St Bride's Primary School which emerged victorious, with Glencoe in second place and Duror receiving a special award for creative design.

The final word went to event organiser, Mr Martin, who, closing the event, said: 'I would like to highlight how fantastic the students were from all schools.'

'It was an amazing community event and, in particular, I was impressed by the team work I witnessed throughout the day.'

'All the students are to be commended on their incredible research and presentation skills.'

ined up

Rosemary and Malcolm Gillespie, with Justine Dunn.

[mental health] much harder to tackle, it has got left behind for many years.'

Speaking of her and her husband's journey after losing their son, Mrs Gillespie said: 'You learn to live with it, you don't get over it.'

'One important thing is, it's trying to make something positive out of a negative situation, a very negative situation.'

Ewen's Room runs sessions at the Acharacle centre every Wednesday, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and the Sunart Centre every Thursday, 11am to 1pm.

If anyone is struggling with mental health issues and wishes to speak to Ewen's Room, the helpline number is 01967750855. Alternatively, text 07537 431637.

Ewen's Room is currently looking for volunteers for its helpline and if anyone would like to get involved they can email info@ewensroom.com or call 01967401130.

Funding set aside to help regenerate Lochaber town centres

Lochaber is to get nearly £200,000 in new funding as part of a government initiative to regenerate town centres.

Members of the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee last week welcomed the new cash.

In partnership with COSLA, the Scottish Government has provided £50million to set up the Town Centre Fund 2019-2020.

Every local authority has received an allocation based on an equal weighting of the number of towns in a local authority (where a town is a locality with a population equal to or greater than 1,000 people) and the local authority population.

The total allocation ring-fenced for Highland is £2,965,000 – the fifth highest allocation in Scotland.

Chairman of the committee Councillor Allan Henderson said: 'The Town Centre Fund will enable us to invest in improvements and help town centres to become more diverse, successful and sustainable.'

'This could include repurposing buildings and improving access and infrastructure. What we have is an opportunity to build on work already done to develop and implement town centre action plans that will increase footfall through local improvements and partnerships.'

To bring decision-making closer to communities, it is the local area committees which will identify and recommend which projects receive funding.

As well as the Lochaber Area Committee being allocated £198,967, the Isle of Skye and Rasaay Committee has been provided with £198,967 to allocate.

Councillor Henderson added: 'The money allocated to us has to be spent within the next 12 months.'

'I would like to see this support for investing in our town centres continue. If it does we will be able to forward plan and look in detail at which projects can best repurpose our town centres to help them become more diverse, successful and sustainable.'

WHAT'S ON in Lochaber

The Rotary Club of Lochaber is running a pop-up cafe in the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church Hall in Fort William tomorrow (Friday May 24) to raise funds for its programme of youth activities which includes competitions, such as Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Artist, and a primary school poetry competition.

Soup and sandwiches, tea/coffee and cakes/traybakes will be served from 11am-3pm.

A craft fair will also be held in the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church Hall in Fort William on Friday May 24 from 11am-3pm.

A wide range of crafts including jewellery, knitwear, needle felt, decoupage, wood turned items, art work and plants will be on sale. Tables can be booked by emailing Chris at 1955@cheardman.plus.com

Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church Hall is holding a family fun

day on Sunday May 26, 3-5pm for primary and pre-school children with accompanying adults. For more details contact Richard on 01397 702297 or Morag on 01397 703643.

Fort William Photographic Society's next practical photography evening meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 28, and will meet at Cameron Square, Fort William, at 7pm. All are welcome, including potential new members.

The University of Mount Union Choir from Ohio, USA, will be performing at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church, Fort William, on Tuesday May 28, 7.30pm. Free entry.

Kilmallie Christmas Lights Fund AGM will take place on Wednesday June 5 at Kilmallie Community Centre, Corpach.

Lochaber Provincial Mod will be held on Friday and Saturday June 7 and 8 at Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Fort

William. Entries have now closed.

The Lochaber Vegan Fair takes place on Saturday June 8 from 11am to 4pm at Duncansburgh Church Hall, Fort William. Free entry. More information on the Lochaber Vegan Fair Facebook page.

The second annual Neilly Fraser Trophy tournament will be held at Spean Bridge Golf Club on Saturday June 8. Everyone welcome. All proceeds go towards Spean Bridge Golf Club.

West Highland Museum, in conjunction with High Life Highland, is holding an Outlander Day on Friday June 14. Booking is essential.

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P7 pupils with the cakes made for the fete.

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All fun of the fete for Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar

It was another great summer fete at Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar in Caol on Friday, with some fantastic spring weather bringing out a great number of parents and friends.

Activities included the bucking bronco, bouncy castles, zorbing, face painting, candy floss, Sammy's doughnuts, bottle stall and lots of other great stalls.

The event raised a grand total of £2,785.45 from the huge range of fun activities.

A school spokesperson said: 'Thank you to all our children, staff, parents,

volunteers and community members for their continued support. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to run the night, and all those who donated prizes and vouchers. Thank you to all the businesses which contributed to our fete - your continued support is appreciated. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.'

Ashleigh Irvine won the Unicorn for guessing the age - 21 was the magic number - while Flora Stevenson correctly guessed the name of the teddy as 'Cailean'.

For more photographs, see www.lochabertimes.co.uk.

A Cry For The Wild

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Scotland's dark secret

Scotland is renowned all over the world for its wild animals and natural landscapes but there is a darker side to this country that few people know about.

It is our intolerance of the natural world and our need to dominate it.

Almost one fifth of this country is used for grouse shooting - an outdated bloodsport where a large portion of land is used for the sole entertainment of a very small number of incredibly rich people during a short period of four months each year.

Large swathes of the Highlands are intensively managed so that the highest possible number of red grouse can be built up for the shooting season, which begins on August 12.

This day is known as

the 'Glorious Twelfth'. However, to me and many other conservationists, environmentalists and naturalists, a more fitting name is the 'Inglorious Twelfth'.

After all, what is so glorious about birds being driven to their death just to satisfy the shooter's enjoyment of killing in the name of sport.

It is not just the red grouse that suffer from this.

Up to 26,000 of our iconic mountain hares are slaughtered every year, so much so that their population is now at one per cent of what it was in the 1950s.

The numbers killed could be even higher than thought as these culls are unregulated and done far away from the public eye.

Birds of prey are illegally killed and predators such as foxes, stoats and crows are ruthlessly shot, poisoned and trapped.

As with the mountain hares, the true numbers killed are unknown and may be even higher than the Revive Coalition's estimation of numbers being in the hundreds of thousands.

Basically, anything that poses even a slight risk to the red grouse population is mercilessly targeted.

Grouse shooting doesn't just harm wildlife and the red grouse.

Lead shot, a highly toxic metal, is used in shotguns to kill the grouse and may pose a large health risk towards humans and our domesticated animals.

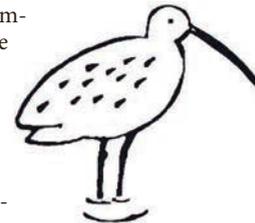
What I find so difficult to comprehend is the fact that we are almost halfway through 2019 and yet this medieval practise continues.

Grouse shooting began in the mid to late 1800s and we are now in the 21st century. Animal sentience is recognised by most people but these wild animals continue to be needlessly killed, often slowly and painfully.

Climate change and the collapse of our ecosystems has now come into the public and government's consciousness but we are doing nothing about the unjust, environmentally harmful use of Scotland's land and brutal treatment of our wildlife.

Grouse shooting is based on tradition, power and inequality instead of the welfare of people and the environment.

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Lundavra pupils raise cash for butterfly flower bed

Karen Dean, on the left of the far right photo, and Cathy Day of Fort William Town Team accepted a cheque for £140.62 from Dylan MacMaster, Lucy MacCormick and Tanisha Sanger on behalf of their P1/2 classmates at Lundavra Primary School.

The money was raised at a community cafe organised by

the pupils and will be used to replant the butterfly-shaped flower bed on Lundavra Road, which is maintained by the school under guidance from the town team. Also pictured, right, are pupils of class six at Lundavra Primary School planting Begonias in the butterfly garden near the school.

Photographs: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos



If a puppy is found to be illegally imported, buyers may have to pay quarantine costs or have the dog put down.

Lochaber residents warned over illegal puppy sales

Lochaber and other Highland region residents have been warned to make sure when buying a puppy that they purchase their new pet from reputable sources, writes Mark Entwistle.

Concerns have been raised that people are illegally importing dogs from Europe to sell without the correct health checks or paperwork.

Highland Council's environmental health team is carrying out detailed investigation into a number of possible cases supported by Police Scotland and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

Councillor Allan Henderson, Caol and Mallaig, said it was concerning to note that illegal importation was occurring in the region.

'This criminal activity can lead to risks to animal welfare but also to human health.'

'I advise anyone buying a puppy to check the buyer and if possible see the puppy's mother,' he said. 'Please don't buy from someone you don't know in a supermarket car park.'

'A puppy can cost hundreds of pounds and unfortunately if found to be illegally im-

ported buyers may have to pay quarantine costs or have the dog put down.'

Alan Yates, environmental health manager, said his team had carried out two enforcement visits in the Easter Ross area last week to investigate cases of puppies being illegally imported.

'This followed concerns being raised by vets after inspecting puppies brought in for routine health checks by their new owners,' he said.

'Officers from environmental health led the visits supported by officers from Police Scotland and APHA.'

'At this stage I cannot comment further on the active investigation, but I encourage anyone considering buying a puppy to ensure it is coming from a reputable source.'

Asked if there had been any enforcement visits in Lochaber, Mr Yates said: 'We are not aware of any cases in Lochaber.'

'However, we know people will travel distances to buy a puppy and they may possibly encounter people making these illegal sales.'

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I've been to a few awards ceremonies in my time and have seen many a gong given to different people for different reasons. The criteria for any award and how the winners are chosen is always a complex mix of factors.

As well as the attributes of the entrants, there is usually a combination of panel selection, public vote and luck. The organising and implementation of such events is a thankless task as no matter who wins, there are multiple opinions giving often-valid reasons as to why a different result should have been reached. Occasionally however, there is little doubt the right winner has been chosen.

When Gordon Connell was named Music Tutor of the Year at the Trad Awards in 2010, there was resounding feeling that it went to the right nominee. Having received his tuition and witnessed his work over many years it was a proud moment when his name was called from the stage.

I felt a similar pride at the Fishing News Awards in Aberdeen last Thursday when Alasdair 'Steptoe' MacLean was named Shellfish Fisherman of the Year (static gear).

I wrote about Steptoe a few weeks ago regarding his nomination and received the following response from my friend Donald 'Copper Top' MacLeod from Barra who is far more qualified than I am

to comment on such things. There are few with a more comprehensive knowledge of the many facets of the fishing industry than Donald and from him, these words hold much power.

He wrote: 'Well said, Angus, I hope so too. The art is making the job a lifestyle that can also blend in with family and having a life, not just being centred on grossing and time at sea. The thing is that spending time at sea doesn't guarantee a good return, it's the honed ability to make annual, seasonal, monthly, weekly, weatherly, daily, hourly decisions that are invisible to most that makes a fisherman worthy of recognition of this award and Alasdair qualifies in all respects in my book and hopefully is recognised so. Good luck, Steptoe.'

The other highlight of the night for me was when John MacAlister of Oban with his boat Summer Rose received the award for New Boat of the Year (shellfish, mobile gear).

Few on the west coast have achieved anywhere near to what John has in the fishing industry and, like Steptoe, his name was a familiar part of my childhood as my father and uncle held him in similar high regard.

Both Steptoe and John held real hero status for me when growing up.

To share celebratory drams with both of them last Thursday was a genuine honour.

Progress as island takes to the skies

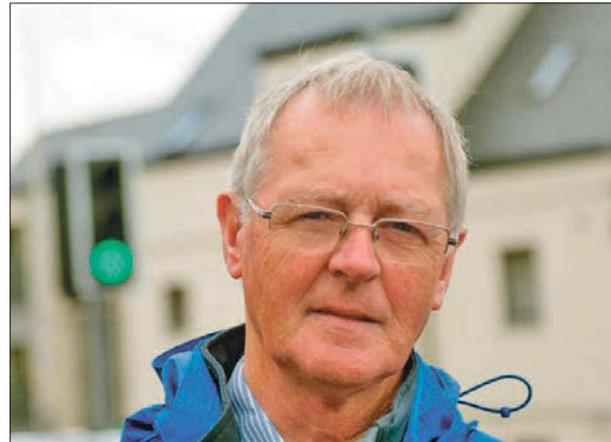
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The Isle of Skye looks set to reintroduce an air link to Glasgow after promising council and committee meetings.

Last Thursday (May 16) the Highland Council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee (EDI) met to discuss the prospect of reintroducing air services.

The committee has given the 'go ahead' for its chairman Allan Henderson to write to the transport secretary Michael Matheson MSP on behalf of the council, The Highlands and Island Transport Partnership (HITRANS) and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to seek his support for financial and technical support.

The committee also ap-



Councillor Allan Henderson.

proved a recommendation of £170,000 of funding to aid with licences and upgrading the airport.

Work undertaken in 2016 by independent consultants on behalf of the Skye Airport Working Group, promoted the case for reintroducing air

services between the island and the central belt. In 2018 further analysis was undertaken to find the best value option in the short term.

The cost of re-establishing the airlink has been estimated at between £1.53m to £1.77m. Now trials are to

be undertaken to see what demand there is for an air service between Skye and Glasgow. Mr Henderson said: 'It's time now for the Scottish Government to assist us in delivering a pilot service between Skye and Glasgow and I will be writing to the transport secretary asking for his support.'

HITRANS partnership director Ranald Robertson said that a trial service was a 'proportionate way for testing demand': 'Residents of Skye and Lochalsh have amongst the longest journey times to Glasgow and Edinburgh of any regional centre and this modest investment would enable Skye to capitalise on economic opportunities that it has missed out on as a result of the time it takes to get there and the inability to do a day return either to/from Skye.'

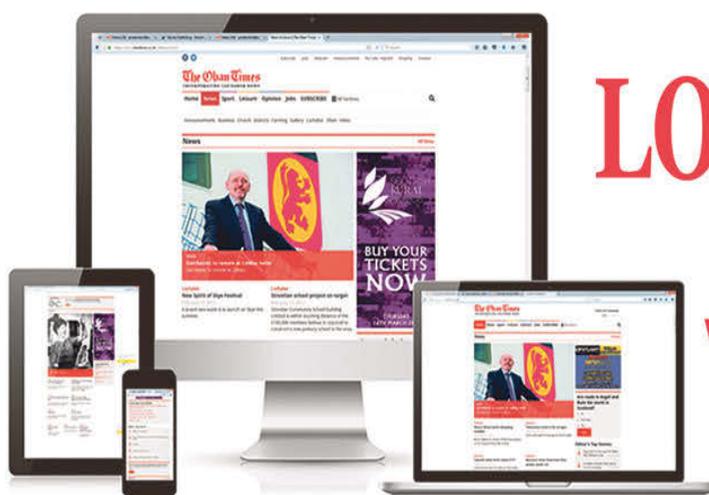
MSP voices concern over island airport dispute

Highland list MSP Donald Cameron, shadow cabinet secretary for the rural economy, has expressed grave concern about the effect of the HIAL airport dispute on the Western Isles economy, given that Benbecula and Stornoway airports will be

closed today (May 23), saying: 'I am becoming increasingly worried about the longer term effect of this dispute on businesses in the Western Isles. The impact on the day will cause inconvenience, but longer term the impact could prove corrosive to business

confidence. Those running businesses must be certain they and their employees can get where they need to go, and we simply cannot afford the islands' airport network to be affected in the long term, given that residents, visitors and businesses are all dependent

on reliable transport services in a way unlike very few other areas in the UK. I urge the SNP Government to step in and resolve this dispute once and for all, to protect the islands' economy, which is particularly vulnerable to this kind of disruption.'



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Team Eilidh goes distance in Barra teen's memory

by Neill Bo Finlayson
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More than 80 runners took to the streets of Manchester on Sunday in memory of Barra teenager Eilidh MacLeod.

The 14-year-old was a victim of the Manchester Arena attack on May 22, 2017.

Two years on from the tragic event, a team of runners, including some of Eilidh's friends and former bandmates from Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band, signed up to support the Eilidh MacLeod Memorial Trust.

This is the first significant fundraising activity under the banner of Eilidh's Trust since it was established in October last year.

Fifty runners donned the Team Eilidh running top in Manchester, while this weekend, May 25 and 26, will see 35 hitting the streets of the capital – including one person playing the bagpipes.

Runners are taking on a 5k, 10k or the half marathon, depending on their preference.

Money raised by the runners



Team Eilidh in their running tops in Manchester. Photograph: Simon Raeburn/Eilidh's Trust

will assist the trust in delivering its ambition to support young musicians, reflecting Eilidh's own love of music. It was created in her memory to provide a legacy in supporting other young people to follow in her musical footsteps.

She had started on her own musical journey, learning the bagpipes and growing in confidence as a performer with the Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band, which drew young pipers from across the Uists and

Barra, something she loved being part of.

Eilidh's Trust founder Suzanne White – who is running in both cities – is delighted with the response from supporters.

She said ahead of the Manchester run: 'To have more than 80 people running for the trust is way beyond what we expected. We have people of all running abilities taking part and we are so grateful for their commitment

to training and raising money for the trust.'

Katie MacDonald from Barra, who played the pipes alongside Eilidh, is running the Edinburgh 10k in memory of her friend. She said: 'I can't believe it's two years since we lost Eilidh so tragically, but running in her memory and raising money for her legacy is really important to me, which is why I jumped at the chance of running the Edinburgh 10k.'

Health secretary en route to Skye to meet Portree Hospital campaigners

Next week the Scottish Government's health secretary will visit Skye at the invitation of constituency MSP Kate Forbes.

On Monday May 27 Jeane Freeman MSP is expected to meet with healthcare campaigners, as well as patients and staff at Portree Hospital, Broadford Hospital and Lochalsh Healthcare Centre.

The visit to Portree Hospital is particularly significant, following Sir Lewis Ritchie's review on healthcare provision, which stated that the hospital in Skye's biggest population centre must remain open.

Ms Forbes commented: 'As part of my efforts to support hardworking local cam-

paginers, last year I invited the health secretary to come to Skye to meet with them and I am delighted that she is due to visit next week.

'Since her appointment, I've had a number of encouraging conversations with Jeane Freeman about ensuring excellent healthcare is delivered locally in Skye, Raasay and Lochalsh.

'I know that she will be keen to see progress on the Ritchie Report and hear directly from people about their experiences.

'I love welcoming Scottish Government ministers to my constituency and this latest visits follows hot on the heels of other ministerial visits to Skye.'

Island fuel poverty changes

The Scottish Government aims to take fuel poverty to less than five per cent within the next 20 years after changing the definition of fuel poverty for the islands.

Alterations to the Fuel Poverty Bill will see fuel poverty in island homes being defined as fuel costing more than 10 per cent of household income, and other household net income must be insufficient to qualify.

Island local authorities will receive £9.6million this

year to help improve home energy efficiency.

Housing minister Kevin Stewart has said that the new additions to the bill will better target funding for those 'who need it most'.

The bill seeks to lower fuel poverty to less than five per cent in households and extreme fuel poverty to less than one per cent by 2040.

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Fairtrade award is a significant one for Fort William

The Fairtrade movement has been growing steadily, with an increasing number of people opting to buy products which bear the campaign's logo.

It is to the great credit of the team behind the Fort William Fairtrade Town Campaign that the town has now been awarded Fairtrade status for its commitment to ethical trading principles, following a year-long campaign involving promotions to consumers, businesses and community groups in the area.

The Fairtrade movement may have begun with a focus on farmers and food from developing countries now embraces all manner of products.

It is particularly heartening that so many of our schoolchildren have embraced this social justice movement, a point emphasised by Sasha McKinlay, spokesperson for the Fort William Fairtrade Town campaign.

The granting of Fairtrade status for Fort William is an important development and one for which those behind the campaign deserve our gratitude.

Eilidh trust is a fitting legacy to Barra girl

The dreadful attack which occurred in Manchester in May 2017 sent shockwaves through our communities when we learned that it had claimed the life of Eilidh MacLeod from Barra.

A charitable trust was established in October last year to support young musicians, reflecting Eilidh's own love of music, and it is being given a major boost by supporters running in events in Manchester last week and Edinburgh this weekend.

The Eilidh MacLeod Memorial Trust is a fitting legacy to a much-missed girl.

Skye air service would offer benefits to everyone

The Sleat Community Council was dismayed to read the letter from Joanne Matheson of Acharacle Community Council ('Airport on Skye would damage the environment', The Oban Times, May 9) concerning the proposals by Highland Council, HITRANS and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to consider the resumption of air services to and from Skye.

It is disturbing that Ms Matheson seemingly bases her opinions on information seen on social media where she states 'that this proposal is for an airport that the majority of people don't appear to want'.

We would strongly challenge Ms Matheson's assumption and suggest that she provides factual evidence of her assertion. She clearly does not wish to consider the potential benefits for the island and its communities, including enhanced transport connectivity, business development, economic growth, employment and recruitment opportunities, improved links for medical travel, together with offering visitors an additional choice of travel options.

If she is basing that statement on information that she reads on social media, then she is very much misguided.

We would further question the Acharacle Community Council's right to object to the granting of further interim funding for the ongoing study without knowing the full requirements for the introduction of a trial service which are still being assessed particularly with the backdrop of the current financial climate.

Businesses, organisations and residents on Skye and its neighbouring areas should be assured that there will be an open and transparent consultation at the appropriate time, including public meetings, if indeed the proposal is progressed further.

This will allow those with an interest to hear the full facts of such a trial from the public agencies responsible.

Roddy Murray, chairman, and Rob Ware, secretary, Sleat Community Council.

Grateful thanks for help following serious illness

Following a most enjoyable holiday aboard the Glen Massan, part of the Majestic Line, my

YOUR PICTURES



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husband David had a stroke at the Columba Hotel in Oban. He was admitted to Lorn and Islands Hospital.

I would like to thank all the people who helped me during my stay, including the Columba Hotel which found me a bed; Julie's Cafe which kept me going with smashing soups; the bus drivers, who were most cour-

teous; and the laundry, which kept us clean. Everybody was most friendly and helpful.

After three weeks, David was moved to nearer home, where he is continuing to improve. Thank you to all the hospital staff for the care and treatment he received.

Jean Williams,
Tregynon, Newtown, Powys, Wales.

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FORT WILLIAM

There is a rare opportunity to hear a top American university choir when it visits Fort William to give a concert later this month.

The University of Mount Union Choir from Ohio, under its director Dr Grant William Cook III, will be including a concert at Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church on a Scottish tour.

The concert will take place on Tuesday May 28, at 7.30pm.

The choir, which has been in existence for more than 120 years, performs a mixture of classical and popular music.

Parish minister the Reverend Richard Baxter said: 'We are looking forward to welcoming Mount Union University choir for what should be a great musical evening.'

'The varied programme should appeal to a wide range of music lovers. The church is a great venue for performances like this, and I'm looking forward to the choir filling Duncansburgh MacIntosh with their singing.'

University of Mount Union Choir, from Alliance, in Ohio, is among the oldest collegiate choirs in the United States, tracing its roots to 1896.

Admission to the concert in Fort William is free.

However, a collection will be taken for the High and Dry Fund which aims to meet some of the costs of work on the church tower, improving the fabric of the building to keep it in good condition for the whole community.

LOCH EIL

Motorists using the A830 at Loch Eil Station are set to benefit from £185,000 of improvements to the road surface, which started on Monday.

The work, thanks to investment by Transport Scotland, is scheduled to take two weeks to complete and works will take place between 7am and 7pm each day, with the exception of weekends.

Fort pupils wave flag for animal charity

Among the various stands and presentations at this month's Conscious Living Fair in Fort William was one promoting leading Scottish animal campaigns charity, One Kind.

It was hosted by Lochaber High School pupils, Holly Gillibrand, left, and Lily Bloom, in order to raise awareness of the organisation's mountain hare campaign.

OneKind commented: 'They collected tons of new signatures for the petition, fund-raised and taught loads of new people about OneKind.'

'With such a small office team, our volunteers are so important to our work and we can't thank these two enough for dedicating their time to our cause.'

Lochaber High School pupils Holly Gillibrand, left, and Lily Bloom, with their stall promoting Scottish animal campaigns charity OneKind at this month's Conscious Living Fair in Fort William.

Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos



Former Lochaber of this world care

A former Lochaber High School graduate is enjoying life in California as a top NASA computer scientist.

Dr Ewen Denney, son of Rayma and Billy Denney, has been at the cutting edge of NASA aerospace computer science research since leaving his hometown Fort William.

Dr Denney is a technical area liaison for the Robust Software Engineering Group (RSEG) of the Intelligent Systems Division at the NASA Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California.

He also works as senior computer scientist an aerospace services contractor Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies (SGT), which works with NASA.

The current focus of his work at NASA is transitioning assurance case technology to the US aerospace industry.

He is also principal investigator on a project that aims to extend and apply these techniques to autonomous systems based on artificial intelligence.

After leaving Lochaber High, Dr Denney completed his first class bachelors at Glasgow University, a masters with distinction at Imperial College London and then his Phd at Edinburgh University.

He has penned numerous

To ensure the safety of road workers and motorists, there will be 10mph convoy system in place during the works. All traffic management will be lifted outwith working hours, however, a 30mph temporary speed limit will remain in place.

ACHARACLE

Acharacle Community Council holds its AGM last week. Attendees were David Ogg,

chairwoman Joanne Matheson, Andrew Colville, Adrienne Swan, David John Cameron (co-opted councillor), Angie Campbell (Police Scotland), Ian Ramon (Highland councillor), David Kirkham (Sunart Telecom.Scot) and Andrew Green.

■ Treasurer's report: It was a good year, supporting many projects and honouring commitments from previous years while in abeyance.

The year started with a balance of

£4,291, had income of £835, total expenditure of £2,488, so ending the financial year with £2,638.

■ David Ogg gave the annual chairman's report, covering April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. During this reporting period, ACC was involved in such community matters as identifying and commenting on planning applications; making representation to the Highland Council in respect of road and other community service matters; leading discussion on

the Dail Mhor Care Home project; publicising local policing issues and monitoring Highland Council work in the community; fielded numerous surveys and questionnaires from Highland Council in matters such as the Corran ferry and local democracy. ACC also supported Sunart Telecom in its work to bring fast broadband to areas unlikely to be served well by BT Openreach. It monitored changes in the provision of healthcare in the community,

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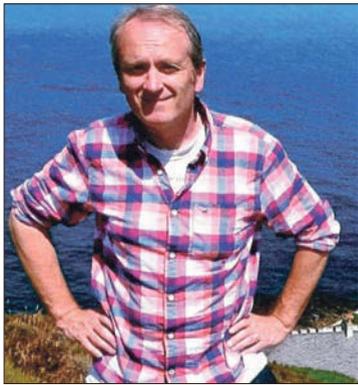


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... pupil has out ... er with NASA



NASA computer scientist Dr Ewen Denney on a recent trip to visit his parents Rayma and Billy Denney in Lochaber.

publications and chaired several international conferences.

In particular, he was the founding co-chair of the NASA Formal Methods Symposium in 2009.

Dr Denney has now been specially selected, out of 15,000 people, by his company SGT to meet with NASA dignitaries this month, something which he said was a real honour.

Currently he lives in San Jose, California, with his wife and two children.

His parents Rayma and Billy live in Sutherland Avenue, Fort William.

maintaining links with the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust, and worked with and maintained strong links with the Acharacle Community Company and has been represented on a project group to provide a playground in the village.

■ Election of Office Bearers:

Joanne Matheson: chairwoman; David Ogg, secretary; Andrew Colville, treasurer; Adrienne Swan, minute secretary. Co-opted members remain unchanged.

Archaeologist reflects on 'excellent' Glencoe dig

Archaeologists are celebrating this week following a successful excavation at the site of the Glencoe Massacre, writes Lewis Robertson.

The NTS began excavating Achtriachtan last week, one of the seven sites where the Glencoe Massacre of 1692 took place, with head of archaeology for the National Trust for Scotland Derek Alexander on site throughout.

Speaking to the Lochaber Times, Mr Alexander described the week as 'a very productive experience' and the involvement with the public was 'excellent', adding that the dig was 'important on many levels' and that it helped to add to their understanding of the people who lived in Glencoe during that period.

He said: 'We know that, apart from one unfortunate and elderly individual, the people from Achtriachtan escaped the Government troops. Our finds and recordings will be used to shape future interpretation.'

The dig attracted people from



The dig at Achtriachtan, Glencoe, attracted people from around the UK and some even travelled from France. Photograph: National Trust for Scotland

around the UK, with some even travelling from France.

Mr Alexander continued: 'The engagement we have in events like this, where we can involve people directly in the dig and hopefully

spark a passion for learning more about Scotland's story in them - we can't put a price on these.'

When discussing the possibility of excavating more of these sites in the future, Mr Alexander explained that the trust owned a house at Inverigan and that it would 'probably undertake some survey and investigation at Achnacon in the future'.

There are six more sites in Glencoe that have been left untouched. Achtriachtan is expected to be further excavated later on this year.



Fort Conscious Living Fair to return in 2020

Such was the success of this year's inaugural Conscious Living Fair in Fort William earlier this month, that organisers intend to repeat the whole thing again next year.

Held on World Fair Trade Day in the town's Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church hall, the event featured workshops focusing on mindfulness, healthy and sustainable eating, mending clothes and much more. There was also live music and a variety of retail stalls.

Organiser Sasha McKinlay, of The Emporium of Worldly Goods in the town, commented: 'It went very well, with something like 200 to 300 people visiting during the day.'

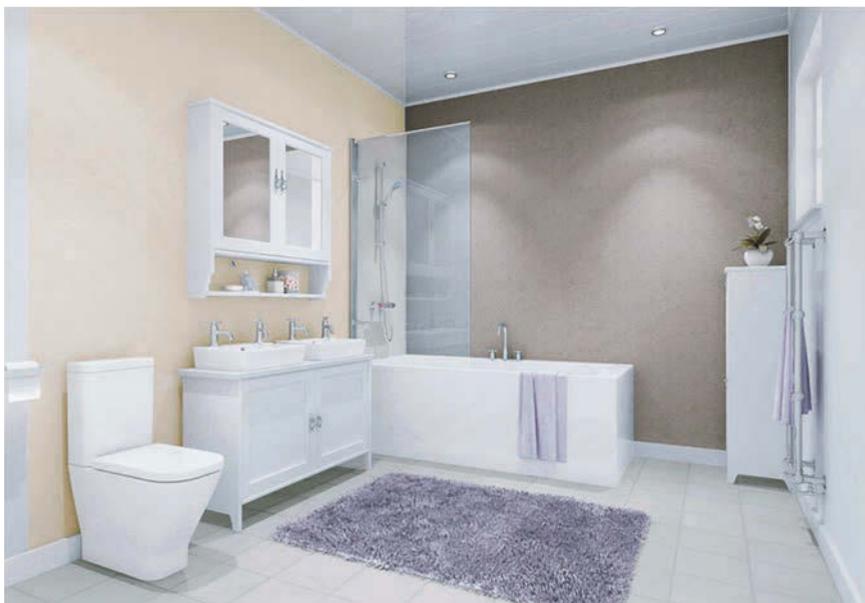
'The feedback has been excellent and we look forward to running it on World Fair Trade Day again next year.'

'A big thanks to all the vendors and musicians who travelled to be with us, and to the generous fair trade and ethical businesses who donated samples of their products.'



Plant-based chef Liz MacMaster attracted a large audience, all ready to dig in for a taste at the fair.

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Young surveyors are on the rise

Young surveyors are on the rise, as more female surveyors are being recognised for their talent.

As reports of skills shortages in the construction industry continue, new research by RICS reveals that young people are seeing the opportunity and benefits of a career in construction, with a 30 per cent increase in the number of 18-30-year-olds qualifying as surveyors. To add to this, RICS also reported an increase in young professional women entering its 'Young Surveyor of the Year Awards', despite less than 14 per cent of UK surveyors being female.

Over the last six years, the number of young people, aged 18-30, qualifying as Chartered Surveyors or Associate Surveyors

has steadily increased each year. In 2013, 1,125 18-30-year-olds qualified and in 2018, just under 1,520 young people of the same age group entered the surveying profession. This increase in more young talent pursuing careers in surveying is much-needed in an industry that lacks a diverse workforce, and where the average age of a surveyor is 55.

To help raise awareness of surveying as a career for diverse young talent from all backgrounds and celebrate the achievements of the UK's most inspiring young surveyors, RICS established its flagship RICS Matrics Young Surveyor of the Year Awards (YSOYA) in 2014 for those aged 35 or under.

The number of female surveyors entering the YSOYA has grown since their launch, with

43 females entering last year – of which 29 were shortlisted – compared with 30 female entries in 2014 of which 14 made the shortlist. The overall UK Young Surveyor of the Year, 2018 title also went to a female – Laura Collins, a quantity surveyor and associate at

Rider Levett Bucknall. It's important to note that the names of nominees along with their firm, gender and region, are removed from the entry forms before YSOYA judges assess them, ensuring the panel are completely unbiased in their choice of winners.

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Balloted pairs at Inverlochty

Twenty-eight competitors took part in the LBS balloted pairs competition at Fort William Railway Bowling Green, Inverlochty, earlier this month. The winners, above left to right, are Kevin Fraser and Colin MacDonald, with runners up Bill Clark and Eddie Downs. Photo: Anthony MacMillan Photography.

10-PIN BOWLING

Singles' league results

After week seven of the ten-pin bowling singles' leagues at The Nevis Centre in Fort William, it is still close at the top of the scratch division where Brian Johnstone and Pam Weller lead with 114 points followed by Gary Cowan in third place with 112 points. The handicap league is also close with new leader Steve Day on 98 points closely followed by Gary Cowan on 97 points with Tommy McKnight in third place on 93 points.

Brian Johnstone now leads the chase for the Nevis Radio High Pin Trophy with 3,188 pins followed by Gary Cowan with 3,114 pins and Pam Weller in third place with 3,103 pins.

However, there are only two weeks to go and positions may change after the final week's games when all players will have to drop their worst week in all three competitions so that only their best eight out of nine weeks will count in the final table.

There were a lot of good individual scratch games this week with the best being a 188 from Steve Day. Also this week Iain Gregor had games of 185 and 174, Brian Johnstone had games of 180, 179 and 173, Pam Weller and Tommy McKnight had games of 179, Gary Cowan had a 174 and Nick Richardson had a 171. Brian Johnstone had the best three-game scratch series this week with 532 giving him this week's maximum of 20 scratch points followed by Iain Gregor with 491 and Pam Weller with 472. Steve Day had the top handicap game this week with 241 followed by Tommy McKnight with 235. Iain Gregor and Nick Richardson both had 231. Brian Johnstone gained the maximum 20 handicap points this week with a three-game handicap series of 649 followed by Iain Gregor with 629 and Steve Day 613.

LOTTERY

Lochaber lottery numbers

Fort William Golf Club's lotto numbers last week were 3, 6 and 10. There was no winner this week. The prize for the draw today, Thursday May 23, will be £400.

Ballachulish Shinty Club's lottery numbers last week were 3, 11 and 17. There was no winner. The prize for next week's jackpot will be £400.

Caol Community Centre bingo club's lotto numbers were 13, 15 and 20. There were no winners this week. Next week's jackpot will be £600.

The numbers in the Caol Regeneration Lotto this week were 2, 7 and 15. There was no winner this week. Next week's draw has a prize of £300.



All the winners of Fort William Table Tennis Club's annual awards ceremony, which took place on Saturday night.

Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.

Table tennis club holds awards night

Fort William Table Tennis Club held its annual awards ceremony in the Nevis Centre last weekend, with a good attendance of members.

The club recorded a good attendance at its regular sessions through the year, which was brought to a close by a successful tournament with the Inverness Club last month.

Award winners were presented with their trophies by Joe Robson, whose father (of

the same name) was one of the early members of the original club which was formed in the games hall of the former high school on Achintore Road in the 1960s.

Award winners: League Division 1, winner: Monte Bleasdale, runner-up: John Grant.

League Division 2, winner: Simon Jeffrey, runner-up: Jim Hinchley.

Cup winners: Open Singles Champion: Monte Bleasdale,

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runner-up: Julie Magen.

Doubles Cup: Neil Cameron and John Grant, runners-up: Angus MacDonald and Harry Williamson.

Singles Handicap Cup: Angus MacDonald, runner-up: Julie Magen.

Most Improved Player: Alin Popu, who was also presented with the Joe Robson Memorial Shield.



Alin Popu is presented with the Joe Robson Memorial Shield for Most Improved Player of the Year.

Ladies win Macdonald balloted pairs



BOWLS

Colin Macdonald, second left, a keen bowler, who sponsored the Colin Macdonald balloted pairs a fortnight ago at Fort William Railway Bowling Club in Inverlochty. The ladies took first place, left to right, Liz Kennedy and Julie Fraser, with runners-up Robert Hunter and Wilson Thain.

Photo: Liz French.

Results from Fort William Golf Club play

On Tuesday May 7 a 12-hole stroke-play competition was played with the following result: 1 Neil Henderson, net 42 (50-8) (BIH); 2 Jamie MacLean, net 42 (56-14); 3 Norman MacInnes, net 45 (56-11).

On Saturday May 11 the May Medal was played with the following result: Section 1 - 1 David MacPherson, net 68 (75-7) BIH; 2 Alistair Kennedy, net 68 (77-9); 3 Paul Campbell, net 69 (75-6). Section 2 - 1 Frank Sweeney, net 69 (87-18); 2 Brian O'Neill, net 74 (90-16); 3 Sinclair Gunn, net 77 (95-18).

On Sunday May 12 the Senior May

Medal was played with the following result: 1 Neil Henderson, net 65 (77-12); 2 David Matheson, net 67 (71-4); 3 Henry MacDonald, net 68 (81-13).

On Tuesday May 14 a 12-hole Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 Alan Ritchie, 27 points (BIH); 2 Jason Wallace, 27 points (BIH); 3 Frank Sweeney, 27 points.

On Saturday May 18 the Wolverton Trophy was played with the following result: 1 John Byrne, net 63 (81 - 18); 2 Peter Stewart, net 68 (80 - 12); 3 Henry MacDonald, net 68 (81 - 13).

Ladies: On Tuesday May 7 a 12-hole

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Par competition was played with the following result: 1 Ann Lovatt, one down; 2 Kathleen Leitch, three down; 3 Helen Brian, four down.

On Sunday May 12 the May Medal was played with the following result: 1 Rosemary Macintyre, net 73 (85-12); 2 Ann Lovatt, net 82 (108-26).

On Tuesday May 14 a Medal and Eclectic was played with the following result: 1 Kathleen Leitch, net 67 (85-18); 2 Ann Lovatt, net 74 (100-26); 3 Hazel Cameron, net 76 (94-18).

Sailing the solings at Lochaber Yacht Club

Teams from as far afield as France and Australia came to Fort William last weekend as Lochaber Yacht Club hosted the National Soling Championship sailing event.

This year it was the turn of the Loch Linnhe-side club to host the national championship races in these one-design fast sailing boats.

The winner this year was Gary Richardson from Darwin, Australia, who keeps his Soling at Fleetwood, sail number 155. In second was Solaris, sail number 161, sailed by local Jon Gay and

his team and in third was Running Bear, Sail number 169 crewed by the LYC commodore Hamish Loudon and his team.

The Soling sailing boat is a three-man sailing boat and a veteran of the Olympics back in the '70s, the oldest of the boats on show on Saturday being 50 years old.

Three of the first four places went to locals showing that Fort William is in the front line for racing these majestic veterans of the racing world, Garry Richardson, was most complimentary about



The winning soling team.

the club and the wonderful relaxed atmosphere that is so different from some of the more stuffy clubs involved in competitive sailing.

Each week the club race and teach people how to sail in a safe environment.

Commodore Hamish Loudon has always put safety first in this exciting sport. He welcomes anyone that would like to learn to sail for fun or competitively to go to the club house on Thursday night and talk about the joys of sailing.

The club said: 'Well done to

SAILING

everyone involved, the competitors for the great sailing, the volunteers onshore and on the safety boats, the committee boat and crew and last but not least the galley team who kept everyone fed and watered all weekend.

'It was a fantastic event enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the visitors who made the long journeys from within the UK, France and Australia. We hope to see you all again at Rutland next year.'



Soling teams jostle for position in a close fought race.

Glencoe club pushes the boat out

Glencoe Boat Club pushed the boat out last weekend as it opened its doors to newcomers to try their hand at sailing.

As part of the RYA's Push the Boat Out campaign, the Lochaber club gave people the opportunity to get out on the water, from powerboats and sailboats to kayaks and skiffs, while there were stalls and a BBQ on the shore.

On Saturday, iPowerboat ran powerboat taster sessions and Glencoe Outdoor Centre offered dinghy sailing and kayaks along with paddleboarding sessions.

The next day consisted of fast seafari tours with SeaXplorer and keelboat sailing trips in Loch Leven and Oban. The powerboat challenge also returned this year due to popular demand.

The Lochaline skiff rowing boat was on the water on Sunday and there was also a public showcase for the new skiff.



Members of Glencoe Boat Club opened their doors and slipways to all comers, as part of the Royal Yachting Association 'Push Out the Boat' weekend.

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Max MacLean, centre, of Glencoe Boat Club pushed himself in the frame with Isla and Ewan Rose as they prepare to take control of a training speed boat.





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Weekend Outlook

Saturday

Light cloud and a gentle breeze

Sunday

Light rain and a moderate breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 13°C.



FRIDAY

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday May 16, 2019 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

	02.30	1.2	08.05	3.4
Thur	14.47	1.3	20.32	3.5
Fri	03.13	1.4	08.44	3.2
	15.31	1.5	21.15	3.3
Sat	04.02	1.7	09.29	2.9
	16.22	1.6	22.08	3.1
Sun	04.58	1.8	10.28	2.8
	17.19	1.8	23.20	3.0
Mon	06.03	1.9	12.04	2.7
	18.22	1.8	** **	**
Tues	01.00	3.0	07.17	1.9
	13.48	2.8	19.31	1.8
Wed	02.13	3.1	08.24	1.7
	14.38	3.0	20.34	1.7

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Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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Table tennis club holds awards night

Sailing the solings at Lochaber Yacht Club

Hometown hero sets sights on World Cup

by Lewis Robertson

From getting her first mountain bike in 2015 to sharing a podium with the world's best riders last week, Fort William downhill mountain biker Mikayla Parton has had a meteoric rise in the last four years.

And the 22-year-old Lochaber prodigy has no plans to slow down, having set her sights on the next challenge: the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Fort William, which begins next week.

The Nevis Range team rider caught the attention of the downhill mountain biking world when, after only three years of competitively racing, she stormed to a fifth place finish in the elite category at the recent UK National Downhill Series race in her hometown. Her impressive race run saw Parton finish just four places behind defending Downhill World



Mikayla Parton.

Champion Rachel Atherton.

'I think seeing my name on the entry next to the likes of Rachel Atherton is still quite funny, so being on the same podium last weekend at the Fort William nationals was pretty surreal,' Parton told the Lochaber Times.

At the end of 2018 Parton made the step up to the elite category to race at international level and in her first competitive international appearance in the Portugal Cup in March, Parton grabbed a fifth place podium finish. This set her up nicely for her World Cup debut in Slovenia in April.

Now, as the Nevis Range stage gets set to welcome the world's best downhill riders next week, Parton can't wait to make her home World Cup debut.

'I'm super excited about it,' she continued. 'I love a home race, although there is definitely more pressure since it's my local, I also have my family and good friends around me which is always nice even if it's just to have someone to chat to.'

'I really enjoy the track at Nevis Range, I think it has a bit of everything from rocks, mud, jumps and fast sections so there should be a bit of everyone's favourite riding there. From visiting the World Cup the last few years, it's always got such a great atmosphere; I'm excited and nervous to be on the other side of the tape this time.'

Parton emphasised the



Mikayla Parton claimed a fifth-place podium finish at the UK national championships at Nevis Range on May 12. Photo: Rae McKenzie Photography.

importance for her to have backing from her sponsor Nevis Range, which she said was 'like a family' to her.

'Nevis Range has been extremely helpful to me over the last year of being sponsored by it.'

'I really couldn't have done

what I did last season without its support and my Trek bikes.'

Nevis Range's marketing manager Nikki Stafford said that Mikayla had done 'amazingly' in the short space of time she had been riding.

She added: 'She has a

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racer's head and she just has the talent.' Parton will now be looking to carry her good form into the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William this year which takes place on June 1 and 2.

Jags another step closer to promotion

Strathclyde Uni	0
South Lochaber Thistle	5
GGPL Division Two	

A hat-trick from man-of-the-match Martin Munro helped South Lochaber Thistle secure a vital win in their promotion campaign.

Goals from Andrew McLean and Sean Noble made it a comfortable win away to Strathclyde. Adding to their 4-0 midweek win against Glasgow University last Wednesday, SLT now sit top of the league with just three matches to play.

The Jags were due to travel to play Jordanhill on Tuesday night after the Lochaber Times went to print.

Mallaig crash out of Highland Amateur Cup

Mallaig	2
Balloan Compass	4
Highland Amateur Cup	

Mallaig were left disappointed on Saturday as they crashed out of the Highland Amateur Cup in the first round.

After beating Tomatin in the preliminary round of the cup, hopes were high that Mallaig could use their home advantage to cause an upset against Balloan of the Inverness and District Football Association.

However, goals from David Currie and Ross Douglas were not enough for Mallaig as they were beaten 4-2 in the end.



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