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Stay vigilant warns police

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Oban police are urging people to be vigilant as the threat of scammers becomes 'painfully obvious'.

Oban Community Council this week heard scammers were one of the area's biggest crime problems with tricksters preying on unsuspecting people through telephone lines and computers.

PC Jeremy Moore told community council members on Monday that the worry was not break-ins through doors and windows anymore, but security intrusions through phones and online.

He said the issue had become 'painfully obvious' and told how he had recently been called by a 'highly educated man' on T3 who had lost £1,600 from a bogus call.

The man thought he was paying £9 to fix a potential computer problem but just half an hour later when he rang his bank, he discovered £1,600 was missing from his account. 'Every day there's a different

one. It's a dreadful thing, it's horrible,' PC Moore said.

He also told how a different man had been just 'one click' away from losing £80,000.

PC Moore added: 'Thankfully banks are good but you have to work with them and look after yourself.'

The meeting also heard about one woman who nearly had £300,000 swiped from her account in another scam attempt. The money had been in her bank to buy a house. Luckily the dodgy transaction roused suspicions at the bank and was also stopped in time.

Emails

Emails are also another threat to watch out for. In another con locally, a builder's email asking for payment informed the householder he had changed his bank account details. A significant amount of money was lost. It turned out the email address was just one character different from the genuine builder's address.

Last year The Oban Times reported a spate of fake bank calls targeting people on Mull. More than 10 people across

the island lost money totalling thousands of pounds after receiving calls from scammers pretending to be from the Clydesdale Bank's own fraud squad.

Oban duty sergeant Graeme Greenlaw told The Oban Times: 'Scamming is not isolated to Argyll but it is a problem and people must be on their guard against it. I don't know if people here are maybe more trusting or just less aware of the risks and consequences.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'The methods used by scammers are becoming more sophisticated, making it more important than ever to be wary of unsolicited calls, emails and post. If something doesn't sound quite right, trust your instinct. Never provide any personal information or bank details, and report anything suspicious to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 1646000.'

Police Scotland will be bringing an awareness road show to Oban's Station Square on Monday June 17 from 10am to 4pm.

Do you believe in fairies?



It is magic! Fairies, superheroes and even a dragon have been spotted in Oban. Youngsters from Rockfield Nursery and Sgoil-Araich dressed up as their favourite fairyland and make-believe characters on Friday for a sponsored walk raising money for their outdoor learning space. Turn to page seven for more. 16_t22_fairies01

Oban supply to change due to 'earthy water'

Scottish Water has apologised after residents in the Oban area complained of 'earthy and musty' tasting water.

The issue was highlighted on social media last Thursday (May 23).

Following an investigation, a spokesperson for Scottish Water said on Tuesday: '[We] have concluded it has been caused by the source

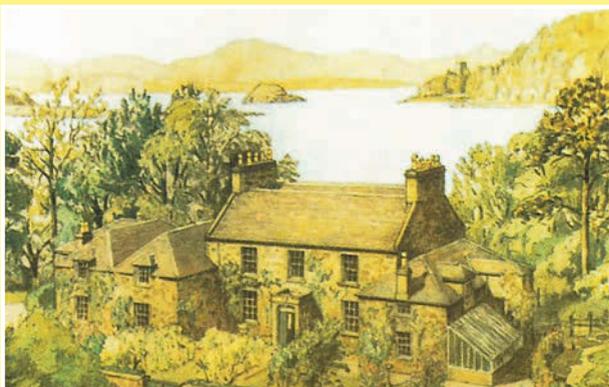
water supply at Loch Gleann A'Bhearridh.'

There are high levels of geosim in the loch, which is an organic compound that has a 'distinct earthy flavour and aroma'. Scottish Water said it was naturally occurring and harmless.

A spokesperson added: 'We are working with the Scottish Environment Protection

Agency (SEPA) to switch the source of supply from Loch Gleann A'Bhearridh to Loch Nell to resolve the issue.

'Any customers still affected while we are changing the source of supply can be assured that the water can be used as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank affected customers for their patience.'



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Independence rally given green light

Councillors have approved an independence march in Oban next month despite an attempt to stop it, writes Kathie Griffiths.

Between 1,700 and 2,000 people are expected in the town on Saturday June 15 to take part in the procession, now leaving from the Longsdale car park at 2.30pm.

The march will pass through Breadlebane Street before joining George Street and ending up at Mossfield stadium for a rally.

Originally the council had planned to shut the car parks at the Corran Halls for protesters to be dropped off by buses and gather before marching through the town centre.

There were concerns expressed by police, Argyll and Bute Council officials and some councillors at a civic hearing on Monday that the event could cause a lot of disruption to townspeople going about their everyday business, to people trying to catch ferries and to emergency services.

And there were 'high risk' worries that the march could cause traffic tailbacks into the national speed limit zone and would need a rolling roadblock put in place.

There was also discussion about the march reverting to its original time of 11.30am to try and ease congestion, but organisers insisted people needed time to travel to Oban.

Councillors were reminded by march supporters

that Oban already coped well with 4,000 people for the Argyllshire Gathering, 4,000 daily during Oban Live, and even a parade in the dark for the Winter Festival that includes Santa, a sleigh and reindeer.

If Councillor Alistair Redman's attempt to get the event rejected had been successful, Argyll and Bute would have been the first local authority to do so, which would have been 'embarrassing' said march supporter Campbell Cameron.

It was Oban councillor Roddy McCuish who suggested Longsdale car park be used as an alternative muster point, freeing up the car park at Corran Halls. He also came up with the alternative march route to cause less disruption.

His motion was passed by four out of six councillors. Councillor George Freeman seconded Councillor Redman's proposal.

Similar All Under One Banner marches, likened to a family festival of fun' have already been held in Dumfries, Dundee, Inverness and Edinburgh.

Oban police inspector Mark Stephen told the hearing an appropriate policing plan would be put in place.

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Island adventure for Tuk Tuk James

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Think Bear Gryll's on a tuk tuk and, with a wee stretch of the imagination you would be close to visualising James Warren.

Granted the Marks and Spencer's shunter from the East Midlands may not host dinner parties at high altitude or paramotor over the Himalayas, but, his exploits are worthy of noting in these columns just the same.

The 54-year-old adventurer headed north to Barra last Thursday, having started his eight-day tuk tuk challenge in Glencoe the previous day.

The Oban Times caught up with the intrepid motorist before he boarded The Clansman in Oban, for the first leg on the Hebridean way.

'Yes, I am probably a bit bonkers but I just enjoy getting out and about and making people smile at the same time,' said James.

Over the last five years James has had a number of



James before boarding the ferry in last week Oban.

adventures on his bicycle. Bike packing from Turin to Nice, wild camping at 2,000 metres in the Alps and a self-supported trip from Land's End to John O' Groats.

The tuk tuk came from a friend who imported it after a holiday to India. It is a Bajaj 173cc, one cylinder, four stroke mean machine with six horse power.

After being in the country

for four years it had travelled 500km. In the last six months, James, now known as Tuk Tuk James, has used it to travel 6,000km and counting.

'I go to work in it, the allotment, shopping, etc,' he added. 'I love camping, riding my bicycle (which is usually strapped to the roof of the tuk tuk) and seeing just how far this six-horse power, 25 mph speedster can go.'

'It's a tough little machine. Not much can go wrong and if it does it's easy to fix...hopefully. It does go up to 30mph at full throttle, but I prefer to go at 25 in the interest of fuel preservation.'

The Hebridean way is a 185-mile cycle route from Vatersay to Harris.

'I thought if I tuk tuked for 40 miles and then explored for two or three hours on my bike the perfect tour of the outer Hebrides might be achieved,' James explained.

After spending a few nights on Skye with wife Lorraine, James arrived at Castlebay on Thursday, intending to wild camp on the beach on Vatersay before heading to Barra the following day.

From there he took the ferry to South Uist, travelling to Benbecula, North Uist, Harris and Lewis. A ferry to Ullapool then led to a journey through Applecross before returning to Glencoe this week.

Find out more about James's journey at www.facebook.com/onelifeliveitinatuktuk

Police name biker who died in crash

Police have named the motorcyclist who died in a crash on the A85 near Achnaolich bridge.

Tristan Horswell, 29, was from Devon and on a motorcycling holiday when when he was in a collision with a lorry at 6.40pm on Thursday

May 23, between Connel and Taynult.

Emergency services attended and the road was closed for several hours.

A police spokesperson said enquiries are still ongoing to establish the circumstances of the crash.

Nancy Glen criminal investigation dropped

A criminal investigation, launched after the sinking of a Tarbert fishing boat last year, has been dropped, writes Colin Cameron.

The Nancy Glen capsized and later sank in Loch Fyne on the evening of January 18, 2018, with the loss of 46-year-old skipper Duncan MacDougall and crewman Przemek Krawczyk, aged 38.

A third crew member survived after being pulled from the water by a passing workboat.

With Scottish Government assistance, the 40-foot vessel was raised from a depth of more than 140 metres in April 2018, when the bodies of the missing men were recovered.

Within days of the men being laid to rest it was announced, in May 2018, that the procurator fiscal had instructed Police Scotland to investigate the circumstances around the deaths of Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk.

A Crown Office spokesman said: 'On January 18, 2018, the trawler Nancy Glen

sank in Loch Fyne resulting in the deaths of Duncan MacDougall and Przemek Krawczyk.

'Having carefully considered all the circumstances of this tragic incident, Crown Counsel has concluded, based on the available evidence, that there will be no criminal proceedings brought as a result of the deaths. As both men died in the course of their employment, a mandatory Fatal Accident Inquiry will take place in due course. 'The families have been informed of this decision.'

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) carried out a separate investigation into the sinking of the Nancy Glen. A preliminary report released in January 2019 noted that the investigation covered such aspects as why the Nancy Glen capsized, why only one crewman survived, and the actions necessary to prevent recurrence.

The full MAIB report is expected to be published shortly.

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Mull nursery plan under threat

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An ambitious project to deliver wraparound childcare to Mull is in serious jeopardy after a change of direction by Argyll and Bute Council.

More than £25,000 of funding has already been spent by Mull and Iona Community Trust (MICT) developing a scheme to build and run a nursery with a forest school ethos that would complement the council's pre-school provision.

Changed direction

But the trust says the council has now changed direction and has decided, after showing strong encouragement for the project over several years, not to support it with a capital grant from the Scottish Government when funding for early learning and childcare (ELC) is increased from 600 hours to 1,140 hours per year from next August.

On Tuesday, the council met with parents at Salen Primary School to reveal its own plans to extend ELC there, which includes demolishing an existing pre-fives unit built just

three years ago and adding three new classrooms.

MICT's general manager Moray Finch says those proposals now make the trust 'extremely concerned' that its nursery would no longer be economically viable and he is calling on people to lobby island councillors.

Mr Finch said the wrap-around Aros nursery would offer after-school and break-fast clubs for primary-age children during term time, holiday clubs out of term time, childcare for babies and ELC for eligible two, three- and four-year-olds, funded by the Scottish Government.

The council's extended provision at Salen primary would only provide the 1,140 hours during term-time.

No ambition

Mr Finch said: 'It's very sad that the authority, although well intentioned, has no ambition.

'It is risk averse and just not willing to engage with outside organisations like MICT to add value and that's what we are trying to do, to add social value to the capital it will be getting from the Scottish Government.

'We have been progressing and developing our nursery idea for more than four years to the point we have these attractive visuals that are enthusing people about what the future could be, rather than offering a provision that will deliver just term-time cover.'

If the council ploughs ahead with its extension, the trust would have to look again at its Aros plans.

'It would be inevitable that some children would use the council provision and that would cut Aros's revenue.

'Nightmare'

One parent, who did not want to be named, said that having no wraparound childcare for zero to three-year-olds on the island was an 'absolute nightmare'.

'Basically if you have two children in that age group you can't work for five years on this island.

'Whatever happens, we need to have a compromise that everyone is happy with, we have to maximise benefits for children and parents.'

A council comment was not available as The Oban Times went to press.

Man who put crushed sedative into woman's drink is jailed

A man who crushed an illicit sedative into a woman's lager without her consent has been jailed for four months.

Thomas Charles Jones, of 10 Sandholm Place, Yoker, in Glasgow, admitted culpably and recklessly placing a crushed benzodiazepine into a woman's drink without her knowledge.

He claimed he gave her the drug so they could 'come off the high' of cocaine and so they could get some sleep.

However, this explanation was not accepted by the sheriff and his motivation was labelled as unknown.

He was sentenced on March 27, however, the incident occurred on November 3, 2017.

The court heard at an earlier hearing on February 25 that 48-year-old Jones invited the woman back to his hotel room for a drink and there was a suggestion they might take some cocaine.

In Jones's room, the woman accepted a can of lager, went to the toilet, then came back, picked up her can and took

a sip. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'She immediately noticed a gritty texture in her mouth and saw residue of crushed power around the rim. She immediately challenged the man.'

After video recording the conversation on her phone, the woman left and took the can to the police. Analysis showed it contained a highly potent illicit drug called benzodiazepine. Jones believed it to be diazepam.

A proof of mitigation was heard at Oban Sheriff Court on Wednesday May 22 to unearth Jones's motive.

His defence solicitor Ross Anderson said: 'The party was over. He wanted to bring her down from the high and he wished to get to sleep. He foolishly decided to half a valium and even more foolishly, to put half in her drink.'

He added that his client expressed remorse and recognised the seriousness and the stress his actions caused.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'There was

always an easier alternative if the accused wanted to go to sleep - not ask her back in the first place, or just ask her to leave. He chooses his moment and waited until she was out of the room. Why crush it up and put it in a can? Why not just say, would you want this? She went to the bathroom and came back and he was in his pants.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'What is said on your behalf is that this was given to the complainer to allow her to come off the high. I don't accept that explanation.'

'Your motivation must be left as unknown. The offence is extremely serious. The complainer put her trust in you and you violated that by putting an illegal drug in her drink. You did not know anything about the complainer. You did not know how she would react to the substance; if she had any underlying health issues. The sentence must send a message to the public.'

Sheriff Hughes jailed Jones for four months.

Life is a 'picnic' for Park pupils



Park Primary School is one of only 24 schools in Scotland displaying a One Planet Picnic Pocket Garden at a national competition in Edinburgh.

The pupils' garden celebrates Oban and showcases both the land and sea.

The event kicks off tomorrow (Friday May 31) to Sunday June 2 at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh.

It will be a public vote and

the school is urging anyone in the area to pop in and vote for Park.

The school was also celebrating after receiving its eighth Green Flag.

Irene Bissett, deputy head teacher, said: 'For our next Green Flag, the pupils have chosen to do food and the environment as one of the topics. We believe it is very important to understand where our food comes from and how it is produced.'

Catriona Clarke, the teacher who oversaw the project, said: 'Everyone who I have asked for support has gone over and above and been really helpful with their advice.'

The garden, entitled Food For All features things that be can found in the sea, on land, and in the air, and from the front it looks like a scarecrow on top of McCaig's Tower. The judges said of the design: 'Your plan and local research are great.'

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Cause of Mull pub blaze still unknown

Fire investigators are still probing what started a devastating fire at Tobermory's MacGochans pub.

Mull fire crews were called to the blaze at the popular harbour-side bar and restaurant in the early hours of Friday (May 24). Four appliances attended the scene.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was alerted at 4.38am to reports of the blaze.

At its height seven high-powered hoses were used with six firefighters wearing breathing apparatus.

No one was injured.

News of the fire prompted more than 100 messages to the pub's Facebook page from shocked islanders and visitors. One cafe owner was offering firefighters free bacon butties to say well done for bringing the flames under control.

A spokesperson for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service said enquiries were still continuing.

Triathlon smashes target for baby unit

A Scottish Sea Farms triathlon raising funds for a baby unit that saved a Mull tot's life has exceeded its target, writes Kathie Griffiths.

Oran's parents Michael and Elissa Keenan went the extra mile and competed in relay races within the triathlon at Stirling last weekend. Mr Keenan is a fish farmer for SSF and works at Scallastle on Mull.

'Together we smashed our original target of raising £20,419 to buy the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital Baby Team a new cerebral function monitor and raised £30,000 - this despite a very wet and soggy first half of the day,' said a spokesperson for Scottish Sea Farms.

Baby Oran and his little portable oxygen pack was also at the event attended by 500 people.

Some of the Glasgow baby unit's team who cared for Oran including Dr Hannah



The Keenan family and hospital staff receive a cheque from Scottish Sea Farms Triathlon 2019.

Kendrew-Jones and nurse Samantha Edington also took part on the day.

In total there were 145 adult competitors across the novice, sprint, relay and Challenger events, along with 60 young competitors in a junior challenge.

When Oran was born at 26 weeks weighing 2lbs 7oz on December 9, he seemed to

be a miracle baby with all his key functions working well, but when his lungs collapsed, his parents were told on three occasions to prepare for the worst.

Thanks to his fighting spirit and the care of hospital staff he was finally allowed home in April. He will need to be on oxygen for the foreseeable future but is doing well.

SNP dominates Argyll and Bute Euro vote

Voters in Argyll and Bute turned out in bigger numbers than in either of the previous two European Parliament elections, and the SNP proved to be the big winners, writes Colin Cameron.

The election, held on Thursday May 23, came amid continuing Brexit uncertainty. Due to Article 50 having been extended to allow a leaving date of October 31, UK voters had to elect members to the European Parliament along with all other member states.

This year the turnout was 46.8 per cent in Argyll and Bute against 40.6 per cent for the 2014 election.

After the regional count at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Sunday (May 26), the Argyll and Bute electorate voted as follows: SNP: 11,336, 37.2 per cent; Brexit Party: 5,450, 17.9 per cent; Liberal Democrat: 5,019, 16.4 per cent; Conservative: 3,985, 13.1 per cent; Scottish Green Party: 2,225, 7.4 per cent; Labour: 1,197 3.9 per cent;

UKIP: 568, 1.9 per cent; Change UK: 505, 1.7 per cent; Gordon Edgar (ind): 141, 0.5 per cent; Ken Parke (ind): 43, 0.1 per cent.

Some 30,649 votes were cast, 120 ballot papers were rejected.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara was delighted with the area's result. He said: 'It's a cracking result for the SNP, but it is a great result for parties wishing to remain in the EU.'

'This sends a message to whoever inherits the Tory leadership - do not take our EU citizenship from us or you will have a fight on your hands.'

He also had a word for Returning Officer Charles Reppke, supervising his final election before retirement.

'Charles has done a fantastic job, not just this evening but throughout his career. He is a hugely respected figure and has been a sterling public servant over many years and I want to say thank you to him on behalf of my party.'

Carry on collecting for Betty's Pots

Costa coffee shop in Oban is no longer collecting for the RNLI's Betty's Pots campaign.

However, funds are building up and donations and jars can still be taken to M&S,

CGL, the Little Potting Shed, Atlantis and the lifeboat station in Oban, or Ben Lora Cafe in Benderloch.

Fundraisers are hoping people will keep on filling mini jam pots with 5p pieces to help support the charity.

Money is emptied into a collection bucket at the venues

so the jars can be taken away again and refilled.

The idea for the 5p pots came from Betty Frith, who was honorary treasurer at the Hertford branch of the RNLI for more than 20 years.

Other stations took up her idea and last April Oban joined in.

Oban set for Charities Day Carnival

Around Oban

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to-day basis. It's not always easy to get the volunteers needed and I know many charities struggle to recruit.

Oban and Lorn Lions is only one example of a group which could really use some volunteers to help out at the events it puts on - a few hours a couple of times a year could be your contribution to helping make the world and our wee town a better place.

Have a look at the Lions website online to see some of the fantastic things the organisation does worldwide and if you think you would like to know more then our meetings are in the Royal Hotel at 8pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

While I'm appealing for help, I'd also like to mention the fantastic Oban War and Peace Museum. It is struggling for volunteers and only requires two hours

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a week or a month. Nothing too arduous is required and I know from experience how enjoyable it is meeting people from all over the world and getting to talk to them. No specialist knowledge is needed, just your time and interest, which isn't too much to ask to keep this wonderful wee museum ticking over.

The photograph last week was of the windows of Oban Masonic Lodge and this week's photo is much easier, in fact, I'm being really kind.

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Dubai couple escape to Kilmartin Castle

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A former Dubai DJ and an ad agency director are living the good life, west coast style, after ditching their day jobs to buy a Scottish castle.

Stef Burgon and Simon Hunt bought Kilmartin Castle in 2015 and for the last three years have welcomed guests to their AirB&B.

However, the hands-on pair closed their doors to guests in January to start a major refurbishment of the castle with help from a team of skilled Tarbert tradesmen, living in their trusty van with their well-travelled rescue cat, Frank.

The couple have until the end of June to transform their turreted 1550 home into a five-bedroom luxury B&B. Viewers will be able to follow Stef and Simon's DIY journey this autumn in *Escape to The Manor Hotel*, a TV show presented by Steph and Dom Parker from TV's *Gogglebox*.

It was an article in a national newspaper that mentioned the castle was on the market for the same price as a London toilet block, that originally caught the couple's eye.

After sending Stef's parents on a recce and a flying visit from Dubai, the couple put in a random-figure bid competing against other offers and were lucky enough to succeed – but the last few years have been a roller coaster of highs and lows.

Stef and Simon had to raid their savings to come up with a hefty deposit, had to wrangle with the bank to agree a mortgage, had a year's delay because the then-owner died,



and had to fork out £12,000 in catch-up bills because of storage heaters. And their problems did not end there, because the van they used to travel through Europe, filling it up with finds to furnish their new home, was stolen in Birmingham – although thankfully they had emptied it first – and then a container carrying all their belongings from Dubai was sliced open when the ship crashed.

The castle sale eventually went through in 2015 and the couple got married there in 2016. But the day before the festival-style celebration with 50 guests there was another unexpected hitch when the inadequate septic system packed up costing them a whopping £3,500.

When Stef and Simon initially took the castle over some work had already been done, but for Stef and Simon to put their own creative mark on the place, the boutique-sized castle needed a thorough refit.

Copper baths and an island-kitchen with a herb

growing extractor system above it were just some of the top-notch goods on the couple's shopping list to get the unique look they wanted.

Lots of the original features have been kept, including the floorboards. The windows – some with the original ironwork – will be the last job the couple look at.

The bedroom with the highest ceiling is being named after Carswell, the Bishop of the Isles who had Kilmartin built as his 'starter' castle. He was said to have been seven-foot tall: 'So we think he would have appreciated this room,' said Stef.

'The idea was to keep the old and new separate. We've been really careful not to touch the building too much so people can still appreciate it,' said Simon, who has been drilling through 120cms of stone to fit pipes and workings rather than remove chunks of wall.

A quirky whisky snug will be created next to the grand hall with its huge fireplace. The stone stairwells in the turrets will remain as they

are. Downstairs there will be a dining room lit only by candles. The kitchen will have its own chef.

Outside in the grounds there is also a secret garden

Simon and Stef, with rescue cat Frank, who are living in their van until the castle is finished.

with a raised vegetable bed and herbs growing in sinks damaged on their way over from Greece.

The characterful fire doors for the bedrooms have been specially made by the man who produced the doors for the princess castle at Euro Disney.

Kilmartin Castle's 5,000 followers are being kept up-to-date on the refurbishment on Facebook and Instagram. Eviivo, award-winning booking software for B&Bs, hotels, apartments and vacation rentals, has named it in its top 15 listings of Scottish B&Bs.

Town tunes up for Oban Mòd

Oban will be buzzing with excitement over the next two days as the town hosts its provincial mòd.

Last year's event was dubbed the biggest Oban Provincial Mòd in recent times and it lived up to expectations with hundreds of children competing at various locations on the first day around the town including the Cathedral Hall, the Scout Hall and the Great Western Hotel.

The standards were praised for being 'extremely high' by Allan Campbell, who was an adjudicator and is president of the Royal National Mòd – the same is expected this year.

The juniors' day has 90 classes and the adults' day on Saturday has 23 competitions.

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■ On May 16, two men aged 29 and 27 were involved in a fight in the grounds of Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe. Both men received recordable police warnings.

■ On May 21, a 53-year-old man and a 39-year-old man were charged with driving at excessive speed on the A85 between Glen Lochy and Tyndrum. Reports will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ About 3.20pm on May 21

a quantity of firewood was stolen from Baliscate House, Tobermory.

Police are searching for a group of men using a silver transit-type van.

■ About 11.15pm on May 24, in Victoria Crescent, Oban, a man, 43, was arrested for assaulting a man and behaving in an abusive manner. He was issued with a recordable police warning.

■ About 11.15pm on May 25, in George Street, Oban, a

car was reported as parked illegally within a pedestrian area. Enquiries identified a 36-year-old driver, who was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The man was charged and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

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Calmac scoop customer service award

The UK's largest ferry operator has become the first organisation in the country to be awarded a new level of 'Global Standard' accreditation for the helpfulness and professionalism of its customer operations staff.

CalMac's 44 strong Customer Service Team was awarded the much coveted quality assurance mark by the Contact Centre Association (CCA).

Although accreditation is held by more than 300 private and public sector organisations across the UK, CalMac is the first to pass the new more stringent customer service audit.

Last year CalMac carried more than 5.3 million passengers and 1.3 million vehicles. Its 33 strong fleet serves 26 routes to island and remote mainland locations.

The CCA assessor highlighted a number of strengths in the team describing it as a 'competent, well managed, highly customer focused operation'.

The assessor also praised some key strengths; a continuous focus on the customer experience as well as staff commitment to ongoing



The CalMac customer operations team is the first in the UK to be given the 'Global Standard' award.

improvement as well as an 'impressive' approach to dealing with complaints.

The accreditation involved surveying a range of staff on their customer-focused processes to ensure a consistent and professional approach across the centre, and also included closely auditing the daily workings of the operation.

Every year staff deal with almost 400,000 phone calls, 37,000 emails covering ferry bookings, enquires claims and complaints.

'Our front line contact centre staff are the face of the organisation, and first impressions last,' said CalMac's director of business devel-

opment, Karen McGregor. 'So, it's vital that what we are saying to customers directly is right first time, every time. I'm delighted that all the hard work our staff have put in to make our contact centre one of the best in the business has been recognised.'

'Our staff deal with incredibly complex and challenging situations daily and the CCA accreditation recognises this.'

The CCA also praised the company for its innovative use of social media which has become a mainstream platform for communicating with customers.

Social media followers have almost quadrupled over the past five years.



The cast and crew of Solstice, with James in red buoyancy aid, take a break from filming at Wee Ganavan. 16_T22_Solstice08-teamshot

Cameras roll at Ganavan

by Kathie Griffiths
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Taynuilt, Airds Bay and Wee Ganavan might be more than 5,000 miles away from Hollywood but they have just become Argyll's latest locations for a new feature-length film shoot.

Cameras rolled when former Oban High School head boy James Kane, now 21, brought a cast and crew home to his childhood haunts to make a full-on movie in just one week.

Funding through Creative Scotland's Time To Shine - Nurturing Talent Fund, meant James, who grew up in Taynuilt, could get his ambitious film up and running.

He is about to launch a crowdfunding page to get it edited and go global to film festivals around the world and into cinemas with plans for its premier at Oban Phoenix Cinema.

If all goes to plan, it should be ready this summer, says

James, whose acting career, which includes London's West End, started when he was just four. The last decade has already seen his career span film screens, national opera and theatre tours, as well as making BBC documentaries.

But this film, Solstice, sees him in his first director's role, as well as playing one of its lead characters, Sandy.

The story-line follows PHd marine science student Sandy who meets and falls in love with Mia on a beach clean. Her dad owns a fish farm that has just signed a deal with a packaging company. Cue packaging boss's son Dem and Mia's pal Eilidh for a bit of a love tangle, bring in a smattering of sub-plots, drug dealers, a kidnapping, a festival and a good ending.

'Making a full-length film in just one week is unheard of but that's exactly what we're doing. We are confident, not cocky, and trust each other to make it happen. We are

working really hard but it's not like being in a city. It's not frantic, we've got fresh air, amazing surroundings and time to breathe,' said James.

The young cast and film crew came from all over Scotland to shoot it but there were parts for the locals, too.

James's writer mum Anna Angelini created the script, his dad has a fisherman's role in it, and even his little brother Dante Kane, 11, has got a part. Donald Kennedy, who ran Etive cruisers, helped out with boats for loch shots along the glen, and Taynuilt's Lord Andrew Campbell-Gray gave permission for land use and managed to land himself a starring role as one of the villains. An old school friend's band Rumskee also got a spot.

'I want the audience to just be able to enjoy the scenery and the story. If they do take a message away with them, to think about how much plastic we use, then that's a good bonus,' said James.

Archive expert advises Rockfield volunteers

George MacKenzie, former Keeper of the Records of Scotland and Registrar General, was at the Rockfield Centre on Friday to share the potential of ancestry tourism.

Mr Mackenzie from Seil met with Rockfield volunteers to give advice on how the new centre, once it opens, can make the most of its archives.

There are plans for one room

in the old school building to be dedicated to an archive for people to come in and do some research.

The facility would potentially be used by people from across Scotland, the UK and further afield, including visitors from North America wanting to trace their roots.

VisitScotland research a few years ago estimated ancestral

tourism brought about £100 million in revenue to the country.

Rockfield project facilitator Eleanor MacKinnon said: 'History and heritage is one of the areas we are looking at as part of the Rockfield development.'

'It's something the public said they wanted more of during our consultations.'



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Butterfly release to remember babies

Families will be releasing butterflies into the wild next month to remember the babies they lost, writes Kathie Griffiths.

The poignant act has become an annual event in Oban and this year the release will be on Saturday June 14 in the grounds of Dunollie Museum and Castle.

Specially-bred butterflies, that will go on to replenish the dwindling numbers in the wild, will be released at 6pm after a short service which guests of all ages are welcome to attend.

Following the butterfly release there will be time for reflection and refreshments, with music from Sequence Ladies' choir.

Families need to order their butterflies five working days before the event. To do so go to app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/SIMBA/butterflyrelease2019.html

A donation of £15 per but-



Butterflies need to be ordered before June 10.

terfly is suggested to help the organising charity SiMBA cover the costs of the event.

Anyone who would like to order more than two butterflies or needs more information should call 0131 353 0055 or email gillian.wells@simbacharity.org.uk.

The butterfly release will also coincide with the unveiling of a full-size sculpted Tree of Tranquility in a newly

created space in Dunollie's gardens. Youngsters from Oban High School have also helped the castle's team to get the garden ready.

The Oban tree will be the eighth SiMBA Tree to be installed, joining Orkney, Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Galashiels, Tayside and Airedale. Each leaf on the copper tree represents a baby who has died, the leaves carry personal messages from their families, not just the newly bereaved but also those who sadly lost their babies years ago.

Susan Simpson who lives in Benderloch and is the SiMBA Highland Ambassador and support group co-ordinator said: 'From personal experience our family understands how much of a solace and comfort the tree in Oban will be. Like so many families we have no grave to visit for our daughters Alex, miscarried at 13 weeks in July 2007, and

Eilidh Beth stillborn at 34 weeks in September 2010.

'Though we have leaves on the Inverness Tree for our heavenly girls we only get to visit a couple of times a year. Our daughters Niamh, 10, and Charis, 14, are so looking forward to being able to visit a special place near home that honours the memory of their sisters.'

Mrs Simpson added: 'It has been my passion and determination, since moving back to Oban, to see bereaved families here gifted the opportunity to see their baby honoured in this way and words cannot describe how excited I am to see all the hard work of SiMBA, Dunollie and everyone who has had a part in this project, come to fruition.'

SiMBA's Oban support group runs on the first Thursday of every month in The Rockfield Centre from 7pm to 9pm.



Youngsters dressed up as their favourite fairyland characters and superheroes for the sponsored walk.

Once upon a sponsored walk

Once upon a time youngsters from Rockfield Nursery and Sgoil-Araich set off on a sponsored walk to try and save fairyland, writes Kathie Griffiths.

The story has it that the magical literacy land was in danger of vanishing because not enough stories were being read at home, so the children were set a mission to try and stop it from vanishing.

Goldie the Dragon visited them in class to get their help in reading as many stories as they possibly can as part of this term's fairyland theme.

On Friday, pupils, who have also planted beans to try and grow magic beanstalks,

dressed up as their favourite fairyland characters and superheroes to walk from the Corran Halls to Dunollie Castle and back.

Money raised will go towards developing an outdoor learning area and funding other class resources.

Rockfield Nursery deputy head Margaret Cain said: 'The children are loving this. They are just so wrapped up in trying to save fairyland, it's such a magical place full of wonderful stories. They've also been busy getting in touch with Goldie by d-mail - dragon-mail - to see what adventures he will be getting up to next.'

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Vikings return to invade Dunstaffnage Castle

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Not even the rain could stop Vikings from invading Dunstaffnage Castle on Saturday.

From noon until 4pm, the castle was once again under Norse rule.

Those who braved the weather were transported into a Viking village, positioned just outside the castle.

There were battles in the field, weapon displays, jewellery, net and bread-making workshops, and a smell of campfires and soup surrounded the encampment.

Gale Bowden, who was better known as Thogunna on the day, said: 'We are the Glasgow Vikings. Basically, the castle here has been a defensive rock since almost time began, but during the period of the Vikings, this area was under Norse rule



Even Vikings like to pose for a photograph. 17_T22_Vikings05

until 1266, so there is a lot of Viking history.

'We are here to commemorate the Viking influence in Argyll. We bring history to life - it is better than reading it in history books.'

'The turnout has been really good, despite slightly miserable weather. We have been delighted and everyone that has come has been brilliant and asked really good questions.'



Godfrid innMagri or Godfrid the Slender with six-year-old Joseph Collins from Glasgow. 17_T22_Vikings03



Vikings don't like fighting on an empty stomach. 17_T22_Vikings04



People watched as the warriors went to battle. 17_T22_Vikings09

Third sector group holds first meeting

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) is inviting all third sector organisations which provide health and well-being services to adults in Argyll to an inaugural meeting of the new adult health and well-being group, in Inveraray on June 5.

Kirsteen Murray, chief executive of the TSI, said: 'Whether you are a community group providing fitness classes for older people, a befriending group, a carers' organisation, a third sector provider of care at home or re-ablement services, or even a national charity supporting people in this area, as long as you work with older or vulnerable adults, you will be most welcome.'

'These regular meetings will provide opportunities for networking, but they are so much more than that. These meetings are about ensuring that this important part of the third sector can come together to discuss matters of mutual interest.'

To book a place, contact laurenmartin@argylltsi.org.uk

Oban's Dave sailing high with charter business abroad

Advertorial

Oban man Dave Sturrock is probably better known in his home town for his allegiance to Oban Lorne Rugby Club of which is he past president, captain and player.

However, Dave is also a keen yachtsman.

Sailing has been in his blood from his earliest years. His father, the late Captain Bill Sturrock, encouraged and taught him and the rest of the family everything they wanted to know about boats and sailing.

Bill founded the Firth of Lorn Sea School in Oban, setting up both a highly successful training and yacht charter business, through which Dave became a qualified RYA Dinghy instructor, Yachtmaster Offshore and a Yachtmaster Instructor. He worked for a number of companies as a skipper or instructor, including the Outward Bound Trust and Sunsail.

Following in his father's footsteps or more appropriately his helm, Dave established a highly-successful yacht charter business based in Kos, Greece in 2006 for summer sailing and now also offers chartering in the Caribbean as a winter destination.

David Sturrock Yachting (DSY) offers a range of Hanse

yachts - the 588, 505, 470, 455, 430 and 400e yachts for Mediterranean and Caribbean charter. All are UK flagged and coded to MCA area 2 (60nm offshore). They all hold the Greek charter licence which means excellent standards of safety.

The yachts are based at Kos Marina for summer charter, taking advantage of the fresh breezes and consistently great sailing conditions provided by the Eastern Mediterranean. As Kos is based within the Dodecanese chain of islands there are many excellent cruising destinations within easy reach. Winter charter is available out of Grenada - the perfect base to explore the Caribbean.

David said: 'It's been a gradually evolving business starting with the first Hanse 400 which was commissioned at Dunstaffnage and delivered at Dunstaffnage and delivered with Oban boys John Payne, the late Donald MacDonald and Sandy Rokitta.'

'We continue to see very high demand for our yachts. This is a reflection of the quality of our Hanse's and the excellent level of customer service provided by Istion Yachting. The majority of our customers are German as they really appreci-



ate our Hanse model of yachts which are built in Germany.

'Our aim from the outset was to offer sailing yachts with real performance and comfort onboard that would appeal to genuine sailors. This strategy has been effective, with great comments and reviews.'

Dave added he would like to extend the net to see more customers from Scotland and his home town: 'Already a number of folks from Oban have chartered and it would be good to see more come and enjoy this amazing sailing experience. Our first charter from Kos left on April 6 and we are excited about the new season!'

One of these clients from Oban, Colin Davren, said: 'Seven years ago Dave Sturrock took me on my very first sailing

trip to a Greek island travelling on a luxurious sailing boat skippered by him.'

'Dave is a very responsible and knowledgeable skipper. We visited amazing islands, bays and swam in beautiful clear blue water. The experience was second to none. I have now sailed with Dave every year since and this, together with Dave's enthusiasm, encouraged me to achieve my day skipper qualification. So this year I have chartered one of Dave's yachts and will be setting sail around the Mediterranean. It's an experience to be recommended to anyone.'

New equipment has been fitted to the fleet for 2019, and for those who don't feel comfortable 'bare boat' chartering, a skipper and even a cook can

be hired for the duration of the cruise. Local knowledge from a skippered charter can ensure you enjoy the sailing holiday of a lifetime. And from €1,200 a week for a boat sleeping six in low season, a sailing holiday offers excellent value.

Dave continued: 'All vessels are designed to give a cracking sailing performance, with high quality interior accommodation. These characteristics, along with top level equipment, make them a delight to charter and live aboard. A great deal of thought has gone into making it a memorable experience for everyone onboard.'

'We have added solar panels, electric flush toilets, USB charging points and comfort mattresses onboard each yacht. They all also have teak decks. We believe attention to detail is highly important, enabling a great sailing experience.'

With his experience built up over the last 13 years of chartering, Dave is now adding yacht management consultancy to services on offer and is able to advise on a range of interests, including partnership ownership.

Two of the many highlights in Dave's sailing career were the Atlantic crossings as skipper of his own boats while competing

in the 2008 and 2012 Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC).

He said: 'The icing on the cake after arriving in St Lucia was the Caribbean cruising. This spurred me on to offer the area as a winter sailing destination.'

Dave has also extended his interest to supporting worthwhile causes and will continue support for Autism on the Water 2019 and also The Outward Bound Trust.

He said: 'Murray MacDonald, who hails from Oban, has done an excellent job in raising awareness of the benefits of sailing to Autism sufferers while campaigning his Hunter 707 last year and we will support this season.'

Dave Sturrock Yachting is again sponsoring two students to attend the Skills for Life Award training course at Loch Eil Outward Bound.

Dave said: 'I set this up in my Dad's name since this is an organisation we very much admire for their work in developing young people and helping them reach their potential.'

Dave added: 'We have many exciting sailing trips and projects lined up for 2019 so look forward to seeing these come to fruition.'

Seafaring Salty the cat is an Instagram sensation

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Oban's Salty the sea cat has become a social media sensation with around 50,000 followers.

The fluffy feline who has his own Instagram and Twitter accounts has lived with his owners on a boat berthed in waters around Argyll since he was a kitten.

As well as owners Andy and Berni Lockwood, the five-year-old Turkish van cat also shares his life on board the yacht Camargue with springer spaniel Pippa.

These seafaring family of four shift berths around Oban, Linnhe, Dunstaffnage, Craobh or Melfort during the winter, venturing further afield in summer for weeks at a time to explore



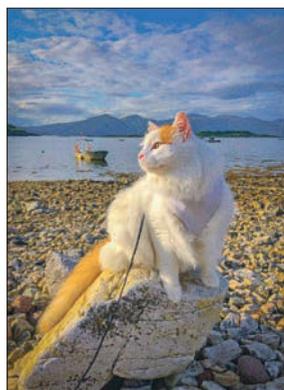
Andy and Berni Lockwood with Salty and Pippa; and, right, Salty goes for a walk in his harness. Photographs: Angus Blackburn

the Hebrides. Eight years ago the Lockwoods sold their home and business in Devon to quit the rat race and bought their boat.

Berni, who works remotely in health care management, grew up in Drumchapel and

had always wanted to return to Scotland, so Argyll was the obvious choice for her and professional skipper Andy.

Salty makes himself at home on the water – he has never been seasick and has



never fallen in. He likes paddling in lochs.

Despite spending most of his time on board the vessel, trips to shore result in some pretty spectacular photographs of Salty.

'That's why we started up

his own social media two years ago because everyone was fed up of seeing photos of him all over my Facebook page!' said Berni.

Salty, who has been harness trained since he was a kitten weighs about 20lbs.

'I think at first glance people think he's a dog. They often do a double take when they realise he's a cat. He does enjoy playing fetch and can be quite dog-like.

'We have a special backpack as he's very curious and we wouldn't get far with him on the harness all the time. Just like popping a toddler in a buggy, it means we can trek for a bit and then let him out for a wander and a biscuit.

'We've even got a little portable litter bag in case he needs the loo. Most of the

islands we visit aren't very big, so we can have a good mooch around in a couple of hours,' said Berni.

Salty also has expensive taste when it comes to food – his favourite meal is langoustines.

Berni said: 'We do fish for him. We sometimes get fishermen offering him some of their catch and that's great, because he has expensive tastes.'

Berni puts Salty's popularity down to cat fans around the world, boosted by the Scottish backdrops in his photographs.

'It's cat appreciation, but because he's Scottish and he goes wandering around the forests and hills of Argyll and the islands we get lots of fans of Scotland following him too,' she added.

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I am writing this early on a Tuesday morning and, with less than a month to mid-summer, the sun is already dominating the day.

Also dominating the day is an intense feeling of relief and relaxation following a prolonged period of which the looming doom of deadlines has been pronounced.

All of these deadlines, which have been a constant pressure since the beginning of this year, were met over the last few weeks with a culminating crescendo over the weekend just past. And it is a wonderful feeling. Wherever Andrew is this morning, I am sure he will be feeling the same.

The combined strands of the new album – finding the tunes, finishing writing the songs, choosing which ones to record, arranging the sets and songs, rehearsing them, recording them, mixing them, coming up with a title, cover, track order, deciding when to release downloads, dealing with mistakes on the cover and resulting delays – then fighting time pressure to try to get the album out for the Usher Hall concert, were all a battle.

As covered in the article of two weeks ago, all this was

over-arched by the constant doubt as to whether people would actually like it or not. If they didn't, then all of the above would be a total waste of time and money.

Regards the Usher Hall concert – were we going to fill it? Was it a mistake adding extra capacity from last year by having the standing area and was it a mistake to put on our biggest gig to date in Edinburgh instead of our more traditional stomping grounds of Glasgow or the Highlands?

After a strong rush of ticket sales when we released them, it had slowed down to a trickle in the last few months and it looked as if we were going to be a good few hundred short.

But a surging tide of ticket sales in the last week and good 'walk-up' sales on the night meant we just-and-no more scraped a full house.

On top of the number worries, there was which songs to perform, which tune sets to do, how much old and how much new material, do we separate into two halves or play one long set, will we remember everyone for the guest list and, most importantly, will the audience like the new material played live?

The third cylinder of pressure building to last weekend led to the morning after the concert and running the second of two half-marathons for Eilidh's Trust within a week and trying to reach the fundraising target from which we were still a long way from on Saturday with only one day left.

I am happy to report we got the album back just in time and signs so far suggest it has been well received. The Usher Hall was full to the gunwales with the audience going wild for the new tunes and songs, we just made it over the fundraising target for Eilidh and I finished the half-marathon 44 seconds under my target of two hours. All that's left to do now is get the CDs into the shops. Intense periods of effort, trepidation and worry where the results are tangible and the aims have been achieved and cannot be reversed satisfies an inner craving in mankind that is closely related to our prehistoric existence as hunters. On this particular hunt, we have been lucky and we can relax for a few days before work on the next begins. Thank you everyone – band, audience, supporters and readers.

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Young Oban volunteers recognised at awards

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Hard-working teenagers who help ensure events in Oban run smoothly were recognised at the Oban Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Awards.

The ceremony was held in Oban High School's atrium last Thursday and 18 volunteers received their certificates.

Claire Brown, PSYV Oban coordinator, said of the young volunteers: 'They have really developed. When they first started, they were really quite shy and reserved, but you can see their confidence now. Everyone that used us last year is using us again.'

'It is really rewarding and it is lovely being part of such a fabulous community.'

There are currently 18 youngsters in the Oban PSYV



The current group of 18 young volunteers all received their awards at the ceremony in Oban High School. 17_T22_PSYV01

and in August a fresh group of volunteers will begin the process.

To be allowed to attend and 'police' events, members must go through 12 weeks of training.

John Baxter, regional coordinator, said: 'What an energy Claire brings to it. We have more than 1,000 people around Scotland and 350 adult volunteers - people from all walks of life. They do

it because they want to see young people being involved in their community.'

'Oban has kept it very local and do a lot in the community.'

'What that does for the

young people is it increases their pride in the community and their confidence.'

Constable Baxter added: 'It's not a recruitment job for the police, it's to build skills for life.'

Get ready to party this Charities Day

Dig out your glad rags, sparkles and feathers for this year's carnival-themed Charities Day.

Organisers of Saturday's event are encouraging people to dress up and get into the party mood to help make it the biggest and best day yet in the event's history.

Oban and Lorn Lions Club is behind the day that will see a parade leave the Corran Halls at 1pm and Station Square filled with stalls from noon until 4pm.

The event is organised to give charities the chance to raise much-needed funds.

Last year there were more than 40 charities with stalls, raising thousands of pounds for their causes.

There will also be prizes for the three best entries in the 2019 parade and one for the best-dressed stall winner.

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Easdale Island Community Photography Day

In association with
Document Scotland - June 8 and 9

This is a participatory event for photographers of all abilities in one of Scotland's most iconic locations and a salon evening with Document Scotland.

Formed in 2012, Document Scotland is a collective of four leading photographers brought together to make and share work about the nation. In the past seven years, it has staged numerous high-profile exhibitions at home and abroad, producing publications and staging salon events at locations across both urban and rural Scotland. Its work has been critically-acclaimed in the media and it has formed partnerships with many of Scotland's most important institutions, galleries and funders.

This year alone, Document Scotland will be showcasing its new work at four exhibitions across the UK. Its current show, A Contested Land, is being premiered at the prestigious Martin Parr Foundation in Bristol before being shown at Perth Museum, the Burgh Halls in Dunoon and at FLOW Photofest in Inverness. In addition, a salon evening will be held at Stills Gallery in Edinburgh in February, with further events



and exhibitions being currently planned. For more information about Document Scotland and its work, please visit: www.documentScotland.com.

One of Document Scotland's founding principles has been to work with communities to disseminate their own and other people's work, both digitally and physically. With this in mind, the collective is now proposing to stage its first Community Photography Day in partnership with Eilean Eisdeal on Easdale, Scotland's smallest permanently-inhabited inner Hebridean island.

The day is open to local people and visitors and is suitable for anyone with an interest in photogra-

phy and photographic practice. Three of Document Scotland's members will be present to lead the day's activities, which will be conducted in a relaxed, friendly and informative atmosphere. As well as being able to join in with activities designed to stimulate and develop interest within photography, participants will also be able to hear about Document Scotland's current work and see examples of the projects which it is currently working on. Any device capable of making images can be used (i.e. iPhones, etc.). Participants are welcome to bring other equipment on June 9, such as laptops, to view and store their material, or hard copies to be reviewed.

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Bespoke window art to boost local cause

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Anyone who has visited Tesco Oban in the last week will have been greeted by two brilliant pieces of artwork at the front door.

In a bid to highlight the store's Bags For Help scheme, a talented member of staff has painted pictures of McCaig's Tower and Tobermory Bay on to the glass.

The scheme sees each customer being handed a blue token at the checkout and they vote for their chosen charity. Four times a year, three charities are selected and each receives money for their cause. To date, the Oban store has donated £165,000 to good causes.

Store manager, Robert McIntyre said: 'So far, from Tesco Oban, we have donated to 51 projects since it started, excluding this round, and we have donated £165,734. We



have given the second highest amount in the whole of the UK.

'What we award depends on what groups ask for. They can ask for up to £25,000 and they have to tell us what they would spend the money on.

'The stand is at the front door for people to vote and we asked Ann to do two pictures at the door as a focal point as

we want to highlight it.'

Ann Buchanan, who has been creating art since she was eight, said: 'The two pictures are of two of the areas that we cover. I could not do them all, so I picked Oban's McCaig's Tower and Tobermory Bay.'

The former Glasgow School of Art student added: 'It is something that people really

Artist and Tesco staff member Ann Buchanan with store manager Robert McIntyre. Ann created the beautiful artwork to highlight Tesco's Bags for Life scheme which helps causes in the area.

appreciate. When I have been painting, people have been asking what it is about, so they are getting the message.'

The paintings tie in with a refurbishment that has been taking place in the store.

'We have spent more than £1 million since November refurbishing the store,' Mr McIntyre said. 'There is still work to be done. A lot of it has been maintenance.'

Mr McIntyre joked: 'Someone asked me if we were getting a royal visit.'

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Charity calls on Oban to get involved in Dementia Week

Next week sees the launch of Dementia Awareness Week.

From Monday June 3 to Sunday June 9, Alzheimer Scotland in Oban will hold various events to raise awareness of local dementia support, as well as the urgent need for more people, with and without a dementia diagnosis, to sign up to dementia research.

With almost 2,000 people with dementia in Argyll and Bute, most families know someone living with the illness. Alzheimer Scotland believes it is vital that people living with dementia feel recognised, valued and supported in their local communities to prevent isolation and stigma.

Alzheimer Scotland's Dementia Resource Centre in Oban will host an open day on Monday June 3 between 10am and 4pm, with tea and cakes. Two Dementia Friends sessions, at 10am-11am and 2-3pm, will take place on Tuesday June 2, with people encouraged to drop in to learn more about the support that is available to them, in the heart of their commu-

nity, along with finding out more about what Alzheimer Scotland is providing locally and how people can support the charity and become involved in research.

Sue Pagan, who works as the dementia advisor for Alzheimer Scotland in Oban, said: 'I'm looking forward to holding our open day and Dementia Friends session to mark Scotland's Dementia Awareness Week; raising awareness and telling people how we and they can improve the lives of people living with dementia and their families across North Argyll.'

'I will also be raising awareness of the importance of more people getting involved in dementia research - whether or not you have dementia.'

'We'd love people to join us for a cup of tea and a blether.'

'By working together, we can help make our community a dementia-friendly place where people can continue to create new friendships, and continue to live in the community and feel valued and supported to live with their illness.'

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BUSINESS NEWS

IN BRIEF

■ Oban Phoenix cinema is appealing to accommodation providers to join its email list.

A spokesman said: 'We are always keen to look at ways we can improve the experience for our customers. We have an idea that could work well for your business and ours.'

'Oban Phoenix Cinema screens an eclectic mix of films; live streamed theatre, opera and ballet; and hosts film festivals throughout the year. We produce a weekly What's On leaflet and would like to offer you easy access to this list.'

'By joining our email listing, you will have up-to-date information to give to your guests about what's showing at the cinema.'

'We would love to have you on board to either display, and keep copies of our What's On leaflet for guests, or to simply have one behind the desk for the inevitable question of "what is there to do on a rainy day in Oban?"'

'We are open seven days a week and screen a minimum of four films a day. Interested? Please pop in and see us or email: marketing@obanphoenix.com.'

■ The Scotch Whisky industry will couple future global growth with action to ensure the environmental sustainability of the industry, delegates at the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) conference heard last week.

Scotch whisky is the UK's largest food and drink export, accounting for 21 per cent of all food and drink exports, and a recent report underlined the value of the industry to the UK economy. Industry employees also contribute significantly to the economy, producing more than £200,000 GVA per employee.

SWA chief executive Karen Betts set out her 2050 vision for the industry – securing Scotch whisky's position of working towards net-zero emissions. She said: 'Our industry depends on natural resources and our distilleries are set in some of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes. So we are investing significant time, energy and money in moving our industry towards net-zero.'

Oban retailer is up for national award

Oban's Alba art shop has been nominated for a top national award.

Ten years after its previous win, Alba has again made it into the finals of the prestigious nationwide greeting card retail awards - the Retas.

Now in their 15th year, the Retas were launched by Progressive Greetings magazine to recognise and reward the UK's best card retailers. Greetings cards are sold in one in six shops in the UK so reaching the finals of the Retas is a significant achievement.

Jakki Brown, editor and co-owner of Progressive Greetings magazine, said: 'The sending of greetings cards is an ingrained part of UK culture, with the British public spending £1.7 billion on them in the past year alone.'

'The nation leads the world in greetings cards design and sends more cards per capita than anywhere else. The Retas celebrate the finest greetings card stockists in the UK.'

All Retas finalists were chosen as a result of an industry-wide poll of suppliers, reps and agents, and were validated by a panel of experts.

The winners will be revealed at a lunch at the glamorous Grosvenor House Hotel in London's Park Lane on Wednesday July 10.

Alba's Graham Fraser said: 'All of us at Alba are very pleased to be seen to be holding our own after such massive changes in retail in the past 10 years.'



Oban's Alba art shop in Albany Street.

North Uist Distillery owners Jonny and Kate are in high spirits

Joint owners Jonny Ingledeew and Kate Macdonald have used Business Gateway's one-to-one business support and funded workshops throughout the planning stages of their new business venture, North Uist Distillery.

With a Masters' degree in distilling, Jonny was well equipped with the theoretical experience and a concept, but it was Business Gateway which provided the practical experience necessary to form a business plan that would bring North Uist Distillery to market.

Motivated by a love for the Outer Hebrides and a mutual desire to bring a USP to the gin market, Jonny and Kate opened a small distillery in North Uist to produce their new spirit: Downpour.

Not only does it include double the number of botanicals as standard gin, but no other gin is distilled on the islands of Uist. Clear in the bottle, cloudy in the glass, essential oils from juniper berries and citrus peels give the gin a distinctive cloudy appearance when diluted with tonic.

The next phase of this ambitious business will involve fundraising for a new whisky distillery in North Uist.

Jonny and Kate received grant finance from Business Gateway's Grants for Growth scheme. The £12,000 funding grant acted as a mechanism to pay early up-front costs and allowed the owners to fund a comprehensive set of financials to present to future investors.

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HIE to exit ownership of Orbost estate

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has outlined plans for a phased exit from its ownership of Orbost Estate on Skye.

The regional development agency bought the 2,337-hectare estate in 1997 to stimulate the local economy and encourage resettlement by providing access to land and affordable housing.

It now comprises a 1,690-hectare farm, six smallholdings, two workshops and 612 hectares of forestry. All of these are under active management.

Four houses have been built on estate land bought from HIE – two by smallholding tenants and two by the Skye and Lochalsh Housing Association. The association rents out its two properties, as well as two HIE-owned homes, as affordable housing. It also owns plots for a further two houses yet to be built.

The two workshops are leased to commercial enterprises. Twelve people in five families now derive at least part of their income from



HIE is planning a phased withdrawal from ownership of Orbost.

commercial activity on the estate.

On buying Orbost 22 years ago, HIE said it always intended to transfer ownership, either to a community group or other interests that would protect tenants and provide long-term community and economic benefits.

HIE's exit plans include offering the farm and farmhouse for sale to the tenant and converting the smallholdings into six new crofts, which would also be offered for

sale to the current tenants.

The HIE-owned housing would likewise be offered for sale, either to occupants or to the housing association. The agency is currently exploring potential community interest in the forestry area before considering an open market sale.

Robert Muir, HIE's Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross area manager, said: 'We've kept our ownership of Orbost estate under regular review.

'There has been considerable progress in deriving benefits from the estate, particularly access to land for farming and crofting and workshop space for commercial enterprises. New affordable housing has been provided with potential for more.

'With the estate now in a much stronger position, we feel this is the time for HIE to begin a phased exit.

'This will be done in a way that protects tenants and the progress made so far and enables continuation of community and economic benefits long into the future.

'We have briefed tenants of the estate about the plans. We have also consulted partner agencies about the forestry proposals and written to community groups who may be interested in taking this on.

'It is important that Orbost continues to contribute to the local economy and the resilience of the community.'

Entrepreneur to give free enlightening talk

Fort William entrepreneur Angus MacDonald OBE, who has built and sold five significant businesses while based in the Highlands, will share his inspiring journey at a free event at Inverness College today (Thursday May 30).

Mr MacDonald first established his reputation in the 1990s in his 20s, building and selling a data company to a Californian FinTech business, followed by scaling and selling two financial publishing companies for a combined value of more than £91m. In 2018/19, he sold an education company and recycling business for £60m. In 2014, he was awarded an OBE for services to the Highlands, and in 2017, was crowned Spear's UK wide Entrepreneur of the Year.

The event will provide an opportunity for attendees to strengthen their business acumen, develop strategy from MacDonald's insights and pose questions to him. They will also be able to connect with other business owners and like-minded peers.

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New exhibition chronicles historic Western Isles links

The links connecting Orkney, the Western Isles and Scandinavia will be celebrated this summer in a major contemporary art installation at St Clement's Church in Rodell, Harris – managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and recognised as the finest medieval building in the Hebrides.

Dave Jackson and Erlend Brown's Seven Waves is an interpretation on a spectacular scale of George Mackay Brown's cycle of poems *Tryst on Egilsay*. It's the story of how, nine centuries ago, the devoutly Christian Earl Magnus Erlendsson, joint ruler of Orkney and Shetland with his cousin Earl Haakon, under Norwegian oversight, was betrayed and murdered on the island of Egilsay, ushering in an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity in Northern Europe.

Each poem, in English and translated for the first time into Gaelic by Ruairidh MacLean, is matched with a huge hanging canvas 'wave' suspended from the St Clement's roof.

George Mackay Brown called the martyrdom of Magnus 'the most precious event in Orkney's history' and Seven Waves makes explicit the Western Isles' and Scotland's Scandinavian heritage.

Ruairidh said: 'Old Norse and Gaelic interacted a lot, especially in the Western Isles. A very high proportion of the place names in the Western Isles are Norse.'

Dave Jackson added: 'Erlend and I have interpreted George Mackay Brown's beautiful and insightful poetry in a way which conveys both the haunting physical landscape of Egilsay and the huge political and metaphysical power of what happened there. St Magnus's martyrdom and his search for peace in a viciously warlike world has resonated down the ages and is as powerful a symbol today as it ever was.'

'This is a building of worldwide historical importance and enormous spiritual and emotional power. Erlend and I really hope our art and the poems about one of Europe's greatest religious and political martyrs is both appropriate and inspiring in this context.'

Seven Waves is open to the public from June 1 until September 1.

As we were in Moidart

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A few years ago I was handed a cassette of a tape recording made in Moidart in the 1960s of a fine old Highland gentleman by the name of Sandy MacDonald.

Sandy lived most of his life on Dorlin Estate until he retired and moved to Caol near Fort William where he died in 1982 aged 90. Gifted with a lovely speaking voice and a retentive memory, Sandy was probably one of the last of a line of talented Moidart tradition-bearers.

His recollections are as much a tribute to himself as they are to those who lived out their lives in one of the most historic parishes in the Highlands. What follows is a representative selection of what Sandy placed on record in his own words.

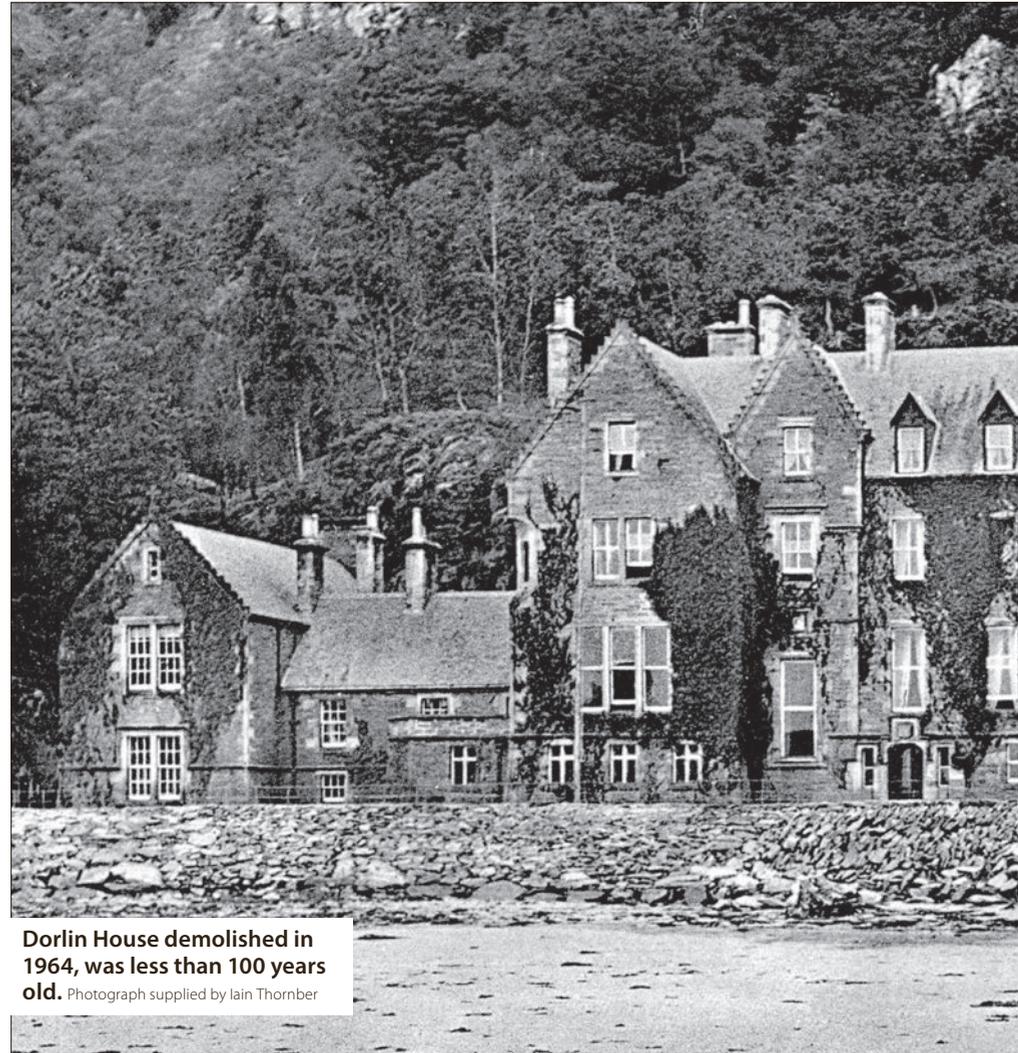
'We came to Moidart in 1901 from Loch Nevis side which was one of the principal herring-fishing lochs on the west coast of Scotland. There were boats there even from the Isle of Man. When we came to Moidart, it was all horse-drawn carts that were on the road. Lord Howard, the owner of the estate, who bought it from Mr Hope Scott, used to bring his carriage horses all the way from Glosso to Dorlin.

'During my school days in Mingary, there were 52 pupils and one teacher only. We had a piece of dried bread in our pockets for our midday meal.

'And then the First World War came and made all the changes. All the young people had to go and eventually there was hardly anybody at home. Then the curse came, the ruination of the Highlands to this very day.

'The last tenant of the fishery at Dorlin was a Mr Gemell who got the lease of it at the time Mr Hope Scott bought the estate from the MacDonalds of Arisaig. It was he who built the canning factory. Gemell had the fishings all the way to Mull and the Isle of Skye. They were netting in the loch and using bag nets along the coast.

'I saw the process they used in the canning and the cans they left behind. There used to be tons of them lying beside the shed for years. It was all done with the ordinary soldering bolt and resin; there was no flux in these days. There were seven tinsmiths working



Dorlin House demolished in 1964, was less than 100 years old. Photograph supplied by Iain Thorne

at one bench making the cans, all by hand. I also remember the boilers they put the cans in to clean them. [Gemell also employed a large number of women at Ardtoe to boil the salmon before it was put into cans].

'When the first Lord Howard bought Dorlin Estate from Mr Hope Scott he kept the fishery going and used to send the salmon away in boxes of ice. There were no refrigerators in these days so they used to take the ice off the curling ponds during the frosty weather, break it up and pour it into specially built houses with stone arched roofs covered with soil and divots where it formed a large block which would keep both Dorlin House and the fishery

supplied all the year round. One of the curling ponds, which they played on, can still be seen at Dorlin.

'When I left school my first job, as a boy, was helping in the garden at Dorlin then here and there and everywhere since. We used to do a lot of messages using horses, riding to Kinlochmoidart and to Ardgour. They kept horses at Lord Howard's stable at Cliff Farm for riding and messages only.

'But these were the hard days. Long before Dr MacNaughton came to Salen the resident doctor for all the districts right up to Arisaig, lived at Rahoy in Morvern [Dr John MacLachlan 1804-1874]. He used to come across Loch

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Sunart by boat to Laga and travel from there by foot. He was a composer of Gaelic songs – a bard. He made a famous Gaelic song when the people were driven from Ardnamurchan and it was a good song too that he made.

After the '45 when the Highlanders got pardoned, the so-called pardon from the German kings may I call them, MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart enlisted in the army and joined the Episcopalians in order to get a commission in the Peninsula War where he distinguished himself well, if you can call it distinguished killing one another. When he came home he found his eldest brother was in charge of the Kinlochmoidart Estates

but according to the law in these days, if you weren't an Episcopalian you lost all hold of the ground. So he got his brother and his family shifted down to Eignaig on Loch Moidart where they remained until Clanranald gave them a holding at Port a' bhata. One of the sons became a shepherd to Lord Howard of Glossop years after that. These people, who were the true MacDonalds of Clanranald, lived at Port a' bhata until 1915 when they got old and infirm and had to be shifted. When they left Lord Howard had the house pulled down.

'The store at Kinacara [at Kinlochmoidart] was a police station at first. Then one of the policemen left the force and with Mr Stewart's permission opened up a shop. His name was Maclean and the family had it for years. A steady flow of people used to come across from Smirisary to the store. There were nine families living there then.

'There was a college at Samalaman where they were training as priests. There was also a seminary at Caolas – which was a small monastery. And coming along there was a house of meeting at Langal and another one on a vale at Dalilea. But the main official church was on Castle Tioram Isle and you can see the remains of it to this very day.

'There was only one priest based at Dorlin finally but before that they used to live in a cave near Port a' bhata because the redcoats were out for their blood.

'At one time Glenuig belonged to a Maclean then Lord Maclaren, of the Court of Session, bought it over and reconstructed the house (Samalaman). At that time Glenuig Hotel was licensed but Lord Maclaren didn't approve of alcohol and had the licence removed. Carrying on along the bridal path towards Lochailort, the next place you come to is Roshven, which was bought from the MacDonalds by Professor Blackburn, who was a professor of mathematics.

'It was Professor Blackburn who built the big mansion house that is there today. When he died his son William took it over and kept the farm and everything in full style. It was fully stocked, agriculture going well, with a farm grieve, ploughman and a sheep grieve and shepherds.

'Lord Howard and his party used to go over and visit the Blackburns often at Roshven in their yacht, The Lady of the Lake. We would anchor off there and go up to the house for tea.'
(To be continued.)

DOWN MEMORY LANE

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



We were delighted to receive in the post a package from Morag Macintyre, of Worthing, containing shinty photos and memorabilia. Among the photos was this one of Oban Celtic from the 1959-60 season with the Dunn League Cup, Scottish Camanachd Cup, McAulay Camanachd Cup and Torlundy Camanachd Cup. Pictured are, back row: D McLeod, D McLean, L Birrell, A Miller, D Forgiveve, D McInnes, A Whyte, W Martin and D Campbell; middle row: J Douglas, D Cameron, I McInnes, J Campbell, E Black, J Forgiveve, and J Wilson; front row: D Campbell, D McCallum, K McMillan and D McIntyre.



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Congratulations as runners smash fundraising target

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the Scottish Sea Farms triathlon which was raising funds to buy the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital Baby Team a new cerebral function monitor.

Michael Keenan works for Scottish Sea Farms at Scallastle on Mull, and when his youngest son Oran was born prematurely last December, it was the dedication and care of the team that ensured the tot's survival.

Michael and his wife Elissa both took part in the race at the weekend, as did some of the doctors and nurses who cared for Oran. And thanks to everyone's efforts, the £20,419 target was smashed, with the runners raising £30,000 for the baby unit.

Baby Oran, and his little portable oxygen pack, was also at the event, although only as a spectator!

Congratulations to everyone on this very worthwhile effort.

Be on your guard against scammers

While stories of thieves conning people out of large sums of money by phone or email are regularly reported in the news, when it happens to you, many people don't recognise what is happening, trusting the caller is who they say they are. Oban duty sergeant Graeme Greenlaw told The Oban Times: 'I don't know if people here are maybe more trusting or just less aware of the risks and consequences.'

Argyll is a fantastic place to live, but these scammers don't care where you are, they just want your money, so while it no doubt goes against the grain for many folk, a healthy dose of suspicion is no bad thing when someone you don't know calls or emails you about transferring cash for whatever reason. If in doubt, don't do it.

Lochaber Cinema Group has now been dissolved

Lochaber Cinema Group has now completed the wind-up process to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and has been dissolved. This process took a few months to complete from our motion to end in January this year. We transferred our assets of a screen and projector to an arts and drama group called Dramafish in Kinlochleven.

We would again like to extend thanks to the community who interacted with us on Facebook and at screenings and events we held and also supported our vision of a community-run cinema.

It is very difficult for any community-run project seeking funding and in the end justifying our project to different funders was difficult, time-consuming and full of red tape.

We would like to see more support and funding in the Highlands towards arts and drama groups. We knew a cinema would be a good addition to the town and all the benefits it brings, not only to a community but to businesses surrounding it.

Also I would like to thank people locally that advised us: Don Michie, Arthur Cowie and the Lochaber Disability Access Panel, Stephen Fair of Fair Planning and Design, Paul Taylor of Eden Court Cinema and Voluntary Action Lochaber, Stephen Kennedy of McIntyre and Company Solicitors, Callum Macraill at Logo Positive. Thanks also to former LCG members and trustees and board members: you made a vision possible and allowed us to grow.

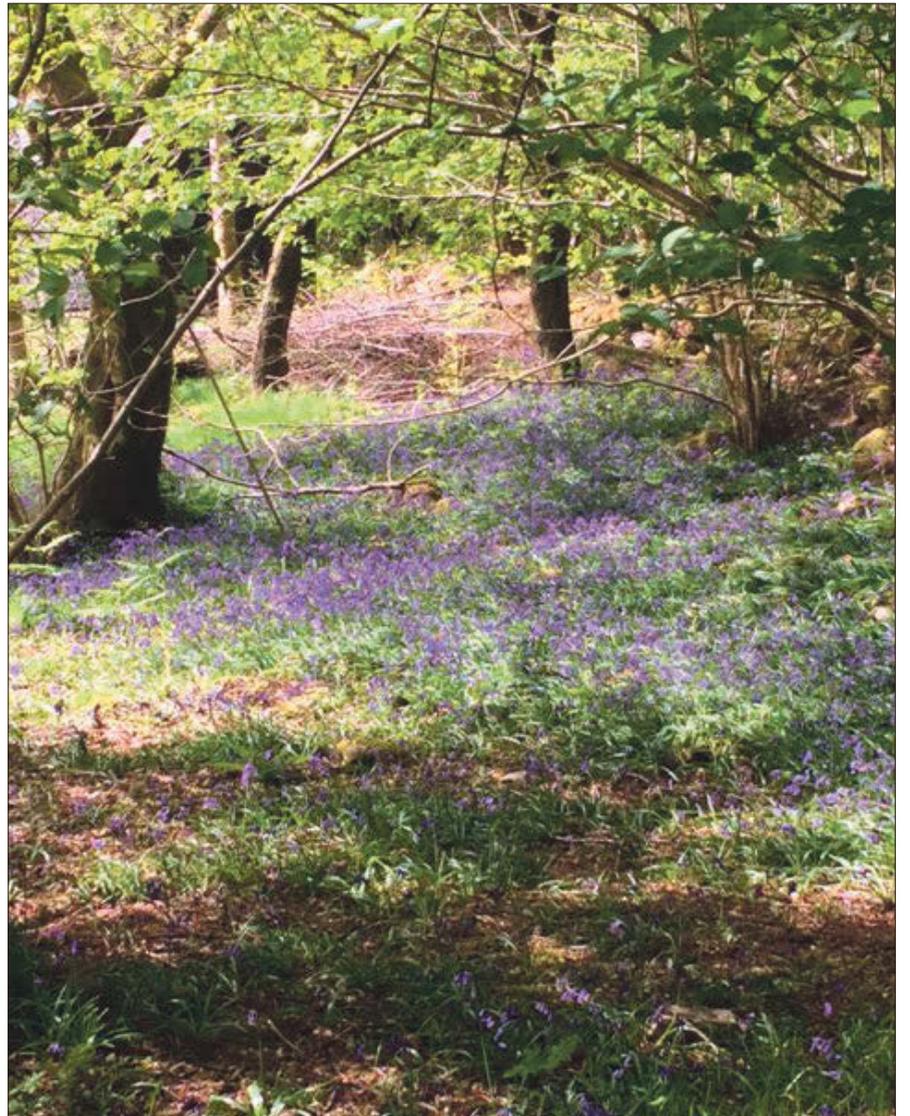
Thank you to the groups we have worked with to bring screenings to the community: Lochaber Foodbank, Lochaber Environmental Group, Greenpeace Fort William, the Wildcat, Caol Youth Centre, Kilmallie Hall, Caol Community Centre, Duncansburgh Church, the Leven Centre, Kinlochleven, Nevis Radio, the Lochaber Times and Fort Con.

A special thank you to all the schools we have screened in: Caol Primary, St Columba's, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Lundavra Primary, Kinlochleven Primary and Mallaig Primary. Also helpers in Kinlochleven, Gayle and Ilona.

We would also like to extend good luck to the cinema project happening in Cameron Square.

Marie Macpherson,
Former LCG chairwoman,
Glenloch Distillery, Fort William.

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.

This week's photograph was sent in by John Macgregor, who took this picture of bluebells in a woodland setting at Kinlochleven village.

A typical day - At last, an eating plan that fits into your life



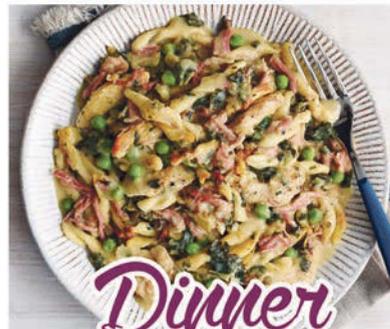
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Campervan owners should be welcomed not vilified

I read with interest your front page article regarding campervan usage around town. I found the article rather disturbing in its prejudice against these vehicles.

They are extremely popular and are getting more so both at home and abroad. So rather than vilifying them, why don't we embrace them and use the resources they bring?

Yes, I've seen the vans at Ganavan, but surely it would be cheaper to instigate an overnight charge for the vans rather than wasting money trying to prosecute them.

In most French towns, a car park like Ganavan would have a motorhome service point where they could fill up with water and discharge their waste safely (with another service charge of course). I have a book and apps containing thousands of free and paid sites, both at home abroad.

I find it disappointing that Mr Tye is discouraging responsible campervan use. I cannot understand why he would send a van away if it offered to pay him money for water and the use of his drain. Glencoe Ski area has embraced the vans with serviced pitches or just a parking spot asking only for a voluntary contribution. Their café, showers and other facilities get well used.

Finally, the use of laybys overnight is not illegal. The whole purpose of a 'lay by' is for drivers and travellers to rest. Highland Council removed all their 'No overnight parking' signs as they have no legal standing. Perhaps Argyll and Bute Council could do the same? Most van users just want a quiet spot for the night before they travel onwards.

A visitor is an opportunity for business in Oban whether it be a cruise ship or a campervan or a B&B visitor. Each will contribute to the local economy. We need to embrace the van dwellers because they are not going away.

Andrew Crawford

Oban campervan owner.

Problems with private water supplies are worse

At a recent conference to mark World Water Day, the particular problems of private water supplies in Scotland were highlighted by Citizens Advice Scotland. In Scotland, four per cent of households get their water from a borehole, well or spring rather from the

mains. This means approximately 28,350 people in Argyll and 32,900 in Highland region are using private water supplies each day.

If you have mains water, Scottish Water will ensure that you have access to a bowser, stand pipe, or bottled water if your supply is interrupted or contaminated, but for a private supply responsibility lies solely with the user. Privately supplied houses are running out of water again this year, after another dry spell but the situation is particularly serious on Lismore, which has no mains water.

Even in a year of normal rainfall, the old springs and wells that were adequate in the days of an outside pump or a tin bath by the fire, struggle to cope with modern demands for washing machines and flushing toilets. For the past month, many residents have been relying on family and friends for water and many have been nervously watching the sky and the well level.

The residents of Achnacroish are holding regular meetings to address problems with their water system. Businesses are suffering too. One crofter is using his valuable time and diesel driving up and down the island with a bowser to supply his sheep with drinking water. During the last drought on the island one holiday cottage displayed a notice asking visitors not to use the shower, which can't be good for return business.

Even among the laidback population of this normally tranquil island tempers are starting to fray and people are starting to look for someone to blame. A resident who didn't wish to be named expressed his opinion that the planning department is not looking at water supply when it approves outline planning.

What happens is the application has the 'connect to mains water' box ticked so no one looks into it. They just nod it through without realising there isn't any mains on the island. When the plot is sold, it is up to the new owner to look for some water. There is only so much under the ground and more and more boreholes sucking at it.

Another local pointed out that there are two big weddings coming up on the island with an influx of guests and returning family, who presumably all need a wash and brush-up for the big events.

No doubt the rain will come soon to refill the wells and cool the tempers but as new houses continue to be built, this looks set to be a regular spring problem for the residents of Lismore and the wider region.

James Wilson, by email.

Beachd Ailein

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Rud nach eil, 's nach robh, 's nach bi, sin a-mach do làmh is chì! An aithne dhubhse an tòimhseachan sin a bhithinn-sa a' cluinntinn nam òige, agus am bheil am freagairt agaibh? Uill nuair a shineas tu do làmh a-mach chì thu nach eil gin de do chorrigan an aon fhaid, agus sin dìreach mar a tha colainn mhic an duine san àbhaist.

Briathran a' cur nar cuimhne gum bheil cuid a rudan nach eil ag atharrachadh ged a dh'atharraicheas an saoghal mun timcheall. Bha mi a' beachdachadh air sin bho chionn ghoirid is mi a' leughadh agus ag èisteachd a-rithist ri dòrainn bhuidhnean poblach is iad a' feuchainn ris an tuilleadh caomhnaidh a dhèanamh nan cuid bhuidheatan.

Gu deimhinne chan eil far-mad agam ris na h-oifigich agus ri buill chomhairlean agus bhùird-stiùiridh air am bheil leithid de dh'uallach a' tuiteam bliadhna às dèidh bliadhna. Mar a tha mi air a ràdh an seo roimhe tha ciall ag innse gun tig àm far nach gabh an còrr gearraidh a dhèanamh gun chron agus lùghdachadh air seirbheisean. Tuigear carson a bhiodh buidhnean poblach

fo impidh cumail a-mach gum bheil leasachaidhean èifeachdais nan dòighean libhrigidh a' ciallachadh nach eil seirbheisean a' fulang, ach saoilidh mise gum bheil leithid sin de dh'argamaid bhon riaghaltas agus bhon cuid sheirbheisich a' sìor fhàs tana.

Mar eisimpleir cha ghabh àicheadh nach eil euslaintich anns na h-eileanan an-diugh pailt cho èiseil 's a bha feadhainn air an robh an aon trioblaid bliadhnaichean air ais, agus ma bhathas ag aithneachadh gun robh e iomchaidh agus reusanta gum biodh taic coimheadachd aca nam feumadh iad siubhal gu ospadal air tìr-mòr an uairsin ciamar as urrainnear argamaid nach eil an aon rud fìor an-diugh!

Chosg an taic sin còrr air £31 millean dha seirbheis slàinte nan Eileanan Siar thar nan deich bliadhna mu dheireadh, ach saoilidh mise gur e dleastanas a tha sin nach gabh seachnadh mur eil an riaghaltas ag aideachadh gum bheil cùisean a' dol air ais! Agus 's e mo bheachd gum bheil an aon rud fìor a thaobh taice foghlaim ann an sgoiltean Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd. Ciamar

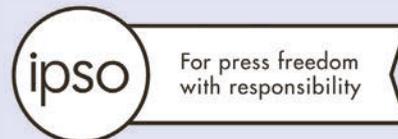
as urrainnear a ràdh nach eil feum a-nise air luchd-taice ma bha seirbheis an fhoghlaim den bheachd fad bhliadhnaichean gun robh leithid sin iomchaidh ann a bhith a' coileanadh an cuid dleastanas dhan chloinn a tha an urra riutha? Ma tha feum aig an aon seòrsa àireamhan chloinne air taic agus nach eil sin gu bhith ann dhaibh tha fhios gum bheil an t-seirbheis a' dol bhuaithle!

Some things never change.

This everyday expression is increasingly challenged by apparently never-ending public sector budgetary cuts. If it was previously deemed appropriate to escort patients travelling from the Western Isles to mainland hospitals for treatment how can this now be considered less necessary?

Equally, when there have always been some children requiring extra support with their educational development, cutting support staff posts in Highland Council schools, or elsewhere, seems a retrograde step.

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DISTRICT NEWS

TARBET

Plans for improved public toilets and an electric motorhome service point at Tarbet Visitor Centre have been approved.

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority gave the green light for its own proposals, which also include alterations to the centre itself.

A report by planning officer Nicola Arnott recommended that the proposals were approved, and the park authority's planning department has now done so.

Ms Arnott's report said: 'A small area of trees and vegetation exists between the proposed location and the loch and views from the loch will not be affected.

'A small area of rhododendron may need to be removed during works and a condition is required for a landscaping plan to ensure appropriate compensatory planting should loss of vegetation occur.

'It is recommended that planning permission is granted as it will upgrade and improve the existing facilities.

'There will be no detrimental impact on visual amenity and important views and the proposal complies with the overarching policies.'

ISLAY, JURA, COLONSAY

Overall spend on roads, lighting, piers and harbours capital investment on Islay and Jura will be in the region of £1.6 million during 2019-20.

More than 1,000 tonnes of bituminous surfacing material will be used to resurface roads and footways on the islands. Where possible, local materials are being sourced for surfacing and repairs. This brings financial benefits to the economy, saving money on haulage and freeing up valuable space on ferries.

A total of £643,000 has been allocated for a capital expenditure on roads programmes that include:

- Re-shaping and surface dressing of the A846 between Port Askaig - Ballygrant between April and July;



Luings First Responders have four new recruits.

Luings first responders update their skills

The Isle of Luings First Responder team have attended a two-day training course to update their skills and obtain renewal of their certification.

The course and assessments were held on the Isle of Luings, provided by the Community First Responder Coordinators, under the umbrella of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

The Luings First Responder team has been operational for 12 years. Four new recruits joined the volunteer scheme recently after

an intensive four-day training course, which they also successfully passed.

The course material and practical skills modules were focusing on the use of defibrillators, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of oxygen and suction equipment and support of medical conditions.

Two of the new team members volunteered to act as patients in the assessments, Cullipool Hall Committee provided the venue for the course and a volunteer from

the Atlantic Islands Centre served excellent soup lunches.

The role of First Responders has shown to contribute to the 'chain of survival' and makes a difference to patient survival in life-threatening situations such as cardiac arrest.

Based within a community, First Responders are able to reach the patient, often within minutes following a 999 call, to bridge the time gap between the call and arrival of paramedics in an ambulance or a helicopter.

- Re-shaping and surface dressing of the A847 between Bluehouses - Crosshouse between April and July;

- Surface dressing of a short section of the A847 north of Bruichladdich between April and July;

- Surfacing of the A846 Bowmore corner during May;

- Surfacing of the Emmeraconnart Corner on the A846, as well as re-

moving depressions to the north of the corner, in May;

- Surfacing at Caol Ila during May and August;

- Re-tread surfacing of the A846 north of Ardfin during June;

- Strengthening and surfacing the A846 south of Leorin in August/September;

- Edge strengthening the A846 at

Laphroaig in summer/autumn;

- Localised surfacing of the A846 on the Ardmenish Flats in summer;

- Localised surfacing of the Killinallan Road in summer;

- Localised resurfacing on Colonsay in spring.

Funds have also been allocated to resurface footways in Port Charlotte and Port Ellen.

Working group islands' patients

News has been welcomed that a working group will be convened to review NHS Western Isles' system for approving funding for patient escorts.

The move comes after patient groups felt criteria to get escort funding for mainland appointments was being much more strictly enforced.

Last year, NHS Western Isles announced a new system for approving such requests, with the health board making the decision. Previously, it had been the responsibility of the patient's GP.

It since appeared to patient groups that the criteria was being much more strictly enforced, resulting in increasing numbers of people having their applications for a patient escort refused.

Patient advocacy groups, led by the Western Isles Cancer Care Initiative (WICCI), have been pushing for a more patient-centred form of approval for patient escorts.

After a petition by WICCI that gained more than 1,500 signatures, and lobbying of the Scottish Government by Western Isles MSP Alasdair Allan, the Cabinet Secretary for Health Jeane Freeman MSP has now ordered NHS Western Isles to convene a working group as a matter of priority to review the process and take steps where required to ensure it is patient-centred and operates in such a way that

TIGHNABRUAICH

The NHS Scotland mobile breast screening unit is touring communities within Argyll and Bute in the coming months.

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best supports patients in making applications.

Dr Allan said: 'Far too many islanders have been travelling to the mainland to receive a diagnosis for cancer, or another condition with life-changing implications, with no emotional support from a friend or loved one. There has been a lack of dialogue with patient advocacy groups.'

'I look forward to seeing what comes out of the working group and I hope we will see a more patient-centred policy.'

Helen Sandison, from the Western Isles Cancer Care Initiative, added: 'WICCI very much welcomes the intervention by Ms Freeman on the issue of patient escort travel.'

'For many months now we have heard first hand of several patients struggling to either obtain escort permission and have to cope financially when a request is refused or to appeal a decision at a time when they could well do without the stress and upset.'

'We are delighted that Ms Freeman has directly requested a focus group be established and a response to be brought back to her by mid-July.'

'We will happily contribute to that group.'

'We already have nominees from the Men's Cancer Group, Neuro Hebrides and the WI Carers, Users and Supporters Network to take part in discussion too.'

in the mobile breast screening unit. This will be located in the car park of Suzy's Tea Room from June 17 to 21.

The mobile screening unit is equipped with state-of-the-art breast X-ray (mammography) equipment and staffed by an experienced all-female team. NHS Highland would like to encourage all women invited for screening to take the opportunity.



Kevin Byrne and friends up MacPhee number six – considered bagged.

Colonsay climbs bag funds for school

Colonsay businessman Kevin Byrne is totting up the island's own version of Munro bagging.

To date Mr Byrne, who is also a historian, has raised about £5,000 by conquering Colonsay's peaks for a good cause.

For the past seven years, he has led a sponsored walk on Easter Monday to raise money for Kilchattan School Parent Council Fund.

He can climb 22 MacPhees, hills up to 300ft, in just one day but on this year's walk was joined by local business proprietors Gavin Clarke of the Colonsay Pantry, Chris Nisbet

of Colonsay's Wild Island gin, alongside children, staff, members of the community and holiday-makers.

Together they raised £2,300 towards mainland educational excursions.

Head teacher Gillian Mackenzie said: 'The staff, pupils and parents of Kilchattan are most grateful for every effort made to support our school, particularly as our school roll has increased by 100 per cent this year.'

The school now has eight pupils plus one child in early learning.

'Due to our remote location

on Colonsay, it is necessary to take pupils to the mainland for swimming lessons. The cost of travel and accommodation mounts up and without contributions from the parent council fund, such trips would just not be feasible.

'In recent years, pupils have benefited from educational trips to Northern Ireland's Antrim coast, outward bound weeks to Center Parcs at Cumbria, pantomimes, ice-skating, Christmas markets and the Science Museum in Glasgow and soft play, pony trekking and swimming lessons in Oban,' added Mrs Mackenzie.

At random

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Recruitment crisis

I have been speaking to movers and shakers in the Oban and Lorn business community who tell me they are struggling to find people to work in a number of sectors, but principally hospitality.

We reported on this last week, with BID4Oban chief executive Andy Spence and Perle Oban manager James Anderson attributing the problem in large measure to a shortage of affordable housing.

Other business people I've spoken to blame Brexit – in part at least – because, they tell me, there has been an exodus of the EU nationals on whom they have been relying for a considerable period.

Now, I am not about to delve into the murky waters of Brexit and its merits or demerits but if the situation is as serious as I am told, something needs to be done to address it.

But what precisely?

There are hundreds of houses being built in the so-called Dunbeg corridor, the area between Dunbeg and Ganavan, and an application for 44 homes near Lonan Drive. However, not all these properties will be affordable or suitable.

And, according to Andy Spence, another problem for the hospitality sector is the low rates of pay and seasonal nature of the industry. That is something that is not going to change any time soon.

With the height of the tourist season about to start – and the town will be jam-packed next weekend for the superb Oban Live two-day music festival – businesses are right to be worried.

However, there are, I suspect, no quick fix solutions. I hope the tourism provision is not damaged too much as the visitors arrive.

Beyond description

I was intrigued – at first, anyway – to read about the Skye Ecomuseum.

This sounds interesting, I thought. It is part of the Staffin Community Trust's work.

Then I read a description: 'It is an outdoor museum with "no walls and a roofless sky".'

In other words, it is a field. Emperor's new clothes, anyone?

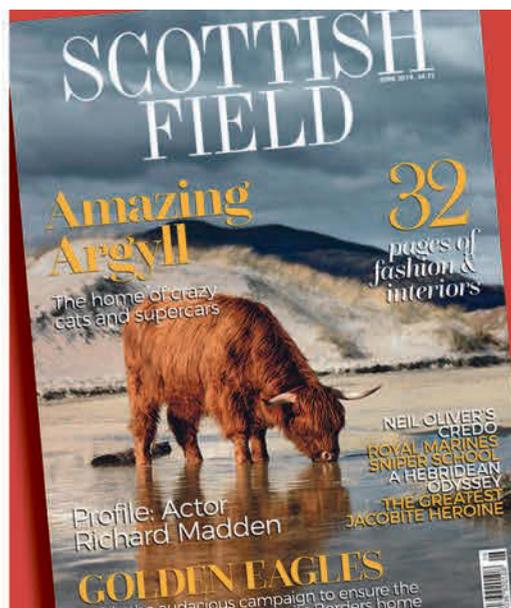
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Lambing this year is one of the best

By Ewen Campbell,
SRUC's Kirkton and Auchtertyre
farms manager

The past couple of months have flown by and the excellent weather has allowed us to get on well with the spring work. Time to sit down and write my thoughts for this column has also become a bit easier to find. Lambing is now nearly finished and we only have a handful of ewes left to lamb. Weather wise, it was probably one of the best lambings ever with only a few wet and cold days when the waterproofs were required.

There was plenty of grass and the ewes were in great fettle. Despite this, it did not come without its own problems. There seemed to be more ewes than normal needing help with issues such as a leg back or sometimes no legs at all! Lots of wee niggly things, which all take extra time to sort.

This seems to have been quite a common problem this year and it has been interesting to

hear people's views on why this should be the case. One view, which struck a chord, was that the early flush of grass had upset the ewes' calcium levels, which in turn affected the birthing process.

It is something I look forward to discussing with our vets at our annual health plan review.

Our scanner man had warned us that there were a few early lambs in the Auchtertyre flock and, sure enough, they appeared about a month early. Luckily, we had these ewes inside and they have done really well.

As usual, we have ended up with quite a few pet lambs but, I have to say, a lot fewer than last year.

Although all the lambs are tagged and weighed within 24 hours of birth, and before the singles are put out to the hill, we are still waiting to see how many there are.

We will find out at marking time next month what the final numbers are. Hopefully,

a lot better than last year. In the midst of all that activity, we also had quite a few visitors these past few weeks. We welcomed the pupils of Crianlarich Primary School early this month.

As always, the cows and calves, and ewes and lambs were very popular. My colleague Jenna also explained how she cares for the pet lambs, and many questions were asked about it. They were in for a treat, as they got to see one of the ewes give birth while they were with us – that was very special.

We also discussed grassland and ecology. I am always impressed by the number of questions these youngsters ask, it is so refreshing.

We also had a visit from further afield – 27 students and their lecturers from Crowder College, Missouri, USA, came to visit the farms last week.

Crowder College is very similar in function to SRUC, where students learn about

agriculture, agronomy, economics and veterinary science. They were on a fact-finding tour of Scotland, and we spent a good morning explaining the ins and outs of Scottish hill farming, as well as the latest research we are carrying out here.

We focussed on the sheep, but they were also keen on our Aberdeen Angus cross cattle – beef cattle are more predominant where they come from.

We also emphasised the EU collaborative projects that we are part of – SheepNet and SusSheP. They were very interested and asked many questions. It is always nice to have a good audience, and I think they enjoyed seeing our impressive landscape on a sunny morning.

That's it for now – we will be at NorthSheep in Yorkshire and HighlandSheep in Thurso in the next few weeks, so, do not hesitate to pop round to the SRUC stand and have a chat.

Around the markets

Fort William, Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd, May 24, sold 123 store cattle, five adult head of breeding cattle, 12 OTM cattle and 746 sheep.

Bullocks (61) averaged 215.6p and sold to 295.8p per kilo for a pair of 240kg Charolais crosses from Moy Farm, Banavie, and £980 gross a 520kg Limousin cross from Balmaglaister, Spean Bridge.

Heifers (60) averaged 194.3p and sold to 263.6p per kilo for a 330kg Limousin cross from Keil Farm, Ardgour and £910 gross for a 440kg Simmental cross from Balmacaan Farm, Drumadrochit.

Young bulls (2) averaged 154.5p and sold to 174.6p per kg and £550 gross for a 315kg Limousin from Lochuanagan, Fort Augustus.

Breeding cattle (5) sold to £1,240 gross for a Simmental cross cow with a Limousin calf at foot from Ardery, Strontian.

OTM cattle (12) averaged 134.6p and sold to 181.3p per kilo for a 480kg Limousin cross from Ardtornish Farms, Morven, and £930 gross for a 785kg Shorthorn cross from Moy Farms.

Store lambs (320) averaged £45.18 and sold to £81 gross for a Cheviot from 12 Aultgrishan, Gairloch.

Ewes with single lambs at foot (39) sold to £100 gross (twice) for Texel cross ewes with Suffolk cross lambs from Balmaglaister, Spean Bridge and also for a Cheviot ewe with a Cheviot lamb at foot from Benhaint, Kilchoan.

Ewes with twin lambs at foot (23) averaged £117.43 and sold to £130 gross (twice) for Cheviot ewes with Suffolk cross lambs and also for Texel cross ewes with Suffolk cross lambs from Balmaglaister.

Ewes with lamb and a half (11) averaged £113.09 and sold to £134 gross for Suffolk cross ewes with Suffolk cross lambs from Balmaglaister.

Feeding ewes (280) averaged £38.14 and sold to £70 gross for Suffolk crosses from Balmaglaister.

Feeding sheep (73) averaged £39.92 and sold to £63 gross for Cheviots from Isle of Muck Farms, Isle of Muck.

Other leading prices per head and per kilo: Bullocks: 201-250kg – Moy Farms, £710, Antium, Isle of Mull,

272.3p; 251-300kg – Moy Farms, £770, 270.2p; 301-350kg – Balmaglaister, £810, Craigview, Arisaig, 259.0p; 351-400kg – Insh Farm, Spean Bridge, £870, Moy Farms, 233.8p; 401-450kg – Balmacaan Farm, £920, 7 Back of Keppoch, Arisaig, 216.9p.

Heifers: 201-250kg – Moy Farm, £600, 240.0p; 251-300kg – Moy Farm, £740, 255.2p; 301-350kg – Keil Farm, £870, Balmaglaister, 229.0p; 351-400kg – Balmaglaister, £840, 227.0p; 401-450kg – Balmaglaister, £840, Balmacaan Farm, 206.8p.

Other leading prices per head: Cows with male calf at foot: ShoX – Insh Farm, £900.

Cows with heifer calf at foot: ShoX – Moy Farm, £1,020.
In calf cows: SimX – Balmacaan Farm, £800.

OTM prime and feeding cows: Moy Farm, (SimX), £930; Ardtornish Farm, (SimX), £930, Ardtornish Farm, (LimX), £870; Ardtornish Farm, (AA), £830; Ardtornish Farm, (ShoX), £810.

Other leading prices per kilo: OTM prime and feeding cows: Ardtornish Farms, (SimX), 157.4p; Moy Farm, (SimX), 140.9p; Ardtornish Farms, (SimX), 138.8p; Ardtornish Farms, (AA), 138.3p.

Other leading prices per head: Lambs: Chev – Balmaglaister, £76; BF – 9 Bracara, Morar, £68; Cross – Borlum Farm, Fort Augustus, £64; Mule – Glendoe Estate, Fort Augustus, £63; TexX – Glenishira Farm, Laggan, £57; Zwb – Balgowan, Laggan, £55.

Ewes with single lambs: Cross – Blarour, Spean Bridge, £78; BF – 52 Banavie, Fort William, £68; Chev – 4 Glebehill, Kilchoan, £65.

Ewes with twin lambs: Chev – Benhaint, £122; Cross – 4 Glebehill, £86. Ewes with lamb and a half – TexX – Balmaglaister, £133. Ewes: Chev – Isle of Muck, £68; TexX – Burnside, Portree, £63; Mule – Glendoe Estate, £62; JCB – Balmaglaister, £59; BF – Glendoe Estate, £52; Cross – Camusnacork, Strontian, £44; Zwb – Balgowan, £41.

Feeding sheep: BF – Ben Alder Estate, Dalwhinnie, £54; Chev – Forest Enterprise, Lochaber, £52; Cross – 2 Blaich, Fort William, £45.

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Tom Campbell filming Where Eagles Dare on Loch na Keal.

Mull eagles film wings its way to BBC

Footage of Mull's whitetailed sea eagles caught on camera by wild-life film-maker Tom Campbell has been broadcast as part of the BBC's Blue Planet UK.

A five-minute version of Tom's film Where Eagles Dare was watched by millions of TV viewers in March.

Thanks to a crowdfunding appeal that featured in The Oban Times last year, Tom, then a film-making graduate, managed to raise £1,200 to fund the full-length film which was part of his degree course.

The film has an original musical score composed by Alex Hill and is narrated by Scottish actor Garry Summers. It also featured Mull RSPB officer Dave Sexton and Martin Keivers from Mull Charters.

Tom, who is the son of Margi Campbell, provost of Oban St John's Cathedral, said: 'I was really honoured that the BBC used my

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footage and really hope that more people will better understand the sea eagle and therefore strive to protect them as well as want to go see them.

'The best way to see sea eagles and support them is to visit Mull and book to be taken on a Mull Eagle Watch tour which is currently running on Craignure Golf Course where the pair Anna and

Scalla are believed to have a new chick.'

This April saw Tom return to Mull to catch up with friends he made as well as Anna and Scalla.

After working as a runner on the BBC's popular Winterwatch show, he has now rejoined the programme for Springwatch as a story developer keeping a close eye on webcams and recording any action as it happens.

'I have been lucky enough to start getting more work as a freelance cameraman and hope to keep progressing and to continue to document the beauty and plight of our natural world,' he said.

Whitetailed eagles were declared extinct in the UK in 1918 but were reintroduced to Rum in the 1970s and then spread across different areas of the Highlands, including Mull. The island became home of the first wild-bred chick in the UK for around 70 years.

This week's walks

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 June 6: Duisky, Lochailort

A forestry path behind the landfill site which gives excellent views into the hills and glens to the north of Loch Eil. This is an out and back walk. Initially on good forestry roads and then clear path which might be a little boggy.

Limited parking at start NN012770, the turning off the A861, 200m E of the bridge over An Dubh Uisge. Go S through the gate to another gate. Continue through this entering a deer conservation area. After 400m look out for deer feeding station on L (deer are often seen).

Continue W on road. At next gate you enter the forestry and leave the deer management area. You are gently gaining height and views to the N are opening up. Area to S has been felled so also good views of hills S of you. Road continues across new bridge (old bridge shown on map has been removed).

Follow W gently uphill to large vehicle turning area. Cross this and start a gentle descent. Road quickly changes to a wide path which can sometimes be a little boggy. Follow this path as it continues W through the wood with some small ascents and descents to gate. Wide track ends here and after gate becomes a single width footpath. This footpath does continue to the bealach.

As this is an out and back walk, the distance and duration will be agreed with the group on the day. Minimum duration 4½ hours.

Grade: L; distance: 9km; height to climb: 250m; map(s): LR41, EX391; meet at: FWWM 9.15am or Corran Ferry 0900 for 9.15 sailing. Start of walk: 10.00am. Leader: Denise Jones 07823 779713.

Saturday June 8: Laudale Horseshoe, Morvern

A high level circuit above Laudale. Follow the road and then the diversion round Laudale House. At NM 738 603 take the left turn and follow the track (unmarked on older maps) to Mam a Ceire. Follow the ridge over Meall a Chaise and Beinn Bhan, then descend to join a track at NM 737 580 which leads to the valley and the outward route.

Grade: M+; distance: 18km; height to climb: 760m; Maps LR40/49, EX383/390. Meet at Fort William WM (NN112742) at 0830 Corran Ferry 0900 for 0915 sailing. Start of walk: Park by the jetty (NM760599) on the minor road off the A884 at 0945. Leader: Ann Jones 07770 434114.

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.

Saturday June 1: Ben Macdui, Carn a' Mhaim, Aviemore.

Ben Macdui is Scotland's second highest hill. Carn a' Mhaim is on one of the narrowest ridges in the Cairngorms. This is a long day. *It is just as long but less height to climb if the route is reversed. **It is also shorter if Carn a' Mhaim is omitted, see below.

Start at the Sugar Bowl CP in Glen More at NH985074. Follow the path S, across the main road and down to cross the bridge over the Allt Mor. Climb up to the edge of a plateau where the path turns SW. At a junction, cross the burn and continue SW up to the Chalamain Gap. Negotiate this impressive defile with care and head SSW downhill to the Lairig Ghru. Cross river and head SE up through the Lairig Ghru for 3.3km to the Pools of Dee. Descend on the path S for a further 3.4km to about NN980973.

Leave the path and head ESE up the hillside to the col at NN987971, alt 800m. Turn S up the ridge to the summit of Carn a' Mhaim, 1,037m. Return to the col and head N, curving NE up the hillside. The least steep ground is on the E side of the Allt Clach nan Taillear. Once on the plateau at about 1,230m alt, head WNW to the summit of Ben Macdui. A good path heads NNW, descending gradually, past the 1,083m top of Miadan Creag an Leth-choinex and down a long ridge curving NNE to reach the SC CP at NH989059. Transport required, five mins from start.

** Start at the SC and climb to the plateau by the headwall path of Coire an t-Sneachda or scramble up the ridge to its W. Head S to Ben Macdui. Return to the SC as above. Turn NE and head up to the summit. Return to the col and descend SW on the path to the track in Glendessary. Head E back to the start. Distance: 28km *28km **16km; height to climb: 1,550m *1,390m **850.

Suggested by Gavin Theobald, coordinated by John Burton.



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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARGYLL AND LOCHABER

Sony-signed star is final act set for Oban Live stage

by David McPhee
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In a surprise visit to Oban last Thursday, 22-year-old Scottish musician Be Charlotte announced live from McCaig's Tower that she will play at Oban Live in two weeks.

The Dundee star, who signed to major record label Sony Music last year, is the last act to be added to Argyll's biggest outdoor live music festival.

She joins Skerryvore, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Lucy Spraggan, We Banjo 3, Elephant Sessions and more at the popular west coast event.

Since starting to find her voice as a teenager with an acoustic guitar, Charlotte



Be Charlotte announces at McCaig's Tower that she'll be playing at Oban Live.

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Brimmer, performing as Be Charlotte, has focused on finding inner strength and inspiring others to do the same – a message that she relayed to a number of Oban's primary school pupils last week during her visit to Oban.

Pupils were treated to a surprise visit from the Scots star, an acoustic music set,

and she was also planning to talk about her inspiring musical journey.

Charlotte said she would be encouraging youngsters to believe in themselves, to pick up and learn an instrument and to get involved in music.

Even though she is still at the beginning of her career, Be Charlotte has toured around the UK, Europe, North America and Asia, as well as sharing the stage with Major Lazer in Africa in 2018.

Her new single Brighter Without You is out now.

Be Charlotte will play at Oban Live on Friday June 7. The event takes place at Mossfield Stadium on June 7 and 8.

Tickets are selling fast and are available at www.oban-live.com.

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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)

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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)

DISATHAIRNE 1 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / SATURDAY 1 JUNE

16.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
17.45 An La – News
18.00 Cuairt Chaiseach / Wallace & Gromit in A Grand Day Out
18.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
18.30 Tiugainn a Dhannsa (rpt)
19.30 Prosaig (rpt)

20.00 Machair
20.30 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)
20.35 *NEW* Astrid: The Quay Sessions
21.00 Rona: Dileab Chlann Eardsaidh Raghnaill (rpt)
22.00 Niteworks: Baile air Bhoil (rpt)
22.30 Seirm S5 (rpt)
23.25 Impireachd Banrigh Bhictoria (rpt)
00.20 Belladrum – Cridhe Tartan (Highlights) (rpt)

DIDÒMHNAICH 2 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

16.00 *NEW* Scottish Junior Cup Final 2019- Largs Thistle v Auchinleck
18.25 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)
18.30 An La - News
18.45 Seachd La / News Review
19.45 Alleluia! (rpt)
20.15 Sgeul Seolaidh (rpt)
20.30 An t-Eilean / From Skye with Love (rpt)
21.00 *NEW* Rose Reilly
22.20 Belladrum 2017: Franz Ferdinand (rpt)
23.10 Black Lake (rpt)
23.50 Dhan Uisge (Loch Coruisk) (rpt)

DILUAIN AN 3 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / MONDAY 3RD JUNE

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.00 Na Ceiltich / Celtic History (rpt)
19.25 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)
19.30 Beul Chainnt (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 *NEW* Dreach Ur S2
21.00 Trusadh – Faram nam Brog (rpt)
22.00 Ceolmhor@Piping Live! S5 (rpt)
22.30 DIY le Donnie (rpt)
23.20 Dhan Uisge (Loch Coruisk) rpt
23.30 Air an Rathad (rpt)

DIMAIRT 4 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.30 Beul Chaint (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 Vets: Gach Creutair Beò
21.00 Bliadhne na Sgoile (My School Year) rpt
22.00 Trusadh – Faram nam Brog (rpt)
23.00 Horo Gheallaidh / Celtic Music Sessions (rpt)
23.30 Alleluia (rpt)

DICIADAIN 5 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.00 Na Ceiltich / Celtic History (rpt)
19.25 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)
19.30 Beul Chainnt (rpt)
20.00 An La - News
20.30 An t-Eilean / From Skye with Love (rpt)
21.00 DIY le Donnie (rpt)
21.45 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
21.50 Dhan Uisge (Loch Coruisk) rpt
22.00 Fonn Fonn Fonn (rpt)
22.30 Ceolmhor@Piping Live! S5 (rpt)
23.00 Sgeulachd Deacon Brodie (rpt)

DIARDAOIN 6 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / THURSDAY 6TH JUNE

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
19.00 An Ataireachd Bhuan (rpt)
19.30 Beul Chainnt (rpt)
20.00 An La – News
20.30 Leugh Mi (rpt)
21.00 Peter Manuel – Deireadh an Uilc (rpt)
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Elephant sessions en route to Arg

Indie folk band Elephant Sessions will charge into the Highlands at the start of the month with performances at Oban Live (Friday, June 7) and Killin Music Festival (Saturday, June 15) rounding off their 2019 18-date UK live tour, writes Fiona Scott.

The five-piece outfit exploded onto the indie folk scene with their album, *All We Have Is Now*, and mandolin player Alasdair Taylor, who hails from Inverness, is hoping the band proves just as popular closer to home.

'This will be our first appearance at Oban Live and Killin and we're really quite excited about it. We were really chuffed when we got the phone call asking us to play.'

The band's latest album, *What Makes You*, was released on May 10, coinciding with the start of the tour, and promises to build on



the success of the band, says Taylor: 'Our set in Oban will include some of our old stuff and some tracks off the new album that have never been heard live before; we are keeping something special back.'

'The tour has been pretty hectic, but we're getting a few days off now and will be all

rejuvenated for coming back to the Highlands.'

The band's sound is created by Taylor and Euan Smillie on fiddle, who front the band, with Mark Bruce on guitar held together by the solid backbone of Greg Barry on drums, and Seth Tinsley on bass. The twist is they fuse their music

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The Elephant Sessions have lined up two dates at Highland festivals in June – Oban Live and Killin Music Festival.

with electronic dance beats. 2018 saw awards in abundance for the band, including Album of the Year and the coveted Live Band of the Year award at the BBC Scotland Trad Awards, finalists as Best Group at the BBC Radio 2 awards, and last May, Belhaven Brewery got together with the band to award the first ever Belhaven Bursary for innovation in music. They were also shortlisted for Scottish Album of the Year. Their set at Oban Live on the Friday night will be hotly anticipated and will be a great way to ensure the festival is off to a flying start.

Glasgow Letter

ROBERT ROBERTSON

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I mentioned in last week's column that I would be reviewing some newly-released albums with connections to Glasgow over the coming weeks.

At this time of year, there is never as much live Highland music in the city as so many of the diaspora head back up north for a large part of the summer, so it's great to have some fantastic new albums to listen to.

A review of Mary Ann Kennedy's Glaschu:

The album I wish to review this week, and possibly the most appropriate for the Glasgow Letter, is Mary Ann Kennedy's Glaschu – a whole album dedicated to the city of her birth and charmingly subtitled, 'home town love song'.

Mary Ann writes on the back cover: 'You can take the girl out of Glasgow, but never Glasgow out of the girl, and in the spirit of Gaels' eternal



This week, Robert reviews Mary Ann Kennedy's latest album, Glaschu – Home Town Love Song.

need to sing about home, this is my Gaelic love-song for the city in all its guises – the voices of arrivals in search of a new life and of those, like me, born and bred there with Gaelic as our first language.' This sums up the album

which really does explore 'all its guises': from the upbeat celebration of the annual New Year shinty game at Queen's Park between Glasgow Gaels and their Greenock compatriots – through a vivid match report

by Màiri Mhòr nan Òran – to the quiet, descriptive scene of Sauchiehall Street, Friday morning, written by Derick Thomson and read in both Gaelic and English by Bill Paterson.

There are even moments of great comedy as offered by the well-known and much-loved macaronic song, When I came to Glasgow first, which tells the tale of a Gael getting into a bit of trouble in Glasgow only to be let off the hook by a policeman from Portree – something which perhaps was not uncommon during the mid 20th-century Highland arrival in the city when Gaelic speakers were in abundance in the Glasgow force.

One particularly interesting song, showing a less savoury side of the history of the city, is Margadh an t-Salainn (The Saltmarket), which is an account by John MacFadyen, published in 1890, of a tribal clash between immigrant Irish families.

In her notes on this

song, Mary Ann writes: 'I swithered about recording this, but it's important to know that it was not always the "Gaels le chèile" (Gaels together) camaraderie of today's Glasgow Gaelic communities.'

I, for one, am very glad she included the song – not only because she sings it incredibly well and is accompanied by wonderfully intriguing jazz guitar chords by the brilliant Finlay Wells from Oban – but because it is one of the songs that really enhances this wide-ranging and full account of the city of Glasgow through the eyes and voice of a Gael brought up in the city.

I was delighted when Mary Ann asked me to sing backing vocals on this album and it is lovely to hear the final product.

I think, as well as being an enjoyable album, it is a very valuable personal account (as well as a deeply honest, historical one) of the city Mary Ann clearly loves so much.



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8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre

12-12:30pm

Oban & Lorn Lions Charities Day

Station Square, 12noon

Cearcall Cómhraidh (Gaelic Conversation Group)

Furan Gaelic Centre
12noon- 1:30pm

Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Duns

Ewan MacDonald & Scott Sinclair

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5.30pm & 7.30pm

Tel: Rhona 07880 878906

Kundalini Yoga with Dirk

The Rockfield Centre, 6pm

Drumming and Music Making

Taynuilt Sports Pavilion
6.30pm - 7.30pm

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

8 Week Mindfulness Course
The Rockfield Centre

12-12:30pm

Carers Coffee Morning

North Argyll Carers Centre

10:30am-12pm

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Port Appin Village Hall

2pm-3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

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

RSC Live: The Taming Of The Shrew

Oban Phoenix Cinema

7pm-10pm

Nominations open for Voluntary Arts awards

A last call has gone out for nominations for this year's Epic awards.

Once again Voluntary Arts is shining a spotlight on all the incredible creative activity that takes place across Oban and Argyll, and organisers have issued a last call to artists and musicians.

If there is anyone who has run a project they are anyone else feel deserves recognition or a group has had a particularly good year, then organisers of the Epic awards would like to hear from them.

Previous Epic Award winners in Scotland include an Aberdeenshire Christmas show that involved the entire community, a woodworking project for PTSD sufferers in Glasgow, and a visual arts trail in Dumfries and Galloway.

Here's what previous winners The Buddy Beat (a drumming group from Paisley) had to say recently: 'The sense of pride, achievement and recognition from winning the Epic Award is something that lasts to this

day, and is worn by all of us as a badge of honour.

'When we perform, we are often announced as the "award-winning Buddy Beat" - which not only brings a smile to the group members, but validates all that we do.

'As well as the award helping in grant applications, it has helped encourage others to become interested in the group, and we are taken more seriously.

'Winning the Epic Award definitely gave us a deepened sense of pride and identity in what we do.'

Groups can nominate themselves now at www.voluntaryarts.org/epic-awards, but the deadline is tomorrow (May 31).

St Cona for ever

It's not often one sees a world class performer, writes Tony Graham.

But on Friday evening an appreciative audience at St Conan's Kirk in Lochawe had a huge treat.

The Friends of St Conan's, as well as making major efforts to restore the eccentric architectural kirk, put on a concert that brought joy to all who were there.

Elina Duni, singer and multi-instrumentalist, originally from Albania, but now living in London, accompanied by guitarist Rob Luft gave a stunning recital that had the audience spellbound. With a mesmerising combination of folk, jazz and music inspired by her upbringing, she brought a quality of singing, and light humour that had the audience enthralled.

Starting with her interpretation of a number of Albanian folk songs, she moved seamlessly into her tribute to the

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20:30 WILD ROSE | 15

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ROCKETMAN | 15
POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU | PG
RSC LIVE: THE TAMING OF THE SHREW | 12A
WILD ROSE | 15

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE

12:00 ★
16:00/18:30
16:15/18:15
20:30
20:30
TOLKIEN | 12A
THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU | PG
ROCKETMAN | 15
WILD ROSE | 15



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Elina was accompanied by virtuoso guitarist, Rob Luft

panist, was much more than that. As co-writer of many of the pieces performed, a virtuoso guitarist, his mastery of the semi-acoustic and acoustic guitars was hair-raising.

Meanwhile Elina's voice, enhanced by the acoustics of the Kirk, brought a shiver to the spine, with her skilful pieces combining music from folk traditions across Europe. Indeed, a night to remember.

While it might sound churlish, the audience in St Conan's Kirk on Friday probably had a significantly superior musical experience than those celebrating Eurovision in Tel Aviv on Saturday.

The Friends of St Conan's continues with its series of concerts with Trios Blondes, a celebration a Parisienne Café society on Sunday, June 23.

recently passed Doris Day with a heart-warming rendition of I'll Be Seeing You.

Her Lost Ships evoked days on Brighton Beach, made all the more poignant as it celebrated those who made their way to freedom, or death, as they tried to cross the English

Channel from war torn Syria, Africa and Asia. Her rendition of the Albanian folksong The Shepherdess was a subtle and humorous commentary on the position of women, not only in Albania, but universally.

Rob Luft, Elina's accom-

Glenmasam Manuscript celebrated

Oban will host two events in celebrations of the Glenmasam Manuscript next month.

For those interested in local history, there is a seminar in the Corran Halls on Friday June 21 about the legend of Deirdre and Naoise.

Many will have read about the legend in The Oban Times, as Taynuilt resident Sam MacDonald created a memorial after the couple's ancient love story stole the hearts of Sam and his late wife.

The lecture will be given by Professor Ruairi Ó hUiginn, professor of Celtic Studies at Trinity College Dublin.

For the music community, there will be a concert on Saturday June 22 at 6.30pm in St John's Cathedral, given by the much-acclaimed Glasgow Wind Band featuring the Glenmasam Tone Poem by Swiss Composer Marc Jeanbourquin (which will be conducted by the composer).

Entry to both events is free.

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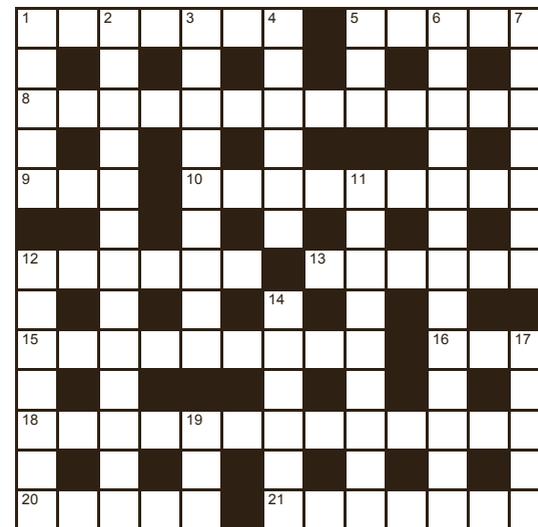
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WEDNESDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 breakfast show, 09.00 Sounds Scottish repeat, 10.00 The Comfort Zone with Lesley Blair Simmonds, 13.00 Doug Carmichael in the afternoon. 17.00 Drivetime with Campbell Cameron, 19.00 Country meets Rock & Roll with Len Ford & Kenny MacLachlan alternating.
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, 21.00 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, 13.00 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 Live together (7)
- 5 Vessels for travelling water (5)
- 8 Music something is known by (9,4)
- 9 Spread (3)
- 10 Forces canine (6,3)
- 12 State of confusion (6)
- 13 Prickly plant (6)
- 15 Establish a connection (9)
- 16 Thorax protector (3)
- 18 Religious practice (6,7)
- 20 Glance (5)
- 21 Bouquet (7)

Down

- 1 Receipt listings (5)
- 2 Where the tide goes up to (4-5,4)
- 3 Swear (9)
- 4 Dishevel (6)
- 5 One of apple or pork maybe (3)
- 6 Currency (5,8)
- 7 Toboggans (7)
- 11 Nonstop (9)
- 12 Crustacean with five pairs of legs (7)
- 14 Fish who swims upriver to lay its eggs (6)
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NMS partners with Skye's Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

National Museums Scotland (NMS) has partnered with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig College on Skye, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), for the major summer exhibition, *Wild and Majestic: Romantic Visions of Scotland*, writes Ewan Carr.

The exhibition will examine how Scotland became established in the popular imagination as a land of wilderness, heroism and history, and how tartan, bagpipes and rugged, wild landscapes became enduring, internationally recognised symbols of Scottish identity.

It spans the period from the final defeat of the Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 to the death of Queen Victoria in 1901.

Gaelic language and culture feature throughout the exhibition, with the main narrative presented in both English and Gaelic.

The exhibition explores the efforts made to protect and

revive elements of Gaelic culture in the wake of the post-Culloden crisis in Highland society. During this period, Scotland's relationship with the European Romantic movement transformed external perceptions of the Highlands and was central to the birth of tourism in Scotland.

These developments would in turn influence the relationship between the Hanoverian royal family and Scotland, particularly George IV, then Queen Victoria.

UHI will also contribute to the events programme, including an event with former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro in conversation with Dr David Worthington.

Experts from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig have also assisted on the panel texts. Each section of the exhibition will include exploration of themes from a Gaelic-cultural perspective, and filmed interviews will reflect a range of perspectives, including Gaelic voices

on some contested historical themes.

Dr Stuart Allan, keeper of Scottish history and archaeology at NMS, said: 'We are delighted to be working with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on this exhibition. The expertise of our colleagues there, Dr Domhnall Uilleam Stiùbhart and Professor Uisdean Cheape, has brought an invaluable perspective to the story, which we hope will provide visitors with a real insight into a fascinating, turbulent period in our history.'

Dr Stiùbhart added: 'We at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig warmly welcome our partnership with National Museums Scotland.'

'We value the opportunities involved in enhancing this landmark exhibition by illustrating the influential role played by Gaelic culture in providing essential ingredients to modern Scottish identity, an identity recognised and celebrated worldwide in art, literature, and song.'



New virtual reality installation coming to the Finlaggan Visitor Centre on Islay

This year visitors to the ancient site of Finlaggan on Islay will have the unique opportunity of travelling back in time thanks to a new virtual reality installation at the visitor centre.

Using a state-of-the-art headset visitors will be able to go inside the reconstructed buildings, discovering a real sense of what life was like at Finlaggan in the past.

As well as being fun and informative, the new installation has a unique Islay Gaelic commentary with English subtitles.

The recreation of the medieval administrative and ceremonial seat of the Lordship of the Isles has been done by the University of St Andrews.

During the Middle Ages Clan Donald, Lords of the Isles, ruled the Hebrides and parts of mainland Scotland and Ulster as a semi-independent Gaelic kingdom, which caused tensions within Scotland. By the late 15th century they had once again fallen foul of the crown and the Lordship was finally forfeited by James IV in 1493.

Many of the buildings at Finlaggan were destroyed at this time and the site gradually sank into obscurity. The reconstruction of early 15th century Finlaggan shows the twin islands of Eilean Mòr and Eilean na Comhairle, and their surroundings in Loch Finlaggan. There was a remarkable complex of

buildings which blended local traditions with wider European trends.

It is significant that the Lords of the Isles' residence on Eilean Mòr had little in the way of defensive structures, possibly showing how settled the Lordship was for its time.

Documentary research and comparison with other medieval sites has been used to ensure the reconstruction is as accurate as possible.

There will be an official launch on Islay later in the year.

There is also a virtual reality app in the pipeline and two online videos, which can be accessed at vimeo.com/337511074 and vimeo.com/336843017.

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The traditional landing for Islay boats, today's West Loch Pier, was built in the early 1800s for the ferry steamers and when modernisation came again in the form of car ferries it was more economical to build the terminal at Kennacraig in the late 1960s, than to dredge the three miles of loch as far as the old pier.



But with Kennacraig no more than a ro-ro terminal with parking and an office, West Loch Hotel has always maintained its role as a welcome destination for travellers and tourists.

It is this famous tradition that mother and daughter Alison and Shannon are building on with their team which includes Shannon's partner Luke Rawicki working with her in the kitchen and Emma Doherty, front of house.

The hotel has been in their ownership for just over a year and Shannon has returned home to become head chef after building an impressive career, developing her skills as a chef in leading kitchens across the UK and in Europe.

A former pupil of Dunoon Grammar School, Shannon fell in love with cooking via working in local hotel kitchens as a student.

And as she trained she travelled to gain more experience; at the Lake Country House Hotel and Spa at Llangammarch Wells as a commis chef and chef de partie.

From there Shannon earned her stripes working with Platinum Recruitment a leading hospitality and catering recruitment agency which specialises in providing top industry professionals for the hospitality market.

'I experienced a lot of different food styles, and teaching styles of head chefs. It was a great way to gain experience and learn more,' she said.

It was then that Shannon's career became international with a stay in Greece working on an island for a holiday company.

'There was lots of fresh food, fresh fish; the island was self-sufficient. I learned a lot,' she said.



With partner Luke Rawicki she went to Ski Verbier Exclusive; as personal chefs for the super-rich in luxury ski-chateaux. 'High standards of cooking are expected and we were sworn to secrecy about clients,' said Shannon.

Shannon also learned a great deal and added to her skill set at The Slaughters Manor in the Cotswolds one of the UK's leading, award-winning country house hotels. 'I learned a lot about using and sourcing local products,' she said.

Sourcing those ingredients will not be hard here in Argyll; many of the suppliers she will be dealing with are long-time friends or family friends.

'I am using Winston Churchill venison; I used to go to school on the bus with his boys,' said Shannon. 'Luke and I are working together in the kitchen; he was just blown away by the venison.'

Fraser and Nikki Brown Shellfield Farm, will be providing saltmarsh lamb and pork comes from the Ardlamont Estate.

The fishing port of Tarbert is on the doorstep and with Gigha halibut down the road the fish arriving in the kitchen at West Loch Hotel is superb.

Wonderful food

With fresh summer cassoulet, breads and butter made in-house, the freshest of fish and superb local meats, the West Loch Hotel offers modern British fine dining with a wee twist, says Shannon.

'We make everything ourselves, breads, butters, ice creams and desserts,' she said.

Venison Kiev is already proving to be a winner.

'We had a beautiful 6kg halibut delivered this morning,' said Shannon. You want the person cooking the fish to be excited about it and all their other ingredients, and Shannon is. Scallops fresh from the loch are another star ingredient.

Fish and chips and burgers are on the menu but the difference is that the chef knows the skipper and the burgers are hand-made and the style changes regularly. This week it was a spiced burger and last week the burger came with a Kintyre rarebit made with beer – a nod to Luke's Welsh heritage.

'We will be introducing a Sunday brunch menu and in summer we are

looking at adding barbecues on occasion and introducing a tasting menu,' said Shannon.

'Our menu is making us a lot of new friends; it is always nice to try something new,' said Shannon.

The West Loch has eight bedrooms, a dining room, lounge, breakfast room and bar. The emphasis is on family friendly food and fine dining and, in a nod to the old coaching inn's past as a respite for travellers, the hotel opens to non-residents for breakfast.



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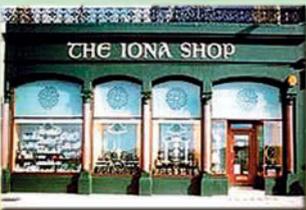
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Lynsey Anderson, Community Fundraising Manager, says: 'RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews around the UK and Ireland are willing to drop everything to go and save lives at sea when they get the call. Their specialist kit

protects them against extreme conditions, gives them a firm footing on unsteady surfaces, and shields them from injury, allowing them to carry out their lifesaving work. The Mayday national fundraising event is our own call for help, as we rely on the generosity of the public to fund the vital kit that helps keep the crews safe when they risk their lives for others.'

Money raised through Mayday fundraising events will help RNLI lifeboat crews to face the harshest conditions at sea with the best kit possible. It currently costs £2,161 to provide one all-weather lifeboat crew member with all the kit they need when responding to the call for help.

This year, the RNLI is going yellow for Mayday – just like volunteer crews do every day to save lives at sea.

Anyone who wishes to get involved can contact Lynsey Anderson on 07557 191865. Let's not worry that tomorrow is the last day of May!

Buying a yellow welly pin badge at events or from local RNLI shops also helps raise funds towards the Mayday target; and people are being encouraged to show support on social media, joining the conversation using the hashtag #MaydayEveryDay.

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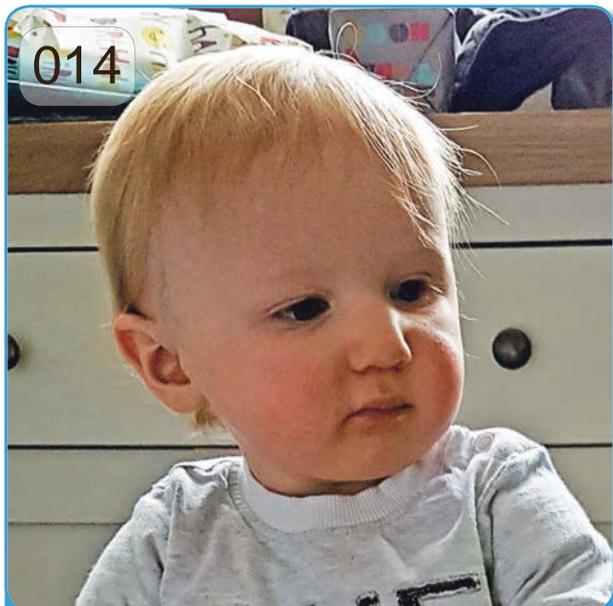
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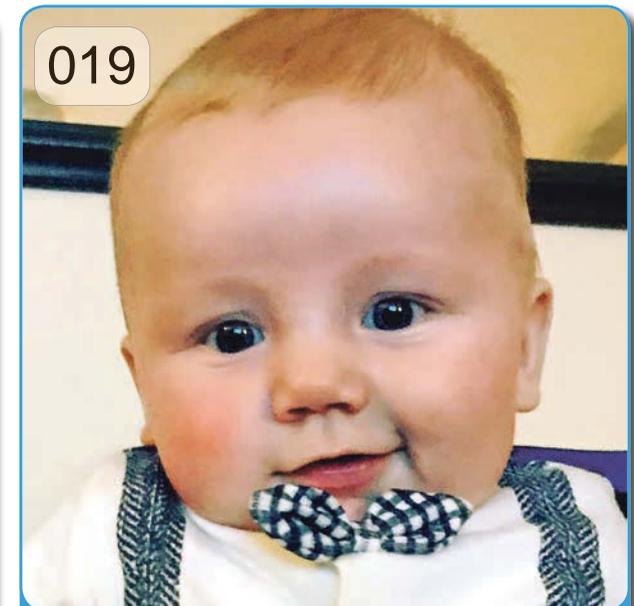
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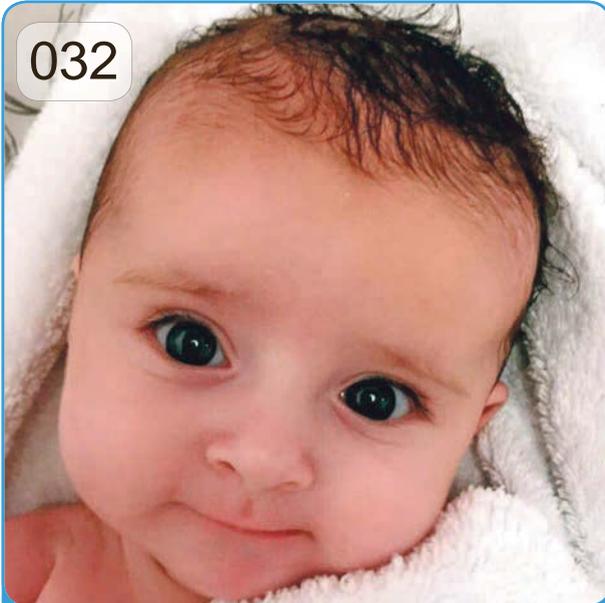
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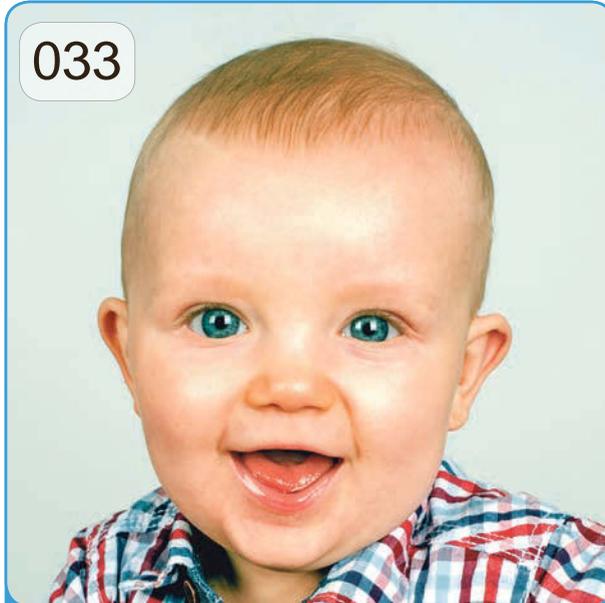
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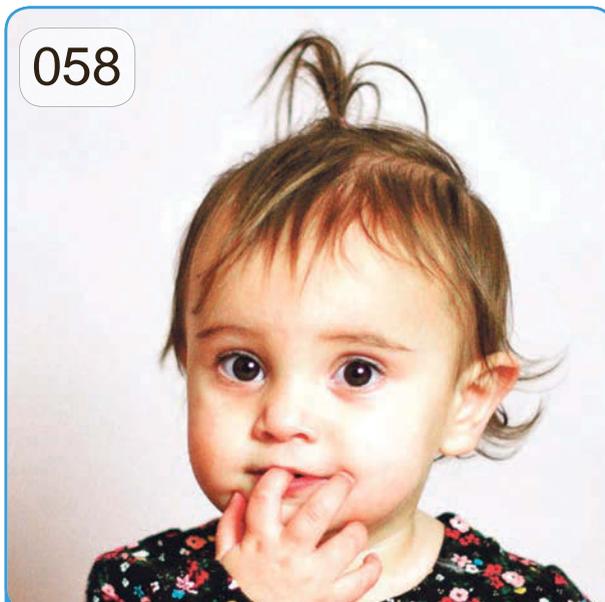
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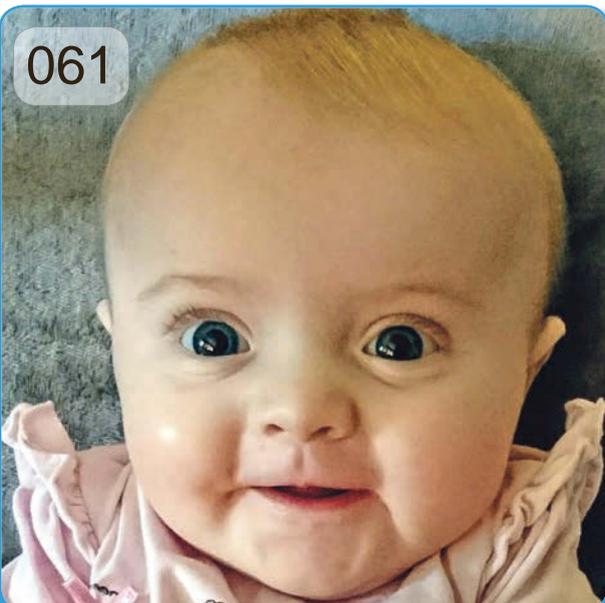
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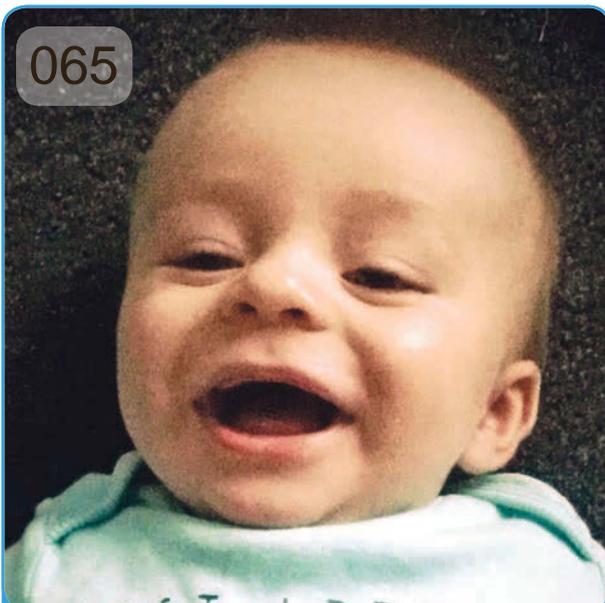
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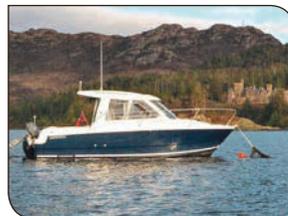


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The guidance, which was launched on May 22 at GHN's conference in Edinburgh, outlines what Housing First is, how it fits into Scotland's strategic and policy context, and what can be learned from current projects that are already delivering Housing

First. It is intended to be a live manual and will be updated regularly at housingfirst.scot as Scotland's Housing First programme progresses.

Commenting on the launch of the new guidance, CIH Scotland national director Callum Chomczuk said: 'We all need a home, and yet those who are homeless can face a number of barriers that stop them accessing secure, stable accommodation.'

'In fact, many have their situation made worse by services that are meant to

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Maggie Brunjes, chief executive of the Homeless Network, said: 'Homelessness is a problem with a solution, and the solution is housing. That is why the very first in our Housing First Know-How series has been carefully prepared for, and in consultation with, Scotland's social housing professionals. We know this to be a profession that cares deeply about local people and local places, which has already shown leadership and friendship that will help build the momentum we need to fully transition and transform our response to homelessness in Scotland.'

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

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined 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

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
19/02110/LBC	Southside Cottage Cullochy Locks, Invergarry	Erection of extension to house
19/02131/FUL	The Kennels Corrour	Change of use from house and committee room to form 1 house
19/02257/FUL	Greshornish Banavie, Fort William	Part change of use from stables to self-contained residential unit
19/02282/FUL	Nevis Bakery Unit 5, Annat Point Ind Est Corpach, Fort William	Proposed change of use to form gym

Time period for comments is 14 days & 21 days for 19/02110/LBC
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Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (OBAN LIVE EVENT) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2019

On Monday 27th May 2019, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, which will make it unlawful for a temporary period for any person to wait, drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, on any of the roads in a manner contravening the schedules to the Order. The restrictions imposed by this Order, which are desirable because of considerations of public safety and convenience during the Oban Live Concert will be in operation when indicated by signs at the times detailed in the schedules below between the 7th and the 9th of June 2019

SCHEDULE 1 – PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC (Affected residents will receive passes for access)

1 Glencruitten Road between Soroba Road and Mossfield Avenue
a. 2315 hours 07 June to 0015 hours 08 June
b. 2315 hours 08 June to 0015 hours 09 June

2 Mossfield Avenue between Glencruitten Road and Mossfield Drive.
a. 1200 hours 07 June to 0130 hours 08 June
b. 1200 hours 08 June to 0130 hours 09 June

SCHEDULE 2 – NO WAITING AT ANY TIME/NO LOADING AT ANY TIME 0001 HOURS 07 JUNE TO 0130 HOURS 09 JUNE

1 Mossfield Avenue – On both sides between Glencruitten Road and Mossfield Drive

2 Mossfield Avenue– On the north east side between Mossfield Drive and Glencruitten Drive

3 Glencruitten Road – On both sides between Soroba Road and the access road to the Golf Club

4 Miller Road – On the northwest side between Soroba Road and Quarry Road

5 Quarry Road – On the west side between Miller Road and Glencruitten Road

6 Soroba Road – On the east side between the Garage Entrance and Soroba Lane

SCHEDULE 3 – PROHIBITION OF ENTRY

Mossfield Drive to Glencruitten Road
a. 1200 hours 07 June to 0130 hours 08 June
b. 1200 hours 08 June to 0130 hours 09 June

Alternative routes will be via adjacent streets and will be signed in an appropriate manner.

If a vehicle is parked without complying with the provisions of this order, then a contravention will have occurred. A penalty charge notice may then be issued by a parking attendant and a penalty charge will be payable.

A copy of the Order may be inspected at Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead or online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

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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
19/00956/PP	Erection of office building and vehicle workshop and alterations to site	Jacksons Quarry Roads Depot, Millpark Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4NH
19/00881/PP	Alterations and change of use of craft workshop to dwellinghouse	Atlantic Art House, Scarinish, Isle Of Tiree, Argyll And Bute, PA77 6UH
19/01000/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Plot 4 Black Crofts, North Connel, Argyll And Bute
19/01001/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land West Of Pretoria, Glenshellach Road, Oban, Argyll And Bute
19/00692/PP	Erection of detached garage/studio/workshop	Land West Of Ardeatle Cottage, Dalmally, Argyll And Bute
19/01021/LIB	Repainting of shopfront and application of acrylic lettering	5 Albany Street, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4AR
19/00834/PP	Installation of replacement roof covering and rainwater goods	16 Toberonochy, Isle Of Luing, Oban, Argyll And Bute, PA34 4UE

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PROPOSED DIVISION OF A CROFT BY OWNER-OCCUPIER CROFTER

John Fisher is applying to divide the owner-occupied croft at Druim Dhu in the parish of Arisaig, into 2 new crofts. Written comments from those with a relevant interest (which may be made public) to; Crofting Commission, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW, info@crofting.gov.scot within 28 days from the date of the advert.

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William Munro has registered their croft 25 Lower Inverroy, Inverroy, Kilmonivaig on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 29/12/2019. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C5817.

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Croft No 2 Ballimore, Kilchrenan & Dalavich 0.199 ha – Proposed new development 98123

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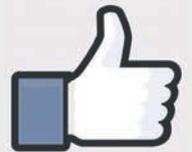
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GLEDDEN - Ian. Peacefully at home in Fort William on May 22, 2019, Ian Martin age 63, beloved husband of Anne, dad to Alison, Julie and Melanie, father-in-law to Chris, grandad to Caitlyn, Dylan, Logan and Harvey. Time slips by, memories stay, loved and remembered every day.

MACDONALD - After a long and brave struggle, but peaceful passing, with her family by her side, on May 23, 2019, Caroline MacDonald, née MacPhail, in her 53rd year, of Feoran, Furnace, dearly beloved wife of Calum, much loved mum of Iona and Calum, eldest daughter of Josie and Arthur, loving sister to Linda and the late John, cherished daughter-in-law of Grandpa John, and dearest auntie to the MacDonald and Rowantree families. A dear cousin and friend to many. Funeral service will take place at Cardross Crematorium, today, Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 1.15pm. A ceremony celebrating Caroline's life will be held in Furnace Village Hall, on Friday, May 31 at 1.30pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses Mid Argyll.

MONTGOMERY - Peacefully at home on Monday May 27, 2019, Kenneth Montgomery. Funeral Service will take place at 1pm in Kinlochleven Parish Church on Tuesday June 4, followed by interment at Kinlochmore Cemetery. No flowers please donations if desired for Lochaber Cancer and Palliative Care Fund. All enquires to John McLellan Funeral Directors, Dudley Road Fort William

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

McKECHNIE - The family of the late Neil McKechnie would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff of Glenaray Ward for their kind care and attention to Neil over the last few weeks. Our thanks to Margaret Sinclair for a personal, comforting and uplifting service along with the tributes from Willie and Duncan. Thanks to Donald

MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient and professional services; to Quarry View for catering at the village hall, and to Morna for beautiful floral tributes. Finally, we would like to thank all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £660 for British Red Cross and Glencoe Mountain Rescue.

MEMORIAMs

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- Inserted by Betty, Auriol and families, Fort William, Inverness and Edinburgh.

HUNTER - Linda - 3-6-2009. Three little words forget me not
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- Monica xx.

HUNTER - Precious memories of Mary, a much loved and very special lady who left us so sadly on June 3, 2005. You are in our thoughts every day.
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KEMP - In loving memory of my dear mum Johanna (Joey), who died May 31, 2009. You live forever in the memories we keep.
- Morag and Hugh, Lisa and Ross.

KIRKPATRICK - Cherished memories of Catherine, a devoted wife, mother, gran and sister who passed away on May 31, 2001. Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
Missing you is the heartache
That never goes away.

- Angus and sons, Allan and Gary, Helen and James and the rest of the family.

KIRKPATRICK - In loving memory of our dear father John, who died January 20, 2011, our dear mother Rachel McInnes, who died

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MACDONALD - Treasured memories of a very dear dad and papa, Ronnie, who passed away June 2, 2017. Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day.

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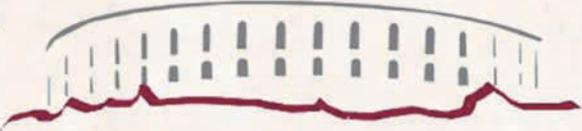
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Pupils have way with words, excelling in Rotary competition

Youngsters were in fine voice for Oban Rotary's 2019 Young Speakers Competition recently.

The competition, which involves Primary 6 and 7 youngsters speaking on a subject of their choice for three to four minutes, was held last Wednesday evening at the Perle hotel.

Eighteen students from the local primary schools took part and once again each presentation was in the outstanding category, leaving MC for the night, Rotary President Iain MacIntyre, wondering what superlatives are left to describe this competition.

The students were ably supported by their families and teachers, with each speaker being loudly applauded by the large audience.

The winner of the competition was David Simpson from Rockfield Primary School speaking on 'The importance of talking as an alternative to technology'. In second place was Zofia Dobrzyn (St Columbas)



Winner David Simpson with President MacIntyre, Bill Leech, the principal adjudicator, and the other competitors.

with her chosen subject being 'China and Nepal arguing over Mt Everest'.

And third was Charlotte Moreland (St Columbas), whose topic was 'Technology and how it is changing the world'.

The winner received the Oban Rotary Young Speakers Quaich, with all three receiving monetary prizes.

The adjudicators were Bill Leech, Eamon Arthur and Alex Clark who are members

of Oban Speakers Club. In his final summing up, Mr MacIntyre emphasised the importance of being able to speak to an audience if one is to have a successful career in the modern world.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I celebrated the Easter Vigil in Glencoe and Easter Sunday in our Cathedral in Oban.

I celebrated the Sundays of Easter on Clyde and Hebridean islands, as well as in various communities across the western mainland. Most recently, on Benbecula, I celebrated, 40 days after his Resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus to the Father, and the promised sending of the Spirit upon the first disciples. Next Sunday I will celebrate Pentecost itself in Lochgilphead.

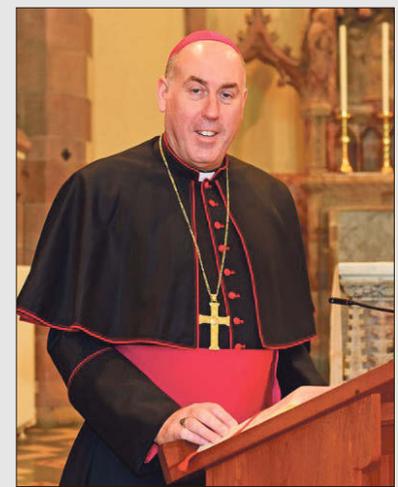
It has been beautiful to see so many local communities coming together in worship of the Risen Lord and to express their hope and love in Him. Since we are already in the tourist season it has also been uplifting to meet so many people from across the world attending our parish masses.

These people have taken the time to find out where the churches are and the times of mass. They have set aside part of their holiday to worship God and express their hope in him.

On Pentecost Sunday we hear how the Spirit's message is for everyone and that he creates unity among different peoples. It has been uplifting for me to recently witness that the Spirit, across the earth, still touches people's hearts and creates unity. It has also been wonderful to see so many people responding to God's invitation - locals and visitors alike - and this renews my hope.

This Pentecost let us open our hearts to God and he will surely fill them with love a desire for unity and deep hope in his promises.

Bishop Brian McGee
Bishop of Argyll and the Isles



McCaig's tower to turn orange to support MS Society

McCaig's Tower in Oban will be a glowing orange colour on Thursday (May 30) to mark World MS Day.

MS Society Scotland is asking campaign supporters to take a photograph of the landmark and share them with the hashtag #SeeMyMS.

Morna Simpkins, director of MS Society Scotland, said:

'Scotland has one of the highest rates of MS in the world and we want to draw attention to the unseen symptoms of the condition this World MS Day.'

'We are delighted to have received support from so many places across the country and hope that people nearby can join us in shining a light on the condition.'

The Kelpies is among a number of structures throughout the country that will be lit up in support of the campaign.

This year World MS Day is drawing attention to invisible symptoms and the unseen impact MS can have.

The neurological condition affects the nervous system and can often be

painful and exhausting. World MS Day is officially marked on May 30 every year, though events and campaigns take place throughout the month of May.

To find out more about MS Society Scotland, please visit the society's website at www.mssociety.org.uk/contact-us/scotland.

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**Newtonmore 2
Kingussie 1**

Newtonmore will face Glenurquhart in the cottages.com MacTavish Cup

Fixtures

Thursday May 30

Mowi South Division 1

Kyles Athletic v Glasgow MA
Robert Baxter - 7.30pm.

Friday May 31

Sutherland Cup third round

Newtonmore v Strathspey
Steven MacLachlan - 7.15pm.

Saturday June 1

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup second round

Newtonmore v Lovat

Robert Baxter
Skye v Oban Celtic

Archie Ritchie - 3pm

Kyles Athletic v Inveraray

David Mitchell - 3pm

Kingussie v Beaulay

Brian MacKay - 3pm

Glasgow MA v Kinlochshiel

Lachie Wood

Lochaber v Kilmallie

Des McNulty

Oban Caman v Glenurquhart

Ross Brown - noon

Fort William v Caberfeidh

John Angus Gillies

Sutherland Cup third round

Lochside Rovers v Boleskine

John Wood - 3pm

Glenurquhart v Caberfeidh

Callum Duff

Lovat v Beaulay

Andy MacLean - 4pm

Mowi National Division

Strathglass v Bute

Deek Cameron

Mowi North Division 1

Glengarry v Fort William

Martin MacLean

Kingussie v Inverness

Iain Kennedy - noon

Skye v Kinlochshiel

Steven MacLachlan - noon

Mowi South Division 1

Inveraray v Taynuilt

Alex MacVicar

Kyles Athletic v Col Glen

Graham Fisher - noon

Tayforth v Aberdeen

Neil MacDonald

At The Meadows

Mowi North Division 2

Lochcarron v Strathglass

Ronnie Campbell

Mowi South Division 2

Aberdour v Glenorchy

Ewan MacDonald

Oban Celtic v Bute

Jim Innes

All throw-ups 2.30pm unless stated.

Final, but it took an excellent second half defensive display to ensure they defeated Kingussie 2-1 in their all-Badenoch semi-final at the Eilan.

Glen MacKintosh created and scored the game's opening goal on four minutes. MacKintosh, with his back to goal, twisted to each side to make enough space on his right before firing into the net with the ball going in off the keeper's stick.

Evan Menzies was the provider for Newtonmore's second on 12 minutes as he got by Rory MacKeachan and Calum Grant before cutting in from the right. His ball forward deflected back to him off Ryan MacWilliam and he slipped possession to Glen MacKintosh who scored.

Savio Genini halved the deficit on 17 minutes. Fraser Munro's hit-in from near the corner flag on the left was knocked down by a home defender and Genini swept the ball first-time into the net with his waist-high, back-hand shot beating keeper Kenny Ross on his left side.

Steven Macdonald's big hitting proved effective in the first half and Newtonmore remained 2-1 in front at half-time.

Despite Newtonmore's good start, Kingussie came back into the tie and the second half belonged to them as they took control of the centre line.

Newtonmore lost Andy MacKintosh, who had to be helped off with an ankle injury on the hour, so Michael Russell dropped back into defence. David MacLean came on up front and had one of Newtonmore's few second half efforts with a low shot which was saved with his feet by Rory MacGregor.

Kingussie, who put Lee Bain on for Roddy Young with 10 minutes remaining, came close to a leveller when Savio Genini's effort was cleared off the line by the impressive Craig Ritchie.

This was a tough test for Newtonmore to overcome but they did just enough to win. They relied on their defence of Andy MacKintosh, Craig Ritchie, Iain Richardson and the excellent Rory Kennedy, especially in the second half, and restricted Kingussie in the main to shots from distance. Kennedy's performance made him the game's stand-out player.

Kingussie, with Calum Grant and James Hutchison playing well, fell just short on this occasion but they are developing into a fine young side and silverware can't be far away.

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup – first round replay Glasgow Mid Argyll 3 Bute 2

Glasgow Mid Argyll made Camanachd Cup progress when they defeated Bute 3-2 in their first round replay at Yoker.

The hosts went in front after seven minutes.

Oliver MacRae shot goalwards but



Kingussie keeper Rory McGregor stands up to the challenge from Newtonmore's Glen Mackintosh during the cottages.com MacTavish Cup semi-final. Photograph: Annie Macdonald.

his effort was blocked and fell to Andy McGhee who placed the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Bute battled back and GMA keeper Robert Dunning saved well from Robert Zavaroni.

GMA, prompted by the excellent Jonnie MacAskill at wing centre, finished the half strongly and, with half-time looming, Oliver MacRae's shot was saved by Bute keeper Kevin Queen, but Calum McLay followed up to turn the rebound home.

Both sides had chances before the hosts scored what proved to be a crucial third goal on 74 minutes. Oliver MacRae gathered the ball with his back to goal and turned before driving the ball hard into the bottom corner of the net.

Bute battled until the end though and, on 84 minutes, when a long ball dropped over the home defence, Robert Walker tucked the ball past Robert Dunning as the keeper came off his line.

Bute went back on the attack and, with just a minute remaining, when a corner launched to the back post wasn't cleared, Iain McDonald thumped a shot into the top corner of the net to make it 3-2.

Mowi Premiership Oban Camanachd 4 Lochaber 0

Oban Camanachd won for the fifth successive game, beating Lochaber 4-0 at a wet Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd were still without Scott McKillop and Chrissie MacMillan but Keith MacMillan returned, taking over from the unavailable Scott MacMillan. The hosts had a strong bench - Gary McKerracher, Willie Neilson, Blair MacFarlane and Craig MacDougall.

Danny Delaney was free to play for Lochaber but he will miss this Saturday's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup tie against Kilmallie after picking up a one-match ban for passing through the disciplinary points threshold. Martin Johnstone was missing.

The hosts created early chances but their shooting lacked accuracy.

They did have the ball in the net

through Daniel MacVicar but goal judge Nigel Evans ruled the effort out, spotting that Daniel MacCuish was offside.

The wet conditions made it difficult for both teams and even gripping the stick was difficult at times.

Daniel MacVicar eventually got his goal on 37 minutes. Andrew MacCuish saw his effort saved with his feet by Lochaber keeper Callum MacDonald but MacVicar showed the necessary composure to shoot home from the rebound.

Daniel MacVicar got his and Oban Camanachd's second a couple of minutes into the second half. Daniel Cameron played a great ball to MacVicar and his effort eluded keeper MacDonald.

Daniel MacCuish scored his fourth goal over the last three games on 58 minutes. Keith MacMillan's corner came to MacCuish who controlled the ball well as it dropped to his favoured left side and he found the net to make it 3-0.

Oban Camanachd made changes as Daniel Sloss and Andrew MacCuish came off in favour Gary McKerracher and Willie Neilson. Daniel Sloss picked up a first half booking which triggers a suspension for the match against Inveraray on Saturday June 8.

Keith MacMillan went to half back for Sloss and Daniel MacCuish again went onto the wing with McKerracher going to full forward.

Willie Neilson scored goal of the match on 68 minutes. When the ball was fired over to Neilson, he took a touch before rifling the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Blair MacFarlane came off the bench for Aidan MacIntyre with 12 minutes remaining to make his first senior appearance for Oban Camanachd on the wing.

Oban Camanachd's Aiden MacIntyre had a good game throughout, whilst Daniel Madej was also effective at full back.

The win lifts Oban Camanachd to fifth in the table ahead of this Saturday's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup second round tie against Glenurquhart at Mossfield with the throw-up time to be con-

firmed. Oban Camanachd have also confirmed their Artemis Macaulay Cup semi-final tie against Kyles Athletic will take place at Mossfield on Wednesday June 12 after they agreed to Kyles Athletic's request for a date change.

Oban Camanachd assistant manager Kenny Wotherspoon spoke after the win: 'It's another good couple of points. We have added to our goals tally and we've kept another clean sheet so we're delighted with our day's work.'

'Lochaber had a good result against Caberfeidh the previous week so we gave them respect.'

'It was again a case of asking for more from the players at half-time and they responded.'

'We may have made a sluggish start to the season but we now have options with players back.'

Caberfeidh 6 Kinlochshiel 3

Caberfeidh moved out of the relegation zone at Kilmallie's expense after they came from behind to beat Caberfeidh 6-3 at Castle Leod.

Jordan Fraser put Kinlochshiel ahead on 31 minutes when his 30-yard shot went through the keeper's feet.

Craig Morrison drew Caberfeidh level five minutes later when he went through one-on-one with the keeper who saved his first attempt but Morrison was left with a tap-in.

Craig Morrison then put his side in front on 38 minutes with a half-hit shot from outside the box.

Kinlochshiel brought Finlay MacRae on for Duncan Matheson who had a dead leg. However, MacRae, who has just returned from a broken arm, was only able to play for minutes before being replaced by Andrew MacKenzie.

Morrison completed his hat-trick a minute before the break with a strike from 25 yards that went high into the middle of the net.

Jordan Fraser got his second to pull Kinlochshiel back into it three minutes into the second half. Home keeper Ewan Pilcher made an initial save but the rebound was knocked down and into the net by Fraser to

Centre stage

Results

Friday May 24

Strathdearn Cup first round

Lochcarron 2 v 5 Lovat

Saturday May 25

Cottages.com MacTavish Cup semi final

Newtonmore 2 v 1 Kingussie

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup first round replay

Glasgow Mid Argyll 3 v 2 Bute

Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup second round

Glenurquhart 7 v 0 Aberdour
Strathglass 3 v 1 Inverness

Strathdearn Cup first round

Boleskine P v P Inverness
Inverness unable to field a team, walkover to Boleskine.
Kinlochshiel 0 v 4 Newtonmore

Strathglass 0 v 2 Fort William
Glenurquhart 1 v 0 Caberfeidh
Strathspey 1 v 4 Kingussie
Skye 3 v 2 Beauly

Mowi Premiership

Inveraray P v P Kyles Athletic
Due to bereavement
Oban Camanachd 4 v 0 Lochaber
Caberfeidh 6 v 3 Kinlochshiel

Mowi National Division

Skye 2 v 5 Oban Celtic

Mowi South Division 1

Ballachulish P v P Inveraray
Due to bereavement
Kyles Athletic P v P Glasgow MA
Re-scheduled for May 30
Lochside Rovers 5 v 2 Tayforth

Mowi South Division 2

Ardnamurchan 0 v 3 Oban Celtic
Glenorchy 3 v 4 Kilmory

make it 3-2. Caberfeidh restored their two-goal cushion three minutes later. Kevin Bartlett turned his man well before hitting a good strike with his back-hand into the roof of the net from just outside the penalty spot.

The goals kept coming and Craig Morrison got his fourth on 57 minutes. Kevin Bartlett played a good ball across the penalty spot and Morrison had time to hammer a great shot into the top corner of the net to make it 5-2.

Kinlochshiel came back again and John MacRae pulled another goal back, scoring from a rebound with 10 minutes remaining before having to come off with a nasty cut above the eye. Duncan MacMillan took his place.

Caberfeidh also missed a penalty but Craig Morrison capped a great individual performance with his fifth goal of the afternoon a couple of minutes after. A good ball from Robbie Brindle found Morrison who stopped the ball just outside the box. Keeper Stuart MacRae came off his line but Morrison slipped the ball past him and into the net.

**Inveraray P
Kyles Athletic P**

The match between Inveraray and Kyles Athletic at the Winterton was postponed because of a bereavement.

**Mowi National
Division**

**Skye Camanachd 2
Oban Celtic 5**

Oban Celtic turned in probably their best performance of the season as Ross MacMillan's hat-trick helped them to a 5-2 win over Skye Camanachd in their 3pm throw-up at a wet Pairc nan Laoch, Portree.

Both sides were missing a number of regulars. Skye co-managers Kenny MacLeod and Allan Macleod were without the injured Iain Nicolson and Chris Rose as well as John Gillies, James Pringle and Iain MacLellan. Skye gave a debut to Calum Robertson at wing centre, with Ross MacKinnon also starting.

Oban Celtic boss Dougie MacIntyre and his assistant Les Kinvig were missing regulars Ally

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Oban Camanachd's Malcolm Clark tries an unorthodox tackle on Lochaber's Danny Delaney. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

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McKerracher, Peter Currie, George MacMillan and the injured Rory Bruce.

Skye, playing towards the Skeabost end of the ground, went on the attack from the start. Will Cowie came close to giving them an instant lead when he took the ball past keeper Iain MacFarlane, who had saved from Ross Gordon, but he couldn't direct the ball goalwards.

Cowie did put Skye ahead after three minutes when he turned quickly to get away from his marker and cut in from the left before executing a cool finish with the ball going in off the far post.

Skye came within a whisker of getting a second on 20 minutes when Ross Gordon chipped the ball over the keeper but Lewis Mcphee, who had a great game throughout, did really well to acrobatically flick the ball off the goal line to safety.

Slowly but surely, Oban Celtic grew into the game. Ross MacMillan began to exert his influence, first drawing the Oban side level on 28 minutes. Neil Carmichael sent the ball into the danger area and although Skye keeper Ryan Morrison got a foot to MacMillan's shot, he couldn't keep it out.

Oban Celtic's second goal came from a Neil Carmichael free-hit on 37 minutes after Ross MacMillan had been fouled.

Carmichael crossed the ball from wide on the left, near the corner flag, and Ross MacMillan allowed it to take a bounce before whipping it into the net on the half volley to make it 2-1.

Skye keeper Morrison saved from Ross MacMillan seconds later and home defender James Morrison did well to get his stick to the rebound to steer the ball for a corner.

MacMillan completed his hat-trick on 39 minutes when Skye failed to clear the resultant corner and Ross MacMillan cut in from the left, punishing poor defending to make it 3-1.

Ross MacMillan sent a shot just wide of the post from a free-hit late in the half and Oban Celtic went into the break with their tails up.

Ross MacMillan continued to be a handful and ran at the Skye defence from the restart but his shot went over the top.

Lennon Campbell was instrumental in much of Oban Celtic's good play and deserved his goal on 50 minutes when he hit Ross MacMillan's ball first-time, sending it low into the net.

Ross MacKinnon gave Skye hope when he pulled a goal back on 65 minutes. MacKinnon was fouled as he surged forward but referee Iain Kennedy played a good

advantage and MacKinnon produced a great finish to score.

The home hopes were short-lived, however, as Daniel MacMillan made it 5-2 three minutes later. Jamie Anderson played the ball back and Daniel MacMillan sent a blistering shot into the net, giving the keeper no chance.

There was no further scoring. Oban Celtic deserved the win for a great team performance and the two points lifts them to third in the table.

The sides meet in Portree again this Saturday in the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup.

Oban Celtic assistant manager Les Kinvig spoke immediately after the final whistle. 'We made a slow start again. Skye scored and Lewis (Mcphee) hooked another off the line but then we found our rhythm and things really clicked today with Ross MacMillan on top form.

'At half-time we asked the boys not to change anything, to just keep doing the same things so it was a very good day for us.

Lennon Campbell showed what he is capable of and people forget Lewis Mcphee is only 18 years old and he was a rock at the back.

'We should have Ally (McKerracher), George (MacMillan) and Peter (Currie) back for next week but we will just keep playing the same way. The boys know the system and how they fit in.'

Liberty British Aluminium Balliemore Cup – quarter finals

Glenurquhart 7 Aberdour 0

National Division side Glenurquhart proved too strong for South 1 league leaders Aberdour, winning 7-0 in their 3pm throw-up at Blairbeg.

Glenurquhart's Lachie Smith missed out through suspension whilst James MacPherson was also unavailable.

Connor Golabek put Glenurquhart ahead on four minutes and Neale Reid added two more goals on 14 and 18 minutes before completing his hat-trick on 37 minutes to make it 4-0 at the break.

Neale Reid got his fourth goal five minutes into the second half and Connor Golabek got his second on 66 minutes.

Christopher Mack completed the scoring when he made it 7-0 with four minutes remaining.

Strathglass 3 Inverness 1

Strathglass, who reached



Oban Camanachd's Daniel Cameron tries to get his block in on Lochaber's Iain Fyfe during last Saturday's Mowi Premiership match at Mossfield which the red and blacks won 4-0. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

this year's cottages.com MacTavish Cup semi-final, also made it through to the last four in the Balliemore Cup after coming from behind to beat Inverness 3-1 in their 3pm throw-up at Cannich.

Strathdearn Cup – first round

Strathglass 0 Fort William 2

The Fort William seconds scored a goal in each half to beat the Strathglass seconds 2-0 in their noon throw-up at Cannich.

Victor Smith opened the scoring on 35 minutes with Greig Kelly sealing the win on 62 minutes.

In the other first round ties, the Lovat seconds beat Lochcarron 5-2, holders Newtonmore reserves scored four second half goals to beat the Kinlochshiel reserves 4-0, the Glenurquhart colts beat the Caberfeidh colts 1-0 and the Skye Camanachd second team came from two goals down to beat the Beaully second team 3-2.

The Kingussie colts beat Strathspey Camanachd 4-1, whilst Boleskine were given a walk-over when the Inverness seconds were unable to raise a team.

Mowi South Division 1

Lochside Rovers 5 Tayforth 2

A powerful second half performance helped Lochside Rovers beat Tayforth 5-2 in their 11.30am throw-up at Mossfield.

With Lochside manager Brian MacCallum away,

assistant boss George Easton was aided by former boss Gareth Evans and Andrew Pearson.

It was a scrappy first half but the Oban sent went in front on 27 minutes.

A long ball out of defence from full back Gavin Stobbart found Jamie MacGillivray who picked out Craig MacDougall who slotted the ball past the advancing keeper.

Good goalkeeping prevented Lochside adding to their tally but they ended up going into the break on level terms when defender Craig Easton was caught out on 43 minutes and a ball into the 'D' was turned past home keeper Dougie MacDonald by Sean Taylor.

Tayforth took the lead on 50 minutes when Niall Arnott turned Gavin Stobbart on the edge of the 'D' before beating the advancing keeper.

Lochside made changes, introducing Niall MacFarlane and then Ewen MacCorquodale into their attack, also making a positional swap which saw Craig MacDougall going to half forward and Lewis Buchanan, who had a quiet first half, going to full forward.

The Buchanan switch paid off when he scored twice in two minutes to put his side back in front.

First, Buchanan netted following a goalmouth melee on 57 minutes and then, just 60 seconds later, he sent a 25 yard drive into the top corner of the net to make it 3-2.

Lochside wing centre Callum Kirsop added his name to the scoresheet on 61 minutes.

Lewis Buchanan's initial

shot was saved but Kirsop ran in from nowhere to volley the rebound waist-high into the net.

Niall MacFarlane was holding the ball up well in the Lochside forward line and put the outcome beyond doubt on 79 minutes. The ball broke to the right of the 'D' and MacFarlane finished well, low into the corner of the net to make it 5-2.

Tayforth were stuffy opponents throughout whilst Lochside full centre Blair MacFarlane turned in a man of the match performance.

Lochside Rovers now prepare for Boleskine's visit to Oban this Saturday in the Sutherland Cup.

Kyles Athletic P Glasgow Mid Argyll P

The match between the Kyles Athletic seconds and the Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds at Tighnabruaich has been rescheduled for Thursday May 30.

Ballachulish P Inveraray P

The game between Ballachulish and the Inveraray colts at the Jubilee Park was called off because of a bereavement.

Mowi South Division 2

Glenorchy 3 Kilmory 4

A second goal from Alister MacArthur five minutes from time gave Kilmory a 4-3 victory over title rivals Glenorchy in their match at Mart Park.

This clash brought together the league's top two teams. Alex Cunningham gave the visitors the lead on 12 minutes with a 20-yard bouncing shot after Alister MacArthur's initial effort had been blocked by Findlay Ross.

Kilmory keeper Steven Gilmour did well to tip over Connor Sartain's shot soon after but the hosts suffered a blow seven minutes before the break when key defender Arik MacKechnie was forced off with a nasty hand injury. Graham Morrice came on in his place.

Kilmory extended their lead on 43 minutes as full centre Andy Cunningham's low shot from distance deflected off Graham Morrice's caman before nestling into the bottom corner of the net.

Glenorchy cut the deficit on the stroke of half time when John Sartain's lofted ball from midfield dropped past keeper Gilmour and into the net to make it 2-1 at the break.

Glenorchy restored their two-goal cushion a minute into the second half when Alister MacArthur went through on goal and he steered the ball low into the

net.

Glenorchy went back on the attack and, after a couple of close things, veteran substitute Graeme MacKechnie placed a shot into the top corner of the net to make it 3-2.

Glenorchy lost John Sartain through injury with 20 minutes to go and, just a minute later, they suffered more back luck as referee Ewen MacDonald awarded them a penalty when Graeme MacKechnie was brought down in the act of scoring. MacKechnie took the spot hit but his effort came back off the crossbar.

Glenorchy were awarded a second spot-hit on 73 minutes for a 'kick' inside the box. This time defender Graham Morrice took responsibility and his low strike beat the keeper to make it 3-3.

The outcome remained in the balance until five minutes from time when Hal Jones played a long ball to Alister MacArthur and his shot on the run went low into the corner of the net to give Kilmory both points.

This was Glenorchy's first league defeat of the season. They now trail Kilmory by a couple of points but have a game in hand and the sides have still to meet at MacRae Park.

This title race looks like going to the wire.

Oban Celtic 3 Ardnamurchan 0

The clash between the Oban Celtic reserves and Ardnamurchan was first switched to Spean Bridge and then to Ganavan as the Oban side faced travel difficulties.

Scott Burnett put the Oban side ahead on 15 minutes and Alex Galbraith made it 2-0 on 32 minutes.

Scott Burnett got his second and Oban Celtic's third four minutes after the restart to make it 3-0, lifting the Oban Celtic reserves to fourth in the table, behind their Aberdour counterparts only on goal difference.

WCA round-up

Mowi National Division

Lochaber 4 Strathspey 1

Lochaber beat Strathspey 4-1 in their noon throw-up at Spean Bridge. Natalie MacDonald grabbed a hat-trick with Kirsty Delaney getting the other.

Arabella Kennard countered.

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Argyll says goodbye to rugby development officer after 10 years

North Argyll ran out comfortable winners over south Argyll on Friday night, but the post-match ceremony was all about Oban's Allan Wright.

Allan carried out his last official duty as Argyll and Bute's rugby development officer by refereeing the under 16s match, which ended 60-22 in the north's favour, who won the inaugural Jolomo Cup.

For the last decade rugby has been his life; every weekday has been filled with helping youngsters develop, and at the weekend, he put in just as much work.

He leaves his role to become a part of LiveArgyll's Active Schools team based in Oban.

After the game, Allan was thanked for all the

hard work he put in and received gifts, including the number 5 Oban Lorne RFC shirt he wore in the RBS National Bowl final.

Speaking at the post-match ceremony, Lee Buckley from South Argyll said: 'Certainly, south and Mid Argyll would not be in the position it is without him.'

'Thank you for all your hard work.'

Sandy Rokita, Oban Lorne RFC president, said: 'It was a great display of rugby today. Over the last 10 years Alan has done a fantastic job.'

Murray Hamilton said: 'I am sure we all agree it will be hard to replace Alan, but he has left rugby in a really healthy state in Argyll. Thank you for all your hard work.'

RUGBY

Speaking after the presentation, Alan said: 'Rugby has been my life for the last 10 years.'

'Every day during the week and weekend has been taken up by rugby and I have loved every minute of it. I think it was really nice to finish off with this game.'

'A big moment for me was having a lot of these boys playing at Murrayfield in December representing Argyll and Bute.'

'We have come a really long way over the past 10 years and it would not be possible without the volunteers. My job would not be possible if it was not for them.'

'I am sure I will still be about with the whistle - you won't get rid of me.'



Sandy Rokita, Allan Wright, Lee Buckley, and Murrah Hamilton. 17_T22_Rugby02

Double win for Taynuilt in youth tag tournament

Fast and furious was the order of the day at Glencruitten last week as 12 teams tackled the Oban Primary School Tag Rugby Tournament.

Organised by Active Schools OLI cluster co-ordinator Gillian Walker, with the help of Argyll and Bute rugby development officer Allan Wright, the tournament was played to a very high standard with six schools from Oban and the surrounding area taking part.

The event was even more poignant for Allan Wright who was marking his tenth and final festival in his development officer role.

All is not doom and gloom, however, as Allan may be present next year in his new role with Active Schools.

'Today's tournament was up there with the best of them,' he said.

'I believe these schools have the best sports coaches and today has been one of the most chilled out and fun days we have had with two cracking finals.'

Both finals featured teams from Rockfield and Taynuilt primary schools, with both having won through their primary 4/5 and primary 6/7 sections.

In the younger age group, Taynuilt A gave a dominating performance against Rockfield A to take the trophy while their counterparts in the older age group had a slightly harder task to win their match against the senior Rockfield A team.

Scottish Rugby's regional manager Jen Miller was also present at the event and named Innes MacLaren, Rockfield P4/5, and Sam Love, Taynuilt P6/7, as the



Rugby Fest winners Taynuilt primary 4/5 and 6/7 teams with players of the tournament Sam Love, left, and Malcolm Innes, right.

players of the tournament in their respective age group categories.

'Both players showed exceptional sportsmanship and athletic ability,' she said.

Organisers thanked all the players taking part, teachers and coaches as well as Oban Lorne RFC.

Teams competing on the day were: Rockfield A and B;

TAG RUGBY

Lochnell A and B; Taynuilt A and B; Park A, B and C and D; Easdale and Luig; Strath of Appin.



Rugby development officer Allan Wright adjudicates his last festival in the role.



Action from the tag rugby festival at Glencruitten.



GOLF

Killin

Results from Killin Golf Club Mixed Open held on Saturday May 25.

Handicap: 1 Tony and Helen Lang, Harburn, 63; 2 Paul Melia and Kay Dowling, Killin, 66; 3 Allan McHenry and Liz Stevens, Killin, 67.5 BIH.

Scratch: 1 Gordon Aitken, Killin, and Caroline Henderson, Aberfeldy, 75; 2 Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken, Killin, 80; 3 Gavin Dott and Susie MacDougall, Aberfeldy, 84.

Best Killin, Bill Mitchell Salver: Paul Melia and Kay Dowling; Best Overall, McRobert Thistle Cup: Tony and Helen Lang, Harburn; Best Overall Scratch, Glen Ogle Trophy: Gordon Aitken, Killin, and Caroline Henderson, Aberfeldy.

Glencruitten

Jamie Forgive leads the way in the Terry Ng first round with a score of 74 - 17 = 57, followed by Dugald MacLean on 70 - 8 = 62 and Alistair MacLean on 64 - 1 = 63.

On Saturday, the second round of the Terry Ng Trophy takes place along with Eclectic Round 6.

The Rotary Club of Oban Am Am takes place on Sunday June 2.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Results and fixtures

Last Sunday's result: Oban Saints Under 14s 0 v Ashfield 2. This Sunday's fixture: Saints Under 14s v Helensburgh.

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GOLF

Oban Rotary Club's AM AM taking shape

Preparations are well ahead for this year's charity golf event on Sunday run by the Rotary Club of Oban.

There are 40 teams entered with some new faces and many old friends. There are teams from far and near including Fort William, Glasgow and Dunblane.

As before, the catering for the event will be provided by Glencruitten Golf Club with bacon rolls early on and a two-course meal throughout the day. As usual the green-keeping team is working hard to bring the course to perfect condition.

The Rotary club is looking forward to an excellent day with funds being raised for good causes through the generosity of the players and sponsors who are unstinting in their support.

Tee-off times: 8.10 - Kames Fish Farm; 8.20 - Clan Cottages; 8.30 - MacArthur Legal; 8.40 - Neilly 3 + 3; 8.50 - The Grumpies.

9.00 - Jackson Bros; 9.10 - Lochaber Rotary All Stars; 9.20 - Oban Memorials; 9.30 - Goosies Gardeners; 9.40 - D & A Munn; 9.50 - Oban Camanachd SEC.

10.00 - Bratton Builders 1; 10.10 - Bratton Builders 2; 10.20 - The Rough Swingers; 10.30 Dalmally 1; 10.40 - Royal Hotel; 10.50 - Oban Camanachd 'A'.

11.00 - Dalmally 2; 11.10 - Dalmally 3; 11.20 - Lafferty's; 11.30 - Argyll Resources; 11.40 - Ross Electricals Oban; 11.50 - Bratton Builders 3.

12.00 - Oban Celtic; 12.10 - Oban Camanachd 'C'; 12.20 - Bank of Scotland; 12.30 - TSL Mull; 12.40 - Rotary Club of Bridge of Allan and Dunblane; 12.50 TSL Oban.

13.00 - Cameron Surveys 2; 13.10 - Oban Inn; 13.20 - Cameron Surveys Ltd; 13.30 - Strathclyde Scaffolding Ltd; 13.40 - Flower Pot Men; 13.50 - Paint Shop Boys.

14.00 - Ross Electricals Glasgow; 14.20 - The Lorne; 14.30 - Vacant; 14.40 - The Oban Times; 14.50 - Aulay's Bar; 15.00 - KW Plumbing and Heating.



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Saints pay the penal

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Oban Saints	2
Goldenhill won 4-3 on pens	
Marshall Cup semi-final	

Oban Saints' hopes of ending their final season in the Scottish Amateur Football League with some silverware were dashed last Tuesday night at Glasgow Green. For the second time in six days the fixtures schedule handed Saints a midweek trip to Glasgow and once again there was disappointment for the Oban men.

The 8pm kick-off in the Jimmy Marshall Trophy semi-final against last season's Scottish Amateur Cup runners-up Goldenhill produced four goals in the 90 minutes, including a controversial equaliser from the penalty spot for the Clydebank men, before Saints were edged out in the penalty shoot-out.

The woodwork denied Saints an opening goal in the 14th minute. The danger once again came from Lewis Cameron on the left with Cammy Hill getting underneath Cameron's cross and Matty Kelly deftly lobbing the ball over Scott Rennie from a tight angle onto the crossbar.

Goldenhill took full advantage of the let-off two minutes

later with a ball over the top for James Gallagher to chase. Gallagher's pace took him away on the left and his low cross, fizzed along the six-yard line, was tucked away by Jonny Dyer racing in at the back post to open the scoring.

Saints got back on level terms in the 36th minute from a James Ford and Matt Rippon interchange on the right which Ford played into the path of Matty Kelly to slot low past Scott Rennie.

Saints had the chance to get their noses in front two minutes later when Lewis Cameron flicked a Scott Maitland free-kick on for James Ford who shot straight at the keeper from 16 yards.

Matty Kelly continued his rich vein of form with a second goal in the 44th minute. Timing his run from deep, Kelly met Lewis Cameron's cross from the left with the inside of his right foot and passed the ball into the net past a static Scott Rennie. Kelly's strike takes his total for the season to eight, half of which have come in the past six weeks.

Saints ended the first half on the front foot with Matt Rippon, who led the line well, winning a corner kick on the left. Lewis Cameron's delivery was plucked out of the air by Scott Rennie before the refer-



ee blew the half-time whistle.

As Saints set about increasing their advantage in a good start to the second half Goldenhill keeper Scott Rennie stood up well at his near post to beat away a Lewis Cameron-effort from the corner of the six-yard box in the 50th minute.

Saints conceded possession cheaply from a 58th minute free-kick midway inside the Goldenhill half and were made to pay a heavy price.

Once again Goldenhill broke with pace, with James

Gallagher tearing up the right wing. Racing back towards his own goal Ruaridh Horne slid in fractionally ahead of Ryan Deas at the back post and hooked Gallagher's low cross out for a throw-in before colliding with Deas just short of the goal-line.

Somehow Mr Espinha, warming up for his appearance as an assistant at the Scottish Amateur Cup Final, interpreted this as a foul and pointed to the penalty spot. James Gallagher slammed the spot kick straight down the

Olympic swimmer helps Oban Otters

A former Olympic swimmer was in Oban on Saturday to coach Oban Otters Swimming Club.

Canadian swimming coach, Gary Vandermeulen, who represented his country in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, taught dozens of Oban swimmers and their coaches.

The event was sponsored by

Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease (ABCD). Alfie MacKenzie, from the organisation, said: 'We are very pleased and very glad to help them all and hopefully they will have a wonderful session.'

Speaking at the event, members of the Oban Otters committee said: 'We were keen to bring some world class experience to our club.'

Gary went through each of the strokes with the swimmers and gave them tips on their technique. There was also a session in the classroom, where Gary used drawings to illustrate efficient technique.

'I think it's very inspiring for the kids,' the committee member added. 'It's a wonderful opportunity for them

SWIMMING

to experience high level coaching. Huge thanks to ABCD for giving us the funding. We hope to see benefits for years to come.'

However, it will not only benefit the youngsters, the committee was hopefully that the coaching would rub off on to their instructors.



Gary Vandermeulen taught dozens of Oban swimmers and their coaches. 17_T22_ObanOtters01

ty in semi



Saints' two-goal hero Matty Kelly and Goldenhill's Chris Wilson in a chase for the ball.

FOOTBALL

Mr Espinha brought the 90 minutes to a close with the scores level at two goals each confirming the need for a penalty shoot-out to decide who would progress to the final.

Unfortunately for the Oban side Matt Rippon and Willie Gemmell missed their spot kicks with Goldenhill winning 4-3 in the shoot-out

Saints were due to travel to face Motherwell Thistle last Saturday, however, the home side were unable to raise a team and were forced to cancel.

The three remaining home fixtures against North Glasgow Colts, Goldenhill and Alba Thistle also appear unlikely to be fulfilled bringing the curtain down on Saints Scottish Amateur Football League era earlier than anticipated.

The Saints management and players would like to express their gratitude to sponsors D&K Lafferty and Aulay's Bar and also to their loyal following for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

The players will now take a well-earned break before returning to action in the D&K Lafferty Cup tournament on Saturday July 13.

middle.

Matty Kelly was denied by the woodwork for a second time in the 67th minute striking the bottom of Scott Rennie's left hand post with a left-foot shot at the end of a flowing Saints move.

In an end-to-end closing quarter of an hour both sides had chances to seal victory with Saints coming closest when Matt Rippon crashed a shot off the crossbar and Scott Rennie made another fine save to deny Matty Kelly a hat-trick from the rebound.

SQUASH

Squash team goes distance in friendly

Oban Squash Club men's team made the long journey south for a friendly match against Lockerbie Squash Club and came away with a narrow 3-2 victory.

Each team comprised five players, with each seeded player competing against his opposite number in the team.

Each of the five matches were played to a best of five games, and Oban narrowly defeated their hosts by 3 matches to 2.

The Oban club thanked Lockerbie for its hospitality and match referee Keith Oversby. The occasion was enjoyed by everyone, and a return match is planned later this year.

Results (Oban first): 1st Seed - Neil Fraser 1 Ronnie Carter 3; 2nd Seed - Paul Kersley 3 John Johnstone 0; 3rd Seed - Kenny Mann 3 Bruce Robertson 1; 4th Seed - Andy Jamieson 3 Neil McDougall 0; 5th Seed - Gavin MacLucas 3 Stuart Garner 1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

All-inclusive American football – have a bash

Oban Vikings American Football club will be running its second come-and-try session since launching in December last year.

Head coach William Humphries and assistant coach Peter Odoom will be running sessions for people of all genders, ages and abilities at Glencruitten three pitch, Oban Lorne Rugby Club on Sunday, June 2 from 2pm-3.30pm. American football drills and games will be delivered throughout the afternoon.

Anyone interested should take along football/rugby boots or trainers they don't mind getting dirty as well as clothing they can run around in.

Dalmally Golf Club holds Seniors' Open

With partial cloud covering and a gentle breeze to keep the midges at bay, playing conditions at Dalmally were almost perfect last Wednesday for the mixed Seniors' Open.

With a field of almost 60, representing 16 clubs from across Argyll and further afield, the open threw up some very tight competition in both the ladies and gents' categories.

The Dalmally course also provided its usual challenges, staying out of ditches and water, avoiding the sand traps as well as the additional hazard of landing in the bluebells, which while beautiful, make ball finding even trickier.

Both home players and visitors enjoyed excellent hospitality from breakfast time until the seven o'clock prize-giving.

So much so that Martin O'Keeffe, the competition starter, had his work cut out getting the players out of the clubhouse and onto the tee.

As a visitor from Mull said: 'Many thanks for your hos-

pitality again yesterday. We enjoyed the day immensely and will certainly be back next year.'

Tracey Peedle, co-owner of the Ben Cruachan Inn at Loch Awe, said: 'This is the second year that Ben Cruachan Inn has sponsored the Seniors' Open and we are so pleased to support Dalmally Golf Club.'

'It's a great day out and a beautiful course practically on our doorstep.'

Graeme MacKechnie, the club captain, congratulated all the players especially the prize winners and thanked the Ben Cruachan Inn for its sponsorship along with the many other generous donors of prizes including Angus Douglas at the Bridge of Awe Service Station.

Graeme also commented that it was very satisfying to see so many home players among the winners.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Results: Ladies: 1 Catriona O'Keeffe, Dalmally (37pts), 2 Angela Vernel, Tarbert (31pts) 3 Liz McLean, Dumbarton (30pts).
Gents: 1 John McIlroy, Kenmore (36pts) 2 Mark Grant, Taynuilt (35 pts bih), 3 Billy Ross, Dalmally (35pts).
Ladies Cat B: 1 June Sutherland, Dalmally.
Gents Cat B: 1 John Plunkett, Glencruitten.
Nearest the Pin: Ewen Groat, Dalmally.



Winners at the Dalmally Seniors' Open



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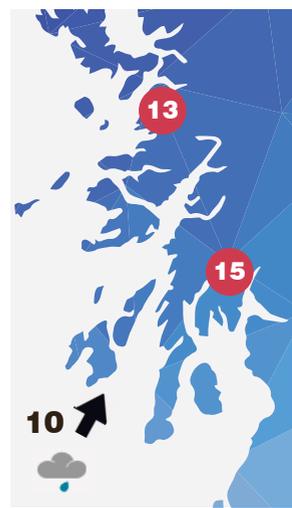
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Thursday
Light cloud and a gentle breeze
Temperatures
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Friday
Light rain showers and a gentle breeze
Temperatures
11°C to 15°C.

Weekend Outlook

Saturday
Light rain and a gentle breeze
Sunday
Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 13°C.



TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday June 6, 2019** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

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	15.56	3.3	22.05	1.3
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	16.31	3.6	22.43	1.1
Sun	04.58	3.8	11.05	0.9
	17.06	3.7	23.21	0.9
Mon	05.34	3.8	11.41	0.8
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Tues	00.02	0.8	06.10	3.9
	12.20	0.7	18.15	3.8
Wed	00.44	0.8	06.47	3.8
	13.01	0.6	18.54	3.8

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Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

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Saints pay the penalty in semi

Olympic swimmer helps Oban Otters

Second place finish for Bob in Denmark

Oban's Robert MacIntyre was full of pride in his performance as he made it back-to-back second place finishes on the European Tour at the Made in Denmark presented by FREJA last week.

The Glencruitten golfer, one of four to graduate off the European Challenge Tour in 2018 - has enjoyed an excellent start to life on the European Tour, missing just two cuts in 15 events and finishing runner-up at the recent Betfred British Masters.

He came into the final day at Himmerland Golf and Spa Resort one shot behind Bernd Wiesberger and the playing partners put on a wonderful show in Farsø.

The 22-year-old was millimetres from an eagle on the 14th and almost chipped in for birdie on the next as the leading duo could not be separated after 15 holes.

A Wiesberger birdie on the 16th edged the Austrian ahead and when MacIntyre went out of bounds off the 17th tee, Wiesberger could afford a bogey on the last as he claimed a fifth European Tour title.

Wiesberger said of Bob: 'What a great player and an even better bloke. It could have gone either way today, but what a battle it was.'

MacIntyre is still searching for his first win but after two second places and four other top 20s in just 15 appearances, it may not be far away.

'I'm proud of the way I

finished,' he said. 'I thought I gave it everything I had. It was a poor shot on 17 that really cost me. It's the worst swing I've probably put on a shot in a long, long time but I'm young, I live and I learn.'

'I had to get it down 18 with a sniff and I did have a chance but Bernd played brilliantly all day.'

'It's just golf, we've just got to keep knocking on that door and one will open.'

He added: 'I get a feeling on the putter, the grip just feels great, maybe twice or three times a year. The last two weeks I've played, it's felt unbelievable.'

'On 14, the eagle putt, I don't know how it missed and then I hit a poor wedge shot on 15 and had a full horseshoe.'

'When it's your day, it's your day, and today wasn't my day.'

Bob's management company Bounce Sports said: 'A fantastic effort from Bob, unfortunately coming up agonisingly short in Denmark.'

'Second place and you have made a lot of people happy Bob. Surely not long 'til your first European Tour win.'

Obanites would agree with that. It didn't take long for people on social media to congratulate the 23-year-old on his efforts, with one saying: 'Well done, Robert MacIntyre. You have done Oban proud.'

Bob told The Oban Times: 'Got to say it was another great event in Denmark. Playing in the last group on a

GOLF

Sunday with a chance to win is why I play the game. I gave it a good run but to come up just short is sore for now.

'When I sit back and look at it there are bits of luck that you need to go your way and my shot on 17 was what cost me it. I'm young, still learning and I will continue to put everything on the line in that situation.'

'I would like to thank everyone back home, the support was unreal all week and also at the British Masters.'

'Biggest thanks have to go to my family, friends and Glencruitten Golf Club for always being behind me.'

'I believe that the Sky Sports commentators were calling me 'Bobby' in the coverage which has raised questions about what I prefer to be called after also being called 'Robert' and 'Bob' in the media this year.'

'It will always be Robert, but I'd rather the short version being Bob rather than Bobby or even Boaby!'

'At the end of the day any talk on Sky Sports means you are doing something well, so whatever they want to call me that's fine by me.'

Bob is up to 13th in the Race to Dubai and 123rd in the world rankings after recording his second successive runner-up finish on the European Tour.

Bob acknowledges the spectators in Farsø.



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Caol Primary pupils create chemistry magic

Caol Primary School pupil Archie Manson patiently awaits the result of his experiment at the Get Fizzy chemistry workshop which visited the school last week. The wonders of chemistry had the pupils entranced, thanks to a visit by the Generation Science touring programme of science shows delivered by Edinburgh Science. The event was sponsored by Liberty British Aluminium. For full story, turn to page four. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

Campus tests positive for Legionella

by Mark Entwistle
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Legionella bacteria has been discovered in areas of the Kinlochleven Schools Campus.

Parents of pupils have been notified of the discovery, made as part of regular routine water management and sampling procedures.

Several areas, including the nursery and the kitchen, tested positive.

Highland Council issued a statement to the Lochaber Times confirming 'three or four areas' on the campus had tested positive for Legionella.

'There is a very low risk to building users, as no spray outlets have tested positive and prompt measures have been put in place to reduce the risks,' the local authority said.

'Legionella can cause issues

through inhalation in the respiratory system rather than being ingested through water.

'Although exposure to Legionella can result in infection, it only rarely causes illness.

'Mitigation works, such as isolating and disinfecting the affected areas, are already being undertaken by our contractor, at no additional cost to the council, and further testing will be undertaken throughout the campus.

Precaution

'Bottled water will be used in the kitchen for food preparation as a precaution only. Bottled drinking water is not required.'

Highland Council said the matter had been reported to the NHS Highland Health Protection Team, as is standard practice, and the team had been advised of the actions being taken.

The council added staff

had been informed and a letter sent to all parents. Kinlochleven Schools Campus includes the high school and primary school and is based at Riverside Park.

The secondary also draws primary pupils from schools across South Lochaber, including Ballachulish, Glencoe, St Bride's and Duror. Kinlochleven high and primary schools also operate as part of the Leven Centre Campus, which boasts state-of-the-art ICT, two gym halls, a fitness suite and a 150-seat theatre, as well as incorporating Kinlochleven library.

The first casualty of the Legionella find was the weekend's football game between South Lochaber Thistle and Newshot from Erskine.

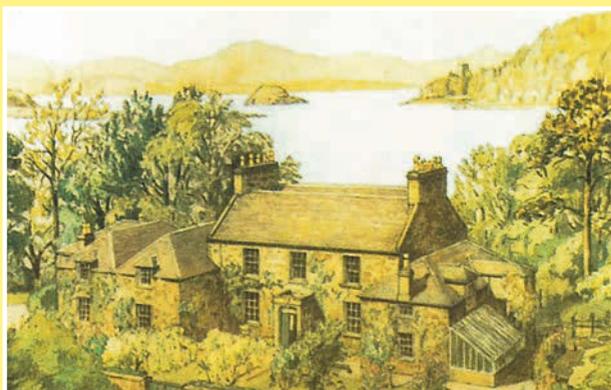
The discovery of the bacteria forced the game to be switched from the campus' astroturf pitch to Lochaber High School in Fort William.

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Fort surgeon Cambodia bound for next medical mission

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Open former Belford Hospital surgeon David Sedgwick's suitcase in just over a week and, packed amongst the surgical kit he needs for his latest overseas training mission, you are likely to find shortbread and Tunnock's caramel wafers beside tea towels depicting the sights of Fort William.

David retired from his post at the Belford in Fort William five years ago, but rather than idle his time away on the golf course or mowing the lawn of his home at Badabrie, he was determined his surgical skills and decades of experience, including 21 years at the

Belford, would still be put to good use.

Those five years have seen him part of surgical teaching teams that have visited Rwanda, East Jerusalem and Gaza with the next destination the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh.

The Basic Surgical Skills Course (BSSC) was originally designed by the UK and Irish Colleges of Surgeons in 1994 as a response to the Calman report on speciality training, which recommended an increased emphasis on training in a simulated environment.

The BSSC focuses on key technical skills, including knot tying and safe, effective use of instruments.

At present there is no

structured training course in Cambodia and the BSSC could be a foundation for the development of a formal training curriculum.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh (RCSEd) has credentialled the course and David, a consultant general surgeon who has been convener of the BSSC for 20 years, was asked to assess its feasibility.

David has experience of establishing similar courses in Israel's West Bank annually since 2011, in Rwanda since 2014 and Gaza for the first time this year.

At the beginning of June, David, three other surgeons and two doctors in a technical support roll, will head for the Far East.

The costs of the surgical teaching team's visits are met by donations and grants including from Lochaber Rotary Club.

'One of my aims in retirement was to teach basic surgical skills where I could,' David told the Lochaber Times. 'We provide a course that we give to our trainees at home - the BSSC - which has been running for 25 years.'

'We now have a trained fac-



Former Belford Hospital surgeon David Sedgwick's next medical mission is in Cambodia.

ulty of surgeons in Palestine who can run the course to the standards of RCSEd. That culminated this year by running the course in Gaza for the first time, which was a very interesting experience.

'The people were lovely. We were based at a small mission hospital and they made us so welcome. We did get rocketed on our last night which was an awakening experience.'

'Next morning, despite having 100 rockets dropped on them between 2am and 3am, people were going about their normal daily business. We asked how they could do that. They told us that was normal life for them.'

'Not all the people in Gaza are busy launching rockets. Most of them are just people in an extremely difficult situation.'

David made his first trip to teach the course in Rwanda in 2013, the year before retiring from the Belford.

'They are now building up a Rwandan faculty and I

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go once a year to teach. We also have trainees coming over from Congo to take part. We have set up a charity to help with the work in Rwanda, which is registered with the Scottish Charities Organisation, run by supportive trustees. It is called Scotland-Africa Surgical Training, SCIO.

'Rwanda is safe now. It is changing and developing after the genocide of 25 years ago when a million people were killed in 100 days, basically by their neighbours.'

'But they are rebuilding a new country and it's been great to experience that. I have been overwhelmed to witness the forgiveness and reconciliation between perpetrators and victims.'

And now comes the Far East and Cambodia for David and the team.

'It came about thanks to two ex-pat surgeons now living in the UK. They wanted to organise a course for Cambodia and the RCSEd suggested they contact me and that's how I have ended up going there. Cambodia has also been affected by genocide, in this case by Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s. It is a country with a lot of poverty, but with quite a lot of wealth as well.'

David and his colleagues do not get paid for the work they do abroad. 'I have a pension and am able to take up these wonderful opportunities to use my skills,' he explained.

A member of the Mustard Seed Christian Fellowship,

which has a congregation in Kilmallie, it is unsurprising David's faith underpins his work abroad.

'For me it is not just humanitarian because I feel my gifts are given by God and I am thankful and want to use these gifts I've got to benefit people.'

Asked if people in Rwanda and the West Bank know much about Scotland, David laughed: 'Oh yes, they're aware of Scotland.'

'Africa has a lot of links with Scotland with many missionaries having worked there, such as David Livingstone and Mary Slessor.'

'There are a lot of links with Scotland, although many people in Rwanda seem to know of Scotland mostly through Rangers and Celtic!'

'So I try and educate them about another Scottish team!' laughed the long-time Hibs fan.

A native of the north of England, who has lived in Scotland since 1973, David met his wife Frances when they were students at St Andrew's University.

The couple have six children, comprising one GP in the Borders, a staff nurse in Hull, three teachers and a brewer in New Zealand, and seven grandchildren.

Making the final preparations for his trip last week, David added: 'Archie Paterson of Nevis Bakery has always been generous and usually gives me a big tin of Nevis Bakery shortbread to take with me.'

'And when people get their certificates for passing the course, they all get a Tunnock's caramel wafer.'

'It's nice to take a wee bit of Lochaber and Scotland with us.'



David Sedgwick trains surgeons in Rwanda.

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Guests enjoy great college showcase

Guests enjoyed an evening of food, art and music last week as West Highland College (WHC) students put together a successful evening in Fort William showcasing their talents.

Students showed off the skills they had amassed over the past year at the creative arts showcase.

Professional cookery students offered an array of mouth-watering dishes, while art students displayed their works to members of the public.

Art students' work this year was on the theme 'reflection, heritage and citizenship'.

Course lecturer Ali Beradelli said the course had allowed people to develop their skills while working within a supportive group.

Fashion students also

showed off their creations. Fashion and design course leader Laila Sutherland said: 'This type of event is what makes all of our jobs at the college worthwhile. We hope to see many of the students next year as they progress onto further study with us.'

Music students had reason to boast too as their newly-released original EP 'Isolated' reached number 12 in the singer/songwriter iTunes download chart.

Music course leader for the NC and HNC students Rachel Walker said: 'It's always special to see the music students perform and hear how much they have improved, both in skill and in confidence over the course of the year.'

'It's nerve-wracking to perform live outside the music room and they did us proud.'

Corpach port fears resurface

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Corpach residents already fed up about disruption and noise from industrial and shipping operations at the local port are worried their concerns are being overshadowed by the push for a major expansion of the facility.

Residents have been complaining for years over what they see as a lack of official action to tackle what they say is an already noisy industrial works in Corpach.

At Monday night's meeting of Kilmallie Community Council, Alastair Nicolson of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) gave an update on progress on the feasibility study for the creation of a deep water port at Corpach.

Mr Nicolson said work had been on-going over the past year between HIE, British Liberty Aluminium and Boyd Brothers Haulage to draw up a master plan for the expansion but stressed no significant decisions had yet been made.

'We are continuing to work with Boyd's and Liberty to come up with an agreed layout for the site so that a business model can be developed,' added Mr Nicolson.

'If it was the wish to progress the project, it would need to be subject to the planning process and that would need further development of the master plan.'

But it was the last straw for

But it was the last straw for disgruntled locals

several disgruntled locals already frustrated by what they see as Highland Council's hapless dealing with their complaints.

Community council secretary Russell Leaper said, like many locals, he had concerns.

'There is a lot of concern

about the current levels of noise and light pollution, which have been on-going and are yet to be addressed,' he said.

'So any further developments would be a concern for a lot of people.'

'I'd like to see some assurances this would not make things worse.'

Local resident Roddy Mainland said there was a clear conflict between possible expansion of local industry and the employment it would create and residents' concerns.

'There will be pressure for it to go ahead because it means employment but a major expansion could leave a small community vulnerable,' he said.

Another local resident Norman Clark said there was a feeling in the community that it was going to get 'rail-

roaded' over the project. 'I think there is a great push to always be bigger rather than better. Personally I'd rather see things done better here before they get bigger,' he said.

But Calum Boyd, of Boyd Brothers, was at the meeting and highlighted the number of jobs already created at the port.

'And the port already helps take a large amount of lorry traffic off the A82, by bringing in stuff by sea and sending it out again by sea,' he said.

The end of the discussion saw Mr Nicolson agree to keep the community council informed and up-to-date on progress.



The college show featured music, art and fashion. Photograph: Abrightside Photography.

NHS bosses apologise over staff bullying

Health chiefs at NHS Highland have issued an 'unreserved' apology for bullying and inappropriate behaviour experienced by staff members.

The apology came during Monday's meeting of NHS Highland board - the first since QC John Sturrock's report on an independent review of allegations over bullying at the health authority.

In a statement read out during the board meeting in Inverness, interim chair Boyd Robertson said NHS Highland had welcomed the publication of the Sturrock report, which was commissioned by the Scottish Government, and that it fully accepted the recommendations.

'As a board we would like to express our gratitude to John Sturrock and to all of those who contributed to the report,' stated Professor Robertson.

'The report finds that bullying or inappropriate behaviour has occurred within NHS Highland and we apologise unreservedly to those members of staff who have not been treated according to the high standards we expect.'

'The board acknowledges that there were shortcomings in the way it dealt with the issues raised and will reflect upon how it must improve.'

'The report is comprehensive and contains a number of important conclusions and proposals which are currently being carefully considered and an initial draft action plan prepared.'

'The board will consult with a wide range of staff groups and external stakeholders to ensure that, in taking action, it represents as broad a spectrum of views as possible.'

'We realise that there are varying views about the content of the Sturrock report and that people have reacted

to it in different ways. The report recognises the concerns raised by the whistleblowers, but also acknowledges that others feel hurt by some of the allegations. It is important as a board that we consider the needs of all our people.'

Professor Robertson said the board will provide assurance and take full responsibility for ensuring that the issues raised in the report are addressed and that it will lead by the same constructive, respectful and compassionate approach it expects others to follow. And he added: 'In the coming months the Health Board will focus on healing, reconciliation and building a positive culture based upon care and compassion, and dignity and respect for everyone.'

'Values such as openness, honesty and responsibility will underpin an approach which will also deliver quality care and team-working.'

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Experience of Auschwitz saw journalist confront passenger

A journalist who has covered stories dealing with the Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz told a court how he took offence at the loud playing of a podcast which he believed had mentioned atrocities during the Second World War.

Malcolm Fane, 65, was a Crown prosecution witness in the trial last week of Geza Szakacs, 49, of Ulverston, Cumbria.

Szakacs had pleaded not guilty to the charge of behaving in a threatening or abusive manner likely to cause fear and alarm at Fort William bus station on July 17 last year.

Szakacs had originally been accused of playing an audio recording extremely loudly

in an attempt to incite racial hatred, had uttered racist remarks and recorded people on his phone without their consent.

However, the charge was amended part way through the trial, with the racist elements being deleted.

Coach driver Jean Rhodes, 59, told the court she had been offloading luggage at the bus station when she became aware of a distressed Mr Fane.

The journalist had called the police after remonstrating with Szakacs over the loud playing of the podcast on a loudspeaker as people were waiting to board the coach.

As a result, Szakacs was barred from boarding the bus until police arrived. The coach driver said Szakacs had

become agitated, insisting he had every right to get on the bus and started filming bus staff.

In her statement to police, Ms Rhodes said Szakacs had accused her of 'being worse than Hitler'.

Defence agent Gerry Sweeney had put it to Ms Rhodes that she too might have found it stressful being publicly prevented from boarding a bus in front of other people.

'In such circumstances saying someone is 'worse than Hitler' would not be an unusual epithet, would it? asked Mr Sweeney.

'It's the sort of thing said if someone is being overly bureaucratic isn't it? Behaving a bit like a dictator?'

But the bus driver said she had never heard the phrase used like that before.

Mr Fane, 65, who has worked on various newspapers and for the BBC, said it was not just the volume but the nature of the podcast he objected to.

'It seemed to be a wartime commentary about Auschwitz and Jewish people,' he said.

'I asked him to turn it off because it could've caused offence to the people who were there. There were a lot of foreign tourists milling about, some of them German, and I thought it was an affront to them. I asked him why he was playing it and got a mouthful of abuse.'

The court was played the podcast, part of which was in German, and which concerned the abuse of psychiatry and referenced Nazi Germany.

Under cross examination,

Mr Fane said he had worked on stories about Auschwitz and was 'appalled' Szakacs was playing such a podcast in a public place.

But Mr Sweeney said the broadcast was not about the Second World War specifically and asked Mr Fane if he had 'jumped the gun' by getting involved after only hearing part of it.

'I felt it was my civic duty and I was within my rights,' Mr Fane replied.

It was at this point the portion of the charge alleging racist behaviour was deleted.

Giving evidence through a Hungarian interpreter, Szakacs felt it was unfair he had been prevented from boarding the bus and denied he had behaved threateningly: 'I didn't believe it [the podcast] was too loud. As long as it didn't disturb anyone else I thought it was ok.'

However, Sheriff Eilidh

MacDonald found Szakacs guilty, saying his behaviour could have been considered by a reasonable person as threatening and would have caused alarm.

She said it was 'very proper' the racial hatred, remarks and aggravation elements of the charge had been dropped.

But she added: 'However, I do have some concern about the characteristics of the podcast that you played. Parts of the content could've been seen to be inflammatory when taken out of context as they may have in the circumstances.'

Szakacs was fined £300 on this charge, reduced to half what could have been levied due to him already having spent two weeks on remand as a result last summer.

In respect of a charge of failure to attend for a court appearance, Szakacs was also found guilty but admonished.



Above: The cruise ship Le Boreal.



Right: Councillor Ben Thompson and Sarah Kennedy, secretary of the Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company, present Le Boreal captain Michael Debien with a welcome plaque from Highland Council. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

French cruise liner due to make double call on Fort

The second ship operated by French cruise line company Compagnie du Ponant to visit Fort William in as many weeks makes its second visit of the week today (Thursday).

Following last week's visit by Le Champlain, Le Boreal arrived on Tuesday for a

brief call, before heading to Glasgow and was then expected to be back in Loch Linnhe today.

Carrying 264 passengers and 136 crew, the ship, which weighs just under 11,000 tonnes, first entered service in 2010.

The next cruise liner to visit Fort William will be the huge Artania on June 9.

Able to carry nearly 1,200 passengers, at 44,348 tonnes, she dwarfs this week's ocean going visitor by some way and boasts a crew of more than 500.



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CalMac scoops customer service award

The UK's largest ferry operator has become the first organisation in the country to be awarded a new level of 'Global Standard' accreditation for the helpfulness and professionalism of its customer operations staff.

CalMac's 44 strong Customer Service Team was awarded the much coveted quality assurance mark by the Contact Centre Association (CCA).

Although accreditation is held by more than 300 private and public sector organisations across the UK, CalMac is the first to pass the new more stringent customer service audit.

Last year CalMac carried more than 5.3 million passengers and 1.3 million vehicles. Its 33 strong fleet serves 26 routes to island and remote mainland locations.

The CCA assessor highlighted a number of strengths in the team describing it as a 'competent, well managed, highly customer focused operation'.

The assessor also praised some key strengths; a continuous focus on the customer experience as well as staff commitment to ongoing



The CalMac customer operations team is the first in the UK to be given the 'Global Standard' award.

improvement as well as an 'impressive' approach to dealing with complaints.

The accreditation involved surveying a range of staff on their customer-focused processes to ensure a consistent and professional approach across the centre, and also included closely auditing the the daily workings of the operation.

Every year staff deal with almost 400,000 phone calls, 37,000 emails covering ferry bookings, enquires claims and complaints.

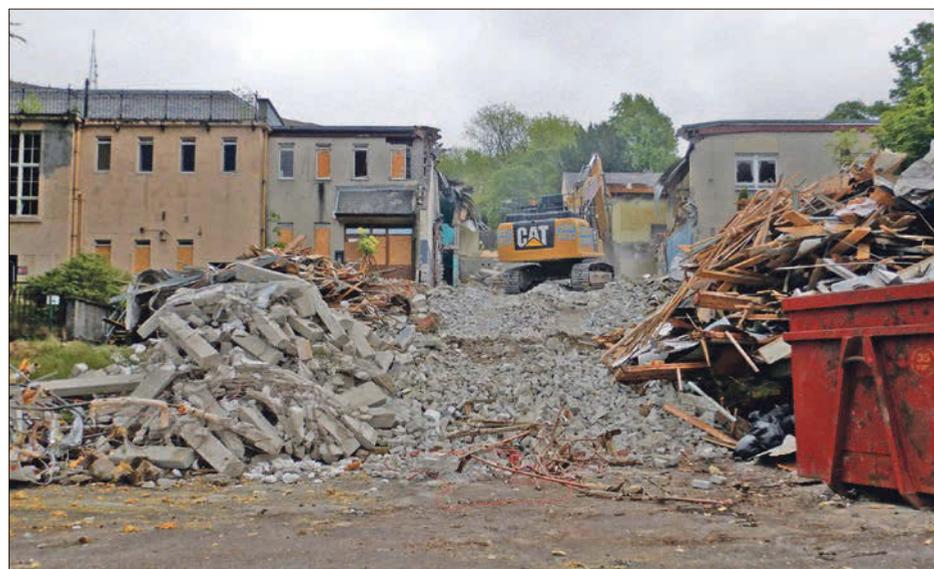
'Our front line contact centre staff are the face of the organisation, and first impressions last,' said CalMac's director of business devel-

opment, Karen McGregor. 'So, it's vital that what we are saying to customers directly is right first time, every time. I'm delighted that all the hard work our staff have put in to make our contact centre one of the best in the business has been recognised.'

'Our staff deal with incredibly complex and challenging situations daily and the CCA accreditation recognises this.'

The CCA also praised the company for its innovative use of social media which has become a mainstream platform for communicating with customers.

Social media followers have almost quadrupled over the past five years.



Demolition under way at old primary school

Demolition work gets under way to clear the site of the former Fort William RC Primary School on the town's Fassfern Road for new college student accommodation. Also known as St Mary's, the old school closed its doors for the final time in August 2015.

Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

Call for council to adopt new foster carer fee structure

Highland Council is being urged to pay foster carers a fee for each child placed with them.

Lochaber MSP Kate Forbes has made the appeal in an attempt to open up additional places in the north of Scotland.

At present, the council only pays one fee to foster carers in Lochaber and elsewhere – regardless of the number of children they look after. It is thought most other local authorities pay a fee per child, rather than per carer.

The present practice increases the chances of siblings being separated.

A lack of foster carers in the Highlands means the local council currently pays more than £2m a year placing foster children outwith the area.

Together

Ms Forbes said it was important to keep siblings together and that there are some foster parents in the Highlands who are registered to take several children but only currently take one.

'Elsewhere in Scotland,

councils pay foster parents a fee per child but in the Highlands they only pay a single fee irrespective of how many children are cared for,' said Ms Forbes.

'If we want to see parents take more than one child, keep families together and catch up with other local authorities, Highland Council should consider paying a fee per child.'

'People don't foster because of the money, but it can make the difference between them continuing or not.'

VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER

The UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is back in town this weekend and you cannot help but notice the buzz around the area in the build-up to this fantastic event.

Nevis Range Mountain Resort will attract world-class athletes from 25 countries to compete at the highest level on the challenging slopes of Aonach Mor, home to a 2.8km mountain bike downhill course, internationally renowned as one of the longest and toughest on the World Cup circuit.

The Mountain Bike World Cup is a firm favourite in Scotland's events' calendar and it is one of our most acclaimed sporting events. Riders often say this is their favourite stop on the World Cup circuit, thanks to the amazing atmosphere and enthusiasm generated by the



huge, vocal crowds who flock to Lochaber to be a part of the action.

It is hard to believe this is the 18th consecutive year for the Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Fort William. We are used to it being part of our year, but we should not take it for granted.

Fort William is the only UK stop on the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup circuit and hosting the World Cup and World Championships over almost two decades has played a huge part in building the profile and reputation of Lochaber as the Outdoor

Capital of the UK. It attracts the attention of the world's media and has helped to put Lochaber on the map for outdoor adventures.

Lochaber is renowned for its warm welcome and fun atmosphere during this weekend. So let's enjoy the buzz of the Mountain Bike World Cup and celebrate the benefits this world-class event brings to our area.

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Appeal for 'keep left' reminders on satnavs

An appeal is being made to leading firms, including Apple and Google Maps, for additional safety features on navigation devices to help prevent vehicles driving on the wrong side of Highland roads.

Some sat-navs and smart-phones give users a reminder

of the speed limit and Lochaber and Skye MSP Kate Forbes hopes a similar notice can be given so that tourists stay on the left hand side.

Ms Forbes is supporting the Keep Left campaign, which was launched after one of her constituents was injured in a crash with a tourist's car on

Skye last year. Sharon Anslow set up the campaign after she was injured in the crash while driving to work in Portree in December.

She said the crash happened when she tried to avoid a car travelling on the wrong side of the road.

'No-one intentionally drives

on the wrong side of the road, but clearly we've got to do more to remind visitors to drive on the left,' said Ms Forbes.

'Having contacted all the car hire companies to raise awareness of this issue, I've started looking at other points of contact with tourists.

'I'm sure many will be using a navigation device, whether a GPS, sat-nav, Google or Apple maps.

'These devices usually remind drivers not to touch it whilst driving and to keep to the speed limit.

'I have contacted the tech companies to ask if they

could develop them further to remind drivers to drive on the left.'

Ms Forbes has already met with Transport Scotland, VisitScotland and Highland Council officials to see what improvements can be made before the peak tourism season.

WHAT'S ON in Lochaber

Staff and volunteers from Caol-based charity Lochaber Sensory Care for Sight and Hearing Support will visit Mallaig on Tuesday June 4.

The team will be in Mallaig Medical Centre from 1.30pm until 3.30pm to offer support and advice to those with a sight or hearing impairment. They will also re-tube and check NHS hearing aids and supply batteries. No appointment required for this free service.

Kilmallie Christmas Lights Fund's annual general meeting will take place on Wednesday June 5 at

Kilmallie Community Centre, Corpach.

Lochaber Provincial Mod will be held on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8 at Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Fort William. Entries have now closed.

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 to 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. Call 01397 702169.

ART Lochaber is holding its annual exhibition at Ben Nevis Distillery from Saturday June 8 until Saturday June 22. It will be open from 10am until 6pm daily. There will be paintings for sale.



Lochaber High School pupils got their hands on their new aluminium water bottles last week. Sponsored by Liberty British Aluminium, 1,000 bottles were handed out to youngsters who can fill them at new water filling fountains in the school.

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Mallaig youngsters celebrate Eco-Schools Green Flag

Mallaig Primary School and nursery pupils are celebrating after reclaiming an award which cements their position as environmental leaders.

The youngsters set targets to improve their environmental impact and have since been rewarded with the renewal of their Eco-Schools Green Flag.

Among the targets for day-to-day life were recycling more and being more aware of their energy use.

Deputy head teacher Deirdre Beck said the renewal of the award was a 'very big deal' and was the result of every pupil and member of staff coming together.

'The hard work wasn't just about the practicalities. Every target could also be linked to the pupils' in-class learning and the fun level was huge,' she said. 'We are very, very proud of what they have achieved.'



Mallaig primary and nursery pupils with their Eco-Schools Green Flag.

First groups reap benefit of community fund cash

A shinty club and a bird nesting project are the first two organisations to benefit from an Achnacarry community fund.

Achnacarry, Bunarkaig and Clunes Community Group (ABC) set up the benefit fund in January to 'distribute community benefit payments from hydro-electric schemes in the Loch Arkaig area'.

The first successful application was from Lochaber Camanachd Club, which

received 10 shinty sticks for its senior men's team. The other successful applicant was Rachel Pate's kestrel nest box scheme. ABC money helped the scheme put up four bird boxes providing more nesting sites for the kestrel population which has declined 67 per cent in the last 20 years.

ABC will continue to work with the nesting scheme and will be running a volunteer day in July to install more

boxes at Loch Arkaig. Anyone interested in going along to learn about kestrels and the project should email ourabc-mail@gmail.com.

Anyone wishing to apply for ABC Community Benefit Fund backing should also contact the email address above.

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Left to right: Lochaber Camanachd Club captain Shaun Nicolson, ABC secretary Sandy Edmond, ABC chairman Liam McLoone and Lochaber Camanachd committee member Tom MacKintosh with the 10 new sticks bought with money from the fund.



The ABC benefit fund also helped Rachel Pate's kestrel nest box scheme put up four bird boxes.

Oban's Dave sailing high with charter business abroad

Advertorial

Oban man Dave Sturrock is probably better known in his home town for his allegiance to Oban Lorne Rugby Club of which is he past president, captain and player.

However, Dave is also a keen yachtsman.

Sailing has been in his blood from his earliest years. His father, the late Captain Bill Sturrock, encouraged and taught him and the rest of the family everything they wanted to know about boats and sailing.

Bill founded the Firth of Lorn Sea School in Oban, setting up both a highly successful training and yacht charter business, through which Dave became a qualified RYA Dinghy instructor, Yachtmaster Offshore and a Yachtmaster Instructor. He worked for a number of companies as a skipper or instructor, including the Outward Bound Trust and Sunsail.

Following in his father's footsteps or more appropriately his helm, Dave established a highly-successful yacht charter business based in Kos, Greece in 2006 for summer sailing and now also offers chartering in the Caribbean as a winter destination.

David Sturrock Yachting (DSY) offers a range of Hanse

yachts – the 588, 505, 470, 455, 430 and 400e yachts for Mediterranean and Caribbean charter. All are UK flagged and coded to MCA area 2 (60nm offshore). They all hold the Greek charter licence which means excellent standards of safety.

The yachts are based at Kos Marina for summer charter, taking advantage of the fresh breezes and consistently great sailing conditions provided by the Eastern Mediterranean. As Kos is based within the Dodecanese chain of islands there are many excellent cruising destinations within easy reach. Winter charter is available out of Grenada – the perfect base to explore the Caribbean.

David said: 'It's been a gradually evolving business starting with the first Hanse 400 which was commissioned at Dunstaffnage and delivered with Oban boys John Payne, the late Donald MacDonald and Sandy Rokitta.'

'We continue to see very high demand for our yachts. This is a reflection of the quality of our Hanse's and the excellent level of customer service provided by Istion Yachting. The majority of our customers are German as they really appreci-



ate our Hanse model of yachts which are built in Germany.

'Our aim from the outset was to offer sailing yachts with real performance and comfort onboard that would appeal to genuine sailors. This strategy has been effective, with great comments and reviews.'

Dave added he would like to extend the net to see more customers from Scotland and his home town: 'Already a number of folks from Oban have chartered and it would be good to see more come and enjoy this amazing sailing experience. Our first charter from Kos left on April 6 and we are excited about the new season!'

One of these clients from Oban, Colin Davren, said: 'Seven years ago Dave Sturrock took me on my very first sailing

trip to a Greek island travelling on a luxurious sailing boat skippered by him.

'Dave is a very responsible and knowledgeable skipper. We visited amazing islands, bays and swam in beautiful clear blue water. The experience was second to none. I have now sailed with Dave every year since and this, together with Dave's enthusiasm, encouraged me to achieve my day skipper qualification. So this year I have chartered one of Dave's yachts and will be setting sail around the Mediterranean. It's an experience to be recommended to anyone.'

New equipment has been fitted to the fleet for 2019, and for those who don't feel comfortable 'bare boat' chartering, a skipper and even a cook can

be hired for the duration of the cruise. Local knowledge from a skippered charter can ensure you enjoy the sailing holiday of a lifetime. And from €1,200 a week for a boat sleeping six in low season, a sailing holiday offers excellent value.

Dave continued: 'All vessels are designed to give a cracking sailing performance, with high quality interior accommodation. These characteristics, along with top level equipment, make them a delight to charter and live aboard. A great deal of thought has gone into making it a memorable experience for everyone onboard.'

'We have added solar panels, electric flush toilets, USB charging points and comfort mattresses onboard each yacht. They all also have teak decks. We believe attention to detail is highly important, enabling a great sailing experience.'

With his experience built up over the last 13 years of chartering, Dave is now adding yacht management consultancy to services on offer and is able to advise on a range of interests, including partnership ownership.

Two of the many highlights in Dave's sailing career were the Atlantic crossings as skipper of his own boats while competing

in the 2008 and 2012 Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC).

He said: 'The icing on the cake after arriving in St Lucia was the Caribbean cruising. This spurred me on to offer the area as a winter sailing destination.'

Dave has also extended his interest to supporting worthwhile causes and will continue support for Autism on the Water 2019 and also The Outward Bound Trust.

He said: 'Murray MacDonald, who hails from Oban, has done an excellent job in raising awareness of the benefits of sailing to Autism sufferers while campaigning his Hunter 707 last year and we will support this season.'

Dave Sturrock Yachting is again sponsoring two students to attend the Skills for Life Award training course at Loch Eil Outward Bound.

Dave said: 'I set this up in my Dad's name since this is an organisation we very much admire for their work in developing young people and helping them reach their potential.'

Dave added: 'We have many exciting sailing trips and projects lined up for 2019 so look forward to seeing these come to fruition.'

Couple make history with first wedding in distillery

by Mark Entwistle
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A Fort William couple made history this month when they became the first bride and groom to be married in Ben Nevis Distillery's still room.

HGV lorry driver Sandy MacCallum, 26, from Onich, and Rhiannon Melrose, 23, of Fort William, tied the knot in front of the town distillery's giant copper stills.

To top things off, the wedding took place on Saturday May 18 – World Whisky Day.

The new Mrs MacCallum told the Lochaber Times: 'The distillery was a unique and fantastic venue to host our special day.'

'Our ceremony, led by Richard Baxter, was carried out in the still house which has never been done before and very fitting given it was World Whisky Day.'

'Having the whole day in the one location allowed us to create and keep up an atmosphere from start to finish. We did everything ourselves, from my Nana making the flowers, my mum doing the decorations and Sandy arriving in his lorry, making it personal and so close to home.'

Rhiannon is the daughter of Fort William solicitor Hamish Melrose and his wife Linda, while Sandy's parents are Stewart and Fiona MacCallum.

Having studied at Glasgow University, Rhiannon is now employed as media and communications advisor for the Scottish Building Federation in Glasgow.

Sandy drives for Stuart Nicol Transport and arrived for his wedding in his Scania 720 lorry, bearing his well-known Smokey and the Bandit logo.



The new Mr and Mrs MacCallum made history by getting married in the distillery's still room. Inset: The groom arrived in his lorry. Photographs: Gabi Tomescu.

Rhiannon praised distillery staff for all the hard work they had put into making the big day extra special.

'Brian Hume, Kevin Cameron and the team did a fantastic job,' said Rhiannon. 'We are both extremely happy and cannot thank everyone enough who was there to celebrate our day.'

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I am writing this early on a Tuesday morning and, with less than a month to mid-summer, the sun is already dominating the day.

Also dominating the day is an intense feeling of relief and relaxation following a prolonged period of which the looming doom of deadlines has been pronounced.

All of these deadlines, which have been a constant pressure since the beginning of this year, were met over the last few weeks with a culminating crescendo over the weekend just past. And it is a wonderful feeling. Wherever Andrew is this morning, I am sure he will be feeling the same.

The combined strands of the new album – finding the tunes, finishing writing the songs, choosing which ones to record, arranging the sets and songs, rehearsing them, recording them, mixing them, coming up with a title, cover, track order, deciding when to release downloads, dealing with mistakes on the cover and resulting delays – then fighting time pressure to try to get the album out for the Usher Hall concert, were all a battle.

As covered in the article of two weeks ago, all this was

over-arched by the constant doubt as to whether people would actually like it or not. If they didn't, then all of the above would be a total waste of time and money.

Regards the Usher Hall concert – were we going to fill it? Was it a mistake adding extra capacity from last year by having the standing area and was it a mistake to put on our biggest gig to date in Edinburgh instead of our more traditional stomping grounds of Glasgow or the Highlands?

After a strong rush of ticket sales when we released them, it had slowed down to a trickle in the last few months and it looked as if we were going to be a good few hundred short.

But a surging tide of ticket sales in the last week and good 'walk-up' sales on the night meant we just-and-no more scraped a full house.

On top of the number worries, there was which songs to perform, which tune sets to do, how much old and how much new material, do we separate into two halves or play one long set, will we remember everyone for the guest list and, most importantly, will the audience like the new material played live?

The third cylinder of pressure building to last weekend led to the morning after the concert and running the second of two half-marathons for Eilidh's Trust within a week and trying to reach the fundraising target from which we were still a long way from on Saturday with only one day left.

I am happy to report we got the album back just in time and signs so far suggest it has been well received. The Usher Hall was full to the gunwales with the audience going wild for the new tunes and songs, we just made it over the fundraising target for Eilidh and I finished the half-marathon 44 seconds under my target of two hours. All that's left to do now is get the CDs into the shops. Intense periods of effort, trepidation and worry where the results are tangible and the aims have been achieved and cannot be reversed satisfies an inner craving in mankind that is closely related to our prehistoric existence as hunters. On this particular hunt, we have been lucky and we can relax for a few days before work on the next begins. Thank you everyone – band, audience, supporters and readers.

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Hebridean adventure for 'Tuk Tuk James'

by Fiona Scott
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Think Bear Grylls on a tuk tuk and, with a wee stretch of the imagination, you would be close to visualising James Warren.

Granted the Marks and Spencer shunter from the East Midlands may not host dinner parties at high altitude or paramotor over the Himalayas, but his exploits are worthy of noting in these columns just the same.

And this week he is up in the west Highlands.

The 54-year-old adventurer was, on Thursday May 23, heading north to Barra, having begun his eight-day tuk tuk challenge in Glencoe the day before.

The Lochaber Times caught up with the intrepid motorist before he boarded The Clansman at Oban ready for the first leg on the Hebridean



CalMac ferry officials check the vehicle over for hidden acceleration. FS15_T22_TukTukChallenge4

way. 'Yes, I am probably a bit bonkers but I just enjoy getting out and about and making people smile at the same time,' said James.

Over the past five years James has adventured on his bicycle. Bike packing from Turin to Nice, wild camping at 2,000 metres in the Alps and a

self-supported trip from Land's End to John O' Groats.

The tuk tuk came from a friend of his who imported it into the UK after a holiday to India. It is a Bajaj 173cc, one cylinder, four-stroke mean machine with six horse power.

After being in the country for four years it had travelled 500km.

Cue James, now known as Tuk Tuk James. In the past six months he has travelled 6,000km ... and counting.

'I go to work in it, the allotment, shopping, etc,' he added.

'I love camping, riding my bicycle (which can usually be found strapped to the roof of the tuk tuk) and seeing just how far this six horse power, 25 mph speedster can go.

'It's a tough little machine. Not much can go wrong and, if it does, it's easy to fix. Hopefully.

'It does go up to 30mph at full throttle but I prefer to go

at 25 in the interest of fuel preservation.'

The Hebridean way is a 185-mile cycle way from Vatersay to Harris.

'I thought if I tuk tuked for 40 miles and then explored for two or three hours on my bike, the perfect tour of the outer Hebrides might be achieved,' he explained.

After spending a few nights on Skye with wife Lorraine, James arrived at Castlebay and drove to Vatersay last week.

He was going to wild camp on the beach before heading to Barra.

From there he was to take the ferry to South Uist, followed by Benbecula, North Uist, Harris and Lewis.

A further ferry to Ullapool will lead to a journey through Applecross before returning to Glencoe this week.

To follow James's journey go to <https://www.facebook.com/onelifeiveinatuktuk>

Police appeal after 'unusual' Carbost break-in

Police Scotland are appealing for information following a break-in at retail premises in the Carbost area on Skye.

Entry was forced to the shop sometime between 5.30pm on Tuesday May 21 and 9.20am on Wednesday May 22.

Extensive damage was caused to the store and a sum of cash, valued at a low four-figure sum, was stolen.

Detective Constable Joe Newson said: 'This is an extremely unusual incident for somewhere like this and we are working to identify whoever is responsible.'

Anyone who may have seen any people or vehicles acting suspiciously in the area during the week is asked to come forward and contact Police Scotland on 101 quoting incident number NP1508/19.

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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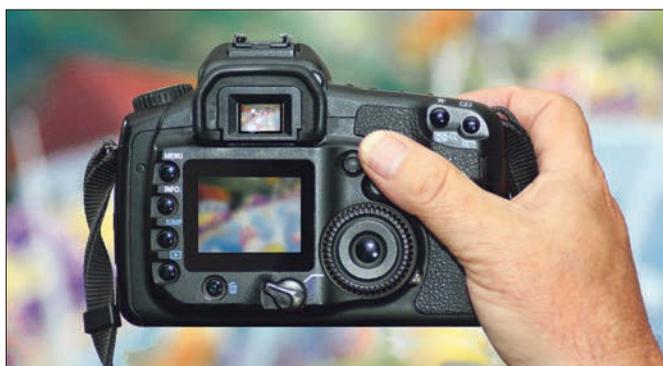
Easdale Island Community

Photography Day In association with Document Scotland - June 8 and 9

This is a participatory event for photographers of all abilities in one of Scotland's most iconic locations and a salon evening with Document Scotland.

Formed in 2012, Document Scotland is a collective of four leading photographers brought together to make and share work about the nation. In the past seven years, it has staged numerous high-profile exhibitions at home and abroad, producing publications and staging salon events at locations across both urban and rural Scotland. Its work has been critically-acclaimed in the media and it has formed partnerships with many of Scotland's most important institutions, galleries and funders.

This year alone, Document Scotland will be showcasing its new work at four exhibitions across the UK. Its current show, A Contested Land, is being premiered at the prestigious Martin Parr Foundation in Bristol before being shown at Perth Museum, the Burgh Halls in Dunoon and at FLOW Photofest in Inverness. In addition, a salon evening will be held at Stills Gallery in Edinburgh in February, with further events



and exhibitions being currently planned. For more information about Document Scotland and its work, please visit: www.documentScotland.com.

One of Document Scotland's founding principles has been to work with communities to disseminate their own and other people's work, both digitally and physically. With this in mind, the collective is now proposing to stage its first Community Photography Day in partnership with Eilean Eisdeal on Easdale, Scotland's smallest permanently-inhabited inner Hebridean island.

The day is open to local people and visitors and is suitable for anyone with an interest in photogra-

phy and photographic practice. Three of Document Scotland's members will be present to lead the day's activities, which will be conducted in a relaxed, friendly and informative atmosphere. As well as being able to join in with activities designed to stimulate and develop interest within photography, participants will also be able to hear about Document Scotland's current work and see examples of the projects which it is currently working on. Any device capable of making images can be used (i.e. iPhones, etc.). Participants are welcome to bring other equipment On June 9, such as laptops, to view and store their material, or hard copies to be reviewed.

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Green light for health investment

The board of NHS Highland has given the green light to a proposed £20m-plus investment to modernise health and social care services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross (SLSWR).

The plans, which include a new-build hospital, were approved for submission to the Scottish Government last week at a special meeting of the board.

This follows planning permission granted by the Highland Council for the £20m hospital at Broadford on Skye at the start of this month. The new build is part of a wider re-design that will include alterations and/or refurbishment to the Portree Hospital building and Broadford Health Centre. The



An artist's impression of the new Broadford Hospital.

new hospital will be located between the Dr Mackinnon Memorial Hospital, which it will replace, and Broadford Health Centre. As well as 24 in-patient beds, there will be an emergency department, X-ray and ultrasound services, out-patient clinics, an in-

fusion suite and a midwife-led community maternity unit.

The SLSWR plans are part of a joint £48 million full business case submitted to the Scottish Government for the modernisation of community and hospital services for two NHS Highland localities –

Badenoch and Strathspey and Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross.

The government's Capital Investment Group has now approved the full business case submission and construction of the two community hospitals will start this summer.

NHS Highland chief executive Iain Stewart commented: 'This investment represents a major step forward for NHS services in Skye and Badenoch and Strathspey.

'It supports our efforts to modernise and transform the delivery of healthcare and, in terms of our promise to improve out-of-hours care on Skye, it is in line with the recommendations of the Ritchie Report. The

redesigned services will be more stable, more sustainable and will deliver a better experience for patients and wider communities.'

Health Secretary Jeane Freeman MSP, who visited Skye and Lochalsh on Monday, added: 'I have been particularly impressed with the level of commitment and drive shown by the community and their representatives working with NHS Highland and their partners to develop solutions.

'By investing in staff, services and infrastructure – including a new Broadford Hospital – NHS Highland will deliver a better and more sustainable service to the community in Skye, South West Ross and Lochalsh.

New housing scheme to help crofters

The Scottish Government has introduced a new housing scheme to help crofters upgrade their homes or build new ones.

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy Fergus Ewing MSP announced last week an additional £350,000 will support 10 crofting families to build or upgrade their croft homes.

According to The Scottish Government, £19m of Croft Housing Grant has been awarded to more than 950 crofters since 2007.

Under the new scheme, crofters in the Western Isles are eligible for a grant of £38,000 and Na h-Eileanan an Iar MSP Alasdair Allan said the scheme was an 'efficient and valuable way' of building homes in rural areas.

'The scheme plays a vital role in retaining families in the islands,' he added.

Western Isles MSP hails 'outstanding' European election ballot victory

Na h-Eileanan an Iar SNP MSP Alasdair Allan has hailed what he called an 'outstanding' victory for the SNP in the European elections.

He said the result proved Scotland was 'tired of being

ignored by Westminster on Europe – and on everything else'.

The SNP went up from two to three seats, winning 38 per cent of the vote, putting the party 23 percentage points

ahead of its nearest rival, the Brexit Party. The SNP win nationally was repeated in the Western Isles when the result came through on Monday.

The SNP emerged 24 points clear of its nearest rival, with

43.7 per cent of the vote. Mr Allan said the result was an endorsement for the SNP's clear and positive message about Scotland's place in Europe. 'The SNP has emerged with three of

Scotland's six MEPs and with more votes in Scotland than Labour, the Tories and the Lib Dems added together,' he said. 'Scotland has had its fill of being ignored by Westminster on Brexit.'

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NHS Highlands needs to make good on its promises

On Tuesday, Boyd Robertson, interim chairman of NHS Highland, issued a statement on behalf of its board following the publication of the Sturrock report, which was commissioned by the Scottish Government into allegations of bullying within the health board.

He apologised unreservedly to 'those members of staff who have not been treated according to the high standards we expect'.

He added: 'The board acknowledges that there were short comings in the way it dealt with the issues raised and will reflect upon how it must improve.'

It should never have come to this but at least now the board has said it will take full responsibility for ensuring the issues raised in the report are addressed.

Let us hope the promise of healing, reconciliation and building a positive culture is honoured, and quickly.

Fort surgeon David is on a medical mission

Former Belford Hospital surgeon David Sedgwick will be well-known to many people.

But for those who were unaware of the doctor's work abroad, this week's article was fascinating and heart warming.

Determined that his years of experience would not go to waste, Dr Sedgwick has been working on a voluntary basis with surgical teaching teams in Rwanda, East Jerusalem and Gaza, teaching vital skills to surgeons in countries that desperately need the expert help.

David's Christian faith is one of the driving forces behind his volunteering, saying: 'For me it is not just humanitarian because I feel my gifts are given by God and I am thankful and want to use these gifts I've got to benefit people who are struggling.'

Lochaber Cinema Group has now been dissolved

Lochaber Cinema Group has now completed the wind-up process to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and has been dissolved. This process took a few months to complete from our motion to end in January this year. We transferred our assets of a screen and projector to an arts and drama group called Dramafish in Kinlochleven.

We would again like to extend thanks to the community who interacted with us on Facebook and at screenings and events we held and also supported our vision of a community-run cinema.

It is very difficult for any community-run project seeking funding and in the end justifying our project to different funders was difficult, time-consuming and full of red tape.

We would like to see more support and funding in the Highlands towards arts and drama groups. We knew a cinema would be a good addition to the town and all the benefits it brings, not only to a community but to businesses surrounding it.

Also I would like to thank people locally that advised us: Don Michie, Arthur Cowie and the Lochaber Disability Access Panel, Stephen Fair of Fair Planning and Design, Paul Taylor of Eden Court Cinema and Voluntary Action Lochaber, Stephen Kennedy of McIntyre and Company Solicitors, Callum Macraill at Logo Positive. Thanks also to former LCG members and trustees and board members: you made a vision possible and allowed us to grow.

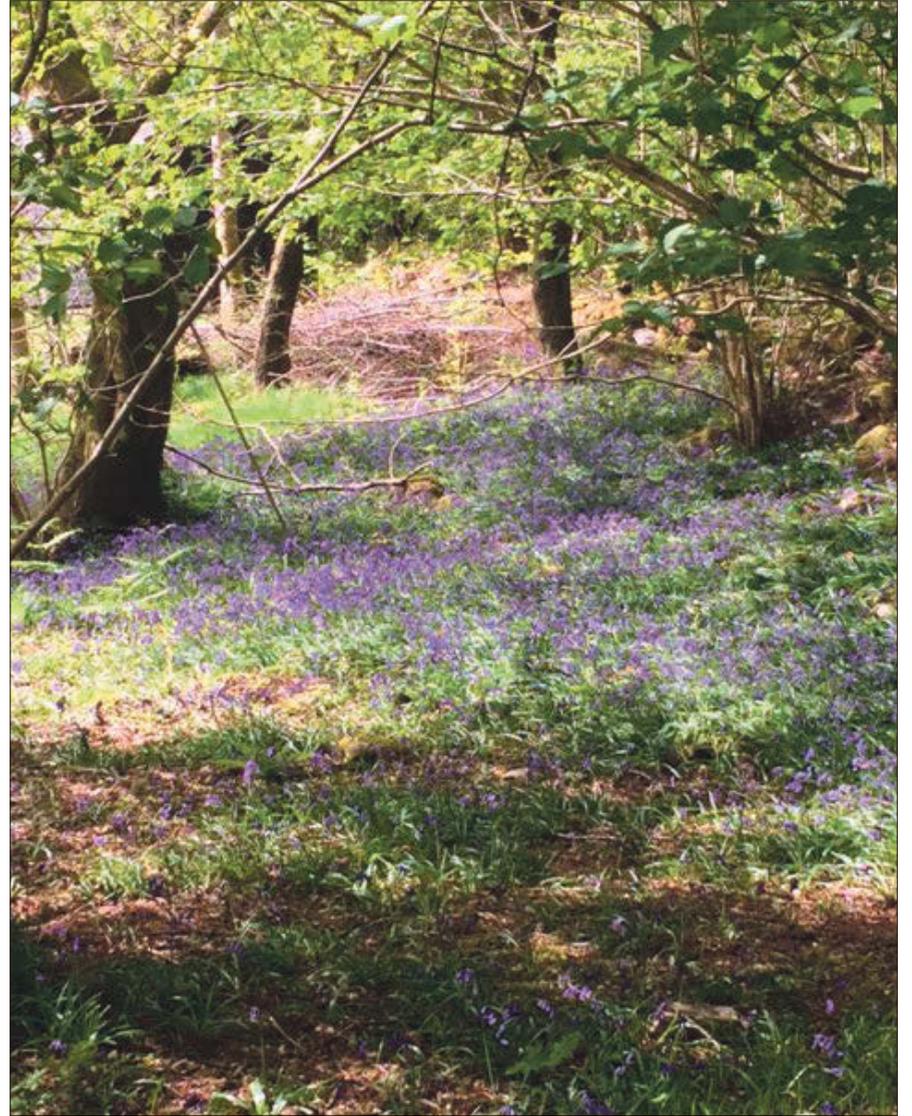
Thank you to the groups we have worked with to bring screenings to the community: Lochaber Foodbank, Lochaber Environmental Group, Greenpeace Fort William, the Wildcat, Caol Youth Centre, Kilmallie Hall, Caol Community Centre, Duncansburgh Church, the Leven Centre, Kinlochleven, Nevis Radio, the Lochaber Times and Fort Con.

A special thank you to all the schools we have screened in: Caol Primary, St Columba's, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Lundavra Primary, Kinlochleven Primary and Mallaig Primary. Also helpers in Kinlochleven, Gayle and Ilona.

We would also like to extend good luck to the cinema project happening in Cameron Square.

Marie Macpherson,
Former LCG chairwoman,
Glenlochy Distillery, Fort William.

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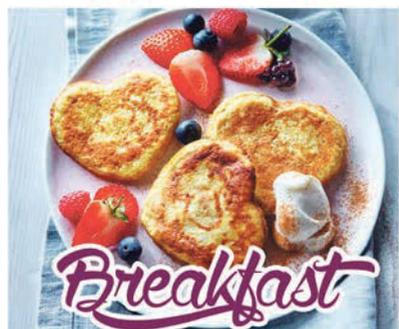
We know our readers love to take photographs so we are happy to create this space to showcase these each week.

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.

This week's photograph was sent in by John Macgregor, who took this picture of bluebells in a woodland setting at Kinlochleven village.

A typical day - At last, an eating plan that fits into your life



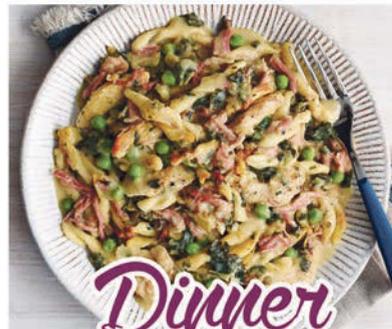
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DISTRICT NEWS

PLOCKTON

■ The annual Brucey Cruise was held on April 9 on Calum's seal boat, when £700 was raised and £400 was given to Prostate Cancer UK, £150 to Kyleakin Connections and £150 to Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band.

■ Plockton Hall held its AGM in Plockton Hall on May 6. Treasurer Gill Bennett submitted a satisfactory report. All the committee members were re-elected with Ewen Cameron replacing his wife Sybil. Secretary since 1961, Charlie M MacRae was re-elected.

■ Popular Kyle-Glenshiel postman John Macdonald, Plockton, 69, retired on May 2 after 25 years. He was presented with gifts from his colleagues at Kyle sorting office.

■ On April 27 Jane Macrae (Dornie) held a knitting and crochet workshop in Plockton Hall.

■ The AGM of the Wester Ross biosphere was held in Plockton Hall on May 11.

■ A sailing weekend for centreboards was held at Plockton on May 11 and 12. Seven centreboards raced. The winner was young Calum Reid with six points in his boat (Pete). Second was Neil Jardine with nine points (Aquila) and third was Tristan Southall (Laser 2000). In the topper series, the winner was Robbie Baird in (Misty).

■ Plockton and District Community Council met in Plockton Hall on April 29. Among the items discussed were:

■ Two new benches have been bought and two have been donated to the village, one in memory of fisherman Bruce Fewell, who was tragically drowned, and one in memory of visitor Dughall Leask (Aberdeen) who cut whins and mended benches while he was on holiday in Plockton.

■ The white lines marking 'no parking' on Harbour Street have faded but the Highland Council has no staff to operate the machine.

■ Also the state of the road at Strathy cannot be repaired as workmen are too busy making laybys on The Bealach.

■ Septic tank, Rhu: the householder has been given until October 2019 by SEPA to provide one.

■ Grass cutting was discussed in view



Seventeen bellringers from Sussex recently visited Tulloch.

Tulloch welcomes bellringers from Sussex

Seventeen bellringers from Sussex spent a long weekend, from May 17-19, at the Tulloch Ringing Centre.

Travelling 500 miles to Lochaber to ring bells may sound like a waste of time but organiser Jeremy Alford certainly thought the trip was well worth the journey.

She said: 'I think the attractions

of Tulloch are the lovely bells, superb facilities, including the ability to ring whenever you like without concern for the noise externally, so there are no pressures against you practising – much like a musician with scales, irritating to listen to but important for honing skills ready for a performance and, of course, the fantastic area.'

Some of the bellringers travelled on to other places, including Skye and Inverness to complete their Scottish holiday but some stayed locally to boost the repertoire of the Tulloch band of bellringers, who meet every Tuesday evening.

Anyone interested in coming to watch the ringing should contact the band through its website tullochbells.com.

of the cows being allowed back in the village.

The next meeting will be the AGM on June 10.

FORT WILLIAM

Fort William Town Team (FWTT) held a meeting on Monday May 13 at which the following matters were discussed.

■ Adopt a plot planting day, June 2 – The Rotary Club is kindly sponsoring the sundial again this year and will source its own plants

and plant up in early June. FWTT agreed to arrange watering of the sundial plot in excessive hot weather, if necessary.

■ Cruise ships – The ship on June 9 will be the largest yet to visit Fort William. Sarah/James requested help from volunteers. It was still to be decided if entertainment would be provided for all the ships or just some of them.

■ Retractable canopy – Sarah advised the appeal has been submitted and accepted. Owners and occupiers of the surrounding buildings had been

contacted and there had been one email received stating objections to the canopy.

■ Hanging baskets – Approaching 90 baskets have been sponsored so far. The Cabin has collected the baskets ready to be refilled. The committee has agreed to purchase 25 new, self-watering baskets. Cathy and Karen have completed an audit of where they can hang baskets in the High Street and Parade and highlighted areas where new brackets can be placed to allow for the most capacity. Karen is to

Nevis Hill Wa

In June 2019, the Nevis Hill Walkers are planning a long distance walk for midsummer: the longest high level walk in Britain.

This is a 90km backpacking expedition across the Monadhliath Mountains, a remote and lonely part of the Highlands. Over three days, a group of up to 10 regular club members will backpack along the route starting in Strathdearn and finish-



contact Highland Council and the Chamber of Commerce to liaise on where baskets and banners can be hung so there is no conflict as it is not possible to have hanging baskets and advertising banners on the same lamp post.

■ Benches – James agreed to repaint the benches along with Alan and Gunther. It was agreed for them to order paint from LBS and pass the invoice to Karen.

■ War memorial – Judging for 2019 should be soon, so James agreed to deliver the troughs to Gardenstop

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Hikers to go the distance

ing in Glen Gloy, just north of Spean Bridge. The club will be raising money for Mend Our Mountains, a project undertaking a range of vital path repair schemes across the UK's 15 national parks.

Money raised by the club will be donated to The Beinn A' Ghlo Project to repair the route up Carn Liath in the Beinn a'Ghlo massif in the Cairngorms National Park, one

of the most pressing upland path priorities in Scotland.

Existing damage and the likelihood of increased erosion in the next five years severely impacts the fragile and unique flora and fauna of the southern reaches of the Cairngorms National Park. In such a sensitive and protected mountain environment, finding a complementary path repair solution is all the more complex and crucial.



to be planted up and brought on in their polytunnels. Karen to arrange when they need to be returned and find out when judging is taking place.

■ PA system – The committee had discussed and investigated purchasing a PA system but it had since been decided that the outlay was too much for something that may only be used one or twice a year.

It has now been agreed to either borrow or rent a system if it is needed, so there will be no further work on this.

SPEAN BRIDGE

There have been eight applications to the SSE Stronelairg Wind Farm Community Fund totalling £48,288.

Cothroman Ceol Buel-Aithriseach, Kilmonivaig Parish Church, Lochaber Camanachd Club, and Spean Bridge Senior Citizen's Association were successful, two applications were deferred, and two rejected.

SSE will announce the successful applicants' awards in due course.

Retro Roamer

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More Roamerisms from the early 1990s

■ Only two members of the public turned up at Lochaber House on Tuesday morning to await the Lochaber District Council proceedings. One of them – who will remain nameless in order to spare his blushes – was surprised to find, at five to eleven, just one person in the public gallery. 'What time is the Licensing Board meeting?' he asked. 'At 11 o'clock', the other attendee advised, 'tomorrow morning.'

■ Colin was on the door at the Pulp Mill Club at the weekend. Waiting for the crowds to arrive for 'Philomena Begley in Concert', as ever, Colin had strict instructions to ensure that non-members were signed in, and that they put the obligatory offering into the tin. Quite a number of folk appeared, and the audience was soon building up. Then a large group of people arrived. 'Excuse me, are any of you members?' Colin enquired. 'You'll have to sign in' etc etc. At that, one person (who hadn't paid) detached herself from the other visitors as they were about to pass through into the hall. 'You don't recognise me, do you? I'm Philomena Begley. And the last time I was here as guest artiste you insisted I paid entry money.' In all fairness to Colin that WAS away back in 1985! But Philomena still didn't get a refund.

■ Did you notice the current Liverpool FC goalie in our High Street? He was here as part of a group, and was carrying an almost full carrier bag. As he was negotiating his way around one of the barriers in the High Street, he dropped the bag. Heightening the local opinion that it was the Liverpool keeper right enough.

■ You'd have thought that all the activity on our mountains would have put Lochaber on the map. No chance. In a documentary Sky Television majored on 'Harbour

Mountain Rescue Team'. Meanwhile some new machinery has been delivered to Carr's Corner for 'Harbour District Council'. Still, it makes a slight change, if not a very imaginative one, from all the references to the 'Lock Harbour' Area.

■ And did you see Ma Boswell – of 'Bread' fame – on the Eddie Mair Show the other day? Referring to her favourite place in all Scotland as 'PennANN'? She spoke of her love of 'PennANN', the village which, like Morar, featured prominently in 'Local Hero'. The redoubtable matriarch of 'Bread' told us she has a cottage in 'PennANN'. And that brought a short, sharp phonecall from a Broch quine, stating forcibly that 'it's nae PennANN – It's Pennan, and if the 'Bread-winner' is going to stay there, she'd better start describing it like a local'.

■ And what do our top notch Lochaber footballers have to do to put Caol firmly on the map? Both 'The Sun' and the Aberdeen regional daily have been telling readers this week that Duncan Shearer and John McGinlay grew up together in the village of 'Coull'.

■ Audrey, in Woolworth's, was having a right laugh at colleague Alison who, twice, had got herself in hot water by stepping back from a display shelf and putting her foot in a cleaning basin. But the taps were turned very sweetly on Audrey last Friday. In the living room at home she was busily ironing the overall for next morning. As Audrey was getting steam up on the iron she complained that it seemed to be sticky and that her overall was smelling 'helluva sweet'. Mum, Helen, carried out a swift assessment. 'It WAS water in the glass that I poured into the iron, wasn't it?' she queried. Audrey didn't know where to look. 'Was it hell', she declared, 'It was blinkin' Cointreau

and Lemonade'. By all accounts, even the iron was steaming.

■ Pat Ferguson, as you'll all know, has left Lochaber for sunnier climes. Pat has taken over a bar in Tenerife after nigh on 30 years of sterling service with Milton Hotels. Prior to flying out last weekend, Pat left me a message. 'I'd like to thank all those wonderful people who put so much effort into organising my 'surprise leaving party'. Thanks for all for the beautiful gifts, and to everyone for being there to share the special occasion, and to the Milton for providing the superb buffet. I will certainly take many happy memories with me to Tenerife. By then, of course, Pat had seen the additional funny side of the organising of her 'surprise leaving party'. Because, on the night, when all the cars were rolling up at the Milton, she actually panicked! Said she: 'I thought that, for the first time ever, I'd forgotten about a function booking.' Pat told me: 'Yes, this must have been the best kept secret in Lochaber, for I didn't have an inkling that the guest of honour was to be myself.'

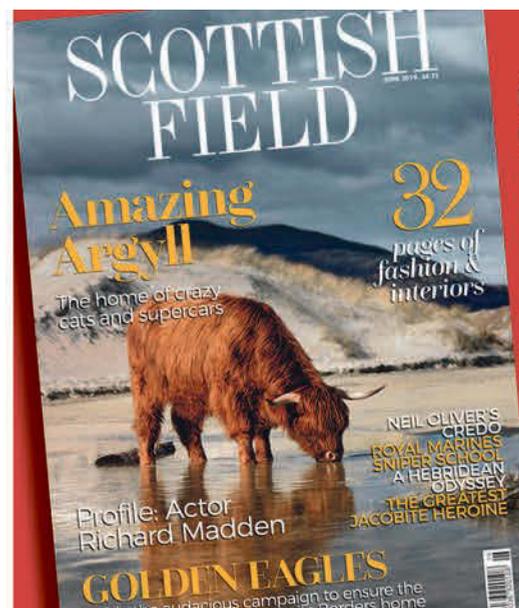
■ On Saturday morning, Archie Paterson of Nevis Bakery, was spotted as he passed by the Post Office at the same time as the Rotary's cake and candy stall was in full swing. When Archie finally managed to emerge from the customer side of the stall he was clutching a bag of doughnuts and half a dozen rock cakes which the super saleswomanship of the Rotary Club of Lochaber's distaff connection had inveigled him into buying.

■ Hector MacLean's postie bicycle failed its MOT earlier this week. Aye, after years of faithful service Hector's faithful red, iron-framed bike has been withdrawn from active service. Hector has now taken delivery of a new model. Fortunately he held on to his original bicycle clips.

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BOWLS

Charity bowls tournament



Winners of the Fort William Railway Bowling Club's charity competition – Lyn Donald, second right, and Bill Clarke with runners-up Eddie Downs, left, and Agnes Boyle. Picture: Kevin Fraser

Duncan Gillies triples



The annual Duncan Gillies nominated triples took place at the Railway Bowling Club's green at Inverloch. The winners were, left to right, Robert Hunter, Bill Clark, Allan MacDonald, with Duncan and Patrizia Gillies making the presentation. Also in the picture are runners-up Kevin Fraser, Gus Fraser, and Kevin Douglas. Duncan Gillies, past president of the club and who has sponsored his competition for a number of years, praised the club for the work it has put into the green since his last visit.

Picture: Anthony MacMillan

LOTTERY

Lochaber lottery numbers

Ballachulish Shinty Lottery: this week's, May 26, shinty lottery numbers were 5, 6 and 19. There were no winners again this week, so it is a £600 draw next week.

Caol Community Centre Bingo Club lotto numbers for May 26: 7, 15 and 18. There are no winners so the jackpot is £700 next week.

Caol Regeneration Lotto winning numbers were 1, 3 and 18. There were no winners so there is £400 in the pot for next week.

The Fort William Golf Club Lotto numbers drawn on May 23 were 7, 10 and 11. There were no winner so £500 is available for draw tonight (Thursday).

Lochaber Camanachd Lotto numbers for May 21 were 7, 16, 18. With no winner, £1,000 is available next week.

Fort is gearing up for the mountain bike world cup

Fort William is gearing up to welcome more than 20,000 fans set to descend on the town this coming weekend for the Mountain Bike World Cup.

The action-packed Mercedes-Benz UCI Fort William Mountain Bike World Cup takes place on Saturday and Sunday on Britain's most famous downhill course at Nevis Range.

Now celebrating its 18th year, the adrenaline-filled event has welcomed more than 330,000 fans from across the world.

Thrill seekers will once again get the chance to watch more than 250 of the world's elite riders battle it out to take home the coveted World Cup title.

Crowds will be treated to high octane sports demonstrations and entertainment in the World Cup village including Danny MacAskill's famous Drop and Roll show and the gravity-defying Red Bull Matadors.

In attendance will be legends of the sport, including Danny Hart and British siblings, Gee and Rachel Atherton.



Thrill seekers will once again get the chance to watch over 250 of the world's elite riders battle it out to take home the coveted World Cup title. Photo: Charne Hawkes.

The event also welcomes the exciting new wave of downhill riders, such as the winner of last year's exhilarating finale – Amaury Pierron (FRA).

Mike Jardine, from organisers Rare Management, commented: 'The combination of the established, elite-level competitors and a new crop of exciting, young riders in

their prime has set the stage for this year's Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup to be a bigger and better spectacle than ever before.

Showcase

'We can't wait to, once again, showcase the world's best riders to 22,000 avid fans in Fort William – it's going to be an amazing event!'

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's director of events, added: 'The event is hugely important for the Highlands and for Scotland, contributing more than £40million to the economy to date, which is testament to its title as a world class event.'

Mowi sponsors Lochaber High netball strips



Lochaber High School netball team was presented with a new set of strips, sponsored by Mowi. The fish farm company, formerly known as Marine Harvest, presented the new kits to the team at the high school.

Photo: A Brightside Photography.

SLT play 'Burgh in league decider

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them to begin to fashion some chances of their own.

Tiny dynamo Fraser Black was propelling his troops forward and several long-range chances flew over the Thistle bar.

As the second half opened, the match settled into this pattern. The ball being trapped in the middle and neither side really being able to capitalise.

However, as the game entered the final third, an injury to Black and the replacement of Noble with a dead leg by Daniel Mackintosh allowed SLT to shake things up as Newshot lost direction.

Mackintosh and Munro swapped sides and it was this that allowed them to exploit the space out wide as the visitors tired. Munro gathered and set off on a trademark run, slipping the ball into MacLellan who was able to plant a header in the midst of a tussle to open the scoring for 1-0.

Things were to get even better as MacLellan turned provider, this time Munro slotting the ball home at the



Sean Noble slides into this tackle. Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

back post to send the crowd into ecstasy.

Next week SLT will be looking to extend their unbeaten run in Fort William when they host a promotion party with Helensburgh FC coming to town.

This first versus second encounter will settle where the league title finishes up after a long season and will be played at Lochaber High School.

Team: D Dunlop, B Tot, K Lopez, C Boyd, S Hendrie, (C Grant), S Noble, (D

FOOTBALL

Mackintosh), A Maclean, D Forbes, M Munro (Capt), I MacLellan. Subs: A Brown, A Grey, E Tot.

Man of the Match: Kieran Lopez.

St Columba's young footballers sport new strips



St Columba's RC Primary's young footballers are not only scoring great success in the primary schools league, but will also be turning out in smart new team colours. Norman MacInnes, left, of donor Norman MacInnes Roofing presented the new strips to captain James Gray and the team along with coach Angus MacLean as the school enjoyed the bright sunshine. Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos



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WEATHER

Thursday

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Friday

Light rain showers and a gentle breeze
Temperatures
11°C to 15°C.

Weekend Outlook

Saturday

Light rain and a gentle breeze

Sunday

Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Temperatures
9°C to 13°C.



FRIDAY

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday June 6, 2019 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Thur	03.00	3.3	09.13	1.5
	09.13	1.5	15.19	3.1
Fri	03.41	3.4	09.53	1.3
	15.56	3.3	22.05	1.3
Sat	04.20	3.6	10.29	1.1
	16.31	3.6	22.43	1.1
Sun	04.58	3.8	11.05	0.9
	17.06	3.7	23.21	0.9
Mon	05.34	3.8	11.41	0.8
	17.39	3.8	**	**
Tues	00.02	0.8	06.10	3.9
	12.20	0.7	18.15	3.8
Wed	00.44	0.8	06.47	3.8
	13.01	0.6	18.54	3.8

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

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SLT win over Newshot sets up a league title decider

South Lochaber Thistle	2
Newshot	0
GGPL Division Two	

South Lochaber Thistle sealed promotion to the top division of the Greater Glasgow Premier League with a hard-fought victory over Erskine side Newshot last weekend.

SLT now take on Helensburgh in a title decider at Lochaber High School on Saturday.

Only a single point separates the teams so a draw would be good enough for SLT to lift the league championship.

The match was always likely to be a tense affair with the visitors in fourth place needing a win to leave themselves a glimpse of promotion, while the Jags knew a win would guarantee at least an automatic promotion and

consign their long-time rivals to another season of second division football.

The tension was not eased by SLT playing at the unfamiliar venue of Lochaber High School due to problems with the water at their Kinlochleven home ground.

This nearly led to disaster when kick-off had to be delayed to find corner flags. In the end, the club was very grateful to Fort William FC stalwart Colin Wood, who sourced the poles necessary to placate the referee.

With everything now in good order, it was Thistle who took the game to the visitors.

Forward Iain MacLellan, skipper Martin Munro, towering midfielder Andrew MacLean and veteran Dave Forbes were stroking the ball around with aplomb, barely allowing the pedestrian Newshot a kick of the ball.

Even impish winger Sean Noble was imposing himself, making himself known to the opposition keeper in forceful style, chasing a ball over the top.

This became the pattern for the remainder of the half. The superior ball playing of SLT dominating the mid-field, centre halves Callum Boyd and Kieran Lopez, the latter in a man-of-the-match performance, comfortably dealing with anything which came their way.

Full backs John Ferguson and Barna Tot soaked up the pressure and played around the lacklustre opponents' wide players in neat triangles.

The match was a hard fought encounter. The referee was looking to let the game flow as much as possible but a booking was given to Munro for what seemed an innocuous challenge whilst there were several other tackles which went unpunished, including a scything lunge which left the Jag's skipper on the floor.

Midfielder Shaun Hendrie was then forced off with a twisted knee, replaced by Cameron Grant who continued the important role of anchoring the midfield.

Between this dogged display of Newshot, the constant downpour of the weather and a tendency to become over-elaborate in the final third, chances went begging.

Forbes blasted a free kick wide, MacLellan had two chances which were either nicked away at the last moment or held up on the



Man-of-the-match Keiran Lopez and Calum Boyd push forward.

Iain MacLellan in the thick of the action. Photos: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

soaking surface. The visitors also know Munro of old and set about denying easy supply to the flying winger.

This descent into attritional

football suited the Erskine side who have built a history of success upon such functional football. This allowed

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