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Ferry breakdown chaos

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An out of action ferry has caused travel disruption between Oban and the isles this week.

The MV Clansman lost power in one of its engines on May 26 while sailing from Oban to Tiree. The ferry had to return to Oban, where it has been berthed since.

While working on the fault, engineers unearthed further issues that had to be addressed this has had a serious knock-on effect on other sailings.

The Isle of Mull has been helping to cover sailings to Coll and Tiree during the week, as well as running some of its own sailings to Mull.

Sea trials had been planned for the Clansman yesterday (Wednesday), and if completed, CalMac said the vessel would be back in action later this week.

A CalMac spokesperson said: 'The temporary timetable will continue until then and passengers should check the website for the latest service updates. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this disruption has caused and would like to thank everyone for their

patience and understanding while we work to get things back to normal.'

However, the breakdown has raised serious concerns, with people complaining that the CalMac fleet is short of 'at least one vessel'.

Peter Isaacson, from the Isle of Coll, wrote to The Oban Times about the incident.

He said: 'Once again we have seen the CalMac fleet stretched beyond its measure.'

'As soon as the Clansman blows an engine, the game's a bogey - with the Isle of Mull ill equipped for the weather outside of the relative calm of the Sound of Mull, struggling and largely failing to maintain the flow in the services between Oban and Mull and Oban and Coll/Tiree/Barra/Colonsay.'

Mr Isaacson said the real cost is 'the continued sabotaging of the islands as a holiday/work/life destination that makes potential visitors/tradesmen vow "never again".'

However, the islander did not blame CalMac.

Rather, he pointed the finger at the Scottish Government.

'If CalMac is guilty of anything,' he added, 'it is that it has not made enough public fuss about the fact that the

fleet is short of one ship with the size and capability of the Clansman.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell added: 'I have argued for a long time that CalMac is short of at least one vessel. There are contributory problems, of course. There are two new vessels being built at Ferguson's but they have been delayed, which contributes to the problem, as does the continuing failure of CMAL [the owner and provider of the ships] to find an additional replacement vessel. CalMac also needs to develop a much better set of arrangements for the quick repair of ships.'

A CMAL spokesperson said: 'We are aware further investment is needed in ferry and harbour infrastructure. These are fiscally challenging times for the public sector and we can only spend what we are given.'

The spokesperson said CMAL has been searching for replacement vessels for the past five years, but the market for second-hand or charter vessels of the type required is scarce to non-existent.

The company said it was not a 'one-size-fits-all scenario and that the routes have unique vessel requirements'.

Countdown to scarecrow festival



Sheds, wardrobes and charity bags are being raided for ideas, props and garments to rig out fun, stuffed characters for the week-long summer celebration starting on July 27 on Seil. Organiser Ron Hetherington hopes it will be a huge crowd-puller, raising funds for the much-used community hall. Turn to page seven to read the full story on the Scarecrow Festival and its Tattie Bogle Highland Fair.

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1,000 sign petition in one day over Iona parking tax

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One thousand islanders and supporters signed a petition on its first day to stop a proposed parking tax on residents and visitors to Iona.

The record number of signatures were made on day one of a Scottish Parliament petition calling for an end to Argyll and Bute Council's plan to impose a so-called 'parking tax' around lifeline ferry services.

Long-term parking for islanders and visitors using island ferries is currently free but Argyll and Bute Council is now proposing to charge vehicles £9 a day, every day of the week, 365 days a year.

Campaigners have challenged both the council leader and its chief executive to visit Iona and Mull to meet residents but so far neither has replied.

Billy McClymont, chairman of Mull Community Council, said: 'The biggest current Scottish Parliament Petition we can see hit about 800 signatures over six weeks - we surged to more than 1,000 signatories within a single day of opening. The council leader

and her chief executive can no longer sit on the mainland with their fingers in their ears. They need to get out here to the islands they say they represent and listen to our well-founded concerns.'

Islanders believe the proposed charges risk crippling island economies and driving away residents, especially young people and businesses.

Channel 4's Jon Snow is one of the campaign's prominent supporters. He tweeted: '#Iona is one of the most beautiful spots in the UK - Can ONLY be reached from Fionnphort on Mull. But now @Argyleandbute Council have seized the only car parks which have always been free...and are charging up to £9...terrible news for island tourism.'

Angry Mull and Iona residents say the council failed to consult island residents or businesses before launching the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) needed to introduce the charges.

'The council is simply not listening. It is arrogant and abysmal leadership to ride roughshod over community concerns and refuse to pro-

duce a shred of evidence to support their case. They seem to think they know more about an island they are refusing to visit than the people who live on it,' said Shiona Ruhemann, convenor of Iona Community Council.

'As islanders with poor public transport links, we usually have no choice but to use cars when we need to get to the mainland for countless reasons, such as essential medical treatment or to visit our children who live in Oban during the week to attend high school,' said Morven Gibson, general manager of South West Mull and Iona Development.

MSP for Argyll and Bute, Michael Russell warns the proposals would do untold damage, saying: 'The council has simply not thought through the implications of its plans and its failure to do any proper economic or social assessment - despite an offer of help from the Scottish Government - adds insult to injury. I would strongly advise the councillors to reject their officials' advice which is both flawed and foolish.'

The Scottish Parliament

Petitions Committee is expected to consider the petition at its last pre-recess session on June 27.

Argyll and Bute Council's area committee is due to consider the parking charges on June 12.

Moray Finch, general manager of Mull and Iona Community Trust (MICT), said: 'All Scottish islands are vulnerable to councils going after this easy revenue, so we need other islands to show their support too.'

A council spokesperson said the council decided unanimously, at its budget meeting last year, to look at parking charges on Mull.

'We have been engaging with communities since February 2018 on a number of matters, including developing a set of proposals to improve management of existing car parks on Mull. We then carried out consultation on proposals for Mull, in line with national requirements, and members of the local area committee later met with the community council on the island to listen to their concerns. Meantime, representations are still being considered,' she said.



Organisations across Mull have joined a new mental health awareness and wellness project.

Support in Mind for Mull's mental health

Organisations across Mull have gathered for the launch of a new mental health project encouraging awareness and wellness, writes Kathie Griffiths.

The event at Tobermory Aquarium on Monday saw the start of a scheme being run by charity Support in Mind Scotland in partnership with the Rural Mental Health Forum.

The project is about finding out what organisations already have in place and what they feel could help them improve support of their employees and volunteers.

It will run for one year funded through the Aspiring Communities Fund with support from the Scottish Government and European Social

Fund to address isolation, loneliness, low self-esteem, stigma and other barriers to participation in life.

Monday's event was an opportunity for people to meet and network. Those attending included Tobermory Harbour Authority, Tobermory Aquarium, Tobermory High School, Tobermory Cafe and Tearoom, the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust, Mull Safe and Sound, Mull Musical Minds and Mull and Iona Community Trust.

'The event was fun and interactive with many individuals connecting and having honest conversations about mental health awareness,' said Marion Elkin-Greener, Support In Mind Scotland's community development officer for Mull.

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Work started on cinema revamp

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Work has begun on refurbishing the inside of Oban Phoenix Cinema.

The carpets were lifted in the foyer at the start of the week and on Tuesday volunteers were busy painting the walls and electricians were scattered about the building.

The work, which is expected to be completed on Saturday June 15, will see a new concession stand being created, as well as a general revamp of the foyer outside screen one.

The cinema will be open from 4pm onwards during the week and it will be business as usual at the weekend.

Emma Grant has been tasked with overseeing the project.

Speaking to The Oban Times, she said: 'The bottom line is we need to get more people



Volunteers have fun painting the cinema foyer.

through the door and make it a nicer experience for the people who are here.

'This project has come from aspirations that staff and directors have had for a number of years and it is stuff the community has been asking for for a while.'

Emma said she ran an intensive community survey

late last year and received 363 responses.

'Many people thought the foyer layout and concession stand could be improved and that is what we are doing,' Emma added. 'The whole idea of this is to separate out the ticketing area.'

Emma said as it stands, when there is a big film on, as soon

as people walk in the door they are cramped.

'It's difficult to move around and it's unpleasant for people, so we are trying to make it a nicer experience.'

With the new concession area, people who purchase tickets online will be able to walk through the ticket desk at the front and straight to the stand.

There will also be a seating area to the left of the stand, where people can sit and wait.

There will also be a screen above the concession stand that will play movie trailers as well as display special offers.

Discussing how it feels to see the plans come to life, Emma said: 'It's great to see it happening. We had quite a lot of volunteers in helping.'

'We were funded by this by The Crerar Trust, Oban Common Good Fund, and community fundraising.'

Electoral office 'happy' to discuss EU poll concerns

Any registered EU citizens in Argyll turned away from the recent voting polls are being directed to the Electoral Registration Office in Campbeltown to raise concerns.

On the day of last month's EU poll, there were a number of Europeans across the UK who claimed they were turned away from polling stations and denied their right to vote. The Oban Times understands there were some Argyll incidents.

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'As soon as it was made aware that a European Election was likely, the Electoral Registration Office (ERO) of the Valuation Joint Board wrote to all registered EU citizens in Argyll and Bute.'

'These letters were sent on April 12, 2019 and reminded the registered elector they had an option to elect to vote in Argyll and Bute rather than their state of origin.'

'The final date for registering to vote was May 7.'

'This information was also

made available through social media.

'The ERO in Campbeltown will be happy to discuss individual concerns with those involved.'

The issue of EU citizen registration at the 2019 European Parliamentary elections will be addressed in a statutory post-poll report from the Electoral Commission.

Campaigners from the 3million, a group giving a voice to the three million EU citizens in the UK, have been crowdfunding for a potential legal challenge over lost rights to vote and are collecting evidence to support its case against the government.

To find out more go to the3million.org.uk/deniedmyvote

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Man jailed for five years for fireworks incidents

A man has been jailed for five years for placing lit fireworks through through the letterboxes of several Campbeltown houses.

John Townsley, of HM Young Offenders Institute Polmont, was found guilty after a sheriff and jury trial at Oban Sheriff Court that ran from May 7 until May 10.

He was sentenced on June 4.

The 19-year-old was found guilty by majority on four separate charges of culpably and recklessly placing a lit firework through a letterbox, causing a risk of fire and exposing people to danger to their health and life.

The incidents took place between October 31, 2018,

and November 7, 2018, and involved three separate addresses.

Townsley was also found guilty by unanimous decision of falsely telling police that someone had put a lit firework through a letterbox, with the truth being that he had placed it there, and wasting police time.

Volunteers look to help Oban organisations

A youth volunteering programme in Oban is on the lookout for groups and organisations that could use a helping hand.

The GIVE Programme (Get Inspired through Volunteering and Engagement) is run in each area of Argyll and Bute

that has Youth Services staff.

The summer programme, which is run in partnership with Oban Youth Café, sees young people volunteer for a day and in return are rewarded with a trip or activity, such as go-karting or trampolining.

GIVE is looking for organisations that would like some young people to help them out for a day or half day. There will be around a dozen young people available. They will all be under 18 but most will be aged

between 12-14. The volunteering days are each Tuesday and Wednesday in July. There will be a sign-up night in Oban Youth Café on Thursday June 13 from 4-7pm.

This year GIVE will also provide the volunteers with training, such as Dementia Friends, first aid, camping skills, as well as team building activities. If any organisations would like a helping hand, contact Maureen.evans@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01631 567975.

Two yachts aided by Oban Lifeboat

Oban Lifeboat was called out twice in 12 hours this week to assist two yachts during two separate incidents.

On Monday at 3.59am Oban lifeboat crew were called to help a yacht with four people on board, which had been dragging its anchor throughout the night and was in

danger of running aground on the shore of Loch Aline. Arriving at 4.59am, it was discovered the yacht was now in extremely shallow water and still drifting dangerously close to the shore. A tow rope was quickly passed to the yacht which was then towed into the safety of deeper water, where the engine was able to be started and it was able to proceed under its own power and pick up a mooring

in the loch by 5.30am. At this point the lifeboat departed, returning to Oban by 6.25am.

The second call was at 12.30pm to a yacht in Loch Linnhe which had fouled its propeller and was unable to start its engine. Arriving at 1.21pm, crew from the lifeboat transferred to the yacht and the yacht was towed to a visitor mooring at Linnhe Marine in the Sound of Shuna for repairs.

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Oban is named second largest provincial mòd

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It's official, Oban and District Provincial Mòd is now the country's second largest local mòd.

Trophies and medals were handed out over two days when youngsters and adults descended on Oban last week to take part in a host of keenly-fought competitions.

Entry numbers were so large for the children's day on Friday that a mobile unit had to be brought into the Corran Halls car park to create extra space.

One of the organisers, Duncan MacNeil from the Furan Gaelic Centre, said: 'Numbers are very healthy again and we've heard from



Left, waiting patiently for their turn at the children's day were Alex Ross, Uisdean Craig and Seoras Neil from Rockfield Gaelic Unit, Oban; and above, F. Ann MacLean from Lismore won the cup for solo singing of a song written by an Argyll bard – own choice.

truly putting us on the map, which is fantastic and really encouraging.'

Due to event clashes, the number of children coming from Mull was down but there were plenty of others who made the journey from as far away as Dunoon and Lochaber, as well as Appin.

Hundreds of children were competing at various locations on Friday around the town, including the Cathedral Hall, the Scout Hall and the Corran Halls.

Gaelic adjudicator Christine MacIntyre praised this year's standards and said: 'The standards are very high. I'm having to nit pick. We no longer think about pronunciation because they are all

so very good, it's more a case of getting marked down for forgetting something. The Gaelic standards are on the rise; it's something I've seen over the past four or five years and it's making life very hard for us as judges.'

On the Saturday, the competitions for adults were held at Oban High School.

Taynuilt Gaelic Choir took home three trophies, including the Hugh MacPherson Memorial Quaich.

Music adjudicator Kathryn Callander and her fellow panelists were particularly thrilled to see three men singing in the competition, two travelled from Nairn and the other, Davy Macdonald, lives in North Connel.

the National Mòd organising body that Oban is now the second largest mòd in the country, so we really have turned it round.

'The mòd academy is highly successful and the children from Oban and surrounding areas are not just taking part on their home ground but also going elsewhere. They will be at Fort William next weekend for the Lochaber Mòd and going to Mull and Barra in September, as well as the National Mòd in Glasgow in October.

'Not only are they taking part but they are also getting placed in these competitions, so Oban children are well and



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Female voices at Saturday's Mòd included Mary MacKinnon, Julie-Anne MacFadyen and Shona Keith.



Youngsters from Rockfield Gaelic Unit did well. Kaiden Fair, eight, and his sister Ellis, six, were among winners, including Felix Hughes, eight, who took a first and second place in storytelling and poetry.



Singing in the men's classes were, from the left, Alasdair Maclean, Iain Gordon and Davy Macdonald.



Alice McLennan, nine, won silver for the chanter.



Chairmen at Saturday's mòd were Freddy MacKenzie, right, and Danny Macrae.



Dunoon's Sandbank primary pupils Mirrin McArthur and Zoe Cooper, both nine, won silver and gold medals for fluent prescribed poetry.



Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar entered the folk group section at the Corran Halls on Friday.



Adjudicators Seonag Anderson, Joy Dunlop, Kathryn Callander and Margaret MacLeod; the trophy for best action song with props for P3-4 went to Sandbank Primary, Dunoon; Mollie MacKenzie, seven, from St Columba's Primary won a silver medal for reciting Mucan, beaga, beaga - Little piggy piggy; and Tainuill Gaelic Choir's conductor Audrey Paterson receiving the Hugh MacPherson Memorial Quaich from Ishbel Banks.



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Thankfully, the majority of these patients who rarely have an eye examination have nothing wrong with their vision when I examine them. Sadly, there are



several patients each year who have major vision problems with severe loss of sight which could have been prevented if they had come in on a regular basis. Not all vision loss is preventable but we can do our utmost to minimise any sight loss if the problem is dealt with early enough.

Poor vision, particularly in older patients, can be devas-

tating socially. Many find they are unable to drive and have to move house to be nearer shops. Others have to go into sheltered housing or move in with their extended family as they can no longer cope with living on their own. Perhaps the biggest fear I have to deal with is the loss of the ability to drive and the resultant loss of independence. Most of the patients I see who are struggling with driving simply need cataracts removed. For many patients the thought of surgery to their eyes is just too much and they put off any prospect of an operation until they are very severely visually handicapped.

Regular two yearly eye examinations are funded by NHS Scotland.

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Transport woes spark call for help

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Community councillors in Oban are calling for top level transport talks.

Flights, ferries, rail links and roads are all causing concern for the town and outlying areas.

The community council now plans to write to MSP Michael Russell to involve the transport minister in a discussion about infrastructure and the importance of having connectivity.

A representative from Oban Community Harbour Development Association also updated the meeting on its business. The association is now at a stage where it wants to engage the public more to get a sense of what it wants out of the harbour.

It was suggested the association might come up with a plan to benefit from a

new £50m town centre fund coming from the Scottish Government – Argyll and Bute Council is getting a £1.2m share.

The idea is that the funding will be used to help boost economic growth and help town centres become more diverse and sustainable.

The state of Oban's crumbling police station was also brought up for discussion. PC Jeremy Moore told community councillors he was embarrassed at the state of it and reports of its mess had not been exaggerated in the media.

'I find it crippling embarrassing when I have to take members of the public in,' he said.

The empty post office premises in the same street was touched on as a possible alternative building.

Community councillors also quizzed PC Moore about

police staffing levels in the town. 'The boss would say we manage but we could always do with more. It's quite hard to get people to work here, they don't want to work in Argyll. I would like us doing more proactive things,' he said.

Flytipping was also flagged up as a problem in the town.

Bins on Dungallon Road, which are meant for people on board boats, have been filled by others – dumped waste included an ironing board.

Community councillor also heard a complaint that bins were not being taken off streets after being emptied and were causing obstructions, especially in the town's William Street.

Another street highlighted at the meeting was Rockfield Road which is being used as 'a racetrack, a rat run and a parking lot.'



Dr John Howe, of SAMS UHI and Professor Louis Keiner, of CCU announce the start of the student exchange programme between their respective institutes, as SAMS UHI staff and CCU students look on.

SAMS launches student exchange

Two universities separated by the Atlantic Ocean, but with a shared expertise in marine science, have announced a new student exchange programme.

The announcement comes at the end of an annual three-week field course run by Oban's Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS UHI) for science students from Coastal Carolina University (CCU), South Carolina.

This autumn there will

also be a student exchange between CCU and the University of the Highlands and Islands. Students on the exchange will have the chance to take courses not offered by their home institute. SAMS UHI students Natasha Bryan and Paula Benders will this year travel to South Carolina to study subjects as diverse as shark biology and marshes.

Announcing the beginning of the exchange programme, Dr John Howe,

BSc programme leader at SAMS UHI, said: 'The CCU visit is something I look forward to every year. By building on our transatlantic links, we have been able to start an exchange programme, which I believe will be popular on both sides of the pond.'

'I also hope all of these young academics find shared experiences and create international networks that last throughout their careers.'



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Scarecrows are coming to Seil

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Scarecrows will take over Seil next month when islanders show off their tattie bogle-making talent to raise funds for the community hall.

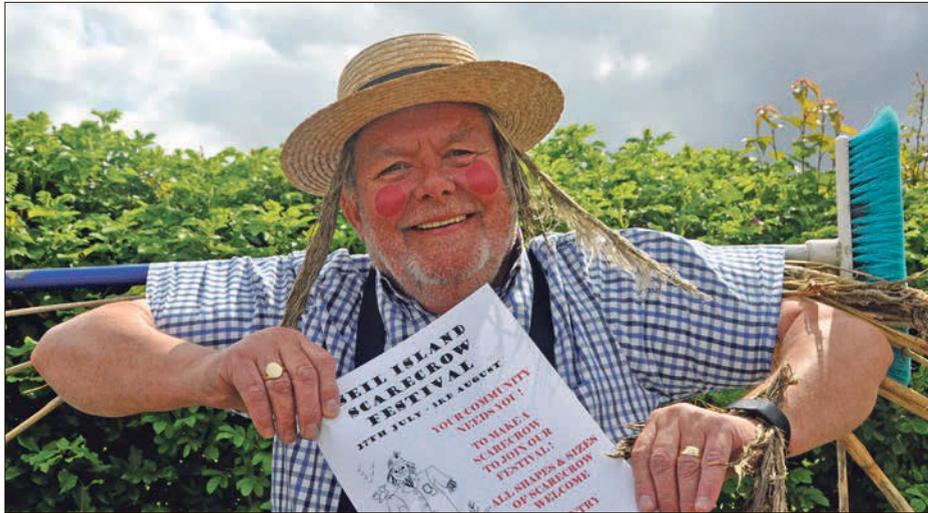
Organisers are inviting people living and working on Seil to put on their thinking caps and get creative – scarecrows of all shapes and sizes are welcome.

Two scarecrow trails outside homes and alongside roads, one across the island and the other in Ellenabeich, will give people the chance to admire islanders' handiwork and choose their favourite.

'The more scarecrows the merrier,' says Ron Hetherington, who came up with the idea that has stirred up so much enthusiasm on the island that the festival has sprouted into a week-long celebration, including a pop-up cafe, nature and heritage walks, sea trips, friendly football matches, a tug-o-war, a tattie bogle dance and the revival of Seil's bygone Highland fair.

'We're getting the whole community together and hope lots of people will cross the Atlantic Bridge to join us and help raise funds. It's going to be a fantastic week. There's some great ideas for scarecrows – some people have already finished theirs,' said Ron.

It all starts on Saturday July



27 with an opening ceremony at the Atlantic Bridge where the Tigh an Truish will be joining in the fun.

On the island, Seafari has offered to run one-hour trips around Seil donating the proceeds to the island hall's development funds. The Tigh an Truish and Oyster Bar are also signing up players for friendly football matches that week and Oban Dance Academy will be running an afternoon musical drama workshop for six to 14-year-olds.

A tug of war at the Tattie Bogle Highland Fair at the island hall on Saturday August 3 will give folk the chance to show some grit and muscle. Lots of stalls, a plant sale, dog racing, a Rubik cube challenge, hamburgers and hotdogs will also be at the fair. Seil coastal rowing, the

golf club, drama group, fire brigade volunteers and the British Legion, with an armoured ferret car, are getting involved too.

Lyden and Dawn Singleton will be hosting a special scarecrow pub quiz at the Oyster Bar on Friday August 2 at 8.30pm, with John and Eileen Coulson taking on the roles of quiz masters. Still to be organised is a food fayre evening with bingo on Wednesday July 31.

As for the grand finale, tickets will be going on sale soon for the scarecrow dance on Saturday August 3 from 7pm to midnight featuring The Scott Harvey Band, a licensed bar and raffle.

Anyone wanting to make a scarecrow for the festival should get in touch with trail organiser George Mackenzie

Ron Hetherington is looking forward to the tattie bogle festival.

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Oban is the place to be

Around Oban

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WHERE IS THIS?



Well it's here at last, Oban Live weekend, and to make it even more exciting the Queen Victoria cruise ship is also visiting on Friday, with 1,955 passengers and 975 crew. Our wee town is going to be bulging at the seams, I can't wait.

The forecast (fingers crossed) is not too bad and with all the events during the day for the fringe, the town is going to have a real party atmosphere. Oban Live Fringe is even bigger and better this year and it gives everyone a chance to enjoy great music whether you're going up to Mossfield or not. Fringe Guides are scattered throughout the town, don't forget to pick one up.

We have the Oban FM Roadshow in Station Square on Friday and Saturday and I love the sound of the Hope Kitchen Lunchtime Ceilidh on Friday, what a way to start the weekend.

There will be a fabulous

Maker's Market in The Rockfield Centre to highlight all the talented crafts people and give you a chance to buy some of their wares.

Music will also be pouring out of every doorway, with Oban Distillery, The Royal Hotel, Markie Dans, Brew & Co at the Perle Hotel and The View all having music from mid-day onwards.

All in all, I think it's going to be a fantastic weekend. If you like dancing, a wee beverage and a town full of people enjoying the craic, then Oban is the place to be.

The photograph last week was of the lighthouse at the War Memorial, and this week's will bring you back into the heart of the town.

POLICE FILES

■ About 5.15pm on Monday May 27, a car was stopped by police for a routine check, on Soroba Road, Oban.

Checks revealed there was no insurance in force for the vehicle and the driver, a woman, 44, was charged with the offence and the vehicle was seized. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ About 10.35pm on Monday May 27, on Corran Esplanade, Oban, a man, aged 27, allegedly assaulted another man. Police attended and the man was arrested and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ About 2.15am on Thursday May 30, a white-coloured

Nissan car was reported as being driven in a dangerous manner while carrying out an overtaking manoeuvre on the A85 at Pennyfuir, Oban. Subsequently, an 18-year-old man was identified as the driver and he will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

■ Between 10pm on Thursday May 30 and 6.30am on Friday May 31, in Duncraggan Road, Oban, a blue-coloured Skoda Octavia was entered and a socket set, a dash camera, a sat-nav system and other items were stolen.

■ About 2.10am on Saturday May 25, in George Street, Oban, two men, aged 24 and 26, behaved in an abusive

manner and engaged in a fight. Police attended and both men were arrested and later issued with recorded police warnings.

■ Between 9pm on Sunday May 26 and 4pm on Monday May 27, at Pier View, Scarinish, Tiree, a black coloured Vauxhall Corsa car, was damaged by having all four tyres punctured.

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Smiles galore at Taynuilt Primary School sports day

by David McPhee
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Sports day season has officially kicked off and the weather played ball just long enough for Taynuilt Primary School's to go ahead last Wednesday.

Pupils ran, hopped, jumped, and skipped throughout the day at the village's sports pavilion – and they were rewarded with an ice lolly for all their efforts.

Smiles were aplenty as the youngsters raced each other and took part in team games.



The youngsters had a fabulous time at Taynuilt school sports day, as can be seen with all the smiles – with the ice lollies particularly popular.



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Letters to seek island's views on water treatment works

Community councillors on Seil are writing to all 500 island residents seeking views on Scottish Water's plans for a new £5.6 million treatment works, writes Kathie Griffiths.

An application for the works at land west of the current sewage works at Clachan Seil has just been submitted after years of discussions and consultations.

The plan to send out letters stirred up a lively debate between community councillors and the public at a recent meeting in Seil Island Hall.

There were concerns among the public at the community

council meeting on May 28 that sending out letters could polarise the community and was 'a bad idea'.

But community council chairperson Julie Ferris said: 'It's not a referendum, it's not a people's vote. It's to give a definitive guide to our response to the planning application.'

Stamps to send out the letters will cost around £300.

Community councillor John Gordon said: 'I think it's an incredible waste of money. There's better things to spend money on. It's a very difficult thing to do, I think it's going to be divisive.'

Mrs Ferris replied: 'It's not going to be divisive. The best way to find out the views of the community is to ask the community what their views are.'

Former community councillor Anne-Marie Robin added: 'I can't believe this community council are not aware of the views against and those of the silent majority who just wish to get it over and done with.'

Mrs Ferris said: 'I can't see what the danger is of asking people's views. If we send 500 letters out and get just 70 back that tells us a lot. It will be going ahead.'

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This weekend the town of Oban will be transformed into the centre of Argyll's biggest outdoor event. Born from the seed of success of the Skerryvore Decade concert, held at Mossfield Stadium in 2015, Oban Live is approaching its fifth year.

The 2019 two-day music extravaganza will bring the total number of attendees since the event's inception to more than 25,000 and the total economic benefit to Oban and surrounding areas to more than £5 million.

The importance of events like this go well beyond just the direct economic impact and the fringe benefits to the communities in which they are held are wide ranging and have enduring effect. Last year's event was undoubtedly the most impressive so far, with the pinnacle being the finishing sets from Skerryvore joined by the Oban High School Pipe Band on the Saturday night. The sight and sound of the Skerryvore boys accompanied by the youth of Oban was a strong symbol of what Oban Live is about. I wasn't able to witness this live,

but even the footage broadcast on social media conveyed clearly the power of the moment and the emotion on stage and in the audience.

Traditional music in Scotland is enjoying a blossoming renaissance and proof of that is encapsulated by huge events like Oban Live, which are centred on the music of the West Highlands and Islands.

The Fèis movement, music tuition in schools, local and national Mods, Runrig, Capercaillie, Gaelic medium education, the tireless work of many individuals and a whole host of other contributing and interweaving factors, groups and people, all on the bedrock of one of the richest indigenous musical cultures in the world, have combined to bring this golden era of Highland music.

Skerryvore has grown as part of this renaissance and by running events such as Oban Live, and with their close involvement with the Tíree Music Festival as well as spreading their own music across the globe, they are now adding significantly to it. The amount of work and financial risk

involved in running an event like Oban Live is significant and would scare most from ever attempting it. It is no accident that many similar events have not endured. I take my hat off to Daniel and his team for not only attempting it but delivering it year after year, with each event surpassing the last.

With a top roster of bands, including Skerryvore themselves, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, We Banjo 3, The Elephant Sessions, Talisk, many others and probably a few surprises, the music this year will be astoundingly good. If you have not yet done so, I would encourage anyone reading this to buy a ticket and in doing so give yourself one of the best weekends of music and partying you will ever experience!

This year will be the first we will miss as a band and it will also be the first since selling the Skipinnish Ceilidh House and I am certainly going to miss the excitement of what was always one of the busiest weekends our year. I wish good luck to all the Oban Live Team and to the lads at The View for a successful weekend of music.

Connecting Argyll carers

A support charity has come up with a week-long celebration to shine a light on carers in the community, writes Kathie Griffiths.

Every year North Argyll Carers Centre, based in Oban's Albany Street, takes part in the national celebration and this year the theme is Connecting Carers.

The week starts on Monday June 10 with a day trip to Auchindrain, with an Indian head massage on offer back at the centre.

Results of a competition for young carers to write stories for a magazine about experiences and achievements they have encountered throughout the year will also be announced that day.

Tuesday sees an open invitation for anyone to pop in to the centre between 11am and 3pm for refreshments and activities, including bingo and a quiz.



Young carers enjoy a day out at the beach.

Manager Morag MacLean said: 'It's just an opportunity for people to come and see us and find out more about what we do; it's just a bit of social time together.'

Morag will also be at Lorn and Islands Hospital that day doing a carers awareness session with staff.

'We have been really well supported by the hospital supporting carers who have family in hospital,' said Morag. A Zumba session

with Magdalena Sadlik is planned for the Wednesday at Rockfield from 11am to noon, and on Thursday there will be a hamper giveaway in partnership with the TSB which has chosen the carer centre as its chosen charity of the year. Entries are available from the carers' centre and the TSB, the winner will be announced on June 17.

Working towards the weekend, there will be a mindfulness walk led by Mairi Fleck in the gardens at Dunollie on Friday, and Saturday will round the busy week off with a fundraising and information stand at Tesco all day. To find out more about any of the sessions during Carers' Week call North Argyll Carers Centre on 01631 564422.

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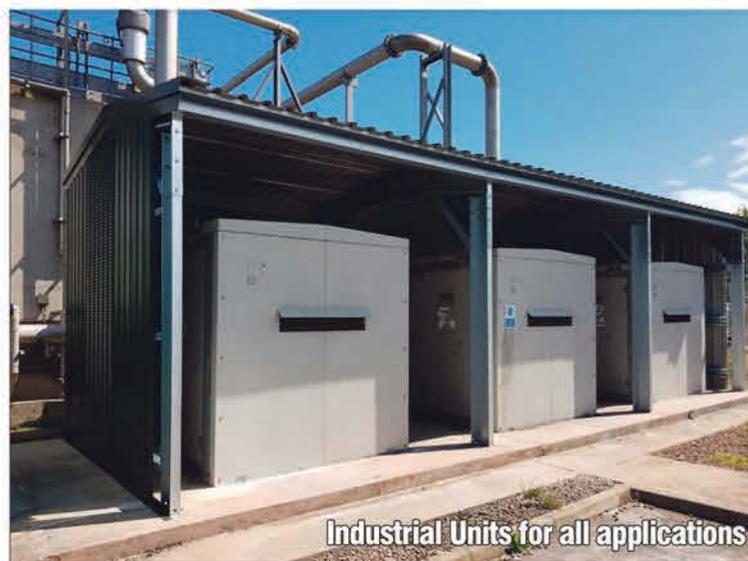
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Crowds turn out to party at Oban Charities Day

by Kathie Griffiths
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Oban charities snatched a good weather window on Saturday to take the town centre by storm, promoting their good causes and raising funds.

Crowds turned out to show their support and enjoy the carnival atmosphere as a pipe band led a colourful parade down George Street from the Corran Halls.

There were more than 40 stalls making the most of this year's charities day, one of the biggest highlights of their calendar year. Some of them raised more than £300.

The popular event is organised annually by Oban and Lorn Lions Club. It's president David Coates said: 'We hope everyone has enjoyed it as much as we have. It's been a wonderful day. The stalls have been busy, making lots of money for their good work and letting everyone know what a big heart our town has. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it yet another success.'

Pleased to be there was Oban High School's parent



council which was face painting to help bolster an appeal to raise £30,000 needed for a new minibus for the support department.

Spotlight Musical Theatre group was also pulling in the punters at its teddy treasure hunt and bottle stall, promoting its Camelot panto coming in December.

Keeping in character, their fancy dress won them the trophy for the best-dressed stall on the day.

Yardley School of Irish Dancing also got a prize for being the best-dressed group in the parade.

Oban Mountain Rescue kept everyone fed, flipping burgers, and Campbell

Princesses Lesley Duncan and Morven Wright with Teddy, aka Stephen Day. Spotlight Musical Theatre Group won best dressed stall for its teddy reasure hunt stall

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Cameron from Oban FM was well tuned-in, entertaining the happy crowd with music and banter.

The youngest stallholder was seven-year-old Madison McCuish running a hook-a-teddy game with help from her grandma Sandra Coates.

Hardwork for Oban and Lorn Lions continues now Charities Day is over as members turn their thoughts to August's raft race.

This year's Great Oban Raft

Race is on Saturday August 24, pushing off from the town centre beach.

Lions members are challenging budding sea farers to team up and have a go. Not only is there a chance of winning the race title but also a prize for best-dressed raft - no-one has managed to beat Autoglass yet.

'Don't forget all the money raised goes to local causes via our Lions Charity Fund, so the biggest trophy goes to the crew which raises the most money by getting sponsorship from their family and friends,' said one of the organising members Jim Edge.

For more details email obanandlornlionsclub@gmail.com

For more photographs, turn to pages 12 and 13.



Left: Erin Farrelly, Anna Forgiveve, Emma Morrison and Lucy Blue supporting North Argyll Diabetes Support Group

16_T23charitiesday01_diabetesgroupgirls; below: Police Scotland Youth Volunteers handy at the shark attack raising funds for a skatepark



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Clockwise from top left: Martyn's Monday Club stall. 16_T23_charitiesday02_martynsmonclub; New Hope's Catriona Pettmans the splat-a-rat stall while cousins Ayden Campbell, eight, and Charlie Shaw, four, have a go. 16_T23_charitiesday05_splattherat; Oban's Yardley School of Irish Dancing. 16-T23_charitiesday24-yardleywinners; North Argyll Diabetes Support Group; Oban Mountain Rescue were busy flipping burgers, 16_T23_charitiesday10_mountainrescue; New Hope's Beth Campbell and June Bleazard. 16-T23_charitiesday14-Newhope; Pipers led the parade. 16-T23_charitiesday18-pipers; On the pineapple shy were Kathleen McNiven and Anne Ferguson, adult volunteers with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. 16-T23_charitiesday21-pineapplestall

Oban tradesmen make renovating a smooth experience

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Renovating or upgrading anything in the home can be a pain in the glass, especially if you don't know where to start.

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'Whether you're looking to purchase one of our products or a hundred of them, we're here to get the job done. Let us know how we can be of service and we'll happily assist you in any way we can'

Elite has received a number of five-star reviews.

Emma Brown posted: 'Just got new windows and door in my new flat and the boys did an amazing job. Would recommend them to anyone.'

Eleanor Porter said: 'Just had Ruari and Alan complete the [installation] of our new double glazing. What fantastic workers they are, the workmanship was also of the highest standard I could not find fault with any of their work, I would not hesitate to recommend them.'

And Kevin Scott added: 'Just had my windows and doors finished today by



Elite Contractors Scotland's showroom at Crannog Lane, Oban.

Elite. Absolutely delighted with them. All work finished to a very high standard.'

To get in touch with Elite, either visit their showroom at Unit 11 Crannog Lane, Oban, or give them a call.

The company can be reached on 07799137482, 07549877472, 01631 565747, or by emailing elitewindowanddoorcompany@gmail.com.



Clockwise from top left: Rotarians spin the wheel for good causes. 16_T23_charitiesday12_rotaryspin; Oban Sea Cadets Kate Home and William Sykes at their Name The Teddy stall. 16_T23_charitiesday09_seacadets; Jeanette Sheldrick blows the trumpet for Oban Salvation Army. 16_T23_charitiesday07_salvationarmy; Soroba Young Family Group joined Oban Charities Day parade. 16-T23_charitiesday19-so-robyoungfamily; Madison McCuish, seven, with her grandma Sandra Coates. 16-T23_charitiesday23-MadisonMcCuish; Annelie Murphy, seven, has her face painted by Lindsay MacLean from Oban High School's parent council. 16_T23_charitiesday08_obanhighschool; Janet Groat and Amina Capocci were on the BreathEasy charity stand. 16-T23_charitiesday22-Breatheasycharity

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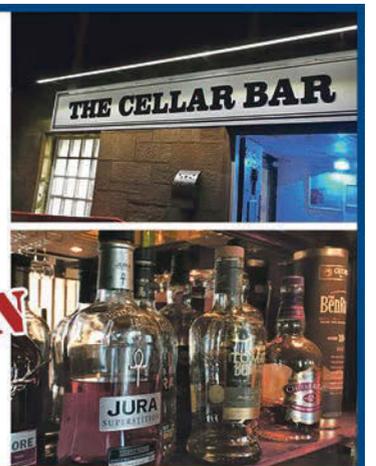


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Three Chimneys wins food award

The Three Chimneys, on Skye, has won the coveted Scottish Sourcing (Independent) category at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2019.

The iconic restaurant with rooms was presented with the prestigious accolade at an awards ceremony last month.

Serving the best of Skye, land and sea, The Three Chimneys is renowned for serving inspirational dishes that optimise the richness and variety of Scotland's natural larder, all expertly created by head chef, Scott Davies, and his kitchen brigade.

Petri Pentikäinen, general manager at The Three Chimneys, said: 'This reflects enormously upon the efforts of the whole team at The Three Chimneys, and I am incredibly proud of their commitment, particularly the work of head chef Scott Davies in building our network of close, trusted partnerships with the finest producers and suppliers.'

Another finalist in the Scottish Sourcing (Independent) category was Ninth Wave Restaurant on Mull.

THA make splash with harbour development

The first two phases of an ambitious development plan for Tarbert Harbour have now been completed.

Thanks to a £300,000 grant from the National Lottery's Coastal Communities Fund, phase one saw the creation of expanded toilets and showers, new laundry/drying and baby changing, together with greatly improved disabled facilities.

With the aid of a further grant of £125,000 from Argyll and Bute Council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, phase two of the modernisation work saw the old shower and toilet block converted into a modern harbour reception/chandlery and office.

A further improvement has been the provision of a pump-out area at Jakes Quay.

It is hoped that the new and additional changes will increase the number of visitors to Tarbert and lead on to further improvements in the shore side area.

Dougie Spence, funding manager for the Coastal Communities Fund, said: 'The Coastal Communities Fund was delighted to support



The new, improved toilets and shower block will be a huge boost for visitors.

Tarbert Harbour Authority's successful project to upgrade existing and create new berthing facilities in 2015.

'The further Coastal Communities Fund support for the now completed new and improved onshore amenities builds on the initial support and will help consolidate and deliver on the au-

thority's ambition to make Tarbert Harbour an accessible and attractive destination for visitors for many years to come, creating vital jobs and supporting the economy.'

Duncan Cunningham, chairman of the board of trustees, Tarbert Harbour Authority, said: 'The board of trustees is delighted with the finished schemes, helping to make the harbour a more pleasant place to visit.'

'This is a great boost to the harbour's plans for providing the necessary provisions to meet the demands and expectations of visitors and berth holders.'

'The grant from the Coastal Community Fund allowed for the much-needed showers and toilets to progress at a rate that would not otherwise have been possible, and allowed the harbour to apply for funding from the Argyll and Bute Council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund to progress other planned developments.'

'The increased business we expect to achieve will lead to other improvements of our shore side provision.'

Argyll and isles hotels and restaurants star at top hospitality awards

Hebridean and west coast establishments were among the big winners at Scotland's most prestigious hospitality awards, picking up the honours for best new restaurant, pub and young chef.

Edinbane, the 16th-century lodge at the head of Loch Greshornish on Skye, won Best Restaurant Newcomer at the Catering Scotland (CIS) Excellence Awards in Glasgow on May 30.

One of the three runners-up was the North Harbour Bistro on Harris.

Jordan Clark of Pennygate Lodge near Craignure ferry pier on Mull took the award for Young Chef of the Year.

Fiona Bee and Tony McGill have transformed the six-bedroom former Georgian manse since buying it several years ago.

The Pub Excellence award went to Craig and Mollie Macfarlane's Lord of the Isles, at Craobh Haven on the Craignish peninsula between Oban and Lochgilphead.

Judges said the establishment was 'superb and well

run, with excellent food, great value for money and extremely helpful, friendly staff.' A finalist was the Crinan Hotel by Lochgilphead.

Anne Gracie Gunn's Sonas Hospitality, which has three boutique hotels on Skye, was a runner-up in the category for Training and Employee Retention. One of its hotels, Skeabost near Portree, was last year's Group Hotel champion.

A spokesman for the awards said: 'Hospitality in the Highlands and islands

has improved dramatically in recent years.

'The area is now helping to set the benchmark for top quality dining and accommodation.'

The first award for hospitality excellence created in honour of top Scottish chef Andrew Fairlie was presented to Dumfries House.

Fairlie, who died in January after a long battle with a brain tumour, was Scotland's only double Michelin Star holder for his eponymous hotel at the five-star Gleneagles Hotel

in Perthshire. CIS set up the award in his memory this year.

As the country's annual contest for the hospitality, catering and tourism sectors, the CIS Excellence Awards are widely accepted as the ultimate accolade for chefs, hotels, restaurants, gastropubs and educational institutions.

Lord of the Isles' manager Siobhan MacMillan picked up the Craobh Haven restaurant's award for Pub Excellence.



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UHI expands apprenticeship opportunities

The University of the Highlands and Islands will be one of the first institutions in Scotland to offer a new Modern Apprenticeship in boat building and repair.

The programme, which has been developed by the science, engineering and manufacturing technologies alliance (Semta) in collaboration with industry partners, will be available through Argyll College UHI from September.

The apprenticeship aims to address a shortage of qualified adults and young people entering Scotland's boat building and repair industry. The trade association British Marine reports that 31 per cent of Scottish companies find it hard to fill vacancies as a direct result of skill shortages.

The new programme will include modules in statutory regulations and organisational safety requirements, lifting and moving materials, and machinery and components. Apprentices will then choose to focus on wooden



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or metal and composite boat building and repair.

The programme is part of a wider expansion of the university's modern apprenticeship offering. As part of changes to national assessment requirements and funding arrangements, the university is now offering construction apprenticeships directly to employers in some areas. This provides employers

with access to the training and expertise that colleges have been providing for many years, without restricting access to their Construction Industry Training Board funding. Colleges will also be continuing to work with the Construction Industry Training Board to fulfil existing apprenticeship delivery arrangements.

Other developments include the introduction of higher level

apprenticeships in management.

The advanced programmes, which are being designed with Inverness College UHI, will support current and aspiring business leaders to develop skills and leadership qualities within their work environment.

The university's regional modern apprenticeship programme provides employers with training tailored to their needs in areas including engineering, aquaculture, business and finance, logistics, ICT and digital, and life sciences.

Dr Diane Rawlinson, the university's vice-principal for further education, said: 'These latest developments are part of our planned expansion of apprenticeships offered across the region. Through the apprenticeship route many young people are choosing to earn while they learn, gaining valuable employment experience while also achieving nationally recognised qualifications much valued by industry.'

Cruise ship visits prove to be good for business

A survey of Oban businesses, carried out by Bid4Oban following the visit cruise ship Costa Mediterranea, has highlighted the massive impact cruise ship visits are having on the town.

Twenty-seven businesses took part in the survey, with the majority saying sales were up – some said their sales had increased by more than 30 per cent, and one showing an increase of 60 per cent.

Restaurants and cafes in the town recorded steady trade, and passengers disembarking from the Costa Mediterranea was one of the distillery's busiest days. And visitors were not just interested in shopping and eating, with visitors also discovering more about the town.

Andrew Spence, Bid4Oban's chief executive, told The Oban Times: 'Sunday May 26 saw the visit of the Corinthian where more than 80 passengers took advantage of walking tours undertaken by The Port of Oban Walking Tour Guides. The passengers were highly complimentary of the town and especially being piped ashore by one of our pipers.'



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D-Day anniversary – photo exhibition

The Highland Archive Centre in Inverness is hosting an exhibition of photographs to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The exhibition, A Time to Fight: Living and Remembering WWII, features contemporary images of Second World War veterans alongside actors representing the veterans as they were 75 years ago. Those photographed took part in major operations, including the Battle of Britain, D-Day and Dunkirk.

The project was created by Robert D Anderson, who wanted to come up with a different way of marking the 75th anniversary.

Initially he set about capturing the portraits of a small number of veterans but soon realised that many of them were keen to tell their stories, some for the first time in decades, and so the exhibition grew.

Inverness-born photographer Robert said: 'I've always been interested in history and I have a passion for World War Two in particular. I also have a love of photography and I set about combining all of these passions into the A Time to Fight project.'

'Growing up in Inverness I was familiar with the pill boxes along the Moray Firth coast but had no idea why they were there until one of the veterans I interviewed told me he'd been transferred up from the south to this area during the war.'

'At the time they didn't know why but they later discovered that it was because the beaches along the Moray Firth had the same tides as those in Normandy and the troops were being prepared for the Normandy landings. It was amazing to connect that real story to what I'd seen in my childhood.'

Although the veterans in the photographs are from England and Wales, many of them have a connection to the Highlands, either during war service or since, with many serving in the Highland Division.

Alongside the exhibition, books of the photographs with each veteran's story are for sale. This will be the only showing of the exhibition in Scotland.

The exhibition runs until June 28 and is open daily from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

As we were in Moidart

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This week we publish the second part of Sandy MacDonald's recollections of life on Dorlin Estate as one of the last of a line of talented Moidart tradition-bearers, as told to Iain Thornber.

'As there was only one direct sailing from Acharacle up Loch Shiel by the Clanranald we used to have to go to Lochailort three or four times a week in the yacht with Lord Howard's guests to catch the first morning train going south. We had to leave home very early in order to get enough steam up to make the journey in time.

'During the season some of them used to come on the late train and we had to go up and meet them and bring them back, and that was pretty often as there were a lot of guests travelling backwards and forwards to Dorlin House in these days.

'I remember once Lord Howard's keeper had a pet deer calf but when it grew older it used to attack any person it would meet. Lord Howard sent word to Nicholson, the landlord of Arisaig, to ask if they could ferry it over to his place. So we put it in a case and went all the way over by boat and put it ashore on the hills of Arisaig.

'We used to go to Ardnish pretty often. When the Roman Catholic Church was oppressed, Bishop Forbes, when he came to say Mass, he daren't come ashore near the mainland here because the redcoats were waiting for him. So he landed at the end of Ardnish at a place they call Port na h-Aifrinne, the Port of the Mass. We used to go over there often to see that place. There were 16 or 17 inhabitants at Ardnish until after the First World War when the people emigrated out of it. A good place, good fertile ground but no road to it.

'At one time letters used to be delivered to Dorlin regularly by a horse-drawn postal 'van' on its way from Strontian to Kinlochmoidart. The postman was called McMaster. Then when the railway came Lord Howard of Glossop and other proprietors thought they would get the mails carried by boat down Loch Shiel from Glenfinnan.

'Lord Howard had The Lady of the Lake at the time which his captain said would stand



any weather they would be likely to encounter. Well, he wasn't long on Loch Shiel until he found that that small boat would never do, so he was granted permission to go to the Clyde to buy a larger boat.

'He got the Clanranald I and brought her up the River Shiel, right to Glenfinnan. Their idea was that Macdonald of Glenaladale would allow them to build a pier in deep water below his house at Glenfinnan, as there was a bar in the river. Macdonald objected and so another boat drawing less water had to be ordered and that was Clanranald II. Lord Morton allowed them to build a pier up the River Callop, which is the one there to this day.

'Clanranald II was on all the time until about 10 years ago. She became much worn and had to be scrapped. Then MacBrayne put two

smaller boats on but found they did not pay, so they were taken off and Loch Shiel is without a mail boat today.

'The place was far better off in every respect when there was a steady service running daily up and down Loch Shiel to the train than it is today. It was quite a job to get the Clanranald up the river because she weighed 50 tons, but all the people on both sides, from Moidart and Ardnamurchan, gathered and pulled her up. The worst job was taking her through the Gullet at the old bridge but under the supervision of her captain, Captain Macdonald, they managed to haul her up bit by bit until they got her through and then she was away into deep water. They brought her into Dorlin on a high spring tide when the loch was level with the river at the Sea Pool.

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Clanranald II being hauled through the Gullet on the River Shiel on its way up to Loch Shiel. Photograph supplied by Iain Thornber.

or form. They were not allowed to cut a single branch of seaweed on the Kinlochmoidart shore or the Shona beach. Even the Laird of Kinlochmoidart would not allow any of his tenants near the shore because he wanted all the seaweed for himself.

‘There were numerous people from this estate drowned by having to go all the way to Arisaig Point for boatloads of seaweed and getting swamped on the way home with it.

‘The most notable river between Ardnamurchan and Dorlin Estate is the Shiel. It is about three miles long and at the very foot of it, on the Ardnamurchan side, there is a small patch of ground which was used as a burying place during the time of the black plague. You can see to this very day how the stones were paved in so as to protect the bodies from the wolves who roamed the country at that time.

‘The River Shiel takes its name from the Gaelic word ‘Sale’, which means white and this is how it got it.

‘Shortly after St Columba came to Iona and started building the abbey there he came with his followers all the way round the Ross of Mull to Ardnamurchan and walked the hill right over to Shiel. His view was to go up Loch Shiel and get some oaks for the roof of his monastery.

‘They arrived at the mouth of the river where they halted to have some food. The place was teeming with fish at the time, so he got his followers to put their wattles of birch wood out and they got a big haul of salmon. Seeing their upturned white bellies St Columba said, ‘There is a lot of sale here’. And that is why the river and the loch have been called Shiel from that very day.

‘The next time St Columba came on the same path through Ardnamurchan was the time he went up to preach the gospel to them in Inverness. St Finan’s Isle was called after one of his followers.’

To be continued.

‘Clanranald II had twin screws and was steam driven. The boiler had to be replaced about 25 years ago and she was taken down the river again and sent to the Clyde and motors put in her. With the motors in her and no funnels she almost went up the river all the way herself without any bother because the motor engines carried smaller bronze propellers than the old steam engine and therefore did not need such deep water.

‘I would like to say a few words about the seaweed. It was from the seaweed they were getting all the crops.

‘When the people who followed that mad prince of ours were oppressed, it was the Highland lairds who subdued the people and drove them off the land, not the English men – they had nothing to do with it in any shape

DOWN MEMORY LANE 1997

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



These actors are suitably attired and ready for the curtain to rise, but on what play? We would love to know who they are and what drama they were about to act out. If you know, email us at editor@obantimes.co.uk



Pictured are the Young Enterprise team from Oban High School, and the date is June 1997. Pictured are back row from left: David Fraser, Alison Macleod, Jill Petrie, Alexander Thompson and Douglas Wright. Front row from left: Lisa Anderson, Catriona Currie, Kathryn McPhail, Lorna Martin and Hamish MacIntyre.

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LETTERS

Write to us: send your letters to editor@obantimes.co.uk
or The Editor, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HBIslanders are
justifiably angry
over parking

There is genuine and well-founded anger on Mull and Iona over the prospect of being forced to pay £9 per day to leave vehicles in what have hitherto been free car parks.

The very fact that there have already been around 1,000 signatures to a petition opposing the measure is a clear indicator of the strength of feeling on the islands.

It is not, however, merely the costs involved for residents of Iona and Mull. There are justifiable concerns over the damage that could be inflicted on the islands' economies.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell is correct to highlight the council's failure to carry out 'any proper economic or social assessment – despite an offer of help from the Scottish Government'.

We would urge Argyll and Bute Council to do precisely this kind of assessment before continuing down this road and to suspend the charges in the meantime.

Cinema deserves our
widespread support

Work has begun to improve the interior of the splendid Oban Phoenix Cinema, as we report this week.

A whole range of projects are under way, including the carpets being lifted, the walls being given a freshening up with new paint, the electrics being upgraded, a new concession stand being created and the foyer being revamped.

All this is going on while the cinema remains open for business – no mean feat in itself.

We are all very fortunate indeed to have such a fantastic cinema in the town but it must survive as a commercial enterprise and for that it deserves the widest possible support from residents.

We need to welcome
motorhome owners

I read the headlines in The Oban Times, 'Campervans flout rules' and immediately, but wrongly, assumed the piece would be an admonishing outcry regarding the illegal disposal of waste or littering, but when I read the content...what a load of one-sided drivel, whining over nothing at all.

Let us not forget the on-going dispute regarding the charging for parking at Ganavan under the terms to which the land was gifted to the council. A local campaign, which the paper highlighted very recently.

Also, our local car parks are mostly empty at night and as long as campervan owners don't start to litter or dispose of waste, what harm does it do to allow people to park there overnight? They are still spending money in the town.

As for the two business owners, well, as a local resident, a camper owner and a person whose friends have stayed in several of the local campsites, all I can say is that when you're in touring the very last thing you want is to be herded onto overly-expensive, overcrowded sites, with caravanners/motorhomers in a tight formation and kids squawking all around you.

You don't want to be miles and miles from the town and local amenities you have come to enjoy. I, like some others, use my campervan for other reasons than just to relax in. Having complex post-traumatic stress disorder and a son with learning difficulties and severe epilepsy, I use our camper as a safe space, where we can stop and deal with any emergency/situation in private, and often it takes quite a while for my son to recover. Therefore quite regularly a journey includes an overnight stay in a lay-by or car park.

We need to stop ourselves from becoming mean and unwelcoming. I would remove all parking charges and limits throughout Oban. Welcome people in.

Ian Johnstone, Connel.

Holyrood slackness
undermines confidence

Once again we have seen the CalMac fleet stretched beyond its measure.

As soon as the MV Clansman blows an engine the game's a bogey with the MV Isle of Mull, ill-equipped for the weather outside of the relative calm of the Sound of Mull, struggling and largely failing to maintain the flow

YOUR PICTURES



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in the services between Oban and Mull and Oban and Coll/Tiree/Barra/Colonsay.

The result, however, is not just a load of miffed tourists stalled in their journeys, temporarily cancelled holidays and tradesmen stranded or not making it to or back from the job that week. No, the real cost is the permanent undermining of any confidence in the island/mainland connections.

It is the continued sabotaging of the islands as a holiday/work/life destination that makes potential visitors/tradesmen vow 'never again'. It converts a great potential into a lost cause

and it is no fault of the islanders, though I have no doubt tourists will be saying 'typical west coast'.

CalMac is really not to blame for this either; this problem has the dead hand of politics written all over it.

It is (currently) Nicola Sturgeon and her government, over on the east coast, who are in the frame for culpability, failing to make good the deficiency.

If CalMac is guilty of anything it is that it has not made enough public fuss about the fact that its fleet is short one ship with the size and



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Gary MacCuish took this week's picture as he flew over Dunbeg recently, showing the extent and progress of the house building. We hope to have updated shots over the coming months.

capability of the Clansman. If this is how an independent Scotland is going to be managed then it certainly doesn't seem anything to look forward to.

Peter Isaacson, Uig, Isle of Coll.

Council must clean up its act

Tuesday evening was so beautiful in Oban that I decided to walk down to the town with my camera. The town was crowded with visitors and many were enjoying an al fresco fish supper on the seats and picnic tables.

What made the scene a great deal less than

beautiful was the fact that the nearby bins were full, making it impossible to put anything in.

Oban is a tourist town – whatever anyone might say, there is absolutely NO excuse for overflowing bins. We hear about street sweepers off sick, bin lorries out of action, no money for overtime, but it's not good enough. Many residents volunteer their valuable time to pick up rubbish – if they didn't, the town would be in a far worse state.

The council should be glad of the unpaid help and make an extra effort too. This is a serious issue that must be dealt with.

Maurice Wilkins, Keep Oban Beautiful.

Independence march

It's marvellous that Argyll and Bute councillors were wise and approved the AUOB Independence March on Saturday June 15. What a boost 2,000 to 4,000 folk will be for the shops, B&B, hotels, bars and restaurants of our town and beyond.

Councillors took into account Oban's ability to be capable of hospitality and organisation for the Argyllshire Gathering, Oban Live, and the many cruise ships that disembark onto the Esplanade, and recognised that we manage marches well throughout the year, including a herd of reindeer in the dark at Christmas lights switch on! So I was pleased our councillors agreed we can cope with this influx of happy folk. If we had rejected the event, as Councillor Redman proposed, we would be the first local authority in all of Scotland to do so. That would have been embarrassing.

Here's to a great day in Oban!

Campbell Cameron, Convenor, Oban and Lorn SNP.

Euro election results

Since he was elected to Argyll and Bute Council by the skin of his teeth, Councillor Alastair Redman has bombarded local newspapers with a stream of drivel attacking the Scottish Government. In his latest diatribe, he alleges 'the SNP has completely misjudged the mood of voters up and down the country'.

I know it will be extremely painful, but if he can bring himself to review last week's election results in Scotland, he'll see the complete fallacy of this statement, and if he wants to look even closer to home, he'll see the SNP polled 11,360 votes in Argyll and Bute – 7,375 votes ahead of the Tories who came a distant fourth.

Hardly a sign that Ruth Davidson is poised to be the next First Minister of Scotland.

Robert Macintyre, Rothesay.

Beachd Ailein

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Ged nach eil a choltas san aimsir tha tòiseach an t-samhraidh air tighinn agus mar-thà tha na rathaidean nan cuis uamhais le trafaig! Saoilidh mi gum bheil cha mhòr an aon truimead trafaig ann fad na bliadhna a-nise, ach a-mhàin 's dòcha nach eil uimhir de bhanaichean-campachaidh rim faicinn sa gheamhradh.

'S e deagh innleachd margaideachd a bh' ann an cearcall slighe bho Inbhir Nis mu thimcheall cheann a tuath Alba a chomharrachadh mar an NC500, ach co-fhaireachadh dhan fheadhainn anns na coimhearsnachdan an cois an rathaid sin a tha a' fulang bacaidh na lùib ri linn lionmhorachd charbadan a' siubhal na slighe.

Agus tha fianais ann gum bheil seo a' tachairt an ire mhath fad na bliadhna! 'S fhada bhon a bha mi fhìn ag argamaid gur e gnìomhachas turasachd fear de na nàimhdean a bu mhotha a bh' aig dualchas agus cànan.

Bha sin mun do thuig mi gur sinn fhìn mar Ghàidheil aig am bheil an dleastanas ar dileab dualchais a ghleidheadh beò, chan eil luchd-turais a' goid seo bhuainn idir, gu dearbh 's ann a tha

cothrom againn fiosrachadh ma dheidhinn agus eòlas air a roinn leotha! Nach math a bhith a' faicinn barrachd den sin a' tachairt a-nise, agus tha tuilleadh a dhith fhad 's a tha an cothrom ann!

Ach le naidheachdan air fàs mu na h-àireamhan a tha a' siubhal gu tuath is dhan iar gach bliadhna, agus fiù 's le fios nach robh cuid oidhche ri lorg ann an Inbhir Nis air an deireadh seachdain seo chaidh, chan iongnadh cuid faighneachd am bheil an gnìomhachas seo na chron dhan Ghàidhealtachd.

Theagamh gun can cuid gum bheil sin air tachairt mar-thà agus gur còir sgur a bhith a' sanasachd na sgìre, ach tha gnìomhachas na h-aòigheachd cho gionach ris a' chòrr agus ma thèid aca air ceudan de notaichean iarraidh air leabaidh is braicist airson aon oidhche, a rèir choltais cha till aghaidh iad!

Tha fios cuideachd gum bheil mòran chothroman cosnaidh an lùib na h-obrach seo agus ged is dòcha nach i an cosnadh as fheàrr a phàigheas, far nach eil cus eile ri lorg bidh daoine taingeil air a son.

A' siubhal tro Sgonnsair ann an sreang fhada de charbadan

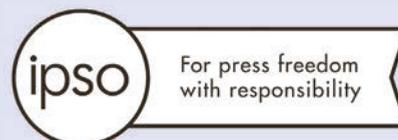
air an t-seachdain seo chaidh chunnaic mi croitear na sheasamh air fàl an rathaid is uan marbh aig a chasan. Bha mi a' beachdachadh air an t-saothair agus a' chosgais a thug am beathach sin dhan t-saoghal, agus an call a bha an duine sin a' fulang is càr air am beathach a mharbhadh. Gun teagamh 's e companas anshocair a tha eadar turasachd agus croitearachd aig amannan!

Evidence of ever-increasing numbers of visitor to the Highlands and Islands is leading some people to ask whether tourism might now be damaging to the area.

While it has become a major employer and economic generator, perhaps the hospitality industry requires to integrate more with the culture and traditions of the area to sustain community equilibrium.

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DISTRICT NEWS

MULL

Ross of Mull Art exhibition 2019 is inviting entries from artists and craftspeople who live on the island or on Iona. Original works from paintings to sculptures, prints, woodworking, textiles and jewellery are all welcome. The event will run at Pennyghael Community Hall from Saturday July 27 to Saturday August 10. Anyone interested can email r.blaecoe@btinternet.com or wiz@alanjanet.force9.co.uk

■ Dervaig Village Hall officially opened its refurbished bunkrooms on Tuesday May 28 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

■ A celebration of all things flowers will take place in Kilmore Church in Dervaig this month.

A floral display will be set-up in the church from June 15-21.

This year's theme is described as 'very broad' and can consist of anything from a 'few stems in a jar to a full blown arrangement'. The event description says: 'Let's try and get something on every window sill. Please bring contributions to Kilmore Church, Dervaig on Friday June 14. All welcome. Please get in touch if you want any more information or want to contribute a display.'

SEIL

Seil Community Council is making a last request for numbers to go into its phone directory. So far there are 125 numbers to add.

There is also a shortage of contractors, B&B and self-catering establishments for the directory's new edition. Entries cannot be put into the directory unless written consent is given first.

Anyone interested can contact the community council secretary Anne Foster at seilandeasdaleccsec@btinternet.com.

A slip will also be included in the next Seilachan newsletter.

■ An active balance group meeting at Seil Island Hall on Friday mornings is looking for a new fitness instructor after funding was pulled.

Oban bingo nights raise cash for good causes



More than £500 has been raised for good causes in Oban thanks to a busy month of bingo at The View.

On May 17, the charity bingo night raised £375 for Oban Saints Youth FC and the following Friday £170 was raised for Soroba Community Centre.

The centre will put the money towards a fundraising campaign to refurbish the sports pitch in Soroba.

The View thanked everyone who came along to support the organisations.

Details of upcoming bingo nights can be found at www.obanview.com/bingo



■ People living on Seil are being encouraged to stay vigilant for invasive Japanese Knotweed. A batch of it is growing along the Loch Seil side. Regular cutting and pulling after a number of years will kill the plant but cut bits must not be removed from the site and cannot be composted.

■ A new informal communications group has been set up between Seil, Luing and Kimelford areas and Easdale Medical Practice to meet three to four times a year, keeping communities up to date on health care service matters.

OBAN

The Rotary Club of Oban has donated £400 to help a school in Uganda provide new uniforms for the children.

The Banunule School Support Group has expressed profound thanks for the donation.

The group, which helped establish the Banunule Primary school for orphans in Uganda, said new uniforms were required following the merger of the school with Terra Nova Nursery and Primary School in Kampala.

The funds were used to purchase materials to enable uniforms to be made by the local support group.

It is anticipated that the enlarged school will continue to flourish.

STORNOWAY

The 2nd Stornoway Cubs descended on Stornoway Library recently to learn what digital making is and how it fits with Scouting and the wider world.

The activity was arranged to help the youngsters complete the first phase of their Digital Maker Badge.

Mull otter group celebrates World Otter Day in Fishnish

Mull Otter Group (MOG) celebrated World Otter Day with a day on May 29 at the Fishnish hide on Mull, courtesy of Mull and Iona Ranger Service, thanks to Jan and Lizzy.

More than 60 people came to meet Eddie the Otter, chat about otters and watch out for live ones.

£100 was collected for MOG funds from sales and donations to ongoing fundraising.

The new badge was developed to help children learn the digital skills necessary to help them in life.

APPIN

Tomorrow (Friday June 7) is the last chance to submit photographs for this year's Appin Community Calendar.

Appin Community Development Trust is looking for 13 high-quality images of the Appin area, which are suitable for printing in an A4 landscape format.

Those interested in contributing to the calendar, which will go through a selection process, are asked to put the images on to a memory stick and hand them to either Penny, Louise, into the Port Appin Co-op or send them by post to the Co-op.

In a poster, the trust said: 'Our aim is to generate health and well-being benefits across the whole community of Appin and all of the funds raised through sales of the calendar will go towards this cause.'

ARGYLL and LOCHABER

West of Scotland's fire chief is calling on communities to have their say on how the national service can help keep them even safer.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) recently unveiled a draft strategic plan setting out its proposed

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Plant sale ahead of show's diamond jubilee

New committee members and friends boosted the annual plant sale getting ready for North Connell and District Horticultural Show's diamond jubilee this year. Funds were raised at the sale at Benderloch's Victory Hall this month for the anniversary show on August 24.

Although it was raining on the sale day, the hall was buzzing with people snapping up bargain plants, swapping growing tips and discussing gardening problems.

Sue Greenwood put on a



A young grower snaps up some plants for her garden

popular display about organic gardening and Fiona Robertson has set up a Facebook page and website for the show at horticulturalshow.weebly.com

Show President Jane Eccles said the sale had been a great success and it was 'lovely' to have new committee members and friends of the show helping out and sharing their horticultural knowledge.



direction over the next three years and an associated consultation.

Now Deputy Assistant Chief Officer John Miller and SFRS board chairwoman Kirsty Darwent are appealing directly to communities across the West of Scotland to make their voices heard.

The plan includes enhancing partnership working, including looking at equipping firefighters to respond to new and emerging risks such as severe weather.

Mr Miller said: 'This is an opportunity for people in the west to have direct, valued input to help us mould our proposals to meet the unique needs of our modern communities.'

'People can make their voice heard on how we plan to meet new challenges and risks – such as population change and climate change – and keep our communities even safer.'

He added: 'One of the ways we can do this is by building on our outstanding track record in prevention.'

'In the west, and across Scotland, we have seen the number of house fires greatly reduce over the last two decades.'

'Now, we believe we can do even more to assist people – and enhanced partnership working can drive that ambition.'

The consultation runs until July 18. To view visit firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/draft-strategic-plan-2019-22/

Island to look at campervan provision

Seil is to look at how it could turn a potential 'nuisance' from campervans into a gain for the island.

The community council heard it could be possible to provide something that is quite simple to cater for campers in vans and caravans if a certified location was followed similar to the one run by the Caravan and Motorhome Club, usually found on farms that have a few spaces where campers can

get clean water and dispose of waste water.

Community councillor Yowan Byghan said: 'There are obvious disadvantages to having campervans on the island but they also present a lot of positive assets. Most owners are going to be responsible and will be spending money at our pubs and shops enjoying the island without any detrimental effect.'

There was also talk of extra

bins in the village to stop campers filling other people's.

Community council chairperson Julie Ferris said: 'We could look at ways of turning a nuisance into a gain.'

Problems with unruly parking and abandoned vehicles in Ellenabeich also came up for discussion at last week's community council meeting. The matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting which will be on Easdale.

At random

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Brilliant festival

Thousands of lucky people will be at Mossfield tomorrow and Saturday for this year's Oban Live.

Sadly, because of other circumstances beyond my control, I will not be among them.

I say 'sadly' because I have been to the previous two years of the biggest music festival in Argyll and have had a fantastic time. After all, what's not to like about it? The music has been brilliant and the weather for the past two events has been glorious.

There is a very special atmosphere at Oban Live, which draws people from all over the country and further afield back time and again. The festival is also a major contributor to the area's economy, as just about every hotel room in the town is booked, and the shops, cafes and pubs do a roaring trade.

I truly wish I could be there again this weekend but will have to console myself with the invitation I have received to attend the launch party tonight (Thursday) at Oban Distillery.

As well as food and drink, there will be performances from The Lush Puppies, Blue Moon Travellers and Creel.

I am very much looking forward to it. Thanks, Pauline, for including me on the guest list.

Blocking the view?

I am indebted to Roddy-Joe for highlighting to me what he considers to be an issue which needs to be addressed.

The genial Aulay's bar regular button-holed me recently to say that some of the trees around McCaig's Tower have grown to proportions which are now blocking the usually spectacular views of the town, bay and beyond.

I have to confess that I have not been up to the tower in recent days to see for myself but if Roddy-Joe is correct, it would be a shame for those people who have made the effort to visit the iconic tower.

Perhaps the trees should be trimmed back a touch.

What do you think?

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OUTDOORS

Loch Carron receives MPA designation

Loch Carron has been designated as a permanent Marine Protected Area (MPA).

Welcoming the news, Katie Gillham, head of marine ecosystems at Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), said: 'We're delighted that the Loch Carron MPA is now designated on a permanent basis.'

'Loch Carron is home to the world's largest known flame shell bed – containing a quarter of a billion of the fiery orange shellfish – as well as spectacular living maerl beds.'

'Not only are they outstandingly beautiful, but these vitally important marine ecosystems also provide us with many benefits, from locking in carbon to providing important nursery areas for other species.'

'The west coast of Scotland is of international importance for these precious seabed habitats and this designation ensures that they will continue to be protected and allowed to recover.'

The move was also welcomed by charity Open Seas. On its website it said: 'On Friday May 17, a diverse group including fishermen, divers, marine scientists, school children, campaigners, and a Scottish politician, gathered in Plockton to celebrate Loch Carron becoming a permanent MPA.'

'The Loch Carron celebration included a boat trip into the MPA, during which Maree Todd MSP and young environmental campaigners the Ullapool Seasavers snorkelled in the waters around North Strome exploring the life that lives under the waves.'

'In the afternoon, people returned to shore for a seafood lunch of creel-caught langoustine, hand-dived scallops, mackerel, oysters, crab-claws. It showed the incredible quality of sustainable, local, Scottish seafood – the harvesting of all of this produce will benefit from protecting coastal waters.'

To read more on Open Seas' website, visit www.openseas.org.uk/news/a-lesson-from-loch-carron/

Polar bears, Arctic terns and road birds

Notes from a windy island

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The water is never as cold as you think it's going to be. In fact, floating on your back with your legs casually crossed at the ankles, it's pleasant. This is my favourite Polar Bear pose: rotating slowly and thoughtfully through a panorama of Crossapol Bay – just like those compasses children make with a dish of water, tissue paper, and a needle.

Saturday morning swims start with the drive from my house to Crossapolon Tìree. It's a road I travel nearly every day; but there's a special savour when I'm not rushing for work. In May, the presence of road birds adds a dash of jeopardy. These troublesome creatures are a mixed species group, united by an irrepressible desire to get vaporised by your car. Meadow Pipits and Pied Wagtails are the worst offenders – though Snipe will give you a good run for your money too.

Early in the season, they shoot out of their roadside nests at the last possible moment, fluttering weakly as they battle to gain altitude. This gives you just enough time to get seriously worried that you're going to hit them, but not sufficient time to do anything about it. Being so light, they are usually saved by the wave of air sweeping up and over your vehicle. Their feathery persons are carried across the windshield, alarmingly close to your face, and then deposited safely behind.

Unfortunately, the road birds toe a thin line between two prevailing features of my life: 1) the fact that I love birds, and have no desire whatever to squash them; and 2) the sad reality that I am late for everything. Thus, my spring driving is punctuated by clenched teeth and whitened knuckles as I cringe behind the wheel.

My favourite road birds are the Island House Redshanks (or the Roadshanks as I like to call them). On the approach, their grey and



white wings curl into little 'Ms' of irritation. Furiously, they swoop over the tarmac; beaks wide, orange legs dangling like bendy straws, and raising hell with a shrill piping. The Roadshanks aren't as cavalier as the pipits. Instead, as you pass, they land on top of the stone dyke; craning their necks to menace you through the passenger window.

Most members of our weekly swimming club are less enthused by birds than me. But being in the water allows for some terrific views. Arctic Terns are standard fare during the Hebridean summer; but it was still a buzz to see the first 2019 breeders returning from their long migration. My cry of delight brought the terns screeching down from the clouds like silver Valkyries. As they clicked and chattered within a metre of my beaming smile, the other Polar Bears back-paddled anxiously. Not everyone was as keen to get reacquainted.

Indeed, as road birds go, Arctic Terns take

a certain professional pride in evening-up the score. I have seen them reduce cyclists to tears on the Reef, during the tense few days when their part-feathered young cross from the machair (where the adults nest) to the dunes (where the chicks prepare for lift-off). Most road bird fledglings sit blithely on the warm asphalt; blinking in innocent wonderment at oncoming vehicles, as their parents swoosh involuntarily past the panicked faces within.

Not so the terns. The adults will defend their young vigorously against all comers; stooping at road users to drive them away. Finding one dead on the verge brings a lump to my throat: in its long and crabbit lifetime (up to 30-years) an Arctic Tern might fly three million miles. That's four trips to the moon and back in old money.

Sculling my hands and watching the sunshine through their porcelain wings, I wished the advance-guard a safe and productive summer ahead.



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This week's walks



Bike Kitchen will be offering help and advice at the Vegan Fair on June 8.

Go green this summer at LEG events

At LEG we have a busy summer of events ahead of us and we'd like you to come along to as many as you can.

On June 8 you can find us outside the Vegan Fair at Duncansburgh Parish Church hall, with our Bike Kitchen offering help and advice on how to keep your bike in top condition and making minor repairs and adjustments. We will also be offering a Fix Your Own Bike workshop, which will give you a few more skills to keep the bike rolling smoothly.

Cycling is a great way to get out around Lochaber, whether for fun, going to the shops or commuting, and a well-maintained bike is the key to having a good day out.

June 13 and July 20 will see more Composting Workshops, where we visit a productive croft to see how to make the most of home composting. These have been really popular, so book early on Eventbrite to secure your place. The big event of the year



is the Electric Vehicle Roadshow. We'll be at The Nevis Centre all day on Saturday August 17 with some great electric vehicles for test drives.

The market for electric cars is increasing really quickly now, so hopefully one of them is going to be of use to you.

Also, thanks to our great local bike shops, we will have ebikes for test rides.

If you have an electric car in Lochaber we'd love to hear about your experience so get in touch.

Fancy eating some local food? September 7 is our Potato Harvest where we can see how they have done and hopefully get a few cooked

on the day, eating them as fresh as they come.

As the nights get longer, we will have an Overwintering Workshop on October 26 where you can learn how to keep vegetables going through the colder months to keep them fresh or get an extra early harvest in at the start of next season.

Finally, as it is now summer time, check your heating. We often see heaters left on for months at a time that have been forgotten about, which is a complete waste of money.

All our events will be publicised on our website and Facebook page. Tickets can also be booked through our Eventbrite page.

Lochaber Environmental Group is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and Paths for all. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch the office number is 01397 700090 or email at info@lochaberenviron.org.uk

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 13: Ben Vorlich

Start on the A82 opposite Stucken-droin Fm, NN322145, where limited parking is available. More parking is available about 250m away, both N and S.

Cross the road and take the track that leads to a way under the railway at NN321145. Head W up the slope to gain the crest of the ridge and climb it S at first, curving SW, then W over two Tops, 793mEX and 808m respectively.

Continue W up to the summit of Ben Vorlich, 943m. Note that the trig point is not the highest point. This is 200m further N. Descend SE from the trig point down the rough broken ridge to meet the track above Inveruglas. There is a faint path down this route. Follow the track down to the A82 and follow it NE to the CP at the power station.

Transport required. Grade: S; Distance: 10km; Height to climb: 1000m; Map(s): LR 50/56, EX 364 Meet: Longsdale CP, Oban NM862307 at 0810, Glencoe village CP NN098587 at 0825. Start of walk at 0930. Leader: Toril Frantzen 07788 264007.

Sunday June 16: Meall Mor and Meall Beag Rannoch Moor

Start at lay-by on A82 just south of Lochan na h-Achlaise NN 314 475.

Cross the road and head westwards directly to the summit of Meall Mor, 492m (unnamed on OS maps). Descend westwards to the col, avoiding steep or rocky sections and climb Meall Beag, 476m. Descend southwest across moorland to reach the southern end of a small conifer plantation and join the West Highland Way. Head north along the track for 3km and turn right on to a rough path just past Ba Cottage ruins at NN278495. Follow the path to

reach the A82. Grand views in a 360-degrees panorama.

Transport required at finish. Grade: M; Distance: 10km; Height to climb: 250m; Maps LR50 EX377/384/385 Meet at: Glencoe Village CP, (NN098587) at 0930. Start of walk: at 1000. Co-ordinator: Ian Moir 07973 836498.

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

Sunday June 9: Ben Lawers Horseshoe – Beinn Ghlas, Ben Lawers, Creag an Fhithich, An Stuc, Meall Garbh and Meall Greigh

The complete horseshoe is quite a long day, but easily accomplished at mid-summer and a great opportunity to bag five Munros and a Top for relatively little effort.

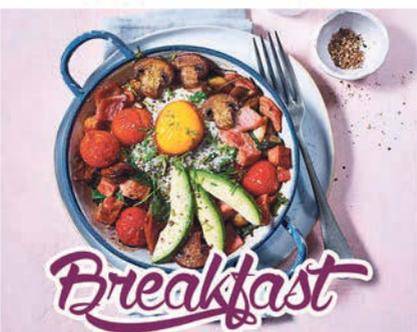
Start from the CP charge at NN607379. Cross the road and take the path, which leads NNE along the Burn of Edrumucky and then E on to the S ridge of Beinn Ghlas.

Follow the path up the ridge, finally turning E on a short spur to the summit, 1,066m. Return to the path and follow a fine ridge NE up to summit of Ben Lawers, 1,214m. Descend N, over Creag an Fhithich, 1,047m and continue up to the summit of An Stuc, 1,118m. The path continues down its steep N to NE aspect with some mild scrambling, to reach a col at 991m. Continue NE up the ridge to the summit of Meall Garbh, 1,118m. The horseshoe continues NE along a spur, descending gradually for 600m then curves E more steeply down to a col at 834m. Head E, climbing gradually and curving SE to the summit of Meall Greigh, 1001m.

Descend SE curving S to Sron Mhor, 805m, then follow the edge of a rocky escarpment down SW. Curve S to reach the path the alongside the Lawers Burn at the FBex, NN672420. Follow the path down to the A827 and head SW to the Lawers Hotel. CP charge.

Transport required, 15 minutes from start.

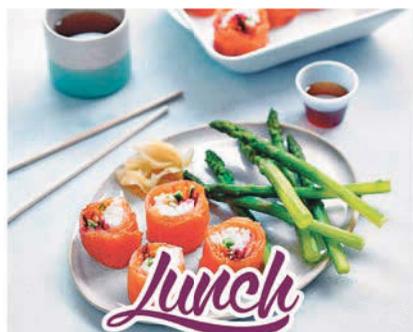
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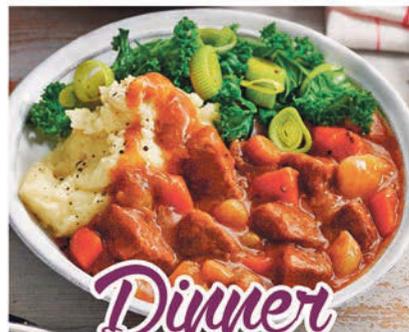
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benefits in a manner most suitable for that specific community. Rural Watch Scotland is an extension of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland with the only difference being it is a portal for communities in a rural location.

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Marlene Baillie
Chief Inspector

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Benderloch author launches book in Oban

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Benderloch author Willie Orr will be at Waterstones Oban later this month to launch his new book - *The Shepherd and The Morning Star*.

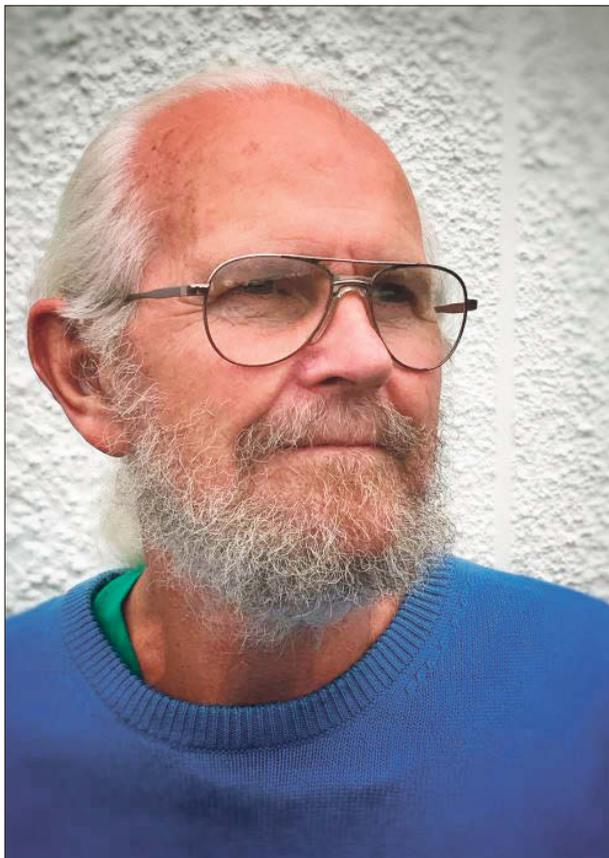
The story of a son emerging from his father's shadow is told in this remarkable double biography and autobiography.

Willie's father, Lawrence Orr, was a leading Ulster Unionist politician who aspired to be a member of the Westminster establishment.

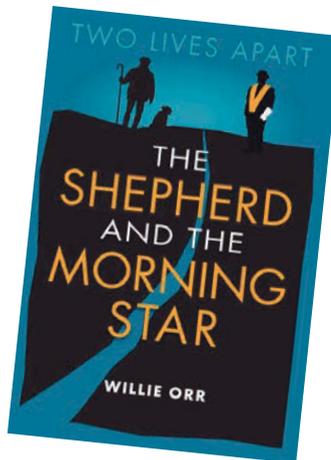
His political career ended in public disgrace after he abandoned a bride at the altar, while still married to Willie's mother at the time. He was replaced as MP for South Down in 1974 by Enoch Powell and lived a reclusive life thereafter.

After an education alongside his friend Paddy Ashdown, Willie distanced himself from his father's politics as a young adult.

Rootless and troubled,



he worked in the Belfast shipyards and as an actor in Dublin until he suffered a severe nervous breakdown.



Willie Orr, from Benderloch, will be in Waterstones, reading from his book on June 17.

He sought help and refuge in the Iona community and slowly recovered, finding purpose and fulfilment working as a shepherd for many years and then later retraining as a teacher.

In between times he

wrote as a journalist for the Scotsman and, with his wife Jan, set up a counselling service for adolescents in Oban.

This book is a deeply absorbing and powerful piece of writing, a record of mood and emotional development as much as a detailed chronology.

Very funny in parts and with a poet's sensitivity in others, it explores that precarious territory between the public and private lives of politicians.

It ends with a glimpse of redemption and healing, a coming to terms with the ghosts of the past.

Willie Orr will be talking about his book and signing copies at Waterstones in Oban on Monday June 17 from 5.30pm, with an introduction to the evening by top historian Sir Tom Devine.

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Hebridean home inspires new record

The seafaring tradition of Lewis men joining the merchant navy has inspired songs on a new CD by songwriter Graham Maciver.

Graham and his band Bendersider, named after his childhood home of Benside, are set to release *Blue Star Line* later this month.

The CD is named after the shipping company that Graham's father, Calum 'Creek' Maciver, sailed with in the 1950s and '60s. The title song, along with *Bang Bang*, are tributes to Calum and his life on the waves, while *My Island Home* is a nostalgic look back at Graham leaving Lewis in 1989 and how much he loves returning there to appreciate it now. Graham said: 'Joining the merchant navy seemed to be a natural progression for Lewis men of my father's generation. They wanted to see the world. *Blue Star Line* means so much to me. Through my song writing, I can reconnect with my father honouring his memory with my recollections of the warmth and love he showed to me and my family in the short time we had him.'

Blue Star Line will be launched at 7.30pm on June 16 at the Hug & Pint, Glasgow.

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- 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)
- 22.00 Air an Rathad (rpt)
- 22.30 Impireachd Banrigh Bhictoria (rpt)
- 23.20 Dhan Uisge (Loch Coruisik) (rpt)
- 23.30 Fonn Fonn Fonn (rpt)

DIHAOINE 7 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / FRIDAY 7th JUNE

- 17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
- 18.35 Machair (rpt)
- 19.00 An La – News
- 19.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)
- 19.30 Prosaig (rpt)
- 20.00 Horo Gheallaidh (rpt)
- 20.30 Dreach Ur S2 (rpt)
- 21.00 Rose Reilly (rpt)
- 22.20 Black Lake (rpt)
- 23.05 Belladrum 2016: The Pretenders (rpt)

DISATHAIRNE 8 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / SATURDAY 8th JUNE

- 16.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
- 17.45 An Là – News
- 18.00 A Bhriogais Chearr/ Wallace & Gromit in A Grand Day Out (rpt)
- 18.30 Balaich Ronaigh (rpt)
- 19.20 Binneas – Na Trads – Ross Ainslie (rpt)
- 19.30 Prosaig
- 20.00 Machair
- 20.25 Fraochy Bay
- 20.30 Vets: Gach Creutair Beo (rpt)
- 21.00 Seirm S5 (rpt)

- 22.00 Impireachd Banrigh Bhictoria (rpt)
- 23.00 Rose Reilly (rpt)
- 00.20 Belladrum – Cridhe Tartan – Errol Linton (rpt)

DIDÒMHNAICH 9 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / SUNDAY 9th JUNE

- 16.00 Dluth Bhearradh/ Wallace & Gromit in A Close Shave
- 16.30 Fraochy Bay
- 16.40 *NEW* FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 – England v Scotland
- 19.00 An La – News
- 19.15 Seachd La – News Review
- 20.15 Binneas – Na Trads (rpt)
- 20.30 An t-Eilean/From Skye with Love
- 21.00 Bliadhna na Sgoile (My School Year) (rpt)
- 22.00 Seirm S5 (rpt)
- 22.00 Black Lake (rpt)
- 23.45 Dhan Uisge (Easdale) (rpt)
- 23.50 Binneas – Na Trads – Ross Ainslie

DILUAIN AN 10 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / MONDAY 10th 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 *NEW* Trusadh – Gluais! (Healthy body, Healthy Mind)
- 22.00 Ceolmhor@Piping Live! S5 (rpt)
- 22.30 DIY le Donnie (rpt)
- 23.15 Belladrum – Cridhe Tartan (Highlights)
- 23.30 Air an Rathad (rpt)

DIMAIRT 11 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / TUESDAY 11th JUNE

- 17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming
- 19.30 Beul Chainnt (rpt)
- 20.00 An La – News
- 20.30 Vets: Gach Creutair Beo
- 21.00 *San Fhuil / It's In The Blood (rpt)
- 22.00 Trusadh – Gluais! (rpt)
- 23.00 Horo Gheallaidh/ Celtic Music Sessions (rpt)
- 23.30 Alleluia (rpt)

DICIADAIN 12 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / WEDNESDAY 12th 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 Belladrum – Cridhe Tartan – Highlights (rpt)
- 22.00 Fonn Fonn Fonn (rpt)
- 22.30 Ceolmhor@Piping Live! S5 (rpt)
- 23.00 Peter Manuel – Deireadh an Uilc (rpt)

DIARDAOIN 13 AN T-ÒGMHIOS / THURSDAY 13th 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 Jolomo – Dealbhadair nan Daoine (rpt)
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Never mind the Champions League final, or the upcoming women's world cup, or even Steve Clarke's first game as Scotland manager, the main footballing event of the year took place last week at Firhill as Kilchoan FC faced up against the West Coast Allstars in a game that was a friendly by name; but not by nature! My sporting correspondent, Donald 'Maroot' MacLeod, was there to cover the action for the Glasgow Letter...

Kilchoan v West Coast Allstars

The sun picked possibly the worst moment of the weekend to reappear as 22 of the West Coast's most available footballers took to the stage at Firhill.

South Uist's answer to Graeme Souness, Joe MacNeil, was player-manager of the Allstars, who took an early lead when Jamie More lashed the ball home as the ref played advantage after a clear foul on John Tuach.

One became three as Super Ali MacDonald latched on two fine balls (one from Gordon Smith and one

from Gordon MacGòags) and rounded the keeper before slotting home on both occasions.

The Allstars defence was holding out thanks to some fine saves from John Allan between the sticks and Ali and John Angus providing a buffer in midfield, until Iain Macdonald, never usually a man to pass a buffet or a football, slipped a lovely ball through with everyone expecting a shot.

The Kilchoan striker rounded the keeper and almost slotted into the empty net; but for Donnie Maroot who managed to get back and clear the ball off the line. It was total luck, and he almost sclafted it into the net, but he will take the Sergio Ramos comparison drawn after the game.

The second half was slower as the weather, age, and the excesses of the previous night took their toll. Suddenly a moment of controversy, as Donnie floated a ball to the back post (shouting 'Ali' as he played it). Joe MacNeil smashed the ball into the top corner, only for the ref to rule it offside. Harsh to say the least.

A change in keeper, Joe

replacing John Allan, brought a change in fortune for the Allstars defence, Daniel Gillespie (from Tìree but claiming a heritage in far west Kilchoan for the day) bending the ball into the bottom corner.

That looked like the end of the scoring, until Johnny Tuath rose like the proverbial salmon at the back post, only to be clattered by the Kilchoan keeper. The goal was awarded as his header nestled in the back of the net.

Final score: Kilchoan FC 1-4 West Coast Allstars.

Despite the one-sided score line, it was a fiercely competitive game. With the weather being so hot, all players were advised to ensure they rehydrate urgently. I wonder where their chosen watering hole was...

GG performs live in Mugdock Park

The GG choir was in good voice last Sunday June 1 as part of a Gaelic Celebration Day in Mugdock Park. The day also featured theatre, sport, and story-telling and (despite the weather) was enjoyed by all.



The GG, conducted by Kenny Thomson, last weekend.

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One sleep to go until Oban Live

Oban is preparing to welcome thousands of visitors as Argyll's biggest outdoor live music event, Oban Live, gets ready to kick off tomorrow.

Taking place at Oban's famous shinty ground, Mossfield Stadium, on June 7 and 8, the award-winning two-day music festival promises an impressive line-up for its fourth year.

Bands taking to the stage include Oban Live founders Skerryvore, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, We Banjo 3, Lucy Spraggan, Be Charlotte, and the Elephant Sessions.

Exclusive features include The Caman Connection, a celebration of songs that were written about shinty, featuring a star-studded line-up of Scottish traditional musicians who have an association with the sport.

Also reuniting at Oban Live is the Celtic Brotherhood, a collaboration between Skerryvore and Irish blue grass quartet We Banjo 3. The two bands caused a comedy storm on social media during their joint American tour last year as they fought for votes in their widely popular Bagpipes versus Banjo campaign.

Running off-peak in early June, the 5,000 capacity event



Red Hot Chilli Pipers will play Oban Live this weekend.

brings significant social, cultural and economic benefits to the town and, in 2018, injected a £1.4million boost to Oban's economy.

Gates open at 4pm and close at 11.30pm each day giving ticket holders time to explore the town and enjoy the Oban Live Fringe too during their visit.

Organisers say the 2019 Oban Live Fringe is their best yet thanks to the support from Oban businesses and the community. The new fringe programme was launched earlier this month

and is available to download at www.obanlive.com/fringe and can be picked up in outlets across the town.

The eclectic list of events includes a gin tasting afternoon, craft market, live music across pubs, a fringe launch party at Oban Distillery, the official after-party at The View Oban, featuring Project Smok and Dosca, and more. Oban Live ticket holders also get to take advantage of several shop, activity, food and drink offers across the town over Oban Live weekend.

A special Oban Live

Express bus service is being operated by West Coast Motors serving Argyll areas around Oban, including Ardrishaig, Kilmelford, Kilmore, Inveraray, Dunoon and Connel, with stops along the way.

Bus tickets are available from the West Coast Motors website under fares and tickets. The return service departs Oban Station Square at quarter past midnight each night.

Tickets are selling faster than previous years. Visit www.obanlive.com



Authors at the The Golden Lion Hotel for the launch of the Bloody Scotland programme on Monday. Photograph: Paul Reich

Bloody Scotland launches 'dizzying weekend of pleasure'

Bloody Scotland launched its festival programme on Monday in Stirling, followed by a one-off performance by author Val McDermid, who will be in New Zealand during this year's festival, which runs from September 20-22.

On revealing the programme, the crime writing festival stalwart said: 'It's a dizzying weekend of pleasure.'

The gala opening on Friday September 20 will again see the announcement of the winner of the McIlvanney Prize for the Scottish Crime Novel of the Year and will also reveal the first winner of the new prize for Scottish crime fiction debut. The winners will join one of the world's leading thriller writers, David Baldacci, at the head of the annual torchlight procession down to the Albert Halls.

Event highlights include appearances by Ian

Rankin; Alexander McCall Smith; Alex Gray and Lin Anderson, interviewed by the BBC's Janice Forsyth; Denise Mina and Louise Welsh; two married couple writing partnerships – Nicci French and Ambrose Parry; Icelandic queen of crime Yrsa Sigurdardottir; Stuart MacBride; Mark Billingham and, straight from Pointless, Richard Osman, who has just signed a much-publicised seven-figure deal for his first crime novel, The Thursday Murder Club, to be published by Viking next year.

Non-fiction highlights include forensic scientist Professor Angela Gallop (whose book details her high-profile work on cases such as Damilola Taylor, Stephen Lawrence and Rachel Nickell).

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8 Week Mindfulness Course

The Rockfield Centre

12-12:30pm

Oban Live 2019

Mossfield Stadium

4pm

Oban Live Fringe - Live Music &

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SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Design and Makers Market

The Rockfield Centre

11am-4pm

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12noon- 1:30pm

Oban Live 2019

Mossfield Stadium

4pm

Oban Live Fringe - Live Music &

Entertainment @ Markie Dans

Crooked Reel - Afternoon and Evening

Open till 3am

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

8 Week Mindfulness Course

The Rockfield Centre

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TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

8 Week Mindfulness Course

The Rockfield Centre

12-12:30pm

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North Argyll Carers Centre

10:30am-12pm

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

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The Rockfield Centre

7pm-9pm

Killin lines up for three-day festival

by Kathie Griffiths
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Cosy up for an intimate but lively afternoon of Open Stage music as part of Killin Festival's three-day bash, coming soon.

As well as a line-up of fresh talent battling it out for a main stage slot at next year's festival, the weekend, which kicks off on Friday June 14, will also be welcoming headliners Trail West, Elephant Sessions and Siobhan Miller.

This year will see different genres taking to the stage, including soul-funk phenomenon Tom McGuire and the Brassholes and indie band The 101, say organisers.

Tickets for the weekend are disappearing fast but some are still available for anyone quick off the mark and not wanting to miss out on the fun and frolics in one of the



Highland's most beautiful villages at the west end of Loch Tay.

Acts going head to head in the Open Stage competition on the Sunday from 2pm are husband-and-wife duo Two Far Flung, who create

intimate songs and folk melodies with Celtic roots and hints of Americana.

Budding solo singer-songwriters include Calum Bowie from Aberdeenshire, Anna Leyden from Belfast, and Glasgow's Kara Conway, who has performed solo

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FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

16:00 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:15/19:00 ALADDIN | PG
18:15 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
20:15 FINAL ASCENT: THE LEGEND OF HAMISH MACINNES | 12A

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

11:30 ★ KIDS CLUB: IRON GIANT | PG
12:00/15:00 ALADDIN | PG
13:45/18:00 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:00 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
18:00 WILD ROSE | 15
20:15 FINAL ASCENT: THE LEGEND OF HAMISH MACINNES | 12A
20:30 ROCKETMAN | 15

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

12:00/15:00/18:30 ALADDIN | PG
14:15 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
18:00 WILD ROSE | 15
20:15 FINAL ASCENT: THE LEGEND OF HAMISH MACINNES | 12A
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KIDS CLUB: ★
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MONDAY 10TH JUNE

16:15 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:30/19:30 ALADDIN | PG
18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
20:30 WILD ROSE | 15

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

16:15 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:30/19:30 ALADDIN | PG
18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
20:30 WILD ROSE | 15

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

16:15 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
16:30 ★ /19:30 ALADDIN | PG
18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
20:30 ROCKETMAN | 15

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

16:15 POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKAJU | PG
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18:30 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2 | U
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the best and new festival extravaganza



Left, Calum Bowie is looking forward to playing outside Aberdeenshire for the first time; above, Two Far Flung is one of the up-coming acts lined up for Killin Festival's Open Stage competition; above right, Anna Leyden is a singer-songwriter originally from Belfast; and right, Pedro Cameron is multi-instrumentalist Man of The Minch.



backed by a live orchestra at the SEC Armadillo. Man of the Minch, a Glasgow-based queer-galactic-folk-pop act is promising something unique – Celtic with a modern twist – and instrumentalist of the year nominee Laura Wilkie is also on the bill.

Entry to the Open Stage competition afternoon, sponsored by the Killin Hotel, is free. Go along and listen to unsigned artists pursuing their dreams and following their hearts.

Festival organisers have got the event covered, in more ways than one, with something for all tastes, from a relaxed, seated concert to bouncing night-time shows. All events are indoors or under cover, so no need to fear

the temperamental weather. There are also a variety of free fringe events happening throughout the weekend, including a second festival stage, other competitions and a craft fair.

More music in the Portnellan Tent over the weekend will come from Headland, Dìù and Greig Taylor. Access to the tent is free of charge, making it a great choice for a family day out, say organisers.

To see the full festival line-up and buy tickets go to the official website at killinmusicfestival.com. Tickets also available through universe.com/kmf19

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Islay book club makes First Minister's shortlist

A community project fostering the love of reading among primary pupils on Islay has been shortlisted for a top competition.

Bookberries book club was the brainchild of a group of parents who got together to start an after-school club, with support of teachers, to reach even the most reluctant readers.

They now have their own pop-up library and are planning more fundraising events to keep up their good work and keep book pages turning.

The scheme entered The First Minister's Reading Challenge under the category of Community Culture



Bookberries aims to foster a love of reading among primary pupils on Islay.

Challenge and the winner will be officially announced on Monday, June 10.

'Bookberries book club has

created quite a buzz round school since it started on World Book Day this year,' said Hilary Epps, who is one of the parents behind it, bringing books to life with fun story-based activities.

Turning pupils into sleuths to solve mysteries, designing Wonka inspired sweets, thinking up ideas to go into The BFG's dream jars and making chocolate slime are just some of the activities enjoyed so far.

A £500 grant from the Siobhan Dowd Trust also meant the club could buy some books from the island's gift shop to start off its own small but brilliant collection

and set-up a lending system, improving the school library that had become rather worn and outdated.

'Taking part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge was the perfect opportunity to help create a buzz about reading,' added Hilary.

Keeping fingers crossed for good news from the competition next week, the club is getting excited about its summer sessions to continue its book adventure.

'Think sea monkeys, mermaids, flying ponies, pugs, wizards, a magical wardrobe and a whole lot more of Bookberries story-telling fun,' said Hilary.

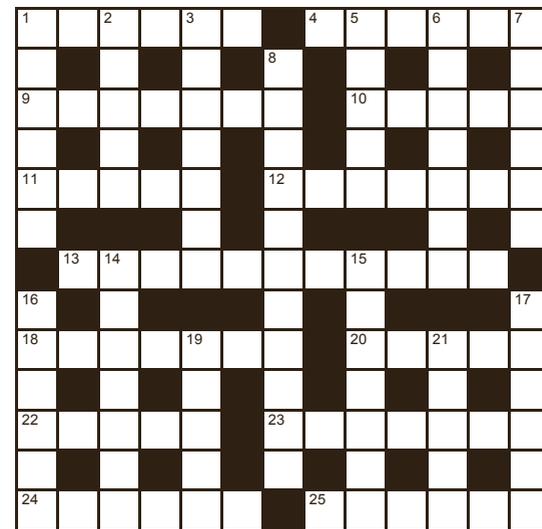
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TUESDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 Breakfast show, 10.00 Ken Hunter's Tuesday morning, 13.00 Macky on Fm, 17.00 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 19.00 Highest praise with Stuart Chalmers, 20.00 Clyde 2 through the night with the Greatest Hits.
WEDNESDAY: 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 breakfast show, 09.00 Sounds Scottish repeat, 10.00 The Comfort Zone with Lesley Blair Simmonds, 13.00 Doug Carmichael in the afternoon, 17.00 Drivetime with Campbell Cameron, 19.00 Country meets Rock & Roll with Len Ford & Kenny MacLachlan alternating, 21.00 Gordon's Grooves with Gordon Macintyre, 12.00 Midnight through the night with Clyde 2.
THURSDAY: 08.00 - 11.00 Breakfast with Andy and Sarah, 11.00 Molly's Mix with Molly Black, 15.00 Drivetime with Stephen McPhee, 19.00

Christine's collection, 21.00 Ann's Ceilidh, 22.00 Margo till midnight then Through the night with Clyde 2.
FRIDAY: 08.00 breakfast show with Laura, 10.00 Teeny and Tiny aka Harry, Janet, and Anna, 17.00 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 18.45 Sports View, 19.00 Country meets Country with Jackie Craig, 21.00 Peter Rainnie 12.00 Midnight through the night with Clyde 2.
SATURDAY: 08.00 The Breakfast show with Stephen MacPhee, 10.00 Saturday Morning live with Linda Crosher, 13.00 Clyde2 Sports and the Greatest hits, 18.00 Sports view – Oban Fm Dream team, 19.00 Sounds Scottish with Archie Darling, 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 Turmoil (6)
- 4 Set upon (6)
- 9 French mansion (7)
- 10 Blended food (5)
- 11 Own up to (5)
- 12 Strange (7)
- 13 Copper-coated block used in printing (11)
- 18 Portentous (7)
- 20 Eating vessel (5)
- 22 Those of the highest class (5)
- 23 Take under one's wing (7)
- 24 Fancy (6)
- 25 Yielding (6)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Down

- 1 Writing used in old Greek manuscripts (6)
- 2 Sphere (5)
- 3 Royal domain (7)
- 5 Gemstone (5)
- 6 Parachute down (3-4)
- 7 Goalie (6)
- 8 Ficus elastica (6,5)
- 14 Toilet (7)
- 15 Farmer's cart (7)
- 16 Astray (6)
- 17 Warning (6)
- 19 Jumpers on dogs (5)
- 21 Seen in the throat (5)

Ballet West named 'best British ballet school'

The Ballet West High Performance Lower School was awarded 'Best School' in the first British Ballet Grand Prix in Leicester on June 1.

Students from Ballet West's High Performance Lower School achieved a gold medal in the ensemble category; two individual silver medals and a bronze medal. The school also won the choreography award.

Ballet West Principal, Gillian Barton congratulated the students and their teachers: "This is a remarkable achievement by our dedicated and hard-working young students. Together with their teachers and choreographers they have put Ballet West at the forefront of ballet training in Britain."

Thirteen-year-old Michaela Fairon was awarded a silver medal in the intermediate (12-15 years) category; with 12-year-old Tenika Rush achieving bronze. Luciano Ghidoli won a silver medal in the advanced (16 - 21) category. The choreography award went to Josie Ridgway for Das Nicht, choreographed



Ballet West was named best school at last week's Grand Prix.

by Angelique Harris, work The Quickening won gold in the ensemble category. It was danced by Michaela, Tenika and Josie.

Ballet West launched the High Performance Lower School in Oban in July 2018. In March 2019 Michaela, Tenika and Josie won two gold medals and a silver medal in the Valentina Kozlova International Ballet Competition finals in New York City. The school is led by Artistic Manager Sayward ten Hove and Assistant Artistic Manager Angelique Harris.

Ardnamurchan lighthouse welcomes The Walnuts

Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trust will host The Walnuts on the Sunday June 16, for an afternoon of Celtic music, folk and Americana.

The band raises money for charities by playing gigs in people's front rooms, back gardens, kitchens, churches, boats, vineyards - basically anywhere really.

In the past two years they have gigged all over Europe, including the Piping Hot Sausage tour which has since led to their quest for Europe's finest sausage.

During the Scottish tour, the band will be raising money for the Eric Liddell Centre - Scotland's leading dementia charity.

The Walnuts comprise an eclectic mix of members. Guitarist Davie McGirr is the founder of Seven Songs for Dementia and in 2015 started turning up with his guitar in kitchens, living rooms, pubs and gardens around the UK.



Matt Allright, guitarist and vocalist, works as a TV presenter on Watchdog, The One Show and Rogue Traders.

Donald Stewart is a Celtic fiddle legend, while bagpiper Fergus Muirhead has played all over the world, including for the pope at the Vatican and with the Chieftains at the London Palladium.

Fergus can regularly be heard on a variety of BBC

radio and TV programmes discussing consumer rights and also writes for the Daily Record on the same subject.

The band is currently travelling around Scotland in a motorhome that has been donated by the Caravan and Motorhome Club of Great Britain and Bailey's of Bristol.

The Walnuts will play for about an hour starting at noon. Everyone is welcome

The Walnuts gig at Ardnamurchan lighthouse is raising money for the Eric Liddell Centre - Scotland's leading dementia charity.

and donations to their chosen charity will be gratefully received.

Visitors can bring their own camping chairs or just stand and listen if they prefer, but they should dress for the weather as the boys will be performing outside.

Prior to and during the gig, visitors will be able to buy hot dogs from an on-site BBQ.

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It's back – the festival that gets better and better every year with a fringe that's bigger and better.

Oban Live has grown out of an event which has gone down in west coast music legend – the 10th anniversary concert held by Skerryvore. Music lovers demanded more of the same every year.

Mossfield Stadium hosts the event and Oban Live has grown into the biggest live music event in the region.

And along with Oban Live has come a blossoming festival fringe scene – the event has spilled over from Mossfield and into the streets of the town, filling bars, clubs and hotels with music and a great atmosphere.

Shops, attractions and services in the town have joined in, giving the Oban area the most incredible buzz throughout the festival weekend. The whole town comes alive.

Check out the free Oban Live Fringe guide for full details and don't forget to keep your wristband or tickets with you at all times so you do not miss any of the fantastic discounts and offers available that are listed in the guide.

The message from the team behind Oban Live is: 'We have a fantastic line-up of Scottish and international artists ready to rock the "little bay" with a fantastic programme of events, food and drink offers and exclusive shop discounts available across the town over the weekend, provided by Oban's range of top class hospitality providers and local businesses.'

Oban Live gates open at 4pm and close 11.30pm on both Friday 7 and Saturday June 8, and the fringe is happening big time before and after the party each day. It is well worth booking, if you can, for the really hot tickets for the fringe, like the official after party at The View, Oban.

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Booking is advisable.



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Live music sessions at the fringe

Live music at the Oban Distillery 1794 Bar

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 June, Oban Distillery 1794 Bar, noon to 3.30pm

Families welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Spend the afternoon enjoying live music from The Blue Moon Travellers and more in Oban Distillery's 1794 Bar, which serves whisky and cocktails, on the first floor of the Oban Distillery Visitor's Centre. Oban Live 2019 ticket holders also get £5 off selected 70cl bottle sales in the Oban Visitors Centre Shop over Oban Live 2019 weekend. Regular tours of the Oban Distillery will be running throughout the day from 9.45am until 6.15pm. Free entry.

Gunna Sound

The Royal Hotel, Argyll Square, Oban
Friday 7 and Saturday 8 Sunday June 9

Before Oban Live from noon and after Oban Live from 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday, noon to 4pm

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Friday 7 and Saturday June 8

Friday, from 11.30pm, Chunks; Saturday at 1pm, Crooked Reel and from 11.30pm, Crooked Reel.

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McCaig's Return

1 Shore St, Oban

Friday 7 and Saturday June 8

Friday, from 11.30pm to 2am, North 56; Saturday, 11.30pm to 2am, The Fold.

Brew & Co The Perle Hotel

Gregor Coleman

Friday 7 and Saturday June 8

Noon to 3pm both days, Gregor Coleman.

The singer and songwriter from Glasgow, who appeared on the 2017 series of The X Factor, will be performing live at The Perle Hotel's Brew & Co bar and cafe.

Scottish Traditional Music & Folk Session

The View Oban, George Street, Oban

Sunday June 9, 1pm to 1am

The View will keep the party alive with open Scottish trad and folk music sessions. Gather around a table and enjoy impromptu sessions with cracking tunes and the drinks flowing. Great music, good craic, all welcome. Any musicians wishing to play, please get in touch beforehand.

Events

An Evening with Alan McGee

Thursday June 6, Corran Halls, Corran Esplanade, Oban.

Doors 7.30pm, start 8pm.

Adults only. Alan McGee is a Scottish businessman and music industry executive. He is best known for co-founding and running the independent Creation Records label and is the man who discovered and signed Oasis. Join Alan as he discusses his career, the music industry and his relationship with bands such as Oasis and Primal Scream. Hosted by author and broadcaster Rob Fiddaman and presented by Toura Toura in association with Bartercard.

£10 + £1 booking fee for Oban Live 2019 ticket holders. Or £15 + £1 booking fee.

Oban Live Fringe Launch Party

Thursday June 6, Oban Distillery, Stafford Street, Oban. Doors 7.30pm, start 8pm, finishes at midnight.

Over 18s only. Enjoy a night of malt, live music and dancing in the courtyard of the historical Oban Distillery to launch the Oban Live Fringe 2019. The event entrance will be through the archway at the top of Stafford Street where guests will be greeted with local music, food and drink including malt whisky offerings from Oban Distillery and the official first outing of the Oban Live Cocktail for 2019. Enjoy live music from: The Lush Puppies, Blue Moon Travellers plus food and a range of drinks, including cocktails, and drams will be available to purchase at the event.

Tickets, £5, can be purchased in advance from the distillery or tickets will be available at the door until 9.30pm.

Karaoke at McCaig's Return,

Shore Street, Oban. Thursday June 6, 9pm to midnight.

A fringe favourite.

OBAN Fm Roadshow Live at Oban Station Square

Friday June 7, Saturday June 8, noon to 3.30pm.

Oban's International FM and digital radio station will be entertaining live from Oban's Station Square, the start of the Oban Live Trail, playing a whole host of Oban Live music favourites and having the craic. Meet the DJs and have a boogie before heading up to Mossfield for the main event at 4pm.

The Official Oban Live After Party 2019

Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8, The View, Oban, George Street, Oban, 11pm till late both nights.

The party continues at The View, Oban, open till late. Featuring, on Friday, Project Smok and the Argyll Ceilidh Trail and, on Saturday, it's Project Smok, Dosca and DMS. The View will be serving late night food for hungry after party goers (not included in ticket price).

VIPs: The After Party is free for Oban Live VIP ticket holders, with guaranteed entry before midnight.

To book advance queue-jump tickets visit <https://bit.ly/2D77Li8>. On the door tickets are also available from £10.

Makers' Market

Friday 7 and Saturday June, The Rockfield Centre, Stevenson Street, Oban, 11am to 4pm.

View the creativity of local designers and creators by visiting The Rockfield Centre's Makers' Market. A wide range of items will be on view and for sale from jewellery, paintings, books, ceramics, silk scarves, scented candles, plus lots more. Enjoy the atmosphere of this unique venue and learn about the history and plans for the iconic Rockfield building. Refreshments and home baking available. PLUS live music from Ballachulish youth group RocksKool.

Hope Kitchen lunchtime ceilidh

Friday June 7, noon to 2pm, Hope Kitchen, Soroba Road, Oban.

Enjoy live music, ceilidh dancing and a spot of lunch. No tickets necessary.

Followed by Parsley's Cat Cafe 2pm to 3pm. Hosted by Parsley - Oban's famous resident cat with nearly 8,000 followers on his very own Facebook page. www.facebook.com/parsleyoban

An afternoon with Isle of Harris Gin and Inverawe Smokehouse

Saturday June 8, The View, Oban, George Street, 1pm to 2.30pm.

Let the Oban Live fun be-gin early, with a rare tasting event with Isle of Harris Gin, recently voted number one Scottish gin brand, and local award-winning Inverawe Smokehouse. On arrival, enjoy a gin and tonic paired with canapes, then brand ambassador Iona will share more about the Outer Hebridean spirit and story.

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Thank you to everyone who has voted so far. The competition is incredibly close with only a handful of votes separating the leaders.

Voting closes at 10am on Monday June 10th with the winner announced on Thursday 13th June.

To vote for your favourite, complete the voting coupon (make sure it comes from either the 30th May or 6th June issues) and either post them to us or hand them in to our Oban or Fort William offices.

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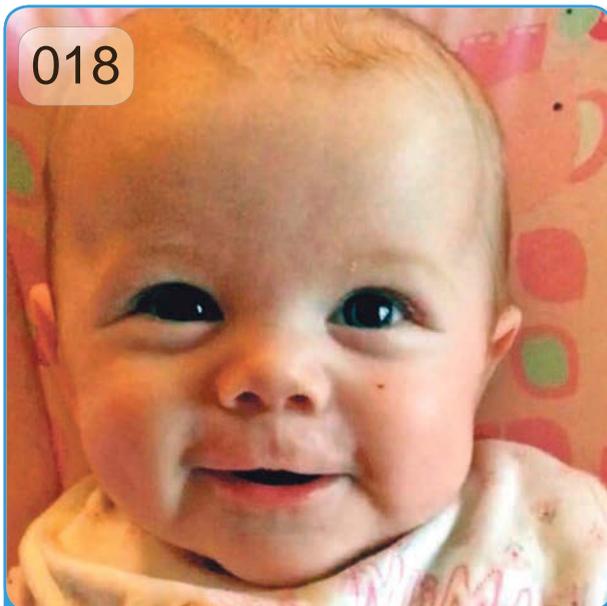
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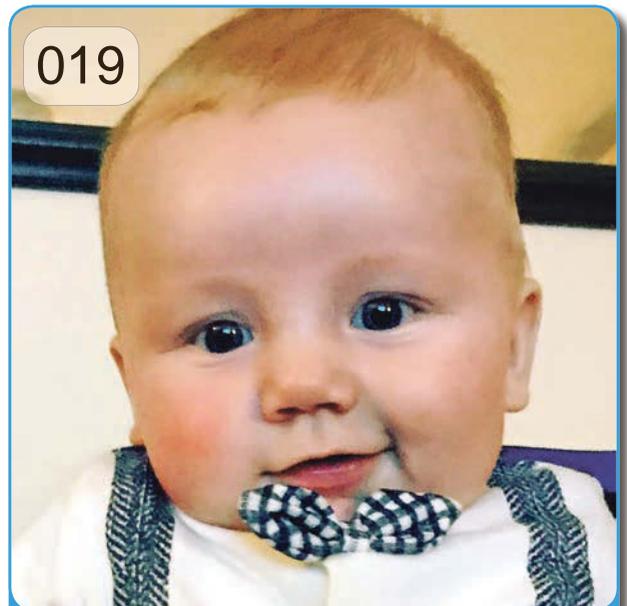
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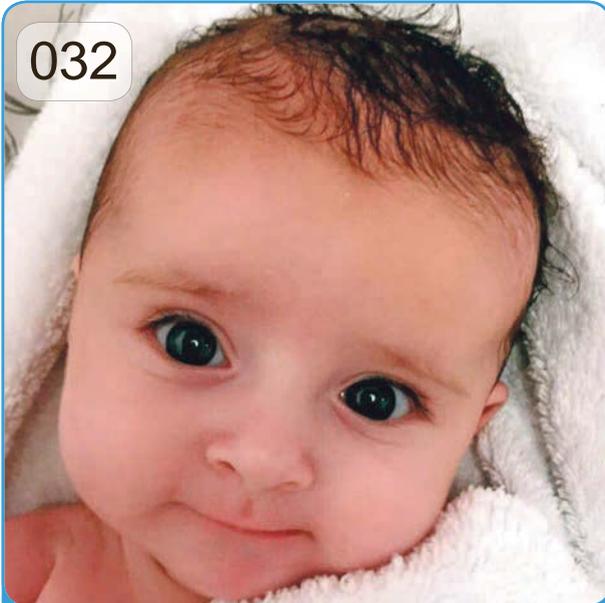
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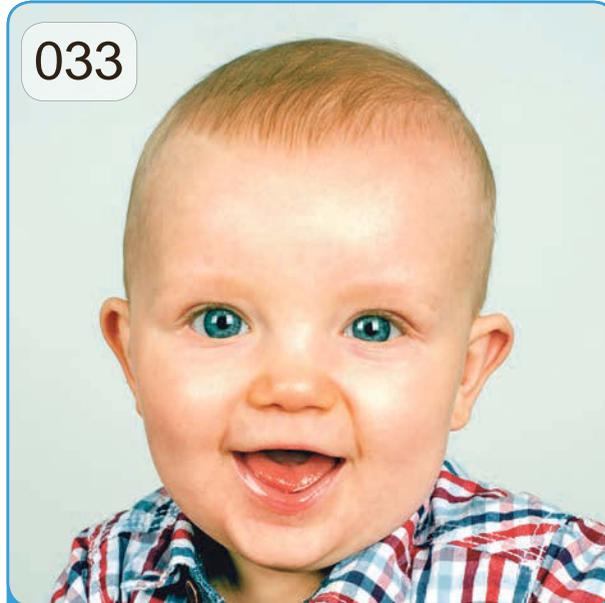
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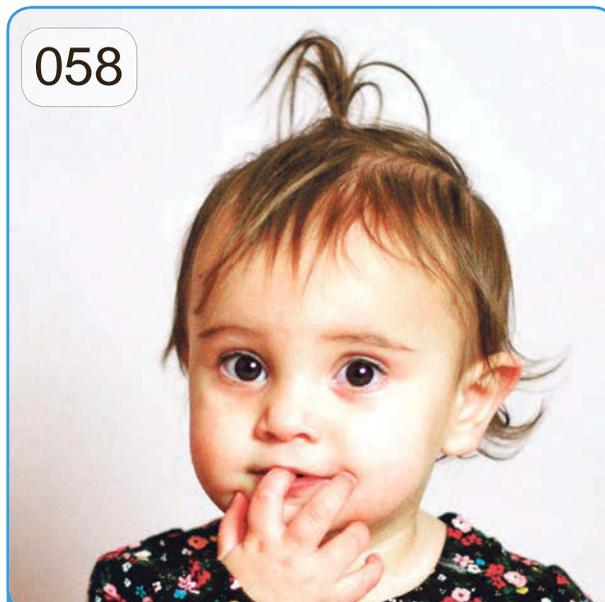
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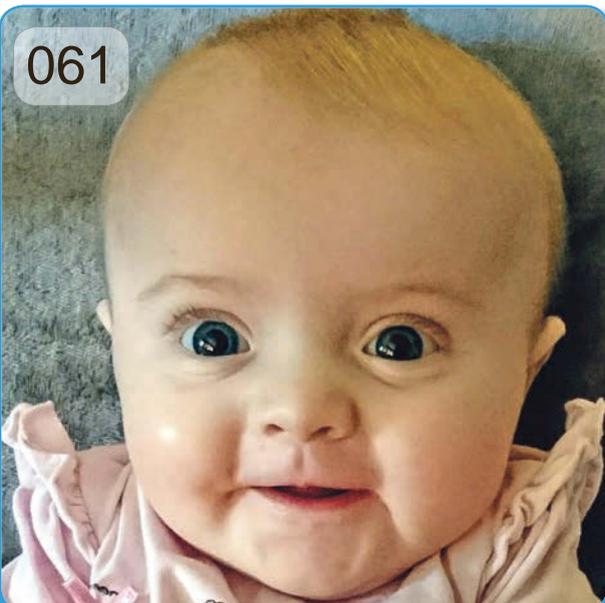
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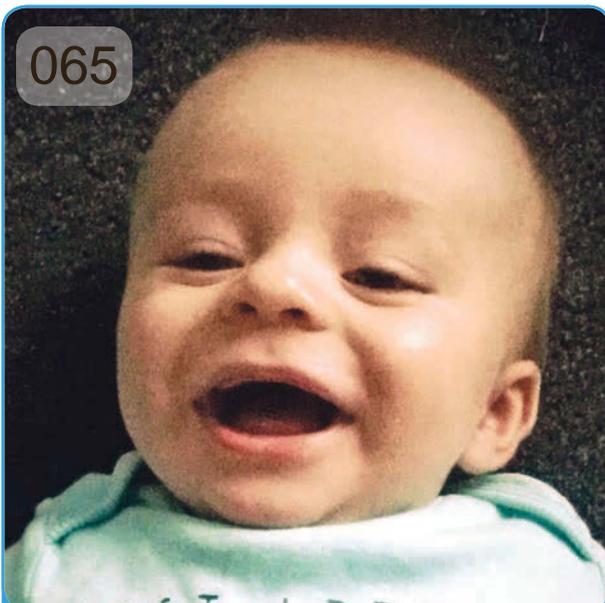
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SRUC shakes things up at RHS

State-of-the-art virtual reality headsets, milkshakes created from a world-famous dairy herd and a chance to fly miniature drones are among the draws at the Scotland's Rural College marquee at the 2019 Royal Highland Show (June 20-23).



With a focus on disruptive technologies that help to drive the country's rural economy, the SRUC stand promises to be 'bolder, brighter and more interactive' than ever before.

Located on Seventh Avenue next to the main show ring, the stand will also host a series of podcasts over the weekend, with subjects ranging from gender equality and mental health to the 'rise of the machines' in agriculture.

Visitors who have worked up a thirst can enjoy a new milkshake bar, above, which uses Arla milk from SRUC's Langhill herd in Dumfries -

the world's longest-running study into breeding the ideal dairy cow.

For technology enthusiasts, there will be an opportunity to interact with a number of drones, which will feature multispectral and thermal imaging cameras. The weekend will see the introduction of a 'drone zone', allowing children to test their piloting skills on an aerial obstacle course, while the tractor simulator is set to be in high demand.

Throughout the four days,

SRUC staff will be on hand to answer questions and give advice to those thinking of studying at SRUC, while vet services and the rural policy centre will also be represented.

Meanwhile, specialists from across SAC Consulting, part of SRUC, will be there to discuss the different ways they can support businesses and help them to navigate the uncertainties posed by Brexit.

Find out more about SRUC at the 2019 Royal Highland Show.

AROUND THE MARKETS

Dalmally, Saturday June 1:
United Auctions held its annual June sale of 91 grazing cattle, 66 breeding cattle, 643 ewes and lambs and 164 eild ewes and hogs. All sections enjoyed a buoyant trade with stock selling to a strong ringside of buyers. Bullocks averaged 248.4 pence per kilo, while Heifers levelled out at 241.5 pence per kilo. Breeding heifers with calf at foot from Barguilean sold at £1,900. Ewes with lambs from Lochnell Farm (MacKenzie) sold to £200. Texel hogs from Hillcrest, Tیره sold to £87.
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SALx: £700(5) - Barnakill.
SIMx: £900, £870(3), £860 and £800 - Ardnacross, Mull.
Heifers:
BSx: £700 - Ardnacross, Mull.
CHARx: £770(6) & £730 - Barnakill.
LIMx: £740(2) - 123 Craigston, Barra: £720(2) - Tullochcan.
SIMx: £770(3) - Ardnacross.

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Bullocks:
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SALx: 243p(5) - Barnakill.
SIMx: 272p & 271p(3) - Ardnacross, Mull: 266p(2) - Ellary Farms.
Heifers:
BSx: 233p - Ardnacross.
CHARx: 248p(8) & 244p(6) - Barnakill.
LIMx: 262p(3) - Ardchatten HF: 250p - Barbreck, Lochgilphead: 240p(2) - Tullochcan.
SIMx: 268p(4) & 256p(3) - Ardnacross, Mull.
Breeding cattle:
Heifers with calf:
£1,900 and £1,880 - Barguilean
Cows with calf:
£1,480 - Kilvaree: £1,460, £1,450 and £1,360 - Kirkton: £1,300 - Ardnacross, Mull: £1,280 - Craigston, Barra.
In-calf cows:
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Sheep:
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Straight to the summit with the Škoda Mountiaq: sixth škoda student concept car is a call to adventure

Pickup concept based on the KODIAQ combines great usability and impressive design

Innovative design, lighting effects and new Simply Clever features are the highlights of the sixth Student Car

The project has been showcasing the high quality of the training at the ŠKODA Vocational School in Mladá Boleslav since 2014



Mladá Boleslav, 3 June 2019 – 35 apprentices from the ŠKODA Vocational School have reached the pinnacle of their training year: following eight months of intense work, they presented a spectacular pickup based on the ŠKODA KODIAQ in the shape of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ. Sporting a specially designed Sunset Orange paint finish, this concept car impresses with numerous visual highlights such as a light bar on the roof and a distinctive front featuring a winch, bullbar and special lighting effects. For the sixth consecutive time, the project acts as a showcase for the apprentices' technical skills.

A total of 35 ŠKODA apprentices from seven different career paths, among them six women, were involved in the development and production of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ. The sixth consecutive Student Car is a one-off and the remarkable result of months of work. During the course of the project, the apprentices were supported by their instructors as well as ŠKODA experts from the Design, Production and Technical Development departments.

As Carsten Brandes, Head of the ŠKODA Academy, points out, "Like its predecessor models, the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ highlights the exceptional technical com-

petence and craftsmanship of our students. Year after year, their work demonstrates the superior quality of the professional training at our vocational school."

The name ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ conveys a spirit of adventure and off-road flair, combining the appeal of a contemporary lifestyle vehicle with the extraordinary everyday usability of a pickup. The rear of the spectacular concept car bears the ŠKODA wordmark in individual letters – a design element introduced in Europe with the new ŠKODA models SCALA and KAMIQ.

More than 2,000 hours of intense work over eight

months

The apprentices started their work on the new Student Concept Car in autumn 2018. "Building the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ with our own hands was a unique opportunity for all of us, as we were able to use our theoretical know-how in a practical context", said Petr Zemanec. "We also benefited from the new connections we were able to establish with students on other career paths. We will never forget the over 2,000 hours of work we spent making our unique

pickup."

After the design was finalised, the actual production phase kicked off in January. Body and paint shop work took place simultaneously so the students could finish the vehicle in time for the May deadline. They began by reinforcing the body. Next, they removed the roof of the ŠKODA KODIAQ and fashioned a rear panel for the cab as well as a new rear window and side windows. The area behind the cab of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ features a load bed with a hidden storage

compartment underneath. The students shortened and widened the doors, adjusting them to fit within the wider overall proportions of their vehicle. The appearance of the car was rounded off harmoniously by modified bumpers at the front and rear. Running boards on the door sills and the completely redesigned rear radiate rugged appeal and underline the MOUNTIAQ's visual presence. One of the project's greatest challenges for the students was the integration of a fully functional tailgate.

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Figures shown are for comparability purposes; only compare fuel consumption and CO₂ figures with other vehicles tested to the same technical procedures. These figures may not reflect real life driving results, which will depend upon a number of factors including the accessories fitted (post-registration), variations in weather, driving styles and vehicle load. There is a new test used for fuel consumption and CO₂ figures (known as WLTP). The CO₂ figures shown however, are based on a calculation designed to be equivalent to the outgoing (NEDC) test cycle and will be used to calculate vehicle tax on first registration. For more information, please see www.skoda.co.uk/owners/wltp-info or consult your retailer. Data correct at April 2019. Figures quoted are for a range of configurations (including non-UK) and are subject to change due to ongoing approvals/changes. Please contact your retailer for further information.

Magnificent Seven - Isuzu D-Max wins Best Workhorse Pick-up Award for the 7th year in a row

Birmingham – 30th April 2019 – Continuing a successful 2019, the multi award-winning Isuzu D-Max picks up yet another award, this time at the Best Workhorse Pick-up 2019 award from Trade Van Driver, in fact this is the 7th year in a row that the Isuzu D-Max has won this award!

Trade Van Driver is the only magazine which caters for the owner-driver and small fleet operator and as such its awards are different from others as they are judged not only by the expert panel of journalists at the magazine but also by a panel of readers

who use light commercial vehicles as part of their businesses.

The Trade Van Driver Awards celebrate the most reliable, capable and truly effective working vehicles available on the market. Vehicles are compared across several core criteria, including payload, safety, technology, running costs, fuel efficiency, reliability and aftersales service so it is a great accolade that, yet again the Isuzu D-Max emerged victorious, beating strong competition from rivals in the highly contested pick-up sector.

The Isuzu D-Max was

praised for meeting Euro 6 standards without the need for AdBlue, unlike most of its competitors. It has a 3.5 tonne towing capacity, over 1 tonne payload and provides a quiet, economical driving experience. The breadth of the Isuzu D-Max range also impressed; with single, extended and double-cab formats available, as well as a wide choice of trim levels. Coupled with the attractive five-year/125,000-mile warranty package and 5 years' roadside assistance (in the UK & Europe), the Isuzu D-Max proved it was truly built for the professionals who use it.



David Johns, Group Sales Manager at Trade Van Driver, handed over this coveted award to William Brown, Isuzu UK Managing Director, who commented: "The award for the Isuzu D-Max is a demonstration of the truck's capability, practicality and reliability which meets the needs of customers, working hard for drivers and offering

class leading durability. This award is another testament to that reputation, especially as the judging panel consisted of industry experts and professional pickup drivers alike."

The award-winning Isuzu D-Max has already had a successful 2019, being crowned 'Pick-Up of The Year' at the 2019 WhatVan? Awards and in the Pick-up & 4x4 Pro

Awards 2019 plus the Isuzu D-Max won best model in the 4x4 Magazine awards. This success follows on from 2018 where another seven awards were won by the Isuzu D-Max. It just keeps picking them up!

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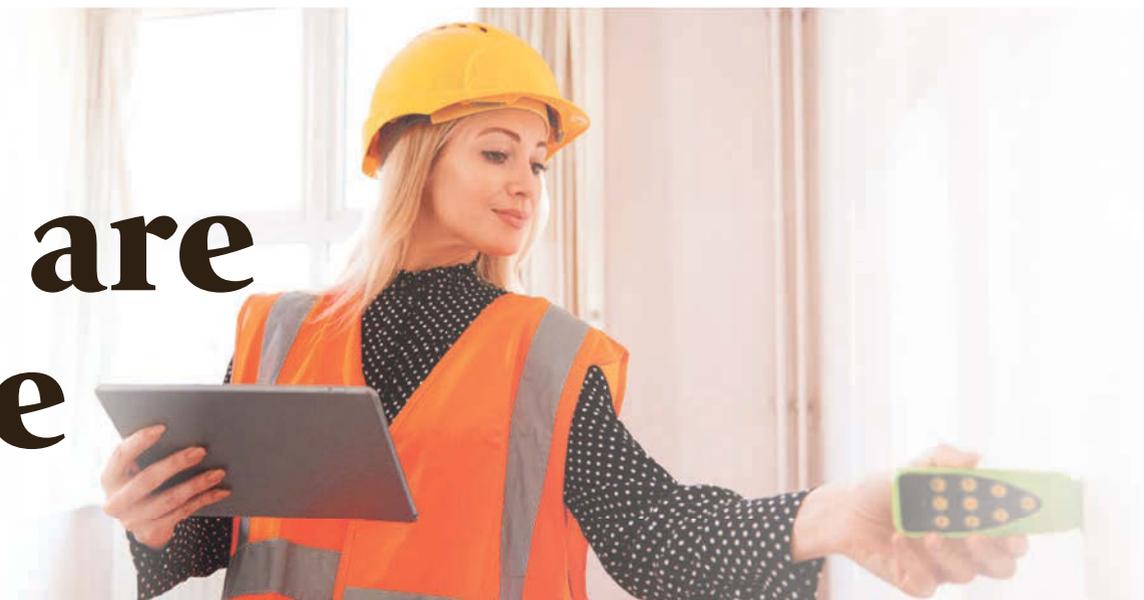
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Young surveyors are on the rise, as more female surveyors are being recognised for their talent.

As reports of skills shortages in the construction industry continue, new research by RICS reveals that young people are seeing the opportunity and benefits of a career in construction, with a 30 per cent increase in the number of 18-30-year-

olds qualifying as surveyors. To add to this, RICS also reported an increase in young professional women entering its 'Young Surveyor of the Year Awards', despite less than 14 per cent of UK surveyors being female.

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

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

where the average age of a surveyor is 55.

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

or under.

The number of female surveyors entering the YSOYA has grown since their launch, with 43 females entering last year – of which 29 were shortlisted – compared with 30 female entries in 2014 of which 14 made the shortlist. The overall UK Young Surveyor of the Year, 2018 title also went to a female

– Laura Collins, a quantity surveyor and associate at Rider Levett Bucknall. It's important to note that the names of nominees along with their firm, gender and region, are removed from the entry forms before YSOYA judges assess them, ensuring the panel are completely unbiased in their choice of winners.

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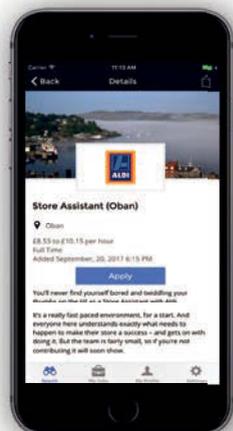
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FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT

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19/01027/PP	Erection of a 20m high lattice mast with 6no. antennae, 2no. micro-wave dishes and a free standing satellite dish on a 4m high pole. The installation of equipment cabins and ancillary works including cabling, fencing and upgrading of existing access track	Land Approx 90 Metres West Of Cruach Scarba And High Pastures, Clachan Seil, Isle Of Seil, Oban, Argyll And Bute
19/01054/PP	Installation of drainage system to serve dwellinghouse approved under 14/02241/PP (part retrospective)	Land South West Of Lora House, Connel, Argyll And Bute
19/00844/PP	Erection of extension and shed	The Tree House, Kinlochlaich House, Appin, Argyll And Bute, PA38 4BD
19/00929/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Dobhran Cottage, Lochbuie, Isle Of Mull, Argyll And Bute
19/01004/LIB	Repair works to existing masonry pier, slipway and breakwater	Caledonian Macbrayne Ltd, Scalasaig, Isle Of Colonsay, Argyll And Bute, PA61 7YW
19/01061/PPP	Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses	Plot 5, Land West Of Gleann Fia, Baliscate, Tobermory, Isle Of Mull, Argyll And Bute
19/00998/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of 2 holiday letting pods	Land North East Of Ballard, Craighouse, Isle Of Jura, Argyll And Bute
19/00980/PP	Installation of 2 replacement windows and front door	25 Charlotte Street, Port Ellen, Isle Of Islay, Argyll And Bute, PA42 7DF

Written comments can be made to the above address or submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed at all Area Offices, Council Libraries and on the Councils website.

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Oilfast Ltd of Nethan Street, Motherwell, ML1 3TF is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at the operating centre at Former Roads Depot Site, Oban Airport, North Connel, Oban, PA37 1SW.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.



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THE A87 TRUNK ROAD (PORTREE TO PRABOST) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2019

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A87 Invergarry - Kyle of Lochalsh - Borve - Uig Trunk Road from its junction with the A855 Bridge Road, Portree, in a generally north-westerly direction, to its junction with the B8036 road to Prabost, a distance of 9.5 kilometres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate the Skye Half Marathon being held on Saturday the 8th June 2019. The Order will be in operation from 8th June 2019 until 9th June 2019. It is anticipated that the prohibition will be in place from 10:00am until 12:00pm and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles while being used in an emergency for fire service, coastguard, ambulance or police purposes or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

An alternative route is not required.

A copy of the Order and this Notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

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

Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
19/02237/DEM	Ash Cottage Onich, Fort William	Prior Notification for Demolition of buildings (total demolition of house)
19/02345/LBC	Rio Tinto Alcan Kinlochleven Power House Lochaber Road Kinlochleven	Fit protective roofs and covers (internally) to high voltage equipment and generator control cabinets for a temporary period during main-roof works
19/02369/FUL	4 Glenmhor Terrace Fort William	Siting of holiday letting pod
19/02085/PIP	Siarard Mallaig	Change existing shop and workshop to 4 or 5 self-catering rooms suitable for use by tourists

Time period for comments is 14 days & 21 days for 19/02345
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX
Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

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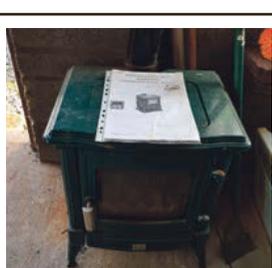
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AULD - It is with great sadness, that Joan and the family announce the passing of Iain, on May 31, 2019, in the comfort of his home. Iain may have suffered a long illness, yet his courage and strength remained with him until the end. Iain was surrounded by his wonderful family and friends, who were always welcomed with a smile and 'that handshake'. Iain's funeral will take place at Oban Parish Church, Glencruitten Road, Oban, on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1.00 pm, followed by a celebration of Iain's life in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls. Joan and family look forward to seeing you there. Donations if desired, to the Dove Centre, Oban. A character gone too soon.

BARTON - The funeral service of our mum, Vera Barton of Castle Drive, Lochside, Fort William will take place from St Andrew's Church, Fort William on Thursday June 13 at 1pm followed by interment at Kilmallie Cemetery. Family flowers only please and retiring collection, if desired, to British Heart Foundation. The family wish to invite you for refreshments in The Moorings Hotel following the interment. Susan, Janet and Tony.

CAMERON - Peacefully at Dalgety Bay on May 30, 2019, Catriona aged 87, beloved wife of the late Donald Cameron, Fire Officer, Oban and much loved mother and grandmother of Rosemary, Linda, Moira, Ann and families. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Ps 23:6 (KJV)

MACCALLUM - Hugh. Peacefully at Forth Valley Royal Hospital on May 27, 2019 and in the comfort of his family, Hugh, aged 76 years, formerly of Campbeltown and renowned solo piper. Beloved husband of Emily and the late Valerie, much loved dad of John and Colin, proud grandpa of Amy and Hugh to Heather and Rachel, much loved uncle and friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Thursday June 6, 2019 at 1.45pm in Falkirk Crematorium, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

MACDIARMID - (Invergordon). Suddenly but peacefully at Raigmore Hospital Inverness, on Sunday, June 2, 2019, John MacDiarmid of Birchwood, Invergordon. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, much loved dad of Jackie and Veronica and a doting

grandad of Kayleigh and Chloe. Funeral service will be held in Invergordon Church of Scotland, on Friday June 7, 2019, commencing at 12 noon, thereafter to Rosskeen Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but a donation, if so desired, may be made at the service for The Isobel Rhind Centre. Enquiries to Mairi Russell Funeral Services. Tel: 01349 880901.

McINTOSH - (Inverness). Suddenly but peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness on May 25, 2019, John Phimister (Ian) aged 90 years, Cradlehall, Inverness. Loving husband of Peggy, a much loved father of Mairi, Margaret and Grace, dearly loved father-in-law, grandad and great-grandad. A service was held yesterday, Wednesday, June 5 in the Barn Church, Culloeden, Inverness followed by interment in Kilvean Cemetery. Donations for Alzheimer Scotland may be forwarded to the Funeral Directors, John Fraser & Son, 17-29 Chapel Street, Inverness, IV1 1NA.

McKILLOP - Peacefully at Newcraigs Hospital, Inverness on May 29, 2019, William Donald Cameron (Bill), beloved husband of Christine, dear father of William, Malcolm and Cameron, father-in-law of Rhona and Karen. Much loved papa to all his grandchildren. Funeral service will take place on Thursday June 6 (today) in Oban Parish Church at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzheimer Scotland Local Branch.

PAGET - Mary Paget. Beloved wife of the late Bob Paget, died very peacefully at the age of 90 in the Islay Hospital on June 2, 2019, with her family at her side. We would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful carers, doctors and nurses who looked after Mum so well over the years.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FLETCHER - Keith Brannagan the partner of the late Mavis Fletcher would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support at this extremely sad time. Special thanks to John, Linnie and Peter from John McLellan Funeral Directors for all the kindness and support shown. Thanks also to McDonald Bros for the beautiful flowers and The Highland Getaway for the catering. Grateful thanks to The Rev Amanda Fairclough for the lovely service and to all who attended both the church and graveside. The sum of £309.00 was collected for Ballachulish Medical Centre and the District Nurses both of whom gave great care and support to Mavis over a long period of time.

HAGGART - The family of the late Frances Haggart would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers, baking and visits following the sad loss of Frances. Special thanks to her carers, Craig Nevis Surgery and the nursing staff at The Belford Hospital for their professionalism, care and support. To neighbours and friends for their help and support prior to Frances's passing. To Rev Richard Baxter for the warm and comforting services and May MacIntyre for her musical accompaniment. Grateful and heartfelt thanks to Jamie and the team at McFall Funeral Directors, for their professional handling of the funeral arrangements. Finally thanks to all who came to pay their last respects to Frances and generously donated £322.20 to Save the Children.

HARPER - The family of the late Susan Harper would like to express their sincere thanks to all neighbours, friends and relatives for all the kindness shown to them following their sad loss of Susan. Thanks to Tweeddale Medical Practice, Lochaber Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses, to Caol Community Centre for the catering, to John, Linnie and the team at John McLellan Funeral

Directors for all the help and guidance in the funeral arrangements to follow Susan's wishes. Thanks to Rev Morag Muirhead for the comforting service and to all who attended on the day and donated the amount of £102.11 in aid of Lochaber Macmillan Nurses.

MACDONALD - The family of the late Caroline MacDonald would like to thank all relatives, friends, workmates and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, support, flowers, phone calls, visits received and cards on their recent sad loss. Special thanks go to the Oncology staff at the Vale of Leven Hospital and to the Doctors and Nursing staff of Mid Argyll for their kind care and support to Caroline in her last days of life. Our thanks to Belinda Braithwaite and Ellen Gibson for a personal, comforting and uplifting service. Thanks to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and professional services, to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. To Cafe 35 and staff for their lovely catering. Finally, we would like to thank all who attended Cardross Crematorium and Furnace Village Hall to pay their respects and celebrate Caroline's life. The retiral collection raised was £1200 for Mid Argyll Macmillan Nurses and Oncology Ward, Vale of Leven Hospital.

MACDONALD - Zeeta, John and family of the late Ian Grant MacDonald would like to thank all friends, neighbours and relatives for all the messages, cards and flowers given at this difficult time and for sharing with us at the Crematorium. Our special thanks to the Belford Hospital, in particular the Renal Unit where the care given to Ian was exceptional. Thanks to the doctors, nurses and therapists from Tweeddale Surgery. Thanks to Castle Care for their gentle and loving help with Ian. Thanks also to Linnie and John of John McLellan Funeral Directors, to Inverness Crematorium and to McDonald Brothers for the beautiful flowers.

STIRLING - William (Bill). Nancy and family wish to thank family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and their attendance at Polmont Old Parish Church and Elgin Cemetery. The Reverend Deborah van Welie for her comforting words. Mr Ian McLean, Mr Alistair Farquhar and the choir of Polmont Old for their meaningful contribution to our service of thanksgiving for Bill. Our grateful thanks also to William Scott, Funeral Directors for their expert and respectful services in Polmont and Elgin.

WALLACE - Jimmy, Jason and Lisa would like to thank everyone for the support and kind sympathy messages following the recent passing of Iris. A special thanks to everyone who travelled from near and far to be with us. A very generous donation was raised for CLAN Haven, Aberdeen.

WATT - The family of the late Alasdair Watt, would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy after their sudden, sad loss. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service and for the donations made to the War and Peace Museum. Special thanks to Donald Mackinnon for his comforting service and to Hamish Hoey for all the funeral arrangements.

MEMORIAMs

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of a dear auntie, Marie, who died June 8, 1989. Memories of you are fondly kept, someone too special to ever forget.

- Catherine, Kenneth, Margaret and families.

GILFILLAN - In loving memory of my darling wife Caroline Gilfillan who passed over on June 8, 2017. Loved and never forgotten, and grandson Matthew 6 months old.

JAMIESON - Treasured memories of our dear Aunt Caroline who died June 8, 2018. - June and family, Taynult and Ewen and family, Beaully.

MACINTYRE - Treasured memories of Peter Malcolm MacIntyre who left us too soon on June 3, 2018. Beloved husband of Geraldine, loving dad of Eilidh and Julie, father-in-law to Stephen and best papa ever to Anna and Ruairidh.

Always missed, always remembered and always loved. Night night papa from Anna and Ruairidh.

MACTAGGART - In loving memory of Islay, a dear husband father, father-in-law and grampa, passed away June 12, 2014.

Five years without you Sadly missed every day. - Margaret and family.

POWER - In loving memory of our dear dad and grampa Heckie, who passed away June 6, 1988.

Always in our thoughts. - Marian, Avril, Diane and Eileen and Paul and Gavin.

STEWART - Precious memories of my dear husband Bob, who passed away June 11, 2016.

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Former Kilmelford minister on a mission

Few countries in the world enjoy a closer friendship.

Scotland and Malawi can trace their links back to the 1840s when legendary explorer and Christian missionary David Livingstone arrived in Africa.

Now a Church of Scotland minister is poised to try to deepen the relationship a bit further by exploring parallels between Scotland's Gaelic culture and Malawi's vernacular.

Reverend Dr Kenneth Ross officially takes up his new role as the Kirk's new mission partner in Malawi next month and is very keen to develop his knowledge of the language and culture.

The former parish minister of the five Netherlorn Churches near Oban is learning Chichewa, a language native to Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Dr Ross, 60, said: 'Most people think going from Argyll to Malawi is chalk and cheese – completely different.'

'But these are both places that have a very strong heritage of language and culture, which to some extent have become marginalised with the advancement of English.'

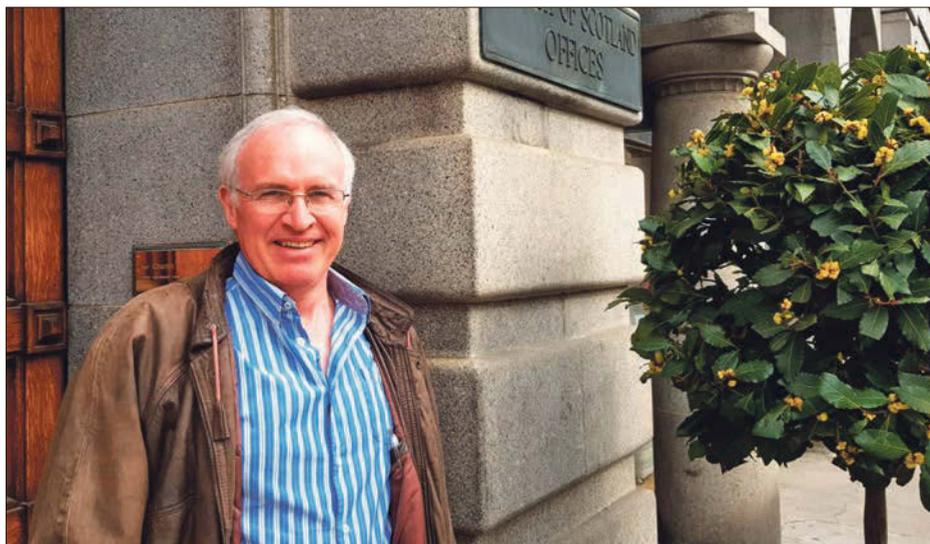
'In Scotland, we have realised that we will lose a lot if we lose the Gaelic language and culture, and it is worth putting in a good effort to revive it.'

'Gaelic and Chichewa are both very relational languages and it will be interesting to work on those connections.'

Dr Ross, who was commissioned into service at a church gathering in Oban on Monday, said acapella singing is a strong tradition in Malawi.

'It can be extremely beautiful and haunting in the way the Gaelic psalms are in Scotland,' he added.

Scottish Christians decided to embark on missionary work in Malawi in honour of Dr



Reverend Ken Ross outside The Church of Scotland headquarters in Edinburgh.

Livingstone, who was born in Blantyre in Lanarkshire in 1813.

The Church of Scotland founded a mission named Blantyre in 1876 and by 1957 there were 67 Scottish missionary families in the country, manning a large network of schools and hospitals.

Today, the Kirk has a partnership with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi.

For Dr Ross, moving to the Zomba region is a homecoming because he lived there with his family from 1988-1998.

He helped to establish the first theology degree at the University of Malawi Chancellor College.

Dr Ross, who was made an OBE in 2013 for services to the community in Malawi and to Scottish-Malawi relations, will be based at Zomba Theological College.

'My role is in response to requests from partner churches in Africa who want to strengthen theological education,' he explained.

'They see it as a key part in the formation of leadership

'The call of God sometimes does not let you go and the idea of being a mission partner in Africa once again has been gripping me for a while.'

which will take them into the future.

'I will be training people to be ministers and also people who take theology in other directions.'

Dr Ross will also support the Nile Theological College in South Sudan, the Giffen Institute of Theology in Kanyama refugee camp, Kenya, and the beginnings of a theological department in the Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique.

He said: 'It is a bit of a roving brief and I am very excited about it. In addition to hands-

on teaching and training, I will also be working with the leadership of institutions across the region and help them to strengthen their work.'

Dr Ross, who led the Netherlorn churches – Craignish, Kilbrandon, Kilchattan, Kilmelford and Kilniver – for nine years until recently, said his new role blended a 'nice mix of old and new'. He added: 'In some ways I will be in a community that is very familiar but there are also aspects of my role that will be more challenging.'

'For example, I have been invited to go to Juba, the capital of South Sudan, twice a year to teach.'

The country gained independence from Sudan in 2011 and was plunged into a bloody civil war two years later.

At least 400,000 lives have been lost to date, more than four million people are displaced from their homes and nearly eight million are in need of humanitarian assistance.

The impact of climate change on Africa is also a major problem and Cyclone Idai recently caused catastrophic flooding

and tremendous destruction in large areas of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The scale of the tragedy is huge, with 2.6 million people affected, including at least 1,000 deaths.

Dr Ross, a father of three, said: 'Campaigning for climate justice is going to be a big part of my life.'

'It is apparent that it is often the people who have contributed least to global warming who are the hardest hit. It is high time that we acted with more urgency and determination to tackle this crisis.'

'If we put half the energy we have put into Brexit into combating climate change, we might be getting more worthwhile results.'

Dr Ross will be moving to Malawi alone while his Open University lecturer wife Hester remains at their home in Edinburgh.

He admitted that most people his age were thinking of slowing down.

Dr Ross said: 'The call of God sometimes does not let you go and the idea of being a mission partner in Africa once again has been gripping me for a while.'

He plans to return to Scotland a few times a year to visit family and friends and will rely on technology for regular chats with his wife.

Dr Ross described his time ministering in Argyll as a 'very happy and fulfilling time'.

In 2011, he established the Seed for Life – Feed for Life project in a village called Bemvu in Malawi.

It supports smallholder farmers and makes sure than 1,200 primary school children get daily meals during term time.

People in Argyll have taken the appeal to their hearts and more than £24,000 has been raised so far.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One of the lovely aspects of the life of St John's Cathedral is how many people drop in for a moment's peace or prayer each day.

The chance to be still in the midst of a busy life is often a rarity, so the opportunity to ponder some of our worries, or be thankful for things going well, can be restorative.

In the cathedral we have a Prayer Tree where many leave their messages to God of joy or pain, and we pray that through the offering, people can know that they are not alone.

It is said that a student once asked what the Biblical phrase from Isaiah meant:

'In quietness and trust, you will find strength.' They were told to take time to sit quietly each day for 15 minutes. At first, the student struggled and was restless but, persisting, they began to look forward to the time and found that they were far more able to deal with the things going on in their life.

This is not about life being magically put right – but in finding that we are not alone and that God can make a difference to us.

St John's Cathedral is open each day and welcomes everyone to come in and spend a few moments in quietness, trusting that through that time, God can give so much to restore and revive us, guide and help us.

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Camannachd Cup second round

Tulloch Homes Camannachd Cup – second round

Newtonmore 1

Lovat 1

Newtonmore and Lovat, who have contested the last two Camannachd

Cup finals, face a replay to decide who goes through to the last eight of this year's blue riband competition after they drew 1-1 at the Eilan.

The Lovat defence of Daniel Grieve, Danny Kelly, Martin Mainland and Craig Mainland were excellent from the start, restricting Newtonmore to a few chances.

Lovat's Lewis Tawse sent an effort wide on 18 minutes while, at the other end, Evan Menzies carried the ball through on goal as Stuart MacDonald came off his line to close him down. Menzies slipped the ball past the Scotland keeper but it came off MacDonald's right post.

Lovat lost Lorne MacKay, who had been suffering with flu, on 34 minutes. Calum MacAulay came on, with Callum Cruden going to centre, where his speed and play began to turn the tie in Lovat's favour.

A couple of minutes later, an Evan Menzies shot took a deflection but Stuart MacDonald saved with his feet.

Lovat broke the deadlock on 54 minutes. Lewis Tawse and Calum MacAulay exchanged passes before MacAulay hammered a great 30-yard drive into the top corner of the net, beating stretching keeper Kenny Ross to his left.

Newtonmore boss Paul John MacKintosh made a change on 73 minutes with Steven MacDonald replaced by attacker Ewan Fraser, who scored four times for the reserves the previous evening, and Michael Russell going to centre.

Russell took the game by the scruff of the neck and turned the tie in the home side's favour.

Lovat's chances suffered a blow three minutes later. Michael Russell surged forward from midfield, before being brought down by the chasing Callum Cruden who received a second yellow card from referee Robert Baxter meaning the Balgait side had to see out the final stages a man short.

Newtonmore got the equaliser with 10 minutes remaining. Michael Russell took a free-hit from a central position 22 yards from goal. Russell knocked the ball to the left where Iain Robinson lost his marker and ran across from the right. Robinson came to a skidding stop before steadying himself and shooting low through a crowded goal area and into the net to the obvious delight of the home support.

Lovat, who looked so assured at the back earlier in the match, now looked ragged. Newtonmore finished strongly but couldn't get the winning goal.

Oban Camannachd 2 Glenurquhart 1

Two first-half goals gave Oban Camannachd a 2-1 victory over Glenurquhart in their noon throw-up at Mossfield.

Oban Camannachd had Scott MacMillan back and he started on the bench with Gary McKerracher and Willie Neilson.

cottages.com MacTavish Cup fi-

nalists Glenurquhart had won seven of their eight matches this season – drawing the other – so they went into this tie with confidence. James MacPherson returned and started, playing the first 45 minutes.

The sides drew twice last season and the Glenurquhart forwards worked the home defence at times. Oban Camannachd defender Daniel Madej was given a marking job on Glenurquhart danger man Neale Reid.

Oban Camannachd keeper Cameron Sutherland made a good save with his hand to deny Glenurquhart's Neale Reid the game's opening goal.

Andrew MacCuish gave Oban Camannachd the lead on 23 minutes. The ball was played up to MacCuish who ran away from goal, from the edge of the 'D' to around the penalty spot, to get away from marker John Barr. MacCuish initially looked to have taken a touch too many but he turned and sent a rocket-shot into the roof of the net to make it 1-0.

Daniel Madej had been suffering from a niggling hamstring problem ahead of the game and had to come off, with Gary McKerracher proving an ideal replacement as he is looking back to his old self. Daniel Sloss now picked up Neale Reid.

The hosts had to absorb a period of Glenurquhart pressure before Daniel MacVicar doubled their lead on 35 minutes. Aidan MacIntyre played in a corner and MacVicar's snapshot flew past keeper Stuart MacKintosh.

Neale Reid sent a rebound over the bar after Cameron Sutherland was again called into action.

Oban Camannachd created a couple of other good first-half chances, one of which fell to Daniel Cameron after a clever Andrew MacCuish free-hit.

The other saw Andrew MacCuish send a shot into the side-netting but it remained 2-0 at the break.

Glenurquhart pulled a goal back on 64 minutes following a good passing move down the left and a great drive from Connor Golabek which gave the keeper no chance.

With Michael Fraser now at full forward, Glenurquhart looked for a leveller but Oban Camannachd saw out the remainder of the match to take their place in the next round.



Innes Blackhall opens the scoring for Kilmallie against Lochaber on Saturday. Photograph: Abridge Photography.



Fort William's Sean Cameron keeps a close eye on the ball in the Tulloch Homes Camannachd Cup second round match against Caberfeidh on Saturday. Photograph: Abridge Photography.

Oban Camannachd assistant manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'Glenurquhart might be in the National Division, but this was never going to be a pushover given their results this season. We had to be cautious and show them respect.

'We are on a good run, too, though. The main thing for us was to be in the quarter-final draw and we have achieved that.

'Our attention now turns to Inveraray this Saturday. We're without Daniel Sloss and he's a big player for us. However, against Glenurquhart Gary McKerracher showed what he can do.'

Skye Camannachd 3 Oban Celtic 0

Skye Camannachd avenged the previous weekend's league defeat to Oban Celtic, winning 3-0 in their 3pm throw-up at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree.

Skye had John Gillies and Iain MacLellan back in their starting line-up. Iain Nicolson returned from injury but started on the bench. Stewart Grant and James Pringle were missing.

Oban Celtic had Peter Currie and Rory Bruce back but Ally McKerracher and George MacMillan were still out, while Lewis McPhee, Daniel MacMillan and John Douglas were unable to travel. There were starting places for second team assistant man-

ager Angus MacNeil and Chris Campbell, who is just back playing with the second team. A knee injury meant Michael MacKinnon was restricted to the bench where he was joined by boss Dougie MacIntyre and his assistant Les Kinvig.

Iain MacLellan marked his return to the side with the opening goal on 15 minutes. Jordan Murchison picked out MacLellan on the left with a perfectly weighted pass and MacLellan turned by Peter Currie, who slipped, and his knee-height shot went across keeper Iain MacFarlane and into the net.

Will Cowie saw a shot from the left saved by keeper Iain MacFarlane a minute later and Iain MacLellan sent the rebound just the wrong side of the post.

Skye had the wind advantage and most of the first-half pressure but they were unable to add to their tally although they went close when Peter Currie did well to deflect away Ross Gordon's blistering goal-bound effort.

Ross Gordon got his goal to make it 2-0 on 50 minutes. Gordon was first to a rebound after Iain MacFarlane had saved Will Cowie's powerful shot.

Skye sealed their place in the next round on 76 minutes when Ally MacLeod's long free-hit from the left found Jordan Murchison to the right of the 'D' and he swept the ball home to make it 3-0.

John Gillies had a fine game for Skye, marking Oban Celtic danger man Ross MacMillan.

Oban Celtic assistant manager Les Kinvig said: 'We knew coming up here today, with the players who were unavailable, that it was going to be a tough ask. We were ravaged by injuries, work commitments and illness. Rory Bruce's return was a big bonus though and he came back early because of the number of guys who were missing.

'We came up here last week with a stronger 12. We know Skye are a very good team. We could have done better at a couple of goals but we dug in with what we had and the

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Kingussie 7 v Beaully 0

Glasgow MA P v Kinlochshiel P

Lochaber 5 v Kilmallie 3

Oban Caman 2 v Glenurquhart 1

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Sutherland Cup third round

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Mowi South Division 2

Aberdour 2 v Glenorchy 5

Oban Celtic P v Bute P



Left to right: John MacLeod, Tom Uppington, Keith Loades, Derek Fraser and Rosie Flannigan at the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup quarter-final draw. Photograph: John Paul Peebles, Abrightside Photography.

Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup quarter-final draw

The draw for the quarter-finals of the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup took place on Monday June 3, at the Liberty British Aluminium Smelter in Fort William.

Caberfeidh will play Lochaber; Kingussie will play Kyles Athletic; Glasgow Mid Argyll or Kinlochshiel will face Oban Camanachd; with Newtonmore or Lovat facing Skye.

Making the draw were Derek Fraser, a member of the Kilmallie team that won the Camanachd Cup in 1964; five times winner John MacLeod of Fort William; and, from Liberty British Aluminium, Tom Uppington, power operations director, and Rosie Flannigan, executive assistant.

Derek Fraser said: 'People outwith shinty don't realise just how special the Camanachd Cup is. You can be the best shinty player in Scotland and still not get a Camanachd Cup winner's medal.'

Kilmallie stalwart Derek is in no doubt of the importance of shinty's blue riband competition and when

making the quarter-final draw, memories came flooding back of the team's 1964 success when they beat Inveraray 4-1 at the King George V Park in Fort William.

John MacLeod is clear on what makes the Camanachd Cup so special.

'The incredible history of the competition brings it to the fore. I also always appreciated there were better players in the game than me who never had the opportunity to play in a final. Growing up in Ballachulish, I always heard stories about Camanachd Cup matches from days gone by. It was always something that was talked about.'

Keith Loades, Camanachd Association president, added: 'There are some interesting and exciting ties to look forward to.'

All the quarter-finals will be played on Saturday July 6 except the game between Glasgow Mid Argyll/Kinlochshiel and Oban Camanachd which will be played on Saturday July 13.

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National Division is our main aim this season. We have a free Saturday this weekend which will be a chance to shrug off the injury and illness issues before we head to Beauly the week after.'

Fort William 1 Caberfeidh 2

Caberfeidh came from a goal down to beat Fort William 2-1 at An Aird.

With Fort William's Arran MacPhee and Caberfeidh's Ryan MacKay back, both teams were at full strength for this eagerly awaited tie.

The hosts opened with a strong wind behind them but it was Caberfeidh who should have taken the lead on seven minutes when Craig Morrison found space on the right, but his shot went wide of goal.

Fort William responded and Calum Shepherd lost his marker on the left before shooting into the side netting.

Calum Shepherd and Ally MacLennan were having a good battle in the middle of the park as they fought to supply their respective forward lines.

Fort William went in front just before half-time. Caberfeidh keeper Ewan Pilcher made an incredible save to keep out a screaming Alexander MacMillan shot from the left. The ball rebounded out of the 'D' and two Fort forwards gave chase along with Caberfeidh defender Scott MacLachlan. However, MacLachlan slipped and Lachie Shaw fired the ball past the keeper to make it 1-0.

A minute later, referee John Angus Gillies flashed two yellow cards, one to Ryan MacKay for a late swing and a second to Lewis Clark for retaliation.

Fort William should have increased their lead following a great move just after the restart. Calum Shepherd played a clever reverse midfield pass to Lachie Shaw who slipped an inch-perfect ball to Alexander MacMillan. MacMillan got past his marker and just had goalie Ewan Pilcher to beat but his effort went wide of the keeper's left post.

Fort William would rue the miss as Caberfeidh drew level on 49 minutes. Ally MacLennan played the ball forward to Craig Morrison on the penalty spot who took the ball to his side before firing past a helpless Paul MacKay in the home goal.

Paul MacKay then made a good save to keep out Kevin Bartlett's 18-yard shot.

Caberfeidh took the lead for the first time on 58 minutes. Ryan MacKay, who had switched to buck-shee forward, found Kevin Bartlett on the right and he turned Sean Cameron before running towards goal and slotting the ball past the keeper.

Fort William suffered a further blow as Sean Cameron twisted his knee badly when challenging Bartlett and had to leave the field.

Fort William brought Jack Fraser on for Lewis Morrison and he almost scored with his first touch, but his effort went just over the bar.

Fort William finished strongly

in a bid to equalise. Alexander MacMillan found space on the left on 79 minutes and he ran towards goal. Connor MacGregor swung his stick to prevent MacMillan scoring, earning a yellow card.

Blair Morrison also had his name taken after losing his stick and kicking the ball away to prevent another Fort William attack.

Caberfeidh were relieved to hear the final whistle. They relied on the excellent Blair Morrison in defence along with the reliable Scott MacLachlan at full back. Craig Morrison and Kevin Bartlett combined well up front, whilst Ally MacLennan put in another strong shift at full centre.

Fort William fullback Sean Cameron played really well until his injury. Calum Shepherd and Sean Cruickshank were effective in the centre line, whilst Lachie Shaw and Alexander MacMillan shone up front.

Lochaber 5 Kilmallie 3

Lochaber twice came from behind to beat Kilmallie 5-3 at Spean Bridge.

Lochaber's Danny Delaney was suspended and Shaun Nicolson was out through injury. Barry MacDonald returned following a hand injury and Martin Johnstone was back.

Kilmallie have been without Michael Rodger in recent weeks whilst, in a late change, Martin Stewart came into the defence in place of Cam Clark.

Innes Blackhall gave Kilmallie the lead on 19 minutes but the hosts had the chance to level when referee Des McNulty awarded them a penalty. Findlay MacDonald took the spot-hit but Kilmallie goalie Shane Gillie saved with his foot.

Lochaber did find an equaliser on 36 minutes when Ben Delaney scored.

Liam MacDonald put the visitors back in front on 52 minutes but Ben Delaney levelled for a second time on 61 minutes.

Ben Delaney took his tally to four goals with strikes on 72 and 85 minutes to make it 4-2.

There was still time for Max Campbell to add a fifth Lochaber goal on 89 minutes although Innes Blackhall got his second a minute later to make the final score 5-3.

Kilmallie manager John Stewart said: 'Again we lost goals in a short spell in the second half. It's frustrating but we will keep going as the aim is to stay in the Premiership.'

Kyles Athletic 3 Inveraray 1

Kyles Athletic are through to the quarter-finals after beating Inveraray 3-1 at Tighnabruaich.

The opening goal came on 29 minutes following a scramble around the penalty spot. Colin MacDonald had the chance to shoot but spotted an unmarked Robbie MacLeod in a better position on the far side of the 'D'. MacDonald found MacLeod with a neat pass across the area and he took a touch to control the ball before sending a half-hit effort into the top of the net.

Thomas Whyte added a second three minutes later when he danced



Scott MacDonald, Kyles Athletic, and Connor Howe of Inveraray tussle for the ball at Tighnabruaich. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

past a couple of players to just outside the 'D' where his half-swing chipped the ball goalwards. His effort deceived Inveraray keeper Scott MacLachlan and ended up in the net.

Inveraray halved the deficit on 65 minutes. Lewis Montgomery's hit-in from the right went into the 'D'. Home goalie John Whyte knocked the ball out of the air but Fraser Watt took a touch and, on the angle, drove the ball into the other side of the goal to make it 2-1.

Kyles sealed the victory three minutes from time. Innes MacDonald made a strong blocking challenge to win possession just outside the 'D'. MacDonald took a touch away from his marker and his half-hit strike was saved with his feet by keeper MacLachlan. The ball deflected into the air and Paul MacArthur ran in, putting his hit-in skills to good use as he shied the high ball into the net.

Kingussie 7 Beauly 0

Kingussie were too strong for Mowi National Division side Beauly, winning 7-0 in their 3pm throw-up at the Dell.

Doubles from Roddy Young and Liam Borthwick and strikes from Ruaridh Anderson, Savio Genini and Chris Hollysong sealed the win.

Glasgow Mid Argyll P Kinlochshiel P

The 1pm throw-up between Glasgow Mid Argyll and Kinlochshiel at Yoker was postponed following a bereavement.

Mowi National Division

Strathglass 2 Bute 0

Strathglass moved off the bottom of the table at Bute's expense after they defeated the islanders 2-0 in their 1.30pm throw-up at Cannich.

Sutherland Cup – quarter-finals

Lochside Rovers 3 Boleskine 0

Lochside Rovers are through to the last eight of the competition after beating Boleskine 3-0 in their 3pm throw-up at Mossfield.

Boleskine went into the tie with confidence after defeating the Kingussie seconds in the last round. Jamie MacGillivray, who travels from Mull to play, gave Lochside the lead on 13 minutes with a 22-yard shot into the roof of the net.

Ross Campbell made it 2-0 on 17 minutes. Gavin Stobbart sent a free-hit forward from midway inside his own half.

The ball bounced to the edge of the 'D' and Campbell got to it before the keeper to score.

It took a good save with his hand from Lochside keeper Dougie MacDonald to preserve his side's two-goal cushion.

Lochside were playing some good one-touch shinty in the first half with Lewis Buchanan, Jamie MacGillivray and Ross Campbell all feeding off full forward Niall MacFarlane.

When the ball was played up to Niall MacFarlane on 57 minutes, his lay-off found Lewis Buchanan who put the ball past the advancing keeper to make it 3-0.

Lochside's Scott Robertson turned in a man of the match performance with Jamie MacGillivray and Gavin Stobbart also having good games.

Lochside now meet holders Newtonmore seconds in the Sutherland Cup semi-final on Saturday June 22. Elsewhere, Newtonmore go through after defeating Strathspey Camanachd 7-0 at the Eilan, the Glenurquhart reserves beat the Caberfeidh reserves 4-2 at Blairbeg and the Lovat seconds overcame the Beauly seconds 9-2 at Balgate.

Mowi North Division 1

Glengarry 2 Fort William 3

The Fort William second team go top of the table after defeating previous leaders Glengarry 3-0 in their noon throw-up at Craigard.

Victor Smith gave Fort William the lead on four minutes but Nick Dalgety drew Glengarry level a couple of minutes later.

Victor Smith got his second to put the visitors back in front on 11 minutes and completed his hat-trick on 69 minutes.

Nick Dalgety got his second on 83 minutes to make it 3-2 but Fort William stayed in front to take the points. Elsewhere in the division, Skye Camanachd seconds and the Kinlochshiel seconds drew 0-0 at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree, whilst the Kingussie colts scored four first-half goals to beat the Inverness first team 4-0 at the Dell.

Mowi South Division 1

Inveraray 3 Taynuilt 4

Taynuilt staged a fantastic comeback, recovering from 3-1 down to beat Inveraray seconds 4-3 at the Winterton.

Inveraray, with Euan McMurdo in their side, started brightly, pressing from the front and putting the visitors under pressure.

However, it was Taynuilt who took the lead through Scott Dempster on eight minutes.

Inveraray, without David MacPherson, Allan Cameron and Calum MacDonald, were not behind for long though as Coll MacKay levelled on 12 minutes after some good hold up play from Craig Taylor.

Inveraray then took the lead on 16 minutes when Coll MacKay got his second. Things looked good for the hosts on 36 minutes when Campbell Watt scored from an acute angle to make it 3-1. Taynuilt clawed a goal back on the stroke of half-time when Zander Kilmurray netted to make it 3-2 at the break.

The second half was a cagey affair with Inveraray feeling the pressure of only having a one-goal advantage and David Campbell levelled for Taynuilt on 65 minutes to set up a tense finish. Taynuilt showed their mettle though as they took the lead through Scott Dempster with 10 minutes remaining. The victory takes them off the bottom of the table at Inveraray's expense.

Tayforth 0 Aberdour 4

League leaders Aberdour go seven points clear at the top of the table after beating Tayforth 4-0 in a match at the annual Edinburgh Meadows Festival.

Kyles Athletic 2 Col Glen 5

The Kyles Athletic colts played their second match in less than 48 hours, going down 5-2 against Col Glen in their noon throw-up at Tighnabruaich.

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Argyll Rally held in Dunoon shaping up to be 'best yet'

The Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally launched last week as one of the region's most popular events on the calendar returns for the third successive year on June 22, with new challenges for competitors in the KNC Groundworks Scottish Rally Championship.

Backed by Dunoon Presents and the local community, the event will once again see some of the best drivers in Scotland and beyond heading to Dunoon to compete across classic Argyll and Bute forests stages with a new test added to the mix in 2019.

Returning after a 10-year sabbatical in 2017, the rally is steeped in history having originated from the early 1970s. The last event of that era was run in 2003, ending a 40-year history but was resurrected by current event organisers Mull Car Club in 2017.

Two successful years have passed and 2019 marks the third running of the event in its current format, having attracted a huge range of competitors from across the UK over the past two years.

Two-time Scottish champions Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton added their names to an illustrious list of winners in 2017, which include Roger Clark and Jimmy McRae after taking victory in their Ford Fiesta R5.

Last year, Andrew Gallagher and Jane Nicol stamped their name on the trophy, driving their Ford Focus WRC to victory and subsequently the Scottish title.

On Friday 21 June, pre-event scrutiny and documentation will take place at Dunoon Stadium from around 2pm. The stadium will also play host to Rally HQ and the service area for the rally on Saturday.

To bring rallying into the heart of the community, the event will commence with a ceremonial start in Dunoon on Saturday morning with two-wheel-drive crews getting to sample the quality stages first.

A total of eight stages offering 42 miles of competitive driving are on offer for crews, with the new Gairletter complex adding to the classic



A new stage and 'amazing' conditions await crews. Photo: Eddie Kelly Motorsport Photography

tests such as Bishops Glen, Glenbranter and Coire Ealt. Two-wheel-drive crews will run first on the road to take advantage of prime road conditions and low liaison mileage will help to assist with costs. Lucky finishers will return to spray the cham-

pagne at around 4pm back at the stadium.

Chris Woodcock, clerk of the course for the event, has been working hard to bring the rally back to the region in 2019 and believes this year's offering could see the event produce a 'classic'.

'We have had to overcome a few challenges over the past few weeks, but I'm delighted that we are now back on track thanks to support from our backers, sponsors and championships,' he said.

'After our recent route survey, I can confirm the

RALLYING

stages are genuinely some of the best I have ever seen in Scotland and we have done everything we can to use only the smoothest stages.

'Introducing the new Gairletter test has brought a new dynamic to the rally and I'm confident every single competitor will enjoy what we have created this year.'

The event is a qualifying round of the KNC Groundworks Scottish Rally Championship, the Gazzard Accounts SD34 MSG Stage Rally Championship and the SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship.

The rally is backed by Dunoon Presents and the local community, all of which make the event possible.

Spectator information will be available closer to the event.

You can keep up to date on the event via their social media feeds.

Online entry is now available alongside event regulations on the website: www.argyllrally.co.uk

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Col Glen took the lead on 18 minutes through Andrew MacVicar.

Stewart Taylor drew Kyles level on 41 minutes but a couple of minutes later, Iain Wilson scored to see Col Glen going into the interval 2-1 ahead.

Conor Guidici pulled Kyles level for the second time a couple of minutes after the re-start.

However, a powerful finish saw Col Glen take the points. Neil McKirdy added a brace on 59 and 78 minutes, either side of Donald McDermid's 65th minute effort.

Forty eight hours earlier, Calum McLay scored twice as Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds beat the Kyles Athletic seconds 2-1 at Tighnabruaich.

Mowi South Division 2

Aberdour 2 Glenorchy 5

Glenorchy took advantage of their game in hand on Kilmory when they beat the Aberdour reserves 5-2 at Silversands. Roddy MacColl put the hosts ahead on 12 minutes before Kieran MacKay rattled in four goals on 20, 25, 32 and 40 minutes to leave Glenorchy 4-1 ahead at the turnaround.

Conor Sartain made it 5-1 on 66 minutes with Eosaph Caimbeul

getting another for the home side with 10 minutes remaining.

The win puts Glenorchy top of the table over Kilmory on goal difference.

Oban Celtic P Bute P

The match between the Oban Celtic seconds and the Bute seconds at Ganavan will be rescheduled at the islanders' request.

WCA round-up

Mowi National Division

Glasgow Mid Argyll 0 Badenoch 5

Badenoch remain two points clear at the top of the division after beating Glasgow Mid Argyll 5-0 in their 1.30pm throw-up at Yoker.

Kirsty Deans scored four times with Zoe Reid also netting.

Glenurquhart 0 Lochaber 7

Lochaber defeated Glenurquhart 7-0 in their 11am throw-up at Blairbeg.

Mairi Duncan and Kirsty Delaney scored twice, with Claire Delaney, Natalie MacDonald and Christy MacIntyre getting the others.

Lorenzo is Laser European Champion



Among the waves.



Left: A proud Lorenzo Chiavarini on the podium.

Photographs: Joao Ferrand.

SAILING

Lorenzo Chiavarini, 25-year-old sailor of Bellanoch Bay, was crowned Laser European Champion in Porto, Portugal, this weekend.

A former pupil of Ashfield Primary School, and at the same time a member of RYA Scotland and GBR National Sailing Teams since he was 12 years old, Lorenzo won the under-21 World Championship and European Championships in 2014, a year later he won the Men's World Cup in Qindao and has now achieved 'the big one' by winning the Laser European Championship.

Beating two-time world champion Brit Nick Thompson and Germany's Philip Buhl, Lorenzo dominated the waves to finish with 54 points.

Lorenzo said: 'I don't think it's really kicked in yet. It was a fantastic result and a hard event, and I'm so relieved that it ended with such a great result.'

Lorenzo has returned to training and will be enjoying a brief trip back home before flying to Japan to compete in the World Championships in late June.

'I don't think it's really kicked in yet. It was a fantastic result and a hard event.'

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BOWLS



Rotarians bowled over

As part of its sporting activities, which include golf, fishing, clay pigeon shooting, curling and hill climbing, Oban Rotary reintroduced bowls in 2018 with members playing for the Denis Cathro Cup in a pairs format.

The finalists were Chris Sutton and Ken Moncrieff versus Lachie Beaton and Ronnie Forbes, with both teams tied going in to the final end but Lachie and Ronnie won through by one shot.

Lachie and Ronnie are seen here accepting the Denis Cathro trophy from Rotary president Iain MacIntyre.

GOLF

Licensed Trade Golf

A total of 21 players took part in fine sunny conditions in the Oban and District Licensed Trade Spring Golf outing recently at Glencruitten Golf Club

The overall winner was Gerry Carney playing off 10 with a total of 43 Stableford points, winning the Grants Standfast Trophy.

The best scratch score was by David Graham playing off two and the best licensee on the day was Stevie Shaw of the Oban Inn playing off 18 who scored 38 Stableford points and won the McCall Rosebowl.

Nearest the pin at the second hole was Alan Garret and nearest the pin at the 15th hole was Andy Matthews.

Declan Curran thanked all those who had taken part and also the companies who had provided prizes and sponsored the event, principally Tennent Caledonian Breweries Ltd.

Glencruitten Golf Club

Jamie Forgrieve won the Terry Ng Trophy at Glencruitten on Saturday with a net aggregate score of 57, 62 = 119.

Dugald MacLean was runner-up with a score of 62, 67 = 129 and Philip Murphy was third with a score of 64, 66 = 130.

James Muir won the Senior Open Stableford last Wednesday with a score of 37 points (bih). Phillip Murphy was runner-up, also with 37 points.

The first rounds of the handicap championship and the championship take place on Saturday June 8. The McVitie and Price (mixed) takes place on Sunday June 9 and there is a Stableford on Tuesday June 11.

Martial arts

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Kyokushinkai Karate

Three club members from Oban will be joining their coach Iain Rodger at a rigorous summer training camp in the Peak District.

Sean McQuade, Charlie McLaughlin and Darryl McLaughlin, will go along on Friday June 28.

With just over a week until the summer grading, the class is focusing on requirements for the test.

For further information on Oban Kyokushinkai Karate Club, contact Iain Rodger (6th dan) on 07584 166542 or iain@ikku.co.uk. Alternatively, message Caledonia Kyokushin on Facebook.

Kick boxing

Senshi Do Kick Boxing held a grading on Wednesday May 29 with the following students advancing to the following belts:

Evie Strachan, 8th Kyu Orange Belt; Lewis Cairns, Innes MacCallum and Ross Burns, 7th Kyu Green Belt; Ben Munro and Ava Rowan, 6th Kyu Blue Belt; Aidan Steeman, 5th Kyu Purple Belt; and Megan Currie, 4th Kyu

Red Belt.

Coach Wullie Rodger said: 'Thanks to junior black belts Cody McCulloch, Lewis May, Billie Bratton, Logan Galbraith, Adam Bratton and 1st Kyu Henley McCulloch for helping out with the grading.'

Training continues as usual with seniors on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm; juniors on Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm and Sundays 11am to 1pm. Find the club on Facebook Senshi Do Kickboxing or email shihan-will@gmail.com

Beginners, aged from five years, are always welcome.

Shukokai Karate

The club has held its grading test and tournament. Full details in the next report.

Argyll Shukokai has clubs in Inveraray, Oban and Dalmally. Anyone interested in joining can get details from Kenny Gray on 07884 183905.

BJJ and MMA

Oban MMA members have been working on the spider guard, drilling this to become more confident and competent on this tricky position which is becoming more commonly used in competitions because of its total



Lewis May kicking, with Callan May holding pads.

control of your opponent. The club wants new members and is offering 'free Fridays' beginners classes throughout June at 7.30pm. Call in and try a class.

Classes are all at 7.30pm, with BJJ on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and MMA on Thursdays.

If you would like to try out BJJ or MMA, Oban BJJ can be found on Facebook or email coogiepots@gmail.com

Wado Kai Karate

Classes continue at Dunbeg Primary School on Tuesday nights at 6.30pm and 8.30pm and at Park Primary School,

Oban, for under 11s on Mondays at 3.30pm. Anyone wanting information about Wado Karate or the classes should contact: Park Primary School, Mike Faulkner at m.faulkner6@btinternet.com or Dunbeg Primary School Sensei Chris Bruce (7th dan) at crb999@btinternet.com

Knights Of The Tower – Medieval Combat Oban

Anyone wanting to try out medieval combat should go along to the class on Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.



The Senshi Do Kick Boxing crew.

Squash club ladies in action in Glasgow

Members of Oban Ladies Squash Club travelled to Glasgow on May 18 to compete in the first biannual tournament against an experienced Scotstoun side.

Although the Scotstoun Eagles compete regularly in Ladies West of Scotland Division 1, this did not faze the Oban squad which consisted of a mix of experienced and new players.

The format saw each player compete twice in best-of-three games using the par 15 points system.

Oban number one player Nicola Morgan battled hard in the first round, beating Scotstoun club champion Rachel McNaughton 2-1 and in the second round beating talented junior Edith MacKenzie 2-1.

Other notable performances came from Claire Easton, who won both her matches without dropping a game, and Melissa Oats, who also won both her matches.

Oban battled hard throughout the competition but it was the more experienced

Scotstoun side who came out on top. A return fixture will be held in Oban later this year

Oban ladies train on Monday nights at Atlantis Leisure, Oban, from 6.20pm to 9.30pm.

Ladies from Oban Squash Club, who took part in a tournament in Scotstoun, with their coach Colin McNiven.



Déjà vu as flying Frenchman takes win at wet and wild Fort

Fort William once again hosted another enthralling UCI Downhill Mountain Bike World Cup over the weekend as the world's best riders descended on the wet and wild slopes of Aonach Mor.

As the weekend's incessant rain made way for spells of sunshine on Sunday afternoon, there was a nail-biting finish to the men's elite race with the lead changing hands several times as the final 20 riders plummeted down the Nevis Range track.

It was Frenchman Amaury Pierron, 23, the second last rider down the hill, who held his nerve to retain his Fort William crown with a blistering time of 4:28.587, edging out Australian Troy Brosnan and fellow countryman Loris Vergier by just over 3.5

MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP

seconds.

Amaury Pierron said: 'It was beautiful to win here again. The crowd were insane. Fort William is one of the best tracks on the circuit and I want to thank everyone who cheered us on this weekend. To win for a second time at this track where the margins are so fine is something I will never forget.'

In the women's final, Rachel Atherton recorded an incredible time of 5:15.560 to claim the 2019 title by two seconds, her fourth at Fort William World Cup events and her first on the new Atherton bike.

Rachel Atherton said: 'It's been a real team effort over the weekend. This track

pushes you right to the edge. Fort William is hard enough without the wind and rain battering you. To have claimed a first win on the Atherton bike here at Fort William is really special. It hasn't quite sunk in yet.'

As the Fort William stage event celebrates its 18th birthday, spectators flocked to the finish line to witness their favourite riders fly down a turbulent track on the famous Aonach Mòr mountain.

With more than a fifth of the elite field made up of British riders, the home fans among the 22,000 strong crowd had plenty to cheer with strong performances from Danny Hart and Matt Walker, who finished fifth and seventh in the Men's Elite respectively, whilst Luke Mumford took second in the Men's Junior event.

Nevis Range team rider Mikayla Parton, competing in her first Fort William World Cup, was unlucky not to qualify for the women's final, agonisingly missing out on qualification by 0.7 seconds to finish in 16th place.

In the women's 4x competition, Lochaber rider Louise Ferguson overcame a knee injury to clinch fourth place in the final to secure a podium finish.

Reflecting on the week-



Pierron battles the wet and wild conditions at Nevis Range, which got the better of a number of elite riders. Photograph: Kim Ferguson, Kimages.



Inverness-shire rider Greg Williamson finished in 12th position. Photograph: Kim Ferguson, Kimages.

end, Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's Director of Events, said: 'Fort William once again provided the perfect stage for an epic weekend of mountain bike action and it was fantastic to see the crowds out in force supporting the event.'

'The Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is hugely important for the Highlands and for Scotland, contributing more than £40million to the economy to date.'



Rachel Atherton, centre, celebrates yet another win at Fort William. Photograph: Phunkt.

McPhee battles to sixth in Italian Grand Prix

Sunday saw John McPhee rise through the ranks in the Italian Grand Prix at Mugello to finish 11 places ahead of

his starting point. McPhee overcame a disappointing qualifier, which saw him start from 17th on the grid.

However, by the end of the race he was in sixth place after a superb opening lap that put him in contention for the podium.

The Petronas Sprinta Racing Moto3 rider is now eighth in the overall championship standings on 44 points.

John McPhee said on his website: 'Anything can happen at Mugello.'

'I made a great start and was able to catch the front runners in the opening corners.'

'I tried to be smart and get onto the home straight fourth at the end, because I knew that if I was in first or second, two or three riders would pass me. On the last lap I got on the brakes very late on the

last corner and another rider passed me. Nevertheless, finishing in position six, ahead of the world championship leader and some of the riders who are at the sharp end of the standings, is positive.'

'These points are good after a disappointing qualifying session on Saturday.'

'We were able to show that we had speed and that yesterday was a result of isolated errors. I'm looking forward to the next race.'

John will be back in action from Friday June 14 to Sunday June 16 in the Catalan GP at the Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit.



John McPhee finished sixth in the Italian Grand Prix.



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Weekend Outlook
Saturday
Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Sunday
Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Temperatures 9°C to 12°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)

	01.30	0.8	07.28	3.7
Thur	13.44	0.7	19.37	3.8
Fri	02.19	0.9	08.13	3.5
	14.32	0.8	20.24	3.7
Sat	03.14	1.1	09.05	3.3
	15.24	0.9	21.18	3.5
Sun	04.16	1.2	10.06	3.1
	16.23	1.1	22.21	3.3
Mon	05.27	1.3	11.28	2.9
	17.28	1.2	23.41	3.2
Tues	***	**	06.44	1.4
	13.07	3.0	18.38	1.8
Wed	01.15	3.2	07.59	1.3
	14.17	3.1	19.47	1.2

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

Chain, shackles and buoys all available to purchase.

Déjà vu as flying Frenchman takes win at Fort

McPhee battles to sixth in Italian Grand Prix



Winning teams flanked by Am-Am convenor Dave Mudie, left, and Oban Rotary president Iain MacIntyre, right.

Oban charity Am-Am tees off for 34th year

Amateur golfers teamed up for Oban Rotary Club's annual charity Am-Am competition at the weekend.

Thirty-eight teams teed off at Glencruitten Golf Club on Sunday.

Teams travelled from as far away as Glasgow and Dunblane to take part but the eventual first prize winners taking home The Oban Times trophy was Oban Camanachd A. This year was the 34th annual competition and is one of the Rotary Club's biggest regular fundraising events, supporting good causes. Since the event started, it

has raised £187,000. Every year it accounts for around 60 to 70 per cent of the charity's yearly funds.

Am-Am convenor David Mudie said the winning team were 'worthy winners' and it was 'a good competition well-played'.

The first and third winning teams generously converted their prize vouchers into cash for Oban's Dove Centre, said Mr Mudie. 'It was a day in which everyone enjoyed their golf,' he added.

An auction supported by businesses in the area raised £500 as part of the event and

around £690 came from a raffle which will go to Mary's Meals.

Last year's Am-Am brought in £12,000 and 2019 organisers are hoping to come close to that again.

Results and prizes:

Winners of the first team prize of The Oban Times trophy and £200 was Oban Camanachd A with 93 points. Members were Ian Hay, N Evans, B Wotherspoon and N Campbell.

Winners of the second

team prize of PDK Shellfish Ltd trophy and £120 were Oban Camanachd Sec with 89 points. Members were S Evans, C Eccleston, I MacMillan and N MacFarlane.

Winners of the third team prize of the Bank of Scotland Trophy and £100 sponsored by MacQueen Bros were The Lorne Bar with 89 points. Members were Declan Curran, Bryan Livingstone, Calum MacLellan and Scott Johnstone.

The Coloured Ball Competition, sponsored by Scottish Sea Farms Ltd, was

won by Kames Fish Farm with 65 strokes. Team members were Alan Jamieson, Malcolm Cullen, Steven McCuish and Martin Tait.

Winners of the leading visiting team, sponsored by James Smith & Co (Connel) Ltd, with 75 points were the Rotary Club of Dunblane. Members were Rob Jones, Jim Gardner, Ivor Butchart and Norman Ainszie. Nearest-to-the-pin winners were: second hole - D MacLean; fifth hole - N Evans; ninth hole - M Smyth; 10th hole - Ian MacMillan; 15th hole - Rod Jones and 17th hole - S McCuish.

Bob MacIntyre misses cut in US Open qualifier

It was always going to be difficult for Bob MacIntyre to remain on par with last month's results.

The 23-year-old from Oban had a whirlwind May, winning second place in back-to-back tournaments - the British Masters and Made in Denmark.

The Glencruitten golfer was back in action last weekend but third time lucky was not to be.

Bob failed to make it past the round of 64 in the Belgian Knockout, his score seeing him finish joint 34th.

He was back on the green on Monday in a US Open Pebble Beach qualifier.

However, Bob finished outside the top 14 at Walton Heath Golf Club and failed to qualify.



Bob MacIntyre.

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Climate fears over Cow Hill new homes proposal

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Fort William's housing shortage is acute but so is the need to preserve peat in the face of the climate emergency and that must be taken into account when it comes to more than 300 new homes proposed for the slopes of Cow Hill in the town's Upper Achintore area.

So say climate emergency activists following last week's public meeting to discuss concerns surrounding the application from Link Housing.

The meeting was well attended by residents from the area and chaired by the town's community council chairman, Alex Farquhar.

As well as Link Housing, there were representatives from the contractor and Lochaber Housing.

Drainage issues, flooding risks and the increase in traffic were all raised, as were worries about the removal of thousands of tons of peat during the construction of the new properties.

A spokesman for the local branch of the Extinction Rebellion climate emergency

campaign group told the Lochaber Times that peat needed to be seen as a hugely important ecological resource.

'The contractor has indicated that 20,000 tonnes of the stuff are to be removed from the site, which will release almost 3,000 tonnes of CO2E into the atmosphere,' said the spokesperson.

Emergency

'From the perspective of climate change, and the recent declaration of climate and ecological emergency by Highland Council, that is a very high price to pay, and one which should not be overlooked in a hasty appraisal of the developer's proposals.

'If Cow Hill is genuinely an irreplaceable location to help meet Fort William's need for social and affordable housing, then we would like to see clear evidence that the peat disruption has been kept to an absolute minimum.'

As a comparison, 20,000 tons of peat stores the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide produced by driving a car to the moon and back 125 times or the annual carbon footprint

of 14,500 people living in Tanzania.

Resident Kevin Hickman said: 'It was clear at the meeting that people are very anxious about the removal of peat as it is the best carbon capture and storage there is and needs to be preserved in the world's fight against climate chaos.'

Mr Farquhar said this particular site had been zoned for housing for 38 years and this development worked on for the past four or five years.

'When it comes to the peat, it will all be done to the procedures stipulated by the Scottish Government. People ask how it can go ahead in the light of the climate crisis. But there is no legislation preventing building on peat and if a development meets planning requirements, then it can go ahead. If you legislated to stop building on peat, about 90 per cent of developments in Lochaber would be halted.

'What we need are new modern homes with environmentally sound improvements to get people out of rubbish housing that has a negative impact on the environment.'

Unravelling mystery of the 'Corpach Wreck'



It has become one of Lochaber's most photographed landmarks. Better known among locals as the 'Corpach Wreck', the fishing boat Dayspring has become a feature of the area's sightseeing circuit since it washed up in 2011, with photographers from all over the world eager to capture dramatic shot. The Lochaber Times met owner Lukas Pomahač to uncover the story of how it got there and what's next for Dayspring. Full story on page five.

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Glencoe centre is officially opened

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The National Trust for Scotland officially opened its new million-pound visitor centre at Glencoe with a VIP event on Friday.

Chief Executive Simon Skinner invited guests from the community and partners involved in the project to celebrate at the centre, which has received more than £1 million of investment to create a more immersive, informative and welcoming gateway to Glencoe.

Interiors have been modernised throughout, taking a fresh approach to revealing the stories that make Glencoe a place cherished by visitors from across the globe.

History, wildlife and things to do in the glen are brought to life through innovative design, visual display, sound and sculpture. There is a new film screening area, exhibition space, cafe and information hub with 3D map.

Guests attending the VIP event were also able to view the Watchful Stag, a new contemporary sculpture created by wildlife sculptor Andrew Kay.

Standing more than two metres tall within the wood-



Simon Skinner, chief executive of the National Trust for Scotland, officially open the new Glencoe Visitor Centre.

Photographs: Iain Ferguson, The Write Image



land glade surrounding the eco-friendly visitor centre, the sculpture is made from carefully chosen three-dimensional brushstrokes of welded metal and has been described as a sketch in steel. It represents a fleeting

glimpse in the wild of this emblem of the Highland landscape.

Also by Andrew Kay, a stag's head and eagle in the cafe create a wonderful feature and, Glencoe, a metre-long metal creation by Edinburgh-based

blacksmith K Paxton, greets visitors as they buy their refreshments.

Some 100 guests attended the event and were treated to a taste of the menu at the new Highland Coo Cafe, a chance to explore the improved centre and join walks and talks with Glencoe's senior ranger, Scott McCombie, and trust archaeologist Derek Alexander.

Mr Skinner declared the centre officially open by cutting a ribbon, and commenting: 'Glencoe is one of the most significant locations cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. It's steeped in history and is known the world over for its outstanding beauty.'

'We've invested heavily in better telling the story of Glencoe, making sure the new centre offers visitors a memorable and enjoyable experience, allowing them to immerse themselves in this incredible place. I'm delighted to have attended this special event and declare our new centre officially open.'

In 2018, more than 210,000 people visited the Glencoe Visitor Centre and with the improvements, the National Trust for Scotland is confident of increased numbers in 2019 and beyond.



Scots Makar Jackie Kay, left, made a welcome return.

Strontian high school welcomes Scots Makar

Ardnamurchan High School was delighted to host Scots Makar Jackie Kay last week.

Ms Kay took to the stage in the Strontian school's assembly hall to speak to pupils about life as a writer and to present some of her poetry.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the school as Ms Kay's work is part of the set text for National Five English Set Scottish Text exam paper.

The session was run in an interview format, chaired by English teacher Deborah White and faculty head Peter Newman, who asked the questions before Ms Kay broke off to read some of her work and to include the young people in some spirited audience participation.

The position of Scots Makar – the national poet for Scotland – was created in February 2004 by the Scottish Government under First Minister Jack McConnell. 'Makar' is the Scots word for the author of a

literary work, and particularly for a poet or bard.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced Ms Kay's appointment as the new Makar in 2016, at the Scottish Poetry Library, for a five-year term.

Ms Kay was made MBE for services to literature in 2006, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and is currently chancellor of Salford University.

Her poetry collections include *Darling: New and Selected Poems* (2007), and *Fiere* (2011), which reflects on her Nigerian and Scottish heritage.

Her memoir *Red Dust Road* (2010), which she has called a 'love letter' to her white adoptive parents, won the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book of the Year Award in 2011. Her latest collection, featuring poems from her residency at the Ardtornish Estate, is *The Empathetic Store* (Mariscat, 2015).

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Fears that Fort faces years of traffic chaos

by Mark Entwistle
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Residents and businesses in Lochaber may well have to endure further years of traffic chaos and congestion along the A82 in and out of Fort William before any solution is found.

That was the fear of Stewart MacLean, chairman of the A82 Partnership, this week following news that MSP Kate Forbes had written to Scottish Transport Minister Michael Matheson about the situation.

With closures of sections of the trunk road due to roadworks and accidents running at an average of one every three days, many believe this is costing the economy anything from £50,000 to £100,000 each time.

The latest problem was last week's five-mile tailbacks of southbound vehicles on the A82 between Nevis

Range and Fort William on Thursday and Friday.

The weekend's mountain bike world cup event at Nevis Range was estimated to have doubled the 10,500 population of Fort William, exacerbating traffic problems.

With drivers taking 90 minutes to make the short journey, Ms Forbes says her email inbox has been jammed with inquiries as to why there is still no solution in place to the ever-worsening traffic problems.

She has now called for Mr Matheson to lend his urgent support to tackle the problem.

'We've previously discussed congestion on the A82 through Fort William. Every year, the people of Fort William are subjected to two months of congestion because of the traffic build-up due to tourists going south,' Ms Forbes told Mr Matheson.

'Last week, the traffic was backed up to Nevis Range –

that is a five-mile queue – and took about 90 minutes for traffic to get through the town centre. The story has been in the media and my inbox is full of questions about why there isn't a solution yet.

'Please could Transport Scotland and Police Scotland between them respond to these crises and see if there is a way to mitigate the most extreme cases of congestion – even getting the police to direct traffic at peak times because the build-up is only southbound.

'It's not just a question of frustration for commuters because there is literally no alternative route for the emergency services, never mind carers or doctors doing calls.

'I'd be very grateful if you could offer urgent support as this problem is as pressing as ever and I'm very sympathetic to all those who are daily caught up in this.'

Bids have been made for a bypass for Fort William to be included in the new Strategic Transport Projects Review looking at Scotland's transport infrastructure priorities for the next 20 years.

But Mr MacLean is worried a solution seems as far away as ever with work on the next Strategic Transport Projects Review still to be completed.

'The people of Fort William and Lochaber may have to live with this situation and the major negative impact it is having on our economy for the next few years, until Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government truly realise the priority of the A82 for the West Highlands and islands,' Mr MacLean told the Lochaber Times.

'Short-term fixes have been tried and failed – there are no short-term fixes. I am getting the feeling that within Transport Scotland the A82 is not a huge priority.'

Call for more HGVs to stick to speed limit

There should be a 30pm zone all the way through Corpach and haulage companies and businesses which send out heavy goods vehicles on to the A830 should be asked to ensure drivers adhere to speed limits.

That was the view of those attending last week's meeting of Kilmallie Community Council.

With both 30mph and 40mph zones in the area, many feel the change of limit is partly to blame for speeding drivers.

'It's ridiculous that it changes in places to 40mph. There are lorries on the road from 5.30am clattering along easily in excess of 30mph in the 30mph zone going by the noise they make,' said one woman resident.

'I travelled behind one recently on my way to work and it was definitely going faster than 30mph.

'Could the community council perhaps write to the local hauliers and ask them to speak to their drivers about being more careful about their speed?'

'I appreciate they are trying to run commercial operations but

if they could at least observe the 30mph speed limit until we could maybe get a 30mph limit all the way through, it would make a huge difference. They just need to be a bit more considerate.'

Several haulage firms such as Ferguson and BSW were praised for their speedy tackling of previous complaints over any of their drivers speeding.

Another resident, Norman Clark, said it was not just lorry drivers who were to blame.

'If you went and stood outside the school road before 9am, you'd be horrified at how many car drivers are speeding past there.'

Community councillor Mandy Ketchin said the community council had tried hard over the years. 'The amount of effort we have had to put into get even the smallest of improvements has been enormous,' she said.

'But it seems sensible to have a 30mph right through from Annat to Corpach rather than it going up and down from 30 to 40 and so on.'



Tents, bottles and cans were just some of the items left behind by a group of campers.

Anger grows over Glen Etive litter

Campaigners were left dismayed and frustrated this week after tents, plastic bottles and bags of litter were left strewn along a river bank in Glen Etive by a group of campers over the weekend.

This latest bout of littering to hit the iconic glen was reported on the Facebook page Glen Etive: the dirty truth, and sparked an angry response from residents and outdoor enthusiasts.

Mark Shone, who set up the Facebook page, said that although finding litter like this was a regular occurrence, he was fully aware that it was 'a minority spoiling it for the majority'.

'I have seen a massive increase in the amount of visitors over the past several years which I put down to social media,' he said.

'What little infrastructure there is in the glen isn't capable of withstanding the

current pressure. I see it getting a lot worse before it gets better.'

Mr Shone went on to say that the clean-up was left to locals, 'good Samaritans' and National Trust for Scotland staff and volunteers.

'We don't want to see an end to wild camping in Glen Etive and welcome people that practise responsible access,' he added. 'I don't know what the answer is long term.'

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Dail Mhor group launches consultation

Ten months since Dail Mhor House care home in Strontian re-opened, a working group has launched a public consultation on the future of local healthcare provision.

The facility was closed by NHS Highland in the summer of 2017 but re-opened in August 2018 after a campaign by the community.

A working group made up of representatives from the five community councils in the Dail Mhor catchment area has been created, and a project worker has been appointed to explore ways to work in partnership with NHS Highland to deliver health and social care across the area.

As part of this process, an online survey has been launched to attract responses from both younger and older people, as well as those living elsewhere who have links to the area.

The survey is open until June 20 and the link can be found on Facebook pages or by visiting community council websites.

One man and a boat: the

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: Rarely has a shipwreck caused as much intrigue as MV Dayspring after it suddenly appeared on the Kilmallie shoreline in December 2011.

Neill Bo Finlayson met its owner to uncover the story behind the 'Corpach Wreck'.

Standing under the hull of the MV Dayspring, it is easy to see why boat-builder Lukas Pomahač wanted to make it his home.

Although now worse for wear, far from its days trawling the North Sea for mackerel and herring, the charm of this once commanding fishing boat is not all lost.

Resting idly on the shingle beach overlooking Loch Linnhe, Dayspring has taken up permanent residency on the Kilmallie shoreline, listing as if reclined, admiring the view.

We spend a brief moment doing likewise, marvelling at the vista across the loch towards Fort William and the majestic Nevis mountain range, before clumsily nav-

igating the rocky foreshore towards the beached trawler.

'It's still solid,' Lukas says caressing the bow of the ship with his calloused hands. 'A beautifully built boat, one of a few left of its kind.'

Better known among locals as the 'Corpach Wreck', Dayspring has become an iconic landmark in Lochaber, with photographers from all over the world traipsing along the beach, tripod in hand, each day to capture a dramatic shot.

It has remained a cause of intrigue for locals, too, since it appeared perched on the shorefront one morning after a fierce storm hit the area in December 2011. That night eight years ago was particu-



larly fateful for Lukas, who not only saw his beloved boat washed ashore, but his home too.

Sitting below the high tide line, Dayspring is still classed as being afloat and so does not fall within the remit of the Receiver of Wrecks, despite being land-bound for the best part of a decade. As it is not polluting the area, not posing a hazard and, as Lukas puts it, he is 'not causing any trouble', no laws are being broken.

However, boarding the vessel without permission is illegal and, having had two emergency distress calls activated by trespassers on the ship in recent years, Lukas is concerned that the persistent

vandalism falls foul of the law.

'I would like people to realise that it is my home and not theirs to destroy,' he said. 'People can take pictures, fine, but they need to realise they are taking pictures of private property. I just want people to not think they can do what they want.'

A highly-skilled carpenter, Lukas moved from Czech Republic to Scotland to learn traditional boat-building skills and worked at Corpach Boat Building Company in 2007 to learn the trade.

He began restoring wrecks in his spare time and, after successfully rejuvenating two smaller clinker-built boats,

Lukas's attention turned to the much larger Dayspring. Stretching 26m in length, the boat was originally built by J&G Forbes in Sandhaven in 1975 and eventually found its way to Kinlochleven pier in 2000 where it lay untouched for several years.

Plagued by gribble and leaking water, Lukas nonetheless purchased the vessel with his then wife, Alla, in 2008, determined to restore the trawler to its former glory and convert for living.

'We bought the boat to do it up and live on it,' he told me. 'One, for the love of boat building and, two, also for our own home.'

After countless hours and



Located on the shoreline between Corpach and Caol, the boat is now a local landmark.

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The story of MV Dayspring

McLean urges ministers to ban weedkillers



Lukas Pomahač under the hull of MV Dayspring, which has been beached on the shoreline since December 8, 2011. Photographs: Abrightside Photography

a significant investment, the pair eventually got it to a condition where it could be towed to Camusnagaul Bay. This is where they lived, aboard the boat, until disaster struck on December 8, 2011.

'It was my fault,' Lukas admitted quite plainly. 'It's not any kind of mystery. It was me who put an underrated shackle on the mooring system.'

Lukas and Alla were visiting family when they got a call that the boat had broken its mooring. Crestfallen, yet still retaining a sense of reason, Lukas told the coastguard not to divert their rescue effort to save his boat.

They had more important things to focus on, he felt.

The coastguard nevertheless helped control the landing of the vessel on the shore. The next day, some of Lukas's friends tied some lines to the shore and help secured Dayspring.

Although safe from sinking, the boat was now a target for looters and vandals. Cordless grinders were used by some to recover valuable metal, brass plates and instruments from the ship – even the propeller was stolen. The living quarters on the inside were not safe either as cupboards were ransacked and the galley destroyed.

The tipping point came

when one day he found that the ropes securing his boat to the shore had been cut.

'When people started cutting ropes, that made me feel sick,' said Lukas, who still lives and works in Lochaber. 'I felt very sad. I felt that this wasn't very healthy behaviour in a community. Everyone sensible knows that there is a reason the boat is tied to the shore on a line.'

The scale of the damage, which he believes to be of 'serious' value, is almost too galling for Lukas to remedy.

'Years on, I'm trying to fight the same situation by putting up signs and boards to stop people coming aboard. People are acting illegally by

boarding a shipwreck in the first place. We would do three days' work and then we'd come back and it's all gone.

'Now people realise there's nothing to steal, they have gone for just purely destroying things.'

'After all this, and I've been here for 13 years now, I still call the Highlands my home.'

Keen to pass on his hardened boat-building skills to future generations, Lukas feels there is an opportunity with Dayspring to invoke the spirit of marine culture again.

'I'm a person who wants to keep the old-fashioned skills, learn it and then pass it on,' he said. 'There used to be small jetties everywhere along Loch Linnhe and now they are ruined and not in use. I like the Highlands, the scenery, the wilderness. But we have somehow lost touch with the sea and marine activities.'

'I will persevere with Dayspring and not let it rot. It's a case of a paint job and tidy to make the boat look

okay again. I am not letting it go and I would like people to realise that such a boat is becoming rare.'

Lukas remains grateful to all of those who have helped him over the years with Dayspring and would like to thank everyone who played a part in its restoration, rescue and recovery, from Corpach Boatyard and Boyd Brothers to Alla and his friends in the area.

Now, he is willing to be creative in how to protect the future of the boat and perhaps recoup some of the costs of the damage. He is even still hoping to live on it.

'I feel for this area and would like to do something the community can benefit from. Instead of throwing stones at it, let's make it useful and serve people. I would like 2019 to be the year of change for Dayspring.'

For more pictures, find the story on the Lochaber Times' website and for more on the history of the ship visit mvdayspring.co.uk.

Councillor Niall McLean is urging government health ministers to ban the use of chemical weedkiller and glyphosate products from public areas.

The Fort William and Ardnamurchan councillor believes use of such chemicals should be restricted to carefully regulated specific instances after he found what he believes to be weedkiller residue on equipment in a children's play park at Ballachulish. He expects it can be found in other play parks in Lochaber.

This week Mr McLean has written to Scottish and UK Government health secretaries urging them to ban these products from public use.

'With growing scientific evidence on the toxic potential of glyphosate to humans, the environment and agriculture, I am calling on them to find a way of adapting to what we now know about the urgency of the environmental crisis and the risk we are exposing ourselves and our children to.'



Lukas remains positive about Dayspring and hopes more can be made of the trawler.

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several patients each year who have major vision problems with severe loss of sight which could have been prevented if they had come in on a regular basis. Not all vision loss is preventable but we can do our utmost to minimise any sight loss if the problem is dealt with early enough.

Poor vision, particularly in older patients, can be devas-

tating socially. Many find they are unable to drive and have to move house to be nearer shops. Others have to go into sheltered housing or move in with their extended family as they can no longer cope with living on their own. Perhaps the biggest fear I have to deal with is the loss of the ability to drive and the resultant loss of independence. Most of the patients I see who are struggling with driving simply need cataracts removed. For many patients the thought of surgery to their eyes is just too much and they put off any prospect of an operation until they are very severely visually handicapped.

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Expansion of port could end noise problem

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A particularly irritating noise emanating from the harbour that has been disturbing the peace of Corpach residents for a considerable time has been revealed as 'donking'.

The issue of 'donking' arose at last week's Kilmallie Community Council, which among various issues, discussed the on-going complaints about noise and other disturbance as a result of local port and industrial operations.

The meeting was debating an update on a feasibility study currently being carried out into the creation of a deepwater port at Corpach.

The word 'donking' describes a process whereby logs are lined up for loading into the hold of a ship and which can create a loud 'banging' type noise.

Calum Boyd, of Boyd Brothers Haulage, which is based at Annat Pier, told the meeting that a solution to cut

out such noise was probably available through the use of specialised hydraulic equipment. 'There would obviously be costs involved,' he added.

'But if this new development [deepwater port expansion] did get the go-ahead, then it would mean more funding and not having any donking.'

However, resident Norman Clark also raised the issues of disturbance caused by ships' on-board generators running throughout the night, as well as ships sometimes docking in port on a Sunday.

'They are not supposed to dock on Sundays. I'd like the public to be considered as much as the pounds coming in,' said Mr Clark.

Mr Boyd told him a lot of newer ships were better insulated, but that some of the older vessels were a bit noisier. But community council secretary Russell Leaper said it seemed common for most ports to now provide onshore electricity supplies for docked vessels.

Mr Boyd replied: 'We can

provide that at shoreside but that is also a cost.'

However, Liam Browning, a director of Great Glen Shipping, which is based in Corpach, said there was not a single port in the Highlands which his company's ships used which did not have a 'plug-in' electricity facility on the shore. 'And at every port, we've been able to load on a Sunday,' he added.

But Mr Clark shot back: 'It might be okay for you to say that just happens but you don't live here - there has got to be some acceptance of the lives of local people.'

'You are wanting to work 24 hours a day, for seven days a week, but there's got to be a break somewhere.'

The feasibility study is being worked on by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), along with Boyd Brothers Haulage and Liberty British Aluminium.

Alastair Nicolson of HIE told the meeting there would be further updates on the study in due course.

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First osprey chick of season hatches in nest

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The first osprey chick of the season has hatched at Woodland Trust Scotland's Loch Arkaig pine forest in Lochaber.

Chick number one began emerging from its egg at 3pm on Friday and viewers of the trust's osprey camera caught their first glimpse at 8am on Saturday.

Jill Donnachie, of Woodland Trust Scotland, said with three eggs originally laid, the hope was that the coming few days would see the chick joined by a brother or sister.

'Parents Louis and Aila are now in their third nesting season and are shaping up to be fantastic parents,' commented Ms Donnachie.

'They raised their first chick, Lachlan, in 2017.

'Last year their clutch of

three eggs was taken by a pine marten.

'This year they have come through a turf-war with tawny owls which are nesting nearby.

'The owls were diving at the osprey nest almost nightly for a few weeks. That all eased off eventually.

'We think the owl chicks may have fledged so the parents are no longer so anxious about having such large neighbours.'

Louis and Aila have also had to contend with fierce wind and rain in Lochaber last week but they have remained attentive with their incubation.

Ms Donnachie added: 'It's a delight to observe their often comical altercations involving large sticks.

'We look forward to watching their next few weeks of parenthood unfold.'



It is hoped more of the eggs will hatch. Photograph: WTML

Attempted break-in at Morrisons

Police in Fort William are appealing for information following an attempted break-in at the Morrisons supermarket in the town.

The incident happened shortly after 1am on Tuesday May 28.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to force entry to the supermarket petrol station, while signs of disturbance were also noted around the main entrance to the store.

Damage was also caused to an air machine, used for inflating tyres, at the petrol station, while a car parked outside the supermarket was also vandalised.

Officers are looking to speak to a man seen in the area, described as being around 5ft 10in tall, of stocky build with scruffy dark hair and wearing a head torch.

Police would like to hear from anyone who was in the area who may have seen anything suspicious. Call Police Scotland on 101, quoting ref: NJ1584/19, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



BOTB presenter Christian Williams breaks the good news to Paul Tierney, of Mallaig.

Dad Paul wins trip to Disney World Florida

A Mallaig man is definitely the coolest dad in Scotland after receiving a surprise holiday to Disney World Florida thanks to lifestyle competition, Best of the Best (BOTB).

Paul Tierney, of Mallaig, is thrilled he will be able to take his children, Roxy, five, and Ruby, nine, away on a £14,000 holiday of a lifetime.

Competition organisers, however, had a hard job getting hold of Paul to tell him the good news as he was working in Malaysia.

Paul's wife, Andrea, did not believe the phone call to begin with and it was only

when Paul rang back and spoke to BOTB presenter Christian Williams that all became clear and the celebrations could begin.

Paul and his family can now look forward to a two-week stay in the luxury Animal Kingdom Lodge, complete with deluxe dining, and unlimited access to all theme and water parks.

BOTB is a weekly dream car and lifestyle competition which was founded in 1999 by William Hindmarch.

It operates online and across airports in the UK and has given away £29 million worth of prizes.

The competition involves

a game of Spot the Ball and each week the competition is judged using former professional footballers such as England international Sol Campbell, alongside current and former referees. Winners are then surprised with their prizes every week. Asked for his reaction, Paul commented: 'I'm absolutely over the moon with my win. I have told the kids - they were jumping about screaming about going to Disneyland.'

Asked what Andrea thought, Paul added: 'It took me three days to convince my wife that it was real!'

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Locheilnet volunteers are to receive Queen's Award

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Locheilnet, a volunteer group providing high-speed broadband for customers in rural Lochaber, has been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

Based in Fort William, Locheilnet was established six years ago and now serves more than 450 customers.

The company is one of 281 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their communities.

Representatives of Locheilnet will receive the award from Lord-Lieutenant Donald Cameron of Lochail later this summer.

Chairwoman of Locheilnet Jackie Wright said the group was delighted that the work Locheilnet did had been recognised.

'From small beginnings in 2012, as a pilot project to provide affordable broadband to areas that were being ignored by the big network providers, Locheilnet now has more than 450 domestic and business customers throughout Lochaber, from Tulloch to Appin, Kilmalieu to Loch Arkaig, and Glenfinnan to Onich,' she told us.

'Locheilnet continues to expand, is now about to go live into Corrou and Glencoe, but remains committed to serving the small and remote communities.'

'Locheilnet also contributes to the success of many events including the Six Days Trial, Glenfinnan Games, Nevis Radio and, of course, the worldwide attraction of the



Locheilnet now serves more than 450 customers.

osprey nest camera on Loch Arkaig, streaming the live video nest action night and day, via a remote mast way up in the hills above Loch Arkaig.'

Two Western Isles groups, Comunn Eachdraidh Nis and Gàradh a'Bhagh a'Tuath, were also among the 281 organi-

the fragile area of North Lewis.

Gàradh a'Bhagh a'Tuath (Northbay Gardens) in Barra is known as the 'gàradh' and has grown from small beginnings into a vibrant social enterprise, growing and selling produce, achieving Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status in 2011.

Representatives from both groups will attend the royal garden party in Edinburgh on July 3 along with other recipients of this year's award.

The awards will be presented to the groups in Ness and Northbay by Lord-Lieutenant of the Western Isles Donald Martin at ceremonies later this summer.

Annie Macsween, from Comunn Eachdraidh Nis, said: 'Since we were formed in 1977, we have established an accredited museum, extensive archive, cafe, gift shop and meeting place with some 30 volunteers of all ages getting

involved in a wide range of activities focused on the Comunn Eachdraidh Nis collection.'

Angie Foster, a founder of Gàradh a' Bhagh a' Tuath, added: 'We are delighted at the recognition of the gàradh project and delighted with the award. The gàradh is founded on volunteers with a very can-do attitude to improving people's lives, while also having a lot of fun along the way.'

'We have approximately 50 volunteers, some of whom need support to volunteer.'

'We provide great horticultural gardening experiences and a supported volunteer café from our growing site in Northbay which is popular with locals and visitors.'

Since the award's introduction in 2002, only two Western Isles groups have been honoured – The Eoropie Play Park (GAIN) in 2004 and Sporsnis in 2011.

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Kilmallie car park could benefit from fund

Improvements to the car park at Kilmallie Community Centre have been suggested as one possible project that could qualify for a slice of nearly £200,000 allocated to Lochaber as part of a government initiative to regenerate town centres.

The Highland Council's Lochaber Area Committee

will take on the role of identifying and recommending which receive funding.

At last week's meeting of Kilmallie Community Council, the hall car park was touted as possibly qualifying for the cash.

'The hall car park is definitely in need of maintenance,' said resident Roddy Mainland. 'It

belongs to Highland Council. To be honest, it needs to be bought so it belongs to the community.'

But Kilmallie resident John Hutchison said there could be a question mark over ownership. 'It would certainly transform Kilmallie hall if it had a nice, safe car park,' he said.

WHAT'S ON in Lochaber

■ Lochaber Provincial Mòd will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, at Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Fort William. Entries have now closed.

■ 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. Go and see a varied display of this year's work – both framed and unframed – and paintings will be for sale.

■ The Lochaber Vegan Fair takes place on Saturday June 8 from 11am to 4pm at Duncansburgh Church Hall, Fort William. Free entry. More information on the Lochaber Vegan Fair Facebook page.

■ The second annual Neilly

Fraser Trophy tournament will be held at Spean Bridge Golf Club on Saturday June 8. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds will go towards Spean Bridge Golf Club.

■ Representatives of Lochaber Sensory Care for sight and hearing support will visit Ardnamurchan on Monday June 10. The team will be at Acharacle Medical Centre from 10.30-11.45am and then at Dail Mhor Care Home at Strontian from 1pm-2.30pm. They will offer advice and help to those with sight or hearing impairments and will also re-tube and maintain hearing aids and supply batteries for these. No appointment necessary for this free service.

■ West Highland Museum, in conjunction with High Life Highland, is holding an

Outlander Day on Friday June 14. Booking is essential. Call the museum on 01397 702169.

■ Lochaber Sensory Care is holding a fundraising midsummer ceildh on Friday June 21, in the Railway Social Club, at Inverloch. The proceeds will help Lochaber Sensory Care to provide its free services throughout Lochaber. It starts at 7.30pm with the entertainment provided by a host of artists. Tickets are £8 including tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be a raffle and the Railway Club Bar will be open. Tickets are available from: Lochaber Sensory Care Centre in Caol; the Ben Nevis Book Shop in Monzie Square; and the Railway Club itself.

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MSP says transport failings are putting islands at risk

HIAL air traffic controllers in Inverness are paid less than those in Aberdeen

by Mark Entwistle
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The future of island and remote communities across the Highlands and Islands is being put at risk by uncertainty over vital transport links, warns Highlands and Islands Scottish Conservative MSP Donald Cameron.

Mr Cameron spoke after the air traffic controllers' union announced another strike for June 12 which will affect HIAL airports in the Western Isles, Orkney, Shetland and Inverness.

The news follows widespread reports of passengers being unable to book on to ferry services due to over-capacity, and delays in introducing new ferries into service.

Mr Cameron said: 'This cat-



MSP Donald Cameron at Stornoway Airport recently.

alogue of failures is entirely the responsibility of Nicola Sturgeon's SNP government. It has been in power for 12 years and cannot blame anyone else.

'Everywhere you look, whether it is the town centre ferry service to Dunoon, insufficient capacity on ferries to and from the Western Isles,

or the failure to resolve the HIAL dispute, the story is the same: a failure to plan ahead or, when trouble breaks out, a failure to get a grip.'

Mr Cameron said he feared for the future of communities dependent on the failing transport links.

'The SNP government down in Edinburgh don't seem to

understand that our communities are utterly dependent on reliable transport infrastructure. When the ferry or plane doesn't run, there is no alternative route.

'If businesses lose confidence, they will either fail to invest or they will relocate. And we will find it even more difficult to attract younger, economically-active people to live in our remote communities which are already threatened by population decline.'

However, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP Rhoda Grant has stepped in to defend the air traffic controllers.

'I met with union representatives of Prospect on May 29 in parliament and I discovered that HIAL air traffic controllers in Inverness are paid 12 per cent

less than those in Aberdeen, 33 per cent less than those in Edinburgh and 100 per cent less than those in Heathrow,' she said.

'The pay gap is even wider for air traffic controllers working on the islands. How is this fair when they have the exact same training as their counterparts elsewhere?

'Members of Prospect are being made to look like their request is unreasonable when, in fact, if the rates of inflation are compared to the air traffic controllers' pay increases over the past 10 years, the requested pay increase would bring their wages in line with inflation.

'I don't think this is an unreasonable request especially as their jobs are due to disappear or they will be forced to move. I can understand com-

pletely why they are no longer willing to settle for lower pay. The Scottish Government should work out how to resolve this, whether that be paying air traffic controllers more or ending the plans to centralise services.'

In the background is HIAL's plans for its seven airports to have their air traffic controlled remotely from a new digital tower based in Inverness. The seven airports affected are Sumburgh, Dundee, Inverness, Wick, John O'Groats, Kirkwall, Stornoway and Benbecula.

'With the plans to centralise air traffic control from the Highlands and islands to Inverness, Prospect has had enough and wants its pay to reflect what others are paid in the country,' added Ms Grant.

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Drivers and cyclists are warned

Road policing officers have spoken to a number of drivers and cyclists during the latest Operation Close Pass in Lochaber.

The operation involves drivers who do not give enough room when passing an unmarked police cyclist being pulled over for a demonstration on how to overtake safely using a specially designed mat.

Officers carried out a Close Pass operation on the A830 at Corpach last week, which was also attended by representatives from the BSW mill and Ferguson Transport and Shipping.

A total of 10 drivers were stopped, while a number of cyclists also were spoken to and offered advice in relation to wearing appropriate reflective clothing, the wearing of helmets and riding in groups.

Road Policing Constable Paul Whitehead said Operation Close Pass was about promoting safety for all road users, including motorists and cyclists.

Lochaber schools win social enterprise award

by Mark Entwistle
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Kinlochleven High School and Lundavra Primary in Fort William were among a number of Highland schools which were honoured in the fifth annual Social Enterprise in Education Awards, which took place at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness last week.

The event was opened by Maree Todd MSP, minister for children and young people, and saw 21 schools from across the Highlands and Islands receive awards to celebrate the social enterprises they have been running to solve social and environmental issues they care about.

In Lundavra Primary's case it was seed funding from the sale of calendars at the school's Christmas fayre which enabled pupils to de-



velop a community café that runs once a month, where each class has the opportunity to provide entertainment.

There is a 'toddler corner' to encourage future parents to attend and a book exchange to ensure sustainability.

Pupils have set up a digital feedback reporting system so that new ideas can be

Lundavra primary pupils receive the school's award from Nicola Ewing of HIE.

introduced and profits are reinvested with an element going to a local cause chosen by the pupils running the café that particular month.

Kinlochleven High received an award for creating and selling a special edition of The Big Issue magazine.

A number of schools were involved in the Big Issue pro-

ject, with the result being a special, social enterprise-inspired supplement, running in all copies of the Scottish edition, with additional copies being sold by children in 14 schools across Scotland on the day the magazine traditionally goes on sale.

Other schools in the Lochaber Times area which picked up awards were Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Phort Rìgh (Portree, Isle of Skye), Plockton High School and Kilchuimen Primary School (Fort Augustus).

The Social Enterprise in Education programme was created as a partnership between the Social Enterprise Academy and the Scottish Government in 2007.

It is a transformative programme that empowers Scotland's young people to affect social change in their communities whilst devel-

oping key core employability and entrepreneurial skills for the future.

Ms Todd said she had been impressed with the exciting and innovative projects she had seen.

'My congratulations to everyone who took part in this innovative programme that not only benefits young people but also their teachers, schools and communities,' she said.

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The festival starts with a celebrity chef Ready, Steady, Cook between Scott Davies, right, of the Three Chimneys and Marcello Tully of Kinloch Lodge. Photo: Willie Urquhart.

Skye chefs battle it out in festival opener

The knives are out and the chefs are prepped for a special seafood-themed launch of the 2019 Skye Food and Drink Festival, which rolls out across Skye and Raasay over the last week of June.

Now in its third year, the festival is an annual celebration of food and drink from across the islands of Skye and Raasay.

It kicks off on Monday

June 24 at 2pm at An Crùbh, Duisdale, with an exciting, fun and entertaining seafood-themed Ready, Steady, Cook between two of Skye's top chefs — Marcello Tully of Kinloch Lodge and Scott Davies of The Three Chimneys.

It is up to the audience to decide whose dish will take first 'plaice' and whose dish will 'flounder'.

The cook-off is followed by high tea and sea shanties.

The event heralds the start of a six-day celebration of the islands' food.

That includes a four-day islands-wide festival food and drink trail, running until Friday June 28, which aims to encourage visitors to the islands who are seeking a unique and authentic culinary experience.

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This weekend the town of Oban will be transformed into the centre of Argyll's biggest outdoor event. Born from the seed of success of the Skerryvore Decade concert, held at Mossfield Stadium in 2015, Oban Live is approaching its fifth year.

The 2019 two-day music extravaganza will bring the total number of attendees since the event's inception to more than 25,000 and the total economic benefit to Oban and surrounding areas to more than £5 million.

The importance of events like this go well beyond just the direct economic impact and the fringe benefits to the communities in which they are held are wide ranging and have enduring effect. Last year's event was undoubtedly the most impressive so far, with the pinnacle being the finishing sets from Skerryvore joined by the Oban High School Pipe Band on the Saturday night. The sight and sound of the Skerryvore boys accompanied by the youth of Oban was a strong symbol of what Oban Live is about. I wasn't able to

witness this live, but even the footage broadcast on social media conveyed clearly the power of the moment and the emotion on stage and in the audience.

Traditional music in Scotland is enjoying a blossoming renaissance and proof of that is encapsulated by huge events like Oban Live, which are centred on the music of the West Highlands and Islands.

The Fèis movement, music tuition in schools, local and national Mods, Runrig, Capercaillie, Gaelic medium education, the tireless work of many individuals and a whole host of other contributing and interweaving factors, groups and people, all on the bedrock of one of the richest indigenous musical cultures in the world, have combined to bring this golden era of Highland music.

Skerryvore has grown as part of this renaissance and by running events such as Oban Live, and with their close involvement with the Tíree Music Festival as well as spreading their own music across the globe, they are now adding significantly to it. The amount of work and financial risk

involved in running an event like Oban Live is significant and would scare most from ever attempting it. It is no accident that many similar events have not endured. I take my hat off to Daniel and his team for not only attempting it but delivering it year after year with each event surpassing the last.

With a top roster of bands, including Skerryvore themselves, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, We Banjo 3, The Elephant Sessions, Talisk, many others and probably a few surprises, the music this year will be astoundingly good. If you have not yet done so, I would encourage anyone reading this to buy a ticket and in doing so give yourself one of the best weekends of music and partying you will ever experience!

This year will be the first we will miss as a band and it will also be the first since selling the Skipinnish Ceilidh House and I am certainly going to miss the excitement of what was always one of the busiest weekends our year. I wish good luck to all the Oban Live Team and to the lads at The View for a successful weekend of music.

Skye MP backs new survey

Scottish Government keen to hear views on 'rip off' delivery fee hotspots

Skye MSP Kate Forbes is urging Highlanders to take part in a new Scottish Government survey on 'rip-off' delivery fees seeking to identify hotspots in more remote and rural areas.

Although only the UK Government has the power to regulate parcel deliveries, the Scottish Government has been trying to bring about positive change north of the border to stop unjustified and misleading charges.

Results from the survey will lead to the development of a Scottish Parcel Delivery Map – which will pinpoint



the worst areas affected by rip-off delivery fees.

According to research last year from the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe), those living in Ms Forbes' Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency – which also includes Dingwall, the Black Isle and the Great Glen – pay an estimated £3.8million more in delivery charges each year – and the figure for the entire Highlands and Islands is a whopping £33.4m.

Ms Forbes told us: 'Customers in the Highlands disproportionately rely on

deliveries, and so are worst affected by unfairly high prices.

'So many businesses advertise free or low-priced delivery, only for them to exclude the Highlands and Islands at the checkout.

'I know people who've been charged more for delivery than the product has cost in the first place.

'Whilst the Scottish Government does not have powers to regulate this, good on them for launching this consultation and providing support.

'I would encourage anybody to share their stories on this platform.'

The survey can be completed online at www.resolver.co.uk/parcels

Oban tradesmen make renovating a smooth experience

advertorial

Renovating or upgrading anything in the home can be a pain in the glass, especially if you don't know where to start.

Whether it is windows, doors, kitchens, tiling, or something more bespoke, it can be a stressful experience, but thankfully there are businesses out there who make the experience as smooth as, well, glass.

Elite Contractors Scotland, based in Oban, do just that.

The company was created by Alan Macgregor and Ruari MacLennan, who have 30-years of experience between them.

Elite took its first steps in January of 2018 as when the two local tradesmen decided to team-up.

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'For the construction and interiors,' Alan said. 'We also do glass services, custom splash back, and tiling.'

Elite can supply and fit UPVC, aluminium composite and timber windows and doors.

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And if you would like to see some of the products Elite has in person, there is a show room on Crannog Lane, which is open from 9am until 4pm Monday to Friday.

The company boasts seven members of staff and, even though their base is in Oban, Elite travel the length and breadth of Scotland, and further if the opportunity arises.

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Elite's ethos can be summed up in four words: customer service and quality.

'We believe in honest pricing, exceptional service and work hard to provide you with an incredible variety of products,' the company posted on their website.

'Whether you're looking to purchase one of our products or a hundred of them, we're here to get the job done. Let us know how we can be of service and we'll happily assist you in any way we can'

Elite has received a number of five-star reviews.

Emma Brown posted: 'Just got new windows and door in my new flat and the boys did an amazing job. Would recommend them to anyone.'

Eleanor Porter said: 'Just had Ruari and Alan complete the [installation] of our new double glazing. What fantastic workers they are, the workmanship was also of the highest standard I could not find fault with any of their work, I would not hesitate to recommend them.'

And Kevin Scott added: 'Just had my windows and doors finished today by



Elite Contractors Scotland's showroom at Crannog Lane, Oban.

Elite. Absolutely delighted with them. All work finished to a very high standard.'

To get in touch with Elite, either visit their showroom at Unit 11 Crannog Lane, Oban, or give them a call.

The company can be reached on 07799137482, 07549877472, 01631 565747, or by emailing elitewindowanddoorcompany@gmail.com.

Western Isles Labour party backs public Brexit vote

At its annual general meeting on May 25, the Western Isles Constituency Labour Party (CLP) unanimously passed a motion to publicly support a confirmatory public vote on any Brexit deal, with a clear option to remain in the EU to appear on the ballot paper.

The party said its members recognised that the party's lack of clarity over Brexit, in comparison to other parties, is confusing to voters.

CLP chairperson and Westminster candidate Alison MacCorquodale said: 'The Labour leadership has been trying to reach a compromise in the Brexit negotiations. However, with growing public support for a confirmatory vote it is vital the party learns quickly from the disastrous results of the European elections; fully embraces a further public vote and works to defeat the Tories who would have us crash out with a No Deal Brexit.'

Sgoil an Rubha wins £25,000 grant funding

Sgoil an Rubha has been awarded a grant of £5,000 a year for five years from Point and Sandwick Trust to help with the cost of the primary seven class trip – to boost social inclusion by removing the affordability barriers faced by some families.

The new grant award has also meant that families were able to receive a partial refund on their contributions for this year's primary seven class trip to Fairbairn Activity Centre in Muir of Ord.

The class trip to Fairbairn took place from May 8 to 10, with children able to choose from a range of outdoor activities, including paintball, mountain biking, aerial runway, lazertag and raft building.

Sgoil an Rubha has been going to Fairbairn for its annual P7 trip for a number of years, and always finishes off with a



Christina Smith from Point and Sandwick Trust, holding cheque, left, hands the first instalment to Anne Macphail of Sgoil an Rubha, cheered on by some of the P7 parents and pupils, as well as other trust representatives. Photograph: Sandie Maciver of SandiePhotos.

few hours in Inverness.

Principal teacher Anne Macphail said it was fantastic to be able to give the parents some of their money back on this year's trip – and that the annual grant would be a massive help in the future.

'We do still want the parents to make a contribution and we will still be fundraising for

the trip, with our Soup and Puddings, our triathlon and other events. But this grant will take a lot of pressure off the bills that we have to pay and parents will be asked to contribute a lot less,' she said.

'It's amazing that we are able to give some money back to parents as it can be costly, so we wanted to call all the

parents in to a meeting to tell them.

'I think it's really important that the parents know that Point and Sandwick Trust have done this for the children of Sgoil an Rubha, Point.

'The grant will have a huge impact, as it takes the pressure off parents of P7 pupils who spend a lot on fundrais-

ing. The parents are the ones baking and buying the raffle tickets – it all adds up.'

Donald John MacSween, general manager of Point and Sandwick Trust, added: 'Point and Sandwick Trust has supported Sgoil an Rubha on a number of occasions, from grants for Lego Play Therapy to helping raise the money for a disability bike.'

'We are very pleased to again help the teachers in the school who provide a great service to all their pupils and are pleased to have been able to make this grant for five years, which will help the school to plan ahead.'

'The Sgoil an Rubha P7 trips sounds like a very enjoyable and formative experience and we are happy to help with the costs of it, so that families don't come under too much pressure in having to find the money for it.'

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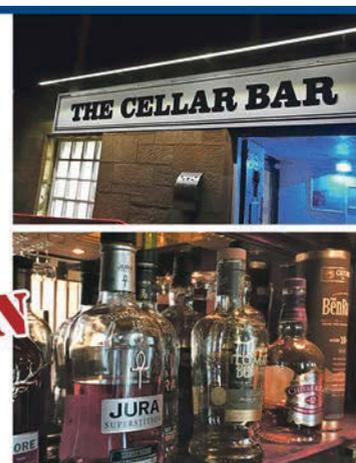


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Traffic chaos for years makes for grim reading

Lochaber MSP Kates Forbes is to be commended for writing to the Scottish transport minister, Michael Matheson, to highlight the urgent need to address the continuing traffic chaos in Fort William.

With the mountain bike world cup causing the population of the town to double, the problem was brought again into sharp relief.

And with the tourist season about to reach its peak, there are justifiable and genuine fears that the situation will only become worse in the months ahead.

As we report this week, the congestion and chaos are also damaging to the area's economy.

What is worse still is that lives could be put at risk as emergency services also find themselves stuck or hampered by the queuing traffic.

With five-mile tailbacks of southbound vehicles on the A82 between Nevis Range and Fort William, and traffic taking 90 minutes to make the short journey, it is now beyond time for the statutory authorities to act – and quickly.

Boat-builder's vision will be hard to realise

Lukas Pomahač is a man with a vision – even if it might appear to be an unachievable one.

Lukas is owner of the iconic MV Dayspring, the former fishing boat which has been beached at Kilmallie for several years now.

Lukas tells the Lochaber Times this week, in an exclusive interview, that he still dreams of restoring the vessel and living aboard it.

It is a splendid ambition but it will take much effort and even more money to be realised but we wish him well.

We need to welcome motorhome owners

I read the headlines in The Oban Times, 'Campervans flout rules' and immediately, but wrongly, assumed the piece would be an admonishing outcry regarding the illegal disposal of waste or littering, but when I read the content...what a load of one-sided drivel, whining over nothing at all.

Let us not forget the on-going dispute regarding the charging for parking at Ganavan under the terms to which the land was gifted to the council. A local campaign, which the paper highlighted very recently.

Also, our local car parks are mostly empty at night and as long as campervan owners don't start to litter or dispose of waste, what harm does it do to allow people to park there overnight? They are still spending money in the town.

As for the two business owners, well, as a local resident, a camper owner and a person whose friends have stayed in several of the local campsites, all I can say is that when you're in touring the very last thing you want is to be herded onto overly-expensive, overcrowded sites, with caravanners/motorhomers in a tight formation and kids squawking all around you.

You don't want to be miles and miles from the town and local amenities you have come to enjoy. I, like some others, use my campervan for other reasons than just to relax in. Having complex post-traumatic stress disorder and a son with learning difficulties and severe epilepsy, I use our camper as a safe space, where we can stop and deal with any emergency/situation in private, and often it takes quite a while for my son to recover. Therefore quite regularly a journey includes an overnight stay in a lay-by or car park.

We need to stop ourselves from becoming mean and unwelcoming. I would remove all parking charges and limits throughout Oban. Welcome people in.

Ian Johnstone, Connel.

Holyrood slackness undermines confidence

Once again we have seen the CalMac fleet stretched beyond its measure.

As soon as the MV Clansman blows an engine the game's a bogey with the MV Isle of Mull, ill-equipped for the weather outside of the relative calm of the Sound of Mull, struggling and largely failing to maintain the flow

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in the services between Oban and Mull and Oban and Coll/Tiree/Barra/Colonsay.

The result, however, is not just a load of miffed tourists stalled in their journeys, temporarily cancelled holidays and tradesmen stranded or not making it to or back from the job that week. No, the real cost is the permanent undermining of any confidence in the island/mainland connections.

It is the continued sabotaging of the islands as a holiday/work/life destination that makes potential visitors/tradesmen vow 'never again'. It converts a great potential into a lost cause

and it is no fault of the islanders, though I have no doubt tourists will be saying 'typical west coast'.

CalMac is really not to blame for this either; this problem has the dead hand of politics written all over it.

It is (currently) Nicola Sturgeon and her government, over on the east coast, who are in the frame for culpability, failing to make good the deficiency.

If CalMac is guilty of anything it is that it has not made enough public fuss about the fact that its fleet is short one ship with the size and



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MORAR

Morar Community Council held its May meeting at Lady Lovat Primary School on Monday May 13. The following matters were discussed:

Police report:

PC Hugo Martin reported that there had been no recent criminal incidents but he had received a number of complaints about parking and speeding in the village. There were specific concerns about speeding by Lady Lovat school. He reported that he had made an application for the use of a speed camera.

Stuart Griffin informed PC Martin that, following discussion at a previous meeting, the community council wished to order traffic cones to try to warn people off from parking at the blind spot on the top of the hill between Kinigarry and Tougal.

PC Martin agreed that while there were no legal powers to prevent people from parking there, it was an initiative worth trialling.

It was confirmed that the proposed traffic restrictions were coming into effect in Mallaig on May 14.

Bridge at Beasdale:

Network Rail is to improve the railway bridge at Beasdale and the possibility that the road is dualled and the traffic lights removed as part of the scheme has been raised.

On speaking to residents, there did not seem to be a lot of support as no-one reported having been inconvenienced by the traffic lights, except on the rare occasion when they had failed. Most felt that the money could be better spent improving road surfaces.

However, councillors Allan Henderson and Denis Rixson put forward a coherent and compelling argument around potential additional income opportunities that could arise if larger vehicles than can presently were able to access Mallaig by road.

It was acknowledged that this would only be possible if there were road and bridge improvements at the bridge west of Glenfinnan but that Morar Community Council would support this initiative if it did bring



US choir entertains in Fort concert

One of the top choirs in the United States was in Fort William last week for a special performance at the town's Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church. The University of Mount Union Choir from Ohio, under director Dr Grant William Cook III, is currently on a Scottish tour. The concert took place last Tuesday, when the choir, which has been in existence for more than 120 years, performed a mixture of classical and popular music.

economic benefits to the community. Dave will write to Allan.

Community council scheme review 2018/2019:

Chairman Dave Newnham led a discussion on the review and, in conclusion, while on the whole its recommendations were supported, it was felt that an opportunity had been missed to better define the relationship between community councils, the Highland Council and the elected members and that it seemed to almost exclusively focus on the rules and regulations community councils were expected to function under. Dave agreed to respond on the council's behalf.



Corpach Co-op staff are bloomin' brilliant

Staff of the Co-op store in Corpach recently presented a cheque for £252 to Corpach in Colour, to help keep flower displays in the village topped up. The money was raised through fundraising in the store. Pictured are Sue Chadney and Moira Shearer from Corpach, and staff members of the Co-op.

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Kilchuimen Primary School students plant young rowan trees.

Kilchuimen Primary pupils dig in to boost nature

On a sunny day in mid May, 20 primary six and seven students from Kilchuimen Primary School, at Fort Augustus, took part in an activity day at the Trees for Life Dundreggan estate in Glenmoriston.

The day encouraged the students to connect with nature and introduced them to the possibilities of a career in conservation.

The event was hosted by five Trees for Life trainees, who have been on a one-year placement since July 2018 learning rural land skills.

The activities involved the young visitors participating in aspects from all the different traineeships, including planting rowan tree seedlings, measuring the ages of birch trees, interactive demonstrations and forest craft activities.

Paul Greaves, the Skills for Rewilding training programme manager, commented: 'We were really keen for the trainees to demonstrate to the students that there are exciting and interesting

outdoor careers that they could aim for. It was also an excellent opportunity for our trainees to use some of the leadership and practical skills they have gained since joining us at the beginning of the traineeships.

'The day was a resounding success and received positive feedback from the students. One commented: "I liked measuring the trees to see how old they were and I was surprised to see what baby trees look like, very different to the older ones".'

Tim Buchan, one of the tree nursery horticulture trainees who lead an activity, added: 'It's great to have young people involved in growing the next generation of trees as part of this Caledonian Forest restoration project.'

The Skills for Rewilding traineeship programme is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The next group of trainees will start in July and recruitment for the third group will start early in 2020.

Lochaber air cadets fly high with the RAF

Cadets and staff from 1730 (Lochaber) Squadron recently travelled to RAF Kirknewton on the outskirts of Edinburgh to take part in gliding training and flying.

Each cadet needed prior training with 661 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Lossiemouth, which consisted of learning how to use parachutes, how to exit an aircraft if there were problems, and how to enter and exit the aircraft safely.

Cdt Callum MacLellan, from Ardamurchan High School and Cdt Andrew Dibsedale, from Kilchuimen Academy, had a fabulous day in great weather. Cdt Dibsedale was first to go up with a 661 pilot taking the controls. They had a flying time in excess of 15 minutes, catching thermals keeping them in the air for longer than expected. Cdt Dibsedale was to take controls during the flight and practise what he had



Cdt Callum MacLellan, from Ardamurchan High School and Cdt Andrew Dibsedale, from Kilchuimen Academy.

previously only done on the squadron flight simulator.

Cdt MacLellan was next to take

to the air. He was up on three occasions, practising his take-off and landings, with each flight taking around five minutes.

Both cadets were able to assist with preparing the gliders for take-off and recovering them from landing and readying them for the next pilots to take over.

Cadets from 52 Aviemore Squadron were with them on the day and all cadets enjoyed themselves and were extremely excited to take to the skies.

On another weekend Cdt Dibsedale travelled to Dundee to Tayside Aviation to take part in a flying experience day with The Flying Aces.

This group of young pilots gave up their time to give RAF Air Cadets a chance to experience a flight over Dundee, seeing the skills involved in flying and answering any questions they had about their experience.



Lochaber Sea Cadets held its annual awards presentations recently. There were 16 awards for the junior section, 11 for seniors, including seamanship, mechanical engineering and rowing (ranging from basic to cadet instructor) and there were promotions. There were also one, two and three good conduct stripes handed out. All in, there have been 43 different qualifications earned by the cadets over this year with more to follow. Pictured are PO Tricia Mathieson -

Divisional Officer of the Year; Leading junior John MacLean - Best junior and Commodore's Broad pennant (first awarded in unit for six years); AC Ryan Watchman - most improved cadet; AC Jay Calder - community shield (second year in a row); AC Shannon MacCallum - Best overall cadet. Also pictured are Hugh MacInnes (RBLs Fort William chairman) and PO Dell Campbell (commanding officer).

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Jon Gay, left, presents the winner's trophy to John Yells. Photograph: Iain Ferguson.

Yells takes victory at yacht club hill race

Lochaber Yacht Club's annual dinghy hill race took place on Tuesday May 28.

The course crosses Loch Linnhe directly from the yacht club, ascends Meall an t Slammain (467 metres) before returning by the same route.

The first male runner home was John Yells in a time of 29:01, just outside his own record. Lisette Walters was first lady in 36:27 beating her time from last year by nearly a minute. Niall MacBeath won the MV50 category.

Willie MacDonald took MV60, fresh from the London Marathon.

Amanda Blackhall was first FV40 and Susan Jane Ross won FV50.

Thirteen runners competed in a small but quality field as traffic delays meant some competitors missed out. All runners were Lochaber Athletic Club members.

It was a leisurely sail on the way out, runners getting the chance to try an alternative sport. The sailing race back from Stroncreggan shore was won by a crew of Vince, defending champion, and

Paul from Lochaber Yacht Club in an Omega dinghy - helped by a flying Le Mans style start. Their four female runners paddled hard, with the breeze light by this time.

Thanks are due to Conaglen Estate, Lochaber Embroidery and Printing, Tesco, Ben Nevis Distillery and Cotswold. Thanks also go to Helen, Davy, Ian, Donna and Tark for marshalling on the hill and for timing, to Richard, Cheryl and Abigail for the excellent barbecue and Lochaber Yacht Club's Hamish, Steph, Chris, Ian and Tim for crewing the RIBs.

The Lochaber Yacht Club website has information on sail training and events. Everyone is welcome to go along and try sailing with RYA instructors. Go along on Thursdays from 6pm.

Contact sec@lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk. Soling keelboat sailing takes place on Mondays at 6pm and there is usually crewing opportunities.

Visit lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk and the club's Facebook page for more details.

LOTTERY

Lochaber lottery numbers

Fort William Golf Club's lotto numbers last week were 2, 14 and 20. There was no winner. The prize for the draw today, Thursday June 6, will be £600.

Ballachulish Shinty Club's lottery numbers last week were 1, 10 and 11. There was no winner so next week's jackpot will be £800.

Caol Community Centre bingo club's lotto numbers were 3, 5 and 6. There were no winners so next week's jackpot will be £800.

The numbers in the Caol Regeneration Lotto this week were 4, 5 and 6. There was no winner. Next week's top prize will be £500.



South Lochaber Thistle celebrate their league win. Photograph: Abrishtside Photography.

Jubilant Jags clinch

South Lochaber Thistle	2
Helensburgh	1
GG Premier League 2	

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South Lochaber Thistle (SLT) clinched the Greater Glasgow Premier League Division Two title in style with a hard fought 2-1 win over Helensburgh.

Playing at Lochaber High School for the second week in a row, the Kinlochleven-based outfit knew promotion was ensured for both teams but the destination of the league title had come down to this final fixture.

Second-placed Helensburgh knew only a win would do, but arrived off the back of a 14-game unbeaten league run which had seen them get the better of the Jags 3-2 in the return fixture in May.

SLT were forced to juggle the starting line up with two midfielders, veteran general Dave Forbes and combative dynamo Shaun Hendrie missing through suspension and injury respectively.

However, in a tough, tense

game, this did not seem to unsettle the home team. Cameron Grant began the game busily, stroking the ball around confidently and controlling play which had begun at a furious pace.

Midfield lynchpin Darren Duncan found himself in unfamiliar territory for the opening salvo of the game. Surging forward, he drove a rasping effort which dipped and flew agonisingly wide of the Helensburgh upright.

Things were to get better for the Jags, however, when seasoned striker Danny Mackintosh, giving an accomplished performance up front opened the scoring.

Surging into the box, he looked up aiming for a cross to the far post. Seeing no one there, he opted for a coolly taken finish from the cutest of angles.

As the half wore on, the game became quite physical. Skipper Martin Munro was in his usual scampering form and his opposing full back, Ryan Jones, struggled to shackle him and would later be booked for a sliding challenge.

Helensburgh were not downhearted at losing the opening goal and David Sinclair capitalised on hesitation in the Thistle defence as he leapt to meet a lofted ball for the equaliser.

The pace dropped considerably at the start of the second half allowing Thistle open up space for Sean Noble to get in behind the defence.

But it was the busy man-of-the-match performance of Andrew Maclean who made the biggest impact.

As players tired and spaces opened up, he galloped into the box and produced a cultured finish to edge the Jags 2-1 ahead.

As Helensburgh pressed for the equaliser, the fresh legs of Mikey Rodgers and Erik Tot, on for the injured Mackintosh, allowed Thistle to craft a number of excellent chances and the away team goalkeeper did well to only concede two goals.

As the referee blew for full time, there were jubilant scenes. This is South Lochaber Thistle's first league title in only their third year in existence and seals back-to-back promotions.

Founder and manager Alan Gray said: 'It's been hard work and it couldn't have happened without the players who have given their all. Every week, without fail, they give up their time and money to be part of this club.'

'The president and assistant Gabor Tot have been amazing behind the scenes. The introduction of Rebecca Small and Albie Robertson senior has made match days so much easier and, along with Peter and Ailsa Janzen, he gives his time to coach our primary school children on a Friday afternoon.'

'Rebecca has been one of, if not the, best signing this club

has made. I, for one, know we wouldn't have got where we are without her work this season.'

'Finally, without the help, support and understanding from Lynne Cameron, Madison and Lewis I would not have been able to devote so much time to the club to get it where it is and give these players the opportunity to have football week in, week out. We've also seen the introduction of the women's team and schools' football too.'

'I am unbelievably proud of what we have all achieved. Thank you everyone.'

Right: Captain Martin Munro holds the trophy aloft. Photograph: Abrishtside Photography.

Record-breaking entries for Lochaber inter-school sports

A record 22 schools from across Lochaber took part in this year's Primaries Inter-School Athletics Competition on Tuesday May 28.

The event is organised annually by High Life Highland staff from Active Schools, Lochaber Leisure Centre and Lochaber physical education teachers. Lochaber High School pupils help to run the event on the day.

Competing schools are split into categories according to their school roll. Points are awarded for each event and collated to produce the winners.

Competition got under way with children competing in hurdles, followed by a 100m sprint. After each event, the fastest six pupils went through to contest the final.



SLT Captain Martin Munro in a flying tackle with Danny Johns. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.

Manager Gray with the trophy. Photograph: Abrishtside Photography.





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Record-breaking performance by young Lochaber swimmers

Lochaber Swim Team put on a record-breaking performance at the Inverness graded meet at Inverness Aquadome in April.

This is one of the team's favourite meets of the year as it involves many swimmers attending their first gala of the year, as well as the less experienced swimmers trying to achieve times to allow them to progress to either Highland schools or district meets.

The event includes numerous relays, which are getting rarer each year.

As the competition was held during the Easter Holidays,

SWIMMING

swimmer numbers were down on last year and it looked like the team might not improve on its 2018 performance.

Not so, as the team's 18 swimmers produced three new age group records and 52 new personal best times from fewer than 70 swims. The team won six relay team medals (24) which, with individual medals, added up to 43 – more than any other club.

A highlight of the day was the 10-year-old girls' relay team which produced one

of the best results as three of the girls, Sophie, Mia and Lucy, were swimming at their first gala after only recently joining the club.

Swim team coach Yvonne Clark congratulated all the swimmers. She said: 'Thanks go to all the swimmers who showed great team spirit. It was a pleasure to help Phil poolside. Thanks also to the parents who helped as officials and came along to support the swimmers. This was a great day for the swim team. Most competitions don't produce results like this, but it doesn't mean we can't try hard to do it all again.'



Some of the medal winners from the Inverness meet in April.



Joint winners of the large schools category, Caol Primary School and Spean Bridge Primary School. Photograph: Iain Ferguson.

Next came a middle distance event with four x 100m relays bringing track events to a close. On the field, there were shot putt and long jump competitions. In the overall athletics competition, the small schools trophy was won by Invergarry primary, while the medium schools category was taken by St Columba's RC, both schools winning by a convincing margin. The

large schools category was much tighter, with Spean and Caol sharing the win, six points ahead of third-placed Lundavra.

Thanks and congratulations go to all of the schools for taking part, to Active Schools and leisure centre staff, teachers and pupils for ensuring the day ran smoothly and to Lochaber Athletic club for the loan of equipment.

FORT WILLIAM GOLF CLUB RESULTS

The Craig Paterson Trophy was played on Saturday May 18 with the following result: 1 Andrew Brown, net 67 (78 – 11) BIH; 2 Peter Stewart, net 67 (79 – 12); 3 Mark MacPherson, net 70 (88 – 18).

On Tuesday May 21, a 12-hole Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 David Laing, 30 points; 2 Frank Sweeney, 29 points; 3 John Ferguson, 27 points.

On Saturday May 25, the KMF Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 Gareth Lee, 42 points; 2 Willie MacDonald, 39 points; 3 Ronald MacDonald, 38 points.

On Tuesday May 28, a 12-hole Strokeplay competition was played with the following result: 1 Keith Duncan, net 41 (47 – 6); 2 David Laing, net 42 (53 – 11); 3 Kevin Hickman, net 43 (60 – 17).

On Saturday June 1, the June Medal was played with the following result: Section one - 1 Steven Jamieson, net 67 (71 – 4); 2 Paul Campbell, net 70 (75 – 5); 3 Brian Stewart Jnr, net 74 (84 – 10).

Section two - 1 Frank Sweeney, net 71 (89 – 18); 2 Pat Cassidy, net 85 (101 – 16); 3 Sinclair Gunn, net 89 (107 – 18).

Ladies: On Tuesday May 21, a 12-hole competition was played with the following result: 1 Ann Lovatt, 25 points BIH; 2 Kim Topping, 25 points; 3 Hazel Cameron, 19 points.

On Tuesday May 28, the Howie Trophy was played with the following result: 1 Ann Lovatt, net 77 (103 – 26); 2 Helen Brian, net 79 (100 – 21); 3 Iona Cameron, net 80 (100 – 20).

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Weekend Outlook
Saturday
Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Sunday
Light rain showers and a moderate breeze
Temperatures 9°C to 12°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)

	01.30	0.8	07.28	3.7
Thur	13.44	0.7	19.37	3.8
Fri	02.19	0.9	08.13	3.5
	14.32	0.8	20.24	3.7
Sat	03.14	1.1	09.05	3.3
	15.24	0.9	21.18	3.5
Sun	04.16	1.2	10.06	3.1
	16.23	1.1	22.21	3.3
Mon	05.27	1.3	11.28	2.9
	17.28	1.2	23.41	3.2
Tues	***	**	06.44	1.4
	13.07	3.0	18.38	1.8
Wed	01.15	3.2	07.59	1.3
	14.17	3.1	19.47	1.2

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Record-breaking
performance by young
Lochaber swimmers

Flying Frenchman retains title at wet and wild Fort

Fort William once again hosted another enthralling UCI Downhill Mountain Bike World Cup over the weekend as the world's best riders descended on the wet and wild slopes of Aonach Mòr.

As the weekend's incessant rain made way for spells of sunshine on Sunday afternoon, there was a nail-biting finish to the men's elite race with the lead changing hands several times as the final 20 riders plummeted down the Nevis Range track.

It was Frenchman Amaury Pierron, 23, the second last rider down the hill, who held his nerve to retain his Fort William crown with a blistering time of 4:28.587, edging out Australian Troy Brosnan and fellow countryman Loris Vergier by just over 3.5 seconds.

Amaury said: 'It was beautiful to win here again. The crowd were insane. Fort William is one of the best tracks on the circuit and I want to thank everyone who cheered us on this weekend. To win for a second time at this track where the margins are so fine is something I will never forget.'

In the women's final, Rachel Atherton recorded an incredible time of 5:15.560 to claim the 2019 title by two seconds, her fourth at Fort William World Cup events and her first on the new Atherton bike.

Rachel said: 'It's been a real team effort over the weekend.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

This track pushes you right to the edge. Fort William is hard enough without the wind and rain battering you. To have claimed a first win on the Atherton bike here at Fort William is really special. It hasn't quite sunk in yet.'

As the Fort William stage event celebrates its 18th birthday, spectators flocked to the finish line to witness their favourite riders fly down a turbulent track on the famous Aonach Mòr mountain.

With more than a fifth of the elite field made up of British riders, the home fans among the 22,000-strong crowd had plenty to cheer with strong performances from Danny Hart and Matt Walker, who finished fifth and seventh in the men's elite respectively, while Luke Mumford took second in the men's junior event.

Nevis Range team rider Mikayla Parton, competing in her first Fort William World Cup, was unlucky not to qualify for the women's final, agonisingly missing out on qualification by 0.7 seconds to finish in 16th place.

In the women's 4x competition, Lochaber rider Louise Ferguson overcame a knee injury to clinch fourth place in the final to secure a podium finish.

Once again, the Fort William fans created a phenomenal atmosphere sending their noise and passion echoing through



Amaury Pierron stormed to victory at the UK leg of the Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William.

Photograph: Phunkt.

the mountains across the weekend. Reflecting on the weekend, Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's director of events, said: 'Fort William once again provided the perfect stage for an epic weekend of mountain bike action and it was fantastic to see the crowds out in force supporting it.'

'The Mountain Bike World Cup is hugely important for the Highlands, contributing more than £40 million to the economy to date.'



Left: Rachel Atherton, centre, celebrates another win at Fort William.

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