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# Wind farm rejection must put pylon plans on hold

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Power giant SSE must put pylon plans for Dalmally on hold, say campaigners, after Scottish ministers turned down a new wind farm just 10 miles away on grounds it would spoil the view.

No More Pylons in Dalmally say the ministers' decision that the 18 wind turbines would have significantly impacted North Argyll's natural beauty and panoramic quality must alter Scottish and Southern Energy's position on wanting to put a new power line through Dalmally to Stronmilchan sub-station.

Campaign co-leader Julian Penney said: 'Now that the wind farm has been knocked on the head, surely SSE needs to reassess exactly what its position is? Putting in an additional line with more pylons isn't needed now. The turbines won't be there.'

'SSE will probably come back and say there might be other

power generating schemes out there but at the minute they're just in the pipeline. SSE's plans for another line have got to be put on hold.'

No More Pylons in Dalmally's priority is protecting the community's health although saving the area's landscape is another of its concerns.

It wants to stop plans by SSE to put up 52 pylons as part of a North Argyll reinforcement project. Campaigners, backed by MSP Michael Russell, have said if the energy network wants new power lines out of Argyll, then they should go underground.

Argyll and Bute councillor Elaine Robertson said given the Scottish Government's decision to refuse the wind farm at Upper Sonachan, substantially based on the visual aspect, she expected SSE 'has taken cognisance of this result'. She added: 'The proposed overground pylons are enormous and would be a totally unacceptable visual intrusion on this scenic area.'

Anti-ylon campaigners are

worried more electricity pulsing through new pylons and existing Scottish Power-owned ones above their village school, shop and homes would add to electromagnetic radiation and damage people's health.

SSE has been exploring underground and overhead options and aims to consult the community over route options again later this summer or early autumn. Final proposals are due to go to the government in 2020.

A spokesperson for SSE said: 'The North Argyll reinforcement is required to facilitate the connection of renewable electricity generators from across the Argyll and Kintyre region. If the reinforcement proceeds, which ultimately remains subject to the progression of renewable generators, it will also strengthen the transmission system, improving network resilience for electricity users.'

'We continue to explore undergrounding options from the vicinity of the Duncan Ban MacIntyre monument to Dalmally switching station.

## All the fun of the fair ...



Ruaraidh MacLean, nine, Aila Irvin, five, and Struan Irvin, nine, were all having a fantastic time at Bunessan Show on Friday, as you can see from their big smiley faces. For the full report and more photographs from the show, turn to pages eight and nine. 16\_T32\_bunessan02-smileyfaces

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## Fined pub assault man is shame-faced

A 'shame-faced' man who smashed a woman's head on a plate in licensed premises has been fined £800 at Oban Sheriff Court.

Lee Frame, of 26 Lammerview, Tranent, Edinburgh, admitted at an earlier hearing that he assaulted his friend by seizing her by her hair and striking her head on a plate on a table at the bar in Oban on May 12 this year.

The 36-year-old also admitted throwing a pint glass behind the bar at another Oban pub earlier that night, smashing the glass and a number of bottles fixed to optics, putting staff and other members of the public at risk of injury.

The court heard how Frame had gone up to the bar to complain about his food order being delayed, but a bar worker had already had to speak to him about his behaviour.

After Frame was asked to leave the pub, a witness at the second bar alerted staff to him grabbing a woman he was sitting with by the back of the head and smashing her face into a plate in front of her, said procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty.

'Staff contacted police who spoke to Frame and to the woman who said

### OBAN SHERIFF COURT

he was "just kidding" but police who saw the CCTV were of the opinion it was no joke,' said Mr McGinty.

The court heard the woman had remained uncooperative and that Frame supports a wife and a child.

Frame's solicitor Andrew Houston said while at the first pub, Frame had 'vented his frustration in a rather idiotic manner' and that his 'agitation had not subsided' at the second.

He said other witnesses who saw what happened at the second pub had use the word 'push' rather than 'smashed' when describing what he did to the woman's head. The woman was not hurt and she made no formal complaint, said Mr Houston.

'It was just another embarrassing display of drunken petulance on his part. He's shame-faced about the way he conducted himself,' he said.

And he added: 'He has decided with encouragement from his partner that abstinence from alcohol is the way forward.'

As well as fining Frame £800, Sheriff John Herald ordered Frame to pay £150 to the first premises.

# Mull's first paramedic retires after 26 years

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A little more than 26 years ago Peter Greenway became the first paramedic on Mull – and last week, he worked his last shift.

There was a retirement party for the 61-year-old, where colleagues and members of the community thanked him for his 'caring professionalism'.

Mr Greenway also thanked his colleagues, calling it a pleasure to work with them and added that he had thoroughly enjoyed serving the community.

Peter has lived more than half his life on Mull, but joked: 'I can't get rid of my Yorkshire accent.'

While he loved the job, he said being called out at all hours of the night took its toll on his sleeping pattern,



Peter Greenway and his bosses David Mackintosh and Murray Macewan at his retirement. Photograph: by Hannah Morris

and that 'the time was right' to retire.

Speaking about his role on the island for the last 26 years, he told The Oban Times: 'It is very different [on Mull]. We don't get a lot of what they get every day down Paisley and cities.'

'We have only had one stabbing in all my 26 years

and one person was shot, but that was an accident and they were okay.'

'The main difference is the people that you meet – if you don't know them, you will know of them and you see the end result when they get better.'

'The highlights for me were when we helped people in a

poor state – you did your job and they got better. I have had a lot of thank you letters over the years, so it has been very good.'

Peter and his wife Tina plan on spending some of the winter in their motorhome in Spain.

The parents of four moved to Mull to be closer to Tina's parents, Mr and Mrs Page, and because they loved the island.

When Peter first arrived there, he operated a taxi business for the first four years.

He then worked as a technician for three to four years, before training and becoming a paramedic.

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## 'Unlady-like' behaviour lands Oban woman in sheriff court

A woman who pulled party-goers' hair and gouged a police officer on a night out in Oban 'completely over-reacted', Oban Sheriff Court heard.

Deferring her sentence for

three months, Sheriff John Herald told 34-year-old Samantha Strang, of 32 McCaig Road, Oban: 'That wasn't very lady-like behaviour, was it?'

Strang had pleaded guilty

at a previous hearing to four charges of assault and one of resisting arrest.

Last week the court heard how Strang, who had been drinking since lunchtime on

the day of the trouble, had very little recollection of what happened. She lost her job and had been struggling to find work despite it being an isolated incident, the sheriff was told.



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# Oban pit stop for man cycling UK for charity

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A man cycling the coast of Britain raising money for a mental health charity made a pit stop in Oban last Thursday.

Lewis Stephens received a warm welcome in the town, with Backpackers Oban treating him to coffee and letting him use their facilities, and Cafe Shore provided his food the following day.

Lewis, aka The Tourist Dog, set off from his home in Surrey on June 1 and expects the trip will take him around four months.

So far he has raised £1,300 and cycled more than 2,300 miles – averaging around 50 miles per day on his vintage 50-year-old bike.

The 23-year-old got the bug for travelling when he left school and dropped out



of college. He said: 'I went to college three times and I dropped out every time. My family said you need to go back, but it was not for me, so I went travelling when I was 18. I left with only £600 and I lasted eight months.'

On his adventure, Lewis travelled and lived throughout Europe, and it was while working on a ski resort that he came across the book, *One Man and His Bike*, by Mike Carter.

He then decided to do the

**Lewis Stephens is cycling round the UK in aid of CALM, which is trying to bring down the suicide rates among young men.**

same as the author. Fast forward a couple of years and he arrived in Oban, 2,300 miles into his adventure.

'Oban is a little gem. I had never heard of it,' the south Londoner said.

Lewis is travelling the length of the UK coastline to raise money for CALM – Campaign Against Living Miserably.

The charity aims to bring down the suicide rate among young men.

Lewis said: 'I know a couple of people who have been affected by suicide. It is a charity that is close to everyone's heart.'

Lewis said that everyone he has met on his travels knows

someone who has been impacted by suicide.

He is trying to live on £5 per day and is pitching his tent wherever he goes. However, sometimes he has to ask for help.

'The general idea is to ask for help as much as possible. That's the whole concept, we don't think men are asking for help as often as they should.'

Speaking about the trip as a whole, he said: 'I am loving it. It is up and down – I treat hills quite spiritually. Some days you feel like you are flying, some days you are going so slow. You just have to find a way to get yourself motivated.'

Lewis visited Fort William on Monday, before heading for the North Coast 500.

To donate, visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thetouristdog](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thetouristdog)

## Apology

In last week's Oban Times we published an article concerning an administrative error which meant council workers had mistakenly reopened the wrong grave at Pennyfur Cemetery.

We would like to apologise unreservedly to the families who were affected for inadvertently adding to their distress at this difficult time.

## Flower baskets vandalised

The chief executive of BID4Oban has condemned the 'mindless vandals' who removed a flower basket from the Combie Street bridge and threw it into the Black Lynn.

Andrew Spence said he was 'absolutely disgusted', adding: 'These are heavy pieces of equipment that take at least two people to lift. They were secured with heavy duty bolts. It would have taken a huge amount of effort to get them off.'

'We sincerely hope you got great pleasure from this act of vandalism in our beautiful town. That's £250 down the river.'

## Exams delight for Oban High youngsters

Teenagers across Argyll and Bute would have been eagerly awaiting their exam results on Tuesday.

Argyll and Bute Council stated that the majority of

those pupils would have been celebrating, 'having gained the qualifications they were hoping for'.

Nationally there has been a reduction in pass rates and

the council is investigating how that affects young people in the area.

Anyone in need of advice can call the helpline on 0808 100 8000.

## POLICE FILES

■ About 11pm on Wednesday July 24, police were called to a property on Shore Street, Oban, regarding alleged suspicious drug activity. On arrival two men, aged 19 and 43, were arrested for alleged possession of controlled drugs. Both men were charged and held in custody for court.

■ About 9.20pm on Saturday July 30, on Gallanach Road, Oban, a group of teenage women were issued with a Recorded Police Warning for allegedly consuming alcohol in a public place, in contravention of local byelaws.

■ Between 3pm on Monday July 29 and 10am on Tuesday July 30, at Mossfield Stadium, Oban, a skylight was damaged. Police are investigating the incident.

■ About 1am on Thursday August 1, outside a property in Soroba Road, Oban, a woman, 18, was arrested

for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. The woman was charged with the offence and held in custody for court.

■ About 11am on Thursday August 1, outside a property in Shore Street, Oban, a 29-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. The man was charged with the offence and released to appear at court at a later date.

■ About 11pm on Friday August 2, outside a property at Rockfield Road, Oban, a blue Dacia Sandero car was damaged by having the driver's side wing mirror smashed. Police are investigating the incident.

■ About 2.45pm on Saturday August 3, at the taxi rank, Station Square, Oban, a man was assaulted by being punched and kicked to the face and body. Police are investigating the incident.

■ About 1.30pm on Saturday August 3, on the A85 near Glen Lochy, a motorcyclist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The rider, a woman aged 42, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Between 12.30pm and 8.15pm on Wednesday July 10, at the Port Askaig ferry terminal, Islay, a blue Renault Kaptur had the rear passenger side door damaged by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision. Police are investigating the incident.

■ **If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

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Margaret MacLean and Catherine Carswell were presented with flowers by Anne May and Mary Black.

## Oban hospice fashion show raises £1,600 for charity

More than 170 people attended this year's Oban Hospice Fashion Show, raising £1,600 for the charity.

The event was organised by Friends of Oban Hospice committee member Joyce Millar and was held in the Corran Halls last month.

During a break, there was a special presentation for two committee members, Margaret MacLean and

Catherine Carswell, who recently stood down from their roles.

They were presented with flowers and thanked for their years of dedication by Anne May and fellow founding member Mary Black.

Margaret and Catherine are still very much involved with the hospice as regular volunteers at the Dove Centre.

# Gaelic choir did Scotland proud

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Gaelic choir Alba's Eurovision dreams for 2019 are over but they still did Scotland proud.

Scotland's Eurovision Choir hopefuls made their first appearance in the major competition in Gothenburg, Sweden, on Saturday but failed to make it to the top three. However, they did make lots of new friends and showcased the Gaelic language on a European stage in front of millions of TV viewers.

Taynuilt's Davy and Audrey Paterson were among Alba's voices, with the men wearing kilts from a new tartan made specially for the occasion.

Mr Paterson said: 'We had a blast. We're not too disappointed we didn't win because we did our best and



Alba Gaelic choir did Scotland proud at the 2019 Eurovision Choir Contest in Sweden.

did Scotland proud. It's the first time Scotland has been represented and we hope it won't be the last.

'It was a wonderful experience and we've already been invited to go and visit some of the other choirs to sing in their countries. They were all a great bunch of people.

'We hope Alba will contin-

ue to sing together as a choir now and perform at other events in the future.' Alba's members were all handpicked by choir leader Joy Dunlop, herself from Connel, a Mòd Gold Medal winner and BBC weather presenter.

Out of 35 choristers in Alba, seven others also came from Argyll - Donna Dugdale

and Riona Whyte from Mull, Sileas Sinclair from Connel, Nicola Pearson from Oban, Fiona Munro from Ardrishaig, Ainsley Hamill from Cardross, and Hector Mackechnie from Lochaline.

There were nine other countries taking part in the hard-fought contest but in the end Denmark won.

## Apprenticeship is child's play to Oban teen

The Scottish Government has launched a campaign to recruit people of all ages, stages, and backgrounds into a career in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC).

One person recruited for the task is Kilmore teenager Craig MacIntyre, 17, who has taken up an apprenticeship at Stramash Outdoor Nursery.

Throughout his training, Craig will undertake written and practical assessments, which will ultimately lead to a SVQ3 Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7.

Craig's mum, Katy, is a childminder and so Craig has grown up with young children at home. His mum's influence, coupled with his little brother attending the outdoor nursery, inspired Craig to go for the apprenticeship.

He said: 'Our nursery is full of all sorts for the children to play with - baskets and containers full of stones, shells, ribbons and seeds we've collected. The nursery site is among the trees so there are lots of leaves, twigs and branches too. We encourage the children to freely develop their ideas with everything we have here and if they have an idea



Craig MacIntyre and his mum Katy, who is undertaking an online Autism Awareness course and a basic sign language course.

of something they want to create, we try as much as we can to help them to do it.

'Recently they wanted an obstacle course, so we've created one with their help, using logs, tyres, rope and other pieces - they love it!

'Being an outdoor nursery, we're usually playing outside for most of the day and that's what I love most about my job, only on the wettest and windiest days do we use the huts for some shelter.

'I think it makes a huge difference in a time when technology is being used more and more in education - with no electricity, wifi or running water, the children are challenged to learn how to make things with little help.

'I love it when I see the kids learn something new or master something they've

been trying to do for a while, such as climb that little bit higher in the tree.

'If I was to say one thing to somebody considering a career in Early Learning and Childcare, I'd say go for it! It's a great job and you really feel you have made a difference in a child's life.'

The Scottish Government is particularly keen to reach young people who have recently left school and those who are currently employed but could find more job satisfaction in ELC. It also wants to recruit more ethnic minorities and males in to ELC as a skilled and diverse workforce is key to providing children with high-quality play and learning opportunities in their formative years.

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# Locum GP fined for careless driving

A locum GP rushing home to her sick son after a week working away in Mull, has been fined £600 for careless driving.

Dr Neitu Jeyasingh, who pleaded guilty, was caught overtaking unsafely on an off-duty police officer's dashcam, Oban Sheriff Court heard last week.

The officer said the Audi A8 being driven by Jeyasingh overtook him near a blind bend on the A85 after Taynuilt, forcing an oncoming car to slow down and pull into a verge.

'Clearly the driving fell far below what is expected of a careful and considerate driver,' said procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty.

Defence solicitor Eddie Thornton said the 46-year-old, who works as a locum mainly in the Highlands and Islands, accepted it had been an error of judgement

on her part and was aware the sheriff could consider a driving ban.

But Mr Thornton stressed her job was 'one of scarcity'. She also works at a rural A&E department and at prisons, he said.

## 'She had a call from her husband worried about their son'

He added: 'She had been working in Mull for one week and was about to board the ferry to Oban when she had a phone call from her oncologist husband worried about their son's health. He thought he might have croup.

'Understandably my client felt very anxious and a need to get home.

'She accepts if it was that bad they should have called A&E but she was pre-occu-

pied and distracted by the desire to get home to see their son and attend him herself.

'She was not thinking straight. That does not excuse her behaviour but perhaps explains why it was out of character.'

Sheriff John Herald told Jeyasingh of Casa Kenita, Main Street, Cairney Hill in Dunfermline: 'You're obviously a valuable member of the community who does considerable driving from the south of Scotland to the Western Isles. I do accept it's the high end of careless driving but don't think it justifies disqualification from driving.'

As well as the £600 fine, her licence was endorsed with six penalty points.

'It leaves you in balance. Get to 12 points and there's nothing we can do,' said Sheriff Herald.



Youngsters had a great time at the summer camp recently.

## Oban youngsters enjoy pirate-themed summer camp

Dozens of youngsters experienced life on the high seas at the Landlubbers Holiday Club in Oban last week.

Held in the Congregational Church, the five-day adventure took place from Monday to Friday in the afternoon.

It was run by Julie Martin and Phil Dexter and featured pirate-themed games and activities.

Speaking about the week, Phil said: 'It has been good.

Everyone seems to have enjoyed their week.

'We love it, too. Julie and I have been doing this for years.

'We first met doing holiday clubs and we spoke about doing one in Oban.'

There will be a coffee morning in the church on August 10 from 10.30am until 12.30pm, where the children will receive their certificates.

## Growth deal plan to boost population

Argyll and Bute Council hopes to use the area's rural growth deal to boost the area's population after stark figures were revealed in a new report.

The document for the area's forthcoming Community Planning Group meetings showed that people aged 85 and over are expected to make up more than four per cent of the area's population by 2029. The annual report produced by Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) also shows that the percentage of people aged 16-44 currently living in the area is eight per cent below the national average.

A council spokesperson said: 'Future success is built on a growing population and this is something the council and its partners are very much focused on.'

Over the next 10 years, Argyll and Bute's population is currently projected to decrease overall by four per cent to 83,120 people.

## Judge throws out objections to new build

The owners of a country house which used to be the home of Frances Shand Kydd, Princess Diana's mother, have lost a legal bid to stop a home being built, which they claimed would be 'a high profile intrusion on the skyline'.

Plans for the development on the Isle of Seil, near Oban, attracted an objection claiming it would have a significant landscape and visual impact and would be particularly noticeable from the north west of the 18th century Ardenchapel House, which lies about 1.5kms away.

The objection pointed out that the new build would be prominent on a ridge line and would be the 'only man-made feature across an otherwise natural panorama...'

It was made on behalf of the one of the trustees, Julian Taylor, and suggested the planning application must not be decided until a site visit was made to the B-listed house by a council officer.

The case officer discussed the matter with a superior and it was decided that a visit to the house was unnecessary.

### Court of Session

The proprietors of the house and others raised a judicial review at the Court of Session in Edinburgh of the decision by Argyll and Bute Council to grant planning permission to build the house last year, seeking to have the decision set aside.

In the action, it was alleged that the local authority had failed to consider the desir-

ability of preserving a listed building and its setting.

But Lord Boyd of Duncansby said: 'I am satisfied there is no error of law in the decision made by the respondents. Nor is the decision irrational.'

He added: 'I agree with counsel for the respondent that it would be an odd and unwelcome development in planning law if courts were to tell planning officers that before they could make a professional judgement on whether the setting of a listed building was affected by a development they must visit the building itself.'

The council maintained that the skyline was not affected by the development because of a backdrop of much higher land.

## Thousands needed to save Historic Kilbride

A crowdfunding appeal is under way to fund urgent preservation work at Historic Kilbride, near Oban.

Kilbride includes the ruins of a 13th-century church, Clan MacDougall's memorial aisle and an extensive graveyard dating back many centuries but desperately needs more funds to keep it safe and open to visitors.

Volunteers have contrib-

uted more than £25,000 and thousands of work hours to date, achieving Historic Environment Scotland Schedule Monument status for the site in June 2019, but there is now an urgent need to stabilise the west gable of the church at a cost of £16,000.

'Without this work, the masonry is at risk of collapsing, risking our conservation efforts and making part

of the site unavailable to visitors,' says Myra Griffin who has started a Gofundme page at [gofundme.com/f/preserving-historic-kilbride](http://gofundme.com/f/preserving-historic-kilbride)

Historic Kilbride records the region's story from at least the arrival of Christianity to recent times, and, in addition, Clan MacDougall and its associated clans, including Campbell, McIntyre and Livingston.

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# Mull children have designs on community-owned forest

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Children on Mull have designed and built their own forest adventure play space.

Over three days last month, 38 children, with support from 13 parents, armed themselves with proper tools and with tonnes of wood to create tree houses, ladders and climbing frames that fit perfectly in the setting of Tioran Community Forest.

On Monday, as part of Community Land Week, islanders are being invited to visit the play space to enjoy the benefits of owning their own forest.

The event from 11am to 3pm will showcase what has been achieved with help from Woodland Tribe, a national charity dedicated to promoting adventurous play, which got funding from National Lottery Communities Fund:



Giant willow heads keep a community eye on Tioran Forest and, right, youngsters get hands-on creating their community adventure play space at Tioran Festival.

Awards for All.

South West Mull and Iona Development (SWMID) bought 789 hectares of the forest in 2015 through the National Forest Land Scheme.

SWMID general manager Morven Gibson said: 'The structures will be in the forest

for a few years and, in the future, may be added to. The idea is that children remain engaged with the playground and that it evolves over time.'

Growing attractions in the forest include giant heads made out of willow that people filled with plants before



they were hung in sycamore trees. A Woollen Woods event as part of a national Get Creative crafting festival was also popular this year where people knitted creatures and plants to put among the trees.

In recent weeks, more than 7,000 native broadleaf trees have also been planted to replace felled conifers in the forest and many more thousands are planned, with a pair of resident white-tailed eagles among other sights to be seen.

'If we can encourage children to come into the forest to play, we hope they will learn to value the environment and care about its future,' said Morven.

Tioran Community Forest

is just one of 45 projects throughout Scotland celebrating community ownership in Community Land Week, ending on August 18.

Lindsay Chalmers, development manager of Community Land Scotland running Community Land Week in partnership with the Scottish Government, said: 'When communities purchase the land on which their people live and work, they have the tools to re-invigorate their areas and improve the prospects of future generations.'

'This week of celebration is justly deserved.'

'A huge number of people across diverse areas of Scotland have put in enor-

mous effort to get to this point.

'Community land acquisition is the start of a long journey often to reverse many years of decline.'

Other projects celebrating Community Land Week include the new Iona Village Hall, where construction has just begun.

Go to [communityland-scotland.org.uk](http://communityland-scotland.org.uk) to find out more about events being organised by the Ulva Ferry Community, North West Mull Community Woodlands Co Ltd, which is organising a number of walks, South Islay Development Trust and Tobermory Harbour Association.

## Oban: what a great place for a holiday!

Around Oban

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It is one of those films where you come out feeling happy and energised.

We also ate out quite a lot because I refused to cook as I was on holiday and, again, we were spoiled for choice. I've enjoyed pizza, seafood and fish and chips beside the sea.

I've enjoyed my holiday so much that I've decided if we're lucky enough to get a day off when it's sunny we should treat it as if we're on holiday and do the things that holiday makers do, from a trip to the sea for a paddle to a wee ferry trip to Mull or a picnic on Kerrera.

It's fantastic what a proper day away from everyday life can do. Forget about the housework and chores,

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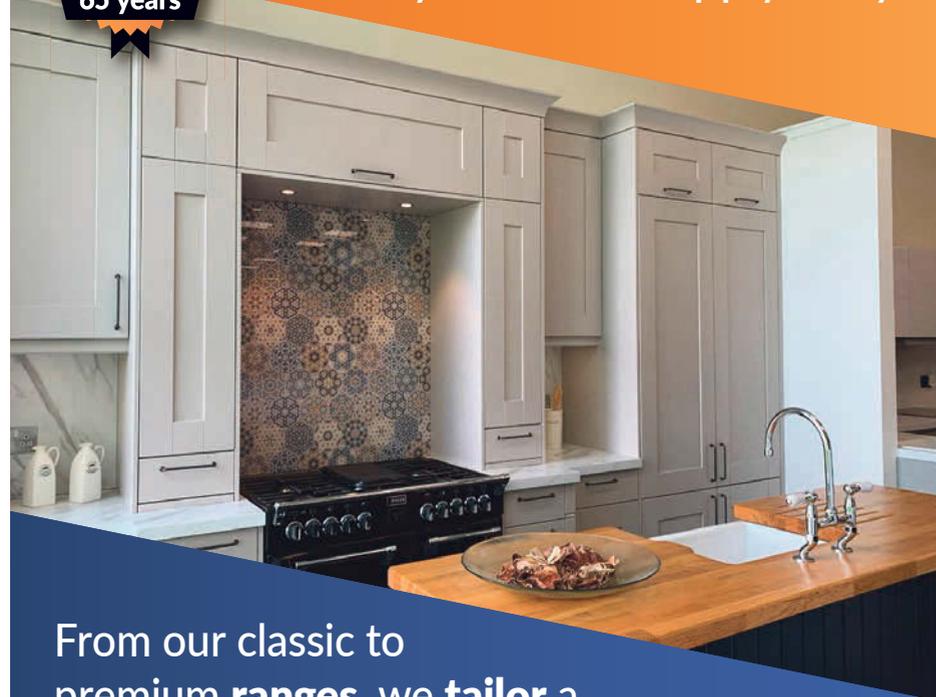
they'll be there tomorrow but we live on the west coast of Scotland and have to make the most of the nice days we get.

The photo last week was of one of the beautiful flower boxes outside Coast Restaurant on George Street and this week's is really easy too.



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Mystery surrounds the obelisk at Oban Parish Church.

## Can you answer monumental question?

Can you solve a mystery puzzling Australian government officials?

Kayla Nardella, a senior curator for Queensland Government's museums got in touch with The Oban Times asking for help.

She hopes readers will be able to give her the answers she needs to be able to write a short history about Archibald Campbell Macmillan, one of their early surveyors and bridge engineers who worked for them between 1862 and 1905.

'We have found that there is a beautiful granite memorial obelisk erected in the Oban Parish Church yard to members of his family buried there – two brothers and one sister,' said Kayla.

'We are trying to find out when the obelisk was erected there and by whom.

The parish church has no details.'

Macmillan was born in Oban in 1840, the second son of retired surveyor of taxes John Macmillan and Anne Barbara Macmillan, daughter of Colonel Campbell of the 42nd Gordon Highlanders. The family stayed in Oban until 1859.

After Macmillan's government service in Queensland, he turned his attention to sugar cane production, running his own company. Later interests included establishing a herd of shorthorn cattle and thoroughbred horses.

He died in 1905, survived by a wife, four sons and a daughter.

Anyone with information about the obelisk should email [museum@dnrme.gld.gov.au](mailto:museum@dnrme.gld.gov.au)

## Rockfield celebrates all things to do with shinty

Two very different exhibitions at The Rockfield Centre will tell the story of shinty at a special event next week.

The three-day extravaganza over the Macaulay Cup weekend, August 15 to August 18, will celebrate, commemorate and converse about all things shinty and sport-related, says shinty expert Hugh Dan MacLennan.

The exhibitions will look at the sport from a historic and an artistic perspective and at the launch on Thursday August 15 at 7pm, Hugh Dan will be giving a talk about how they came about and why they are important to the sport.

He will also talk about the Shinty Memories project, working to tackle the issues of loneliness and dementia by encouraging people to meet and share shinty photographs and artefacts of yesteryear.

Admission to the opening talk is on a first come, first seated basis.

The exhibition Shinty: The Sacrifice 1914-1918 looks at how communities in the

Highlands and Islands made an extraordinary sacrifice in the Great War.

The casualties per head of population were more than double the average for Britain.

That exhibition will run from Friday August 16 to Sunday August 18, 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.

The second exhibition, Throw-Up 2018, runs at the same time and features four artists commissioned by the Highland Print Studio in 2017 to create work inspired by shinty. Deirdre Nelson, Roddy Buchanan, John McNaught and Tom Smith worked with chosen clubs in the 2017-2018 season resulting in photography, linocut, screen printing, photogravure and knitting.

On the eve of the Macaulay Cup final, Friday August 16 at 7.30pm, Hugh Dan will be joined by some well-known local sporting figures. Ian MacPhee, Roddy McCuish and other guests will be having a lively conversation about sport in general. Tickets are £5 at the door.

## 'Rude' crash driver banned from road and fined £600

A speeding motorist crashed near Cruachan Power Station after overtaking and making a rude gesture to another driver, Oban Sheriff Court heard.

Samuel Devennie, 64, who works at a quarry near Oban, had to be removed from his wrecked car on a spinal board and airlifted to hospital in Glasgow after the crash on July 29 last year.

Last week Devennie, of 23

Eden Place, Cambuslang, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and was fined £600 and banned from driving for one year. Before he reappplies for a licence he will have to sit and pass an extended driving test, said Sheriff John Herald.

The court heard how the driver of another car with three passengers believed if they had not slowed down because of an oncoming car

there would have been an earlier collision as Devennie overtook.

The occupants all had a discussion saying they had 'never seen worse' driving and flashed their lights.

'The accused responded with a rude gesture,' said procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty.

'The accused continued to drive erratically, went round a blind bend at excessive speed

and at some point, unseen by the witnesses, lost control of his vehicle and crashed a short time after. The witnesses came round a corner to see the vehicle crashed.'

A passing motorist who was a nurse stopped to help. Police said Devennie's car had struck a verge, rotated, then hit a wall. The court heard he remembered nothing of the accident.

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If you know someone looking for a job that's rewarding, fun and will positively affect lives, then Early Learning and Childcare could be a great career for them.

School leavers can also talk to their careers adviser at school or ask their local college, training provider or nursery for advice.

Visit [www.childcarecareersscotland.scot](http://www.childcarecareersscotland.scot) to find out more about a career in Early Learning and Childcare, including a live jobs feed which will include Modern Apprenticeship posts in some local areas.



OT

# Champion of champions wins Mull title by one vote

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Fanmore farmer Angus MacColl went home from Bunessan Show a happy man after his two-shear Texel tup was declared the 2019 champion of champions.

There was just one point in it but it was good enough for Mr MacColl, who has competed at the show for a decade and has now won the much sought-after title for a second time.

Hoping to make it a hat trick, he says he will be back again next year – the show date for the 2020 diary is August 7.

Also vying for the 2019 supreme title was a spring born Limousin cross heifer calf owned by John McInnes from Iona, 11-year-old bay



Angus MacColl of Fanmore with his champion of champions, a two-shear Texel tup.

and best horse in show Aber Crippen Sparticus, owned by Caroline MacPhail of Mull, and one-year-old Flatcoated Retriever Orla, whose parents showed at Crufts.

Orla was at Friday's show with visitors Finn and Iona

Elkington whose family have a house at Uisken.

Show secretary Lynda MacCallum said it had been 'a marvellous day' and paid tribute to the 'remarkable' volunteers who helped to make it happen.

'Once again we've got bigger and better. It's good to see new and familiar faces join us. We get a lot of people who come on holiday to Mull especially for the show. It's also lovely to have Mull and Iona Pipe Band back too.'

Among the stalls were the Mull and Iona Rangers with seasonal worker Lizzy Grieves braving wet sponges at the Soak The Ranger game.

The stall was raising funds for the service's work and awareness about its plight after cuts to funding. It recently lost one full-time worker and one part-time worker's worth of funding, said Lizzie.

As temperatures soared on the day, visitors, competitors and their animals tried to keep their cool in and out of the show rings.



Above, Scott Wiseman tucks in to his Bunessan burger; and left, Mull and Iona seasonal ranger Lizzie Grieves gets a soaking.



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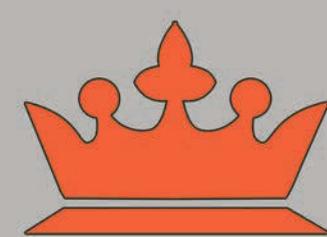
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Clockwise from top left, Viola the pony with Ailsa O'Donnel of Tobermory, on the right, and Kirsty Laurie, Dervaig; Sienna Ogilvie, Iona Ogilvie, Eilidh Crane and Becca Wylie smile for the camera; Iain MacKay from Torloisk, Ulva Ferry gets ready for showing his North Country Cheviots; Megan Johnston, nine and Lily Hallam, 10, take a seat on a Massy Ferguson; the Mull and Iona Pipe band were popular with the crowds; Orla MacLennan, 16, rides best horse at Bunessan Show – Aber Crippen Sparticus, owned by Caroline MacPhail. More photographs at [www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk)

Right, Roni's Chainsaw Art; below, Heather Campbell, Rowan MacCallum and Kirsty Rutherford beat the heat as they sell raffle tickets at Bunessan Show; below right, Owen, five, and 10-year-old Oliver Caldecot take a close look at the giant cabbages; below left, Ewan Macphail of Callahally, John Nuddes of Lochaline and Cameron MacVicar of Salen weigh up their winning chances.





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Mull and Iona Pipe Band lead the standard bearers and clan chief Morag Morley MacDougall to Dunollie.



Piper Donald MacDougall enjoys a seat on the raven log. The raven was sacred in mythology.

# Hundreds of MacDougalls a

by David McPhee  
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Hundreds of MacDougalls from across the world made their way to Dunollie Castle and Museum last week.

More than 300 people took part in the MacDougall Gathering celebrations, which featured events from Tuesday July 30 to Sunday August 4.

There were around 80 events across the six-day gathering, including lectures, tours, workshops, ceilidhs and parades.

Clan MacDougall chief Madam Morag Morely MacDougall of MacDougall said one of the more popular events was the Jacobites, MacDougalls and Drams, which may or may not have been because of the whisky tasting. Another favourite was the Living History Day, which saw Dunollie grounds, and the people, being transported back to the 1700s.

The week culminated with a march on Sunday, when hundreds of MacDougalls



Councillor Elaine Robertson welcomes the MacDougall clan to the Oban area.

paraded from the Corran Halls to Dunollie Castle. Madam MacDougall said: 'I believe it was a tremendous success. This was down to the superb organisation of the team at Dunollie run by Fiona Shaw. Everyone kept saying how they enjoyed it and really appreciated how it was put on.'

'I would say it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the

whole thing in any way. We hope to have another gathering in five years.'

A spokesperson for Dunollie Castle, Museum and Grounds said: 'More than 80 activities hosted and joined by over 300 MacDougalls from all over the world - that was our International Clan MacDougall Gathering 2019.'

'A huge thank you to all our attendees who joined us

throughout the week, we hope you all had as much fun as we did and we wish you safe travel home.'

'A second big thank you to all of our partners - businesses, activity providers, musicians, speakers and stallholders who hosted special activities for attendees to enjoy.'

The next MacDougall gathering will be at Dunollie Castle, Museum and Grounds in 2024.

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Colin MacDougall, right, wearing the hat, gives a vote of thanks and three cheers for Morag MacDougall-Morley, clan chieftain, for hosting the MacDougall Clan Gathering at Dunollie. All photographs: Kevin McGlynn



The ceilidh was popular with all ages.



Clan MacDougall standard bearers lead the parade from the Corran Halls through the woods to Dunollie.

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It is very important to note and to remember that all those who worked over many years to maintain and rekindle a dying culture were battling against the odds. We are now seeing the benefits of that work but for long years there was little sign of hope or progress.

Yet they battled on in the face of statistics, logic and many critics all forecasting certain doom. As I wrote in a previous article: 'The fèis movement, music tuition in schools, local and national mòds, Runrig, Capercaillie, Gaelic-medium education, the tireless work of many individuals and a 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.'

All those involved in any of the above deserve gratitude from all who are reaping and enjoying the rich yields of their relentless dedication. The situation is by no means perfect and I see two main obstacles to be conquered.

First, for the music to really hold cultural significance, the Gaelic language must come with it. Gaelic music without the Gaelic language, in the long term, is a shell that will crumble and fade or at best survive, but be divorced from its own identity.

Secondly, for our culture and language to prosper, it has to be strong in the geographic areas from which it came and the indigenous populations of these areas must endure.

I dream about how the Highlands and islands could be in 50 years if the language, populations and economies of these areas could blossom and the music return to prosper at home. In future articles I will expand on what I see in that dream, but for this week I will conclude by returning to the tangible peaks of current music scene.

As I wrote last week, while referring to the meteoric rise

of Peat and Diesel, with every new band coming forth, the whole movement benefits and Glasgow's concert programme this winter is proof of that. Between October and January, Glasgow will host no fewer than six major concerts of different west coast bands.

Skerryvore with Trail West, Tide Lines, The Vatersay Boys and Peat and Diesel are all appearing at the Barrowland and ourselves, Skipinnish, are doing both the Royal Concert Hall and the Barrowland. The Barrowland holds just under 2,000 and the concert hall just under 3,000.

Every one of these gigs, in venues that usually host the household names of the mainstream music world, will be sold-out.

On top of this, there are many other smaller gigs going on, as well as a whole week of events for the National Mòd in October and of course the Park Bar continuing its long tradition of hosting good bands and Gaelic singers.

Even just three years ago, this level of presence of Highland music anywhere would have been just a far-off dream. However, some dreams do come true and we are very lucky to be part of this resurgence of our own musical heritage.

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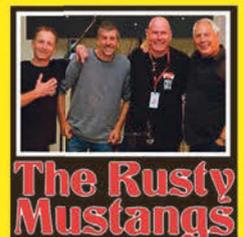
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# Stone the crows! Festival success aids Seil hall fund

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Seil's first scarecrow festival has gone on the map as one of the UK's biggest with 128 cropping up all over the island.

Organisers hailed the week-long event a big success with thousands of pounds raised in aid of community hall development plans.

Ron Hetherington, who came up with the idea, said: 'It's far exceeded our expectations. There were lots of people who got together to make it such a success for the island and that includes all the visitors. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone.'

It was farmer Seumas Anderson and his wife Avril whose Revenge of the Crows scarecrow, crushed under a black bail, scooped the inaugural best scarecrow trophy as voted by the public. 'It obviously appealed to people's dark



Seafari trippers after a spin round Easdale.

side,' said Seumas. The pop-up care-in-the-community hall did a roaring trade all week; the yoga session made £115 to add to the event's funds and the pot was added to by other activities, including a musical theatre workshop, a community thanks-giving service, a pot luck supper, pub quiz at The Oyster and inter-pub football competition. The heritage and wildflower tours also attracted visitors.

The sun came out for Saturday's Tattie Bogle Fair with buskers in Ellenabeich square, Seafari boat

trips round Easdale, lots of fun and games, stalls, children's races and tug of war contests on the hall field. The Tigh an Truish team won the pub tug of war, the girls won the children's version of the challenge against the boys, and there was an impromptu all-women contest too.

Wendy Dugdale from Balvicar Stores presented the pub winners with their medals and the men gallantly handed over their prize beers to the winning women.

Seil's Graham Scott was the proud owner of best dog in show, a border terrier called Kelso.



Caroline Morgan with the 'pick a panto square' game at Seil's Tattie Bogle fair on Saturday.

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Clockwise from top left: Buskers Bobby Harvey, Alastair Gillespie and Drew Connolly; Pirate Rachel Smith helps raise treasure for Seil Island Hall on Easdale Primary School's stall; Myra and Martin Waddle on Kilbrandon Church's plant stall; George MacKenzie presents the best scarecrow trophy to Avril and Seumas Anderson from Kilbride Farm; Jean and John Alexander with Kneale Smith on the Easdale branch of the Royal British Legion book stall; and Graham Scott with border terrier Kelso, best dog in show.

Right, medal winners at the children's races on Seil; below, Tigh An Truish pick up medals for the tug of war pub challenge; and bottom, girl power wins the day – the winning women's tug of war team.



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# Life's a beach for visitors to Lorn Agricultural Show

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There would have been a few red faces on Sunday after this year's Lorn Agricultural Show, but not for their antics in the beer tent, but rather due to the scorching sunshine.

The event was graced with beach weather, and luckily for those who attended the show, there is a sandy beach a stone's throw from the show field.

The annual event is held on the Keil Common Grazings at Tralee beach in Benderloch, by the kind permission of the MacColl family.

As always, there was tough competition in the animal judging, but this year's champion of champions was a Blackface ewe from Drimsynie Estate.

Show president Angus Dickie said: 'I am delighted with how the day has gone. The Drakes of Hazard were first-class entertainment – and the weather as well.'

Angus thanked members



Ian McKerrell presents Donald Morrison with a certificate for long service. 15\_t32\_LornShow15; and right, the overall dog champion was a 14-month-old working collie called Jock. 15\_t32\_LornShow11

of the committee for all their help.

This year's show was particularly special for one person.

The Royal Highland and

Agricultural Society awarded Donald Morrison a long service certificate for his 45 years with United Auctions.

Speaking before the champion of champions was an-

nounced, Ian McKerrell said a few words about Donald.

'As a young boy from South Uist, Donald's first visit to the mainland was for his interview with Thomas Corson, in



which he succeeded in getting the job as trainee auctioneer.'

Aged just 16, Donald left the island to start with United Auctions. Two decades later he was made managing director of the west coast of Scotland and the islands, a position he holds to this day.

Over the last 45 years Donald has had some highs and some lows.

When he was appointed managing director, all the market buildings were made of wood. The South Uist man fought hard to upgrade

Dalmally with steel pens, and again in Islay. He also had a huge influence in getting a mart built at Moleigh, near Oban, on Tiree, and Lochboisdale.

If it were not for his passion and dedication, 'there might not have been as many markets in the west,' Mr McKerrell added.

But it was not all smooth sailing for Donald. The most harrowing of his time at United Auctions was in 2001 when there were no markets due to foot and mouth disease. However, Donald, his wife Mary, and Ewan Macleod, visited all the farms in the west and islands to have the stock sent from farms to farms.

They worked into the wee hours getting lambs and licences ready, much to the appreciation of the farmers.

'Donald, you are very much appreciated in the west and the islands,' Mr McKerrell ended.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Argyll company nominated for environment award

The hard work and commitment of one Argyll company at the forefront of environmental change in Scotland has been recognised by the VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards.

Renewable Parts Ltd, a wind turbine refurbishment centre based in Lochgilphead, has been included in the shortlist for the Circular Scotland category of the awards, which are focused on inspiring companies to play their part in meeting Scotland's ambition to be a world leader on tackling climate change.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the awards and finalists have been selected across 11 categories which recognise the various ways sustainable best practice can be implemented.

Bob Downes, chairman of SEPA and head of the VIBES judging panel, said: 'The scale of environmental challenges facing humanity is enormous, with a real urgency to act. The successful businesses of tomorrow will be those who embrace the economic opportunity of sustainable solutions to environmental challenges.'

'I would like to congratulate all the finalists which have been recognised by the VIBES awards.'

# Egg Shed opening marks Ardrishaig regeneration

Argyll and Bute Council's Tarbert Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund has helped kickstart opportunities for change along the Crinan Canal corridor.

The re-opening on Friday August 2 of the historic Egg Shed, on Ardrishaig's waterfront, as a community hub marks the first stage of the regeneration of the gateway to the Crinan Canal.

By breathing new life into the disused building, former garage and new extension, partners behind the project have provided a space to tell the story of the Crinan Canal and the communities on its banks.

The development includes new parking and improved walking and cycling links.

The council, in partnership with Scottish Canals, has worked with Ardrishaig Community Council and the local development trust for a number of years to find ways of bringing investment, environmental improvements and regeneration opportunities to Ardrishaig waterfront.

In 2016, more than 200 people and stakeholders joined the Rethink the link – Crinan Canal consultation to put forward ideas for an action plan and ideas for projects that were put forward for funding through the Tarbert Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.

The Egg Shed project was one of three



Catherine Topley, from Scottish Canals and Cleland Sneddon, chief executive of Argyll and Bute Council, open the Egg Shed with a few little helpers.

chosen for development and attracted further funding from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) in 2017/18.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of the council and policy lead for economic development, said: 'We began with a determination to work in partnership with Scottish Canals and the community to deliver projects that will create jobs and help to grow the population

of the area, which will help boost our local economy. The opening of the Egg Shed is just one piece of an ambitious programme of regeneration for the wider regeneration of Mid Argyll. This includes further development of the Gleaner Oil site and public realm in Ardrishaig, the front green and town centre, Lochgilphead, and a contribution to new on-shore facilities in Tarbert.'

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## Dalmally guest house under new ownership

Craig Villa Guest House in Dalmally is under new ownership, thanks to a six-figure funding package from Royal Bank of Scotland.

The popular guest house was purchased in March by husband and wife team and first-time business owners Ewan and Taryn Diven.

Craig Villa Guest House has been a long-standing feature in Dalmally, appealing to those exploring the great outdoors and those looking for an authentic Highland experience.

The guest house also includes facilities for a massage and sports therapy clinic, with Taryn also a fully qualified massage therapist.

Ewan and Taryn said: 'After an extensive two-year search, we found the home and business of our dreams. With the sellers intent on making a quick sale and another prospective buyer hot on our heels, we would not have been able to make our

Ewan and Taryn Diven at Craig Villa.



dream a reality without the fast and reliable service provided by Royal Bank of Scotland.

'As we strive to maintain the excellent standard already set by the previous owners, we are envisioning how we can expand

and grow the business to become a truly memorable Highland experience that our guests will take home and treasure for a lifetime.'

Alan McNair, relationship manager at Royal Bank of

Scotland, said: 'It has been a pleasure working with Ewan and Taryn to secure funding for Craig Villa Guest House. Their drive and vision for the accommodation will no doubt see it become a go-to destination.'

## Council ICT service ranked number one local authority in UK

Argyll and Bute Council has been ranked the number one UK local authority for high performance and low cost of its Information and Communication Technology (ICT) service.

The 2019 Socitm Benchmarking Report reveals Argyll and Bute Council ranked third best for ICT performance with the third lowest cost. Combined, those results put the authority at number one against 104 other councils in Britain.

Socitm is the Society of Information Technology Management, a professional body for digital and IT leaders which deliver services for public benefit.

Councillor Andrew Vennard, Argyll and Bute Council's deputy policy lead for corporate services, said: 'That Socitm have named our ICT Service number one in the UK shows just how effective the hard work of the team has been, combining excellent performance with relatively low cost. I congratulate everyone involved for achieving this recognition. It's an example of Argyll and Bute as an award-winning council.'



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## Glimpse of Argyll 10,000 years ago

In Lochgoilhead, some 10,400 years ago, at least two people took a break from their hunt for wild game and crouched down on a gravel bar mending and making new flint microliths to slot into their wooden arrowshafts.

After a few hours, without even the need to make a camp fire, the hunters left, leaving behind the tiny remains of their work for Dr Clare Ellis from Argyll Archaeology to discover during the construction of a new housing scheme at Donich Park for Dunbritton Housing Association.

Specialist analysis of the small assemblage by Dr Torben Bjarke Ballin revealed that some of the tools had been made by a left-handed person and some by a right-handed person.

Clare said: 'This snippet of intimate information about two individuals from over 10,400 years ago gives us a real insight into the early prehistoric period in Scotland when Britain was still physically part of Europe, connected by Doggerland.'

Torben added: 'At the present time, only a very small number of Scottish early Mesolithic assemblages are known, and they are all chronologically mixed to varying degrees.'

'However, this site is unique in Scotland as it represents a very short snapshot in time.'

The flint used by the hunters to make their tools would have been collected in the form of small pebbles from the local beaches but, because of the general scarcity of flint in Argyll, quartz was also used for less fine tools.

The paper can be downloaded for free at [www.dguf.de/fileadmin/Al/ArchInf-EV\\_Ballin\\_Ellis.pdf](http://www.dguf.de/fileadmin/Al/ArchInf-EV_Ballin_Ellis.pdf)



Flint knappers at Lochgoilhead.

Photograph: Argyll Archaeology

# Ardgour stag goes

## Morvern lines

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On a cold and miserable January day in 2011, a small stag, weak from the privations of winter, came down from the Ardgour hills and found its way into a hay shed on Conaglen estate to look for shelter.

Fortunately, he was discovered by Ross Maclean, the head stalker, who managed to capture him and put him into a stall in a nearby byre where he was fed and watered and given a warm bed.

Rescued animals usually die within a day or two, but this young stag must have had enough life about him that he soon began to regain his strength and look forward to his daily meal. Throughout the winter, assistant stalkers Martin Morrison and David Mackenzie took responsibility for feeding him until he was ready to be released when the new grass began to appear.

As the team were getting ready to let him out, they found a tag belonging to one of the estate's cows and attached it to his ear so that no matter where he went its unique number would show where he had come from.

Taggie the Staggie, as he was now called, was released near Conaglen House and for the next few years remained in the area close to his safe haven until he finally disappeared. Assuming that Taggie had either died or had been shot by poachers, the stalkers thought no more about him until December 2018 when, thanks to social media, Arran Matheson, one of the stalkers on Inverinate Estate, Kintail, posted a video of a tagged stag having a good scratch against a tree at Killilan in Glen Elchaig on his Facebook page and wondered where it had come from.

When Ross Maclean heard of this, he immediately thought of Taggie, but was surprised that he had made it all the way to Inverinate. Luckily, Ross took a note of the tag number and was able to contact Arran Matheson, who confirmed it was the same animal.

As the raven flies, the distance from Conaglen House to Inverinate is at least 40 miles in a straight line. It would have been a lot more for Taggie as he would have had to go round many lochs, and over, through or under dozens of forestry fences and cross a number of public roads and at least one railway line.



## Clan fascination

Without a satellite tracking device, we can only guess what his actual route was and how long the journey took. But leaving the Ardgour area, he must have travelled to Glenfinnan and then made his way north through Glen Dessary, Kingie and Glen Quoich and finally into Kintail. It would be interesting to hear if anyone noticed him on the way.

Over the next couple of weeks, Taggie occasionally appeared at Inverinate where he was fed along with the other deer, but he didn't settle and disappeared.

What took Taggie to Kintail in the first place we will never know but, hopefully, this is not the end of the story and Taggie will be spotted somewhere else.

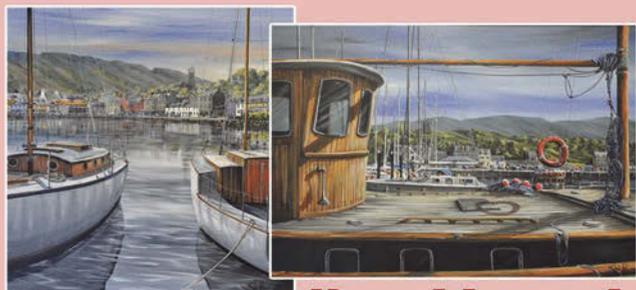
If anyone does see or shoots him, could they let me know and I will pass on the information to the Conaglen stalkers. Stags travel many miles during the rutting season but this incidence is unusual.

At a time when deer are being slaughtered and their whole culture and heritage is fast disappearing from the Highland glens and straths, records of this nature are important.

Judging by the volume of correspondence I have received following my recent piece on the MacGillivrays, interest in Highland clans, gatherings and chiefs, has not waned as much as I had imagined.

First in was an email from clan chief-in-waiting, Iain Donald MacGillivray who was in Ohio attending a clan gathering, to tell me that the MacGillivrays, who have a stag's head in their coat of arms, had an alliance with the MacDonalds and were not their followers.

Shades of a story told of two Morvern shepherds, a MacDonald and a Maclean, travelling aboard the old Lochinvar between Lochaline and Oban with sheep for the Oban mart. On the return journey, after sampling the mountain dew, not wisely, but too well, they began to argue. Maclean started boasting about the age and veneration of his clan but was forced to change his tune when MacDonald announced in a loud voice, to the amusement of the company in the vessel's saloon bar, 'The Macleans? They were only servants to the MacDonalds.'

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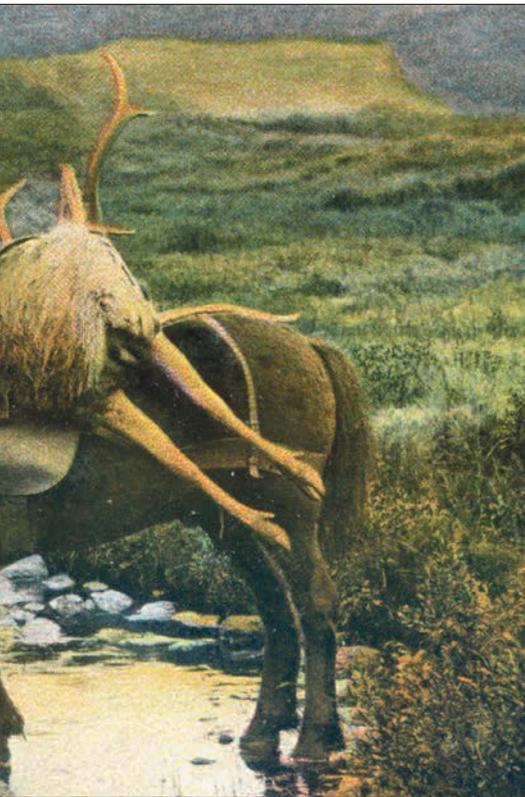
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# s walkabout



At a time when deer culture and heritage is fast disappearing from the Highlands, records of this nature are important.

(from an old postcard supplied by Iain Thornber) and, below, Iain Donald MacGillivray (photograph: Peter Jolly)

one of their chiefs in the 1500s. At that time, the Mackintoshes were keepers of Inverness Castle and, as prominent land owners in Inverness-shire, were thus able to grant the MacGillivrays property in Strathnairn. It was through this that Dunmaglass became their stronghold and why they were accepted into the Clan Chattan confederation.

Near Easter Gask, not far away from the old cemetery of Dunlichity, where many MacGillivray chiefs are buried, there is a standing stone which was once part of an ancient druidical circle. It is called Clach an Airm – the stone of the arms [weapons] – on which the MacGillivrays sharpened their swords and dirks on their way to the Culloden where they were led by the 6ft 5in tall Col Alexander (Alasdair) MacGillivray of Dunmaglass.

It was Alasdair MacGillivray who began the Highland Charge against the government cannon, grapeshot and musket fire. The Clan Chattan clans were able to break through the first line of the government army but became surrounded with heavy musket fire forcing them to withdraw.

MacGillivray was badly injured but managed to stagger back before he began to succumb to his wounds.

There is a story handed down in the family that as he lay dying, a young drummer boy was moaning for water and MacGillivray, in his last act, was able to drag him to a spring in the moor now known as the 'Well of the Dead' which is said to mark the point where they both died.

After the battle, Alasdair's body, with 50 others, was thrown into a large open pit close to the well where their mangled corpses were left rotting for six weeks because Cumberland's troops would not allow their families to take them away for burial.

Little wonder that the Church of Scotland got no marks after Culloden when they presented an address to the Duke of Cumberland offering 'their most thankful acknowledgment to Almighty God, who has raised you up to be our brave defender and guardian of all our sacred and civil interests, since this part of Great Britain has been blessed with your presence.'



alluding to their hereditary role as Masters of the Household to the Lords of the Isles.

Research shows the MacGillivrays were counsellors and legal advisers to the Lords of the Isles – yes, it seems there were lawyers around even in those days – and may have lived in Mull long before the Macleans rose to prominence. Commander MacGillivray went on to say his ancestors were not forced into servitude by the Mackintoshes but acquired land through a son marrying the daughter of

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

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



Our archives this week produce a photograph from 1997 that says: 'Robbie MacMillan, with mobile studio equipment set up in the Columna Hall, Port Ellen, prepares to record Port Ellen Junior Choir.' Does anyone know what was recorded?



This photograph dates from 1993 and shows the Big Breakfast presenter Mark Lamarr with Sharon McDonald and Philip Leverton. But what was going on, where was the picture taken and where are Sharon and Philip now? Email editor@obantimes.co.uk

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## Well-deserved praise for Mull paramedic Peter

He may be a Yorkshireman by birth, but Peter Greenway has spent more than half his life on Mull, where he was the island's first paramedic.

It was a role he filled for 26 years until his retirement last week.

It comes as no surprise at all that the community sang his praises and organised a celebratory party to send him off with everyone's best wishes.

Colleagues and members of the community thanked Peter for his long service and for his 'caring professionalism'.

By his own admission, Peter has loved his job, despite being called out at all times of the day and night. He said: 'The highlights for me was when we helped people in a poor state – you did your job and they got better. I have had a lot of thank you letters over the years, so it has been very good.'

Peter heads off into retirement with well-deserved praise and thanks.

## Praise for organisers of major events and shows

What a weekend across Argyll and the Isles it was.

There was a whole host of 'big ticket' events, major occurrences in the social calendar of this corner of the country.

There were the Lorn and Bunessan shows, the Macdougall international clan gathering at Dunollie and the Seil fair, among the most notable.

As well as celebrating agriculture, heritage and the life of our area, these major events provide welcome entertainment at this time of year for the many visitors among us.

As ever, none of these events would take place without the tireless and selfless efforts of the people who toil behind the scenes to organise them. We salute you.

## Hard work and dedication is appreciated

I am very sorry to hear that Pat and Iain Abernethy have left Lochaber Sensory Care.

I would like to thank them both for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm which they brought to the meetings and outings over the years.

This has been greatly appreciated by everyone. They will be a great loss to sensory care and I wish them both all the best in the future.

E M Webb, Fort William.

## Actions – or lack of them – speak louder than words

I note the press release from Messrs Allan and MacNeil in which they predict that the new prime minister will be 'bad news for the isles'.

However, now we know they are both alive and capable of issuing a press release on a matter over which they have an opinion but no control, can they now answer questions which are of even more immediate relevance to their constituents?

Why has the SNP government in Edinburgh cut funding to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar by £572 per head of population over the past five years? Do they support the formula which gives their constituency by far the worst deal in Scotland? And, if not, what have they done about it?

Opinions are easy but actions – or lack of them – speak louder than words.

Matt Bruce,  
Garrabost, Isle of Lewis.

## Concern over islands parking charge plan

Following on from the increase in parking charges at the foot of the Cobbler in Arrochar, I hear that there are proposals to introduce similar charges on Mull and Iona, causing an outcry in these small communities and they are seeking help to mount a legal challenge.

Like many others, I am concerned as I would like to visit but these charges would be a large deterrent.

I wrote and asked the four councillors that represent the area whether they supported the proposal. Councillor Mary-Jean Devon replied that she was totally against the proposal,

## YOUR PICTURES



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I have not heard from Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor or Councillor Roderick McCuish; I got this reply from SNP Councillor Jim Lynch.

'I am one of the ward four councillors for Oban South and the Isles covering this area. I did not support these parking proposals.

'At the area committee meeting where the vote was taken to impose parking [charges] on Mull, I submitted an amendment rejecting the proposal in its entirety. I also called for a full island community impact assessment as outlined in the Island Act to be carried out before any further proposals were considered.

'On the day my amendment fell and the motion to introduce charges was passed by four

votes to three.' I then asked where the proposal had come from. Again Councillor Lynch kindly provided the answers: 'The proposal was made as part of the Traffic Regulation Order process prepared by council officers. The recommendations were then made to the area committee and a vote was taken.'

In my view these proposals are a disgrace. They are bully-boy tactics aimed at small communities where there is unlikely to be much of an electoral backlash. Can you imagine what would happen if an attempt was made to introduce £9-a-day parking on the seafront in Helensburgh?

Our councillors would soon have it explained to them what the consequences might

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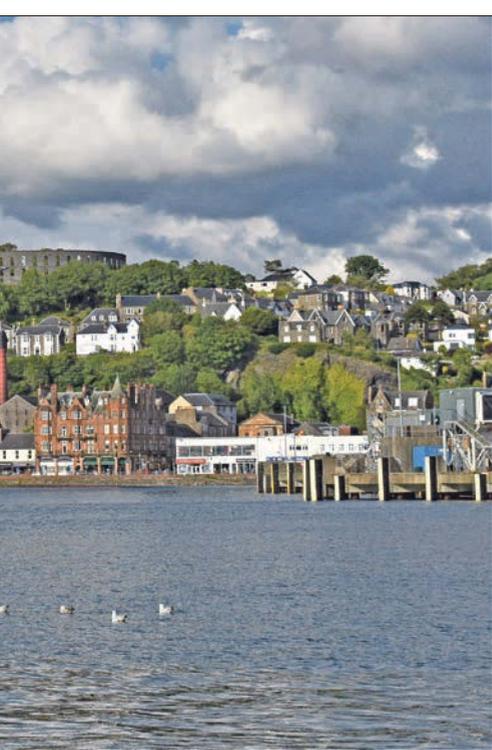
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High Street, Fort William. This week's photograph of Oban Bay with McCaig's Tower in the background was sent in by Wiktorija Morawska.

be. The plan to increase charges on the islands should be abandoned and those in Arrochar should be reversed.

**Dougie Blackwood, Helensburgh.**

### Families worthy of support?

I see that Kate Forbes, in the Lochaber Times of July 18, believes that all families are worthy of support.

In a world of seven and a half billion people, when on a long-term basis it can only support five billion, this is a difficult premise to justify, and to produce more than two children when you do not have the means to support them is like buying a Rolls Royce and then expecting the state

to contribute to the annual servicing costs. Indeed these extra children are one of the main contributors to global warming, not from their CO2 output but from their additional consumption of world resources such as timber and heating for their accommodation, their throw-away clothes, fuel for their transport and food miles for their unsatisfactory diets.

One way of solving this would be for the state to abolish the personal allowance and pay everyone a tax free income of £1,000 per month to spend as they please with anything over this taxed at 40 per cent, thus sweeping away a raft of tax, national insurance and benefits legislation, eliminating means testing and redeploying the people needed to administer it into productive work.

Depending on the additional number of people deciding not to work and pay tax, this could be a solution to wiping out pensioner poverty, the Scottish Government's budget deficit and, by keeping wage costs down, revitalising Scottish industry.

**Andrew Green, Dal Ghorm House, Ardtoe.**

### Moaning minnies on Mull

Once again I read in your journal of parking charges on the Isle of Mull.

Will these moaning minnies ever stop?

What makes them think that they are better than the rest of the citizens of Argyll and Bute and visitors that have to pay for parking?

It is time that they woke up to the fact that the council needs every penny it raises.

I do partially blame the council for the situation as it did not impose the charges years ago.

**George S Mackay,**  
by email.

### Honesty is appreciated

As a South African visiting your beautiful country and taking the opportunity to explore on bike, by foot and by car, I wish to thank the person who found my bag containing my two mobile phones, money and my purple rain coat on the cycle path between the Dragons Tooth Golf Course and the Holly Tree Restaurant on Wednesday July 31.

I find this act of honesty truly remarkable and I offer a HUGE thank you.

Whoever you are, you are a credit to your country.

**Jane de Villiers**  
**Onich, Fort William.**

## Beachd Ailein

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Tha mi air iomradh a thoirt roimhe air na cuimhneachain làidir a th' agam air iasgach an rionnaich nam òige. B' ann toiseach an Iuchair a bhiodh leithid seo a' tachairt sa bhitheantas agus nuair a bhiodh an rionnach oidhche neo dhà ann an salann garbh rachadh cuiseag bhuntàta neo dhà a bhuain airson ithe cuide ris. Abair annlann, agus cha bheag an t-iongnadh sin a bhith leantainn an cuimhne uimhir againn!

Ach bho chionn beagan bhliadhnaichean tha cùisean air a bhith car eadar-dhealichte is an rionnach nas gainne agus a rèir chuid mòran nas lugha na b' aithne dhuinn. Le iasgairean nan Eileanan Fàrach a' glacadh an t-uamhas rionnaich aig muir-mhòr bha cuid den bheachd gur iad na h-èisg a bu lugha a bha a' faotainn tro mhogail nan lion a bha a' ruigheachd oirnne.

Tha cuid eile a' faighneachd am bheil atharrachadh ann am modh siubhail a' rionnaich na chomharra air blàthachadh na cruinne.

Cha robh dìth eòlais aig an dithis a bha cuide rium ag iasgach air Loch Bhràcadail air a' ghrund agus ged a fhuair sinn beagan liùghagan, mar a bu mhotha a

shiubhail sinn eadar Eilean Hearlais, Meall a' Ghrioba, agus Bàgh Bharcasaidh, bha e a' sìor fhàs coltach gun robh sinn gu bhith a' dol air tìr às aonais rionnach.

Ged nach robh na h-eòlaich ga ràdh gu follaiseach bha iad air fàs gu math teagmhach agus bha iad cuideachd ga mheas cha mhòr do-chreidsinneach nach robh sgeul air an iasg seo san locha air a' chiad latha den Lùnastal!

Dh'aontaich iad aon làrach eile fhiachainn mun d' rachamaid dhachaigh agus mura faigheamaid dad ri cladach Bhrandairseig cha robh e idir ann!

Mu dheireadh thall bhual sinn air agus ann an ùine glè ghoirid bha suas ri dà bhogsa èisg sa bhàta, agus abair gun robh sinn toilichte a' dol air tìr. 'S e aon trioblaid le iasgach rionnaich gum bheil daoine daonna buailteach cus dheth a mharbhadh, tha e cho gionach is gum bheil e a' gabhail gach dubhan a tha san uisge agus tha e furasta barrachd a thogail na tha a dhith.

Gu h-iongantach cuideachd a rèir coltais chan eil ach glè bheag den t-sluagh an-diugh aig am bheil tuigse neo

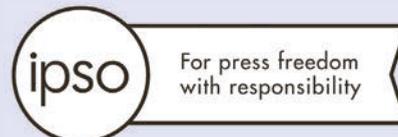
comas air dèiligeadh ri iasg ùr slàn, agus mar sin chan eil iad deiseil a ghabhail fiù 's an-asgaidh.

Roinn sinne e mar a b' fheàrr a b' urrainn agus ged a thug mi fhìn 's mo bhean faisg air dà uair a thide ga ghlanadh bha mi toilichte da-riribh iasgach an t-samhraidh fhaotainn a-rithist! "Fhuair sibh rud nach d' fhuair mòran am-bliadhna ma-thà!" arsa neach air taobh sear an Eilein, a' dearbhadh gum bheil an rionnach tearc seach mar a bha!

Fresh mackerel and home-grown new potatoes are a culinary treat which lingers in many memories, but over the past few years mackerel have apparently been less plentiful, leading some to question whether this might be a result of environmental change.

**Ailean Caimbeul**  
(Allan Campbell)  
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**Allan Campbell is president of An Comunn Gaidhealach, organisers of the Royal National Mòd, and a member of Bòrd na Gàidhlig.**



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# DISTRICT NEWS

## OBAN

Pain Association Scotland will be holding a meeting for people living with chronic pain on Thursday August 22.

It will run from 1pm until 3pm in the conference room at Oban Fire Station on Soroba Road.

There will be a Silver Shindig to celebrate Older People's Day on Tuesday October 1.

The event will be held in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban and will run from 11.45am until 3.30pm.

There will be information stands, discussions, music, afternoon tea, as well as networking and 'great company'.

The event is being run by Age Scotland and 1,000 Voices.

To book a place, call 01496810743 before August 23.

## WESTERN ISLES



Western Isles MSP Alasdair Allan, above, has called for the UK Government to clarify urgently how much funding will be available to the three island councils as part of the islands deal.

This follows last week's announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland where £300 million would be put towards growth deals.

Mr Allan said: 'Having dragged its feet on the Islands Deal for far too long, the UK Government must urgently disclose the full details of yesterday's announcement to the island councils and commit to giving the islands their fair share.'



## Oban Photographic Club exhibition opens

This year's Oban Photographic Club exhibition is on display in Waterstones Oban. Artist Val Hamilton went along to the bookstore last Thursday evening to talk to members of both the club and the public about the photographs. She picked out some of her favourites and suggested ways that others could be improved. The exhibition, in the room above Waterstones, is open during shop hours until Saturday August 10 and anyone is welcome to go in and enjoy the photographs. There is no charge.

## DALMALLY

It might be getting to the tail end of the summer holidays, but there is still time to attend Tea and Tots in Dalmally Community Centre.

The informal event takes place every Wednesday from 10am until noon.

It consists of parents, babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, and provides an opportunity for everyone from Dalmally, Crianlarich, Bridge of Orchy and through to Taynuilt to chat, have fun and get to know each other.

There is a voluntary £1 donation to cover drinks and heating.

## LOCH AWE

A charity swim across Loch Awe will take place on Saturday August 31.

Able swimmers are invited to take part in the event and raise money for a charity of their choice.

They will be asked to swim from Port Sonachan to Taychreggan, with the option of going back again, 'if you have the stamina'.

The event is being organised by Kilchrenan, Inverinan and Dalavich Coastal Rowing Club.

There will also be a barbecue on the day, as well as support from kayakers and safety boats.

To find out more, contact Gordon on 01866833425.

## BARRA

The St Ayles Skiff Regatta will be held on August 24 at Castlebay Marina.

There will be food stalls, arts and crafts, an RNLI stall, face painting, as well as a bookbug session accompanying the event.

And on the following day, August 25, there will be a Row across the Runway event at Traigh Mhor, Eoligarry.

'Join us as we row across the world-famous beach runway,' the

organisers said. Both events are being run by Barra and Vatersay Coastal Rowing Club in association with Coimhearsnachd Bharraidh agus Bhatarsaidh.

## LISMORE

The Lismore Art Show will take place from August 10 to August 15 this year.

The event will take place from 11am until 4pm each day in the hall. There will be teas with home baking and proceeds will go to the hall fund.

Artists include Lismore's Geoff Hawkes, Kerry Geatrix-Styles, Noelle Odling, Jenny Aynsley, Anita Bachuil, Rosemary Barry, Carol Wormleighton, Rose Howard, Pat Phippard, Eric Tovarsson and others.

## LERAGS

One down, three to go! With the first leg of Lerags resident George Gray's 4 Rivers Challenge completed in Edinburgh, he and three of his colleagues are gearing up for their trip to Ireland.

This week, Volkswagen area sales manager George, alongside his colleagues and teammates – Alex Rose, Lisa Kirkbright and Luke Ayres – will be flying to Belfast to plunge into part two of their charity swimathon in the Lagan River on August 9.

After his son James took his own life at just 20, George decided to help raise awareness for people facing mental health problems with a challenge of swimming '4 Rivers, in 4 Capitals, in 4 Seasons, 4 Mental Health'.

The team has already raised more than £5,550, towards the £10,000 target. George is also using this challenge to highlight the benefits of cold water swimming, which is one of his passions and the inspiration for the challenge.

You can read more about George's story in next week's paper but if you would like to donate, visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GeorgeGray5](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GeorgeGray5)



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## At random

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# Spotlight Boogies rock Ardchattan fete



The Spotlight Boogies sported their 'best frocks and wellie boots' at Ardchattan's garden fete. The event took place on Sunday July 30 at Archattan Priory gardens. The event is the 37th North Connel Scout Group's main fundraiser, which helps bring Scouting and Guiding to dozens of children in the area.

## Flooded again

We reported last week on the burst pipe – for the second time this year – in Oban's Lonan Drive.

While worrying in itself, for this to happen twice in such a short space of time brings up other, more serious, concerns.

Where this water main burst is very close to where developers want to build 44 new homes, much to the anger of people living in the vicinity already.

Now, it is blatantly obvious that I am not an architect, builder or town planner, and I have no vested interest as I live some distance away in Oban, but the thought occurs to me that if the infrastructure in that part of town is already crumbling, then how will it be able to accommodate 44 additional houses?

Scottish Water has apologised for the burst 12-inch pipe's impact on the householders involved.

The first burst in February caused a giant hole to be dug in one garden and considerable worry again last week.

Can someone with the technical knowledge required enlighten me as to why this has happened twice and the likelihood of it occurring again?

## Escape routes

There has been work going on at Tesco in Oban for some months now to remove the former escape routes from along the side of the store in Lochside Street.

The guys carrying out the improvements look to me to have done a splendid job under sometimes difficult circumstances, operating as they are in a very confined space. The parts that are finished appear very solid and have been done to a high standard.

My only concern is that all the new escape routes seem to involve steps. What about people with mobility problems, or wheelchair users or mums with tots in buggies?

In the highly unlikely event of an emergency, how are they to exit the supermarket if the front entrance is not available?

At least one of these escape routes should have a ramp.

## What do you think?

Write to me at mlaing@obantimes.co.uk or The Oban Times, Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB, or call 01631 568021.

# Luining prepares to put on a blooming good show

Excitement is blossoming on Luining in time for its annual horticultural show this weekend.

Cullipool Village Hall opens its doors to senior and junior competitors from the island on Saturday August 10 – but all entries have to be in by 11am and set up by 11.20am before judging begins at 11.30am. There are prizes to be won.

The doors will re-open for competitors at 2.45pm before the auction of produce starts.

All proceeds will go towards Cancer Research UK and the Luining

Shopper Club Bus that runs people weekly to the local store and the ferry.

There will also be a plant sale and a floral headdress parade.

A collection will be taken at the door for admission.

'Don't forget to come and join in the fun whether you are exhibiting or simply purchasing at the auction. We need your support to make it another great day and help raise funds for a good cause; bring your friends and family,' said one of the organisers, Fiona Rogers.



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# OUTDOORS

## Bla Bheinn car park upgrade work begins

Work began on Monday August 5 to increase car parking provision and build two composting toilets at the foot of Bla Bheinn on the B8083 between Broadford and Elgol on Skye.

The restructuring of the existing facilities will be carried out by Torrin-based contractor John MacKinnon, with the work expected to take eight weeks to complete.

It will increase parking provision from approximately 20 spaces at present to 34 and will include disabled access bays. The composting toilets do not require a mains water supply and are therefore a low-cost way of providing toilet facilities. They are also environmentally friendly and need only minimal maintenance.

The upgrade will also include new signs and interpretation boards to help visitors better understand the landscape, wildlife, culture and heritage of the area – and to remind people of the importance of responsible visitor behaviour as summed up in the slogan Leave No Trace.

During construction, at least 50 per cent of the car park will remain open for visitors, although there may be short periods when full closure is necessary to carry out specific operations.

Overflow parking will be available along the roadside, as was the case prior to the construction of the existing car park. While the upgrade is in progress, the work area will be clearly demarcated with barriers and warning signs.



The existing Bla Bheinn car park.

# Voyage of nostalgia for ex-Moderator

A former Kirk Moderator embarked on a voyage of nostalgia recently that proved to be a real 'shock to the system'.

Reverend Dr Angus Morrison visited his late father's former ship for the first time in more than 40 years and was stunned by its transformation into a luxury 23-cabin luxury hotel.

Happy memories came flooding back for the 65-year-old minister, whose family hails from Harris in the Outer Hebrides, as he boarded Fingal and marvelled at the familiar yet strikingly different surroundings.

When he was a young man, he was a regular visitor to the former Northern Lighthouse Board tender which has undergone a £5million conversion.

Dr Morrison's late father, Captain Norman Morrison, served on the 239ft ship in the 1970s when its primary role was to ferry lighthouse keepers, essential supplies and maintenance staff to lighthouses along the west and north coasts of Scotland.

Built in Glasgow in 1964, the Fingal was based in Oban, where the Morrison family lived, until 1994 when it moved to Stromness in Orkney before being sold to a private company in 2000.

The ship was bought by the Royal Yacht Britannia Trust in 2014 and is now permanently docked in Alexandra Dock, Port of Leith, Edinburgh.

Dr Morrison, minister of Orwell and Portmook Parish Church in Kinross-shire, said: 'Walking along the dock, it gave me a thrill instantly to recognise the unmistakable lines of a ship I had long known and loved.'

'The sense of excitement I felt as we went on board was exactly the same as I had experienced every time I boarded her years ago when she played her full part in ensuring the safety of mariners around our coasts.'

'On board, however, the experience was something of a shock to the system. Practical



Rev Dr Angus Morrison next to Fingal and, inset, Captain Norman Morrison aboard vessel with his son, Derek.

functionality had given way to a level of comfort and luxury its past crews could never have imagined. Much creative and careful thought has gone into the ship's inner transformation.'

Dr Morrison said he was often aboard Fingal when it was in port at Oban.

Dr Morrison's father worked with the Northern Lighthouse Board for 36 years and was master of Fingal's sister ship, Pole Star, which was based in Orkney, and commanded the Commodore ship, Pharos, based in Leith until he retired in 1986.

Captain Morrison, who served with the Royal Navy during the Second World War, was made an MBE for services to shipping around the Scottish and Isle of Man coasts. He died in Oban in 2009 at the age of 87.

The Royal Yacht Britannia Trust has gone to

great lengths to maintain many of the original features of the working ship and many photographs and logbooks are on display.

'I am very pleased that Fingal was not sent to the breakers' yard and the designers have created something new and of real beauty,' Dr Morrison continued.

'They have also, in exciting and surprising ways, maintained a sense of continuity with the ship that had been. My dad would have been delighted.'

Dr Morrison said being abroad Fingal again left him with a mixture of emotions.

'There was a feeling of deep pleasure that the ship's future has been secured and that it will continue to fulfil a valuable, if different, function in the years to come,' he added.

'Maybe not surprisingly, my thoughts also had a nostalgic hue as I reflected on an earlier part of this ship's story and recalled some of the kind and courageous sailors I had known.'

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## This week's walks



SNH operations officer Alex Turner, Minister Mairi Gougeon and Staffin Museum's Dugald Ross.

### Dinosaur sites on Skye given protection

Internationally-recognised Jurassic sites on Skye, containing rare evidence of how dinosaurs and early mammals lived millions of years ago, have been granted greater legal status to protect them for future generations.

Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment Mairi Gougeon MSP has signed a Nature Conservation Order (NCO) at Staffin Museum, home of dinosaur bones and footprints found nearby.

The key aim of the NCO is to prevent rare vertebrate fossils from being damaged through irresponsible collection and removal from Skye's globally important fossil sites. The NCO aims to encourage people to take an interest in and report any potential fossil finds.

In the past, important fossil discoveries have been damaged by hammering, with specimens taken from the island and moved

to private collections. In 2016, an attempt to take a plaster cast of a dinosaur footprint at An Corran risked significant damage to a feature that has become a tourist attraction.

Known as the Dinosaur capital of Scotland, the rich Middle Jurassic fossil fauna of Skye is gradually being revealed with new discoveries continuing to be made.

Housed at Staffin Museum, a rock slab shows the footprints of baby dinosaurs, together with the print of an adult. It is expected that Skye is also home to fossil remains of flying reptiles, and confirmation of this will place the island in the international dinosaur hall of fame.

Ms Gougeon said: 'Skye lays claim to the most significant dinosaur discoveries of Scotland's Jurassic past and this Nature Conservation Order is a vital step in protecting and preserving this important part

of our natural heritage. The NCO gives extra legal protection to these special sites while providing for important artefacts to be collected responsibly for science and public exhibition, as Dugald Ross of the Staffin Museum has been doing since his first important discovery in 1982.

'I hope the NCO gives even greater awareness of the significance of these important sites, and the important and valuable role everyone has in helping protect them.'

Staffin Museum owner Mr Ross said: 'Everyone has a role to play in making the NCO a success, and we are encouraging local people who think they may have found a vertebrate fossil – or a dinosaur bone or tooth – to contact Staffin Museum for advice.'

'We are encouraging everyone to find, report and help protect Skye's wonderful dinosaur heritage.'

#### 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](http://www.lochaberandlorn-ramblers.org.uk)  
**Sunday August 11, Beinn na Seilg and Beinn nan Ord, Ardnamurchan.**

A volcanic peak offering very extensive views of the west coast from Mull to Skye.

Start at Grigadale NM429671. Cross fields and open rough grassland to climb SSE up the ridge to the summit of Beinn nan Ord, 215m. Descend ESE, cross the Allt Garbh-dhalach and continue steeply up to the summit of Beinn na Seilg, 344m. Turn N and descend to the Sonnachan Hotel

Grade: M. Distance: 7km. Height to climb: 470m. Maps: LR47, EX390  
Meet at: Corran Ferry slip NN021635 for 0915 sailing, opposite Sonnachan Hotel NM453665 at 1045.

Leader: Sally Cameron 07810 464994.

#### Thursday August 15: Creag Mac Ranaich, Glen Ogle.

A Corbett hidden in hills to west of Glen Ogle.

Park on A85 at Ardochyle [NN526292], approx 2km west of Lix Toll and head south on track through forest to NN531280 and then follow track up Glen Dubh on east side of burn. Where track ends head SE initially following small burn to summit of Creag Mac Ranaich. Return by outward route.

Grade: M+. Distance: 10km. Height to climb: 650m. Maps ; LR51, EX365  
Meet at: Longsdale CP, Oban [NM862307] 08.50, Ballachulish TIC[NN083584] 08.50 for start of walk; 10.00am

Leader: Graham Innes, 01631 562290 or 07767 714503.

#### NEVIS HILLWALKING CLUB

Full walk details at [www.nevis-hillwalking.club](http://www.nevis-hillwalking.club). If anyone would like to go on a walk, contact club secretary Suzanne Theobald on 01397 701783 or email enquiries@nevis-hillwalking.club.

**Saturday August 10, Braigh nan**

#### Uamhachan, Gaor Bheinn, Gleann Dubh Lìghe.

The Corbett lies at the N end of the long ridge that separates Gleann Dubh Lìghe from Gleann Fionnlighe. Option to continue on to Gaor Bheinn from the advantageous altitude of 500m.

Start from the small CP at Drochaid Sgainnir off the A830 at the foot of Gleann Dubh Lìghe, NM929798. Follow the track N in to Gleann Dubh Lìghe on the W side of the river. After 2.5km, turn E at a junction, cross the river and head N again past the Bothy. The track deteriorates to a path. On emerging from the trees, head E uphill following the fence, which continues up beyond the plantation. Once on the crest of the ridge, follow it N over Na h-Uamhachan, 691m, just after which a well-built wall appears. Follow this along the crest, over Sron Liath and down to a col at 683m\*.

When the wall turns W, continue N up the ridge to the summit of Braigh nan Uamhachan.

Head N for a further 600m then head ENE down a ridge to reach a small summit, Gualann nan Osna, 542m, at the head of Coire Reidh. Just E of here slightly lower down is the watershed\*\* between Coire Reidh and Glen Camgharaidh, below the huge bulk of Gaor Bheinn (Gulvain). Climb ESE up the steep slope to the high col between its twin peaks. Head N first to the Munro summit, 987m, then S to the Munro Top, surmounted by a trig point, 961m. Descend S over the small summit at 855m, then steeply down to reach the head of the path in Gleann Fionnlighe. Follow this out to the A830. Transport required at NM960794, 6 mins from start.

\*\*For a shorter day, omitting the Munro, descend S from the watershed in to Coire Reidh and continue S to join the path in Gleann Fionnlighe. \*Coire Reidh can also be reached conveniently from the 683m col S of the summit of Braigh nan Uamhachan.

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- If you can't get out, stand by a window so firefighters can see you.
- Never open a door if it's warm to touch, there could be fire inside.

#### Never

- Use a lift. Always take the stairs.
- Stop to take anything with you.
- Try to go back inside until a firefighter tells you it's safe to do so
- Jump out of a window, unless you are sure it will be safe to do so.

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# LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN ARGYLL AND LOCHABER

## Luing author unveils history's Robert Dudley

by Kathie Griffiths  
kgriffiths@obantimes.co.uk



Fans of Elizabethan and Jacobean history are in for a treat with a new book just out by Luing author Angela McLeod.

The Noble Bastard tells the story of Robert Dudley, the only surviving son of Queen Elizabeth's favourite – the Earl of Leicester.

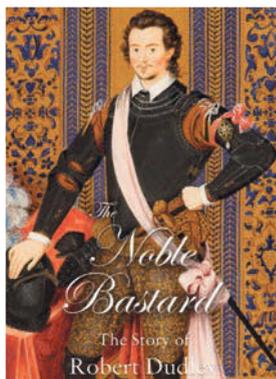
In its pages, the writer, who moved to the island of Luing with her husband in 2010, shares the little-known story of a remarkable man whose achievements far eclipsed those of his famous father.

Although Robert Dudley was recognised by Charles I, Charles II, the Austrian Emperor and the Pope, his legitimacy still remains in doubt today.



**Author Angela McLeod's new book is available now.**

In her book, the author has extensively researched the historical facts. Dudley's achievements, for his era and position, were varied and unique. At the time of his death near Florence, he held the title of Duke of Northumberland.



Perhaps because he left his own country when his legitimacy case was closed, he was not given his proper place in English history, says Angela McLeod.

He left England with his cousin Elizabeth Southwell, disguised as a page, and his 12 children were born in Tuscany.

Apart from his achievements, Robert Dudley's colourful private life needs little intervention and his powerful personality shouts through his actions.

This gifted buccaneer of a man built four ships and sailed them to Trinidad, fought as an admiral at Cadiz and took possession of Kenilworth Castle – all by the age of just 22.

Later, while serving the Medici rulers of Tuscany

as Great Chamberlain and rebuilding their navy, he wrote a definitive six-volume work on naval and sea-faring matters called Dell' Arcano Del Mare – copies of which still exist today.

Angela, who has four children, was born and educated in England and lived in the Far East for 30 years before moving to Luing.

As well as her writing – a previous title was The Brilliant Stage: The Story of Frances Walsingham – she has worked for the RNLI and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Away from her writing, she enjoys gardening, training and working gun dogs, as well as fishing in such far-flung places as Russia and the Turneffe Islands in Central America.



Mark and Eilidh head for Luing on August 18.

### Folksy roots duo head for Luing

Leading lights of the young folk and roots movement are heading to the island of Luing.

Musicians Eildih Steel and Mark Neal are heading to the Atlantic Islands Centre on Sunday August 18.

They will be running a mixed instrument workshop for all levels earlier that day from 2.30pm at Cullipool Village Hall and then performing at a concert at the Islands Centre at 7pm, doors open at 6.30pm.

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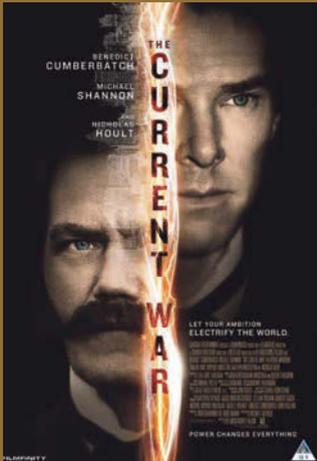
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The Lion King   PG	14:30
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Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans   PG	12:00/14:45
Toy Story 4   U	12:30
The Lion King   PG	14:30
Yesterday   12A	17:00
Spider-Man: Far From Home   12A	17:15
Robert The Bruce   15	19:30
The Current War   12A	20:15
<b>TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST</b>	
Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans   PG	12:00
Toy Story 4   U	12:30
The Lion King   PG	14:30
Yesterday   12A	17:00
Spider-Man: Far From Home   12A	17:15
Robert The Bruce   15	19:30
The Current War   12A	20:15
<b>WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST</b>	
Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans   PG	12:00
Toy Story 4   U	12:30
The Lion King   PG	14:30
Yesterday   12A	17:00
Spider-Man: Far From Home   12A	17:15
Robert The Bruce   15	19:30
The Current War   12A	20:15
<b>THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST</b>	
Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans   PG	12:00/17:00
Toy Story 4   U	12:15
The Lion King   PG	14:30
Vita & Virginia   12A	14:30
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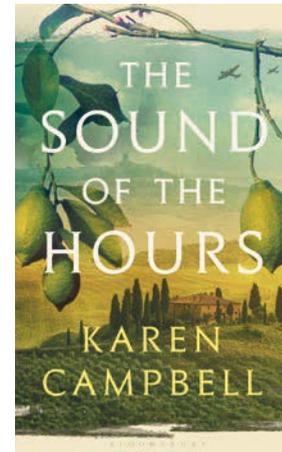
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# Buffalo soldiers march on Islay Book Festival

## From Italy to Islay – Karen Campbell reveals how she found the spark for her latest novel

by Angus MacKinnon  
editor@obantimes.co.uk



Novelist Karen Campbell did not know what she was getting in to when she set out for a holiday walk from Barga, a Tuscan town to which many Scots Italians families have close ties.

A stroll up to the hilltop village of Sommocolonia, a key battleground in the final stages of the Second World War, sparked the seed of an idea for a love story that has just been published four years after she embarked on her most ambitious writing project to date.

The Sound of the Hours (Bloomsbury) is the seventh novel from Campbell. The graduate of Glasgow University's Creative Writing Masters made her name with the Anna Cameron series of police novels before branching out with contemporary dramas, This is Where I am and Rise, which was set in Argyll against the backdrop of the 2014 Independence

referendum. Campbell will be talking about her latest work at this year's Islay Book Festival (August 29-September 1) as well as running a workshop aimed at helping budding writers with 'Finding the Spark' in the way she did that afternoon in Tuscany.

She spoke to Angus MacKinnon about her tale of Frank Chapel, one of the black American Buffalo Soldiers who helped to force the Nazi retreat from

Tuscany, and Vittoria Guidi, the Italian daughter of a Scots Italian father caught in the middle of an occupied town and a divided family.

**AM:** This is your first novel set outside Scotland, how did it come about?

**KC:** We were in Barga on holiday with friends and one day we took a walk up Sommocolonia – basically for the nice view. There was a war memorial there to a Buffalo Soldier and I was immediately intrigued – it unlocked a whole wealth of history I knew nothing about.

The book took about four years in all with probably as much time editing down as actually writing. I don't write historical fiction and I don't think I will do it again (laughs). I did so much research that I found myself being, like, 'Oh God, I know how they made shoes out of old rubber tyres and parachutes, so I'd better put that in!'

**AM:** How did you get a sense for the experience

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## Horror on the high seas

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This is the seventh self-published novel for the island writer and the fourth in the Austerley and Kirkgordon series.

The fast paced, action adventure with horror aplenty, includes vampires, zombies and a mysterious island harbouring a dark secret.

Reluctant heroes Professor Austerley, obsessive student of the occult, and Kirkgordon, his reluctant protector, are sent onto a cruise ship in the



Caribbean in pursuit of a reclusive doctor and his voodoo mistress. High adventure

ensues as the wise-cracking opposites are caught up in an attempt to raise an old darkness back to life, while being pursued by zombies they are forced not to kill.

The self-published author continues his rollicking adventures, mixing the dark fantasy feel of H P Lovecraft with the outrageous romps of Indiana Jones.

'You'll never look at cruising the same way again,' said G R Jordan. 'You have been warned!'

The novel is available from bookshops or directly from the author at grjordan.com



Karen Campbell's event is on Saturday August 31 at noon in Bowmore.

of black American troops fighting in the Second World War in a segregated division?

**KC:** With the Buffalo Soldiers, there was so much negative stuff that was tainted with racism. Many military figures are on record as saying the black man did not have the stomach for the fight...and the whole thing was structured in a way that white supervisors were always in charge. So I took my sources from as close to the horse's mouth as I could get, from biographies and autobiographies of people who had served.

**AM:** The sisters at the centre of the novel, Vittoria (Vita) and Francesca, were raised in Italy but, through family ties, also have a very marked Scottish side.

**KC:** That identity is just very apparent (in Barga). When you try to use your Italian to ask for a gelato, they might come back to you with 'ye wantin' a cup or a cone, hen?' ... as broad as that.

In Vita's family, her father is from Scotland and there is real friction between her mother being a fascist and proud of it, believing that Mussolini is their saviour, and the father being West of Scotland, a socialist. And as war progresses, sides have to be taken...

**AM:** You started your career with the Anna Cameron books, which drew on your experience as a police officer - do you think you might go back to that subject?

**KC:** I wanted to use those books to shine a light on

what the police is really like, for uniformed cops in particular. Dealing with things like cot death and being the place where the buck stops. By the end of the four books, I'd got it out of my system and was no longer part of that world.

**AM:** So what is next?

**KC:** I have actually finished another book. I don't know if it was an antidote to *The Sound of the Hours*, but I wrote it in about three or four months.

It is set where I live in Galloway. I wanted to explore how it might be to be homeless in a rural setting and it just came out.

For more information about the festival programme and booking, visit [www.islaybookfestival.co.uk](http://www.islaybookfestival.co.uk)

## Outstanding pianist in concert

On Saturday, August 10, Oban Music Society will be hosting a concert by the internationally acclaimed pianist Oxana Shevchenko in St John's Cathedral.

Oxana Shevchenko is internationally recognised as a pianist of outstanding artistry, sensibility, and versatility. She is equally in demand both as a soloist and as a chamber musician.

Born in Almaty, Kazakhstan where she studied with Valentina Tartysnaya, Oxana completed her bachelor degree with Tatiana Rakova at the



Academic Music College and graduated from the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory, where she studied piano with Elena Kuznetsova and Sergey Kuznetsov. She also studied chamber music with Tigran

Alikhanov and accompaniment with Irina Kirillova.

Oxana earned her Master's degree after studying with Dmitry Alexeev at the Royal College of Music (London, UK), and with Jean-François Antonioli at the Haute Ecole de Musique (Lausanne, Switzerland). Oxana is currently attending Corsi di Perfezionamento with Benedetto Lupo at the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome.

The concert will start at 7.30pm. For more details email: [obanmusicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:obanmusicsociety@gmail.com)

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### THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

**Slimming World**  
Salvation Army Hall, Fort William  
9:30am, 11:30am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm  
& 7:00pm  
Tel; Gillian 07796 040803

**Oban Health Walks**  
Oban Congregational Church  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Create A Clay Character**  
Oban Library 10:30am - 11:30am

**Recovery Cafe**  
New Hope Kitchen 12:30pm

**Creative Writing Group**  
New Hope Kitchen 2:30pm - 4:00pm

**Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans**  
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**FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST**  
**Mid-Day Matters - Mindfulness**  
Oban Library 12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Hope Kitchen Music Group**  
Salvation Army Hall  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Parsley's Cat Cafe**  
New Hope Kitchen 2:00pm

**Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans**  
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### SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

**Coffee Morning**  
Congregational church  
10:30 - 12:30

**Mid-Day Matters - Mindfulness**  
Oban Library  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Live Music & Entertainment @ Markie Dans**  
Gregor Coleman Open till 2:00am

### SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

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### MONDAY 12TH AUGUST

**Fellowship Meeting**  
New Hope Kitchen  
2:00pm

**Slimming World**  
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Lochgilphead

5:30pm & 7:30pm  
Tel; Rhona 07880 878906

**Drumming and Music Making**  
Taynuilt Sports Pavilion  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

### Martyn's Monday Club

New Hope Kitchen  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

### TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST

**Carers Coffee Morning**  
North Argyll Carers Centre, Oban  
10:30am - 12:00pm

**Knitting Group**  
New Hope Kitchen  
2:00pm

**Martyn's Monday Club Ladies**  
New Hope Kitchen  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

### WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

**Slimming World**  
Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban  
9:30am, 11:30am, 5:30pm & 7:30pm  
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10:30am-12:00pm

**Open Day**  
Greenshoots Garden  
10:30am - 3:30pm

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17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
19.00 Na Dròbhairean (rpt)  
19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)  
19.55 Binneas – Na Trads – Steele The Show (rpt)  
20.00 An Là – News  
20.30 Dealbhan Fraoich (rpt)  
21.00 DIY le Donnie (rpt)  
21.50 ÙR/NEW: Dhan Uisge  
22.00 Belladrum (rpt)

### DIHAIÖINE 09 AN LÙNASTAL FRIDAY 09th AUGUST

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
18.35 Machair (rpt)  
19.00 An Là – News  
19.25 Fraochy Bay (rpt)  
19.30 ALBA: 1970 (rpt)  
20.00 Togaidh Sinn Fonn (rpt)  
20.25 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber (rpt)  
20.30 DIY le Donnie – An Dùbhlán (rpt)  
21.00 Belladrum (rpt)  
22.50 ÙR/NEW: Black Lake 52  
23.35 Astrid: The Quay Sessions (rpt)

### DISATHAIRNE 10 AN LÙNASTAL SATURDAY 10th AUGUST

16.00 BEÒ/LIVE: Camanachd Cup Semi-Final – Kyles Athletic v Oban Camanachd  
18.00 An Là – News  
18.15 BEÒ/LIVE: Scottish Premiership – Heart of Midlothian v Ross County  
20.15 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber (rpt)  
20.30 Kerry's Kirsty: Rothan gu Robhanais

(rpt)  
21.00 Opry an Luir (rpt)  
22.00 Slighean Sgoile an t-Saoghail (rpt)  
22.45 Belladrum highlights (rpt)  
23.05 So Here I Am: 100 Years of Crofting (rpt)  
00.00 Cuirm@Celtic – Le Vent du Nord (rpt)

### DIDÒMHNAICH 11 AN LÙNASTAL SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

16.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
18.15 An Là – News  
18.30 Seachd Là – News Review  
19.30 Alleluia! (rpt)  
20.00 Dealbhan Fraoich (rpt)  
20.30 Cuimhneachan (rpt)  
21.00 Talamh Torrach (rpt)  
22.00 Opry an Luir (rpt)  
23.00 Black Lake 52 (rpt)  
23.45 Dhan Uisge (rpt)  
23.55 Ceòl bho Perthshire Amber (rpt)

### DILUAIN 12 AN LÙNASTAL MONDAY 12th AUGUST

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
19.00 Na Ceiltich (rpt)  
19.25 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)  
19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)  
19.55 Binneas – Na Trads – Steele The Show (rpt)  
20.00 An Là – News  
20.30 Dreach Ùr (rpt)  
21.00 Bannan 55 (rpt)  
21.30 Trusadh – Seudraidh Cheilteach (rpt)  
22.30 Farpaisean Chon-Chaorach (rpt)  
23.30 FUNC (rpt)

### DIMÀIRT 13 AN LÙNASTAL TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
19.00 Air An Toir (rpt)  
19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)  
19.55 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)  
20.00 An Là – News  
20.30 Ceathrar air a' Chuiltheann (rpt)  
21.00 ÙR/NEW: Talamh Torrach  
22.00 Trusadh – Seudraidh Cheilteach (rpt)  
23.00 Port – Leòdhas (rpt)  
23.30 Alleluia! (rpt)

### DICIADAIN 14 AN LÙNASTAL WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST

17.00 Prògraman Chloinne – Children's programming  
19.00 Na Ceiltich (rpt)  
19.25 Earrann Eachdraidh (rpt)  
19.30 Speaking our Language (rpt)  
19.55 Binneas – Na Trads – Adam Sutherland (rpt)  
20.00 An Là – News  
20.30 Cuimhneachan (rpt)  
21.00 Farpaisean Chon-Chaorach (rpt)  
22.00 Seòid a' Chidsin (rpt)  
22.30 Bannan 55 (rpt)  
23.00 DIY le Donnie (rpt)  
23.45 Dhan Uisge (rpt)  
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# Festival helps bring book to Lewis stage

Faclan: the Hebridean Book Festival is supporting the development of a theatre adaptation of Alastair McIntosh's acclaimed book, *Soil and Soul*.

Alan Bissett, award-winning playwright, novelist and creator of *The Moira Monologues*, is adapting McIntosh's work, which describes how his upbringing on the Isle of Lewis shaped his life's work as a prominent environmental and land rights activist. The project is being produced by new Lewis-based arts organisation *sruth-mara*.

With support from An Lanntair and the National Lottery through Creative Scotland, a script-in-hand

performance of *Soil and Soul* will feature as part of this year's Faclan Fringe at An Lanntair on October 30 following a week of development on Lewis with director Laura Cameron-Lewis and a cast of four including musician Mairi Campbell, creator of the theatre shows *Pulse* and *Auld Lang Syne*. The performance will be followed by a discussion with Alastair McIntosh and Alan Bissett about the themes of the book.

Andrew Eaton-Lewis, director of *sruth-mara*, said: 'We're really excited to be bringing *Soil and Soul* to Faclan. This will be a vital part of the development process as we test the script in front of a live audience for the first

time and seek feedback from the Lewis community, many of whom have an intimate knowledge of Alastair's work and the issues it explores.

'The book's themes – ordinary people vs corporate power, industrial development at the expense of small-scale agriculture, environmental damage – are more relevant than ever as the world faces a climate crisis.

'One of the book's great strengths is the way it connects stories from Lewis, Harris and Eigg to environmental, cultural and land struggles across the world. It's a book that's deeply rooted in the Hebrides, but with a global perspective.'

McIntosh said: 'I am in



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Alastair McIntosh, author of the acclaimed *Soil and Soul*.

awe at the attention to detail, depth, elegance and beauty of what Alan Bissett has created in his script for *Soil and Soul*. I'm looking forward to working with Alan and the cast on this project and to sharing what we are creating with an audience on Lewis.'

Bissett said: 'Alastair's *Soil and Soul* is, for me, one of the most important non-fiction books of the last 30 years.'

'What I hope we've done is taken Alastair's mighty work and turned it into a piece of theatre that will captivate and transport a live audience into

a deeply Hebridean story. At this stage of the project, we need to find out what the reaction of the people of Lewis and Harris is to it so come and give us your thoughts.'

Roddy Murray, director of *Faclan: the Hebridean Book Festival*, said: 'As Alastair's place of birth and upbringing, the island is the crucible for the philosophy and ideas in the original book and the feedback will nourish, inform and strengthen the further development, content and structure of the script and production.'

## Glasgow Letter

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### Alba highlight of Eurovision

Congratulations to Scotland's Eurovision Choir (Alba), pictured right, who travelled by bus to Gothenburg and did us all proud last Saturday night by performing for millions world wide as part of Eurovision Choir 2019.

I previewed their performance recently in the Glasgow Letter because the choir had been rehearsing in Glasgow and included members of Glasgow choirs.

While I was in Spain for a festival on Saturday night, I was keeping a close eye on social media to keep track of how they were getting on.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find a TV in Spain with BBC Alba! But, thanks to the joys of iPlayer, I have since been able to view their performance and, for those of you who (like me) were unable to watch it live, I recommend you go online to watch.

What an experience it must have been for those involved - they certainly look



to have enjoyed themselves! Well done to them all and particularly to their conductor and life-long Eurovision enthusiast, Joy Dunlop.

### Glasgow Summer Sessions

Weather wise, it might feel very much like our short summer is over - but the series of concerts entitled the Summer Sessions are just about to begin.

The second half of this month sees the annual return of the Glasgow Summer Sessions to Bellahouston Park and this year the acts are very high calibre indeed.

Headlining the first night, on August 16, are The Cure

supported on the night by Mogwai, The Twilight Sad and The Joy Formidable. The following night, August 17, the Foo Fighters headline preceded by Slaves, Frank Carter and the Rattlesnakes, The Van T's, and Hot Milk. On August 25, The 1975 play as well as Twin Atlantic, You Me At Six, Pale Waves, Ten Tonnes, No Rome.

Tickets are available from smmrsessions.com.

Edinburgh also has its own version of the sessions which attracts equally big acts.

This year they include Florence and the Machine, Primal Scream, Chvrches, and everyone's current Scottish favourite: Lewis Capaldi.

### Peatlemania in Glasgow

When I describe Lewis Capaldi as everyone's current Scottish favourite, I am of course forgetting about the Western Isles' very own Peat and Diesel who, in large parts of the West Highlands and Islands, will inspire far more enthusiasm among music fans than any of the major artists listed above.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote in this column about their first Glasgow gig due to take place in the Oran Mòr on January 25, 2020 as part of Celtic Connections.

Since then, I've been away from Glasgow doing a number of gigs with Tide Lines and I return to hear that Peat and Diesel have not only moved the venue up to the Barrowlands due to high demand (which is a remarkable achievement in itself) but have also sold out that venue too.

Congratulations to the boys - I'm sure that gig will be very special indeed.

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**WEDNESDAY:** 08.00 am on Fm, 08.10 breakfast show, 09.00 Sounds Scottish repeat, 10.00 The Comfort Zone with Lesley Blair Simmonds, 13.00 Doug Carmichael in the afternoon, 17.00 Drivetime with Campbell Cameron, 19.00 Country meets Rock & Roll with Len Ford & Kenny MacLachlan alternating, 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, 20.00 Dave Lewis, 22.00 Margo till Midnight then Through the night with Clyde 2 and the Greatest Hits.

**SUNDAY:** 09.00 Sunday Morning with Breege, 11.00 Sunday brunch with Allan MacKechnie, 13.00 Clyde 2 on a lazy Sunday afternoon with the Greatest Hits, 19.00 New Country show - David Entwistle, 21.00 Drum & Bass - Graham Scott, 23.00 Clyde 2 through the night with the Greatest Hits.

# Stellar line-up means Skye's live literature festival is out of this world

The cosmos, Jacobites and a chance to learn the secrets of historical novel writing are the highlights of the August events in SEALL's continuing live literature programme.

On Friday August 16, Professor John C Brown - who is based in Broadford and is Scotland's 10th Astronomer Royal - comes to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's main hall to give an illustrated talk and readings with co-author Rab Wilson, world-renowned Scots poet and NTS Scriver in Residence at Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.

Their book, *Oor Big Braw Cosmos*, is a fascinating guide to the skies and beyond which combines an accessible introduction to astronomy with original space-inspired poetry and haiku, and features hundreds of stunning images.

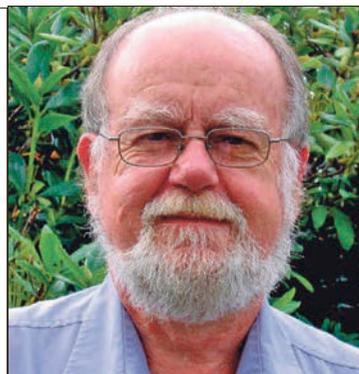
The event, which sees the launch of the book, begins at 7.30pm.

### Uprising

Although Skye's Flora MacDonald may appear to be the only woman in history who supported the uprising of the White Rose rebels during the 1745 rebellion, she was not alone. Their numbers amounted to hundreds.

Celebrated Scottish historian and author Maggie Craig has devoted her career to the Jacobite cause and comes to An Crùbh, Duisdale, on Saturday August 17 to give an interesting and very entertaining insight into the men and women of the '45.

A highly sought-after speaker and natural storyteller, Maggie is the acclaimed writer of the ground-breaking *Damn' Rebel Bitches: The Women of the '45*, and its companion volume *Bare-Arsed Banditti: The Men of the '45*. She is also the author of historical fiction; family sagas set in her native Glasgow and Clydebank; and historical novels set in Glasgow and Edinburgh.



Clockwise from top left: Professor John C Brown, Barbara Henderson, Rab Wilson and Maggie Craig.

Maggie will give a talk and readings at 2pm.

Joining Maggie at An Crùbh on the day is historical and children's author Barbara Henderson, who will lead a workshop on capturing time and place in writing.

Based in Inverness, Barbara is a multi-award-winning writer, puppeteer and drama teacher, who is an authority on the Highland Clearances.

She was part of the process of restarting the NessBookFest and runs free classes at Eden Court Theatre for those interested in writing for children.

Barbara's workshop, which is suitable for writers or anyone interested in finding out more about the process, begins at 3.15pm.

At 4.30pm both Maggie and Barbara come together for a half-hour question-and-answer session.

SEALL communications manager Sara Bain, who is

responsible for the 2019 live literature programme, said: 'We are really excited about our Live Literature Weekend which is taking place as part of the 2019 Skye Festival, Fèis an Eilein, between August 16 and 17.

'We are delighted John Brown has chosen Skye to launch his fascinating new book, *Oor Big Braw Cosmos*, which brings together science, art and poetry to beautifully portray how our vast universe actually works.

'We are also really excited to have Rab Wilson and Maggie Craig on Skye during the festival.

'I am fortunate to have known the pair of them for a number of years and both are truly interesting, entertaining and inspirational speakers who have the ability to captivate their audiences.

'Maggie and Rab are highly sought-after for talks and broadcasting events across

the country and we are thrilled to have nabbed them for the programme.

'Barbara Henderson is a prolific writer and fantastic teacher who can turn her pen to just about anything.

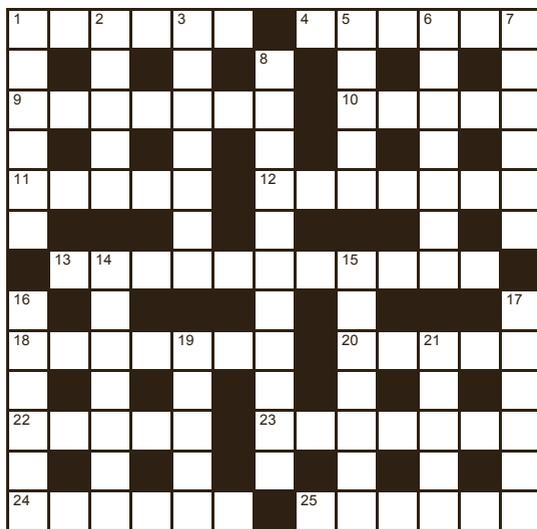
'We are very fortunate she has agreed to run a workshop for anyone interested in the historical writing process. You do not have to be a writer to join in. Just bring your curiosity and perhaps a pen and some paper.'

There is a special ticket offer available for Maggie's talk and Barbara's workshop. Anyone, including season ticket holders, who wishes to attend both events, will receive £5 off the total cost of tickets.

Afternoon tea and cakes are available from An Crùbh on the day, payable separately.

For tickets and further information visit [www.skyefestival.scot](http://www.skyefestival.scot) or telephone SEALL on 01471 844207.

## Crossword



Across

- 1 Biting sound (6)
- 4 Either Cancer or Capricorn (6)
- 9 Condition (7)
- 10 Unspoken (5)
- 11 Wood shaper (5)
- 12 Hand sized quantity (7)
- 13 Be the first to speak (5,3,3)
- 18 Take on (7)
- 20 Excessive (5)
- 22 Kind of board (5)
- 23 Electromotive force (7)
- 24 Last month (6)
- 25 Two related things (6)

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Down

- 1 Linking verb (6)
- 2 German submarine (1-4)
- 3 Fire-breathing dragon (7)
- 5 Speeds (5)
- 6 Counciliatory (7)
- 7 Farm animals (6)
- 8 Capable of being denied (11)
- 14 Proof of purchase (7)
- 15 Uniformly (7)
- 16 Mosaic gold (6)
- 17 Fix (6)
- 19 Take a piece from (5)
- 21 Recording book (5)

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Local clubs Oban Camanachd and Oban Celtic have won the trophy five times each, which is far from prolific, but Oban Camanachd have the chance to add to that tally when they play Kingussie in this year's final on Saturday 17 August 2019.

Oban Camanachd last appeared in a Macaulay Final in 2012, losing to Glenurquhart. You have to go back to 1995 for their last triumph as Gussie Campbell skippered the side, and also scored the winning goal, in a 2-1 victory over Fort William.

Kingussie will be dangerous opponents and are they no strangers to a Macaulay Final having notched a record 23 successes. However Oban Camanachd manager Stephen Sloss has a squad who are steadily building a winning mentality. After losing out to Kyles in the 2015 Celtic Society Final, and Newtonmore in the 2016 Camanachd Final, Oban Camanachd were then edged out by Kyles in the Celtic Society Final a year later. However, under Ian Hay's leadership, they turned things around by beating the Tighnabruach men in last year's Celtic Society final and then retained the trophy last June with Stephen Sloss in charge.

The core of the team throughout this period is largely unchanged but the developing positive mind-set within the squad is something that is very important to manager Stephen Sloss. He said: "We had



a meeting at the start of the season where we spoke to the boys about percentages. It's the small margins that come together to make such a big difference in top flight shinty. We looked at fitness, nutrition, sports psychology and developing that winning mentality, just to get that bit extra. "To be honest, our younger players have been used to winning competitions from when they were in primary school so they have taken that mind-set with them. The older guys can see that too. They have seen periods where maybe Inveraray or Kyles

were the dominant team in the south but they have now also adopted that winning mentality and its paying dividends. "Once you start winning, it builds that positivity. There have always been dominant teams for teams in the south which is why retaining the Celtic Society Cup, and indeed beating Kyles over three successive matches, was a huge step for Oban Camanachd and so important to our mind-set going forward. "The Macaulay Final is another big step and we're looking forward to it."

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## Helensburgh care home concerns

A site adjacent to Helensburgh's Waitrose supermarket has been suggested as an alternative for a planned new care home in the town.

Helensburgh Community Council called a meeting of residents of Prince Albert Terrace and Birch Cottages on Tuesday, July 30, on the proposals for the care home adjacent to Hermitage Park.

Revised plans were recently submitted by Simply UK for the care home at the depot site beside the park, but objections have continued to mount up.

And it was suggested that the home could instead be sited adjacent to the supermarket. One possible location there is the old Sawmill Field, where plans to locate more than 100 new houses were recently scrapped by Cala Homes.

Nigel Millar of the community council also said that a public hearing of the council's planning, protective services and licensing [PPSL] committee was called for at the meeting, which was attended by Jackie Baillie MSP.

He said: 'It is accepted that there is a need for such accommodation in Helensburgh, but this would be the wrong site for it.'

'The developers should be encouraged to look at new sites, and one that was mentioned was the site opposite Waitrose.'

'While we felt there had been some cosmetic improvements, the fundamental objections to the original application had not gone away.'

'We felt the building was too big for the site and would have a strong negative impact on Birch Cottage residents next door.'

'It was also far too close to Prince Albert Terrace and was totally inappropriate to what is required for new buildings in a conservation area. It is also too close to the Grade A War Memorial in Hermitage Park.'

'There have been many objections so far to the revised application and the community council is calling for a public hearing of the PPSL committee at which the decision is being made.'

Bars and a beauty salon are among the plans for the 64-bedroom care home, along with 25 parking spaces – a number which is also of concern to the community council.

Mr Millar added: 'Our other main concern is about parking. We feel that 25 spaces will not be enough as the facility would be staffed 24 hours a day.'

'There will be domestic staff going in and out and others on site, as well as a constant flow of relatives and visitors.'

'Most if not all of them will be arriving by car, and then there are the delivery vehicles, refuse collection vehicles and ambulances as well.'

'Where are people going to park? They will have to use Sinclair Street.'

'Also, when the care home is being built, where are the builders going to store all their materials? That is also of great concern to residents.'

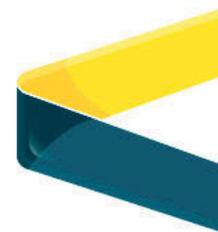
A design statement for the planned home by DTA Architects had said: 'The proposal has been designed to sit lower than the existing dwellings on Prince Albert Terrace to create a natural 'step down' in height towards the park.'

'To consider that the proposal would create a dominant addition to the skyline cannot be sustained given that the immediately adjacent residences on Prince Albert Terrace will remain the tallest and most dominant building on the skyline.'

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The Order will temporarily prohibit the passage of vehicles over the length of the road described in the Schedule hereto during the period that the Order is in force. The alternative route is southbound through Morar Village to the A830-B8008 South Junction. Pedestrian access will be maintained past the work site at all times. Vehicles used by the Emergency Services, BEAR Scotland and their nominated Contractor will be exempt from the prohibition.

The Order will come into force at 9:15am on Thursday 12th September 2019 and will apply until 5pm on Friday 13th September 2019.

A copy of the Order can be inspected at the Council Service Point, Charles Kennedy Building, Fort William, (Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm)

Mr Paul Nevin Legal Manager, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX.

Schedule:  
Length of Road  
B8008

The extent of the closure will be limited to the stretch of road from the junction with the A830 Fort William Trunk Road to a point 15 metres west of the access centreline to "Tigh Beag" and "Glengorm", a distance of 45 metres or thereby.

### THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL CORE PATHS  
PLAN (West Highlands & Islands) AMENDED  
LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 as amended  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND)  
ACT 2005**

Notice is hereby given under Section 20A of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, as amended by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, that on the 18th December 2017 The Highland Council by virtue of Section 20(1) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, as amended, has reviewed the core paths plan and consider that the plan should be amended and has drawn up an amended plan. The amended plan shall be known as The Highland Council Core Paths Plan (West Highlands & Islands) Amended. The amended plan is available to be viewed online through the Council's consultation portal here <http://consult.highland.gov.uk>. We ask that you make any Objections or representations in relation to the proposed amendments only by 17.00hrs on Friday 18th October 2019.

The existing Highland Council Core Paths Plan can be found online here [www.highland.gov.uk/corepathplans](http://www.highland.gov.uk/corepathplans) (click on Paths in the Highlands). There is also an interactive map which can be found here. If you wish to see paper copies of the relevant section of the plan then please contact the Access Officers at [access@highland.gov.uk](mailto:access@highland.gov.uk)

The Highland Council has prepared an Environmental Report for the Core Paths Plan (West Highlands & Islands) Amended. The Environmental Report and associated documents can be viewed online at the link above. Expressions of opinion on the content of the Environment Report are welcome and can be made in writing by email to or by letter, comments must be received no later than 1700hrs on Friday 18th October 2019.

J Stuart Black, Director of Development and Infrastructure, The Highland Council, Council Offices, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX

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

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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
19/03279/PIP	Land 40M West Of The Old Mission, Kinlochail	Alterations and extension to existing garage into a 1 bed 2 per bungalow
19/03434/FUL	TTCM Shore Facilities Building Corpach Marina, Fort William	Erection of toilets, laundry room and coffee shop to serve proposed marina. Application is submitted with reference to 16/04706/FUL and 18/02172/FUL
19/03104/FUL	Marine Harvest, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Lochyside, Fort William	Proposed New Ice Plant Installation
19/03146/PIP	Plot 2, Land 50M NE Of School House, Drimnin	Erection of house and formation of access (amended access arrangements to Planning Permission 17/03691/PIP)
19/02710/FUL	Land 445M SW Of River Cottage Roy Bridge	Installation of 20m telecoms mast and associated equipment
19/03165/FUL	Glensanda Quarry Glensanda, Morvern, Oban	Western extension to the existing filter cake disposal site for the continued disposal of filter cake at Glensanda Quarry.
19/03305/FUL	Brackletter Lodge, Spean Bridge	Siting of four holiday letting pods
19/03144/PIP	Plot 1, Land 60M NE Of Schoolhouse, Drimnin	Erection of house and formation of access (amended access arrangements to Planning Permission 17/03723/PIP)
19/03102/FUL	Ardarroch Cottage, Kinlochail Fort William	Change of use of summer house into a self catering holiday let

Time period for comments is 14 days & 21 days for 19/03434/FUL  
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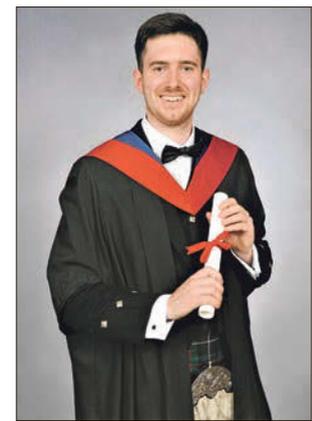
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## GRADUATIONS



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**EMILY SCOTT**

Graduated from the University of Dundee with an MSci Pharmacology (First Class), daughter of Colum and Sarah Scott of Kilmore, and granddaughter of the late David and Hester Scott of Glenaros, Isle of Mull. Emily is a former pupil of Kilninver Primary and Oban High School.



**ROBIN SCOTT**

Graduated from Heriot Watt University with a BSc with Honours (First Class) in Marine Biology, son of Colum and Sarah Scott of Kilmore, and grandson of the late David and Hester Scott of Glenaros, Isle of Mull. Robin is a former pupil of Kilninver Primary and Oban High School.

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## DEATHS

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**MACDONALD** - Kinlochleven. Peacefully, on Saturday, August 3, 2019, Sarah 'Rae' MacDonald, aged 76 years. Loving mum of Laura and Alan, much-loved nanny of Lewis and Erin. Funeral service on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 1pm in Kinlochleven Parish Church; thereafter to Inverness Crematorium on Monday, August 12 at 12 noon. Flowers welcome. Donations, if desired, to Lochaber Macmillan Nurses can be given at the church door.

**MACLEAN** - Peacefully on July 26, 2019, in Canberra Australia, Allan, younger son of the late Allan and Mary Maclean (Polly Gordon), Tigh-an-eas, Oban. Much loved husband of the late Valerie, beloved dad of Morvern and Kirsteen, and young brother of Sheanac and the late Jessie and Donald.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACCOLL** - Margaret and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages, cards and floral tributes at the passing of Mary MacColl. Sincere thanks to all who assisted at

the service in Dunbeg Church and a special thanks to Donald Mackinnon for conducting the service with such beautifully chosen words which we will treasure, and to Sileas Sinclair for her lovely music. To Sim and Sons, funeral directors, we are indebted to all the staff who were so kind to the family and who looked after Mary with such dignity before laying her to rest in Pennyfuir. Our thanks to the Royal Hotel who provided us with splendid food and refreshments following the funeral. We will be eternally grateful to Mugdock Care Home who lovingly cared for Mary over the past three years enabling her to achieve her 100th birthday.

**MACKINNON** - Duncan and Fiona would like to thank relatives and friends for calls, cards, support and attendance at the funeral of Betty MacKinnon. We would also like to thank the staff of Ward A Lorn and Islands Hospital for care in Mum's final weeks, staff at Etive House Care Home for their care services. Our thanks also to Iain of D&A Munn for his efficient organisation and respect given and Rev. D Cameron for his kind words.

**McCLOUNNAN** - The family would like to sincerely thank all who attended Nan's funeral service and burial, and for the flowers received. Special thanks to the staff at Tigh a Rudha. We were overwhelmed by the care Nan received and the support and kindness shown to the family. Special thanks to Myra Brown for the friendship, kindness and support she gave Nan throughout her life and to all friends and neighbours that visited and helped her in her home.

**SCOTT** - The family of the late Flora Scott would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and donations, and to those who attended the service and interment. Our thanks to all the staff at the North Argyll House for the kindness and loving care given to Flora during her time there. Also to Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell for a comforting service; Mrs Ethel MacCallum for music; the George Hotel for catering; Roddy and Fiona at Donald MacDonald for their help and consideration, and to Morna for the beautiful flowers.

**THOMSON** - Mabel, Anne Marie, David and Andrew would like to thank everyone involved in the wonderful care Bill received throughout his illness at Bowman's Court Hospital, Craignure. Also thanks to Catriona at Hamish Hoey and Sons, as it was a difficult funeral to arrange, thank you. Thanks also to Rev Liz Gibson, Mull who conducted both services at the crematorium and the memorial service. The sum of £205.50 was collected for Cancer at Cardross Crematorium and £330.18 was collected in Salen Church for the Air Ambulance Service.

**WHYTE** - Kate, Douglas and Sheila would like to thank all the friends, relatives and neighbours who travelled to Perth to attend the Celebration of Dave's life. We would also like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, letters, flowers, baking and support over recent weeks. Sincere thanks also to the staff at the Lorn Medical Centre, the community nursing team, the community care team and the Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses for the compassion and care they

showed, enabling the family to care for Dave at home. Thanks to Celebrant Alison Duthie for a lovely, uplifting ceremony and the Huntingtower hotel for providing a beautiful afternoon tea. Finally, thanks to Catriona and the staff at Hamish Hoey and Son for all their help. A total of £843.50 was donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

## MEMORIAMS

**ALLAN** - In loving memory of my mother Cathie (wife of Jimmy Allan, who died August 12, 1977, aged 54 years.

Always in my thoughts.

- John.

**CAMPBELL** - Cherished memories of my darling husband Kenny, devoted dad, father-in-law and papa, taken from us so suddenly on August 10, 2018.

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We miss you so much.

- Marion and family xx.

**CLARK** - Graham and Kirsty.

Such precious memories always

held of Graham who passed away August 7, 2006 and Kirsty who passed away December 22, 2012.

Together forever

Quietly remembered and so greatly missed.

- Alison, Rhuaridh, Katie and Coll.

**DEMPSTER** - Margaret (née MacIver). In loving memory of Nellie who blessed us with

her presence from July 5, 1969 until August 9, 2010.

Nellie, my music, my song, my forever friend.

- C.x

P.S. Thank you for all the rainbows my friend.

**MACKECHNIE** - In loving memory of my beloved husband Angus, who died August 11, 2005.

Thoughts go back to bygone days

Life goes on but memories stay.

- Grace.

**MACKECHNIE** - In loving memory of Angus a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who passed away at Killin on August 11, 2005.

Sadly missed.

- MacKechnie Family, Balfroon, Kilmalieu, Oban and Fort William.

**MACLACHLAN**

Remembering with love a dear mum and gran, Flora who died August 11, 2016.

Always in our thoughts and hearts.

- Christine, Alasdair and family, Blairgowrie and Muir of Ord.

**NICHOLSON** - In loving memory of Malcolm, husband of the late Jessie, died August 11, 2001. Gone but never forgotten.

- Nicholson Family

**STEELE** - Precious memories of my dear son James who was taken from me so suddenly on August 8, 2011.

Deep in my heart you will always stay

Loved and remembered every day

- Mum and family.

**STEELE** - Treasured memories of our beloved fiancé and dad James, who was taken from us on August 8, 2011.

Always and forever, loved and missed

- Michelle, Megan and Jamie xxx.

**WRIGHT** - Lexy. Until we meet again.

Wife in Heaven

Although you sleep in Heaven now

You're not that far away

My heart is full of memories

And you're with me every day

You lived your life with meaning

And with a smile upon your face

A world that was full of happiness

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People say that only time

Will heal a broken heart

But just like me and you

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# Henry Woodman: a larger than life 'legend'

Argyll said a fond farewell recently to Henry Woodman, described by many as a larger than life legend.

At a poignant celebration of his life, he was outlined as a truly 'wonderful man' living life to the full, but also being the embodiment of what it means to be human in all senses of the word.

Henry was born on October 2, 1939, in Coniston to Frances Louise and Jack Woodman. They were farmers and Henry was the eldest child, with brothers John, David and sister Helen following.

He had a great childhood on the farm. The family used to holiday at Tarbert, Loch Fyne, and it was here that Henry started to learn and love sailing, which was to become a lifelong passion.

At the age of nine he was sent away to Dollar Academy boarding school, 200 miles from home. He was not happy here, although things improved when he was introduced to the bagpipes, which also became a lifelong love.

He studied mathematical physics at Edinburgh University and loved his time there. He majored in playing bridge and played it so often he had to repeat a year.

His love of piping continued through the University OTC pipe band where he played at the Edinburgh Tattoo and became pipe major as well as being chief barman, all of which was to set him in good stead for the future.

He met the love of his life Val at a dance in 1960. Henry and Val were married in Belfast in 1964



and honeymooned in Crinan and Norway. They lived in Edinburgh for a time before moving to Derby as Henry had a job with Rolls Royce & Associates. Henry enjoyed the work but yearned to return to Scotland and the sea.

In 1966 they returned to Edinburgh. Their first child Rona was born in 1970 and son Ian in 1973. The family then moved to Oban and to the Manor House Hotel in 1976 and were there for two years before they moved to Cologin Chalets and the Barn Bar. Here Henry found his true calling and was at his happiest.

He wore the kilt every day and had such a huge personality many people returned year on year, just because of Henry. He loved meeting and greeting all the guests and was always there to welcome them. He was a people person and it showed.

Henry and Val ran Cologin with Jack and Beryl De Sadleir, each bringing their own skills to the

business. Henry and Beryl ran the office, or depending on who you speak to... Beryl ran the office and Henry interfered.

Henry retired from the business at the age of 58 and bought the family home Caolas in Connel and the Highland Apartments, a business in Oban.

Henry always took people as he found them. He was a man with an infectious smile who could see the good in everybody. There was never any pretence, no hidden agenda, just an endless curiosity about the world and about people. He would never judge anyone and would always forgive people and give them a second chance.

Henry was not without health issues. He suffered a brain haemorrhage in 1970 and was given a 40 per cent chance of survival. He did survive but this left him with epilepsy. He had another haemorrhage eight years ago and again pulled through. He also survived sepsis, pneumonia and atrial fibrillation, and was bipolar.

Henry never once complained about any of these ailments and just got on with life – always with a smile on his face and helping others whenever he could.

Henry's son Ian outlined: 'Everyone has a story about Henry – tales of adventure and much hilarity. And none more so than from the Barn Bar era. Henry was the poster boy of a golden age of the Barn Bar – he loved nothing better than a 'spree' and to see people enjoying themselves, which is why

the Barn was such a great pub.' The stories from the Barn are as legendary as the man himself.

Henry was never more content than when afloat and he and Val enjoyed many sailing adventures throughout their lives, be it just the two of them, with Ian and Rona and their subsequent grandchildren, or with friends.

He shared his love and passion for the sea and the west coast with everyone he met, and with his son Ian in particular, sailing aboard their boat Sundance.

Henry's other big love was piping and his chanter was never far from his hand. He piped whenever it was wanted, at ceilidhs, for people leaving and arriving, and sometimes when it wasn't, such as the 6.30am revile on the Classic Malts cruise after a big spree the night before. He piped at many weddings at the Black Castle in Barcaldine, always donating some of the money he received to Argyll Couple Counselling. Henry was a great fund raiser for a range of local and national charities.

Henry will be remembered as selfless, clever, generous, funny, cantankerous at times, kind, genuine, gregarious, inquisitive, and a persistent human being.

Henry's favourite saying from Robert Burns is never more pertinent to his life well lived: 'Enjoy yerself while yer living cause yer a lang time deed.'

For the full tribute to Henry, please visit [www.obantimes.co.uk/obituary](http://www.obantimes.co.uk/obituary)

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When asked what question he would put to Jesus were he to meet him, the Dalai Lama is reputed to have answered: 'What is the Father like?'

What a stimulating response! Firstly, it places us immediately at the heart of the Christian experience of God as Trinity, a community of love. The question is at the root of all the longings that arise from the deepest heart of all humans: What is the unknowable God like? What is the mystery of being? Does this life have a purpose? A future?

The crisis facing institutional Christianity today is the crisis of God. We need courageous honesty to admit that all too often the god the Church has presented hasn't worked. Our answer to the question 'What is the Father like?' is unsatisfying to hearts. The words of the prophet Isaiah are ever valid: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.' And, yet, we continually try to take control of God and reduce him to a god we can understand, and who is inevitably a projection of our own needs.

Fear, punishment, intimidation, power may promote rigidly faithful religious practice, but these are not going to lead people to love, freedom, salvation, knowledge of the Father.

One of the Desert Fathers responded to a question about the way to love, peace, salvation: 'Find your heart and you will be saved.' All the palaver of religious practice may or may not appeal to us, but every individual is invited at some point to descend into the depths of the heart and take up what arises from there.

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# Lochside win Bullough Cup

## Bullough Cup final

### Glasgow Mid Argyll 1 Lochside Rovers 4

Lochside Rovers added the Bullough Cup to the HIS Sutherland Cup, won earlier in the season, when they beat the Glasgow Mid Argyll second team 4-1 in their 4pm throw up at Strachurmore.

The Glasgow side made the better start on the spongy surface and Lochside had to rely on a fine early double-stop from keeper Dougie MacDonald; first saving with his feet from John McNulty before keeping out Seb MacMillan's effort from the rebound.

Lochside managed their first shot on target on 12 minutes with Lewis Buchanan's effort down the middle saved by GMA goalie Jonathon Oates.

Oates again denied Buchanan on 20 minutes, this time stopping a low strike, before play switched to the other end and, on 29 minutes, John McNulty's strike from wide out the left, from fully 30 yards range, went just over the far top corner of the goal.

However, Lochside went in front a minute later when Jamie MacGillivray played the ball from wide on the left to Lewis Buchanan, who lost his marker 30 yards out and he drifted the ball into the roof of the net to make it 1-0.

Referee Ewan MacDonald ruled out a Jamie MacGillivray effort on 36 minutes as Innes Jackson was in an offside position.

Lochside had the chance to double their lead on 41 minutes when they were awarded a penalty after Ross Campbell was pushed in the back inside the D. Lewis Buchanan stepped up but his strike went wide of goal.

Lochside did get their second however just a couple of minutes later as Michael MacQueen, who had come on for youngster Innes Jackson, took a neatly slipped pass from Lewis Buchanan before hitting a good low drive from 20 yards to make it 2-0 with what was practically his first touch of the game.

The interval score was perhaps harsh on GMA who had the better of the first 30 minutes but Lochside never looked back after going in front.

Craig MacDougall made it 3-0 on 63 minutes when Michael MacQueen's corner fell for him at the back post and his low shot deceived the keeper.

Lewis Buchanan got his second on 73 minutes to finish the tournament's top scorer. Blair MacFarlane made a strong run forward from midfield and he touched the ball to Buchanan who ran away from his marker before shooting low into the net.

GMA finished strongly and when Nick Lavin found himself free to the left of the penalty spot on 88 minutes, he fired the ball into the top corner of the net.

Scott Robertson was Lochside's top performer throughout and their captain Jordan Kerr stepped forward to collect the Bullough Cup from Jock Turner from the Camanachd Association.

## Mowi Premiership

### Kingussie 2 Newtonmore 2

Conor Jones scored late into stoppage time to earn Newtonmore an unlikely draw with neighbours Kingussie in their 6.30pm throw up at the Dell on Friday August 2.

It was confirmed ahead of throw



Lochside Rovers with the Bullough Cup.

up that Kingussie would host the 2020 Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup Final and the Dell surface was in superb condition for this fourth Badenoch derby of the season which was broadcast live on BBC ALBA.

More took the lead on 10 minutes. There seemed little danger when Fraser MacKintosh won the ball around 35 yards out but when he lofted the ball goalwards, keeper Rory MacGregor misjudged the flight of the ball in the bright sun and it dropped by his outstretched hand and into the net.

Kingussie were denied a leveller on 36 minutes. Ruaridh Anderson ran onto a superb diagonal ball from James Falconer and although he was fouled by Rory Kennedy, Anderson quickly got to his feet and darted into the D to score but referee Calum Girvan had already blown for a home free-hit.

Kingussie equalised on 56 minutes. Fraser Munro's hit-in from the left went over Andy MacKintosh and fell for Ruaridh Anderson on the right of the D and his firm, low shot from the tightest angle beat keeper Kenny Ross to make it 1-1.

With 15 minutes remaining, Kingussie's Robert Mabon held off Evan Menzies as he played a clearance out of defence. Ruaridh Anderson, the obvious choice as man of the match, took the ball down before picking out James Falconer on the right. Falconer allowed the ball to stop before sending a superb, swerving shot into the top corner of the net to make it 2-1. It was a great goal and no more than the Kings deserved.

With the derby three minutes into stoppage time, Kieran MacPherson was penalised for a push in the back on Ewan Fraser wide on the left of midfield. Iain Richardson's quick free-hit found Jamie Robinson on the left. Robinson played the ball inside to Conor Jones who held off Rory MacKeachan before lifting the ball on his left side, over keeper MacGregor's left shoulder, to make it 2-2 and snatch what could yet be a



Lochside captain Jordan Kerr receives the Bullough Cup from Jock Turner of the Camanachd Association.

crucial point in this title race.

Referee Calum Girvan blew for time and then took the match to a penalty shoot-out to decide the Sir Tommy MacPherson Memorial Trophy.

The first round of penalties finished 3-3 so the players lined up once more in the same order and Alex Michie scored again to make it 4-3. Steven Macdonald, who converted earlier in the shoot-out and who also scored twice from the spot in the previous weekend's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-final win over Caberfeidh, fired his penalty just over the bar to give Kingussie their first-ever Sir Tommy MacPherson Memorial Trophy success.

Kingussie captain Robert Mabon came forward to accept the prize but the Kingussie camp must have had in mind the point that got away.

## Oban Camanachd 4 Kilmallie 0

Oban Camanachd showed no ill-effects from last week's defeat to Kingussie as they beat Kilmallie 4-0 in their noon throw up at Mossfield.

The early throw up allowed the Oban players and committee members to make their way to Strachur afterwards for the Bullough Cup final between Lochside Rovers and

the Glasgow Mid Argyll seconds.

Oban Camanachd manager Stephen Sloss had Daniel MacCuish back from injury and he joined the attack. Keith MacMillan and Blair MacFarlane came in to take the wing centre positions whilst Garry Lord also returned. Scott MacMillan, who was a booking away from a two-match suspension, joined David Lafferty, Gary McKerracher, Willie Neilson and Aidan MacIntyre on a strong home bench.

Kilmallie's Innes Blackhall was suspended whilst boss John Stewart was also without the services of Liam Cameron, Jordan MacPhee, Andrew Mcalister, Michael Rodger and Aaron Sandison.

Kilmallie started well, Liam MacDonald pulled an early chance wide of Cameron Sutherland's post after a good lay off by Daniel Stewart.

Oban Camanachd took the lead on 19 minutes. Keith MacMillan's initial corner was blocked but when he played the second corner in, Daniel MacCuish touched the ball down and Daniel Cameron sent a neat drive into the net to make it 1-0. Kilmallie's Ryan Stewart had to go off in the first half with a pulled hamstring and he was replaced with Lewis Birrell at wing centre.

Daniel Cameron's strike was the

## Fixtures

### Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi final

Kyles Athletic v Oban Camanachd  
Andy MacLean – 4pm  
(at Strachurmore)

### Strathdearn Cup semi final

Newtonmore v Glenurquhart  
John Wood – noon  
Fort William v Kilmallie  
Des McNulty – noon

### Mowi Premiership

Kilmallie v Caberfeidh  
Ross Brown  
Kingussie v Kinlochshiel  
Iain Kennedy  
Inveraray v Lovat  
Alex MacVicar – 1pm  
Newtonmore v Lochaber  
Calum Girvan – 3pm

### Mowi National Division

Beauly v Skye  
Graham Cameron – 3pm  
Fort William v Glenurquhart  
Lachie Wood – 3pm  
Glasgow Mid Argyll v Oban Celtic  
John Angus Gillies – 3pm

### Mowi North Division 1

Inverness v Aberdeen University  
Steven MacLachlan  
Kinlochshiel v Kingussie  
TBA  
Skye v Glengarry  
Callum Duff  
Lovat v Caberfeidh  
Brian MacKay

### Mowi South Division 1

Aberdour v Col Glen  
Neil MacDonald  
Glasgow MA v Kyles Athletic  
Robert Baxter – noon  
Lochside Rovers v Ballachulish  
Ewan MacDonald  
Tayforth v Inveraray  
Euan Pearson

### Mowi North Division 2

Lochcarron v Strathspey  
Tina Marshall

### Mowi South Division 2

Ardnamurchan v Kilmory  
Graham Fisher  
Glenorchy v Bute  
Jim Innes  
(All throw ups 2pm unless stated)



## Results

**Friday August 2**  
**Mowi Premiership**  
Kingussie 2 v 2 Newtonmore

**Saturday August 3**  
**Bullough Cup final**  
Glasgow MA 1 v 4 Lochside

**Mowi Premiership**  
Inveraray 1 v 5 Kyles Athletic  
Kinlochshiel 7 v 0 Caberfeidh  
Oban Camanachd 4 v 0 Kilmallie

**Mowi National Division**  
Glasgow MA 10 v 0 Bute

**Mowi North Division 1**  
Glenurquhart 1 v 0 Fort William  
Kingussie P v P Aberdeen Uni  
To be rescheduled

**Mowi South Division 1**  
Col Glen 1 v 2 Tayforth  
Taynuilt 3 v 2 Inveraray

**Mowi North Division 2**  
Kilmallie 5 v 0 Lewis

**Mowi South Division 2**  
Glenorchy 4 v 0 Aberdour

only goal of the first half but Oban Camanachd doubled their lead six minutes into the second period. Andrew MacCuish saw a smart shot from the edge of the D well-saved with his feet by Kilmallie keeper Shane Gillies but Daniel MacVicar was quickly in, ghosting past his marker and flicking the ball high into the net.

The next goal was always going to be crucial and it came on the hour when Daniel MacCuish's shot came back to Andrew MacCuish and he netted to make it 3-0.

Kilmallie wing back Cam Clark, who represented the Scotland U17s during the week, had to go off injured with 30 minutes to go and was replaced by Bryan MacKay who went on to wing forward with Iain MacIntyre to wing centre and Stephen Macalister to wing back.

Daniel Cameron and Blair MacFarlane came off for the hosts, with the latter dashing to Strachur to play for Lochside, in favour of Willie Neilson and Aidan MacIntyre.

Oban Camanachd showed good levels of fitness and they kept Kilmallie pinned back to the extent that they struggled to get up the park at times.

Aidan MacIntyre added a fourth with 20 minutes remaining, scoring the goal of the game. The hosts broke up a Kilmallie attack with Daniel MacCuish picking the ball up in the centre line and he played a one-two with Lorne Dickie and with forwards Andrew MacCuish, Willie Neilson and Daniel MacVicar all involved, the ball came back to Daniel MacCuish who sent it wide to Aidan MacIntyre who unleashed a rocket-shot which flew into the net

before bouncing back out; off the inside of the stanchion.

Gary McKerracher came on for the hosts late in the match and the win sets Oban Camanachd up nicely as they embark on a crucial double-header; against Kyles Athletic in the Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-finals at Strachurmore this coming Saturday and against Kingussie in the Artemis Macaulay Cup final at Mossfield a week later.

Oban Camanachd assistant manager Kenny Wotherspoon said afterwards: 'Our defence was rarely troubled in the second half and it was good to bounce back from what wasn't the best performance against Kingussie the previous week. We didn't play well in that game but almost stole a draw so that shows what we have to offer.'

Turning his attentions to this coming Saturday's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-final with Kyles Athletic at Strachurmore, Wotherspoon added: 'It's massive but we will just go about it like any other game. We'll try and get our tactics right on the day and take it from there.'

### **Kinlochshiel 7** **Caberfeidh 0**

Kinlochshiel marked the opening of their new pitch at Reraig with a 7-0 victory over Caberfeidh.

Former Beaulieu keeper Josh Grant made his home debut for 'Shiel whilst both Finlay MacRae and Jordan Fraser returned to the starting line-up. However Duncan Matheson was unavailable. Cabers missed key players Craig Morrison, Blair Morrison and Kevin Bartlett, who were all at a family wedding.

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Newtonmore's Iain Richardson and Kingussie's Ryan MacWilliam battle for the ball during last Friday night's Mowi Premiership match at The Dell. Photo: Neil Paterson

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Craig Morrison, with 26 goals already this season, was a particular loss having scored in his last 15 successive matches. Second team keeper Iain McCall started at full forward.

Not many supporters would have predicted Mark MacDonald to score Kinlochshiel's first goal on their new pitch but, after just six minutes, MacDonald flew into a terrific blocking tackle wide on the right, just inside the Cabers half, and he launched the ball high on the Caberfeidh goal. Ewan Pilcher got his club to the dropping ball but couldn't keep it out of the net.

There was no doubt about the second goal on 11 minutes which was a superb Donald Nixon finish, following a Jordan Fraser flick, fired shin-high across the keeper and into the corner of the net from the 'Shiel left.

John MacRae opened his account on 35 minutes, using his strength to hold off his marker before flicking Donald Nixon's hit into the keeper's left to make it 3-0.

It was John MacRae again just three minutes later, exchanging passes with Duncan 'DA' MacRae, who sent a bouncing shot home.

Ali Nixon added a fourth on 42 minutes when his low shot from John MacRae's scooped pass deceived the keeper to make it 5-0 at half-time.

John MacRae completed his hat-trick four minutes into the second half with the goal of the match. David Falconer broke up a Caberfeidh attack on the right before finding Donald Nixon and he held off his marker before playing a one-two with Jordan Fraser. Nixon picked out John MacRae, who beat a couple of players before exchanging passes with substitute Martin MacRae and then slotting the ball low into the net.

Jordan Fraser rounded off the scoring on 74 minutes.

Conor Cormack, playing at

full centre for 'Shiel, played the ball forward to man-of-the-match John MacRae whose perfectly weighted pass picked out Jordan Fraser's run from left to right and Fraser smashed the ball into the net.

### Inveraray 1 Kyles Athletic 5

Sixth-placed Kyles Athletic are six points off the top of the table with two games in hand after beating Inveraray 5-1 at the Winterton.

Inveraray had Lewis Montgomery free of his three-match ban but player/manager Ruairaidh Graham and Allan MacDonald were still banned.

Paul MacArthur was back for Kyles with Scott MacDonald making his return from the bench. Callum Millar, Donald Irvine and Grant Irvine remained out.

Robbie MacLeod broke the deadlock on 35 minutes. Paul MacArthur floated a free-hit, 10 yards from the corner flag on the left, across the penalty spot to Robbie MacLeod who scored.

Young Ruairaidh Graham was credited with Inveraray's 51-minute leveller although the ball went in off Kyles wing back Innes Macdonald. Fraser Watt's half-hit shot across goals from the left was diverted past John Whyte from the edge of the D by the unfortunate Macdonald to make it 1-1.

Robbie MacLeod got his second to put Kyles back in front just 10 minutes after the restart. Conor Kennedy played a cross-field pass and Robbie MacLeod turned the ball back from his right to his left before driving into the roof of the net from 15 yards range.

Ross MacRae made it 3-1 on 75 minutes, turning home a rebound following a Paul MacArthur shot and MacRae tapped the ball home from a Rupert Williamson corner just five minutes later to claim his second goal of the game.



Inveraray's Nicholas Crawford and Scott MacDonald, Kyles Athletic, in a race for the ball during last Saturday's game at the Winterton. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Robbie MacLeod completed his hat-trick from the edge of the D a minute from time with Ross MacRae and Cairn Limbert involved in the lead-up play.

Kyles have a concern over Neil MacVicar, who came off midway through the second half, showing the ill-effects from an ankle injury picked up in the previous week's defeat to Kinlochshiel.

### Mowi National Division

#### Glasgow Mid Argyll 10 Bute 0

Glasgow Mid Argyll boosted their promotion chances when they beat bottom side Bute 10-0 in their noon throw up at Yoker.

Bute started brightly but they fell behind on four minutes when Duncan MacRae's shot bounced in from a tight angle.

GMA, who were without Gary Luke, went on to score six more times before the break.

Calum McLay twice finished low into the net on six and seven minutes before referee Robert Baxter pointed to the spot on 10 minutes after Iain Luke was impeded.

Craig Anderson blasted to spot-hit into the roof of the net to make it 4-0.

Bute keeper Kevin Queen made good saves from Mark Bain and Iain Luke before Calum McLay finished high into the net to complete his hat-trick on 27 minutes and he added two more on 33 and 35 with smart finishing from the edge of the D to make it 7-0 at half-time.

GMA continued to attack from the restart and when an Oliver MacRae shot was saved by Queen on 47 minutes, Duncan MacRae turned the rebound inside to post for number eight.

Oliver MacRae had an effort ruled out for offside before Calum McLay rounded off a terrific individual performance with goals on 63 and 73 minutes to make it 10-0.

Next up for GMA is a meeting with Oban Celtic at Yoker this coming Saturday.

### Mowi North Division 1

#### Glenurquhart 1 Fort William 0

The Glenurquhart seconds edged out the Fort William seconds with a 1-0 win at Blairbeg.

The only goal of the game came on the hour when James Hurwood lobbed a free-hit to Neale Reid, just further out from the penalty area and he controlled the ball before turning his marker and driving the ball low through the keeper.

### Mowi South Division 1

#### Taynuilt 3 Inveraray 2

Taynuilt saw off a second half fight-back from the Inveraray second team to win 3-2 in a thrilling match at the Taynuilt Sports Field.

Taynuilt were five players short from the previous week's team and, with both goalies unavailable, George Reid stepped in between the sticks.

Inveraray's David MacPherson was unavailable through work commitments.

Both teams had chances early on but it was Taynuilt who took the lead in fortuitous circumstances on 15 minutes when a cross from the wide area deflected off Inveraray defender Donald Ferguson and ended up in the bottom corner of the net.

Taynuilt doubled their lead on 40 minutes after a superb run from Jamie MacFarlane saw him dribble from mid-field to the Inveraray D before firing a waist-high shot to the keeper's right to make it 2-0 at the break.

Inveraray pushed for the goal that would get them back into the game and Peter McIntyre and Kenny Kirkhope came close; both

hitting the bar.

Inveraray eventually got their goal on 66 minutes when the ball broke out to Campbell Watt on the edge of the D and he fired a low, powerful strike into the bottom right corner to make the score 2-1.

Inveraray were level just a couple of minutes later when Peter McIntyre fired a shot into the top right corner from far out; giving the keeper no chance.

Both teams pushed for a winner and it was Taynuilt who grabbed both points with a goal just four minutes from time. Zander Kilmurray made the difference after turning his man before striking the ball knee-high against the keeper to make it 3-2.

There was late drama as Inveraray had a goal disallowed with a minute remaining. Following a goalmouth scrabble, an attempted clearance out of the Taynuilt defence deflected off Inveraray's Peter McIntyre and ended up in the back of the net but was ruled out by referee Iain Kennedy for a 'kick'.

The win lifts Taynuilt above Inveraray to seventh in the table and they have games in hand on most of the teams above them.

#### Col Glen 1 Tayforth 2

Tayforth scored twice in the last 20 minutes to win 2-1 against Col Glen at Glendaruel.

### Mowi North Division 2

#### Kilmallie 5 Lewis Camanachd 0

The Kilmallie colts defeated

Lewis Camanachd 5-0 at the Canal Parks.

Andrew Gibb on two minutes and Ross MacKenzie on six minutes got Kilmallie off to a great start.

Michael Rodger made it 3-0 on the half hour and the hosts took that advantage into the break.

Andrew Gibb got his second on 62 minutes with Ben MacKinnon rounding off the 5-0 win on 76 minutes.

### Mowi South Division 2 Glenorchy 4 Aberdour 0

Glenorchy return to the top of the league on goal difference after they beat the Aberdour second team 4-0 at the Mart Park.

Conor Sartain put the hosts ahead on 44 minutes with Kieran McKay making it 2-0 on 61 minutes.

Conor Sartain got his second on 67 minutes with Kieran McKay doing likewise three minutes from time.

Glenorchy now lead Kilmory on goal difference. Both sides have two matches remaining and they are due to meet at MacRae Park in the final match of the season.

### Sitekit Scotland U17 Ireland Tour

Scotland U17 completed another successful Ireland tour, sponsored by Sitekit, recording wins against both Kildare U17 and Dublin U17 on their annual visit to the Emerald Isle.

The Scots opened by beating Kildare U17 (5-3-5) 26-7 (0-0-7) at the 6,200 capacity



Finlay Macrae, Kinlochshiel and Caberfeidh's Ryan Mackay battle for the ball during last weekend's Mowi Premiership match played at Kinlochshiel's new pitch at Reraig, Balmacara. Photo: Neil Paterson.

### Oban Camanachd's displeasure at Camanachd Cup semi-final venue

Oban Camanachd have issued a club statement noting their displeasure that Strachurmore has been selected as the venue for this weekend's Tulloch Homes Camanachd Cup semi-final tie against Kyles Athletic.

The statement reads: 'After attending the Bullough cup final, the club feels it has to bring to attention the venue for this Saturday's Camanachd cup semi-final at Strachurmore. Anyone who was in attendance could see that the playing surface is not conducive to fast free flowing shinty in which a semi-final showpiece should be.'

'Our club has been in contact with the Camanachd Association over the last two weeks flagging up our concerns over the playing surface and the length of pitch.'

'We understand that in the south the two outstanding playing surfaces are Mossfield and Taynuilt, Obviously Mossfield is a non-starter that leaves Taynuilt as a neutral venue whereas Kyles have used Strachurmore as home venue once this season and multiple times in the last few seasons.'

'With the game being live on BBC ALBA, we hope it's an exciting game full of skill as was the other semi at the immaculate Bught Park. As a club, we thank the ground staff at Strachur for their hard work and this is no slight on them.'

'This is a Camanachd Association Competition Committee decision but the bottom line is that the playing surface isn't befitting a Camanachd cup semi-final.'

# Scotland women finish fifth to reach World Series qualifiers

Scotland Women 7s recently finished in fifth place in the second leg of the Rugby Europe Grand Prix Series in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

This result means they have secured fifth place finish for the series and, as the second highest ranking non-world series core nation, they have secured their place in the 2020 World Series Qualifiers.

Captain Helen Nelson, from Glencoe, said: 'It was a tough start to the weekend, losing to Poland. We built on our performances from there and fought hard for a fifth place finish.'

'Overall it has been a really positive season and we have secured a spot in the World Series Qualifiers which was our main goal.'

'I am really proud of the girls and the improvements we have made this year.'

Scotland faced a tough pool group where they were joined by Poland, France and hosts Ukraine.

Their opening match was against Poland and this tight encounter resulted in Poland winning 17-12. A comfortable win against Ukraine followed with seven unanswered tries. The final pool match was against France where the world series core nation won



Oban's Abi Evans and Glencoe's Helen Nelson played for Scotland in the recent Rugby Europe Grand Prix seven-a-side series in the Ukraine.

22-14.

On day two, Scotland played a strong Russian team

in the cup quarter finals. Russia, the eventual Grand Prix Series Champions, won

St Conleth's Park, a home of County Kildare GAA.

Lachie Shaw grabbed a hat-trick whilst Liam Borthwick and Conor Kennedy also found the net.

Lachie Shaw took his tally to 11 points with a two-pointer whilst Ross Gordon and Calum Grover also converted two-points.

Conor Kennedy totalled four points with an effort over the bar. Lewis Clark, Kieran MacPherson and two singles from Duncan Matheson completed the Scotland scoring.

Next up was the annual meeting with Dublin U17 at Parnell Park the following day and Scotland U17 made it two wins out of two, winning

(10-3-3) 39-6 (0-0-6).

The Scots were again cheered on from the stands by an impressive support and the large Dublin panel put up a strong fight throughout.

Ross Gordon grabbed a hat-trick whilst Duncan Matheson and Lachie Shaw both scored twice.

Martin Pringle and Kieran

## INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

22-7. Scotland then played Italy in the 5th-8th ranking semi-finals. A close match saw Italy take the lead with a minute left on the clock and Scotland down to six players. A final play score from Rachel McLachlan, her first for the national squad, gave Scotland the win.

Head coach Scott Forrest said: 'We achieved our goal of getting back to the World Series Qualifiers for next year so well done to all players involved in the last two tournaments.'

'We have come a long way this season. Looking back to where we were a year ago, the programme has moved on massively and that is down to the commitment of the players.'

'This has been my sixth season coaching the sevens and has definitely been the most enjoyable.'

'A big part of that is due to the group of players and the staff that I have had the pleasure of working with this year.'

'Everyone has looked to improve themselves and I have improved as a coach as a result of their willingness to learn, develop and challenge themselves.'

MacPherson and Liam Borthwick scored the other Scotland goals.

Lachie Shaw converted three two pointers taking his tally over the two matches to 23 points.

There were single point efforts from Martin Pringle, Ross Gordon, Cam Clark and Liam Borthwick.

The Dubs took much from the composite rules game with James O'Brien and Davie Keogh amongst their scorers.

As usual, the goalscorers grabbed the headlines but there were other fine performances throughout the squad with Daniel Sloss, William MacKinnon and Jamie Gillies worthy of special mention.

Scotland U17 squad: Calum Grover (Newton-more), Jamie Gillies (Skye Camanachd), Daniel Sloss, (Oban Camanachd), Cameron MacIntosh (Glenurquhart), Ryan Boyle (Fort William), Ryan Craig (Bute), William MacKinnon (Skye Camanachd), Kieran MacPherson (Kingussie), Cam Clark (Kilmallie), Lachie Shaw (Fort William), Conor Kennedy (Kyles Athletic), Duncan Matheson (Kinlochshiel), Liam Borthwick (Kingussie), Ross Gordon (Skye Camanachd), Martin Pringle (Skye Camanachd), Alistair MacRae (Fort William), Lewis Clark (Fort William).

## RALLYING



150 golden tickets for Mull Rally's golden anniversary were snapped up in a matter of minutes

# Mull Rally entries crash the internet

Less than one hour after the Beatson's Mull Rally opened for entries, the list was full.

In fact, it only took 53 minutes to register an unprecedented 174 entries.

So overwhelming was the demand for places on Scotland's only closed-road rally this year, the event's mullrally.org website crashed.

The first 140 crews to register now have five days to pay the entry fee into the event's very own account in Tobermory's Cydesdale Bank.

Beatson's Mull Rally clerk of the course Andy Jardine said: 'I'm not sure what to say. Fifty-three minutes! We do all the work, get everything ready, but then at the end of the day – a couple of minutes before entries go live on the website – you inevitably think: 'I wonder if anybody'll come...'

Andy added: 'We've seen down the years that not everybody who gets an entry when they go live actually takes it up,' he said. 'There will be some entries lost to broken engines, broken wallets, marriages... If the money's not received from all 140 entries before close of play Tuesday, then we will start going down through the reserves and asking folk to join us in their place.'

'This is a fantastic way for us to start the build-up for the golden anniversary of this event. We hoped we might be able to fill the entry – it took a day to fill the last one in 2016 – but this is so much more than we expected. Even though we haven't run since 2016, it's nice to see people haven't forgotten us.'

## ATHLETICS

# Runners are back on the road

The recently re-started Oban Runners group is picking up the pace. All abilities are welcome to turn up at the Atlantis Leisure Centre reception in Oban every Thursday at 6.30pm. The sessions are posted on the group's Facebook page and numbers are growing each week.

'It's a great way of meeting people and keeping fit at the same time,' said DJ Barr.

A session last month at the sailing club in town attracted eight locals and one visitor from Salisbury.



Oban Runners.



The Scotland under-17 squad after their win over in Dublin.

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## GOLF



Donald 'Dods' MacLean, Fraser MacKinnon and Zoe MacLean with the MacBrayne Cup.

## Golf open at Tobermory

Tobermory Golf Club Open was played in fine weather over two days and 36 holes on August 3-4.

Twenty-four golfers competed with a good number of visitors from Bathgate, Machrihanish, Dundee and the south of England.

The result was a win for ex-Tobermory golfer Fraser MacKinnon, now playing at Bathgate. Fraser won the MacBrayne Cup for scratch with a 36-hole gross score of 137. Jamie Cross from Machrihanish won the Willie MacAllister cup for handicap with a nett score of 123.

Captain Donald (Dods) MacLean's wife Zoe presented the prizes.



Some of the competitors at the Tobermory Open.

## Gents' open at Killin

Gents' open: Saturday August 3: Scratch : The Davies Trophy – 1 Graham MacColl (Glencruitten) 71; 2 John D Cowan (Taymouth Castle) 72; 3 John R Cowan (Taymouth Castle) 73

Handicap : The Melia Quaich – 1 Allan McHenry (Killin) 62; 2 Steven McCuish (Glencruitten) 66 BIH 3 Gordon Aitken (Killin) 66.

Longest drive: category one (9th only) – J D Cowan (Taymouth Castle); category two (7th only) – Jim Atkinson (Killin).

Nearest the pin: category one (8th & 17th) – Brian Stock (Crieff); category two (5th & 14th) – Allan McHenry (Killin). All in two (6th only) – Brian Thain (Bathgate)

The Wee Claret Jug: (Best Local Overall) – Allan McHenry 62.

Magic twos: Allan McHenry (Killin), Tom Dawson (Lochgelly), Brian Blue (Glencruitten), Gordon Aitken (Killin).

CSS : 65 (home) 66 (away).

## Bob gets back in the swing

After his superb performance in The Open Championship at Royal Portrush recently, Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre gets back into the swing of things when he returns to the European Tour in Prague, after a few weeks off, to take part in the D+D Real Czech Masters at the Albatross Golf Club.

The competition gets under way on August 15.

# Saints GG team are pipped at the post

With the Oban Saints' first team squad away on a 'team bonding' session in Inverness, the Oban Saints Greater Glasgow team kicked off a weekend of football on Saturday for the Argyll and Bute Invitational Cup, sponsored by Soroba House.

Joining the host team were old friends and Argyll rivals Lochgiliphead Red Star, Ayrshire Division One champions New Farm Loch and Caledonian Division One champions Milngavie Wanderers.

Games were played on both the high school 3G and the excellent conditioned Glen 2, with three x 50-minute games each and combined with the blistering sun it was sure to be a major test fitness-wise for all involved.

Saints, with an 18-man squad, started the day off against Caledonian Division One Champions Milngavie Wanderers on the 3G pitch with Martin Rae overseeing proceedings.

Half time arrived with the score 0-0 and Saints will be somewhat disappointed not to have been ahead after running the Milngavie guys ragged for much of the first half.

Milngavie took the lead when their attacking midfielder slotted the ball into the Saints' net much to the home team's disappointment. Saints looked to get back into the game but didn't learn from previous mistakes and lost a second carbon copy goal to go behind 2-0.

At full time despite losing 2-0 there were plenty of



The Oban Saints GG team who performed well in the tournament. Photo: Anna Forgive. Report: Donald Black

positives to take, particularly against such an organised championship winning team.

Red Star lined up against early tournament favourites New Farm Loch at Glen 2, with the highly respected and experienced Jimmy Litster taking charge.

Early play saw the Ayrshire boys going 2-0 up, however, a lack of concentration was allowing Red Star back into the game. New Farm increased their lead by adding a further two goals. However, a late surge and never-say-die attitude by the Argyll boys saw Red Star get two late goals back but New Farm won 4-2.

Next up was the battle of the champions as New Farm met Milngavie and saw some excellent football played by both sides.

However, the experience of some of the New Farm players and the hangover for the Milngavie boys after the tough game against Saints saw New Farm run out 3-0 winners.

The derby between the Argyll teams kicked off with early strong, but fair, tackles going in. The half time score was 0-0.

Saints came out all guns blazing in the second half and were rewarded after some great work and movement in midfield saw them take the lead through young Cameron Hill.

The Oban team continued to take control of the game and got a second when a counter attack saw a pass from Gavin Forgive to Ross Maitland, who picked out an exceptional ball to Hill to allow the big striker to fire the ball into the net and see the Oban side come out the 2-0 winners.

With all teams feeling the pace of the day the last games saw Saints take on the undefeated New Farm Loch.

In a game that beforehand many would have settled for a respectable result, the Oban boys took all the manager's instructions on board and

## FOOTBALL

gave the performance of the day.

Half time came with Saints 1-0 ahead thanks to a Sean Grant header. The Oban boys soon added to the lead when Cameron Hill netted his first of the game after yet more great build-up play.

Rory Dowd then split the defence and sent Hill through on goal where he rounded the keeper only to be taking out leaving the referee with an easy penalty decision and once again given the nature of the contest avoiding showing a red card. Hill stepped up to slot his second goal of the game to make the final score 3-0.

With talks of where the result left teams in regards to goal difference Milngavie returned with a 6-1 victory over a stretched Red Star team which meant the Caley League outfit won the tournament with a one goal better goal difference than hosts Oban Saints.

Councillor Jim Lynch kindly presented the Argyll and Bute Cup to winners Milngavie Wanderers

A special thanks goes to Soroba House for sponsoring the competition and also the referees.

Saints GG now look forward to their final pre-season home match this coming Saturday against South Lochaber Thistle, with a noon kick-off, before they start their league cup campaign against Langcraigs at home on Saturday August 17.

## Excellent football played at youth tournament

On Sunday Oban Saints Youths held their under 14s pre-season tournament, with Fort William, Ardencaple and Central Boys FA completing the four team round-robin format.

The opening fixtures saw Fort William with a comfortable 7-2 win against Ardencaple on the 3G pitch while over at Glencruitten, Saints lost a close game 0-1 to Central Boys.

The next set of fixtures ended with Central Boys beating Ardencaple 2-1 while in the other game Saints lost out to Fort William 2-0, after conceding an early penalty.

In the final game Saints managed to record their first

victory of the day with a 2-1 win over Ardencaple, Cody McCulloch with both Saints goals.

The next game at the high school was effectively a tournament decider, with Central Boys and Fort William having won both of their first two games, and it was the team from Falkirk who won the game 3-1 to lift the trophy with a 100 per cent record on the day.

Saints goalkeeper Josh Lane was presented with the local player of the tournament award, having impressed the referees with his handling and distribution throughout the day, and Fort William player Ryan Hunter was

presented with the overall player of the tournament award.

All four teams played their part in a good competitive day of football and, with each team getting 120 minutes, it was ideal preparation ahead

of the new season.

Saints under 14s' final pre-season games are this coming Sunday when they head through to play in Holytown Colts tournament with games against the hosts, Livingston and Blairgowrie.



Oban Saints under 14s.

# Catriona sets Scottish 100-mile time trial record

Barcaldine cyclist Catriona MacGillivray set a Scottish 100-mile time trial record on Sunday, just over a year after giving birth to her daughter Charlotte.

Following her success, she posted on Facebook: 'I don't normally post about my cycling and beware this is a long one, but I'm feeling pretty pleased with myself today and I have so many people I want to thank.'

'Today I won the Scottish 100-mile championship with a new Scottish record of four hours and 53 seconds. A team win and a Scottish record with Pam L'Craig.'

'Today will also be my last TT for the time being.'

'I have had an amazing season and never thought I could come back after having Charlotte and have such a great season.'



Catriona MacGillivray in action.

'Ten-mile Scottish champs silver, 25-mile Scottish champ gold, 50-mile, Scottish champs gold, 50-mile Scottish record.'

'Along with my great team mates, we also secured team gold in all Scottish champ

events.

'All these results wouldn't have been possible without lots of support and help, the amazing Daniel Barnett, my coach who has managed to get me back fit again on only five hours' training a week.'

## CYCLING

This guy knows what he's doing!

North Argyll Cycling Club were also out at the weekend, with Nick Charlton taking the top spot.

The club results were posted on Facebook: 'There were several new faces and PBs well done to all. Nicholas Charlton 27.20; Michael Bossard 27.23; James Barrow 27.47; Steven Groom 28.31; Fraser Inglis 29.13; Shane Rodwell 29.38; John Docharty 29.51; Alastair Campbell 31.20; Ronald Gordon 31.36; Shona MacLachlan 32.26; Leigh Murray 34.23; Andy Trafford 34.26; Duncan Campbell 35.15; Moira Newiss 37.53; Gail Taylor 40.47'

'Thanks to Aoifa for helping with the start, and Nick at the end.'

# West Highland Yachting Week

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Owen Sails, Dunstaffnage Marina and West Coast Motors.

## Oban prizegiving

In a departure to the traditional prizegiving dance in Oban, the final prizegiving was outside Oban Sailing Club in brilliant sunshine and hailed as a great success. Race Officer Johnny Readman awarded the prizes and thanked Joint Regatta Committee chairman Beppo Buchanan Smith and the JRC team for all their efforts in running the week.

## Special trophies

The Angus Meldrum Trophy to the yacht with the best corrected time for the Oban to Tobermory Race was won by Sunrise. Blue Jay was awarded the British Waterways Trophy to the yacht with the best corrected time in the Tobermory to Oban Race.

The John G Maxwell Trophy to the yacht with the best overall score in Class 8 sailed by a member of Royal Highland Yacht Club went to Murray Caldwell on Oystercatcher.

The West Highland Week Family Trophy, awarded to the best family yacht regardless of class or result, was awarded to the Orr family on their Westerly GK 34 Prodigal.

Angus Scott and crew on

Torricon won the Peter Cocks Trophy for the best overall performance in the fleet.

## Gin reception

Running alongside the regatta racing, the social programme is an integral part of West Highland Yachting Week.

A skipper's briefing was held in the WHYW marquee at Craobh before the start of the regatta addressed by PRO Johnny Readman, followed by the Nerabus Gin reception. Nerabus is made by The Islay Gin Company and takes its character from its surroundings.

Samples were available alongside the Food from Argyll food and drink event, a Hog Roast and BBQ with music from the Mid Argyll Pipe Band and dancing with the Democrats.

The first midweek prize giving was hosted by Dunstaffnage Marina with ceilidh music followed by the ever popular Big Dave's Beach Party in the marina boat shed where most competitors dressed to suit and the crew of Salamander pulled out all the stops to make it a success.

Food from Dolce Vita of Oban, a late bar and excellent weather made it a highlight of the week.

The JRC re-introduced the Mull prizegiving in the courtyard at Tobermory Distillery and the final prizegiving was

held outside Oban Sailing Club at Gallanach.

JRC chairman Beppo Buchanan-Smith summed up this year's event: 'When we look back and reflect we will no doubt forget the challenges the wind conditions gave the race team and huge credit must go down to all involved for not only getting the fleet racing but getting seven results over the week - when at one stage even getting one in looked difficult.'

He added: 'I suspect the results represented well with the best sailed boats leading each class. I know, having competed many times over the years, how often the endeavours and hard work of those on the race team and behind the scenes are taken for granted. Now, having completed my two years as chairman of the committee, I sincerely appreciate all the planning and hard work that is involved in making the week seamless for those competitors. Whilst it is appreciated by most, it is greatly appreciated by the Joint Regatta Committee and I know without all of the support it would not be possible to run WHYW. With this support, we look forward to next year's event.'

## Point series overall

Class 1 - 1 Eos 2 Sunrise 3 Luna of Clyde;  
Class 2 - 1 Grand Cru 2 Giggie 3 Ajax;

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Class 3 - 1 More Misjif 2 Shadowfax 3 Magdaleyne;  
Class 4 - 1 Glenafton 2 Meka 11 3 Tangle o' the Isles;  
Class 5 - 1 Sea Pie of Cultra 2 Salamander XXII 3 Mayrise;  
Class 8 - 1 Popcorn 2 Jane Waterman 3 Banshee;  
Class 9 - 1 Torricon 2 Halcyon 3 Malindi of Lorne.

Full results on [www.whyw.co.uk](http://www.whyw.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/WestHighlandYachtingWeek](http://www.facebook.com/WestHighlandYachtingWeek)

## Photographs

Ron and Graeme Cowan, the well-known yachting photographers of Yachting Images, were present each day taking photographs during the event and a selection of individual yachts and fleet shots as well as short videos are available to view via FB, [www.yachtingimages.co.uk](http://www.yachtingimages.co.uk). For further details, please contact [ron@yachtingimages.co.uk](mailto:ron@yachtingimages.co.uk)

## Young journalist

Coinciding with the year of Young People, the Joint Regatta Committee invited budding young journalist contributions during the week to give an overview of the day's racing.

Copy can be seen on the website and on FB and included contributions from Storm Chalmers (Sunrise), Calum Warnock (Hot Toddy) and Polly Quaile (Sola).



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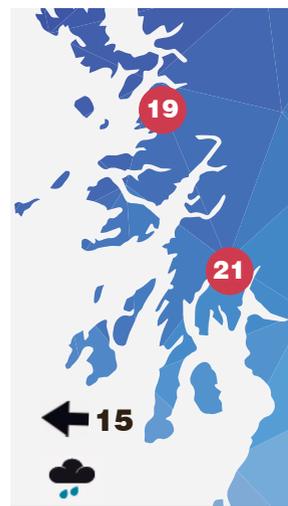


## WEATHER

**Thursday**  
Sunny intervals and light winds  
Temperatures 14°C to 19°C.

**Friday**  
Heavy rain and a moderate breeze  
Temperatures 14°C to 19°C.

**Weekend Outlook**  
**Saturday**  
Light rain showers and a gentle breeze  
**Sunday**  
Light rain and a moderate breeze  
Temperatures 11°C to 18°C.



FRIDAY

## TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday August 8, 2019** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

	05.27	1.4	11.24	3.0
<b>Thur</b>	17.33	1.2	23.41	3.0
<b>Fri</b>	06.35	1.6	12.56	2.9
	18.40	1.5	***	**
<b>Sat</b>	01.27	2.9	07.58	1.6
	14.20	3.0	19.58	1.6
<b>Sun</b>	03.20	2.9	09.14	1.6
	15.25	3.1	21.21	1.6
<b>Mon</b>	04.25	3.0	10.09	1.4
	16.08	3.3	22.23	1.5
<b>Tues</b>	04.42	3.2	10.51	1.3
	16.44	3.5	23.09	1.3
<b>Wed</b>	05.09	3.4	11.28	1.1
	17.20	3.7	23.47	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.**

Saints GG team  
are pipped at  
the post

Catriona sets  
Scottish 100-mile  
time trial record

# Testing conditions for West Highland Yachting Week

Light wind conditions for this year's 72nd West Highland Yachting made for testing conditions for both sailing and running the regatta by the Joint Regatta Committee (JRC) race team.

However, racing was achieved on all days but one. The Craobh to Oban passage race saw flat calm conditions for the fleet. A wait at Ardluing and at Insh Island for the wind to fill in proved fruitless so the day's racing was abandoned. And on the days the race format normally splits the spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets, Principal Race Officer (PRO) of the event Johnny Readman opted to amalgamate the Tunnock's and Argyll yachts to race as one. With light and variable conditions it was deemed too difficult to set an Olympic style race for the spinnaker fleet.

### Torrison win

A return to WHYW for Angus Scott, friends and family from the Clyde was to prove fortuitous. Sailing the family Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 32i Torrison in Class 9, they took a sweep of five firsts and a second in the last race to be

awarded not only the class point series but the prestigious Peter Cocks Memorial Trophy for the best overall performance in the fleet.

Lifting the top prize for the week Angus said: 'This is an emotional return for me to WHYW since the event was our family holiday when I was young. Apart from 2002, my previous West Highland Weeks were with my parents in the '60s and '70s which I have very fond memories of.'

'We are returning as a family and the event is just as it was then - as good as ever. We were not sure how competitive Torrison would be, but a taster in the Round Bute race suggested that she would be ok, so West Highland Week was the obvious regatta for us to do. To win the event is just fantastic since, although our class was small, we were racing against some well-sailed boats including two former class winners. My son and his friend as well as the adults have had an amazing time and there is no doubt we will return. It gives the youngsters a real boost to continue sailing into the future.'

The family has owned



The crew of Oystercatcher focus on the set of their sails during West Highland Yachting Week. Photos: YachtingImages.co.uk

Torrison since she was launched in 2010. Until last year she had been used for bare boat charter with the Scotts sailing her one or two weeks a year. Angus, who is managing director of Euroyachts, said it was ironic that as a boat salesman he had had little chance to sail in recent years but this had made the return to WHYW and in particular the event win, more special.

Torrison's crew was Angus Scott, Mary Scott, Angus Scott Jnr and his friend Alex and his dad Alan.

### 72 years

The event, organised by the Joint Regatta Committee (JRC) comprising Oban

Sailing Club and Royal Highland Yacht Club, celebrated its 72nd year in 2019.

As ever, flexibility has been at the heart of the WHYW success story as is the format of a 'moving regatta' with passage races linking all three ports of call - Craobh, Oban and Tobermory. WHYW gives the opportunity for all the family to take part, racing either in the highly competitive spinnaker classes - The Tunnock's Fleet - or the non-spinnaker classes - The Argyll Fleet.

With the choice of racing the full points series or just a day or two, the event appeals across the board - to those who just enjoy passage



## Saints kick-off the new season

### FOOTBALL

An exciting new chapter for Oban Saints begins on Saturday when the D&K Lafferty (Contractors) Ltd-sponsored side make their eagerly anticipated debut in the Central Scottish Amateur Football League.

Widely considered to be the top league set-up in Scottish amateur football, the Central League has produced the winners of the Scottish Amateur Cup in six of the past 10 seasons and an equal amount of West of Scotland Amateur Cup winners during the same period.

Saints have, on many occasions, faced top opposition from their new league set-up in the major cup competitions but it is hoped that the move from the Scottish Amateur Football League, the club's home for 42 years, will see them pit their wits against the nation's elite amateur clubs on a more regular basis.

The first of Saints 16 Division 1B league fixtures comes this Saturday on the 3G surface at Dalziel Park, Motherwell against Wishaw based Craigneuk, kicking off at 3pm.

Following that, Saints have back-to-back home matches against Lesmahagow and Clydebank.

### YACHTING

sailing, those who want to try racing for the first time or for the stalwarts that return 'year in, year out' to compete.

### Main sponsor

The main sponsor of the event was Tunnock's which has been involved for more than a decade and managing director Sir Boyd Tunnock regularly races his Moody Lemerac in the event.

Additional sponsorship came from Argyll and Bute Council, Tobermory Harbour Association, Scottish Sea Farms, Nerabus Gin, Scottish Canals, Webcraft UK Ltd,

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## WIN

A LUXURY COUNTRY HOUSE STAY IN THE HIDDEN HIGHLANDS



Hidden amid 20 acres of wonderful woodland, Forss House is a traditional country house hotel. Located on a loop of the gently meandering River Forss, in majestic Caithness, this is one of the wildest places in Britain.

Enjoy award-winning dining in the 2AA Rosette restaurant, experience the genuine warmth of Scottish hospitality and follow in the footsteps of our Pictish and Norse ancestors - discovering mind-blowing landscapes, soaring sea cliffs and deserted stretches of coastline. About as far north as you can get, this pretty 14-bedroom hotel is a place for life's adventurers, one for the discoverers - the boundary pushers and the bucket listers.

The winner and their guest will enjoy a one-night stay in a master bedroom, a three-course dinner, full Scottish breakfast and a whisky flight for two. Worth over £350, this is your chance to experience the very finest Scottish hospitality.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.  
Which river runs alongside the hotel?

Must be redeemed within six months of the draw date. Cannot be redeemed between or on 23rd December - 2 January, Bank Holidays, 14th - 16th February.

## WIN

A STRANRAER OYSTER FESTIVAL BREAK AT NORTH WEST CASTLE



Enjoy a fantastic foodie experience with a two night Stranraer Oyster Festival package at North West Castle Hotel. Stranraer Oyster Festival is packed with fun and flavour. Celebrating the wild, native oysters of Loch Ryan this food festival includes celebrity chef demonstrations, the Scottish Shucking Championships, foodie workshops, dining experiences, an artisan market, family friendly activities, street food, live music and more.

Your Stranraer Oyster Festival package, worth £320 must be taken on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September, includes dinner, bed and breakfast, plus room upgrade and wine. As well as weekend tickets to Stranraer Oyster Festival and to one celebrity chef demonstration, and two tickets to the Saturday evening Big Oyster Bash.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.  
What national chef competition takes place at Stranraer Oyster Festival?

NB: The closing date for this competition is Friday 30th August

T&Cs - the prize is for the Stranraer Oyster Festival Package, plus upgrades, at the North West Castle Hotel, plus Stranraer Oyster Festival tickets. The prize must be taken on 13th and 14th September 2019. The prize is for 2 adults sharing a room. The winner will be sent a voucher for their prize. The room and Big Bash tickets have already been reserved and allocated to the winner by North West Castle. Use of data: Stranraer Development Trust, organisers of Stranraer Oyster Festival, will use any data received from this competition for the purposes of sending email marketing about Stranraer Oyster Festival, including details of programmes and ticket offers. It will not be sold or given to any third parties, and will not be used for any other purpose.

To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at [www.scottishfield.co.uk](http://www.scottishfield.co.uk). Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 30 September 2019. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize to win a bottle of Whitetail Gin.**

Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for this competition - your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you wish to receive news and offers from the third party running the competition then please mark the words 'OPT IN' on your postcard entry. If you enter various competitions on one card you will be opting in for every competition running. Unless you opt in to receive further marketing information we will only contact you if you win a prize in the competition Scottish Field (Whyves Media) will retain your information for a maximum of 3 months after the competition closes and then it will be deleted. If you have opted in to receive third party information, the data you have supplied will be passed to the third party company running the competition. This may be used for the purposes of the third party contacting you regarding new products and services for a period of 3 months, unless you agree to an extension with the third party company at a later date.

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# Fort cinema owner confirms fish farm sponsorship deal

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The owner of the Highland Cinema, currently under construction in Fort William, has confirmed a lucrative new sponsorship deal with the world's biggest salmon farming company.

Mowi Scotland has agreed to be a main sponsor of the new cinema, due to open in May 2020, which will see an estimated 1,000 hours of promotional material a year screened before selected films.

The deal also means that Mowi staff at every site in Scotland, including Rosyth, will receive a 30 per cent discount on Highland Cinema tickets for eight months of the year, while the 80-seater restaurant will have farmed salmon dishes on the menu. Mowi's brand will also appear on the cinema website and in all corporate communications.

Moidart entrepreneur Angus MacDonald, the man behind the cinema project, said he was 'enormously

grateful' for the company's support. He also confirmed that the promotional films will primarily show lochs and scenery aimed at 'promoting the beauty of Scotland'.

'They are the biggest employer in the area and I approached them to do it,' he said. 'They wanted to support something that made Fort William more attractive for their staff.'

**'I did consider this very carefully as I run my own environmental business'**

The announcement comes just three months after it was confirmed that Mowi was one of several firms under investigation from Scottish regulators for possible misreporting of chemical use. Mowi denied any wrongdoing, however, and said it used medications sparingly.

Mr MacDonald told the

Lochaber Times he was aware of the controversy surrounding fish farming. When asked if he felt comfortable with the Highland Cinema promoting the industry, he said: 'I think that fish farming has to be the way ahead, rather than stripping the sea of wild fish, because wild salmon stocks are hugely depleted. I know that Mowi are trying to be more environmentally friendly.'

'I did consider this very carefully as I run my own environmental business in recycling, but I have no doubt in my mind that they want to do the right thing.'

'I'm enormously grateful for their support, they're the biggest employer in the area. There's precious few jobs in the West Highlands and we need to work with the largest employers to make it more environmentally friendly and acceptable.'

Mowi Scotland said it was 'proud' to be partnering with Highland Cinema for this ambitious project.

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## 'Tourist Dog' vlogger Lewis visits Claggan Park

Fort William FC manager Russell MacMorran, left, welcomed round-Britain charity cyclist Lewis 'Tourist Dog' Stephens to the club's ground at Claggan Park on Tuesday night. To find out why he was there, check out his story on page two.

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# Coastal cyclist Lewis gets warm Fort welcome

by Mark Entwistle  
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Surrey cyclist Lewis Stephens found his tour of the coast of Britain in aid of a mental health charity take a special detour this week when his stop off in Fort William saw him invited along to the town's football club premises.

Lewis, author of The Tourist Dog video-log, set off from Selsey near Chichester at the start of June and expects the total trip to take around four months.

So far he has raised £1,300 and cycled more than 2,300 miles – averaging around 50 miles per day on his vintage half-century-old bike.

The 23-year-old got the bug for travelling when he left



Charity cyclist Lewis Stephens takes a well-earned rest in Fort William. Photograph: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos

school and dropped out of college.

He said: 'I went to college three times and I dropped out every time. My family

said you need to go back, but it was not for me, so I went travelling when I was 18. I left with only £600 and I lasted eight months.'

On his adventure, he travelled and lived throughout Europe, and it was while working at a ski resort that he came across the book, One Man and His Bike, by Mike Carter.

He then decided to do the same as the author. Fast forward a couple of years and he arrived in Fort William, 2,300 miles into his adventure.

Lewis is travelling the length of the UK coastline to raise money for CALM - Campaign Against Living Miserably. The charity aims to bring down the suicide rate among young men.

Lewis said: 'I know a couple of people who have been affected by suicide. It is a charity that is close to everyone's heart.'

He is trying to live on £5 per day and is pitching his tent

wherever he goes. However, sometimes he has to ask for help.

'The general idea is to ask for help as much as possible. That's the whole concept – we don't think men are asking for help as often as they should.'

And it was while speaking to the Lochaber Times on Monday that Lewis revealed he volunteers some of his spare time at a hospital radio station in Epsom in Surrey where staff have adopted 'the Fort' as their football team to support.

'We love following the Fort each week and finding out how the boys are getting on and always mention them every weekend on the radio,' he said.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thetouristdog](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thetouristdog)

## WHAT'S ON

■ Fort William Bike Kitchen is running repair workshops on Thursday evenings until August 22. The free workshops are from 7pm-9pm at An Drochaid in Claggan. Email [kate@lochaberenviron.org.uk](mailto:kate@lochaberenviron.org.uk) or call 01397 700090 to book.

■ National Trust for Scotland in Glencoe is displaying work from Glasgow-based artist Hamish MacDonald during the summer.

■ A charity race night to raise funds for James Tangney is at Fort William Shinty Club on Friday August 9. Doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 7.30pm.

■ The 69th annual Sunart and District Agricultural Show takes place at Strontian on Saturday August 10. Cattle, sheep, dog and poultry classes. Crafts and produce entries must be submitted on the day by 10am. This is a fantastic day out for all the family. Visit the Sunart Show Facebook page.

■ There will be live music at the Bothy Bar, Strontian, on Sunday August 11 from 5pm. The Creich David Duo from Mull will play traditional and modern music.

■ There will be an extraordinary general meeting of Fort William Photographic Society on Tuesday August 20 at 7pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Fort William. The purpose is to discuss how the society can involve the membership more and to attract additional members. Members and non-members are urged to attend.

## 'Dismay' at rural crime rise

MSP Donald Cameron says there will be dismay in rural communities across Lochaber with news that crime in the Scottish countryside had hit a seven-year high.

Commenting on NFUS Mutual's 2019 report on rural crime, the Highlands and Islands MSP said: 'Last year rural crime cost Scotland an

estimated £1.6m. However, what that bald figure hides is the stress and anxiety that it is causing many people working in rural areas of Scotland like Lochaber who, all too often, are trying to get by on modest incomes.

'A 62 per cent increase in rural crime one year is startling news and will be greeted with dismay in Lochaber.'

## Local produce fairs – a clarification

Following our report last week, we have been asked to clarify that the local produce fairs held at Astley Hall in Arisaig are to raise money for the on-going upkeep of the hall.

The fairs have been going for 10 years, raising approximately £600 each year, and the hall committee estimates that since it began the fairs

have raised at least £6,000.

The soup and sandwiches that are included as part of the fair are run by different local groups every month to raise money separately from the hall.

The local groups typically raise anything from £200 to £650 each month.

Last month the soup and sandwiches were in aid of St

Mary's Church, which raised £690 at the event.

Organisers say that since the fairs began local groups have raised an estimated total of £21,000 between them.

This month the local produce fair will take place on August 15 and the soup and sandwiches will be raising funds for Friends of Mallaig Pool.



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## Having a whale of a time

Marine animal rescue experts say they are aware of the rare northern bottlenose whale which has been sighted in Loch Linnhe in the past week.

Julia Cable, national co-ordinator for British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR), confirmed to the Lochaber Times on Tuesday the organisation had been informed of the whale's presence.

'I can confirm a northern bottlenose whale has been seen in Loch Linnhe but we do not have anyone monitoring it at present,' she said.

'We have been informed that the whale is displaying feeding behaviour and is staying in the deep parts of the loch. If the situation changes, we will get volunteers to the area.'

BDMLR was notified on Sunday by Dr Ben Darvill, who spotted the whale, which is of a species rarely found in



**Northern bottlenose whales such as this one can stay submerged for two hours in deep water.** Photograph: M Rasmussen/Sea Watch.

inshore waters. Dr Darvill, who is the development and engagement manager for the British Ornithology Trust Scotland, based in Stirling, said he first spotted the whale in shallow water off Sallachan, near Ardgour.

'I was driving north heading for the Corran Ferry after a weekend in Strontian and I was glancing at the sea from time to time, hoping perhaps to spot an otter or something,' he told the Lochaber Times.

'It was hard to miss a huge splash out in the loch. At first

I thought an asteroid had hit the water. I pulled over and saw the whale repeatedly leap right out of the water, each time landing with a huge splash, followed shortly afterwards by a deep echoing boom noise.

'Over the course of the next hour or two, I watched it leap out – breach – and spy hop [sticking its head out of the water to look around], and also repeatedly hit its tail fluke on the surface.

'It was in the shallow water off Sallachan – surely not

right for what is a deep-water species. It spent quite a bit of time with its head and beak out of the water, presumably looking around thinking, where on earth am I?'

'I just hope that it makes it back out into the deep water where it belongs, though it was fantastic to see it at relatively close quarters.'

Also known as the bottlehead or North Atlantic bottlenose whale, these large ocean dwellers can grow to over 11m in length and weigh up to 7,500kg.

## Fort William Tesco jobs are now under threat

Staff at Tesco on Fort William's High Street could be in the firing line as the supermarket giant revealed this week it plans to cut 4,500 jobs in its 153 Metro stores across the country.

The UK's largest grocer said that due to an increasingly challenging and competitive retail market it will be making changes to the way the stores are operated.

Changes to the stores will include 'faster and simpler' ways of filling shelves, staff working 'more flexibly' and a 'leaner' management structure.

The company, which employs about 340,000 people in the UK and Republic of Ireland, said the changes would help 'serve shoppers better' and to run the business more sustainably. Tesco Metro shops, first opened in 1994, are sized between Tesco superstores and Tesco Express shops.

Tesco is trying to save £1.5bn as the competition between supermarkets intensifies and German budget rivals Aldi and Lidl continue to put pressure on the big four supermarkets.



**Tesco in Fort William.**

In January, Tesco announced it would close food counters in 90 of its stores as part of a wider cost-cutting plan that would affect 9,000 staff.

Jason Tarry, UK CEO, said: 'In a challenging, evolving retail environment, with increasing cost pressures, we have to continue to review the way we run our stores to ensure we reflect the way our customers are shopping and do so in the most efficient way. We do not take any decision which impacts colleagues lightly, but have to make sure we remain relevant for customers and operate a sustainable business now and in the future.'

## Outrage over flower tubs

by Mark Entwistle  
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For more than 20 years, the community group known as Corpach in Colour has provided splashes of colour in tubs and containers throughout the village which brighten and improve it for residents and visitors.

So it is no surprise there has been outrage after someone vandalised flower tubs along the A830 last week.

One of the organisers, Sue Chadney, confirmed the matter had been reported to the police, saying: 'Why would somebody vandalise tubs full of beautiful summer flowering plants?'

'We have one special tub at the entrance of the village whose display welcomes all coming here.'

'All the plants from this container were removed and most were irretrievably damaged, and the metal Corpach in Colour plaque was stolen.'

'Other tubs had their flowering stems torn off and scattered around the verges.'



**One of the vandalised flower tubs in Corpach.**

'The plants in one tub were all ripped out and most were so damaged that they needed to be replaced. The flowering heads were pulled off plants in two more tubs a bit further along the main road.'

'Local volunteers who plant and care for the tubs are both sad and angry; local people and businesses who give so generously to make the floral displays possible will no doubt be disappointed at such pointless vandalism.'

A few days later, Ms Chadney confirmed the

destroyed plants had either been replaced or tidied up.

'Perhaps we can ask people in Corpach to be vigilant, to keep an eye on our gorgeous plants?' she added.

'Perhaps those who enjoyed destroying the flowers might move on from enjoying destruction to enjoying the flowers instead.'

And there was one wee bit of good news with recovery of the Corpach in Colour plaque after one hardy volunteer had braved a steep slope and brambles on the rough ground nearby and found the sign in the undergrowth.

'Obviously where the vandals had chucked it,' said Ms Chadney.

'As we are dependent on donations, that means no expensive replacement.'

Police in Fort William are appealing for information about the incident and say the sign was stolen sometime between Wednesday July 31 and Friday August 2.

Police have asked that anyone with information should call 101, quoting NP2316/19.

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## VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER

Lochaber Chamber of Commerce's Premium Member Business Forum held a constructive roundtable discussion with Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, at Liberty British Aluminium last week.

Mr McKee talked about the Scottish Government's plans for the internationalisation of Scotland's economy and the development of business from a huge range of world-class sectors to encourage investment in Scotland.

Frazer Coupland, CEO of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce, chaired the productive discussion, which covered Government investment into transport, infrastructure and the anticipated development of the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) education centre in Fort William.

Mr McKee was positive about Scotland's ability to attract wider-UK and global talent to locations across the country as well as rural areas. These developments present a challenge and opportunity around promotion of available jobs, roles and placement across sectors.



Members highlighted a desire for further Lochaber investment and developments to present further opportunities for local students so they do not need to move away to learn or progress their careers.

Climate change and the opportunities for business formed a key part of the morning, with Lochaber business HWEnergy providing insight into emerging technologies and the Net Zero target of being carbon neutral by 2045.

Transport considerations also formed part of this discussion and the use of cleaner/alternative fuels, a topic of interest to our premium members in the transport industry.

The crucial topic of the Net Zero target and how businesses need to adapt will also be discussed at a special workshop during Lochaber Ideas Week in November.

To find out more about the benefits of premium membership, visit [www.lochaberchamber.co.uk](http://www.lochaberchamber.co.uk)



John MacDonald is all smiles after his victory.

## Acharacle hot shot in seventh heaven

Acharacle clay target shooter John MacDonald secured an unprecedented seventh Scottish Championship victory a fortnight ago.

At the two-day Olympic Trap competition at North Ayrshire Shooting Ground, MacDonald scored 139 to take top spot and retain his title for a record-breaking victory.

The former Commonwealth Games competitor put in a fine performance. The victory further cements MacDonald's reputations as one of the finest clay target marksmen of his generation.

## Chairwoman's appeal for unity over zip wire

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Kinlochleven Community Council chairwoman Yvonne Rosie has called on all the village's residents to come together for the good of the area and not to let the current controversy over plans for a zip wire project cause further division.

The Lochaber Times carried a report on last week's heated public meeting to discuss the planning application for the £3.5million scheme, which developer Stephen Connelly has claimed would help give the village a large economic boost and attract more visitors.

But the proposals have sparked a bitter split in the community and Councillor Rosie, who has been praised for the fair and balanced way in which she chaired the public meeting, has now issued a plea for unity.

She told the Lochaber Times this week that Kinlochleven had indeed been the centre of what she called an 'emotive and heated debate' on its future.

Councillor Rosie said: 'We all live here for various reasons; for many, it is a historical, familial environment

which holds a deep resonance and one which many would like to see a regeneration of what was – a vibrant, busy and deeply communal society which unfortunately has been silent since the demise of its reason for being, namely the aluminium industry. For many others it's the quiet, calm and sedate place of their retirement/outdoor endeavours.

'Over the years the village identity had been lost – with the slowly emerging tourism industry, we are now in a position whereby the next step requires serious consideration.

'I sincerely hope that this recent upset is not indicative of a fractured community, that we all will come together in a renewed swell of pride and demand for change on a place we all have recently risen up to protect.

'There has been a renewed vigour in improving our village, to engage with people for suggestions and improvements to enhance this beautiful wee place.

'We now have a small band of villagers, no matter what side of the debate they are on, who are willing to meet to discuss suggestions on how the community can move

forward, to try and hone in on what we can improve.

'We have all been affected by recent social media debate and my personal opinion is that perhaps this wasn't the right forum, but as the situation developed very quickly, maybe, in today's age, it was the only option.

'Dialogue and direct meetings are best, at least then robust and meaningful debate can be discussed openly without insinuation and comments taken out of context. Unfortunately in the height of emotion, getting points of view across can be lost in rhetoric and misplaced views, inflaming an already volatile situation.

'What has come out of this is the sense of protection; protection of a future for our youth as well as the environment, but above all a real sense of what the village means to us all and hopefully a balance can be found.

'We do have very real social and economic concerns that can't be dealt with locally – this requires substantial Highland Council/Scottish Government and associated agency engagement and planning, but working together we can certainly give our village the support it so deserves.'

## Flooding and landslide closes West Highland Line

A landslide 'washed away' parts of The West Highland Line on Monday closing the route.

Heavy rainfall caused severe flooding in the area, washing away part of the railway network between Crianlarich and Tyndrum and prompting the full closure of the track. The ScotRail and Caledonian Sleeper services had to be cancelled as a result of the damage.

Engineers were on site on Monday to carry out an assessment, decide what repairs need to be done and when the line can reopen.

Service teams said the damage was likely to impact services all this week.

Network Rail said on social media on Tuesday, before



the Lochaber Times went to print: 'Work is under way to plan and deliver a fix for the 'wash away' sites between Ardlui, Crianlarich and Oban. As well as logistics of single line in remote location, we are mindful that local weather forecasts are indicating further heavy rainfall in the coming days.'

Passengers were advised to contact rail service operators for travel advice.

## Giant cruise liner in weekend visit to Fort William

Passengers wait at Fort William quayside to re-board the cruise liner, AIDA Aura, pictured, at the weekend with its distinctive livery involving eyes and lips painted on her bow.

Launched in 2002 and operated by Costa Crociere, she weighs more than 42,000 tons and with 12 decks can carry more than 1,300 passengers, making her the largest liner to ever visit Fort William going on potential passenger numbers.



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# Lord Steel to give 2019 Charles Kennedy Lecture

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Former Liberal Democrat leader David Steel will deliver this year's Charles Kennedy Lecture during Lochaber Ideas Week in November.

Now Lord Steel of Aikwood, the 81-year-old former MP from the Scottish Borders follows in the footsteps of Baron Jim Wallace, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Lord Thurso and last year's speaker, Alastair Campbell.

Lord Steel's invitation to deliver the annual address in memory of his fellow former Liberal Democrat leader and long-serving Lochaber MP Mr Kennedy was announced as part of the launch for the programme for this year's Lochaber Ideas Week.

Running from November 18-22, Lochaber Chamber of Commerce will once again



Lisa Wharton and Mark Gibbins, from Lochaber Chamber of Commerce, immerse themselves in the finer details of the Lochaber Ideas Week programme. Photograph: Brodie Hood.

present its flagship week of events to inspire, educate and motivate the business and wider community of Lochaber and the Highlands; bringing everyone together to focus on and celebrate the power of ideas.

The 2019 Lochaber Ideas Week programme is a

packed week of workshops, stimulating discussions, lively networking events and inspiring talks, all staged in Fort William and across the region.

It features some fascinating people with inspirational stories; invaluable business skills training; vital business

debates, together with action-orientated discussions hitting on today's critical cultural and social issues.

CEO of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce Frazer Coupland said: 'As we launch our sixth annual Lochaber Ideas Week, it is exciting to see how the week has grown and evolved to become a cornerstone of the chamber's work that is deeply engaged and owned by our community.'

'We believe that events like this can be a catalyst for positive economic and social change and will therefore help to build a better-connected community.'

To find out more about the events during Lochaber Ideas Week and to book tickets, visit [www.lochaberchamber.co.uk/events/lochaber-ideas-week-2019/](http://www.lochaberchamber.co.uk/events/lochaber-ideas-week-2019/) or call 01397 705 765.

## Donald Black Band gets Sunart Centre jumping

Friday saw the Sunart Centre in Strontian hosting the Donald Black Band, writes Nic Goddard.

Accompanied by Donnie Mackenzie on guitar and Màrtainn Skene on keyboard, accordion frontman Black treated the audience to music it is impossible to sit still to.

Black played a wonderful selection of jigs, marches, airs and reels. Slow and haunting tunes sat alongside fast and furious with his rendition

of The Highland Express shaking the seats as people clapped, stamped, whistled and whooped to the music.

Black is a much-celebrated harmonica player who has played all over the world and collaborated with many musicians, but his favourite duet performances remain those with his own mother, whom he played with right into her 80s.

Fras will play Sunart Centre on August 23.

## Fort cinema owner confirms fish farm sponsorship deal

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Liberty British Aluminium, which owns Lochaber Smelter, has also been confirmed as another major sponsor of Highland Cinema through an annual membership card, which will enable 20,000 Lochaber residents to receive a free membership card, giving them a 30 per cent discount on cinema tickets for eight months per year. The

card will also be available to those living in areas with the Newtonmore postcode.

The cinema is currently being built on Cameron Square in the centre of Fort William and will have two screens, one with 100 seats and one with 85 seats. It is expected that the cinema will create 12 jobs, rising to 25 in the summer.

The red carpet is expected to be rolled out on May 9, 2020, for the grand opening.

## Fort's Holly has date with former Irish president Mary Robinson

Fort William teenage climate activist and Lochaber Times columnist Holly Gillibrand will be one of the younger stars of this month's Edinburgh International Book Festival, writes Mark Entwistle.

The event for under-25s entitled The Youth Striker and the Elder is being staged in the capital's Charlotte Square Gardens on August 24. Holly, 14, and the first female president of Ireland and former Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will reflect on the biggest global challenges facing people and nature today; how young people can influence change; and what it is like to be a woman in political activist spaces. The event will also be opened up to questions from the audience.

Holly, a pupil at Lochaber High School, has seen her media profile rocket through her activism, school climate strikes, newspaper columns, social media engagement and parliamentary lobbying.

She has met with party leaders at Westminster,



Holly is appearing at the Edinburgh book festival.

including Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, as well as Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, and gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Climate Change Committee.

Mary Robinson is chairwoman of The Elders - a group founded by Nelson Mandela and whose former members include Desmond Tutu, Ela Bhatt, and Kofi Annan.

She was not only first woman president of Ireland, but went on to become UN High Commissioner for

Human Rights, founder of the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice, and now author and a 'Mother of Invention' on her female-focused climate change podcast.

And Holly's diary for the rest of the summer looks pretty busy with panel speaking appearances on Saturday at the Revive Conference in Stirling and later this month at the Rutland Bird Fair, and then in September at the Rewilding Conference in Stirling.



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## MSP urges charities to apply for cash

Alasdair Allan MSP is encouraging charities and community groups to apply for funding from a pot of more than £3 million from the People's Postcode Lottery.

Applications are open until August 14 and registered charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises are eligible to apply for grants of between £500 and £20,000.

The funding can be accessed through the People's Postcode Trust; Postcode Community Trust and Postcode Local Trust.

Mr Allan said: 'This is the perfect opportunity for them to take advantage of the funding available and expand the reach of an existing service, get a new project off the ground, or allow it to help extend an already successful initiative.'

To view the funding guides and to apply visit the trust's websites directly: [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk); [www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk); [www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk)

# Wheels down on hospital transport pilot

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West Lochaber Hospital Transport Project (WLHTP) took delivery of a Citroen Berlingo this week to get the motor running on the pilot project.

The scheme is funded by the Aspiring Communities Fund (ACF) with support from the European Social Fund (ESF) and is the first of its kind in Scotland.

Care Lochaber runs the Lochaber community transport scheme and is the lead partner in this project.

Care Lochaber charity manager Lara Van Der Peer said: 'I am delighted to see this project finally getting off the ground.'

'Getting to and from hospital appointments is a huge issue for people in West Lochaber. By offering this community-led service we



will be providing an affordable and simple, door-to-door transport option that will make a positive difference to many lives.'

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**Patients will now find it easier to make hospital appointments thanks to the new scheme.**

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With just one vehicle available, the service will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, but there is scope to share the journey for more than one patient.

There is a small charge for the service but for most users this can be claimed back as travel expenses from NHS Highland.

The project is supported by Scottish Ambulance Service, which has been involved in

training volunteers and it is hoped that, if successful, there may be scope for rolling out the scheme to a wider area to relieve the burden on the ambulance patient transport service.

Loch Shiel Garage is looking after the vehicle, which will be based in Acharacle and co-ordinated by project officer Jane Gaze.

Patients will be collected and returned to their home address. The project also offers volunteering opportunities for anyone who has a few hours to spare and enjoys driving and meeting people.

All volunteers are fully trained in first aid and police checked.

Ms Van Der Peer added: 'We already have 10 volunteers signed up but are looking for more.'

'It's a great way to support the project and get involved in the community.'

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# Mallaig and Morar highlight of the

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Even the presence of television broadcaster and weather reporter Kirsteen MacDonald could not prevent a somewhat damp start to this year's Mallaig and Morar Games at the weekend, but things soon brightened up for a fantastic day that drew a healthy crowd to Lovat Field.

The customary games' site at Morar happily stayed mostly dry underfoot, with a good field of entries for the piping, heavy events, Highland dancing and athletics competitions.

The top heavy athlete, who collected the Big Mac Cup and bottle of Ben Nevis whisky, was John Hugh MacLeod, from Lochinver.

The top adult piper was Sandy Cameron, of Roy Bridge, while in the under-18s' piping march competition, the MacBrayne Cup went to Andrew Orr, of Fort William, with the Simon MacKinnon Trophy for un-



**Kirsteen MacDonald was chieftain of this year's Mallaig and Morar Games.**

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der-18s' Strathspey and Reel going to Laura Robertson, of Fort William.

Asked how she was enjoying the games, Ms MacDonald said she was delighted to be back in the area where she has strong family links.

'My mother was from Polish originally, and my grandparents for many years lived in Morar, so I still have a lot of family here in the area - aunts, uncles and cousins. So it's lovely to be back and enjoy a few days - and the

## Donations boost for Lochaber Hope

Lochaber Hope was recently the recipient of two generous donations, helping to improve the lives of people in Lochaber.

Iain MacFarlane was the winner of The Bridge Café's quiz in Spean Bridge recently, and asked Mary Fraser from the café to donate the £100 prize money to Lochaber Hope.

McFall Funeral Directors also recently gave the Fort William-based charity a cheque for £4,626.

The staggering amount was raised at its annual charity golf day, held in May. The support shown by the community, golfers far and wide, and businesses combined to make the day a great success. (See sports pages for photograph).

Some of the funds will contribute towards helping to set up two suicide prevention peer groups. Money will also be used to support a new social enterprise that is aimed at reducing isolation and suicide, for which the charity is building a boat shed to build

a St Ayles skiff. The shed will then be used as a workshop for community volunteers to build job skills and social skills.

This will be used predominantly, but not exclusively, to give young men in the area a place to go and encourage them to be a part of the community, to achieve and to belong.

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Alyson Smith from Lochaber Hope said: 'The support from the community is overwhelming and I want to say a big thanks to everyone involved. We're very excited. It's been nearly two years in the planning and we've just about nailed the funding to start our project lead in September. It's truly the community helping the community.'

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Mary Fraser, left, of the Bridge Café, hands over the £100 prize money – generously donated by quiz winner Iain MacFarlane – to Alyson Smith of Lochaber Hope.

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## Morar games e circuit

weather's not too bad.'

She laughingly admitted to hearing plenty of jokes about the weather given her profession, adding: 'Obviously I always monitor the weather very closely because of my job and today, especially.'

And she is no stranger to the Highland games circuit, saying: 'My husband is from Lochinver so we often attend the Assynt Games, and I've been to quite a few events – the games at Glenfinnan, Morar and Arisaig – over the years. It's always a great day out.'

She said she was extremely proud to have been invited to take on the senior ceremonial role for the day: 'Oh yes, very much so. It was quite a surreal moment walking through Morar village with the pipe band, passing the house in which my grandparents lived for such a long time. It has been really lovely to be asked.'

Fort William's own David Hart was the sole representative upholding the honour of Lochaber in the heavy events.

Speaking mid-way through the day's events, he said: 'It's been a good day so far and I'm glad the weather held off for the start of the throwing events.'

'It's a good bunch of guys here and all good quality throwers. So far I'm doing better than I expected.'

Work commitments meant this was only his fourth Highland Games of the season instead of the usual 10 or 12 he would normally have competed in to date.

'Work has been really busy but hopefully I can get another one or two games in at the end of the season. I'm glad I was able to make it up to these games and support them,' he added.

Despite the lack of local athletes, Hart said it was still enjoyable company to be in: 'I thought there might be a few other locals, but there's a really good camaraderie and we're all enjoying the throwing.'

# Mallaig and Morar Games is highlight of the circuit

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Also in the heavy events was Peter Hart, from Glenisla on the Perthshire and Angus border. Originally from North Harbour in Auckland, he came to Scotland 20 years ago to play rugby in Perthshire.

'That's how I met my wife and we now farm in Glenisla. We have two boys and they compete in the junior heavies as well,' Peter explained. 'I love it here in Scotland, it's my home now.'

Peter, who also competed at Arisaig Highland Games last week, took up the Highland games events when he found he was not enjoying rugby in Scotland as much as he had in his native New Zealand.

'So I looked for another sport and came across the



David Hart throwing the weight.

Highland games. I love Highland games, it's an awesome sport. There's a good level of competition here today, including one of the top throwers in Scotland – John Hugh MacLeod. This particular games is a highlight of the circuit for me. It's always a great day.'

And his comments were echoed by games secretary Anne-Marie Buchanan, who agreed it was turning out to be a super day.

'The weather's turned nice, we've got a good crowd and there's some serious competition to watch,' she said.

And there was an addition-

al poignant moment when piper Allan MacKenzie played a lament to mark the passing of two games stalwarts during the previous year – Sandy MacVarish and Gerry MacDonald.

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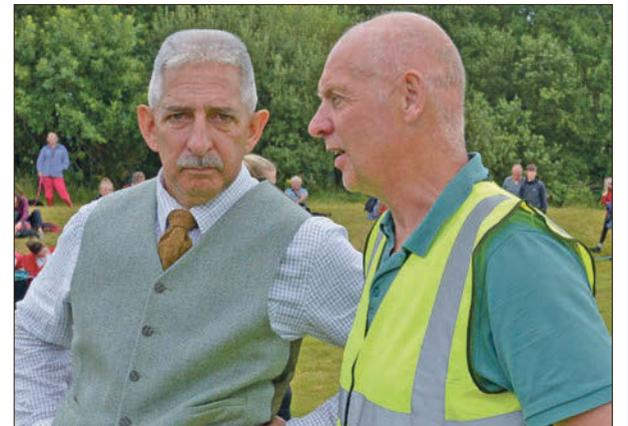
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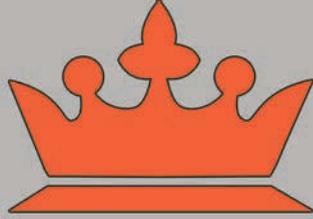
Clockwise from left: Fort piper Sandy Cameron plays for judge Archie MacLean; Chieftain Kirsteen MacDonald presents the running trophy to Louis MacDonald from Morar; Pete Letton and his workmates joined in the fun and events; Hamish MacDonald celebrates his win, closely followed by Thomas Fairgrieve; Games President Colin Buchanan, right, with Cape Breton piper Allan MacKenzie who played a lament in memory of two late committee members; Highland dancers; Kirsteen presents Finn Geddes from Morar, one of the winners of the children's athletics with his trophy.



Left: Heavy athlete, Peter Hart from Glenisla in action in the caber event; above, Lochaber Schools Pipe Band entertained the crowd; a perfect flat pass over the high jump; the competitors in the men's 200m are off to a flying start.

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# Arisaig Games draws its biggest crowd in 83 years

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Organisers have expressed their delight at the record-breaking numbers of visitors to last Wednesday's Arisaig Highland Games.

The games, which incorporate the Clan Ranald gathering, were opened in a true reflection of the wide community that draws together for the day.

The Lochalsh Pipe Band opened the event, hot on the heels of its success at the European Pipe Band Championships the previous week.

Hannah MacRae sang Moladh Arisaig (In Praise of Arisaig) as a fitting tribute to the home of the games. Effie MacDougall and Maisie Cameron, both from



**Chieftain Andrew MacDonald of Boisedale.**

Arisaig, were joined by Hugh MacDonald from Canada to raise the flags.

Walking down the hill above the games field, visitors were immediately greeted by the sound of the pipes.

Tunes from the pipers on the competitors' stages mingled with those of waiting pipers warming up, the music merging like the visitors and locals who mingled together to share a sense of home.

The number of competitors also increased this year, as there were 13 entrants in the senior piping competition, coming from as far afield as Canada, the USA and New Zealand.

Mark McKenzie travelled 1,200 miles from Queensland in Australia to compete and told the Lochaber Times: 'It's the best view of all the games I've been to.'

'When you're standing with the pipes on the hill and there's a breeze coming off the sea you just think - this is Scotland.'

Five-year-old Iona

McIntosh from Fort William came to watch her older brother Ronnie compete in the piping competition. She said that the boys' and girls' games were her favourite part.

Visitors crowded around the arena to watch competitors of all ages and abilities, from the junior races to the Highland dancers and the heavy competitions.

The heavies were once again led by Lukasz Wenta. There was also a special trophy awarded in fond memory of the late Norman Milne, who had been a volunteer at the games for many years.

Chieftain of the games was Andrew MacDonald of Boisedale, younger son of the current Captain and Chief of Clanranald.

He told the Lochaber

Times: 'Some games have more locals than visitors, but I would say that for us it's nearer 50 per cent visitors and 50 per cent locals.'

'I bumped into a friend who I haven't seen for 30 years. We used to play together here as boys. Every year someone comes from the past.'

'The games have traditionally been about connecting people. They are a true representation of the heritage of the Highlands, bringing together families that are local with those from outside the area.'

Julie Gordon, chairperson for Arisaig Community Trust, said: 'People return year on year, from one generation to another. There is a great affection for the games, it becomes part of people.'

'For those who live locally

the games can be a hub for communication, as we are able to get informal feedback on other community projects.'

Current games chairman Allan MacDonald was unable to attend due to a recent operation, however, his wife Elizabeth MacDonald told how the committee had worked together to make the games a focus for culture.

She explained: 'The current committee is made up of young and old members of the community, all working together.'

Fraser MacDougall, treasurer of the games, agreed: 'The community really comes together, with a lot of folk taking a week off work to help get everything set up. We also hugely appreciate our sponsor - The Ardnamurchan

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Clockwise from left: A poignant photograph from the piping competitions; Action from the hammer and heavy competitions; Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band led the opening parade; There was fierce competition for the Highland dancing trophies; Fun in the mini-heavy events; youngsters under starter's orders for the boys' race.

Distillery has been a great support.'

And Connal MacKenzie from the distillery added: 'For us it's about giving something back. Community is a massive part of what we do; all the people who work in the distillery are local people who've learned their trade. The community supports us and we support them. It's what this part of the world is all about.'

Organisers have expressed their delight at the record-breaking numbers of visitors to last Wednesday's Arisaig Highland Games.

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## Western Isles hydrogen ferry study published

A new feasibility study into how windfarms can power future ferry services in the Western Isles has been published by Point and Sandwick Trust, in collaboration with a number of industry partners.

The study, part-funded by the Scottish Government's Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme, looked at the possibility of using new island windfarms to produce zero-carbon 'green' hydrogen fuel for future ferries operating on Caledonian MacBrayne's routes.

It examined the manufacture of the hydrogen using local wind power, transport and store of the hydrogen on local piers, and how the requirements of each of the nine routes studied affected the amount of hydrogen fuel required.

Speaking of behalf of the Point and Sandwick Trust, project manager Calum MacDonald said: 'This is an exciting first step towards a future where zero-emission ferries are serving the Western Isles using hydrogen

sourced from local and renewable wind power.

'We need to make our ferries zero-carbon to protect the planet but at the same time we need to use our local, renewable resources to fuel those ferries to protect and strengthen our communities.

'When we have the best renewable resources in Europe on these islands, it would be crazy to replace the import of marine oil with the import of hydrogen.'

Councillor Uisdean Robertson, chairman of Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, welcomed the studies and said hydrogen offers real potential.

'The richness of the Outer Hebrides' renewable energy resource will allow the islands to make a significant contribution to the UK and Scotland's green energy targets.

'In addition to energy generation, however, it is essential that we look to new and innovative methodologies to decarbonise our transport infrastructure.'

# Student's idea jets

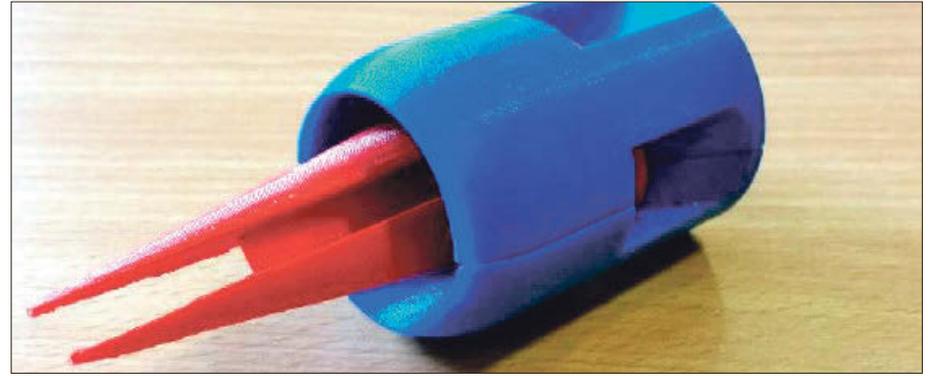
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A student from Stornoway has developed an engine concept for supersonic jets with the help of the Innovation Centre at Lews Castle College UHI and had his ideas published in a prestigious scientific journal.

Matthew Murray carried out the research into scramjet engines – which could potentially power an ordinary fixed-wing aircraft into space or shorten journey times between Britain and Australia to two hours – during the final year of his BEng in Mechanical and Energy Engineering.

His project was about how to control complex air flow through the engine and his ideas have been so well received that his paper was published in The Journal of the British Interplanetary Society.

Dr Chris Macleod, founder of the Innovation Centre, said it was very unusual for a paper by an undergraduate to be published in a peer-reviewed



Matthew's prototype for the new nose cone design.

journal, but added that Matthew had been 'an exceptionally good student'.

The Innovation Centre, which was set up with a £20,000 investment from Point and Sandwick Trust, offers hi-tech research facilities and support to people with entrepreneurial ideas and to students and schoolchildren working on STEM projects. Its purpose is to provide training, advice and development facilities for people who would like

to start their own businesses and/or learn more about technology.

Matthew used the facilities, including a 3D printer, to develop his concept and produce a prototype of an external nose cone, which would control air flow through the engine.

His engine concept is called ASPIRE (Air-breathing Supersonic Pellet Injection Rotary Engine) and the purpose of the paper, as Matthew said, was 'to present further

proof-of-concept results to show the idea is worth pursuing to the experimental verification stage'.

Scramjet engine are more powerful and much faster than commercial engines but work differently because they do not use turbines. Instead, the shape of the inlet is used to create shockwaves which compress the air, which becomes very hot and pressurised. Fuel pellets are then injected and mix with the compressed air, creating a

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thrust on the exit of the engine. Matthew's research was about finding a way to slow down the passage of air through the engine, allowing more time for it to mix properly with the fuel. His solution was to create a cone which rotates, shutting off and opening up as it does so and pulsing the air through the engine, thereby regulating the flow. The idea was devised in collaboration with Dr Macleod and Matthew began working on it in the summer of 2017 and finished it in May 2018. It was published a year later in The Journal of the British Interplanetary Society – the oldest continuously published astronomical journal in the world, first published in 1934.

Matthew, who went on to do a Masters in Advanced Mechanical with Aerospace Engineering at Strathclyde University this year, commented: 'It was a year of work and when I first started it was quite daunting. I thought I did a good job so I'm happy about that.'



Matthew Murray has seen his work published in a prestigious scientific journal.

## MSP calls for clarity over Islands Deal

Na h-Eileanan an Iar MSP Alasdair Allan has called for the UK Government to clarify urgently how much funding will be available to the three island councils as part of the Islands Deal.

This follows last week's announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland that £300 million would be put towards Growth Deals.

Dr Allan said there was 'a frightening lack of detail' available in the Prime Minister's statement. He said: 'The statement issued implies that the £300 million announced will be split across the three City Region Deals in Scotland

– the three island authorities, Falkirk and Argyll and Bute – and the four City Region Deals proposed for Northern Ireland.

'When you consider that the Inverness-Highland Deal alone totalled around £300 million, it is obvious this is not nearly enough.'

'The three island councils have been working together for some time to take forward a deal for the islands. A contribution of the scale implied by this statement would severely curtail their ambitions.'

'Having dragged its feet on the Islands Deal for far too long, the UK Government must urgently disclose the full details.'

## New photo book documents old Skye life

Photographs documenting life on Skye from days of old have been published in a new book by Guthrie Hutton.

Stenlake Publishing Ltd said: 'The Isle of Skye has been the subject of many books of old photographs of this type from various publishers, including ourselves.

'Hence why we have used one of our best authors and married him to a selection of unusual photographs which in the main have not been seen before.'

The book will be available in local shops and can also be bought by visiting [stenlake.co.uk](http://stenlake.co.uk)



Yachtsman Andrew Halcrow (left) with Kenny Macleod, chairman of Harris Development Ltd at the official opening. Photograph: Donald Hodgson/HDL.

## Harris Marina Hub is officially opened

The final section of the Harris Marina Hub officially opened last month.

The facilities, opened on Wednesday July 24, provide the last vital link in the chain of marine facilities which includes Stornoway, Lochmaddy, Lochboisdale and Castlebay.

The two sets of pontoons

are in East Loch Tarbert, one at Tarbert adjacent to the distillery and the other at Scalpay's North Harbour, parallel to the fisheries pier.

Since the installation of the new pontoons last year by Harris Development Ltd, the number of leisure and commercial vessels visiting the new marina hub in Harris

has doubled in the past year.

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## Request for calm approach should be acknowledged

Councillor Yvonne Rosie has appealed for a calm, new approach over plans for a controversial zip wire project in Kinlochleven.

Councillor Rosie's plea was highly erudite and makes abundantly clear her passion and concern for the village and its residents.

She is quite right to ask for a reasoned debate rather than the heated exchanges that threaten to split Kinlochleven.

Councillor Rosie said: 'Over the years the village identity had been lost but with the slowly emerging tourism industry, we are now in a position whereby the next step requires serious consideration.'

'I sincerely hope that this recent upset is not indicative of a fractured community, that we all will come together in a renewed swell of pride and demand for change on a place we all have recently risen up to protect.'

We would echo and endorse her appeal for calm debate.

## Further recognition of Holly's prominence

Fort William teenage climate activist and Lochaber Times columnist Holly Gillibrand is back in the news after it was announced she will be appearing with former Irish president Mary Robinson at the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

It is yet another feather in Holly's cap but is only the start of a busy summer of activities for her.

For many people there is simply no bigger or more urgent issue than climate change, affecting as it does all of us around the world. Holly will continue to be a major voice on the subject.

## Hard work and dedication is appreciated

I am very sorry to hear that Pat and Iain Abernethy have left Lochaber Sensory Care.

I would like to thank them both for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm which they brought to the meetings and outings over the years.

This has been greatly appreciated by everyone. They will be a great loss to sensory care and I wish them both all the best in the future.

E M Webb, Fort William.

## Actions – or lack of them – speak louder than words

I note the press release from Messrs Allan and MacNeil in which they predict that the new prime minister will be 'bad news for the isles'.

However, now we know they are both alive and capable of issuing a press release on a matter over which they have an opinion but no control, can they now answer questions which are of even more immediate relevance to their constituents?

Why has the SNP government in Edinburgh cut funding to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar by £572 per head of population over the past five years? Do they support the formula which gives their constituency by far the worst deal in Scotland? And, if not, what have they done about it?

Opinions are easy but actions – or lack of them – speak louder than words.

Matt Bruce,  
Garrabost, Isle of Lewis.

## Concern over islands parking charge plan

Following on from the increase in parking charges at the foot of the Cobbler in Arrochar, I hear that there are proposals to introduce similar charges on Mull and Iona, causing an outcry in these small communities and they are seeking help to mount a legal challenge.

Like many others, I am concerned as I would like to visit but these charges would be a large deterrent.

I wrote and asked the four councillors that represent the area whether they supported the proposal. Councillor Mary-Jean Devon replied that she was totally against the proposal,

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I have not heard from Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor or Councillor Roderick McCuish; I got this reply from SNP Councillor Jim Lynch.

'I am one of the ward four councillors for Oban South and the Isles covering this area. I did not support these parking proposals.'

'At the area committee meeting where the vote was taken to impose parking [charges] on Mull, I submitted an amendment rejecting the proposal in its entirety. I also called for a full island community impact assessment as outlined in the Island Act to be carried out before any further proposals were considered.'

'On the day my amendment fell and the motion to introduce charges was passed by four

votes to three.' I then asked where the proposal had come from. Again Councillor Lynch kindly provided the answers: 'The proposal was made as part of the Traffic Regulation Order process prepared by council officers. The recommendations were then made to the area committee and a vote was taken.'

In my view these proposals are a disgrace. They are bully-boy tactics aimed at small communities where there is unlikely to be much of an electoral backlash. Can you imagine what would happen if an attempt was made to introduce £9-a-day parking on the seafront in Helensburgh?

Our councillors would soon have it explained to them what the consequences might

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## KILMALLIE

Kilmallie Scouts teamed up with Dundee and Aberfeldy troops for the trip of a lifetime recently.

The combined group, named 'DunAberMallie' by the Scouts themselves, had two training days to prepare for a trip to Adelboden in Switzerland.

The journey took 30 hours by bus, and the group of 15 Scouts, seven young leaders and eight leaders spent a little under two weeks exploring all that the valleys, gorges and cities had to offer.

The Scouts were aged 10 to 14 and were certainly kept entertained with a busy schedule and plenty of fun.

Scout leader Nick Tooms was excited to be able to say they 'had the first international campfire of the season with almost 200 Scouts from a mix of Scottish, Australian, American, Danish and Swiss Scouts'.

In true Scouting tradition the group were prepared for anything and when the opportunity for a ceilidh arose they were ready and able to teach some locals how to dance.

The trip, which had been organised by Scout leaders Rob Cochrane, from Kilmallie Scouts, and Alison Maciver, of the Aberfeldy troop, was a great success, giving the Scouts the opportunity to explore new areas and meet a variety of people gaining an understanding of the new environments and having some amazing adventures.

Meanwhile, Kilmallie Scout Hall has had a freshen up, when a recent weekend saw Scout leaders, Scouts and a Beaver, along with several parent helpers, putting on their work clothes and getting mucky.

The work weekend was put on the allow a range of jobs to be completed. Since the work days, the Scouts now have new drainage to improve the garden area, a fire pit and allotment area to be proud of.

There is still work planned and they have received the offer of new paint for the front of the building but it will need considerable hard work to remove the current paint. However, the work completed thus



Lochaber Environmental Group will be on hand with its Bike Kitchen workshops.

## Fix your own bike at Lochaber Bike Kitchen

Lochaber Bike Kitchen is running a series of four bike repair classes in August.

The classes, run by Lochaber Environmental Group, are free and will cover basic bike maintenance from bike set-up, diagnosing issues and puncture repair, to adjusting and repairing gears and brakes.

Cyclists can learn how to check their bike is roadworthy and acquire the skills to deal with most common repairs, helping to keep their bike on the road and save money.

The Bike Kitchen classes will be running on Thursday

August 8, 15 and 22 at An Drochaid, Claggan, Fort William, from 7pm to 9pm. For more information and to book a place please phone the group on 01397 700090 or email [kate@lochaberenviro.org.uk](mailto:kate@lochaberenviro.org.uk).

The Bike Kitchen will also be at the Sunart Show (Strontian) this Saturday, August 10, the EV Roadshow on August 17 and the Lochaber Agricultural Show on August 24 offering bike health checks, quick bike repairs and advice.

The Bike Kitchen is funded by Paths for All – Smart Choices, Smarter Places.

far will still be a huge boost to those using the hall.

## GLENCOE

Glencoe Marathon organiser David Fox Pitt, 55, and his friend Neil Loughton, also 55, and a penny-farthing enthusiast, have begun an epic journey of 840 miles on the iconic early bicycles.

The ride from Land's End to John O'Groats will take them 10 days, covering 80 miles a day on

these bikes. David describes these solid-wheeled, gearless bikes as uncomfortable and unstable, a bit like riding a horse with non-existent brakes, and he said: 'We will be suffering on these bikes but for a very good reason – Mary's Meals charity is doing amazing work and has helped 1.4 million children so far but there are still 60 million who still need help.'

David has lived by Loch Tay for 20 years and is part of Wild Fox events which organises not only the

Glencoe Marathon but also many other events, which, over the past four years, have raised millions for good causes.

Mary's Meals is a Scottish charity that provides meals for children at school in various countries, which then brings more children to school and helps educate them and move out of poverty.

## MALLAIG

The team at Mallaig Pool and Leisure

were delighted that the Friends of Mallaig Pool tea tent at the recent Running Festival raised more than £1,000 towards a refurbishment.

The team said: 'Thanks to all those who baked, particularly Hana McNeill from What's For Afters? her amazing tray-bakes, and the fabulous homemade tablet she donated to all runners on registration – you've got to admit that was sweet. 'She's a really talented baker and we are so lucky to have her support. 'And thanks to everyone who spent money munching and slurping.

'Big thanks as ever to our legendary Friends Joan Smith, Michelle MacDonald, Helen McDonnell, Jane Foster, Jane Rushton and Heather Sinclair for making, baking, pouring and slicing. No event would be the same without you (especially the banter).'

The tea tent also appeared at Arisaig Highland Games last Wednesday and at Mallaig and Morar Highland Games on Saturday, adding to the fundraising total.

The Friends have many ways to raise funding.

Their 500 Club was not only set up for this purpose but also to give the supporters a chance to win a cash prize.

If anyone wishes to be part of the 500 Club for only £5 per month please contact the leisure centre for more information, or download the application form from the website [mallaigleisure.org.uk](http://mallaigleisure.org.uk).

## LOCHABER

Lochaber School Bank is again working hard to help get those who need a little extra help when starting or returning to school.

With its Facebook page informing people of both the needs and what has already been raised the team is well on its way to make a positive impact for a number of children again this year.

Donations are welcome of both equipment or donations via the PayPal pool which can be accessed via the group's Facebook page.



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## Fort Army Cadets march to success at annual camp

Army Cadets from Fort William have returned from a successful fortnight of cadet training in Cumbria.

Twelve cadets from 1st Battalion the Highlanders' Fort William Detachment took part in the battalion's annual camp, held this year at Warcop in Cumbria, alongside almost 280 cadets from across the Highlands, Moray, Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland.

The majority of the two weeks saw the cadets from the Inverness Company detachment placed into training cadres, where cadets trained towards the next level of the cadet training syllabus level alongside fellow cadets from the battalion's various companies and battery at the same level.

During the evenings there were competitions between the companies to encourage friendly rivalry between everyone.

Some of the competitions required skills taught from the syllabus, such as drill and turnout, shooting and fieldcraft, while others were just to encourage some friendly rivalry such as football and swimming.

But it was not all training, testing and competition, with each cadet



CSM Kelly collecting the trophy from the Battalion's Commandant, Colonel Iain Cassidy.

having 'non-training days' while at camp, from a day of rock climbing and abseiling for the junior cadets and also a visit to ITC Catterick for the senior cadets.

The final day of camp ended with the prize giving and although Inverness did not win the 'Champion Company' trophy, the cadets took home a few of the major trophies, including the 'Best Drill Team' trophy - which was collected by the team's drill commander, Cadet Company Sergeant Major Kathryn Kelly, 17, from Fort William.



Inverness Company on parade.

## Retro Roamer

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### More Roamerisms from the early 1990s

■ This month sees the centenary of the opening of the West Highland Railway Line. For some reason ScotRail, Railtrack, InterCity West Coast and Rail Freight have been keeping a low profile about the celebratory aspects. However, all things being equal, there will be a 10-coach special - with a steam double-header - arriving in the Fort from Helensburgh. And another steam special is scheduled to pass through a 'centenary arch' after leaving Fort William station. This train is due to convey a platform party of dignitaries. Centenary speeches are being prepared and Lochaber Schools Pipe Band will lead the principals to the station. That's you advised, then. Which is a sight more than railways officialdom have done for the local press, despite our repeated requests for information when we were able to get through on the phone. So, without 'The Butler' to tell us if the train's up to time, we'll all have to go along to Fort William (new) station to see for ourselves whether the centenary special arrives on schedule.

■ 'Back on track' again. The last time I heard about the duties of a railway flagman was along the erstwhile Ballachulish Line after it closed in March, 1964. In the summer of the following year, a local man applied to cross the land still owned by British Rail at Ballachulish, so that he could get his yacht to the water - it being too large to go under the arch constructed on the line, the track of which had already been lifted. Back came the reply from Buchanan House saying, in effect, 'Permission granted. We will liaise with you when we are able to send a flagman to stop the trains while you cross the track.'

■ No problems with flagmen for the Lochaber lads of the Cameron Highlanders TA. On exercises, they were, in the winter of 1960. Based

at Arisaig, with sealed orders - to be opened at midnight, and which decreed that the TA boys would be conveyed by the unit's lorry from Arisaig to Achdaluie. The instructions from there were for them to find their way back to Arisaig under cover of darkness - but to make no use of the road. Sentries were stationed along the A830 to ensure there would be no backsliding. It was reckoned that the overland trek would take many hours. The lorry driver, Archie Carn Dearg, duly deposited the lads outside Achdaluie Hotel, and then headed back to Arisaig. And it was there, in the small hours, in their snug billet, that the sundry NCOs and TA majors were taken considerably aback when the entire unit arrived back in their midst, faces blackened and carrying full kit. No flies on the lads. They'd walked the railway line!

■ 'Excuse me,' said the Welsh visitor in the High Street. She was addressing Jimmy. But she didn't know that. Otherwise she probably would have said, 'Excuse me, Jimmy,' and would have been pretty sure of being correct. Anyhow, Jimmy lent a helpful ear. 'Am I missing something?' the Welsh woman queried. 'It says in this brochure that there are two and a half miles of shops in Fort William.' Jimmy sent her on her way after explaining that half a mile was more accurate.

■ Not long before the tourist season slips away relatively unnoticed. But you can still rely on our visitors coming up trumps with their queries on 'Informations, Campings and Bed & Breakfastings'. One such tourist came in to the Spean Bridge office seeking the whereabouts of the distillery 'where Southern Comfort is made'. Which, of course, has prompted the Spean staff to send a suggestion to head office that Colin Ross might

care to come up with a brand named 'Northern Comfort' or 'Western Comfort'. Over to you, Colin.

■ A message for one of the 4,000 local MacDonalds I mentioned a couple of weeks ago. 'Congratulations on your fortieth. Hope you can find the mouse. From the girls at the home.' I don't know what that means, either. But I do recall our teacher of English, Bill Murphie, sending countless class colleagues (several MacDonalds among them) out of room 18 with the instruction 'Go and catch a mouse to yourself.' I didn't land any mice because, during the English double period each week, Bill Murphie used to despatch me along to KK's for 'an ounce of Walnut Plug Sliced'. At the start of our fifth year the tobacco cost 1/6. By the end of the sixth year it had risen to half a crown. I hadn't the heart to tell Bill in case he sent somebody else out of the classroom, instead of me.

■ Protective helmets for shinty referees? Could be the next thing. Especially after referee John Henderson was laid low by a ball hit by a Strathglass player in last Saturday's game against Glenurquhart. Shaken, John was soon stirred, however. By the magic sponge.

■ Divy Livingstone is going on the ceildh train. 'I'm taking a week's holiday,' she tells me. Says I: 'Well, I've heard of West Highland time. But surely you won't need seven days to get back to the Fort from Glasgow?'

■ Our councillors were a bit dismissive of plans to turn St Mary's Primary into a 'Jacobite HQ' as part of a 1745 visitor attraction. 'I read about this in Scotland on Sunday, and it makes the place sound a bit like Brigadoon,' ventured Councillor Purdon. 'You mean it will come to life every 100 years?' queried Councillor Hunter. 'That's a step forward,' opined Councillor McFarlane Slack.

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## GOLF



## McFall Funeral Directors hand over £4,626 cheque to Lochaber Hope

Jamie Manson and Beth MacBeath, owners of Mike McFall Funeral Directors donated £4,626 to Alyson Smith, right, of Lochaber Hope. The money was raised at the annual Mike McFall Texas Scramble golf tournament which was held at Fort William Golf Club last month.

Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.

## Fort William golf results

On Tuesday July 16 a 12-hole Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 Paddy MacPherson, 33 points. 2 Henry MacDonald, 29 points. 3 Rusty Duncan, 28 points.

On Tuesday July 23 a 12-hole Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 Andrew Brown, 29 points; 2 Stephen Howden, 28 points (BIH); 3 Dougie Duncan, 28 points.

On Saturday July 27 the Travis Perkins Masters was played with the following result: 1 Willie MacDonald, net 62 (75 - 13); 2 Andrew Brown, net 63 (74 - 11) BIH; 3 Ronald MacDonald, net 63 (75 - 12).

On Tuesday July 30 a 12-hole Stableford competition was played with the following result: 1 Shaun Graham, 29 points (BIH); 2 Scott Lawrie, 29 points; 3 Oliver Stephen, 28 points.

Ladies: On Tuesday July 16 an Eclectic competition was played with the following result: 1 Kim Topping, net 72 (88 - 16); 2 Iona Cameron, net 76 (96 - 20); 3 Ann Lovatt, net 80 (104-24).

## BOWLS



## Duo win Jamie's balloted pairs at Inverlochy

Fort William Bowling Club's Jamie's balloted pairs competition was held at the green in Inverlochy in a closely fought final with measurements having to be taken in the final end to confirm the winners. Winners, left to right, were Bill Gibbons and Kevin Douglas, and runners up Lyn Donald and Alan Lawrie.

Photo: Anthony MacMillan Photography.

# Locos beat Fort in Claggan crowd



Fort William	1
Inverurie Loco Works	4
Highland League	

All the right signs of improvement are there, according to Fort manager Russell MacMorran, despite his side's home defeat to Inverurie Locos on Saturday at a packed Claggan park.

With the sun splitting the sky and temperatures around 26 degrees C, there was a renewed buzz of optimism around the ground, some-

thing which has been missing from the park for some time.

The club has enjoyed a remarkable two weeks, which saw them star in their own BBC documentary, win their first match in more than two years in the North of Scotland Cup and cause the ensuing national media storm. As a result, a bumper crowd turned out, with fans, new and old, hoping to witness the Fort's first league win since April 2017.

However, a well-drilled Inverurie Locos side, unfazed

by the reinvigorated Fort, made sure the home fans were left disappointed.

With eight of the nine new Inverness Caledonian Thistle development squad loan signings starting due to some injuries to key players, manager Russell MacMorran was intent on getting a positive result from the game.

Unfortunately for him though, Locos were in good form and had an early goal disallowed for offside. They were denied soon after by Fort goalkeeper Martin

MacKinnon, who spectacularly saved a penalty low to his left. MacKinnon soon became the thorn in the side of Locos, who were growing frustrated by his impressive shot stopping.

The breakthrough eventually came through Andy Hunter on 38 minutes, leaving the score at 1-0 at half-time.

Two water breaks, one in each half, were called for by the referee as the heat began to take its toll on the players.

Seven minutes after the break, Locos doubled their lead through Neil Gauld.

### Lifeline

The Fort were thrown a lifeline, however, when the ref blew for a penalty. Roddy Kennedy stepped up and coolly put it past the keeper and the match was back in the balance.

The home side continued to push for an equaliser but the opportunity just would not come. Inverurie got a third goal on 69 minutes to all but seal the win, but not before grabbing a late fourth in the 89th minute as the Fort legs began to tire.

Although manager MacMorran was disappointed with the result he was



Fort coach Mark Ridings and manager Russell MacMorran. Photos: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.

# Lochaber Phoenix Boxing Club back to full strength

Lochaber Phoenix Boxing Club is gearing up for a full start to training after the summer break.

Work is now well under way in preparation for the club's Home Show which will be held in the Nevis Centre on November 2 with the usual full line up of local talent pitched against the best of other clubs from across the country.

Apart from showing what is being achieved with Lochaber boxers, who have always recorded the bulk of wins on the evening, it also the main fund raiser for the year. Money raised helps pay towards the cost of transport, accommodation and food for young boxers when they travel to training sessions

### BOXING

in the Central Belt as well as appearing in other shows from the Borders, Fife and the North East of Scotland.

This week both juniors and seniors will be attending on Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 7.30pm, being extended to Monday, Wednesday and Thursday as from August 12.

Such is the demand for places the club is on the look-out for new premises in and around Fort William. An exhaustive search is already underway, but any suggestions as to suitable locations would also be welcome. Please put suggestions on the Lochaber Phoenix Boxing Club Facebook page.



Junior boxer Josh Dieguno celebrates a win at a previous homeshow. Photo: Abridgeside Photography.

# front of bumper



A spectacular save from Fort goalkeeper Martin MacKinnon, who put in an impressive performance between the posts.

pleased by the clear signs of improvement.

'It was disappointing for the lads, they put in a great effort,' he told the Lochaber Times. 'But at the end of the day, that was our third game in seven days and the young boys were feeling it. It just didn't click today, but all the positive signs are there.'

'Fair play to Locos who came down, played well and did their job.'

When asked about what dif-

ference the new loan signings have made, MacMorran said: 'The new boys have made a massive difference in terms of an injection of enthusiasm and positivity. With them being young, they have no fear and haven't experienced what the boys did last year. The players from last year are benefiting from that. In fact, we've probably got more lads coming back to training because of it.'

'Despite what people may think, we have free reign on the new lads on when and where we play them. They are young lads with no experience so it's a lot of pressure people are putting on them.'

'Some of our lads have not been fully available so we will continue to mix it up until we get the right balance. My job is to put the best team on the pitch.'

MacMorran also said that the new signings would bring quality to training sessions

## FOOTBALL

which will only help the future generation of Fort William players.

'We're trying to align the youth development side with the senior team. We have to rely on them in the future and can't keep looking to loan players. What we did with these signings is secure the future of the team for this season. It was not an overnight decision and we were speaking with Caley, and other clubs, last season.'

'We're not out of the woods financially so it's a huge help. Any other Highland League club would take this chance if they got it.'

The Fort team are away to Strathspey Thistle this Saturday in what is usually billed as a bottom of the table clash but with the Fort in fine fettle, hopes are high that an elusive league win may be in the offing.



Fort's Donald Morrison in an aerial joust with Inverurie's Thomas Reid.

## MSP Kate Forbes all set to cheer on the Fort

Fort William FC will be welcoming a special spectator to their match against Keith later this month when local MSP Kate Forbes will take a seat in the Claggan Park stands

The visit will be part of Ms Forbes' annual summer tour of her Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency.

Over the next fortnight, she will embark on 17 surgeries as well as a series of visits and meetings in Lochaber.

As well as holding surgeries in more remote locations such as Canna, Kilchoan, Knoydart, and Lochaline, the Lochaber MSP will also be stopping off in Fort William,



Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Kate Forbes.

Corpach, Mallaig and Ballachulish.

Ms Forbes will be visiting a number of rural businesses, such as the Ardnamurchan Distillery, the village store and Puffin Coffee Shop in Kilchoan, the Resipole Studios in Strontian, and also taking in Fort William FC's Highland League match against Keith on Saturday, August 17.

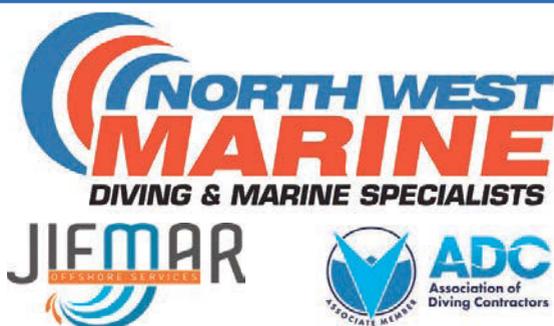
Ms Forbes said: 'I have made it an annual tradition to spend my summer recess in the towns and villages of the constituency.'

'Travelling over several weeks allows me to get to the

smallest villages halls and invite anybody to meet with me at my surgeries. Everybody is welcome to come and raise any issue.

'I also meet people, visit businesses and this year I'm looking forward to watching a Fort William FC match. Although I was inspired by the women's teams during the Women's World Cup, I'll be staying in the stands.'

'There are lots of challenging issues in Lochaber - I am all too aware of them. I will persistently work to resolve and solve them, and look forward to meeting people and chatting about these issues.'



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Temperatures  
14°C to 19°C.

**Weekend Outlook**  
**Saturday**  
Light rain showers and a gentle breeze  
**Sunday**  
Light rain and a moderate breeze  
Temperatures  
11°C to 18°C.



FRIDAY

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<b>Sat</b>	01.27	2.9	07.58	1.6
	14.20	3.0	19.58	1.6
<b>Sun</b>	03.20	2.9	09.14	1.6
	15.25	3.1	21.21	1.6
<b>Mon</b>	04.25	3.0	10.09	1.4
	16.08	3.3	22.23	1.5
<b>Tues</b>	04.42	3.2	10.51	1.3
	16.44	3.5	23.09	1.3
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	17.20	3.7	23.47	1.2

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MSP Kate Forbes  
all set to cheer  
on the Fort

# Fort William end 73-match winless run



Fort William	5
Nairn County	2
North of Scotland Cup	

After 840 days, 73 games and more than 300 goals conceded, Fort William FC have finally won a match.

Claggan Park erupted in rapturous applause when the final whistle blew last Wednesday night (July 31) as players, management and supporters rejoiced in what was a monumental victory for the Highland League club.

Just one day after the BBC Scotland documentary 'The Fort' aired across the country, telling the remarkable story of the club's survival last summer and the following tumultuous season, the Lochaber club made a real statement of intent for the season ahead with a resounding 5-2 victory over Nairn County in the



Fort William FC, dubbed by some as 'Britain's worst football team', and the subject of a recent TV documentary, celebrate after their first win for more than two years. Photos: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.



John Treasurer and Donald Morrison watch as the Fort take the lead against Nairn. Photo: Iain Ferguson, alba.photos.

North of Scotland Cup.

Bolstered by nine new signings from the Inverness Caledonian Thistle's development squad, hopes are high that the Fort can make amends for last season's disastrous campaign which saw them finish bottom of the league with -7 points and without a win. And last night's victory will have sent shockwaves around the Highland League.

The evening started brightly for the Fort who established an early two-goal lead through an own goal and new signing Jack Brown with a 30-yard effort.

Nairn managed to get a goal back soon after but, luckily for the home side, goalkeeper Martin MacKinnon was in fine form, making a string of important saves and, crucially, stopping a decisive penalty.

The lead was eventually squandered, however, and the teams went in level at the break.

Buoyed by Russell MacMorran's words of encouragement at half-time, the Fort came out in the second half with real intent and restored the lead through Roddy Kennedy.

Showing no signs of nerves, the Claggan side were content

to be in front as they continued to push for a bigger lead. And less than 10 minutes later, they got a fourth through Harry Nicolson to put them two ahead.

Rather than cave under pressure, the Fort seemed to revel in their lead and still went after more goals. The match was suitably capped off with a fifth goal through Donald Morrison, sparking joyous scenes on and off the pitch.

Eventually the full-time whistle blew, confirming a historic victory for the team.

**See page 55 for match report against Inverurie**

## Mallaig continue league domination

Portree Juniors	2
Mallaig	4
William Wilson League	

Mallaig continue their relentless pursuit of a second successive league title with a comfortable victory over Portree Juniors in Skye on Saturday.

A brace from David Currie, followed by goals from Andy Cunningham and Brett MacMillan secured the three points for the Lochaber side, maintaining their 100 per cent league record this season.

Mallaig are in league action again this Saturday when they take on Kyle at home.

## Lochaber club lotteries

Fort William Golf Club's lotto numbers last week were 5, 10 and 13. There were no winners this week. The prize for the draw today, Thursday August 8, will be £300.

Ballachulish Shinty Club's lottery numbers last week were 1, 12 and 15. There was no winner this week. Next week's jackpot will be £400.

The Caol Community Centre bingo lotto numbers this week were 1, 2 and 20. There were no winners so the prize next week is £400.

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A STRANRAER OYSTER FESTIVAL BREAK AT NORTH WEST CASTLE



Enjoy a fantastic foodie experience with a two night Stranraer Oyster Festival package at North West Castle Hotel.

Stranraer Oyster Festival is packed with fun and flavour. Celebrating the wild, native oysters of Loch Ryan this food festival includes celebrity chef demonstrations, the Scottish Shucking Championships, foodie workshops, dining experiences, an artisan market, family friendly activities, street food, live music and more.

Your Stranraer Oyster Festival package, worth £320 must be taken on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September, includes dinner, bed and breakfast, plus room upgrade and wine. As well as weekend tickets to Stranraer Oyster Festival and to one celebrity chef demonstration, and two tickets to the Saturday evening Big Oyster Bash.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.  
**What national chef competition takes place at Stranraer Oyster Festival?**

NB: The closing date for this competition is Friday 30th August

T&Cs - the prize is for the Stranraer Oyster Festival Package, plus upgrades, at the North West Castle Hotel, plus Stranraer Oyster Festival tickets. The prize must be taken on 13th and 14th September 2019. The prize is for 2 adults sharing a room. The winner will be sent a voucher for their prize. The room and Big Bash tickets have already been reserved and allocated to the winner by North West Castle. Use of data: Stranraer Development Trust, organisers of Stranraer Oyster Festival, will use any data received from this competition for the purposes of sending email marketing about Stranraer Oyster Festival, including details of programmes and ticket offers. It will not be sold or given to any third parties, and will not be used for any other purpose.

To enter, send separate entries (in the same envelope) with your name, address, telephone number and email address to **Scottish Field Competitions, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH5 2DL** or enter at [www.scottishfield.co.uk](http://www.scottishfield.co.uk). Closing date, unless otherwise stated, is 30 September 2019. **Winners drawn from all competitions also enter a prize to win a bottle of Whitetail Gin.**

Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Scottish Field, the competition promoters and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Usual Scottish Field rules apply. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for this competition - your name, address, telephone number and email address. If you wish to receive news and offers from the third party running the competition then please mark the words 'OPT IN' on your postcard entry. If you enter various competitions on one card you will be opting in for every competition running. Unless you opt in to receive further marketing information we will only contact you if you win a prize in the competition. Scottish Field (Wyvex Media) will retain your information for a maximum of 3 months after the competition closes and then it will be deleted. If you have opted in to receive third party information, the data you have supplied will be passed to the third party company running the competition. This may be used for the purposes of the third party contacting you regarding new products and services for a period of 3 months, unless you agree to an extension with the third party company at a later date.