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REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 2AM

Call to action



Shelter's director says housing emergency needs better response

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Whisky galore



New monthly club seeks members

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Alasdair celebrates Silver Kilt Pin win



The Methodist Church in Paisley played host to the boys' 13-15 own choice Silver Kilt Pin at the Royal National Mod last Tuesday, where Ardnamurchan High School pupil Alasdair Macaloidh won the coveted prize. The youngster was among a field of exceptional young singers who sang a variety of traditional songs. For more on this year's Mod, turn to pages 14-25.

CORRAN FERRY WAIT CONTINUES

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Anticipation for the return of the Corran ferry has once again been deflated after Highland Council announced the MV Corran would be delayed for at least another week.

The vessel had been timetable to be back on the Corran Narrows this week, bringing to an end its year-long absence. However, in a statement on Tuesday the council said the 23-year-old ferry had not been granted its Passenger Carrying Certificate by the Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on Monday because of a "bidge auction" issue.

That issue has now been resolved but the council says the next possible date for an inspection is October 28 or 26. Even if it gets the certificate, two days of transport and a day in Corrach to fit ramps means the boat may return "the week commencing Monday October 30".

Economy and infrastructure committee chairperson Councilor Ken Gowans called the setback "disappointing", thinking council staff for their hard work through a "challenging" period.

News that the MV Corran would miss its scheduled return date was not wholly unexpected. The MCA inspection was already a week behind its original date of October 16, while observers of the Marine Tracker website could see the boat was still in Rothesay. An email sent to the Corran Ferry Steering Group at 5.29pm on Monday also hinted at trouble, saying the weekly repair update would be "provided on Tuesday following the MCA inspection, as this would determine the new timeline".

Reaction to the news that the boat was delayed again was scathing.

Michael Foxley, vice chairman of Ardrunn
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