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EDITORIAL

In the last issue, those with a good memory and the perseverance to read on to page 2 will remember that there was a bit about the mollycoddling of pedestrians in Oban with traffic lights. The statistical nature of this piece of vital information has prompted the following observation –What is the most common Christian name given to the male residents of Seil? Surprisingly, it would appear that David tops the list with eleven entries (details available on request). This observation is open to correction if anyone can dig up a larger number of Cecil's, Murgatroyd's, or even John's. Whereas the informal greeting in Glasgow from a male stranger was "Hey Jimmy" (usually followed by "can you spare a tanner for a cup of tea" - a request I have not come across on Seil) - hereabouts it should be "Hey Davie".

Seil and Easdale Community Council had a public meeting on Tuesday 26th March

The development of a Local Emergency Plan is ongoing. This includes revising the front pages of the Seil Directory to include key contacts and considering various scenarios including the loss of access via Kilninver Bridge and failure of telephone and power lines. The next stage is to compile a directory of individuals with particular equipment and skills. John Gordon will continue to coordinate this.

Due to recent extreme weather, Neil Wilson (Scottish and Southern Electric) sent his apologies and offered to come to a future public meeting.

The majority of issues with Scottish Water are now resolved and no further ones were raised.

Easdale Island is running a First Responders course and is receiving a positive response from the local community. Anyone interested should contact Jenny Tarbett.

The final report is still awaited of a table top exercise which was held on Easdale Island regarding emergency medical evacuation. Non-emergency medical evacuation was also discussed. This is nearly due for distribution with a minor delay due to recent extreme weather.

Concerns have been expressed regarding changes to homecare provision, including the failure of carers to turn up for visits on a number of occasions. SECC continue to press for a resolution to this and a return to the high level of service previously experienced by local residents

Various updates were given regarding the roads.

Bollards have now been put up by Cnoc a Challtuinn, replacing the orange fencing.

SECC continues to work with the Council regarding the passing place at Ballachuinn.

There are no plans at the moment to resurface Cnoc a Challtuinn although it may be done later in the financial year. SECC will continue to press for this.

Discussions are ongoing regarding a parking / launch area for sea kayakers. The current suggestion is that the mainland side of the Atlantic Bridge should be considered. The safety issues regarding coaches currently using the passing place by the Clachan Bridge were highlighted.

Brush cutting has begun at the Clachan end of the Island. It was raised that there are variations in the thoroughness of this but agreed that overall it was a positive step

The knotweed programme is continuing. Members of the public are urged to report any roadside sightings.

Speed restriction signs are being put up at Kilmore and the planned 30mph speed limit at Clachan Seil is awaiting the signs.

The final report regarding Kilninver Bridge is pending. SECC will continue to pursue this.

SECC requested reassurance that roads repairs would be not be affected following the proposed reduction of road working staff and will continue to monitor the situation

There have been no planning applications lodged since the last public meeting.

The new Local Development plan for the area was discussed. This is now in the final consultation stages.

There are ongoing discussions between Seafari and the planners regarding the siting of a petrol tank on the pier at Ellenabeich. This is still in early stages. SECC will continue to keep the public informed. Due to changes in Council arrangements, Seafari will supply fuel for the Cuan and Easdale Ferries for the foreseeable future

Julie Ferris (ferrisjef@aol.com) will now be acting as Secretary to SECC.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th May 2013, 19:00, Seil Hall

EASDALE ROCKS

Presents

A mix of live music and comedy with SIGNAL FIRES and the outrageously funny RAY BRADSHAW.

SEIL ISLAND HALL SATURDAY 27th APRIL

8pm till late Admission £8 over 18's only BYOB
All proceeds go towards Seil Hall Recreation & Amenities Group

SEIL ISLAND HALL

When the hall was completed in 2008 there was a retention of part of the building costs and fees pending completion of snagging. There has been an ongoing problem with the waste water plant due to ingress of sea water. This has never affected the use of the hall but the committee were determined that the remedial action should be a long term solution. This was finally achieved in February and on the advice of our architect the retention was paid and the final completion documentation has been accepted by the Big Lottery.

Now that the hall is now finally complete a development sub-committee has been formed to consider future improvements to the hall. In addition to minor low cost improvements some major projects such as increased storage space, an extension to the large hall and a kitchen upgrade are being discussed.

Minutes of the hall committee meetings are posted monthly on our website www.seilhall.org.uk

SKIFF PROGRESS REPORT

Undercoat is currently being applied to the skiff. The result of the poll to name our boat is "Selkie". We have had some good designs for a logo and are still accepting further designs. With some decent temperatures, a topcoat will soon go on and sea trials are planned for May. Anyone interested in rowing can put their name down on our website—seilskiff.org.uk where there is also information on how the build is proceeding. An official launch event is planned for Saturday 1st June, so keep an eye out for posters.

HALL LOTTERY

Memberships for the Hall Lottery are now due for renewal for 2013/2014. Existing members will be contacted by a collector so need take no action. For anyone who would like to support the Hall Committee by joining the Hall Lottery here is how it works.

Cost - £12 per year (April to March) for 12 draws.- 11 further draws this year. The Lottery is drawn at the monthly Committee Meeting, usually held on the first Sunday of the month.

Prizes – one of £50 and three of £10.

If the first number drawn is unallocated there is a rollover and the first prize the next month is £75. If, the next month, the first number drawn is again unallocated there is a further rollover to £100. At the next meeting numbers are drawn until the £100 is won.

The three £10 prizes are won every month.

Anyone who would like to join can contact any member of the Committee, or John Gordon (Tel 300332 or Brian Mitchell (Tel 300348). Income from the Lottery provides a substantial proportion of the running cost of the Hall and the Hall Committee is very grateful to all who support the hall in this way.

A PLEA

The 2014 Slate Island Calendar is now in the process of compilation and the search is on for suitable illustrations to grace it's pages. Anything connected with views or life in these islands will be gratefully considered. Please contact jimcee6@hotmail.com or 300344 at any time—day or night—preferably not by phone between midnight and 9am.

ISLE OF SEIL GOLF CLUB

15 members attended the 17th AGM of the golf club in Seil Island small hall on Sunday 3rd February. The Captain, Gordon McKenzie paid tribute to the late Iain Fullarton, who served the golf club for many years, and he is greatly missed by all as a friend, and as a colleague on the committee. He thanked David Nathan who took over as treasurer after Iain's death. John Blackstock updated the meeting on the proposed new club hut, and indicated that the cost could be in the region of £13,000 to £18,000, depending on the type of hut. It is proposed that a 'portaloo' should be hired and sited on the golf course from April to early September, and that further refinement of the new club hut project should continue at no cost. Many thanks are due to Bill Clark and David Nathan, who redesigned and reconstructed the 'starter's hut', which had been demolished by winter storms in 2012.

The golf club has invited current members, and some other interested parties, to join for the year commencing 1st April 2013. The first monthly medal will be held on the weekend of 6-7th April. All members of our community are invited to consider either joining as playing members, or supporting our activities as non-playing members (supporters). We also invite local businesses to participate as sponsors. Currently playing sponsors enjoy full membership benefits, while non-playing sponsors pay a smaller fee and can advertise their services on the course, which attracts many visitors each year. Those sponsors who wish to entertain guests can opt to receive several free tickets for play. Hopefully, by the time this appears in print, spring will have sprung, and we can all look forward to a good season of golf in 2013-14

Membership information and application forms can be obtained from: The Secretary, Isle of Seil Golf Club, Balvicar PA34 4TF (Tel: 01852 300347; e-mail: jon38bla@hotmail.co.uk) or in the 'starter's hut'. Sponsorship information and forms can be obtained from the Sponsorship Secretary (Tel 01852 300475; e-mail: kilbridecroft@aol.com).

HALL LOTTERY RESULTS MARCH APRIL

£75 Rollover	£100 Iain McColl
£10 John Cotman	£10 Danny Nee
£10 Alasdair MacFadyen	£10 Alastair Currie
£10 Hilary Gilmour	£10 William Munro