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Community delivers on NHS protective equipment pledge

CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE

Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership has provided the following update on the local response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

To meet the ongoing COVID-19 challenge we are holding daily multi-disciplinary resilience meetings to ensure our resources and staffing is directed to where it is needed.

Our hospitals, including Mid Argyll Hospital, have implemented planning to ensure we can maximise the number of beds available locally. We have also invested significant resources to reduce our delayed discharges to further free up beds across our hospitals.

We thank our communities for the support they have shown to our health and social care staff during what is a difficult time for everyone and also thank

our staff for everything they are doing for their local communities as well.

The safety of our staff is a priority for the organisation and our stock levels of personal protective equipment are being reviewed daily to ensure there are appropriate levels of stock to meet demand.

Finally, we recognise this is a really worrying time for communities. Please be assured your health and welfare is at the heart of all of our COVID-19 planning. Please do everything to keep yourself safe and follow Scottish Government guidance on social distancing and know how to minimise the risks to you and your family.

by Colin Cameron
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A Mid Argyll acrylics firm which has rapidly turned to making protective visors for NHS staff has pledged to keep going – and step up production if necessary.

Lochgilphead-based Midton has produced 5,500 face shields for local hospitals, care homes, key workers and charities, all within two weeks.

Midton director Graham Ramsay explained: 'It's been an emotional rollercoaster.'

'We want to continue to help where needed. We can't just watch it unfold on the news, we need to help. If we can get more funding our plan is to make 20,000 a month free of charge.'

The company has also offered its skills and machinery to help with ventilators, but has yet to be given the go-ahead by the authorities.

Another group turning its hand to making protective equipment this week handed over the first batch of 70



Staff at Mid Argyll Hospital were delighted to receive their colourful new scrubs.

'scrubs' to Mid Argyll Hospital. Founder and co-ordinator of 'Let's get Scrubbing for our Mid Argyll NHS', Nikki Thompson said: 'What began as a tentative enquiry to find a few people willing to sew for local nurses, has escalated into a production line of around 90 home sewers in less than two

weeks. They have risen to the challenge to provide our nursing staff with bright, cheery outfits for the weeks ahead.'

Mary-Anne Douglas, senior charge nurse, Adult Acute Services at Mid Argyll Hospital, said: 'We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for the amazing ef-

fort and care that has gone into the making of these scrubs.'

'The effort has been fantastic and is greatly appreciated. We now have plenty scrubs for staff. This is what makes our jobs so worthwhile and we as health and social care professionals are humbled by our community's generosity.'



A Thank You from Brendan O'Hara MP, Argyll & Bute

On behalf of the people of Argyll and Bute I would like to thank NHS staff and all key workers for helping our communities through this Covid-19 crisis.

I would also like to thank YOU for playing your part by staying at home.

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Rescued walkers fined under COVID-19 rules



The search under way from the air on Monday night. Photograph: HM Coastguard.

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	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Till	Low Tide	From	Till
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Thu, 2 Apr 2020	12:26	09:26	14:56			
Fri, 3 Apr 2020				13:47	10:47	16:17
Sat, 4 Apr 2020				15:08	12:08	17:38
Sun, 5 Apr 2020				16:08	13:08	18:38
Mon, 6 Apr 2020				16:56	13:56	19:26
Tue, 7 Apr 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 8 Apr 2020				18:22	15:22	20:52
Thu, 9 Apr 2020	06:50	03:50	09:20	19:05	16:05	21:35
Fri, 10 Apr 2020	07:33	04:33	10:03	19:49	16:49	22:19
Sat, 11 Apr 2020	08:17	05:17	10:47			
Sun, 12 Apr 2020	09:04	06:04	11:34			
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Mon, 27 Apr 2020	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Tue, 28 Apr 2020	09:11	06:11	11:41			
Wed, 29 Apr 2020	10:02	07:02	12:32			
Thu, 30 Apr 2020	11:00	08:00	13:30			

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POLICE FILES

Drug driver

A car was found to have crashed on to the verge on the A83 near Erines, Tarbert, at around 11am on Monday April 13. Subsequently, a 44-year-old man was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of drugs. The man was charged with the offence and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive behaviour

On Monday April 13 at about 12pm in Arkland, Inveraray, a man aged 31 allegedly behaved in an abusive manner towards a woman. The man was traced, arrested, charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Car seized

About 3pm on Wednesday April 15 on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, a car was stopped by police officers for a routine check.

This revealed there was no insurance for the vehicle and the driver, a 32-year-old woman was charged with the offence and the vehicle seized. The woman was issued with a £300 fixed penalty ticket and six penalty points.

Drug supply

A car was stopped and searched by police officers on the A83 at Lochgilphead at 7.10pm on Sunday April 19.

Two men, aged 40 and 42, were allegedly found in possession of a large sum of cash in circumstances which indicated they may have been involved in drug supply. Later that night, a house in MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, was searched and 27-year-old woman and a man, aged 36, were allegedly found in possession of a large amount of cannabis. All were charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

If anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Union plea as sheep attacked by dogs

Scotland's farming union has once again appealed for dog walkers to keep their dogs on a lead when near livestock.

The call comes as police reported two recent attacks on sheep in Mid Argyll and Kintyre, just a week apart.

The first happened between 7.30pm and 9pm on Monday April 13, in a field near Auchnasavil Farm, Carradale, when a dog attacked and injured sheep resulting in eight animals being killed and two others injured.

Then, on Monday April 20, between 6.15pm and 7.30pm, a dog attacked and injured sheep resulting in one lamb being

injured in a field near Ardfern.

Gemma Cooper, NFU Scotland's head of policy team, said: 'It is important for the public to understand farming activities are food production and these must continue during Covid-19.'

'NFU Scotland is asking the public to ensure their behaviour does not make farming activities any more difficult than it already is in these unprecedented times.'

Police are investigating and ask for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Pylon work continues with tighter safety measures

Workers on the pylon renewal scheme between Inveraray and Kintyre will be less likely to come into contact with local people after new coronavirus measures were introduced.

In a community update, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) said the overhead electricity transmission line upgrade is considered 'critical', meaning work will continue through the COVID-19 crisis.

SSEN outlined new working practices for staff, including main contractor Balfour Beatty: 'Staff who can operate from home are now doing so, which is actively reducing the number of workers present in the area.'

'Whilst the majority of construction activity will take place away from the local community, additional measures are being introduced to

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limit our contact with the local community, such as on-site temporary accommodation and catering facilities.

'Alternative arrangements are being made for fuelling project vehicles to reduce visits to fuel outlets in the area and additional vehicles are being hired to reduce close contact within our workforce.'

'Where there is a requirement to use local services, such as shops, our teams of critical workers are committed to ensure this is sensitive to the needs of residents and in full compliance with conditions set out by government for coronavirus lockdown.'

SSEN thanked communities for their co-operation, adding: 'With an imminent and controlled phased return to full construction activity planned in the coming weeks, we will continue to review operating procedures, adapting our activities in line with any changes to government and industry guidance in what continues to be an evolving situation.'

Inveraray delivers for young and old

Volunteers out in force to help during crisis

by Colin Cameron
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Inveraray Community Council volunteer group is hard at work providing help to people during the coronavirus crisis.

Over Easter, the group prepared and delivered 50 tasty and nutritious lunches for older residents of Inveraray.

The soup was made and donated by Andrew McLugash of Samphire restaurant and the sandwiches by Aly Stewart and Linda Divers of Inveraray Community Council. Delicious cakes were baked by Jenny MacKillop and fruit donated by the community council's Jacqui MacDonald.

Community council convenor Linda Divers said: 'Thanks to everyone who has contributed, including Andrew Stewart,

who helped with deliveries and Al Rodden who was with me delivering using the community minibus.

'Apologies if we missed anyone for lunches, but we will hopefully be doing it again soon.'

The Royal Burgh's younger residents were not forgotten as around 80 Easter eggs for primary school-age children were gifted by the community council.

There are also plans to encourage youngsters to paint pictures of rainbows and put them on the fence outside Inveraray Community Hall, with a prize for the brightest and best.

For more information on Inveraray Community Council volunteer group, contact Linda on 07388 165366 or Aly on 07717 885404.



Jacqui MacDonald and Al Rodden preparing the lunches for delivery.

'Good headway' at A83 landslide site

Work is progressing so well at the site of January's landslide near Ardgartan, below the Rest and be Thankful, that traffic lights could be removed by Monday April 27.

Work is almost finished on a 'catch pit', excavated at the bottom of the slope and designed to hold up to 1,000 tonnes of debris - which will allow both lanes of the A83 trunk road to be opened for the first time since the landslide on January 30.

Work to repair and reinforce the forestry road on the hillside above, which will not have an impact on the A83, is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) planning manager John Hair said: 'We've been making really good headway with this work, thanks largely to our contractors GeoRope which have been doing a great job and have been working seven days a week to stabilise the hillside.'

'The catch pit has been prop-



The catch pit beside the A83 is almost finished.

erly excavated and the sides are almost completely secured.

'All that remains to be done is to add the last earthen barrier between the pit and the road, which will help stop any debris that might come down the hill in the event of any future extreme weather events.'

Sections

'The forest road will be longer-term work but we have nearly finished the first of eight sections.'

'It takes us about a week to strengthen and secure each section - installing the micro-piling, the concrete beam and shotcreting the downhill slope - so hopefully by the end of June we'll be able to walk away from a job well done.'

Since the January landslide, FLS has amended its forest road inspection procedures and is developing climate change adaptation measures to mitigate such risks in future.

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Lockdown week three theme – ‘Seashore: rocks, pebbles, shells and seaweed’ – a selection of work



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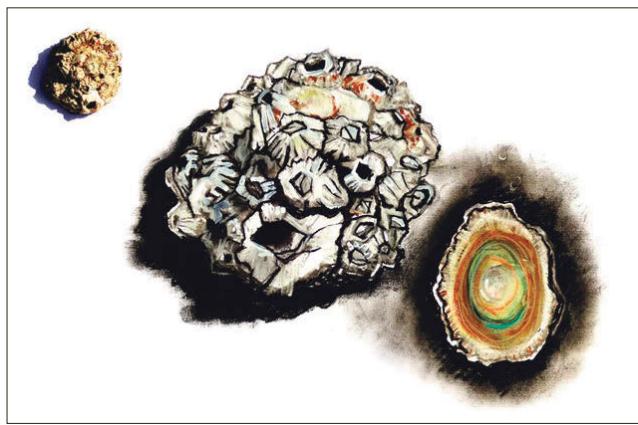
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Online art is flourishing in Ardfern.

As reported in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser, with the COVID-19 lockdown in force, weekly art classes run by Hannah Tofts in Craignish Village Hall have been shelved – but a move to remote contact has added another vibrant dimension.

Hannah's students are setting each other an online weekly art challenge.

Members of the group take it in turns to choose a theme for each week. Work is submitted by email on a Monday night, then an email is sent to all those taking part on Tuesday



at 10am, when class would normally be starting at the hall, showing completed work and revealing the brief for the coming week.

After a successful first Hannah's Craignish Art Challenge, with the theme 'Daffodil', and a second of 'Footwear', the third weekly theme was 'Seashore: rocks, pebbles, shells and seaweed'.

The rules are anything goes – any medium, any size, any style.

A gallery of work will be added to the Craignish Community Facebook page each Tuesday during lockdown.

And look out for another gallery in next week's Argyllshire Advertiser.



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The MOJO show will go on

Music lovers can look forward to enjoying another feast of original compositions by Argyll artists.

Organisers of the unique and brilliant MOJO festival have assured the public the show will be staged in time.

The fourth MOJO festival was due to be held at Craignish Village Hall on Saturday October 17, but plans have been interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The event's founder, Dan Sloan-Griffiths, told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I want to say with confidence MOJO will go ahead. Maybe not in our usual slot in October, but perhaps next spring – or as soon as suitable after that.'

And there is still time for Argyll bands or artists to be part of the exciting line-up.

All genres of music are welcomed, from rap to rock, pop, traditional and funk and everything in between and soloists and all sizes of bands will be considered.

The basic criteria are: your



4Below performing at the 2019 MOJO festival. 06_a43MOJO05

music must be original – no covers; you can perform a 30-40 minute set of your own music; you are from, or have strong connections with, Argyll; you or your band are aged 16 and over.

To apply, musicians are asked to send a short description of their music accompanied with a demo – video, EP, Soundcloud, YouTube, are all accepted – to the MOJO Argyll Facebook page. Previous MOJO artists can re-apply, provided it is with new material.

Dan added: 'The show must

go on. It is important for us to support original musicians and fans, particularly now, to give people some music to look forward to. Keep positive, be creative and let's hear your music.'

MOJO is a non-charitable, non-funded and not-for-profit volunteer venture. All proceeds from the bar and ticket sales, once show costs are deducted, are split between the evening's performers.

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Green light for spa extension

The Loch Melfort Hotel owners have been given permission to build an extension to house a hot tub, sauna, steam cabin and shower.

A report by an Argyll and Bute Council planning officer said the plans were approved despite authority staff being unable to visit the site during the COVID-19 crisis.

Prior knowledge of the hotel, which is situated next to Arduaine Garden, was enough to grant permission to owners Calum and Rachel Ross.

The planning officer said in a report: 'Given existing knowledge of the site and its surroundings by the case officer, the small scale nature of the proposed development, together with the detailed site photos submitted by the agent in support of the application, the planning authority is satisfied the application can be determined without a site visit. The proposed spa extension is considered to be an acceptable addition to the hotel building, providing improved facilities for hotel patrons.'

Criminal or pioneer?

At an international conference on genome editing in Hong Kong in November 2018, Chinese biophysicist He Jiankui announced to an astonished audience that he and his team had altered the genes of human embryos in the laboratory before implanting them into two women.

One mother subsequently gave birth to twin girls – called Lulu and Nana – while the other had a single child. All the babies were apparently healthy.

This announcement caused universal outrage. The gene editing technique He Jiankui used, called CRISPR, is relatively new and mainly restricted to laboratory experiments. There is no international treaty on genome editing, but in the UK and most other western countries, it is illegal to use the technique on human cells and embryos that are intended for implantation.

A few clinical trials are in progress investigating gene-alterations of non-reproductive cells in people with life-threatening diseases. In this case gene-ed-

iting of human cells received ethical approval because the genetic changes cannot be inherited.

He Jiankui chose to alter a gene that regulates infection by the AIDS-causing virus HIV, presumably because the twins' father is HIV positive. But this is no justification and the offspring of all these children will inherit the altered gene which may have as yet unknown deleterious effects.

Despite universal criticism, some feared He Jiankui would not be penalised in China because of the adverse publicity this would cause. But in November 2018 He Jiankui's research activities were suspended and the Chinese authorities, declaring he had acted illegally in pursuit of fame and fortune, prosecuted him and two of his colleagues for flouting regulations and research ethics.

On December 30, 2019, the court in Shenzhen found all three guilty as charged. He Jiankui was given a three-year sentence and fined three million

Science matters

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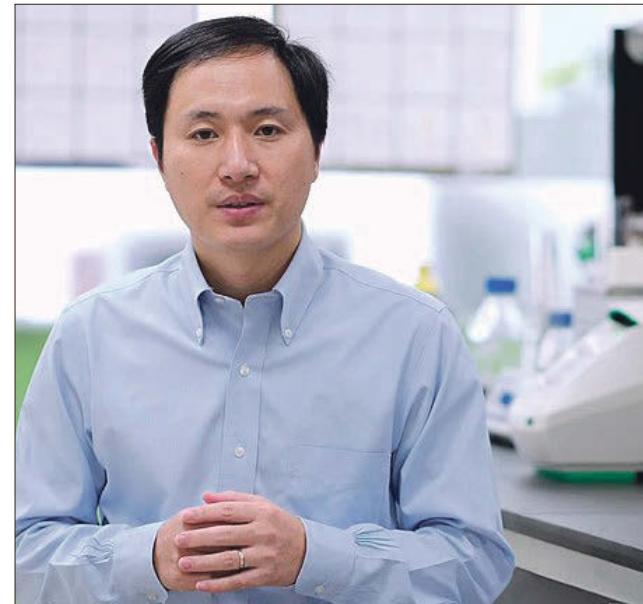


'He Jiankui chose to alter a gene that regulates infection by the AIDS-causing virus HIV!'

yuan (£331,000). His colleagues received lesser sentences and all three were banned from working on human embryos.

The severity of these sentences should deter others from premature experiments on human embryos.

It is possible, nevertheless, that in years to come He Jiankui and colleagues will be acknowledged as pioneers in genome editing research – only time will tell.



Biophysicist He Jiankui. Photograph: The He Lab.

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Resourcefulness and pride

Midton has been making the distinctive and coveted awards for the Royal Television Society for the past 30 years - and this week the company's resourcefulness in adapting to face shield production was acknowledged by the society.

More importantly, health and care workers in Argyll have been delighted to receive the equipment.

The dedication of management and staff at Midton is to be applauded in these stressful times.

And there was excitement and pride this week as the first batch of protective 'scrubs' was delivered to Mid Argyll Hospital. The volunteers from Tarbert to Ardfern and Lochgilphead to Cairndow deserve a huge pat on the back, as do Nikki Thompson and her team leaders for their energy and enthusiasm.

Not getting it

For the benefit of everyone, the current rules are people should not leave their home without a reasonable excuse.

Exercise should be taken as close to home as possible.

The massive search operation for two people earlier this week shows some people are still not getting it.

The rules apply to, and are for the long term benefit of, every member of society.

Overwhelmed and humbled at support for scrubs appeal

Sir,

A few weeks ago I launched an appeal on social media aimed at supporting nurses and medics at the Mid Argyll Hospital during this terrible COVID-19 pandemic.

I was initially trying to find out if there was anyone locally who might be interested in dusting down their sewing machine to make a few sets of protective 'scrubs' to donate to the hospital. Within a couple of days the response was staggering.

There were volunteers from all corners of Mid Argyll willing to sew, donate material and give freely of their time. Local businesses were also quick to respond with offers of material, pattern printing and transport for moving stock around.

I am overwhelmed by the support and generosity of people in Mid Argyll. They have risen to the challenge and far exceeded my expectations.

We have around 90 stitchers from Cairndow to Ardfern, and villages and towns in between, producing brightly coloured 'scrubs' using mainly donated fabric, scrap material and jazzy duvet covers. The first donation of 'scrubs' is expected to be handed over to the hospital this week and we are sure they will brighten up the wards.

Our crowdfunding page, 'Let's Get Scrubbing for Mid Argyll', was originally set up to buy everything to make the scrubs. It has broken the original £500 target and we would love to hit the £1,000 mark so please feel free to donate.

I am overwhelmed and humbled by this experience and publicly thank the group team leaders, the volunteer stitchers, those working behind the scenes and the wider community for their support and generosity.

My thanks is also extended to the following businesses who have helped in so many ways: MacLeod Construction, Kit-You-Out, Mary's Meals, Top Designer, West Coast Motors, LG Upholstery, Clock Tower, Tarbert COS Thrift Shop, Premier Laundry, Ian Y McIntyre, Willie Leitch Sailmaker, Owen Sails and the Lithgow Family at Ormsary Estate.

Nikki Thompson, Ardrishaig.

Tarbert kindness shows village can walk tall

Sir,

The time will come when we are through the turmoil of this pandemic but as we work our way through it, I wanted to share a situation that reflects the actions of many.

I was recently collecting shopping in Tarbert for registered vulnerable people and, as I was taking off my gloves before getting into the car, I was aware of another's presence close by pushing a mobile rubbish bin.

It was Damon. He saw me about to put my gloves into the rubbish bag in my own car and said cheerily 'You can pop them into this bin here, if you like'.

I was so taken by that gesture. What an example of initiative, thoughtfulness and kindness. It summed up the incredible work of so many volunteers, co-ordinated by Team Tarbert's Fiona,

with Margaret co-ordinating prescriptions, and many others. Perhaps there is no better time for us all to reacquaint ourselves with Rudyard Kipling's poem 'If'. It seems to perfectly summarise humanity working at its best, in which, during this crisis, thanks to so many, Tarbert can walk tall. Stay safe.

Peter Minshall, Tarbert.

HSCP hiding behind 'national guidance'

Sir,

I write regarding the Argyllshire Advertiser edition dated Friday April 10 and the front page heading 'Hospital prepares for Pandemic'.

The article states: 'No figures have been released about the incidence of coronavirus in Argyll and Bute' because the HSCP spokesperson said 'we are following national guidance and due to reasons of patient confidentiality we will not be able to make public where in the Highland health board areas the positive cases are'.

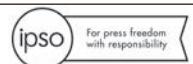
This statement is complete nonsense and shows either the HSCP in Argyll has not been privy to this information or they are just using the term 'national guidance' as a smokescreen and an excuse and/or sheer incompetence.

No-one was asking them for patients' names and addresses, merely figures of those affected in a given area.

The people appointed to positions of responsibility in Argyll and Bute HSCP are hopeless when it comes to joined-up thinking and accountability.

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YOUR PICTURES



The popular mini kelpie sculptures outside the Scottish Canals offices appear forlorn in the COVID-19 lockdown. One wonders if they miss the buzz of tourists snapping selfies on their mobile phones, children stretching to pet them or Ardrishaig's gulls using them as a handy perch while scanning for tasty morsels dropped by visitors to the adjacent Steamer Terminal cafe. Thanks to regular contributor Chery Ratcliffe-Nye for this week's photograph.

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Locked down in the sun – Y



We have all had to come to terms with a different way of living since the coronavirus outbreak arrived in the UK. Many families have been impacted by the virus, of course, but since the government-imposed 'lockdown' started on March 23 it has become clear just how fortunate we are to live in rural Argyll rather than hemmed-in by concrete in a city. Thanks to everyone who has sent in cheery lockdown pictures during this difficult period. Keep sending them in, either by direct message on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page or by email to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



Arlene Green of Tayvallich sent these beautiful photographs of botanical tulips growing in her garden.



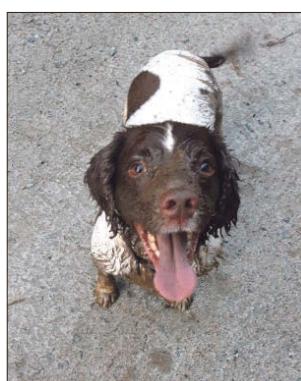
This gorgeous sunny landscape was captured by Donna MacLean on an early Sunday morning walk to Kilmory Castle.



Morning sunshine over Loch Shira was captured by Catherine Munro from Inveraray. Also pictured, right, is Parker the Labrador having a great time with all this human company during lockdown.



Left: Having a great time at an Easter Sunday family barbecue in Ardrishaig were Archie, seven, with Miley, nine, and Blaze the Jack Russell. Thanks to step-mum Chloe McChesney for the photograph.



Right: Jane Knowles sent us this photograph of happy seven-year-old springer spaniel Jess enjoying cooling down in the mud near Torinturk in the warm weather.



Left: Sandi Jackson took this photograph of her socially-isolating mum Marleen Jackson and her 93-year-old grandpa Mac Sanderson from Tarbert. 'We stopped for a chat through the window on our daily walk,' said Sandi. 'Grandpa has early dementia and doesn't always remember why we can't pop in for a cuppa. These little chats at the window brighten up his day.'

Cowboy Hotpot



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- 4 large potatoes, peeled and halved
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Method:

1. Cook the sausages according to the packet instructions then cut each sausage into three pieces and keep warm.
2. At the same time, cook the potatoes in a large pan of lightly salted boiling water for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside.
3. Meanwhile, spray a deep, non-stick casserole pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 3-4 minutes. Add the sausages and cook for a further 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the carrots, stock and chopped tomatoes. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in the baked beans and mixed beans and cook for a further 5 minutes to heat through.
4. Preheat your grill to hot. Spoon the sausages and beans into individual heatproof serving dishes or a shallow casserole dish. Slice the potatoes and arrange over the top of the sausage mixture. Spray with low-calorie cooking spray, season lightly and grill for 2-3 minutes, or until browned.
5. Serve hot with a mixed salad.

You don't have to be a cowboy to enjoy this campfire classic. Topped with sliced potato, our Syn-free sausage casserole recipe makes a hearty, healthy dinner

- 2 large carrots, peeled and finely diced
- 150ml hot vegetable stock
- 400g can chopped tomatoes with herbs
- 415g can baked beans
- 410g can mixed beans, drained and rinsed

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This colourful lambing pen at Upper Largie Farm, Kilmartin, caught the eye of Jennifer Blackwell from Ford. We echo the sentiment in the decoration.



Councillor Anne Horn from Tarbert sent us this happy image of daffodils bursting from a Rudolph pot, bought from the Tarbert Guides stall at the Christmas Fayre.



Above: This picture of an adder, out of hibernation and sunbathing at Carsaig on the afternoon of Sunday April 19, was sent in by Amanda Chadderton.



Left: Kirsten Colligan from Lochgilphead forwarded this photograph taken on the Crinan Canal towpath, saying: 'How lucky are we to have this on our doorstep for our one hour of exercise a day.'



Left: Pretty much oblivious to lockdown, Trigger the Zwartble lamb enjoys the springtime sunshine at Kilmartin. Thanks to Rhona Barnett for the photograph.

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Loch Fyne musicians bring cheer to communities in lockdown

Birthday band goes online

by Colin Cameron
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Fast approaching its third anniversary at the end of April, like most other groups Loch Fyne Pipe Band is on an enforced break as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

But that doesn't mean band activities have stopped.

Hot on the heels of the band's successful performance in late February supporting Eddi Reader in Tarbert, members are working on new tunes and sets.

Modern technology is being used as the band employs Skype and Zoom to keep pipers and drummers engaged through lockdown.

And pipers from the band are posting a daily video on the Loch Fyne Pipe Band Facebook page to help keep spirits up.

Lead drummer Brian Hastings explained: 'Each day a piper will record a tune or a set of tunes and we post them using a hashtag devised by the

band. That tag is #pipesagainstCovid and it has been taken up by many pipers throughout the world.'

'We also use #bagpipelockdownchallenge for some posts.'

'So far, four of our pipers have contributed to this project – Pipe Major John Hunt, Ali Duff, Lewis McPherson and Benjamin Hunt.'

'Feedback has been exceptionally positive and the band has gained hundreds of new followers as a result. We will continue to do this until the crisis ends.'

The band welcomes anyone who would like to learn pipes, tenor drum or snare drum with lessons for beginners via Skype and Zoom.

Brian added: 'I have even done a one-to-one remote session with one of our drummers while she was a patient in Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban.

'Anyone who would like to start should contact us through our Facebook page or via Twitter.'



Top: The band leading the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day parade in June 2017, shortly after being formed. 08_a2armedforces24
Left: Loch Fyne Pipe Band, resplendent in new uniforms, playing at the 2019 Remembrance Sunday commemorations in Tarbert. Above: Online lessons and practices are being carried out by Loch Fyne Pipe Band.



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The Outreach/Support Team

This team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

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The outreach/support team can be contacted via the telephone number 01546 600022 or by emailing enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk

The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone.

Our volunteer Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service.

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The Dochas Counselling team

The team are keeping up with their existing clients and people who are contacting them via the counselling service. Visit the Dochas Facebook page for more information on the new counselling service set up to help during the Covid-19 crisis. This service is for people and their families who are living with long term conditions/terminal illness and bereavement.

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Real-world emissions ratings will allow economy to rebuild while retaining air quality and lowering CO2

New real-world data on vehicle emissions will allow revitalisation of an automotive industry and global economy devastated by the COVID-19 outbreak but with cleaner air and reduced impact on climate change.

The AIR Index at airindex.com identifies the cleanest cars to give buyers confidence to switch to cleaner vehicles and restore the automotive industry badly impacted by the pandemic.

The freely available ratings database is the result of rigorous on-road testing according to the legal standard method, CWA17379. It details real-world nitrogen oxide (NOx) and carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions – important pollutants that are measured to assess air quality and climate change.

It shows that clean and efficient vehicles, which have low NOx and low CO2 emissions already exist, without having to wait for new technology at scale.

As the world marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the AIR Index data can allow the revitalisation of the industry but also lock in the improved air quality that has been a result of the global lockdown.

Published by the AIR Alliance (AIR), the AIR Index demonstrates the risk of selecting ve-

hicles based only on the official emissions figures that are not detailed enough to identify the cleanest cars. A Euro 6 vehicle may be clean, or it may be dirty, but the official data do not give enough clarity to differentiate.

AIR says: let's never allow the dirty vehicles back in our cities

Existing hybrid technology can deliver significant reductions in CO2, while some carefully selected internal combustion engines now achieve extremely low levels of harmful emissions.

Both products are already widely available, do not force buyers to change behaviour and do not require government subsidy at a time of extreme fiscal challenge.

Nick Molden, co-founder of AIR said: As the world emerges from the impact of COVID-19, legislators, manufacturers and buyers have an opportunity to focus on the cars that will limit the rise in pollution generated by economic recovery.

'Freely available to everyone, including car makers and policy makers, we want to put valuable information in the hands of those who can effect real change.

It's fitting that on Earth Day, where millions of people would have physically joined

together to celebrate 50 years of campaigning for a cleaner climate, we have a trusted online database that can lead to lower emissions right across the globe.'

The automotive industry need not become a subsidy junkie

Already there are calls for ways of stimulating the recovery of the automotive industry including the revival of scrappage

immensely expensive at a time when governments and consumers are facing unprecedented challenges. The AIR Index provides data to allow a much more targeted approach, and it is a free and quick solution.

We know official emissions ratings are not good enough, but our real-world testing and results allow the right choices to be made.

air quality or climate change strategy.'

'Good air quality should not be a luxury, it is something that, from a public health point of view, we should require and, if nothing else, the COVID-19 crisis has revealed the benefits of cleaner air. We should be taking positive steps now.'

The data will allow the automotive industry to concentrate on the cars that make a real difference today and, ultimately, create an environment that will lead to its recovery in a world where clean vehicles will be the norm rather than the exception.

While the adoption of battery-electric vehicles (BEV) continues, the AIR Index shows that hybrid vehicles do offer a short-term solution to reducing emissions while other technologies gather pace, including the latest clean and efficient Euro 6 gasoline and diesels. They also reveal that some older Euro 6 compliant 'clean diesels' remain part of the problem.

AIR was created to cut through the politics, the controversy and commercial conflict surrounding vehicle emissions and its mission is to provide unsullied information based on the collective scientific experience and knowledge of

the world's leading experts in vehicle emissions, air quality and healthcare.

Join AIR and make a difference to air quality and climate change.

AIR is an open alliance of like-minded members. Any organisation, public or private, that shares its values and manifesto is encouraged to join.

Leading scientists have recognised the importance of the AIR Index and are urging car makers to utilise the figures in order to build cleaner vehicles.

Dan Carder, a member of AIR's Scientific Advisory Committee and, Director of the Centre for Alternative Fuels, Engines and Emissions at the West Virginia University, led the team that published the earliest evidence that Volkswagen was cheating on US emissions tests uncovering the scandal which became known as Dieselgate, said: 'The AIR Index provides objective, independent, and publicly available assessment of vehicles' actual NOx and CO2 emissions during real driving in urban environments.

It has the power to inform and shape how vehicles are used, in order to limit the environmental impact of economic recovery.'



schemes that offered incentives to new car buyers who wanted to trade in old, high emission vehicles.

Nick Molden added: 'Of course, there are plenty of ways to try to address the issue of reducing emissions, but incentivised schemes would be

It's clear from the data that the Euro 6 standard, for example, is not sufficient if governments, vehicle manufacturers and legislators are serious about addressing the problem of climate change. The free-to-use AIR index data provides a robust framework on which to base any

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Heather Thomas-Smith.



The vivid colours of sphagnum moss.



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Exercise and life balance

Little more than a month ago, I was looking at walks we could take to enjoy the beauty of Argyll's wonderful spring gardens, with lush blooms of azalea and rhododendron and sunny bursts of tulips, crocus and daffodils.

Life under lockdown is a trying time, but we need to keep our minds and bodies healthy and seek things that can keep inner balance and joy.

So what can we do?

First and foremost is 'social distancing'. This is the most important factor of all, because if you maintain this the virus cannot easily spread. Social distancing means exercising alone or with members of the same household and maintaining a two metre minimum distance from everyone else.

Secondly we should exercise

Heather Thomas-Smith runs Heathy Heights, a Lochgilphead-based company offering bespoke guided walks. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world but now lives in Argyll among the scenery she loves

locally and mitigate risk by sticking to familiar activities and areas to avoid calling on emergency services. It is best if you can exercise from your own front door. This could be to walk alone or with your dog, go for a bike ride or a run.

Exercising alone, with your household or with your dog is a luxury and it is the finer details we can now take joy in.

Which bird is that singing?

How many species can you spot? How many flowers do you recognise? What snippet of local history can you find? Have you tried identifying the rich tapestry of lichens and mosses in your local wood? Beachcombing might turn up a treasure. Have you sorted that vegetable plot in your garden?

Now is the time to plan those adventures to places you would like to visit when this is all over.

And this time offers those of us fortunate enough to live in Argyll the chance to see what we have on our own doorstep and how special that is.

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Meaty new website to inspire consumers

A new website packed with recipes to make during lockdown has been launched by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS). The innovative design of The Scotch Kitchen website www.scotchkitchen.com provides consumers with exceptional content.

As well as more than 100 recipes and tips on cooking Scotch Beef PGI, Scotch Lamb PGI and Specially Selected Pork, the site will host practical 'how to' video content for family meals and feature easier navigation options and a seamless experience across multiple devices.

Designed to be a one-stop-shop for all Scotch Beef PGI, Scotch Lamb PGI and Specially Selected Pork recipes, the website also has carries messages including important health,

'The website has been designed with quick and easy cooking in mind, and promotes the exceptional quality and taste which our brands are world renowned for.'

nutrition, animal welfare and sustainability.

The site has a range of searchable sections including 'Beef, Lamb or Pork', 'Cuts', 'Preparation Time', 'Season' and 'Meal Type' to find recipes. There is also information on meals suitable for special occasions including Burns

Night, Easter and Christmas. Retailers stocking Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb and Specially Selected Pork, as well as members of Quality Meat Scotland's Scotch Butchers Club and Scotch Beef Club, are also listed on the site.

Lesley Cameron, director of Marketing and Communications with QMS, said that with consumers cooking more at home from scratch as a result of movement restrictions, it is the perfect time to launch the revamped website.

'The new look website has been designed with quick and easy cooking in mind, and promotes the exceptional quality and taste which our brands are world renowned for,' said Mrs Cameron.

'As well as including our



popular tried and tested recipes, the site houses more high quality video content to guide consumers step-by-step through recipes, in the hope they will add these to their weekly cooking repertoire.

'With a social media community of more than 50,000 on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, it's hoped the site's relaunch will also encourage greater social engagement, with options to recommend,

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell

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Then along came Captain Tom Moore, a sprightly 99-year-old, who was to delight, inspire and enchant us with his unique take on courage.

Captain Tom didn't want to get anything for his 100th birthday. He wanted to give something.

So Captain Tom set out to raise a modest amount of money for our wonderful NHS - £1,000, he thought.

As I write this, Captain Tom is at £27 million. He did this by walking 100 laps round his garden before his 100th birthday.

Captain Tom has captivated everyone and is being nominated for a knighthood, has enjoyed a guard of honour and has had a fly-past by spitfires. We should also make him Sports Personality of 2020.

What a refreshing feel-good story in these dark times. But, the human animal is a strange animal.

Compare this to the person, or persons, who take pleasure in hacking into the means by which people can talk to and see their loved ones when personal contact is forbidden. A video communications app has been hacked, with people enjoying sending pornographic images to ladies at a Bible study online and to families sharing news with their grandchildren.

What a contrast to Captain Tom and all the wonderful NHS staff.

We have heard it said we will emerge from this time a better people, more caring and compassionate. I have my doubts.

The human animal is indeed a strange creature.

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A partially completed St Ayles skiff has been bought by Craignish Coastal Rowers, a club formed in November 2019.

In an online community update, the group explained it is part of Craignish Boat Club. The fact the skiff is not complete will give people the chance to get involved in building the vessel, when it is safe to do so.

The Craignish group has contacted other coastal rowing associations on Loch Awe and Seil Island, which are keen to help, and to bring their boats to Ardfearn to enjoy rowing on Loch Craignish.

The club update continued: 'The project is principally aimed at getting adults on the water and we want people of all abilities.'

'We will need help with fundraising and building the boat, as well as hopefully attracting people to join in the rowing.'

'From all on the working group please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you on the other side of this epidemic.'

HELENSBURGH

A rise in cycling figures during the COVID-19 pandemic has strengthened the case for the proposed Helensburgh to Dumbarton cycle track, a councillor has claimed.

Helensburgh and Lomond South councillor David Kinniburgh has been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the planned path, which first attracted government backing in the early 2000s.

Its projected completion date was recently pushed back by a further three years, with the full path not now planned to be finished until 2027.

Cycling Scotland recently reported a 16 per cent increase in bicycles passing its automatic counter in Helensburgh.

This put the town in the top 10 places to have seen an increase in the number of bikes compared to the same time last year.

Councillor Kinniburgh said: 'I suspect from



Bryony White, head gardener at Achamore Gardens.

New head gardener Bryony digs in on Gigha

Following a nationwide search for a new head gardener, Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust appointed Bryony White to the position at Achamore Gardens.

Four weeks into her new job, Bryony said: 'It's been a really exciting time for myself and my husband Graham. Moving from Renfrewshire to Gigha just before the lockdown started, getting the house in order, starting a new job, discovering this beautiful island and starting to make new friends has

been daunting but enjoyable. We have been made to feel really welcome on the island. Everyone is really interested in what is happening in the gardens, even though they remain closed for the time being.'

A former countryside ranger, Bryony has a background in developing community gardens and is working with the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh to catalogue the Achamore plant collection while improving the walled garden.

what I have witnessed that the majority of those responsible for the increase are the type of cyclists who would use a cycle path if it were available, rather than the road, which road cycling enthusiasts tend to use even when a cycle path is available.

'So I believe the increase in figures shows the proposed cycle path from Helensburgh to

Dumbarton would be used by many who under normal circumstances would avoid cycling on main roads.'

At the Helensburgh and Lomond area committee meeting last month, frustrated councillors compared the delay in construction of the cycle path to the length of time taken to build the Great Wall of China.

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Red Star players are working hard towards next season.

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No league trophies will be awarded for 2019/20. 08_a22RedStarGame29

Keeping fit despite early end to football season

The Scottish Amateur Football League took the decision earlier this week to end the current amateur league season as the coronavirus lockdown continues.

League positions will stand, but no trophies will be awarded. Promotion and relegation will not happen, so in effect the season is null and void.

Colin Weir of Lochgilphead Red Star explained: 'This is

Red Star are on the ball

pending approval from the clubs but it is expected the vast majority will agree and the leagues will be reconstructed for the start of the new season, whenever that may be.

He added: 'There are several teams leaving the league by the looks of things and only one team confirmed to be joining,

so there is a chance they may decide to run with just two divisions from the current three.'

From Red Star's point of view, Colin said: 'We're happy to go with it as I'm sure most teams are, though we are a bit disappointed as all our five remaining matches were due to be at home and we fancied

our chances to climb the table with the teams we still had to play. We were sitting outside the relegation spots in seventh spot when the season finished.'

'The sides that will feel aggrieved will be St Joseph's, Easthall and Glenburn who top their respective divisions and were nailed-on to win their leagues, but the league had to do something.'

How have the Red Star play-

ers been keeping fit and motivated during the COVID-19 lockdown?

'Most the boys have been keeping fit during lockdown by cycling and running,' Colin explained, 'so it's handy to keep an eye on what everyone's doing through the Stava map.'

And there is no rest for the lads.

'I'm going to get our coach Andy Weir to post some home

fitness drills on the team group chat,' Colin went on, 'so the boys have some level of fitness when we eventually get back into training.'

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