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Pylon workers 'abiding by rules' insists power giant

Paws to applaud the NHS

Ted the miniature Schnauzer might be missing his regular adventures out and about across Mid Argyll and further afield, but he wanted to show his support for the NHS in the coronavirus crisis.

His mum Fiona McCuish said: 'We can go a walk here in Ardrishaig, but we hope some of the restrictions are lifted soon.'

Follow Ted's adventures on the Facebook page 'Ted's Travels'.



by Colin Cameron
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Electricity giant Scottish and Southern Energy insists contractors on a new power line through Mid Argyll are abiding by government COVID-19 guidelines - despite public concerns workers could spread the virus.

People from Lochgilphead to Inveraray have repeatedly claimed workers with main contractor on the Inveraray-Crossaig project Balfour Beatty risk spreading coronavirus by travelling home to parts of the UK at weekends.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

this week insisted the line of pylons in question is an 'ageing and failing asset' so work must continue - and backed its contractor.

A spokesperson for SSEN Transmission said: 'As critical workers, designated by government, we and our contractors follow strict government and industry guidance.'

'We will continue to review all operating procedures, adapting our activities in line with any changes to government and industry guidance.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, however, believes the project should be halted until the community's concerns are addressed. He said: 'I accepted

initially their claim they were ensuring compliance and safe practices but there has been overwhelming evidence from local people this is not the case.'

A Balfour Beatty spokesperson said: 'At our Inveraray to Port Ann project, we have implemented measures to reduce, wherever possible, interaction between employees and the community. This includes temporary on-site accommodation. Employees who do not reside locally and return home for days off do so following UK Government guidance which permits all critical workers to travel to and from their workplace as required.'

Mid Argyll Show 2020 cancelled due to coronavirus rules

Organisers of the popular Mid Argyll Agricultural Show have announced the 2020 event will not be held.

In a statement, Mid Argyll Agricultural Society com-

mittee said: 'It is with a heavy heart we announce Mid Argyll Show 2020 has been cancelled due to the current situation with COVID-19.'

The 2020 event had been

scheduled for Saturday August 8 at Kilmory showfield.

The committee statement ended: 'We look forward to seeing you on Saturday August 14, 2021.'

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Abusive behaviour

On Saturday April 25 at Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, a man, aged 29, was arrested at about 11.10pm for behaving in an abusive manner and smashing a window. He was also found in possession of cannabis. He was charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Charged

About 5.30pm on Saturday April 25, in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, a 35-year-old man allegedly assaulted a woman. He was later charged and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Tyres punctured

Police are investigating after a vehicle had two tyres punctured sometime between 8pm on Sunday April 19 and 7.30pm on Thursday April 23 at Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact police on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Carers' touching tribute in unprecedented times

by Colin Cameron
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In these strange times we are having to adjust many parts of life we previously took for granted.

One such example is funerals, which are subject to a limit on the number of people attending, with social distancing in place during the service.

There has, however, been a recent move to invite people to pay respects at the roadside – at least two metres apart – as the hearse passes, and reader Joanne Stewart contacted the Advertiser to tell us about one touching example of this in Lochgilphead.

Joanne passed on the sad news that her much-loved aunt, Margaret Isabella Shaw from Lochgilphead, died, aged 81, on April 15.

Ill health in later years meant Mrs Shaw required the help



The carers line the road as a mark of respect.

of carers and after she passed away Joanne was touched when the carers, from Carr Gomm, asked if they could stand – social distancing in place – by the Riverside as the hearse passed on the way to the cemetery.

Joanne explained: 'Sadly, due to current restrictions, age and distance, her siblings couldn't attend the funeral. The carers

asked if they could stand as the hearse went past as a mark of respect. I was so touched by their request.'

Joanne added: 'Carers are not always recognised as 'essential' but they go over and above being carers and are often as important to the individuals they care for as family members.'

'My aunt loved them and they loved her.'



Margaret celebrating her 80th birthday with family.



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	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Fri, 1 May 2020	12:09	09:09	14:39			
Sat, 2 May 2020				13:26	10:26	15:56
Sun, 3 May 2020				14:39	11:39	17:09
Mon, 4 May 2020				15:39	12:39	18:09
Tue, 5 May 2020				16:29	13:29	18:59
Wed, 6 May 2020				17:15	14:15	19:45
Thu, 7 May 2020	05:46	02:46	08:16	17:59	14:59	20:29
Fri, 8 May 2020	06:29	03:29	08:59	18:43	15:43	21:13
Sat, 9 May 2020	07:13	04:13	09:43	19:27	16:27	21:57
Sun, 10 May 2020	07:57	04:57	10:27	20:13	17:13	22:43
Mon, 11 May 2020	08:43	05:43	11:13			
Tue, 12 May 2020	09:33	06:33	12:03			
Wed, 13 May 2020	10:31	07:31	13:01			
Thu, 14 May 2020	11:41	08:41	14:11			
Fri, 15 May 2020				12:56	09:56	15:26
Sat, 16 May 2020				14:02	11:02	16:32
Sun, 17 May 2020				14:57	11:57	17:27
Mon, 18 May 2020				15:45	12:45	18:15
Tue, 19 May 2020				16:27	13:27	18:57
Wed, 20 May 2020				17:04	14:04	19:34
Thu, 21 May 2020				17:38	14:38	20:08
Fri, 22 May 2020	05:52	02:52	08:22	18:09	15:09	20:39
Sat, 23 May 2020	06:22	03:22	08:52	18:41	15:41	21:11
Sun, 24 May 2020	06:53	03:53	09:23	19:16	16:16	21:46
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Tue, 26 May 2020	08:11	05:11	10:41	20:42	17:42	23:12
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Thu, 28 May 2020	09:49	06:49	12:19			
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The memorial lit up in tribute. Photograph: Donald John MacDonald.

Remembering key workers in Inveraray

Inveraray's war memorial was lit up blue this week in tribute to the work being done by NHS staff and other key workers during the coronavirus crisis.

The tribute was organised by Inveraray's branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland. Ian Lindsay of the legion said: 'A huge thank you to all key workers and the NHS. We also want to acknowledge the help of Davy Burns for setting up the lights.'

Warning on easing virus guidance

The public must prepare for restrictions on normal life to continue for some time, says Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

His comments came as the Scottish Government published a new paper - 'COVID-19: A Framework for Decision-Making' - setting

out the position during the ongoing period of lockdown and outlines the factors that must be considered as we move gradually to ease restrictions.

Mr Russell said we are in 'uncharted territory', adding: 'Unfortunately, returning to what we regard as a normal life will not be possible in

the near future so we need to prepare for a new normal until treatments and a vaccine offer different solutions.'

Dangers

Regional MSP Donald Cameron has meanwhile warned of the dangers of easing restrictions on travel to Argyll too soon.

Highlands and Islands MSP Mr Cameron spoke out after a study by the University of St Andrews indicated death rates from COVID-19 could be 50 to 80 per cent higher in rural communities and remote small towns.

He said: 'The study makes for sobering reading and suggests

remote communities, which tend to have older populations, are especially vulnerable.

'This means we will have to be very cautious before we suggest to visitors that they should consider venturing north.

'The last thing we want to see is a late spike in the infection rate in our part of the country.'

Helping Argyll businesses

Argyll and Bute Council has given out more than £18 million in business grants and reminds businesses affected by COVID-19 they can apply for funding support until March 31 2021.

The council is administering Scottish Government business support schemes, which include rates relief and specific grants for small and medium sized businesses.

Staff from a range of council services have either refocused their work, or left their usual roles temporarily, to help

deliver support to local businesses at this hugely difficult time.

At close of business on Monday April 27, the council had approved 1,665 applications for the £10k grants with 1,485 approved and 160 applications for the £25k grant with 137 approved.

Full details on support for businesses is available on the council website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-businesses

In addition, the council's Business Gateway and

Economic Growth teams have helped with more than 200 coronavirus-related business enquiries to help businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19.

Support has ranged from helping businesses identify which funding they could apply for, to sharing guidance on social distancing for business, to managing cashflow and exploring new opportunities to market and sell their products to the public safely.

All Business Gateway advisers are working from home

and can be contacted by phone or email to provide free, confidential advice and support.

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Leader of the council, Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'Credit goes to all the staff who have been working incredibly hard on this, includ-

ing those who transferred over from their normal work to help process grant applications.

'Early on, we raised concerns about businesses which were missing out on support through the original government announcements and it's great to see further assistance for newly self-employed people is about to become available.

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Echoes of Islay kindness

Rapid response to coronavirus crisis a reminder of islanders' flag effort

Members of sewing group Islay Quilters and their friends have been busy in support of NHS staff at Gortonvogie Care Home in Bowmore.

Amid reports of widespread shortages of protective clothing for medical staff dealing with patients suffering from COVID-19, the quilters have begun producing 'scrubs' for the staff there.

The work of the quilters is supported by a £1,000 donation – to cover the cost of materials – from Islay's WW100 legacy fund.

That fund, raised during the centenary commemorations in 2018, currently stands at £20,000, about a third of which is earmarked for alleviating the effect of coronavirus and lockdown on the island.

Anthony Wills of Kilchoman Distillery, which donated the proceeds of a unique cask to the fund, said: 'We are living in unprecedented times. It is a wonderful idea to donate some of the legacy fund to support



On loan from the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC, the original US flag sewn by local women in 1918 is at the Museum of Islay Life, currently closed due to COVID-19.

the local community.' The rapid response by the quilters and other Islay sewers to the current crisis has echoes of how Islay women came together in February 1918 to sew, overnight, an American flag for use at the first mass burial

of US soldiers killed when their troopship, the Tuscania, was torpedoed off the island.

Humanity

Islanders behaved with great humanity, caring for the survivors and gathering and respectfully burying the bod-



Staff at the care home are delighted with their new scrubs.

ies of 126 victims whose bodies were washed up on Islay. In 2018, Islay Quilters commemorated the women who sewed the flag by hand stitching an American flag for use at the centennial commemorations.

Sharon McHarrie, chairwoman of the Museum of Islay Life, custodian of the Legacy Fund, said: 'This is a fantastic idea to use the fund in such a way.

'It reflects the way the com-

'This is a fantastic idea to use the fund in such a way. It reflects the way the community responded in 1918.'

munity responded in 1918.' 'We are delighted to be working with other volunteer sewers across the island to put our skills to good use,' said Rae Woodrow of Islay Quilters.

Scrubs – now worn by all medical staff dealing with patients – are designed to have few places for infection to gather and to be tough enough to be washed at a high temperature.

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The puffer *Ardfern* languishing in the canal.

Enthusiast recalls sad ending for puffer 'Ardfern'

Puffer enthusiast and reader David Wright, who grew up in Bellanoch and now lives in Largs, sent in this photograph of the 'Ardfern' puffer taken in the early 1960s.

Ardfern sank entering the canal locks at Crinan. With the canal frozen over, disaster ensued as the ice went through the thin plates of the puffer. She was on her way to the islands with a full cargo of coal at the time.

Ardfern lay at Crinan and was later salvaged and towed to the Clyde to be scrapped at Dalmuir in 1966. Built in 1910 at the yard of

Peter MacGregor, Kirkintilloch, and owned by Warnock Brothers, Paisley, the 99-ton vessel finished her days sand dredging in parts of the Clyde.

David also recalls the black and white boat behind 'Ardfern' was a houseboat named 'Forray', owned by a Mr Brown who stayed on it all the time.

And the little caravan, which was painted green and cream, belonged to Mr and Mrs Weston of Westons Biscuits for their summer retreats.

Kirstin sweeps through the supermarket

Kirstin Thompson from Lochgilphead composed this poem – her own take on doing the shopping in the current climate.

Supermarket Sweep

*I noticed just this mornin'
My food supplies are almost done
I'm needin' to go to the Co-op
For the weekly shoppin' run
Now it can be a hard thing
As it's all down to chance
Whether or not I get what I need
So...I've turned it into a dance
I waltz along to the Co-op
There's a sign outside the store
'One Out, One In', I wait my turn
Then I hip hop through the door
There are arrows everywhere
I look*

*Showin' where to put my feet
I jive my way up the fruit and veg aisle
An' I never miss a beat
I quickstep around the hounous
Pick up mince and chicken thighs
Tango on to the tinned tomatoes shelf
There's some, can't believe my eyes
Rice, pasta, fish fingers and loo roll
It's all here, I'm burstin' inside
By the time I reach the checkout
I'm doin' the palais glide
Thanks, Co-op, for keepin' your customers safe
And shelves well stocked, Hurrah!
Now I'm off home with a smile on my face
An' I'm doin' the cha-cha-cha*

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LETTERS

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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**SSEN should listen to the views of Mid Argyll people**

Times are strange for everyone and tough for many, but by and large we are all abiding by lockdown guidelines.

Which is why people are so upset when they believe others are not.

Folk scurrying to Argyll from other parts of the country to hide from the virus is one thing, but when they are travelling every week the picture is very different.

SSEN is persisting with the mantra the line renewal is essential and that all workers are sticking to the rules – even when they are home in the central belt, the north of England or wherever.

But in the face of a clear and present public health emergency, we believe work on the power line should have been temporarily halted.

At the right time, and in the proper way, work could restart on replacing the ageing infrastructure.

Instead, SSEN has responded to genuinely-held fears by quoting 'government guidelines'.

This, sadly, has echoes in its intransigence and failure to listen over the Tarbert pylon issue.

We call on SSEN to hear and respect the opinions of the people of Argyll as this project progresses.

Worry over Balfour Beatty/SSE pylon contractors

Sir,
With reference to the article in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser, I feel compelled to write as the repeated responses from SSE/Balfour Beatty fail to address the serious issues at hand.

Yet again, they provide an almost patronising response to anyone who questions their safety measures within local communities.

I have personally witnessed Balfour Beatty employees in our local supermarket and I believe they do not respect safe distancing regulations.

They arrive within the community having spent time on weekend leave at their home addresses, wherever that may be. Naturally, the first thing they do is go shopping for groceries. The only difference in recent weeks is that that they do not wear their work clothes or arrive in work vans. It is all smoke and mirrors.

I have contacted councillors, MSPs, MP and the First Minister who are all being fed the same line – 'the work is vital and safety measures are being followed'. This is simply not true.

These safety measures are relative to the work sites, not communities. The workforce live in overcrowded, unregistered accommodation in the community and use local services.

I have no problem with them working, if the work is considered essential, but the evidence to support the notion this work is essential has never appeared. At a time when governments across the world are being guided by the best evidence, why should our community suffer be-

cause those in power are unable to hold Balfour Beatty to account?

People are leaving the area and returning without isolating. Local people are trying to keep everyone safe and it could all be in vain because the Scottish Government is unable to hold those who are clearly breaking the rules to account.

What is the point of communities isolating if we are being put in danger by outside forces we seem to have no control over?

It is unfair for some, life-threatening for others.

Name and address supplied.

Backing NHS is Open campaign

Sir,
I am backing the Scottish Government's 'NHS is Open' campaign and urge anyone with urgent health worries not to ignore the problem and to contact their GP or hospital.

It is concerning there has been a 72 per cent drop in urgent suspected cancer referrals.

Please don't think twice and contact your health centre if you have a health concern or any other condition you feel would benefit from a consultation.

Many GPs are now conducting consultations either virtually or over the phone and the last thing doctors would wish for is for people to take risks with their health and ignore obvious symptoms.

Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and Islands region.

A VIEW ON CORONAVIRUS AND LOCKDOWN: BY BARABEL MCKAY, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE HEALTH AND CARE GROUP FOR MID ARGYLL

We hear about government 'lockdown' measures to slow the spread of coronavirus, but those of us living the experience have not been asked for our views.

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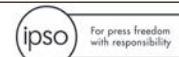
Professor Neil Ferguson, who advises the government, suggests communities should find their own solutions.

We need our experts, but only the people on the ground can tell it as it is, and attitudes are as varied as we are ourselves.

Two friends in different places told me if this was going to go on for much longer they would just take their chances. Contrast with others who say that life is no different from before. Any long-term decision making has to convince the public.

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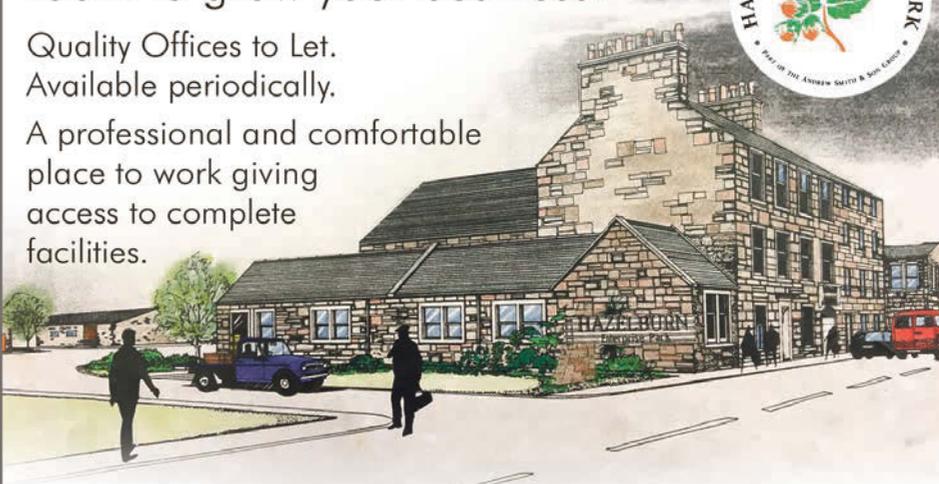
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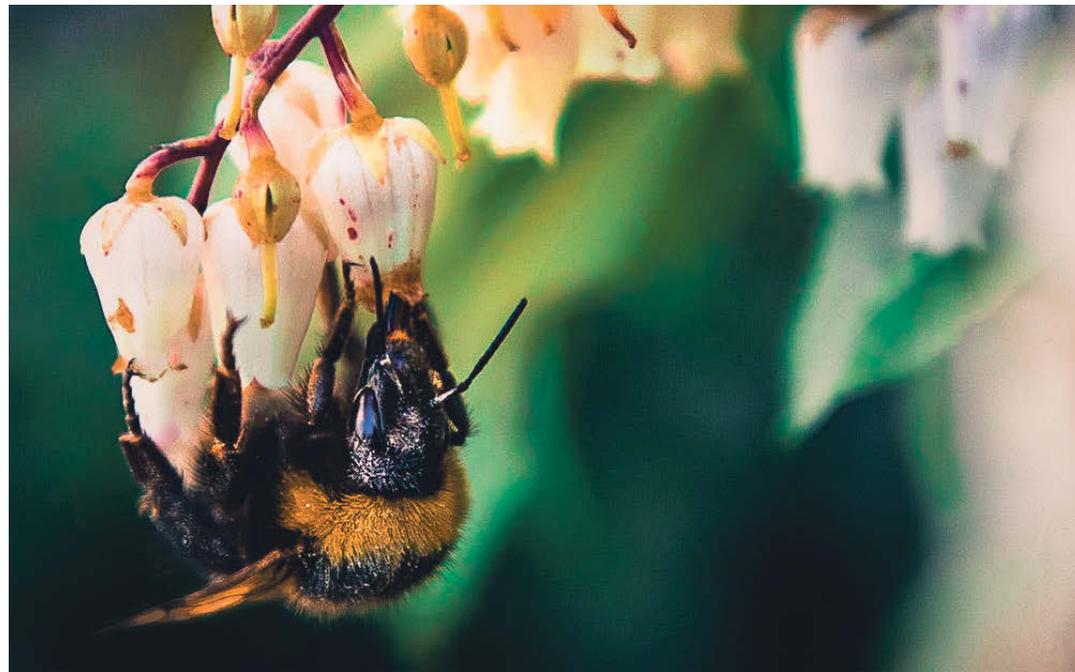
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As it was put a couple of weeks ago: 'just because you have lived your life, doesn't mean you have no life to live'.

The green shoots of innovation are already to be seen. In our area, small business suppliers have begun or increased home deliveries. In Oban, prescriptions are being sent by post.

Our local newspaper would like us to sign up online so we don't miss what is happening in our community.

Strathaven is really showing the way. You can order morning coffee or afternoon tea at home from one of the many usual meeting places. The local distillery will dish up a lockdown cocktail, ingredients and instructions complete on your doorstep.

Nationally we have online deliveries and someone has invented a flat bottle for wine that will go through your letterbox.

For me, the prize for development goes to the inventor of an exquisite box of flowers, made entirely of soap, but so perfect it is not immediately obvious. Beauty and practicality, washing your hands becomes a delight.

Contrast this with Rothesay, where supplies in the supermarket have fallen foul of bureaucracy, leading to such a shortage of supplies that you are limited to one item of certain ranges including fruit, vegetables and milk. You may be shopping for a vulnerable person and your own large family, it makes no difference.

Some carriers and mainland supermarkets will not deliver to the islands. I am glad to say recent reports paint an improved situation. Community to the rescue.

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Your lockdown photographs

■ 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 photographs 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



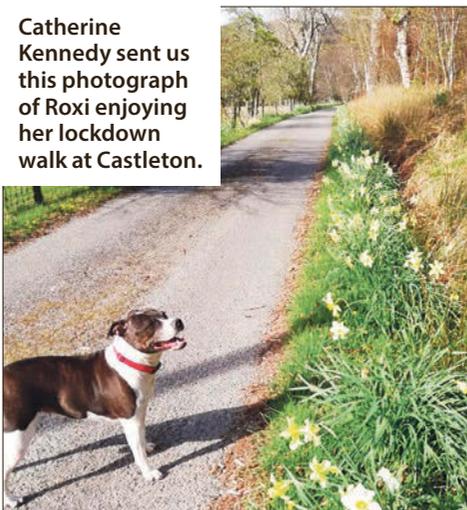
Paula Cameron sent us this image of son Rhys having a well-earned rest after school work and digging the garden.



Stewart MacLugash sent us this photograph of seagulls socially-distancing last Sunday afternoon in Inveraray.



Jimmy McMahon, pictured with his son, brightened up lockdown when he dressed up as Spider Man and delivered sweets around the neighbourhood.



Catherine Kennedy sent us this photograph of Roxi enjoying her lockdown walk at Castleton.



Above: A snapshot of spring by Simon MacDonald from Kilmichael Glassary.



Left: Keen kayaker Katrina Seator can't get to the water under lockdown – so needs dry land. Katrina, from Lochgilphead, works at the watersports centre on Cumbrae.

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DO NOT leave the house at all for 7 days.

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Do not go out even to buy food or essentials.
Stay at home to exercise.

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STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Featuring the businesses in Mid Argyll that are open and able to offer vital products and services to our community during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these businesses are working under extreme pressure to bring quality products and services to the people of Mid Argyll and beyond. Please remember to exercise caution when shopping and only shop for essential supplies. Along with our wonderful NHS staff and carers, our local food, fuel, news platforms and home supply businesses are our community champions!

SUPERMARKETS AND FOODHALLS

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Lochgilphead
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Inveraray
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Tel: 01880 820232

Inveraray Pharmacy

Open 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri & 9am-1pm Sat (for general supplies)
Dispensing for acute prescriptions available 9am-1pm, Mon, Wed, Fri (collection only thereafter)
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Tel: 01499 302133

Argyll Pharmacy

Lochgilphead
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Sat 9am-5pm
Please only order what you need, check prescriptions are ready for collection BEFORE coming to the Pharmacy, please phone where you can for pharmacy advice
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Please stay safe!
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EXTRA HELP FROM COMMUNITY HEROES

Inveraray Community Council

Are you in self-isolation?
If you are following government guidelines and self-isolating due to a new cough or fever, we have set up a volunteer group for anyone in Inveraray needing essential groceries or prescriptions from local shops or chemist to be picked up and delivered to your doorstep.
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When placing your order with the store, pay over the phone by card. Let them know that your order will be collected by West Coast Motors. Email or phone Robert Mackay on r.mackay@westcoastmotors.co.uk. Arrange a 01586 555883 (leave a message with your number if he's out) to arrange the pick up from the shop/chemist. Arrange for yourself or a volunteer to meet the bus at the bus stop in your town/village. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STORES WHERE POSSIBLE.

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Your weekly puzzle challenge

No. 1464

Quiz Challenge

1. A roaring lion is the trademark of which American film and media company?
2. Noel Coward and Bob Marley are both buried on which island?
3. Which rank of peerage comes between Earl and Baron?
4. From 1974 to 1979, John Foxx was the lead singer of which British new wave band?
5. Alan Bates played a murder suspect, hidden by three children who believe he is Jesus, in which 1961 film?



Stacey Dooley – see Question 6

6. Who was Stacey Dooley's dance partner when she won the 2018 series of Strictly Come Dancing?
7. Who is the father of James, Viscount Severn?
8. How would you better know the infectious disease once called consumption?
9. What G is a swelling in the thyroid gland which sometimes results in the neck almost doubling in size?
10. The 2022 Ryder Cup match will be hosted by which European country?

BOX CLEVER

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Fill the 6x6 grid with as many boxes as there are numbers printed. Each box must be either square or rectangular and must contain just one of the numbers. The numbers show how many squares there should be in each box.

COMMON LINK

The answers to the following five questions contain a word or words which have a common theme. Can you find the link?

1. What word describes a number multiplied by itself three times?
2. What common name is given to the adult crane fly?
3. Which alkali substance when used with water produces a lather and acts as a cleaning agent?
4. What word is given to the stem of the raspberry plant?
5. In which children's card game does the first player to call when matching a pair of cards win the stack?

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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Hard

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EASY SUDOKU

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HARD SUDOKU

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9	1	8	5	4	2	6	7	3
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BOX CLEVER

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COMMON LINK

QUIZ CHALLENGE
1 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM); 2 Jamaica; 3 Viscount; 4 Ultravox; 5 Whistle Down the Wind; 6 Kevin Clifton; 7 Prince Edward (Earl of Wessex); 8 Tuberculosis (TB); 9 Gaiter; 10 Italy.

COMMON LINK
1 Cube; 2 Daddy-long-legs; 3 Soap; 4 Cane; 5 Snap; Common link: Words that can follow sugar.

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- Support outreach worker team
- Trained counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday and our service is open to any unpaid adult carers that needs support.

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.

Our website – www.dochasfund.org.uk and Facebook pages will be updated regularly with information and advice.

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.

If you have an interest in this service Ryan can be contacted via the telephone number 01546 600022

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.

Please telephone 07432 231217

or contact counselling@dochasfund.org.uk and someone will get back to you to explain the process.

They can't obviously offer any face to face counselling at the present time, but we can offer you telephone, email or online support.



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Kintyre firm buys creamery site

One of Kintyre's biggest employers has bought the site of Campbeltown Creamery.

First Milk announced the completion of the sale of the site to McFadyens Transport Ltd for an undisclosed sum last Thursday.

McFadyens is one of the largest employers in Kintyre, with more than 100 people working across its construction and transport businesses, based in a shared yard and workshop at Glebe Street.

McFadyens Transport plans major, long-term investment at the creamery site, securing opportunities for the local skilled workforce.

Commenting on the announcement, Shelagh Hancock, chief executive of First Milk, said: 'While I know this is the end of an era

'We have great vision for what can be achieved at the creamery site.'

for Kintyre, we are pleased to have concluded the sale of our Campbeltown Creamery site to a local business that is committed to investing to secure employment opportunities for the area for the long-term.'

Charles McFadyen, director of McFadyens Transport, added: 'Since our business was established in Campbeltown in 1901 we have been one of the town's largest and continuous employers. We have been looking for an alternative



Campbeltown Creamery.

site for some time to house and repair our specialised transport equipment. We have great vision for what can be achieved at the creamery site and we are confident this

acquisition will allow us to develop the business, securing and enhancing opportunities for existing employees and the wider community.'

Councillor John Armour

said: 'It is sad to see the end of the creamery, a fixture in Campbeltown for so many years. Local farmers, ably led by James Barbour, tried to secure the future of the site

but despite support from the Scottish Government and magnificent support from a crowdfunding campaign they were not able to find a financially viable long-term way forward.

'It is good to see McFadyens Transport, a highly respected local company which provides much-needed work in Kintyre, buying the site and I have no doubt this will mean employment for locals in the development of the site and in the future.'

Councillor Rory Colville added: 'The long-term retention of jobs is obviously good news and perhaps more reassuring is that a well-established company has the vision to invest in its own future and in doing so delivers a message Kintyre is open for business.'



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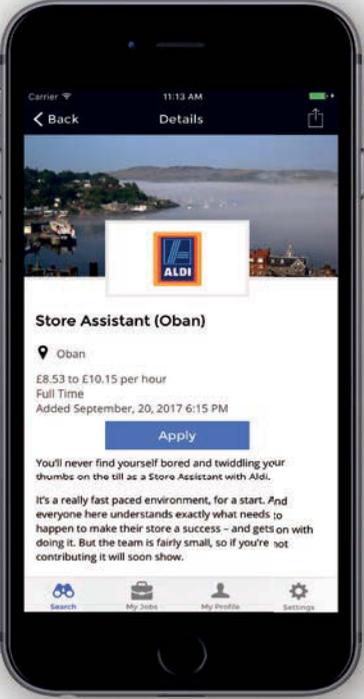
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00535/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Plot 4 Barfad Brae Land East Of West Barfad Tarbert Argyll And Bute
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(C20 BARR GLEN ROAD) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2020

Argyll and Bute Council give notice that on Monday the 27th April 2020 they made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended

The effect of the Order is to temporarily restrict the waiting, loading and unloading of vehicles and temporarily restrict the speed of vehicles on that length of the C20 Barr Glen Road at Glenbarr, from its junction with the A83 Trunk Road extending in a generally north easterly direction to its junction with the wind farm entrance (known as New Bridge), a distance of 2220 metres or thereby.

The restrictions, which are required because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the length of road, will be in operation when indicated by signs, from 0001 hours on the 6th May 2020 until 2359 hours on the 6th May 2021, but will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Full details of the exemptions are contained within the Order which can be viewed on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders

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We are twice blessed in West Kintyre and Gigha.

We have a new minister to walk the journey of faith with us. It is certainly not the journey Scott, or we, had anticipated. However, we are walking in the light of God in new ways together as we enjoy Scott's excellent online services.

Our other blessing was to have the privilege of a locum ministry prior to this. Clive and Mary were to be with us for four months just before Scott's arrival and they became our good friends in that short time.

Clive's Bible studies were enlightening, fascinating and illuminating and with his easy gentle style we were awakened to so many wonderful revelations in scripture.

We still keep in touch with Clive and Mary and still benefit from their wisdom.

Recently Clive sent me his notes on an Easter course he had prepared for Fijian students.

The following incident really intrigued me: 'Daniel Migliore was Professor of Theology in Princeton.

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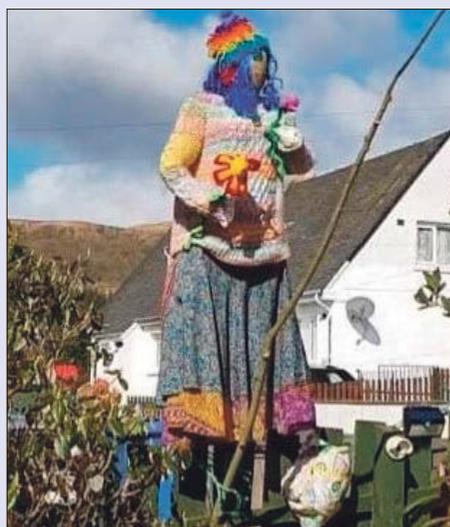
'He asked them to bring to the table one only biblical text which they would use to illustrate how they understood the resurrection. Migliore is of the opinion the text we choose is the 'key' to our whole theology, the way in which we understand the Christian faith.'

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Residents turn to garden craft fun

After a successful inaugural Furnace Craft Day 2019, members of the craft club decided not to be beaten by coronavirus this year.



A party with a difference.

Instead the group asked residents to 'craft-bomb' the village by decorating their gardens.

Furnace Craft Group founder member Ruth Tott said: 'We had bigger and even more ambitious plans for our craft day but these, for obvious reasons, had to be put on hold.

'But we decided to turn this into a positive and get as many folk as possible joining in by yarn bombing or otherwise decorating their garden on April 26. We were looking for plenty of colour and fun because we need it.'

Furnace responded tremendously, with scarecrows popping up alongside bunting, rainbows and flags, many celebrating the work of the NHS and other key workers.

There were teddy bears' picnics, knitted teacakes and strange felted creatures in the hedges and trees.

TAYVALLICH

In Tune With Nature contest deadline

The deadline is looming for In Tune With Nature, a contest calling on musicians of all genres to show their love of nature by writing music inspired by the coasts and waters of Scotland's nature reserves.

Taynish National Nature Reserve (NNR) near Tayvallich is one of 10 nature reserves featured in the competition. The deadline for entries is May 31.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Fèis Rois have joined forces to run the competition, which will be judged by a panel of well-known faces from the Scottish music industry, including Julie Fowlis, Vic Galloway, Gill Maxwell and Karine Polwart. It is part of the celebrations for the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020.

Winners will receive £500 and the chance to take part in live performances throughout the year. Each winner will also work with a professional film maker to capture the nature reserve which inspired their music.

Entries can be in any style of music and may or may not include lyrics. References to local culture, language and tradition are encouraged.

Heather Watkin, SNH's reserve manager at Taynish NNR, said: 'We have such an amazing variety of marine wildlife and seabirds in Scotland, as well as stunning beaches, lochs and rivers. It's hard not to be inspired by such beauty.'

Visit the SNH website www.nature.scot for more information.



Development support for creative workers

Creative workers, enterprises, venues and organisations across Argyll and Bute are to receive business development support through a new initiative from Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly Argyll and Isles (CHARTS), in partnership with the Innovation School at Glasgow School of Art.

Six interconnected creative business communities will be developed in the region to encourage

networking and provide business and market development. The initiative is backed by The National Lottery through Creative Scotland's Create:Networks fund.

Kathleen O'Neill, Development Manager at CHARTS, said: 'We're especially pleased to be receiving support at this time, which will help us introduce new partnership resources to creative businesses and individuals during lockdown.'

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DEATHS

HOLT - Peacefully at Milton Keynes University Hospital on April 22, 2020, Susan, aged 85 years. Only daughter of the late Duncan and Marion MacArthur, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Michael, much loved mother of Fiona and loving grandma, sister-in-law and aunt. Sadly missed by all.

JACKSON - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on April 25, 2020, with his family by his side, Neil Thomas Jackson, aged 46 years, of Drimlea, Cossack Street, Lochgilphead. Cherished son of Christine and the late Victor Jackson. A dearly loved nephew and cousin to all the extended family. A much respected work colleague and dedicated worker at the Lochgilphead Co-op Store. A private cremation service will be held, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Will be greatly missed.

MACIVER - Peacefully at the Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock on April 27, 2020, Archibald John, aged 92 years of Seafield, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Sheena, an adored dad to John and Stuart, a proud grandfather of Suzanne and Kai, a respected father-in-law to Karen and Michelle, brother to the late Donald (Dondie) and Iver, a good friend and neighbour to many. A private family service being held at Achabreac Cemetery.

MORAN - On April 22, 2020, peacefully with his children by his side, Joseph (Joe), formerly of Cairnbaan, lost his long battle against Alzheimer's. Loving husband of the late Maureen Moran, cherished father of Yvonne, Ryan and Beverley, adored Papa of Chloe, Zak, Phoebe, Meg, Jude and Ada and respected father-in-law of Pippa, Jonny and Iain. Brother, good friend, neighbour and local upholsterer. Private interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Back with his Momo x

SCULTHROP - Leonard (Len). Peacefully, in Argyll on Saturday, April 25, 2020, after a short illness, Len Sculthorp, aged 89 years. Much loved husband of the late Georgina (Ena), loving father of Julie, Elaine, Brian and Moira and loving grandfather of ten grandchildren. Len will be greatly missed by family and friends. Due to current restrictions Len's funeral will be private. No flowers please. A celebration of Len's life will be held at a later date.

THOMSON - Suddenly at home, 11 Range Road, Campbeltown, on April 25, 2020, John McLean Thomson (Ian), in his 82nd year, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Conner, much loved dad of Irene, John, Andrew and Alison and a much loved granda and great-granda. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HAMILTON - Eleanor's family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support following Eleanor's death. We would like to express our gratitude to staff and residents of Kincaid House Care Home, Greenock for their friendship, tenderness, dedication and care over the last eighteen months. Heartfelt thanks to Kenneth Blair and family for the support and dignified professionalism and to the Rev. Stephen Fulcher for his comforting and reassuring words at the graveside. To all who expressed their condolences in cards, flowers and telephone calls, we thank you.

MCCOLL - The family would like to thank everyone, for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support received, in their recent sad loss of Bobby. Thanks to the paramedics, staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, staff at wards 20, 24 and 28 of Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley and staff at Tarbert Surgery, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Robert MacLeod for his comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, staff from Argyll and Bute Council - Registrar and Amenity Services, John B Hunt, what a beautiful set of tunes you played, also Buddy for taking care of Tam. Thanks to everyone who lined the streets on Thursday for Bobby's farewell trip to the Carrick Cemetery and to many friends who expressed their condolences on All Things Tarbert.

MCPHEE - James, Elizabeth and families would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad loss of their dad, Duncan. Grateful thanks to Maggie Wilkieson and the community nurses for their care. Our thanks are also extended to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting service and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional care and attention.

SMITH - The family of the late James Smith (Jimmy) would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received in their recent sad loss of Jimmy. Special thanks to Carr Gomm, Marie Curie, Acute Ward, District Nurses and Sharon for their dedicated care and attention of Jimmy over the last few years and to all the doctors who went above and beyond to ensure Jimmy was cared for locally. Grateful thanks to Rev William Crossan for his personal and comforting service, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their guidance, compassion and advice at a very difficult time and to Mrs Jones, Ali and Ann for all their generosity and support over the years. A memorial service to celebrate Jimmy's life will be arranged at a later date.

MEMORIAMS

MACKECHNIE - Grace. Cherished memories of my beautiful best friend and cousin, who slipped away peacefully on May 3, 2019.

Love and miss you always.

- Ally x

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The rainbow has a long history as a symbol of hope, stretching back to the account in the opening section of the Bible of the worldwide flood that engulfed the earth. In the Flood's aftermath, God made a solemn promise to all humanity, to every living creature, even to the planet itself, that a flood would never again destroy all life on earth. 'As long as the earth lasts, planting and harvesting, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' To assure us that he will always keep his promise, God put a rainbow in the sky.

Can you imagine how anxious and frightened Noah and his family must have felt the first time there was a storm after the Flood? As the sky darkened, the clouds gathered and the rain poured down, they must have wondered, 'Is it another



flood?' But then the rainbow appeared in the sky, and they had hope. God will keep his promise.

Here we are in 2020, but it is the same as in Noah's time. The world is under threat, not from a flood but from a coronavirus pandemic. We do what we can to stay safe and to save lives. We wash our hands. We socially distance. We stay at home except for our daily exercise. We go out to shop only for essentials. Yet, we know people who are ill, and sadly, we know some who have died. Anxiety and the fear of death

grip our hearts and minds.

Who will release us from the clutches of anxiety and the fear of death? Only the God who keeps his promise in Jesus. By his death, Jesus has defeated death. He promises that all who trust in him will share in his victory over death and will rise after death to be with him in heaven forever. 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. All who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' As we listen to him, Jesus speaks his peace into our anxiety. 'My peace I leave with you.'

The rainbow is a sign of hope, a guarantee that God keeps his promises. Yet, we have a greater sign of hope, a stronger guarantee than the rainbow - Jesus' resurrection. Jesus has risen. He is alive. So, place your trust in him alone so that, as Jesus said, you might 'not be troubled and afraid.'

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Neil Dewar – a quiet man, and a great football player



Neil Dewar in his heyday. Photograph courtesy of Ken MacArthur.

by Colin Cameron
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After an article appeared in the Argyllshire Advertiser last month about Lochgilphead man Neil Dewar's footballing exploits in the 1930s, reader James Simpson got in touch with his memories of 'Neilly'.

Mr Simpson recalled that Neilly, a friend of his family, was 'quietly spoken'.

In his younger days, one suspects the up-and-coming Dewar preferred to let his feet do the talking.

A powerful centre forward equally comfortable with both feet, he began his professional football career aged 20 with Third Lanark in 1929, but his ability to score goals quickly caught the eye of big clubs south of the border. Manchester United signed him in 1933 and, in true Neilly style, he scored on his debut.

He failed to settle at Old Trafford, though, and despite a goal tally of 14 goals in 36 games for Manchester United he transferred later that year to Sheffield Wednesday, where he remained until 1937 - scoring 50 goals in 95 appearances for the Owls.

It was back to Third Lanark after that and, after retiring from the professional game in 1940, Neil returned to Mid Argyll.

He played for Scotland five times, against England (1932), France (1932) and Wales (1932)

Reader shares more memories of talented 'Neilly' who let his feet do the talking

and against the English League (1933) and Irish League (1940).

Mr Simpson recalled a story Neilly himself told him, going back to his time with Sheffield Wednesday.

'He was watching this game one day between the police and a team of grocers. One of the teams was a man short, so someone said to Neilly 'Do you fancy a game, son?'' Feeling nostalgic, he took the field, scored a couple of goals and knocked the ball about a bit, but was careful not to show off too much.

'After the match, a man approached Neilly and offered him a job in a grocer's shop if he would play football for them. Neilly hadn't the heart to tell him he'd played for the Scottish league against the English league a couple of weeks before.'

One of Neilly's other tales of high jinks concerned a team tour to Scandinavia when he went for a night out with teammates and made it back to their hotel just as the manager was heading for breakfast.

Seeing the players sitting reading the paper in the foyer,

the manager was mightily impressed by their eagerness in getting up so early for training.

A natural footballer, he was still playing the game into his 50s.

'He played for the Forestry Rangers in the Mid Argyll Amateur League,' said Mr Simpson, 'and he played for the Old Crocks all-stars select at the Ropework. And even though he was in his 50s at the time he had all the tricks and could still shift.'

Neilly worked at the distillery in Ardrishaig and at the Crinan Hotel, where Mr Simpson recalls the hotel staff sending Neilly on a trip to the 1978 World Cup to follow Scotland in Argentina.

Neilly Dewar died on January 10 1982, aged 73.

Mr Simpson summed up his friend: 'He was a quiet man, but a great player.'



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