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## Bel turns heads in village with vintage appearance

Bel Hawson created quite a stir in Ardrishaig as she donned her granny's dress and raided her retro box in honour of VE day on Friday May 8.

Bel said she 'wanted to do something to make people smile' and certainly turned plenty of heads as she cycled through the village on her vintage bike.

More on events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day on pages 10 and 11.

# Six-week ordeal after Tarbert trip for dad's farewell

by Colin Cameron  
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Wallace Mair says he still remembers the 'joy of fresh air' after being quarantined for a fortnight in Australia following a trip home to Tarbert.

That was after it took four weeks to find a flight back down under.

Wallace, who emigrated to Canberra four years ago, came home when his father, Walter Wallace Mair, died on March 18.

The UK was 'locked down' on March 23 at the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak and his flight back to Australia was cancelled.

It took him four weeks to find a flight back, with Wallace finally leaving Scotland on April 19.

Wallace said: 'I arrived at

Glasgow airport and couldn't believe I was the only one there.

'I flew onto London Heathrow and same again - hardly anyone there.'

After an uncomfortable overnight stay on a Doha airport bench, he reached Sydney 62 hours after leaving Glasgow.

'I was met with the sight of personnel wearing PPE as soon as we landed,' said Wallace, 'which was a sobering sight as they got about preparing us for isolation.'

Finally reaching his hotel room, he was not allowed out for 14 days, eventually being 'released' on Monday May 5.

The room, says Wallace, at least had a window, and that became 'a kinda thing'. He joked: 'I even wrote a song about it.'

An accomplished musician, he was delighted when his



A young Wallace performing with his dad.

guitar was sent to him and in Sydney isolation he tried to stay focused with exercise and writing songs.

And he thanked his Facebook

friends for their support along the way. Wallace explained: 'When my wife Yvonne picked me up at midnight on May 5, the joy of fresh air was amazing in the Sydney night.'

After returning to Canberra the next day, Wallace says it felt 'surreal'.

It was back to reality and work in construction on Monday May 11.

But he looks back with gratitude as he thinks of his dad, with whom he sang since the age of 14.

Said Wallace: 'It's been tough, but I'm blessed to have had such a friend in my dad and he's with me every time I sing.'

Wallace will soon be performing on Country Rocks TV and, coronavirus permitting, at festivals in Australia.

He is also recording a new album, with his dad beside him every step of the way.

  
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## POLICE FILES

### Three warned for drug possession

A 21-year-old man was stopped and searched by police at 10.30pm on Monday May 4 in Bridgend, near Lochgilphead, and found in possession of cannabis.

He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

Another recordable police warning was issued to a 41-year-old man after being stopped and searched by police on the A83 in Inveraray. On being searched around 5pm on Wednesday May 6, he was found in possession of cannabis.

A 69-year-old woman was stopped and searched in Campbeltown Road, Tarbert, by police at 4.30pm on Friday May 8.

She was found in possession of cannabis and issued with a recordable police warning.

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## Ardrishaig Flower Show cancelled

Coronavirus has seen off another fixture in the Mid Argyll summer calendar.

Ardrishaig Flower Show committee this week decided to cancel the 2020 event – scheduled for Friday August 21 – due to the current situation with COVID-19.

The committee asks all 2019 trophy winners to retain their cups and return them before the show in August 2021, when they look forward to seeing everyone.

Growers will have to wait to display their fantastic produce. 51\_a34ArdFlowerShow09



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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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# Aid groups land vital cash boost

## Argyll and Bute organisations welcome funding

by Colin Cameron  
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Groups helping Argyll and Bute communities through the coronavirus crisis have been awarded more than £440,000 from a Scottish Government fund.

Across Scotland, £40 million will be available through the Supporting Communities Fund as part of government investment announced on March 18 in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

An initial £10 million has been released, including £2.68 million for community anchor organisations across the highlands and islands being distributed through Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

In Argyll and Bute, 22 community groups have been handed a total of £442,483, with two island organisations - South Islay Development and Mull and Iona Community Trust - each receiving £50,000.

Craignish Community Council will get £24,875; Dalavich Development

Group £5,009; Isle of Gigha Development Trust £11,000; Isle of Jura Development Trust £3,320; North Knapdale Community Council £6,850 and Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust £23,607.

The award to Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust (TSCT) will support the most vulnerable members of the community through Team Tarbert, the volunteer group set up at the start of lockdown to help people who were shielding, self-isolating or needed extra assistance.

Team Tarbert has faced pressure on its resources as lockdown continues and the money will be spent on volunteer expenses, PPE for volunteers, insurance, mobile phones and the establishment of a hardship fund.

TSCT chairwoman Sheila Campbell welcomed the funding. 'We are delighted,' she said. 'For the past few weeks, TSCT and Team Tarbert have been supporting people in our communities with help from Airigh, Cour and RES

Freasdale windfarms among others, and this grant will allow us to continue this support for some time to come.'

Team Tarbert co-ordinator Fiona McTaggart responded: 'We are extremely thankful to receive these funds and the ongoing support from TSCT. This will give everyone we are helping peace of mind that we can continue to provide support. We are also grateful to work with Tarbert Academy, Councillor Anne Horn and the wider community to take care of those who need us most during this time. The amount of support we've received from so many individuals and businesses has been phenomenal. That, together with our army of volunteers and wonderful community, is what makes Team Tarbert work.'

'HIE is distributing the Supporting Communities Fund on behalf of the Scottish Government,' added Kirsten Logue, HIE development manager, 'which will help anchor groups co-ordinate and deliver their response.'

## Controversy over Furnace camp plan

Plans to site 14 accommodation cabins for the next two years in the village of Furnace have drawn a flurry of objections from residents.

The planning application was submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by civil engineering firm Balfour Beatty, with the aim of housing workers on an ongoing project to upgrade the electricity line between Inveraray and Crossaig in north Kintyre.

The contractor and its employer on the project, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), have been in the spotlight since the coronavirus outbreak, with workers travelling to homes across the UK between shifts and mixing with the Mid Argyll public when they come back.

The companies insist precautions have been taken and procedures tightened up.

This latest move has sparked further criticism. By Wednesday this week, 13 formal letters of objection to the Furnace camp plans had been submitted to the local authority.

# Auchindrain under threat

The future of Mid Argyll's much-loved Auchindrain museum could be in doubt without urgent financial support.

Auchindrain Trust is a member of Industrial Museums Scotland (IMS), a partnership of museums holding almost a quarter of Scotland's recognised collections. The trust has called for an urgent cash injection if closures and redundancies across Scotland's independent museums are to be avoided.

Independent museums like

Auchindrain operate on a financial knife-edge with limited reserves. They are charities and the vast majority do not get any income from local or national government.

Since closing during the COVID-19 lockdown, most independent museums have seen their reserves rapidly depleted with half of them anticipating a crisis before the end of the summer.

While Auchindrain receives financial support from Historic Environment Scotland, the

amount it receives takes into account money generated from visitors and education programmes between April and October. This year the museum will earn just a fraction of this income, putting it in a difficult position.

Auchindrain is likely to remain closed during the vital summer months. If the museum survives to the start of the 2021 season next April, it will be with a drastically reduced income for the year and it is likely to struggle until the

2022/23 financial year, putting an important part of Argyll and Scotland's heritage at risk.

Alison Hay, chairwoman of Auchindrain Trust, said: 'Auchindrain is recognised as being of national significance by the Scottish Government.

It survived the Highland clearances and now, as a museum, it faces one of the biggest threats in its history.

'Additional funding and support are essential to secure the future of this unique place.' IMS chairman David Mann

added: 'While we are grateful for emergency grant funding from Museums Galleries Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, support for the cultural sector is only at present designed for the short-term.

'Our growing concern is this additional support for the independent museum sector will come too late, after some members have closed permanently, staff have been made redundant and charities wound up.'

## A lifeline parcel – unless you live in Minard

by Colin Cameron  
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A woman from Minard has been left disappointed after a supermarket failed to deliver on its promise to deliver a special lockdown food package.

On its website, Aldi says of its food parcel: 'We'll deliver it straight to your door with full contactless delivery for

self-isolators.' As an asthma sufferer self-isolating, Tracey Ferguson thought this was a great idea to take the pressure off she and her partner, a key worker in forestry doing 12-hour shifts.

Tracey placed the online order on Friday April 17 for the £24.99 box. It was supposed to be delivered by April 22, but didn't turn up so Tracey checked the courier website,

which advised it was unable to deliver the package, adding 'You must take action'.

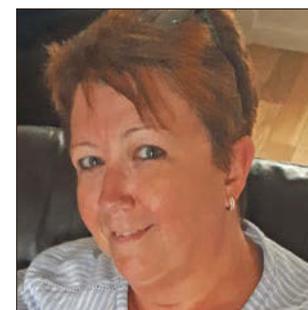
Tracey repeatedly tried to contact Aldi customer services by phone and email. She was eventually told her money would not be refunded until the package was returned by the courier. Tracey told them the courier hadn't tried to deliver in the first place.

Shortly after the Argyllshire

Advertiser contacted Aldi for comment on May 8, Tracey received a full refund, a £20 online voucher as a 'goodwill gesture' and an apology.

An Aldi spokesperson said: 'We apologise that the service Ms Ferguson received fell short of our usual high standards.

'We have spoken to her to organise a full refund and will raise this with our delivery partner.'



Tracey Ferguson.

# IF IT'S URGENT, IT'S URGENT

## GP surgeries and hospitals are still here for you.

If you have an urgent, non-coronavirus health concern, please don't wait. Promptly seek help for emergencies, present possible cancer signs and attend immunisation appointments.

# A smidge optimistic, maybe?

This week our regular artistic contributor Ann Thomas from Tarbert considers a potential after-effect of lockdown. The starvation of the Highland Midge due to a lack of human blood.

As nice as the prospect might be, we think Ann might be erring on the hopeful side.

Mind you, perhaps we should be putting about the opposite. Anyone encouraged

to come north by Boris Johnson's somewhat confused messages should be told a midgie plague of biblical proportions is almost certain. For their own safety they should stay at home.

In saying that, a biblical plague is an annual occurrence anyway and by the time this edition comes out you probably won't be able to read it for midges covering your eyes while colonising your ears and feasting on any other area of exposed flesh.

These politicians are missing a trick. All they need is the Highland Midge.

If ever there was an incentive for staying indoors.



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# MSPs insist Scottish rules are adhered to



Michael Russell.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance Kate Forbes, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, and Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, have issued a joint message following the confusion caused on Sunday by the new UK Government coronavirus slogan and changes to lockdown.

The ministers are worried these factors and good weather in recent weeks could encourage some people to venture into the Scottish countryside and attempt to visit some of the islands.

Kate Forbes said: 'Communities throughout our constituencies - which cover a huge part of Scotland and almost 30 inhabited islands - are telling us they want the lockdown to continue, and to be firmly enforced, so lives can be saved. Many are concerned the new UK Government message is confusing and worried people will feel they are now free to visit the wonderful Highlands and Islands of Scotland, which look their best in the current sunny weather.

'While tourism is the lifeblood of our areas, it is absolutely vital the Scottish regulations are observed and that means people are not free to visit at present. They cannot and must not seek out beauty spots or favourite places distant from their homes, go for prolonged drives by car or motorbike even if they don't stop anywhere, nor can they stay in tents or use motor homes. The iconic sites across my constituency are all still going to be there at the end of lockdown.

'If the rules are flouted, not only will that put lives in our constituencies at risk, it will also set back any hope of slowly easing the lockdown and bringing some new normality into our everyday activities. Those who defy the law are also likely to be stopped by the police who are increasing their vigilance and can expect not just an on the spot fine, but also to be turned round and sent back home.'

Michael Russell MSP added: 'I know everyone is keen to see progress made and the lockdown eased. But if we get this process wrong we run the risk not just of even longer in strict lockdown but also overwhelming our health service



Kate Forbes.

which up until now has been able to cope with the increased pressures. That would put every one of us in danger.

'There are some essential national infrastructure works that have to go on but even these are subject to strict controls. All other work that is not prohibited in regulations can only take place if social distancing and rigorous hygiene is observed at all times and it is subject to inspection by councils and the Health and Safety Executive. Companies can be fined or closed for breaking these laws.

'Kate and I are as keen as everyone else to see an end to this difficult time but we will only get to that point if we do the right thing now.

'The right thing for our constituents is to stay at home. And the right thing for those who might want to come and visit our area is to accept they cannot do so at present and that they must observe - to the letter - the lock down regulations passed by the Scottish Parliament.

'Kate mentioned the iconic sites in her constituency - let me mention mine too. I hope it will not be too long until people are able to come 'doon the watter' to Dunoon and Rothesay, to stand in the view point above the Kyles of Bute, to stroll along the main street in Oban or Campbeltown and to experience the hospitality and special beauty of Mull, Islay, Iona, Tiree and a host of other islands. But that time is not now. There can be no ifs, no buts and no excuses. Please stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. And go on doing that until the regulations in Scotland are eased, no matter what others are doing.'

## By staying at home, you're saving lives. Let's not undo it now.

To protect ourselves and our NHS the advice in Scotland is staying very much the same. This is because the evidence is telling us it's too early to make significant changes.

So the only change to the advice in Scotland is that you can now go outside to exercise, near your home, more than once a day. You should continue to stay two metres apart from others outside your household and wash your hands when you get home. You're doing a fantastic job of following the advice.

Let's not undo it now.



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# Busy bees of Badden Farm



Callum with his gorgeous pal Bracken.

## Nursery children keep active and have fun during lockdown



Edith, Maggie and Rafe enjoy the beach on their doorstep.

The children who would be attending Badden Farm Nursery were it not for coronavirus have been keeping active and having fun in lockdown.

Some have been creating rainbows to show support for the NHS, others have been enjoying nature walks.

Then there's the garden jobs, helping on the family farm and finding lovely things in the world around us.

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A huge thank you to all the parents and children on behalf of the nursery for sending in dozens of wonderful photos.



Rafe bird watching from his house.



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# The news you can trust

THE VAST majority of the people across the UK have taken the official advice to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

People are hungry for accurate information about how to protect themselves, but following the official advice and ignoring the swirling mass of uninformed conjecture, opinion and speculation is not always easy.

However, there are ways to identify who to trust, and who to ignore.

Similarly, there are ways to identify the small but persistent group of unscrupulous individuals who have decided that they want to use the pandemic to try to make financial gain through fraud.

There have been a lot of examples of false information and attempts at fraud.

For example, holding your breath for 10 seconds is not a test for coronavirus, gargling water for 15 seconds is not a cure and phone masts cannot cause coronavirus.

There have also been comments and suggestions from people claiming to be medical experts who are simply not.

Fraudsters will use any opportunity - including the current

There are so many sources of news and information about coronavirus, but which ones should you trust to help you stay safe, protect the NHS and save lives?

Coronavirus fraud and misinformation are barriers to the nation continuing the progress it

has made toward coming to terms with, and beating, the virus.

We take a look at how you can protect yourself, your friends and your family from being tricked into believing news and information that is not true, or becoming a victim of fraud.



pandemic - to try to trick people out of their money.

There have been examples of fake texts claiming to be sent from the Government alerting people they have received a fine for breaking social distancing rules. Some people and even businesses have been

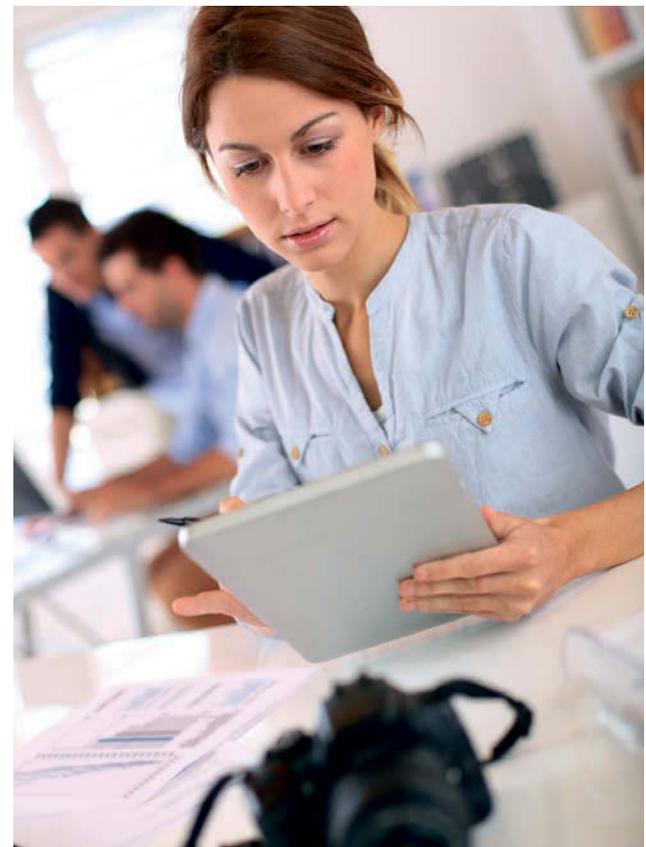
tricked into paying for protective face masks and hand sanitizers from companies that don't exist

There have also been messages from criminals sending messages to trick people into thinking they are getting genuine offers of financial support from the government.

At the same time hackers are stepping up attempts to access people's networks and steal their log in details and passwords.

However, if you take sensible precautions, you can quickly spot signs of fraud and identify the facts from the fiction.

Sharing the right information could save lives.



**TRUSTED SOURCE:** Journalists provide accurate information.

## How you can spot false information



**FALSE FACTS:** Check the facts about coronavirus on official websites.

WHEN IT, is shared, false information can take on a life of its own and have some serious consequences.

It can lead to health scares, false accusations and potentially damaging hoax stories. Recently there has been a lot of this kind of false information about coronavirus.

It's not always easy to spot, so use this checklist to cut through the chatter.

### SOURCE

Rely on official sources for medical and safety information. Check the facts about coronavirus on official websites.

### HEADLINE

Headlines don't always tell the full story. Always read to the end before you share articles about coronavirus.

### ANALYSE

Analyse the facts. If something sounds unbelievable, it very well might be. Independent fact-checking services are correcting false information about coronavirus every day.

### VERIFIED SOURCES

You can visit the following websites for verified, trusted sources of information that will help you stay safe.

Visit the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/](http://www.nhs.uk/)  
You can also get information via the Public Health England website at [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england)  
For other information regarding the coronavirus restrictions on travel and much more, visit the Government website at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### RETOUCHED

Watch out for misleading pictures and videos in stories about coronavirus. They might be edited, or show an unrelated place or event.

### ERRORS

Look out for mistakes. Errors might mean the information is false. Official guidance about coronavirus will have been carefully checked.

Journalists are trained to ask right questions

Regional newspapers such as this one employ fully qualified journalists who are trained to ask the right questions and share accurate information in a simple and understandable way.

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The best source of trusted local news from, and about, your community is through this newspaper and its website.

You can find all the local coronavirus news, updates and information on the website and via the newspaper's social media channels.

The Government has a checklist to help people protect themselves from cyber fraud:

Take a breath - a moment - before you part with money or personal information. It sounds simple, but this alone could end up preventing fraud from taking place.

Ensure you are using the latest software, apps and operating systems on your phones, tablets and laptops and update them regularly.

And if you get an unexpected or suspicious email or text message, don't click on the attachment or message.

## Checklist to help fight cyber fraud

Don't be afraid to challenge messages and messengers. It's okay to refuse or ignore requests for your money or details if you are suspicious - only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

The police and banks will never ask you to withdraw money or transfer it to a different account. Neither will they ask you to reveal your full banking password or PIN.

You can check that requests are genuine by using a known number or email address to contact organisations directly. And if you think you have fallen victim to a scam, then contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud.

You can report suspicious texts by forwarding the original message to 7726, which spells SPAM on your keypad.

### SHARE CAUTION

Be careful what you share, because things are not always what they seem online.

Protect yourself and your family from misinformation and fraud by taking care when online, and use the website [sharechecklist.gov.uk](http://sharechecklist.gov.uk)

# Happy lockdown birthdays



Tarbert boy Calum Donald McMillan turned one on April 24. Calum had a brilliant cake smash in his big papa's garden for his birthday.

Having a birthday during the lockdown is strange, to say the least. While government guidelines on minimising social contact are in place, sadly we can't enjoy a birthday celebration with friends and family. You can, though, have your birthday celebrated in the Argyllshire Advertiser.



Jenna MacKay from Tarbert requested a mention for some family birthdays. Her mum Gail Macdonald, a key worker in Tarbert Pharmacy, turned 50 on Monday May 11. On Saturday May 23 Jenna's gran Netta Robertson will turn 80, while Gail's husband Alistair Macdonald will be 49 on the same day. Jenna said: 'As we can't do anything special for them, it would be nice to share it. Happy birthday from all the family.'



Harris Gallagher turned eight on Wednesday May 6. His friends came to wish him happy birthday – socially distanced, of course – in Lochgilphead. The first family barbecue of the year made his day extra special. Left to right: Rebekah, Alyce, William, Harris and Innis.

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# ay to you



Randolph Scott from Kilmichael Glassary celebrated a special birthday in lockdown on Wednesday May 13 when he turned 70 years.



It will be Niall Somerville's first birthday on May 16 and this photograph is sent with love from mummy, daddy, Oran and Rory in Lochgilphead.

Right: Alanna Ferguson from Lochgilphead celebrated her first birthday in lockdown on April 5 along with mum, dad and big brother Lewis, aged five. Alanna enjoyed some of her unicorn birthday cake and got dressed up in her pretty birthday dress for some photographs and enjoyed the rest of her day practicing walking and playing with her new toys.



Send us a photograph of your family member or friend enjoying their special day and we will publish it and wish them a happy birthday.

Remember to include their full name, age, where they are from and a bit about what you did to make the day at home special.

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## Join Scotland's new team and help beat coronavirus.



We have a number of roles in our newly established Contact & Trace Team. We are looking for people with a wide range of skills, strengths and talents to help us in the fight against coronavirus. Lives are at risk and time is of the essence, and that's why we need you to register your interest before 22nd May. To find out more about the roles, the competitive NHS pay and benefits, visit [careers.nhs.scot/coronavirus-covid-19-recruitment](https://careers.nhs.scot/coronavirus-covid-19-recruitment)

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# VE Day remembered



Coronavirus restrictions meant street parties could not be held, but many people safely celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day in a socially-distanced way.

As the anniversary fell on Friday May 8, there were quiet moments of respectful remembrance, too, across Mid Argyll and Tarbert.

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Robert Irons paid VE anniversary respects at Furnace war memorial.



Left: In a poignant mark of respect, Sergeant Major Frank Frew of the Argyll & Sutherland highlanders Army Cadet Force laid a soldier's cross at Lochgilphead war memorial.

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Furnace Stores got into the spirit of the VE Day celebrations.

# - 75 years on

Left: Residents at Lochgilphead's Cnoc Mor Place celebrated, with all 18 houses setting up camp in their front gardens to celebrate together, apart. There was party food, dancing and games to commemorate the end of the war in Europe in 1945.



Right: Army cadet Lewis McCulloch from Inveraray took part in a salute for VE Day, held at 8am on Friday May 8.



Lewis McCulloch laid a wreath at Inveraray war memorial, with a colour party in attendance from Inveraray branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland. Lindsay Macdougall also laid flowers for the NHS and key workers.

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# Happy birthday to the remarkable Mary, 106

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Tayvallich's Mary McLulich turned 106 on Thursday May 7.

This remarkable lady was living in her own home in Tayvallich until February this year, before moving to Glasgow.

Originally from Lanarkshire, Mary met Tayvallich farmer Duncan McLulich prior to the Second World War. They married when the war was over.

They had twins Anne and Christine in 1950, before Alan came along six years later.

Mary has four grand-daughters and a grandson – Christine has three daughters: Sarah, who lives in Australia, Claire and Beth. Anne has a daughter Jane, while Alan has a son, Duncan.

Sarah, who lives in Australia, has Thomas and Mary, while Jane has Lucy and is expecting a baby boy.

Jane said her grandmother is doing well at the care home in Glasgow, though missing everyone during the coronavirus restrictions.

She added: 'We're all just sad we couldn't be with her on her big birthday, but hopefully soon.'

'She had a nice day and the staff in the home were great. She was very tired in the afternoon so these are the only photos she could get through the window, of course.'

'She got so many cards and birthday wishes from the village. That was so very kind of you all. Mum will try her best to shout through to her the comments that were on Facebook.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser went to Mary's home in Tayvallich to see her last year on her 105th birthday and when she was asked the favourite question of interviewers in these situations – the secret to a long and healthy life – Mary replied: 'Moderation in all things. She quickly added: 'Apart from sweeties.'

#### Message

There was a birthday surprise this year when Mary got a special video message from the First Minister, arranged by a family friend.

Nicola Sturgeon said in the video: 'Hi Mary, I hear you have just celebrated your 106th birthday, so I wanted to take the opportunity to wish you a happy birthday, albeit under very unusual circumstances with lockdown. I hope you had some lovely celebrations.'

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Socially isolated, but this remarkable lady was still smiling on her 106th birthday in Glasgow last week as she opened her card from the Queen.



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**Too late?**

Rumour has it the UK government will bring in a 14-day quarantine for some – but not all – airline passengers at the end of this month. As this week's front page story relates, other countries have been doing it for a while. Are we shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted?

**We'll get through it**

Last Friday's VE Day remembrance and celebrations offered a welcome distraction from coronavirus and lockdown, at least for a wee while.

In these strange and, for many, distressing times it is important to remember we have been through difficult times in the past. May 8, 1945 marked the end – in Europe at least – of a hard and brutal six-year war which took its toll on the lives of families in the UK and across the world.

No wonder folk celebrated when the Nazis surrendered in Germany.

We're nowhere near ready to celebrate just yet, and coronavirus will be with us for a while to come, but at least we know we'll get through this together.

**And, in that vein, we want to hear all your stories of good deeds, kindnesses and imaginative thinking as the coronavirus crisis continues. Send them, along with any photographs, to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)**

**Garden repair thanks**

Sir,  
A big thank you to whoever has tidied up Ardrishaig Community Garden, mown the grass and repaired and painted the fences.

Such a peaceful place to call into while out exercising. I can't wait for the day I can go back there to sit and contemplate, enjoy the views and read or paint.

Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye, Ardrishaig.



The newly-tidied Ardrishaig Community Garden.

**Lifeline telecoms workers**

Sir,  
I would like to thank all the telecommunications workers in Scotland, many of whom have been designated key workers, for how they've responded to the coronavirus outbreak.

They are providing essential support to the NHS and keeping all of us connected during

this difficult time. From the engineers going out to keep our broadband and mobile networks connected, to the vital contact centre staff helping customers when they need it most, they deserve recognition.

My colleagues, working with the Scottish Government and NHS, worked quickly to provide the temporary NHS Louisa Jordan hospital in Glasgow with communications. They are doing the same to support other temporary NHS services across Scotland.

Our people have worked around the clock with health boards across the country to offer new, technical solutions to help front line health workers get on with their jobs during this crisis.

Our front line staff in contact centres across Scotland – including Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow and Greenock – have risen to this unprecedented challenge.

We've received a huge surge of customers asking for faster connections to help with home working, home schooling and running their businesses remotely.

These colleagues – most of whom can now work from home when they want to – have performed a critical role keeping our customers, including front line health workers and vulnerable people, connected.

The people in our two 999 contact centres in Scotland are also playing a critical role, answering lifesaving emergency calls.

I couldn't be more proud of how my colleagues have responded to these challenges and their desire to help us all through this crisis.

Jane Wood, BT Group director in Scotland, Edinburgh.

**Pioneering help in Argyll**

Sir,  
We are looking for people who have the passion to bring communities together, believe in the power of co-operation and who hold the well-being of their community at the forefront of their mind.

The successful 'Member Pioneers' will receive full training and business support as they help groups and individuals during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. The pioneers will cover three wide areas: one based around Longrow in Campbeltown, another around The Avenue in Inveraray and a third around Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead.

The new positions form part of a drive to recruit 1,000 pioneers across the country. Existing pioneers are currently involved in a wide range of activities including co-ordinating food drives and offering personal support to those unable to leave their homes.

This has never been more important than now. The local area has so many strengths and we want to help communities be as resilient as possible against the new challenges posed by COVID-19. The new pioneers will spearhead our efforts, support great causes and think up new ideas.

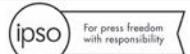
To apply to be a Member Pioneer, visit [jobs.coop.co.uk/member-pioneers](http://jobs.coop.co.uk/member-pioneers). Roles are 16 hours a month.

Closing date for both positions is Wednesday May 20.

Russell Gill, head of co-operative and local engagement at Co-op.

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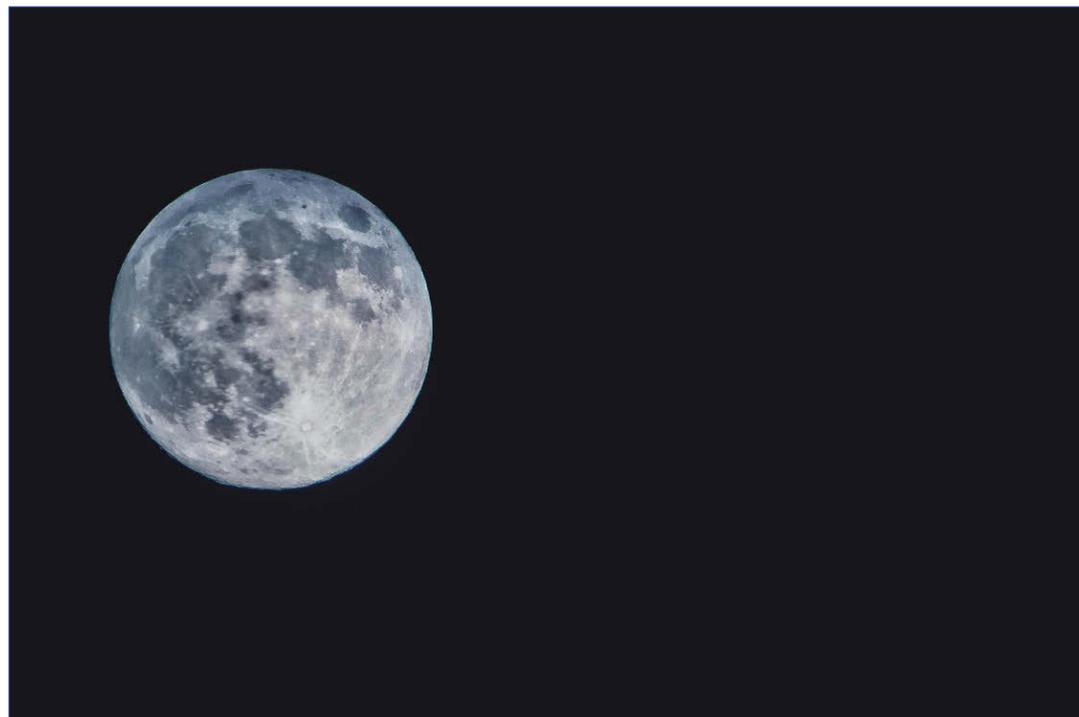
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## Coronavirus – a poem

COVID-19 is seriously not a joke  
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Without a respirator,  
This earth you'll leave  
Social distancing is now in place  
Keep two metres apart, not face to face  
Wash your hands frequently and well  
72 hours on surfaces it can dwell  
Shop infrequently, for essentials only  
Don't mix with others if you're lonely  
Keep in touch by text and phone  
Don't put yourself at risk, stay alone  
It's hoped soon this contagion will peak  
Then we can return to normal, so to speak  
Don't travel to other towns by car  
It can spread the virus near and far  
Sports, socialising and most work on hold  
The alternative could cause damage untold  
Support the NHS, essential workers and neighbours  
Then we'll defeat this virus by all our labours  
**Dugald MacGilp, Lochgilphead.**

## YOUR PICTURES



This week's photograph was submitted by Rhiannon Dempsey who said: 'I wanted to submit this shot of the full moon I took on May 6 from my garden in Lochgilphead. I just thought it might be nice to have a local shot of the last super moon of 2020.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

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## Chicken Kebabs



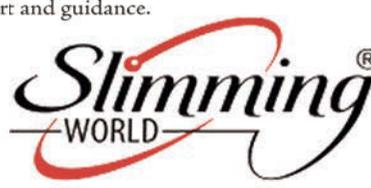
A simple tikka marinade packs tons of flavour into this fab kebab dinner

**Ingredients**  
8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs, visible fat removed, cut into bite-size pieces  
3 level tbsp tikka curry powder\* (see tip)  
250g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
4 x 60g wholemeal pitta breads  
Lemon wedges, to serve

**Method:**  
Put the chicken in a freezer bag (or a glass or stainless-steel bowl) with the curry powder, yogurt and garlic. Season with salt and stir to combine. Seal the bag or cover the bowl with cling film and marinate in the fridge for at least 1 hour or overnight.  
For the salad, put the cucumber, radishes, celery and lettuce in a bowl. Mix together the yogurt and chopped coriander, season, then stir through the salad.  
Preheat your grill to high. Lift the chicken out of the marinade, letting any excess drain off, then thread onto 4 metal skewers. Place on a baking tray lined with foil and grill for 10-12 minutes, turning halfway, or until the chicken is lightly charred and cooked through.  
Toast the pitta breads. Scatter the coriander sprigs over the chicken skewers and serve with 1 pitta bread per person with the salad and lemon wedges for squeezing over.

**For the salad:**  
1 cucumber, halved lengthways, deseeded and roughly chopped  
200g radishes, trimmed and quartered  
3 celery sticks, roughly chopped  
2 little gem lettuces, shredded  
100g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt  
25g fresh coriander, leaves roughly chopped, reserving a few whole sprigs for the kebabs

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# Sewing for scrubs success

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

The home sewing group 'Let's Get Scrubbing for the NHS', with its group of around 80 volunteers around Mid Argyll, continues to supply hospitals and care homes in Argyll and further afield.

Around 70 sets of protective 'scrubs', plus laundry bags and mask bands were sent to Gartnavel General Hospital in Glasgow last week.

Ardfenaig residential care

home in Ardrishaig was also given scrubs and laundry bags.

The Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow was provided with a large quantity of mask bands by the group and earlier this week scrubs and bags were donated to two Kintyre care homes.

Founder of the group – set up in response to a demand for protective clothing during the coronavirus pandemic – Nikki Thompson said: 'We were delighted to gift scrubs to Gartnavel as so many local

people have experienced first hand its care and dedication. It was really nice to give something back. It was also rewarding to donate to a residential home like Ardfenaig where many elderly people are

cared for.' A message from staff at Gartnavel read: 'A massive thanks from all the doctors and nurses at Gartnavel Royal for our beautiful scrubs and kits. Very much appreciated and so comfortable.'

'We are very grateful for the scrubs.'

'They are lovely and bright and cheer everyone up,' said a spokesperson for carers at Ardfenaig.

'Thank you for all the effort.'

The volunteers' hard work continues to be supported by bus company West Coast Motors, which is offering a contact-free pick up and drop off service for scrubs and materials.



Some Gartnavel Royal Hospital staff wearing their scrubs. The nurse first left is local girl Rachel Stewart who previously worked at Duncuan and has been nursing at Gartnavel for 15 years.



Care staff at Ardfenaig residential home in Ardrishaig. From left: Boh Kryszak, Alison Macdonald and Mina Curran.



Gregor Menzies from West Coast Motors collected scrubs from Inveraray, Furnace and Lochgilphead last Saturday, en route from Glasgow to Campbeltown.

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# Your weekly puzzle challenge

No. 1466

## Quiz Challenge

1. Which chemical element has the symbol B?
2. The tenor Wynne Evans is most associated with which two words?
3. Who, since 2011, has played DCI John Barnaby in the TV drama Midsomer Murders?
4. 'Open secret' and 'seriously funny' are examples of which commonly used figure of speech?
5. Which European port has the same name as a UK top 10 hit for the band Beautiful South?



Lisa Faulkner – see Question 8

6. What is a mode of transport and a kick in rugby?
7. Jeremy Corbyn represents which parliamentary constituency?
8. Actress Lisa Faulkner is married to which Australian chef?
9. In 2015, which female journalist succeeded Nick Robinson as the political editor of BBC News?
10. The putting green in the grounds of the White House is named after which US president?

### 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 was the name of the racecourse betting operation sold to Betfred in 2011?
2. What name is given to a cluster of bananas?
3. What drink is traditionally made from spirits, water, sugar, lemon juice and spice?
4. Which national publication, founded by Lord Northcliffe in 1896, was the first British newspaper to sell a million copies a day?
5. 'Good Vibrations' and 'I Get Around' were hit songs for which American rock band?

### 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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3 Punch;  
4 The Daily Mail;  
5 The Beach Boys;  
Common link:

QUIZ CHALLENGE  
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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](http://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.

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We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc., and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support. Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on [www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org).

**Contact 07788900049 or fiona@mayds.org.uk lynn@mayds.org.uk**

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE  
OF  
CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2020**

**BY  
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL ('the Council')  
PURSUANT TO  
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 ('the Act')**

**And  
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES, POTENTIALLY  
VULNERABLE AREAS AND LOCAL PLAN DISTRICTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS  
2010 (AS AMENDED) ('the Regulations')**

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of paragraph 10, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 of the above Act that on 5th December 2019 Argyll and Bute Council confirmed the proposed CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2020 with modification. The final decision was made in accordance with section 60 and paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 of the above Act and Parts II, III and IV of the above Regulations.

In accordance with paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 of the above Act the CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2020 will become operative six weeks after notice of its confirmation is first published in a locally circulating newspaper, as is required under paragraph 10(2)(d) of Schedule 2 of the above Act, unless an appeal in accordance with paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 of the above Act is made against the Scheme i.e. in the period 15th May to 26th June 2020 inclusive.

An appeal is to be made by way of summary application to the Sheriff of the Sheriffdom on North Strathclyde at: Sheriff Court House, St Marnock Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1ED (hub court for Campbeltown Sheriff Court).

The grounds on which a decision can be appealed are: (a) that the confirmed scheme breaches the restriction in section 61(3) or does not comply with the requirement in section 61(4) of the above Act; (b) that, in reaching the decision, the local authority erred in law; or (c) that there was a failure to comply with a procedural requirement contained in Schedule 2 of the above Act or the above Regulations. The Sheriff may, on the application of the appellant, suspend the operation of the scheme, or any part of it, either generally or insofar as it affects any interest in land which the appellant has, pending determination of the appeal. If the Sheriff is satisfied that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced, as detailed in paragraph 12(7) of Schedule 2 of the above Act, then the Sheriff may uphold the appeal and quash the scheme, or any part of it either generally or insofar as it affects the interest in land which the appellant has.

**Pippa Milne, Chief Executive, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT**

**Argyll and Bute Council**

**PLANNING**

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: [planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or tel. 01546 605518.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00598/PP	Refurbishment and external alterations including; erection of entrance porch extension, formation of dormer windows, rooflights and garden terrace, revised driveway and parking provision	Rockcliffe Garval Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TR
20/00739/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Plot 2 Corriechreivie Land North Of Taigh Sona Clachan Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XW
20/00683/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of timber clad modular building for use as office/ welfare facilities for a period of 5 years	Land Inbetween Arran View And The Car Park Carradale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6SD
20/00762/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of vehicular access	Land North Of Bellgrove High Askomil Campbeltown Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Councils website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at <https://bit.ly/340muRY> Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made by email to: [MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot) within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: **07276 and BEAR Scotland.**

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# Extra care with first silage cut advised

Forage experts have warned recent weather conditions could bring challenges to silage-making which, if left unchecked, could seriously reduce silage quality and generate gases which could endanger human and animal health.

The challenges stem from the unusually hot, dry spell across much of the country through April which saw many farmers spreading high volumes of slurry on to grassland in a short space of time. Because conditions remained generally dry, little of the nutrition from this slurry will have been taken up immediately by the growing plant. However, the onset of warm, wet weather over recent days will have encouraged a sudden uptake

of nitrates and a spike in grass growth. The high nitrate levels which accumulate in the grass have several implications, according to independent silage specialist Dr David Davies of Silage Solutions.

He said: 'Nitrates act as a buffer and will prevent the required drop in silage pH. While this means there will be a poor fermentation, it also leads to a more sinister side-effect.'

'The poor fermentation results in a slow pH decline and the nitrates in the grass can then be converted to nitrogen dioxide,' he said. 'This is a brown gas which can occasionally be seen when a clamp is being filled or may occur shortly after sheeting. It will roll downwards as it's heavier

than air and persist for a day or more. The problem with this gas is that it is converted to nitric acid when it comes into contact with water which can cause serious, permanent damage when breathed into the lungs.'

This damage, known colloquially as silo gas disease, can be fatal in humans and animals and is the explanation for the rare loss of sheds of livestock housed adjacent to silage clamps. If the gas is seen at or soon after silage making, Dr Davies' advice is to move away from the clamp.

He said: 'Remove any livestock from adjoining housing and seek medical assistance if exposure is suspected in anyone working on the farm.' Measures can be taken to sig-

**Nitrate contamination of silage.**

nificantly cut the risk and Dr Davies advises farmers to send grass samples to be analysed for nitrates and crude protein before making their silage.

'Crude protein above 18 per cent could imply a problem and if nitrate is above 0.25 per

cent in the freshweight, I would strongly recommend waiting before cutting,' he said.

'Nitrates between 0.15 per cent and 0.25 per cent could still be problematic for fermentation,' he added. 'This is not only because they raise the

buffering capacity of forage but also because high nitrate is biologically linked with low grass sugar – the substrate needed for fermentation.

'I'd therefore recommend using a high-strength chemical additive, proven to inhibit growth of clostridia and enterobacteria, rather than a bacterial inoculant and just hoping for a good fermentation. By killing these harmful bacteria, which are likely to be abundant on swards which had slurry applied that had not 'washed-in', you reduce the risk of undesirable fermentation and make far better silage.'

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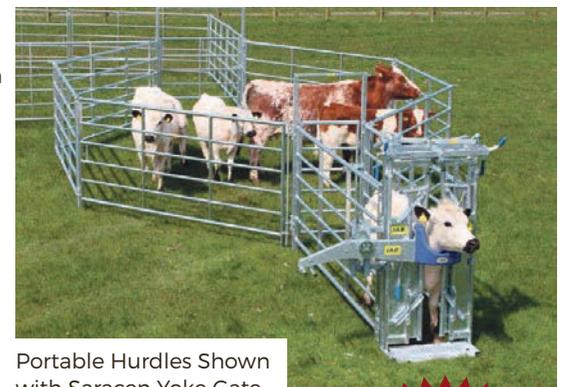
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# Climate responsibilities not forgotten amid pandemic

The Scottish farming industry's focus remains firmly on keeping food and drink on the nation's table during the coronavirus pandemic, writes NFU Scotland vice president Martin Kennedy on the NFU Scotland website.

However, in the background, NFU Scotland continues to recognise its responsibility to respond to climate change.

'NFUS recognises the risk climate change poses and why we are committed to continue playing an active role in tackling it,' said Mr Kennedy. 'We want to see an approach to mitigate climate change that also enhances biodiversity and drives benefits for food production and for our landscapes and communities.'

'We need to take opportunities to adopt management and measurement tools. We know this can bring win-win solutions: small changes to more

efficient farming methods can cut greenhouse gases per unit of food produced while delivering financial wins for farm businesses.

We must continue to make decisions based on the most relevant and up-to-date scientific evidence. It is crucial we are not selective with our approach – even if we discover things that don't seem at first to be to our liking.

'We know recovery from COVID-19 will present unique challenges for all of society, businesses and government. Despite this uncertainty, Scottish farmers remain committed to producing high quality food in a way that reduces our carbon footprint and protects the environment.'

The union's ground-breaking work in partnership with the Scottish Environment, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes (SEFARI) will bring

clarity on the impact Scottish agriculture has on the climate when it is published over the coming weeks, summarising current knowledge and showing an accurate picture of agriculture, highlighting where there is certainty and areas where we need more research.

'Scotland is already recognised as being well ahead of the curve when it comes to climate change and so long as we continue to drive positive measures to improve our position, market opportunities for our products can only increase,' concluded Mr Kennedy.

Right: NFUS vice president Martin Kennedy.



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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

It was as flat as the proverbial pancake. Not a flicker of life, not a spark. Maggie's car battery was drained of life.

We had jump leads, but at a length of two metres and with the position of Maggie's car, we couldn't get a car near enough to jump start it. We were at a loss to know what to do. So we phoned a friend. We explained our problem to our neighbour Joe and he gave the problem some thought.

Soon he came round with a long piece of electrical cable and a knife.

'I'm not sure if this will work,' said Joe, 'I've never tried it before.'

Joe connected the jump leads to Maggie's car battery, then with two lengths of wire, he connected the other ends of the leads to the respective battery terminals on his car.

Joe switched on his engine and let it run for a few minutes.

'Try it now,' said Joe.

Holding our breath, we waited as Maggie turned the key.

To our great jubilation, the engine spluttered into life. All it needed was a power source.

Maybe some of us feel at this time we need to be plugged into a power source to recharge our batteries. For some of us that power source may be God and through Jesus Christ we can find strength again when we are filled with God's renewing spirit. For some, the power source may be through Allah or Buddha, the Brahman or the Gurus, or through Jehovah, the faithful God of the Jewish people.

For some, the source of power comes through meditation or a connection with the living natural world.

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**ARDFERN**

Online art classes continue to thrive around Ardfern, inspired and led by Hannah Tofts.

Last week's artwork theme drew some fantastic cake-related creations, and the theme for next week - to be submitted by Monday May 18 - will be 'spring fruit or veg'.

Keep up with the art gallery on the Craignish Community Facebook page.



One of the imaginative cake creations from last week.

**CAIRNDOW**

While coronavirus movement restrictions remain in place, some aspects of life are, little by little, creeping back. One such development is at the Cairndow Here We Are centre, next to the Tree Shop.

Cairndow Post Office, housed within Here We Are, is to reopen on Tuesday May 19. The post office will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

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Do you have a phone, tablet or laptop sitting in a drawer unused and gathering dust that could be recycled for use by families and individuals in need?

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To donate or find out more, contact the team via the ABC Community Learning - Mid Argyll and Tarbert Facebook page.

**INVERARAY**

**An Suidhe applications open**

The latest period has opened to apply for grants of up to £9,000 from the An Suidhe Wind Farm community fund.

Community groups and charities can apply covering the areas of Inveraray, Furnace, Dalavich or Eredine.

Applications should be submitted by October 5, and forms and information can be found at

[wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/programmes/an-suidhe](http://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/programmes/an-suidhe) For further information contact Foundation Scotland on 0131 524 0300 or [communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:communitybenefit@foundationscotland.org.uk) by email.

**Inveraray rainbow prizes**

The winners of Inveraray Community Council's 'paint a rainbow' competition have been announced.

Youngsters were invited to paint their rainbow for display on the protective timber fencing around Inveraray Community Centre.

In first place was Josh Macdougall, with Ryan McCulloch second and Kayla Wilson third.

Inveraray Community Council convenor Linda Divers said: 'I'm glad I didn't need to judge as they were all great and really brighten up the fence.'

'Thanks to Inveraray surgery and DJ and Jacquie for prizes. Well done to all the youngsters.'



Kayla's beautiful painting.

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## BIRTHS

**MACLEAN** - Charles and Morven would like to announce the birth of Siobhan's little sister Seonaid Helen Catriona born at Campbeltown Hospital on March 26, 2020. Thanks to all local midwives but especially Helen Fairbairn for her love and support.

**MILLAR** - Eoghan and Laura née Arthur are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Marsaili Barbara on March 27, 2020. Granddaughter to Robert Eric and Barbara, Lochgilphead and Michael and Pearl, Braidwood, Carluke. Cousin to Eilish, Anna, Ruairidh and Olivia.



**RAMSAY** - Stephen and Carol are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Gregor on April 20, 2020. Perfect little brother for Lyle. Special thanks to midwives at Campbeltown Maternity and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley in these very challenging times. Both families are over the moon.

## DIAMOND WEDDING

**NEWLANDS-FLETCHER** - On Friday, May 20, 1960 at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown by the late Rev John Cormack, Hugh to Bertha. Best wishes from the family at home and Canada.

## DEATHS

**CONNER** - Wylie Conner, age 77, formerly of Campbeltown, passed away on May 7, 2020 in Bradford Royal Infirmary. Much loved and devoted husband of Janet Conner, loving father to David and Stuart and proud Pops to Finlay and Ailsa. The funeral will be held on May 27, 2020 at Dewsbury Crematorium, close family only due to current restrictions. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**MACVICAR** - Peacefully at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig on May 8, 2020, Margaret (Nurse)

MacVicar, in her 100th year, late of 8 Seaside Park, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Archibald and dearly loved mother of Donald, and mother-in-law of Moira. Adored granny of Colin, Mairi, Alistair and Kirsty. Great-granny of Patrick and Sophia. Dear sister of the late Colina and Katie. A good neighbour and dear friend to many in the local area. A private family service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Thursday May 14, 2020.

**MCDONALD** - Peacefully at home, 106 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, on May 12, 2020, George Stirrat McDonald, in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Angela, Stuart and Fiona, father-in-law of Archie, Jane and Davie, loving grandfather of Paul, Graeme, Julie, Gavin, Danielle, Nicole, Brad, Mitch, Rio and Bailey and great-grandfather of Arran. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

**RONALD** - Peacefully at home 31 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on May 12, 2020, Elizabeth Bruce McMurchy McKinven, in her 86th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie Ronald, formerly of Largiebaan, Southend, much loved mother of Archibald, Charles, Neil and the late James, loving granny of Iain, Mairi, Eilidh, Cameron, Beth and James. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

**WILSON** - Peacefully at home, 9 Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown on May 5, 2020, Mary Campbell Watt Mauchline, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Hugh Wilson, much loved mum of William, Robert, Hugh and James and a loving granny and great-granny. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BROWN** - Cathie and the family of Tom would like to thank the congregation of the Highland Parish Church for all the cards, thoughts and prayers on his passing. Much appreciated and so many happy memories. We would also like to thank all at Woodlands for the cards. It is much appreciated. God bless.

**MACIVER** - Sheena, John and Stuart would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, phone calls and messages received after the sad passing of Archie. Thanks to the staff at Ardenlee Care Home, Dunoon and the doctors and nurses at ward J North of the Inverclyde Royal hospital for all their care. Thanks to the Rev David Carruthers for his comforting words at the graveside, Morna for the lovely floral tributes and to the cemetery staff for their assistance. Finally, grateful thanks to the firm of Donald MacDonald undertakers for all their guidance, care and attention.

**SHAW** - The family would like to thank everyone for their many kind expressions of sympathy following the sad passing of Margaret. Special thanks to Carrgomm, District Nurses and staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kindness and care shown to Margaret over the years. Thanks also to Rev. Hilda Smith and Roddy MacDonald and staff for a very personal service at such a difficult time.

**WILSON** - The family of the late Mary Wilson would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy they received following the death of their beloved Mum. Special thanks to the Macmillan and community nurses who provided Mary with the care and support required that enabled her to be at home in her final days with her family by her side. Thanks also to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting graveside service and to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional guidance. They would also like to thank Ian and neighbours for their support to Mary over the years and to everyone who paid their respects to Mary on her final journey which was a great comfort to the family at this difficult time.

## MEMORIAMS

**SLOSS** - In loving memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010. Years have gone since you were here, But in our eyes there is still a tear, In our hearts you will always stay, We love and miss you every day. - Mum.

**SLOSS** - In memory of Christopher, who died May 16, 2010.

To us he was someone special, Someone set apart, His memory will live forever, Engraved within our hearts.

- Gran, Granda, sister Pamela and brother Daniel.

**SLOSS** - In loving memory of Christopher who was taken from us on May 16, 2010.

Gone from our sight but never from our hearts, Love and miss you loads.

- Love auntie Caroline and uncle Tam and family.

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## PERSONAL NOTICES

### THANK YOU

Nettie Semple would like to thank everyone very much for the cards, presents, flowers and phone calls received on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Again many, many thanks.

## God; powerful and loving, really?

Surely COVID 19 has proved one thing beyond doubt: God is not all powerful AND all loving.

If he is powerful, he can't be loving because he has not stopped the virus. By the same logic, if he is loving his power is limited.

Yet the Bible maintains he is both.

He is loving: Psalm 86:15 tells us that he is 'a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

He is also powerful: Psalm 147:5 states 'Great is our Lord and abundant in power.'

How so? Let me ask you to suppose for a moment that what the bible says about eternity is actually true; that we are not limited by the life expectancy of our earthly existence, but are in fact what the author CS Lewis called 'immortal

beings'. Not immortal in the sense that God is immortal, for unlike God, we all had a beginning; but immortal in the sense that our lives are not limited by the frailty of our earthly bodies. Suppose this life is NOT all there is. If the bible is true, this sense of eternity is not so hard to imagine. It tells us 'God has put eternity into the human heart'.

Now, imagine that what the bible says about sin is also true, it is in essence a rejection of our creator, and has brought not only separation from him in this life and the inevitable consequence of physical death, but also eternal separation from him.

Suppose too that this creator God allowed us to go through life blissfully unaware of the eternal

consequences of our actions, arriving at an unexpected and unprepared for death? Would he be loving by any measure, to allow his creatures to enter eternity unaware they would be separated from him for ever?

Let me turn again to the pen of CS Lewis: 'There is kindness in love: but love and kindness are not the same thing, kindness alone cares not whether its object becomes either good or bad, provided only that it escapes suffering. It is for people whom we care nothing about that we demand happiness on any terms, but with our friends, our lovers, our children, we are exacting and would rather see them suffer much than be happy in contemptible and estranging modes. If God is love, he is by definition something more than mere kindness.

And it appears, from all the records, that though he has often rebuked us and condemned us, he has never regarded us with contempt. He has paid us the intolerable compliment of loving us, in the deepest, most tragic, most inexorable sense.'

For our powerful Creator has indeed 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son'; to wear a Corona: a crown of thorns, to die in suffocating agony, to bear the penalty for sin, to make a way for his enemies to have eternal joy. No virus can jeopardise that death defeating love.

As CS Lewis observed: 'God whispers in our pleasures, but he shouts to us in our pain'. Are we ready to hear?

Mark Jasper,  
Pastor Campbeltown Community Church



# Kayaker Jack ready for epic coastline charity challenge

by Colin Cameron  
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A kayaker is hoping lockdown restrictions will be eased in time for an epic paddle around Scotland – including the beautiful Argyll coastline.

Later this summer Jack Gatacre plans to travel almost 700 miles in a fortnight with his Taran 18 kayak to raise money for charity.

The journey will start and finish in the fishing village of Pittenweem, Fife, and take him as far north as Elgin and as far south as Westport, Kintyre.

Jack is raising money for The Fishermen's Mission in honour of his girlfriend's father who is now retired from 50 years of fishing out of Pittenweem, where he still lives.

Jack's epic kayak tour will pass Edinburgh, Falkirk, enter the Forth and Clyde Canal to Glasgow, then pass the isle of Arran, Kintyre, Jura, Scarba, Mull and Fort William before joining the Caledonian Canal past Loch Lochy, Fort Augustus, Loch Ness and Inverness, then entering the North Sea to pass Nairn, Lossiemouth, Buckie, Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Aberdeen, Montrose, Arbroath, Dundee and St Andrews before returning to Pittenweem.

'Whilst fishing is a great and noble trade, culture and way of life, it can also be difficult and dangerous for fishermen and their families,' said Jack.



**Have kayak, will paddle – Jack is poised and ready for his Scottish adventure, if COVID-19 rules allow.**

'This year has been particularly difficult for fishermen financially as COVID-19 has reduced the value of their catch to such an extent it is currently not economical to leave the harbour in their boats. The Fishermen's Mission aims to help by providing financial assistance, support and life saving during storms.'

His Scottish Kayak Tour marks a return to charity

fundraising on the water for Jack, who two years ago paddled unsupported from London to Land's End in two weeks to raise £4,000 for the MS Society.

'I was inspired to do the challenge by a colleague who suffers from this condition, but back then I was a less experienced kayaker with a slower kayak and was not sponsored, but it gained a large amount of

**Jack, right, with his friend Raf at the completion of the London to Land's End trip in 2018.**



attention and publicity for the MS Society.'

For his Scottish tour, 28-year-old Jack explained: 'I would aim to kayak about 50 miles a day between dusk and dawn to capture the landscape in different light and weather, sleeping in a tent.'

'I regularly take photos and even make videos at sea during kayak expeditions. I have a friend who is professional film maker who may be able to accompany me for filming at certain stretches.'

He added: 'The Argyll coast is beautiful and remote in places, but also challenging as

there are strong tides, potential storms and fast changes in weather.'

'I hope I will get to know it well when I pass by in August. I am very excited about it.'

Jack is casting his own net for company sponsorship, offering publicity for sponsors through his Instagram page and a professional logo on his kayak for people to see as he makes his way around Scotland.

Looking further ahead, he hopes the challenge of kayaking in Scotland will stand him in good stead for a canoe voyage from London to Istanbul and southern Turkey

over a few months. If you would like to sponsor Jack's Scottish Kayak Tour, email [jackgatacre@googlemail.com](mailto:jackgatacre@googlemail.com).

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