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Disabled campervan user abused during lockdown



Happy retirement Linda

Senior staff nurse Linda Anderson retired this week from Mid Argyll Hospital after 40 years in the profession. She was given a warm – but socially distanced – send-off by colleagues at the hospital. More on page 12.

by Colin Cameron
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A Lochgilphead man says he has been subjected to abuse for driving a campervan during lockdown – a vehicle he needs as his regular mode of transport.

Mark Carter says things have reached the point where he had to speak out 'before things get out of hand'.

A former police officer, he was injured on duty more than 30 years ago and left disabled and in chronic pain, which he suffers to this day.

Now aged 61, Mr Carter explained: 'I cannot walk very far or stand for any length of time. In fact, sitting has its moments.'

'I need a vehicle that can allow me to lie down. As it is, a trip to Glasgow causes much pain for a week or more.'

'My medication is controlled and causes severe side effects which require me to have close access to a toilet.'

The only vehicle that can

provide a bed, toilet and space for a mobility scooter is, says Mr Carter, a campervan.

While attending an appointment on May 19 at Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth University Hospital using his van, he was subjected to abuse, including shouted obscenities, middle

'Please find out the facts before hurling abuse and obscenities.'

finger salutes, aggressive gestures and clear disapproving looks from members of the public.

'No one would want to attend a consultant's appointment in hospital under the current situation unless they really had to,' said Mr Carter, 'so the stress levels were already high. It wasn't a pleasant experience.'

He claims to have endured similar behaviour while using his van around Lochgilphead.



Mark Carter has been abused for using his campervan.

Earlier this week he was on his way to a local spot for permitted exercise when he says a driver gestured aggressively towards him because he was in a campervan.

'I have been so worried that while parked for my exercise my campervan might be damaged,' he said.

Mr Carter added: 'I fully understand the rules during

these difficult times and I have abided by them.'

'I did not ask to be injured on duty and have been with chronic pain for more than half of my life. My career, my interests, my fitness are gone and this additional stress hurts.'

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Mrs Mary McLulich

The Argyllshire Advertiser is sad to report Mrs Mary McLulich passed away earlier this week in a Glasgow care home at the age of 106.

Mrs McLulich featured in this newspaper when she reached her century, then again when turning 105 last year. Just a few weeks ago she turned 106, with this milestone also recorded in the Advertiser.

Her son Alan told the Tayvallich Community Facebook page: 'As was her wish, up until recently mum managed to stay at home in Tayvallich which is an indication of the community spirit available in Tayvallich.'

'The family were always grateful of all the support mum received and the number of people who we knew she could turn to should she require it.'

He added: '...hopefully once all the restrictions have been lifted we will be able to have a celebration of her life back in the village.'

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Project reaches out to veterans

Advice bureau provides support across Argyll and Bute

Distance, transport, support, benefits, loneliness, pride.

These words sum up some of the challenges faced by armed forces veterans living in Argyll and Bute, particularly in west Argyll and on the islands. But for many, help could be just a phone call away.

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau is a focal point for our armed forces community providing free impartial and confidential advice.

Soon, veterans will be invited to a 'Brew and Blether' support group for advice and company.

In Argyll and Bute, the Armed Forces Advice Service is provided by adviser Sandra Staniland, based at the bureau's offices in Lochgilphead.

'Two of the challenges faced,

particularly for our older veterans, is distance and access to extra support,' she said. 'While the east of the county is condensed into areas that are easily accessible and where it is easy for people to travel to bigger cities without a thought, journeys in west Argyll have to be planned.'

'The success of other support groups and organisations in these larger urban areas is due, in part, to travel not being an issue. From regular bus and train services to calling a taxi, it does not pose the same logistical problems as it does living in a rural setting or on an island.'

'For a veteran living either on the islands or the west coast, however, this can be a huge is-



Left: Armed Forces Advice Service adviser for Argyll and Bute Sandra Staniland.

sue, especially if they no longer have their own transport and do not wish to be a burden on friends or families.

'Families may live in other areas so loneliness is a big issue and pride also inhibits asking for help when it is needed.'

As soon as the coronavirus situation allows, Sandra will be starting support sessions called 'Brew and Blether' which will be open to all veterans and their partners.

'I hope this may encourage older people, especially those living alone, to come along for advice and company,' explained Sandra.

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau helped armed forces veterans gain £71,365 in

benefits and grants during the last year.

Sandra, who has been an adviser for seven years, added: 'I do this job because I genuinely love it and I've met and worked with amazing people, some of whom have experienced dreadful situations.'

'It is challenging, but also very rewarding.'

'To be able to offer an extra level of support to our veterans is vital, even if it's simply picking up the phone for a wee blether, especially for those living in remote and rural areas of Argyll and Bute.'

Contact Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice by emailing info@abcab.org.uk or calling 01546 605550.

POLICE FILES

Drugs package

A 37-year-old man was arrested after a package allegedly containing cannabis was seized at 10.30am on Monday May 18 at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead. The man was cautioned and charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs offences clarification

In last week's edition, a case was reported where a man and a woman at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, were charged in relation to drugs offences on Saturday May 16. The police have clarified the man is aged 24 and not 21 as reported.

Abusive behaviour

On Thursday May 21 at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, a 32-year-old man was arrested at 10pm for behaving in an abusive manner. The man was charged and issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Kilmory theft

Around Thursday March 26, items including tools were stolen from business premises at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses.

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



Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Mon, 1 Jun 2020				14:10	11:10	16:40
Tue, 2 Jun 2020				15:11	12:11	17:41
Wed, 3 Jun 2020				16:04	13:04	18:34
Thu, 4 Jun 2020				16:53	13:53	19:23
Fri, 5 Jun 2020	05:28	02:28	07:58	17:40	14:40	20:10
Sat, 6 Jun 2020	06:13	03:13	08:43	18:25	15:25	20:55
Sun, 7 Jun 2020	06:57	03:57	09:27	19:10	16:10	21:40
Mon, 8 Jun 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11	19:56	16:56	22:26
Tue, 9 Jun 2020	08:25	05:25	10:55	20:43	17:43	23:13
Wed, 10 Jun 2020	09:12	06:12	11:42	21:30	18:30	00:00
Thu, 11 Jun 2020	10:04	07:04	12:34			
Fri, 12 Jun 2020	11:01	08:01	13:31			
Sat, 13 Jun 2020	12:05	09:05	14:35			
Sun, 14 Jun 2020				13:09	10:09	15:39
Mon, 15 Jun 2020				14:08	11:08	16:38
Tue, 16 Jun 2020				15:00	12:00	17:30
Wed, 17 Jun 2020				15:46	12:46	18:16
Thu, 18 Jun 2020				16:29	13:29	18:59
Fri, 19 Jun 2020				17:08	14:08	19:38
Sat, 20 Jun 2020	05:27	02:27	07:57	17:45	14:45	20:15
Sun, 21 Jun 2020	06:01	03:01	08:31	18:21	15:21	20:51
Mon, 22 Jun 2020	06:37	03:37	09:07	19:00	16:00	21:30
Tue, 23 Jun 2020	07:16	04:16	09:46	19:43	16:43	22:13
Wed, 24 Jun 2020	07:59	04:59	10:29	20:30	17:30	23:00
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Fri, 26 Jun 2020	09:37	06:37	12:07	22:12	19:12	00:42
Sat, 27 Jun 2020	10:32	07:32	13:02	23:07	20:07	01:37
Sun, 28 Jun 2020	11:32	08:32	14:02			
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Tue, 30 Jun 2020				13:42	10:42	16:12

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Have you seen Travis?



Lochgilphead resident Sandra Johnston is looking for help to find her son's ginger cat.

Travis was last seen on Saturday May 16 in Brodie Crescent. He is an Oriental Red with a short ginger coat

and creamy bands at the end of his tail. Sandra said: 'It's unlike him to stay away so long and I can't think what's happened to him.' If you have any information, contact Sandra on 07840 600290.

Recycling centres to re-open

Plans are being made to re-open all of Argyll and Bute's household waste recycling centres, with the exception of Helensburgh and Lomond, on Monday June 1.

All centres will be set up to reduce the risk of COVID-19 among those who use them and finalised arrangements

can be found on the council website and social media channels. In anticipation of heavy demand, residents are asked to visit the centres only if absolutely necessary.

Among new rules, one-way systems will be in operation and no more than two people, from the same household,

should be in any vehicle visiting sites. Service will be limited initially and containers will be available for the most common materials - domestic/general waste and garden waste.

Vans, trailers and commercial vehicles will not be permitted in the early days, though this will be reviewed.

Bikers under fire after Inveraray jaunt

by Colin Cameron
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Eyebrows were raised in Inveraray on Monday May 25 as good weather brought out Bank Holiday bikers in numbers.

One Royal Burgh resident contacted the Advertiser to complain the town was 'overrun' with motorcyclists and that they were behaving with 'total disregard' to social distancing.

Social media was filled with criticism of the bikers' actions, with many people pointing out the potential risks of coronavirus transmission.

Government rules introduced to slow the spread of the

virus limit travel to essential purposes only.

Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers said: 'I'm not sure what the bikers are thinking about. Going on a bike ride from who knows where isn't currently part of the guidelines.'

She added: 'We see it all the time in Inveraray.'

The Advertiser approached the Scottish Motorcycle Club (SMC) earlier this week for comment and the group responded: 'The Scottish Motorcycle Club stands by the restrictions imposed by the Scottish Government. All club activities – ride outs, socials and any other SMC businesses – were suspended from around mid-March and still are.'

The latest advice from the British Motorcyclists Federation urges all riders to only make essential journeys and to avoid groups and social meeting places. It goes on: 'Social distancing remains essential.'

'Do not put yourself into situations where social distancing cannot be achieved. If in doubt, don't risk it.'

Campbeltown-based roads policing Inspector Archie McGuire said police are seeing an increase in motorcycle activity across the area as the weather improves.

Inspector McGuire added: 'If it appears to officers that anyone, including motorcyclists or other road users, may be in breach of current

Scottish Government advice or requirements in respect of coronavirus legislation, they will engage with them explaining why this is necessary and encourage them to co-operate. Where appropriate, and as a

last resort, officers will enforce the law.

'Over the last holiday weekend, several motorcyclists and other motorists in the area were spoken to by officers and warned about breaching

current regulations. I remind people who may be planning to travel to this area to consider their actions and the effect this may have on the community during this challenging period.'



Bikes and riders gather in Inveraray on Monday.

Argyll hotels close as holiday firm collapses

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Three Argyll hotels are among seven across Scotland forced to close after their owners called in administrators.

Two hotels in the Arrochar area are affected, along with the 127-room Bay Great Western Hotel in Oban.

The Tarbet Hotel, with 69 rooms, and Arrochar's Claymore Hotel also closed their doors last week when parent company Specialist Leisure Group (SLG) called in administrators due to the impact of COVID-19, with the loss of around 2,500 jobs across the country.

Other hotels affected include the Bay Caledonian Hotel in Fort William, the Bay Waverley Castle Hotel in Melrose, the Pitlochry Hydro Hotel, the Bay Highland Hotel in Strathpeffer



Doors closed - the Tarbet Hotel.

and the Portpatrick Hotel. SLG owns Glasgow-based travel agent Caledonian Travel and Wallace Arnold Travel and coach holiday brands Shearings and National Holidays.

SLG chief executive Richard Calvert described the situation as 'heartbreaking'.

'This is a terribly sad day for employees, customers and commercial partners of the Specialist Leisure Group and its subsidiaries which have en-

tered into administration,' he said. 'The effects of COVID-19 on our 117-year-old company and the wider travel industry have been devastating.'

According to a survey carried out by the Federation of Small Businesses, more than one third – 36 per cent – of Highlands and Islands businesses that have shut down operations during the coronavirus outbreak fear they may never reopen.

The collapse of SLG follows the news earlier this month that East Kilbride-based David Urquhart Travel is to wind up its coach tour business 'in an orderly manner' over the next few months due to the impact of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic on travel and tourism.

The move does not affect David Urquhart Sky Travel, which will continue to operate as normal.



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'Options being explored' amid camps controversy

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Controversial workers' camps in the Mid Argyll villages of Furnace and Ford were intended to ease pressure during the busy summer tourist months, it has been claimed.

Civil engineering firm Balfour Beatty has submitted a planning application to Argyll and Bute Council to site 14 accommodation cabins in Furnace for two years to house workers on the electricity line upgrade between Inveraray and Crossaig in north Kintyre.

The proposal attracted a flurry of protests from residents and Furnace Community Council has now formally objected to the plans.

A similar camp has already been set up at Torran, near Ford, for contractors on the same project.



The workers' camp near Ford, pictured earlier this month.

Balfour Beatty is employed as the main contractor on the scheme by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN).

Both firms have been in the spotlight since the coronavirus outbreak, with numerous reports of workers travelling to homes across the UK and mixing with the Mid Argyll public when they come back.

Procedures have recently

been tightened, say the companies, but the prospect of camps near communities has reignited fears. Ford resident John Boden wrote to SSEN on May 19 to ask why workers were placed 15 miles from the works site, adding: 'The risks of transmitting the virus around the country are obvious.'

The Ford area falls under Dunadd Community Council and earlier this week its con-

STOP PRESS: On Thursday morning a SSEN representative contacted the Argyllshire Advertiser to say that, after discussions this week between SSEN and Balfour Beatty, the decision was taken to withdraw the planning application for the camp in Furnace. More next week.

venor Jim Malcolm told the Advertiser that while the community council had yet to take a formal position regarding the Torran camp, fears have been expressed locally that the camp could become a 'hotspot' for the virus.

Having received around 40 public comments, Furnace Community Council members unanimously decided to object to the application, asking for its rejection.

Reasons given involved con-

cern over the transmission of coronavirus, which could put residents at risk. Other points raised included issues over road access, volume of traffic, noise and privacy.

The statement continued: 'While there is a view that, under other circumstances, there could be some benefit derived for the village, that is not the prevailing view...'

A spokesperson for SSEN Transmission said: 'We and our contractors continue to explore suitable sites to accommodate our workforce.'

'When selecting sites we need to consider a range of factors, including access to essential infrastructure and, ultimately, agreement with landowners.'

'The selection of the proposed sites pre-dates the coronavirus outbreak, with the sites selected intended to help reduce pressures on local accommodation

providers during what would normally be peak tourist season.'

'As we and our contractors continue to take forward proposals for suitable accommodation sites, we are committed to working closely with the communities affected to help address any particular concerns where we can.'

Balfour Beatty said it was 'exploring options' for accommodation 'as production levels increase on site'.

A spokesperson added: 'Any decision on employee accommodation will be taken in line with Balfour Beatty's COVID-19 site operating procedures, issued on May 20, which are fully aligned to the latest government guidelines to ensure the continued health, safety and well-being of all those who work for and with us, as well as the general public.'

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Egging on the spoon race in Ardfern

A new community is causing a stir in Ardfern.

The unorthodox group has scooped a prime site for its self-serving village close to Angie Bird's home.

The inhabitants are said to bear a striking resemblance to spoons.

Thankfully Angie was able to shed light on the mysterious community.

'We've joined in a lovely little project called 'Spoonville', she explained, 'and set one up here in Ardfern.'

'We are the 12th Spoonville, with the first from England, the second on Mull, the third in Longwarry, Australia.'

The Spooky People first appeared in Winnersh, Berkshire, as a fun family coronavirus lockdown activity. A Mull

resident with Berkshire connections took it to the Hebridean island after spotting it on social media – and the idea has taken off around the world.

Angie added: 'We'd love to encourage others to join us in creating a spoon person, or creating their own Spoonville.'

Find out more on the 'Spoonville International' Facebook page.



Spoonville villages are popping up all over the world.

Campaigners demand Islay public toilets are reopened

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Campaigners on Islay are demanding the re-opening of the island's public toilets as a public health measure during the coronavirus pandemic.

Argyll and Bute Council has closed all its public conveniences, but islanders are adamant that as cafés, pubs and hotels are closed it is vital Bowmore and Port Ellen's public toilets reopen.

They argue that for key workers out on the road, a toilet is a necessity.

A council spokesperson said: 'Our service recovery staff are at present fully committed to the reintroduction and/or management of highest priority services including burials, waste collections, cremations and safely maintaining our road network. As soon as it is reasonably practical to do so, we will turn our attention to other service areas including public conveniences.'

Janet Waterworth of the Islay Resilience Group responded: 'Our volunteers are often out of their own home without access to facilities for up to five hours. How anyone who is working out on the road all day can cope is unthinkable.'

Campaigners point to Orkney Council, which has re-opened toilets by using a turnbuckle lock on the inside of the main door to the toilet for one person at a time, with notices reminding users of their responsibilities.

They also argue there is no evidence cleaning public toilets is a risk for the cleaner or that any special precautions need to be taken.

The council spokesperson continued: 'Examples of what

'Our volunteers are often out of their homes for up to five hours. How anyone who is working out on the road all day can cope is unthinkable.'

other local authorities, such as Orkney Council, are doing are helpful as we consider the best way of re-opening our public toilets safely, for everyone.

'It is not a question of whether staff would be safe cleaning but rather we do not have the staff available to carry out such cleaning tasks. The practicality of providing hand washing facilities separate to public toilets would have to be investigated.'

Councillor Alastair Redman said he would 'continue to press for a sensible change of direction from our council on this subject'.

'I am well aware of a number of people asking for public toilets to be reopened,' Councillor Robin Currie said.

'The last meeting I had about this subject was last Thursday with the head of roads and infrastructure,' he continued 'and I was told the department was still looking at this and, as more people come back to work, serious consideration will be given to reopening public toilets.'

Councillor Anne Horn said she had asked council chief executive Pippa Milne to give serious consideration to this issue, adding: 'It is essential we help the volunteers on Islay to continue to look after those who must stay at home.'

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Otherwise, you should follow self-isolation guidelines and stay at home for 7 days. And anyone in your household should stay in for 14 days.

To find out more and book your test go to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus If you can't get online, call 0300 303 2713.



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Three fined after rescue

Three walkers were fined after Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team was called out on Sunday May 24 for the first time since lockdown began.

Police Scotland requested the team's assistance at 3.20pm to rescue three hillwalkers from Motherwell who were lost in cloud on the 2,900-foot Cobbler.

All three were found and safely escorted down the hill – social distancing in place.

Police later fined the walkers for breaching Scottish lockdown regulations.

The team was forced to respond to derogatory social media comments about the walkers' actions, posting: 'We only report the facts of the event without personal details or opinions and do not want to put people off calling for help when accidents happen.'

'They can, and do, happen to everyone. Please be respectful of each other and of local and national guidance.'

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New social work chief looks forward to role



Julie Lusk.

A social worker with more than 20 years' experience has been appointed chief social work officer with Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

Julie Lusk will undertake the position in addition to her role as head of adult services, including mental health, learning disability, addictions and lifelong conditions.

Argyll and Bute Council chief executive Pippa Milne said: 'I welcome the appointment of Julie Lusk as Argyll and Bute's chief social work officer. Julie brings extensive experience to the post and I look forward to working with her.'

Julie is a qualified social worker with more than 20 years' experience as a senior manager and head of service across social work, voluntary and the private sector including working closely with Ministry of Defence mental

health services. She has a broad range of knowledge working across all areas of social work including out of hours emergency social care services, children's services and criminal justice.

Ms Lusk said: 'It is a privilege to be appointed as chief social work officer for Argyll and Bute.'

'I look forward to providing professional social work leadership and guidance across the organisation to ensure we continue to provide the best outcomes for people using our services and to support a culture that will enable leadership, professional development and vision for our workforce.'

Julie is currently vice chairperson of the adult social care committee for Social Work Scotland and works in conjunction with the Scottish Government, COSLA and other health and social care

partnerships to deliver and improve outcomes for people accessing adult health and social care services.

Joanna Macdonald, chief officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP, added: 'The role of chief social work officer is an important role in the HSCP.'

'The care and support services in place serve our most vulnerable people living in Argyll and Bute.'

'I thank Alex Taylor, previous chief social work officer, for his many years of outstanding dedication to social work services across Argyll and Bute and I wish him a healthy, long and happy retirement when it comes.'

'I am really pleased to welcome Julie Lusk into the role.'

'Julie has outstanding knowledge and experience of social care and health and her leadership will be a real asset to Argyll and Bute.'



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Protecting jobs and supporting business

The Government has announced an unprecedented package of support to protect jobs and support business

across the UK during the coronavirus outbreak. There is a wide range of financial support available to firms of

all sizes. Today we take a look at how some companies have benefited from the help available.

'Critical to Scouts' survival'



HELPING HAND: Scouts Scotland supports 12,000 volunteers and 40,000 young people.

CASE STUDY 1 SCOUTS SCOTLAND

SCOUTS SCOTLAND chief executive Katie Docherty says the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) has been absolutely critical to the survival of Scouts Scotland as an organisation.

Almost 80 per cent of Scouts Scotland's 62 staff have been furloughed as outdoor education centres and campsites have been closed and fundraising events have postponed due to the coronavirus lockdown.

The organisation, which supports 12,000 volunteers and 40,000 young people in

Scotland, has suffered a £1.5 million shortfall as a result.

Ms Docherty said they had received some funding from the Scottish Government, but that furlough scheme is "the lifeline that's keeping us going just now".

She said: "It's the furlough scheme that's allowed us to keep paying our staff whilst we have no income coming in. It's been absolutely critical. We would have had to make most of our staff redundant otherwise."

The CJRS has been extended until the end of October by the UK Government in order to protect businesses and jobs across the country.

Chancellor's measures to safeguard firms and their staff

The Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced a range of measures* for businesses and workers to protect them against the current economic emergency. Here are some examples.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has enabled businesses to put employees on a period of temporary leave (furlough) and apply for a government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 a month. The scheme available until the end of October has already protected 7.5 million workers and almost 1 million businesses

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will allow eligible self-

employed individuals to claim a taxable grant of 80 per cent of their average monthly profits, up to £7,500.

UK VAT-registered firms have been given the option to defer VAT payments until the end of June.

There will be no interest or penalties on any amount deferred.

The Government has introduced a business rates holiday for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors and nurseries in England.

Other schemes are in place in the other nations within the UK.

Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction

The Government's Bounce Back Loans Scheme provides loans of up to £50,000 to small businesses, with a 100 per cent government-backed guarantee for lenders.

The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme is available for loans or finance of up to £5m.

The Government will provide the lender with an 80 per cent guarantee to support the lending.

*Eligibility criteria applies.



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■ Details of the support available to businesses across the UK can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support

Furlough scheme 'offers a lifeline to many businesses'

CASE STUDY 2 PROTECTIVE GEAR

A COUNTY Derry company has been protecting health care workers by supplying high-end protective gear for intensive care units during the COVID-19 crisis.

Seating Matters, based outside Ballykelly, has been able to use the Government's furlough scheme to protect about a quarter of its 50-strong workforce, while also helping provide box shields to protect healthcare workers while they are ventilating patients

The family-owned company has specialised in creating chairs to provide comfort, postural support, pressure management and improve

quality of life for disabled adults and children since 2008.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, however, the company has teamed up with medical experts and designers to create the box shields.

Managing director Martin Tierney said: "We have been making clinical therapeutic chairs for hospitals and we are very close to the front line in that respect because a lot of our chairs are being used in intensive care and in COVID wards."

Seating Matters was established by Martin's mother Martina, an occupational therapist who had identified a global demand for therapeutic chairs.

It now has 50 staff but Mr Tierney said it had to furlough a quarter



WORKING HARD: A Seating Matters employee producing medical equipment at the company's workshop.

of its staff. He said the government furlough scheme was a lifeline for many businesses. Mr Tierney said: "I'm grateful that we can keep moving forward because there are a lot of places that

are stopped altogether. I'm just grateful that we are not in that boat." The firm has strict social distancing and changed an office entrance in order to safeguard staff against coronavirus infection.



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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**Campervans**

Their continued appearance after lockdown in the west Highlands, including Argyll, came to symbolise a reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Not quite on the Dominic Cummings scale, but selfish nonetheless.

The experience of Mark Carter perhaps goes to show that, while understandable in the continuing febrile atmosphere, we can be too quick to judge others and jump to conclusions.

And don't read into that statement that we have any sympathy for Mr Cummings...

Tourism support

The speed with which coach tour firms have collapsed is alarming and must ring danger bells for the wider tourism industry. Our beautiful region is heavily dependent on visitors and it is hard to see anything but a lean time ahead until the next tourism season, whatever shape that takes. We hope the authorities offer adequate support for businesspeople with the energy and imagination to adapt and survive these times.

Stir things up

We all need a wee bit of light relief in these strange times, so well done to the Spoon People for providing an entertaining diversion. It's all for the children, of course. Of course it is. Definitely only for children.



Ruth Carruthers.

Walking for water

Sir,
I'd like to thank everyone who has donated so generously to my 2.6 Challenge, raising funds for WaterAid.

To my delight and surprise, £1,703 has been raised so far – with more still coming in.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to that, your generosity is much appreciated. Each day since April 26 I've marched up the hill from my house to the water treatment plant in Ardrishaig, making the climb in 13 minutes or less, then back home before 26 minutes are up.

The glorious weather has made it an absolute delight most days and made me very glad of a cool drink of clean, pure water once I'm home.

There are still 785 million people in our

world who have no access to safe, clean water. WaterAid is working to change this.

If you would like to support my fundraising, go online to Just Giving and search for 'Ruth Carruthers'.

Although I've done the 26 days of walking, my Just Giving page will remain open until the end of June.

Next time you're filling a kettle, flushing a toilet, drinking a glass of water, or complaining about the rain, remember what a fabulous thing it is to have a supply of clean, safe water.

Ruth Carruthers, Ardrishaig.

Halt firefighting cuts

Sir,

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) is calling for a UK-wide moratorium on fire cuts amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FBU has written to Boris Johnson and the First Ministers of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to criticise the lack of preparedness among public services for the pandemic and warn leaders not to allow plans to be drawn up that reduce vital fire cover during or after the crisis.

The union is also writing to every fire authority in the country.

Firefighters have taken on 14 new areas of work to support their communities through the pandemic, delivering important results for health services and the public. They are already face-fitting PPE masks for front line NHS and care staff, delivering PPE and medical supplies, taking COVID-19 test samples, moving dead bodies, driving ambulances and delivering food

and medicines to vulnerable people. But services have undergone sweeping cuts over the last 15 years, most strikingly since the beginning of austerity in 2010.

The budget for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has been cut by seven per cent in real terms since it was established in 2013, losing 990 firefighters.

The crucial value of investing in public services has never been more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot return to the failed politics of slashing services then expecting them to spring into action when a crisis comes around. Brigades have been gutted by a decade of austerity, but firefighters have nonetheless taken extraordinary steps to help the fight against coronavirus. They cannot be thanked with further cuts.

There is a host of foreseeable risks that could cause the next major national emergency – not least the risk of another coronavirus wave or another pandemic. When that emergency comes, there should be a properly funded fire service ready to respond.

The Prime Minister and First Ministers have joined the public in applauding key workers each Thursday. It would be unthinkable for them to turn around and allow the slashing of fire services to continue.

Matt Wrack, FBU general secretary,
Kingston Upon Thames.

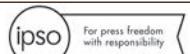
Heart help available

Sir,

I would like to let readers know about the support the British Heart Foundation is continuing

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Since the pandemic began, we've seen an unprecedented demand for our Heart Helpline service. In response, we've extended our helpline opening hours and added to our specialist nursing team. We've also launched an appeal to help us offer this expanded service.

Understanding what lockdown and the different risk levels mean for people with heart and circulatory diseases has been one of the most common enquiries.

The uncertainty of the situation means we may not be able to answer every question, but we are here to reassure people who might feel anxious and provide information and support specific to their condition and concerns.

If you are feeling unwell or concerned about your heart condition, it's still vital you use NHS services as you always would. Our team of nurses are available if you're trying to understand what the pandemic means for you or the health of a loved one.

To contact the BHF's Heart Helpline call 0300 330 3311 - 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm on weekends and bank holidays - or email hearthelpline@bhf.org.uk.

James Jopling, head of British Heart Foundation Scotland, Edinburgh.

YOUR PICTURES



Ardrishaig reader Cheryl Ratcliffe-Nye sent this week's featured photograph.

Cheryl explained: 'On a day with no wind, the fluff has gone from the dandelions but the seeds are still in place, creating beautiful white spiky spheres standing out proudly against the lush green grass.'

Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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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.

Happy lockdown 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.

Happy Birthday!

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.

Send your photographs to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



Elsie Penman celebrated her first birthday on May 15 at home in Lochgilphead. She had a lovely day with her brother James eating cake and playing with her balloons.



Left: Leon Le Marquand from Furnace will turn seven on Saturday May 30. He plans to spend his birthday riding his new bike all day with his best friend Skye and little brother Mitchell.



Lochgilphead lad Mason King celebrated his fourth birthday on Saturday May 23. He spent the day playing with his mummy and daddy and making video calls with his family.



Brothers Finlay and Gregor Watt celebrated their birthdays under lockdown. Gregor was one on May 9 and his big brother Finlay turned six years of age on May 28. The boys had lovely birthdays spent with mum and dad.

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National Assistance Helpline
(Open office hours Monday to Friday)

Call: 0800 111 4000
Text phone service: 0800 111 4114

To help people at increased risk access essential help if they do not have family or other support.

Health

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus
0800 028 2816

(8am –10pm everyday)
for general information only

Call **NHS 24** on **111** for advice if symptoms worsen or if fever is ongoing after 7 days

Shielding local support

www.gov.scot/covid-shielding-contacts

Feeling anxious or depressed?

NHS Inform:

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus-mental-wellbeing

NHS 24: Call 111

www.clearyourhead.scot

Breathing Space:

www.breathingspace.scot
0800 83 85 87

Scottish Association for Mental Health:

0344 800 0550
info@samh.org.uk

Samaritans Scotland Helpline:

116 123 / jo@samaritans.org

Advice for pregnant women

www.nhsinform.scot/ready-steady-baby or contact your midwife if concerned.

Easy-read coronavirus guidance

www.sclد.org.uk/information-on-coronavirus
Helpline: 0141 248 3733

Social welfare and financial help

Citizens Advice Scotland:

www.cas.org.uk
0800 028 1456

Struggling with energy bills?

Home Energy Scotland:

0808 808 2282

Consumer issues

Advice Direct Scotland
www.coronavirusadvice.scot
0808 800 9060

Employment rights advice

www.acas.org.uk
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Relay UK: 18001 0300 123 1100

Support for accessing your rights at work

www.stuc.org.uk
Email: info@stuc.org.uk
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For business support

www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice
Helpline: 0300 303 0660

Helping in your community

www.readyscotland.org

Advice for parents

www.parentclub.scot/coronavirus

Parentline Scotland:

08000 28 22 33

The Money Talk Team:

0800 085 7145

Information for Young People

www.young.scot/coronavirus

Information, friendship and advice for older people, their carers and families

www.agescotland.org.uk
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For people with dementia, families, friends and professionals

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Fond farewell as nurse retires after 40 years

Glenaray Ward said a fond farewell to Linda Anderson this week as she retired after a 40-year nursing career.

Linda, left, of Inveraray, began her nursing training at Stobhill Hospital in Glasgow in 1977 and qualified three years later.

Band six senior staff nurse Linda, aged 60, retired from Mid Argyll Hospital on Monday May 25 but as a result of coronavirus restrictions, colleagues were unable to give her the send off they would have wanted.

Instead, there was a ward collection and a low-key, socially

distanced tea to mark the occasion as Linda was presented with flowers and a retirement gift. Colleagues old and new wished her well, with many cards and gifts received.

A fellow nurse of Linda's told the Advertiser: 'Linda is all about her patients, caring for them and being

their voice when they are unable to have one. She has always been there for the families of patients as well. She also gives a lot to the Inveraray community and is well thought of in her home town. We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.'

Young Lochgilphead entrepreneurs need YOU

Senior Lochgilphead Joint Campus pupils are urging people to help them in their bid to become Young Enterprise Scotland's Company of the Year.

The school's B-Eco team is one of 15 regional finalists competing for the coveted title in this year's Festival of Enterprise – but they need public votes.

The team is made up of S6 pupils Iona McCulloch, Lucie Konicova, Amy Owen and Julieann Small.

They have been making handmade candles using 100 per cent pure organic beeswax as part of the school's Young Enterprise programme.

The young entrepreneurs aim to provide customers with a unique, high quality sustainable product. They are passionate about the environment and believe the world would benefit if everyone made small changes.

Urging the public to get behind the team, Argyll and Bute

Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'What a tremendous achievement it is for this team of talented young people make it through to the final. They have worked incredibly hard to get their business up and running and to make it the success it has become.'

'Their fate is essentially in your hands though.'

'This is a People's Choice Award so they need everyone to come

together and vote for them. Voting only take a few minutes and you could help them get the recognition they deserve.'

To vote for the Lochgilphead team visit the Young Enterprise Scotland website. Voting closes on Monday June 1.

The winners will be announced at a virtual Festival of Enterprise 2020 event on Tuesday June 2 and will represent Scotland at the virtual UK finals on Wednesday June 17.



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2. Spray a deep, non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a high heat. Add the mushrooms and red onion and fry for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the steak and stir-fry for a further 5 minutes, then add the gherkins, peppercorns and sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir through the quark. Season to taste and serve with your favourite Speed vegetables.

Ingredients

- Low-calorie cooking spray
 - 300g mushrooms, sliced
 - 1 red onion, sliced
 - 600g lean sirloin steak, visible fat removed, thinly sliced
 - 60g small gherkins, finely chopped
 - 2 tsp pink peppercorns
 - 100g plain quark
- For the sauce:
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
 - ½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained
 - 150g cauliflower, cut into small florets
 - ½ tbsp Marmite + 1 beef stock cube
 - 2 large garlic cloves, peeled
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce + ½ tsp paprika



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Welcome to virtual heaven for a good cause

by Colin Cameron
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

There has rarely been a time when the need for emotional and practical support for young people in Scotland has been more urgently needed.

But one Mid Argyll family has hit upon a colourful way of helping out during the coronavirus crisis.

Katherine Haig and her family will open up their garden at Achabhraid, Inverneill, this weekend to raise money for Scottish charity Children 1st.

Katherine said: 'We are trying to help secure funds that will aid in giving critical emo-

tional and practical support to vulnerable children during these trying times.'

She had hoped to host an open garden fundraiser at the end of May in support of the charity, but that is clearly not possible.

But undaunted – and with the help of daughter Eilidh – Katherine plans to host an online version of the event on Sunday May 31.

Blog

Eilidh has been busy updating her blog daily with fantastic pictures of plants, flowers, wildlife and views from the garden.

'My mum has been spending as much time in the garden

as possible to make sure it is beautiful, while also working from home,' said Eilidh.

A full garden tour video will be posted online this Sunday and Eilidh explained: 'The main goal is to raise money for a worthwhile charity, but we

also wish to ensure everyone can have a little glimpse of the beauty Argyll has to offer from wherever they are in the world.'

A Just Giving fundraising page – Katherine's Achabhraid Virtual Garden Open – and

Facebook event page have been set up. Eilidh added: 'We have already had people access the website from Kenya, Spain, USA and Japan which is exciting. We are encouraging feedback and interaction from everyone, not just those who

donate, though, of course, it would be wonderful if they did.'

You can view Eilidh's blog at www.eilidhhaig.squarespace.com – and look out for the Facebook video from 10am on Sunday May 31.



You can enjoy a virtual tour of the Haigs' gorgeous garden while raising money for Children 1st.

Invite to learn about the Internet of Things

Businesses in Argyll looking to boost their competitiveness are invited to learn about the Internet of Things (IoT).

Internet of Things technology enables devices, such as everyday objects, machinery and systems to connect to the internet. The data gathered from their use can be used to develop new processes and plan future operations more efficiently.

A demonstration on the subject, cancelled in March as part of the COVID-19 lockdown, has been resurrected as a virtual online demonstration. It will take place on Wednesday June 3 between 1pm and 3pm.

It is being organised by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) in partnership with CENSIS, Scotland's innovation centre for sensors and imaging systems.

Attendees will hear from industry experts, network providers and businesses already using IoT as part of everyday business and operations.

The event will be introduced by Paul Winstanley, chief executive of CENSIS, followed

by a virtual demonstration and network overview by Sue Kee of Boston Networks, Networks, M2M Cloud, NHS Highland and NHS Western Isles.

A session on IoT in remote and rural healthcare, will include a virtual demonstration of IoT2Go from Jim Cockram of CENSIS and a presentation from Jon Harris of NHS Western Isles.

The Scottish Government will facilitate a 40-minute question and answer session at the end, with support from HIE.

John Mackenzie, senior development manager with HIE, said: 'The use of Internet of Things technology is growing all the time in industry, as more and more firms discover the business benefits it can bring.'

'This event is about helping businesses to explore how they might use the technology to become more productive, efficient and competitive.'

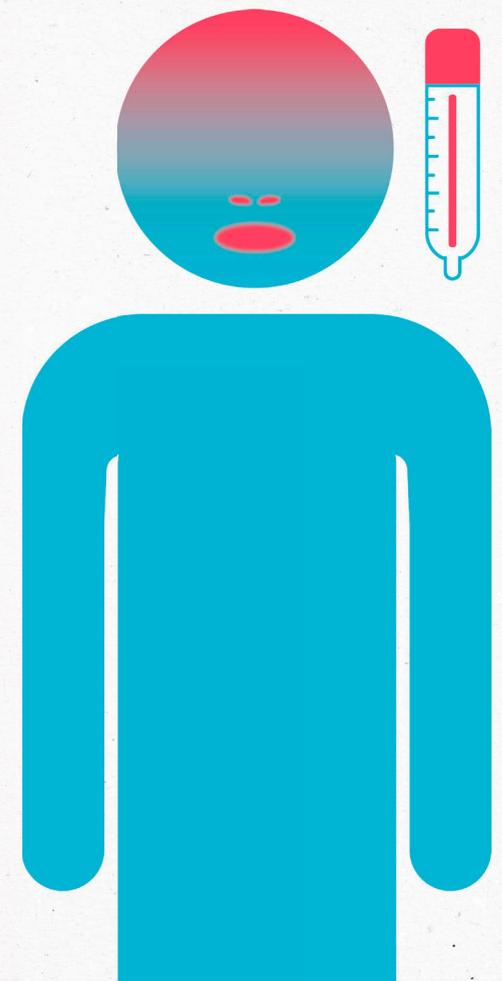
More information about registering for the webinar is available on the HIE website.

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Evidence shows there are now three recognisable symptoms of coronavirus. If you experience a high temperature, a continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in taste or smell, you should not leave the house for 7 days. Others in your house should not leave the home for 14 days.

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Baby steps to freedom

Exercise, particularly outdoors, remains one of the best ways to maintain physical and mental wellbeing.

As we nudge towards 'freedom', there will be a number of areas to consider. We have already seen mayhem and congestion on sunny beaches and in hotspots down south after travel restrictions were lifted.

There are still many vulnerable people we want to help protect in addition to ensuring NHS staff, emergency services and other key workers can do so safely.

Fortunately Argyll is not densely populated – excepting midges – so maintaining social distancing should not be difficult.

And proposed Scottish phase one guidelines ask that travel for outdoor leisure and exercise remains within a short distance of your community, as opposed to England's travel as far as you like.

Here are a few tips:

Try to avoid hotspots or where there is little parking; avoid obstructing access for emergency services, homes or businesses; take away litter and bin it at home – including loo roll or dog mess; avoid portable barbecues and fires; don't stay overnight; ensure you have everything you might need in the event of accident or breakdown.

Heather Thomas-Smith, below, runs Heathy Heights, a Lochgilphead-based company offering a bespoke guided walking service. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world but now lives in Argyll amongst the scenery she loves. www.heathyheights.co.uk



If, like me, you are missing walking, scrambling or climbing in the hills, we have to be patient to see how the government responds to proposals the Mountain Safety Group recently put to them.

Oban Mountain Rescue

Team said: 'We know no one goes out with the idea of needing help, but rest assured we are ready and able to go if needed.'

'Probably the most pertinent advice from Scottish Mountain Rescue is on the speed of



Meeting and walking with a friend will still require social distancing.

rescues during the pandemic. Things will happen at a much reduced pace as we gather information with minimum numbers.

Be prepared

If you need assistance, you might have to wait longer than in the past. Also, if you're going for a walk, be prepared by carrying extra warm clothing and a few extra sweets. Be prepared and stay safe.'

Safety in the outdoors

Please continue to adhere to current government guidelines, exercise responsibly and use appropriate clothing and equipment for your chosen outdoor activity.

Consider informing a contact about your route/whereabouts and don't forget your phone, snacks, drink, any medication/

first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions.

Please keep your dog under close control, especially around livestock and wildlife, and be aware some open areas of moorland may have snares in use. Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.



The Dochas Carer Centre

Are you an adult unpaid carer?

We are here for you

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across the whole of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams:

- 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 23127

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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MAYDS are still providing support for children, young people and families where we can. Anyone needing advice or help can contact the above at anytime.

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.

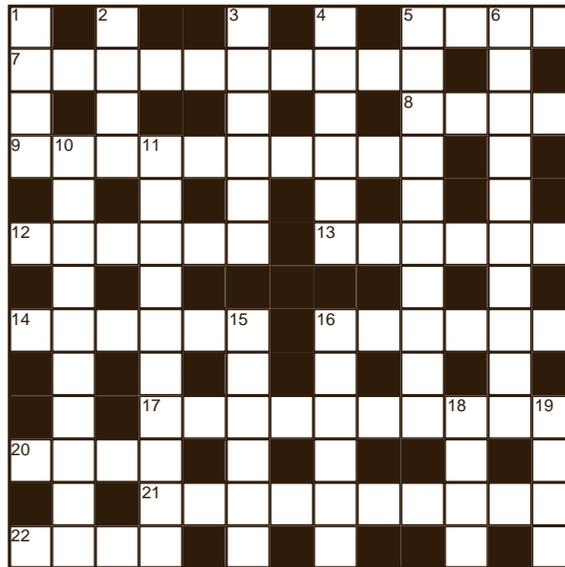
We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

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

Double Crossword

The puzzles are different but both use the same grid



Cryptic Across

- How to solve a knotty problem (4)
- Shade of two ales (5,5)
- Early in the day to have a magic wand (4)
- Mist on golfing area prevents moisture from rising (4-6)
- Strode out when it had been put away (6)
- Contribute when Donald tucked in (6)
- Mint international body exploited (6)
- Prize returned by artist (6)
- Original work from infant prodigy? (10)
- Some train for producing small amount of data (4)
- Then I quote order secretly (2,3,5)
- Decorate the platform (4)

Cryptic Down

- Saucepan's first cover passed down gently (4)
- Exogamous section of old alphabet (4)
- Sailor on the way overseas (6)
- Nothing the bishop concealed outside was repellent (6)
- Below the nude ran distraught (10)
- The wad Noel removed was shabby (4-2-4)
- Presence at the ball about ten (10)
- It is bound to help an overseas traveller (6,4)
- It was costly before the interminable scarcity (6)
- Cake and port (6)
- Pupil's bloomer? (4)
- Dorothy's tiny spots (4)

Quick Across

- Bombard (4)
- Railway track worker (10)
- Eternally (4)
- Grumbled (10)
- Coldly determined (6)
- Stated (anag.) (6)
- Bond firmly (6)
- Beast (6)
- In quick tempo (mus.) (10)
- Pierce (4)
- Cut off from the sea (10)
- Watery part of milk (4)

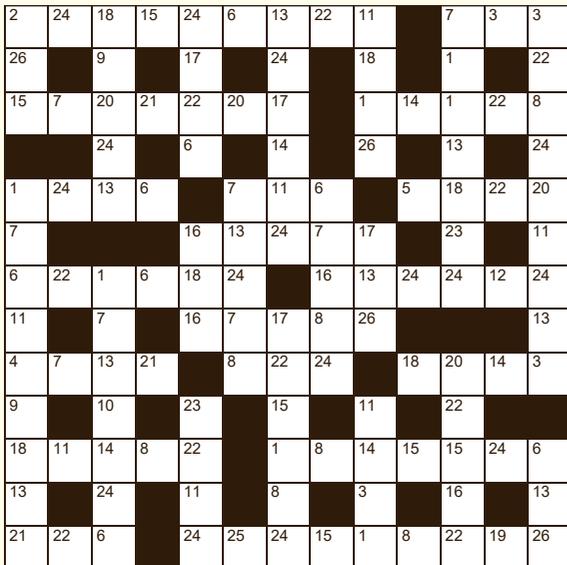
Quick Down

- Gamble (inf.) (4)
- Tranquil (4)
- Squalid (6)
- Young swan (6)
- Determine beforehand (10)
- Military officer (10)
- Shut but not locked (2,3,5)
- Rather (10)
- Covering with slates (6)
- African country (6)
- Accept (4)
- Likelihood (4)

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CROSS CODE



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



Each number in the Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

Quiz Challenge

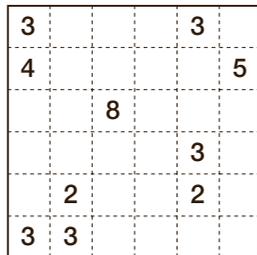
- During World War II, which emblem was a symbol of Free France?
- Which UK Home Secretary was slapped by Bernadette Devlin in the House of Commons?
- Which word with no vowels means to kill illegally by mob action?
- Which Irish singer has been a member of Bananarama and Shakespears Sister?
- Carthage Palace is the presidential residence of which country?



Matthew McConaughey - see Question 7

- Who is journalist Eve Pollard's well-known daughter?
- Matthew McConaughey played electrician and rodeo cowboy Ron Woodrow in which 2013 film?
- In bingo parlance, which number is two little ducks?
- Produced in Rhondda Cynon Taf, what P is a Welsh whiskey distillery and brand?
- In rugby union, Scotland plays which country when the Doddie Weir Cup is at stake?

BOX CLEVER



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

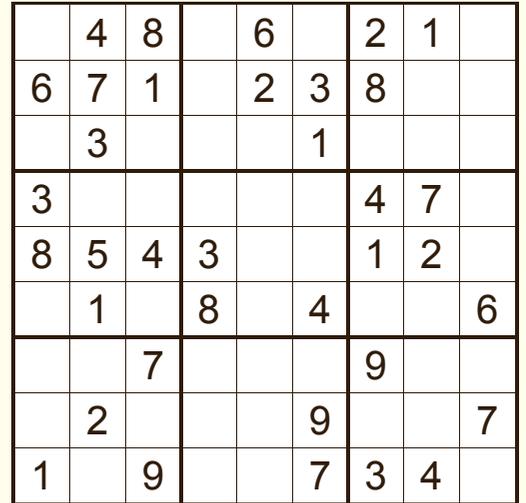
The answers to the following five questions contain a word or words which have a common theme. Can you find the link?

- Which long thin cocktail snacks, manufactured by Jacob's, have a distinctive knobbly shape?
- Which Alex Haley novel documents the life of the slave Kunta Kinte?
- What name is usually given to the retail location of a bank?
- Which verb means to introduce chemicals into clouds so as to induce rainfall?
- Which word do Americans use to describe the boot or luggage compartment of a car?

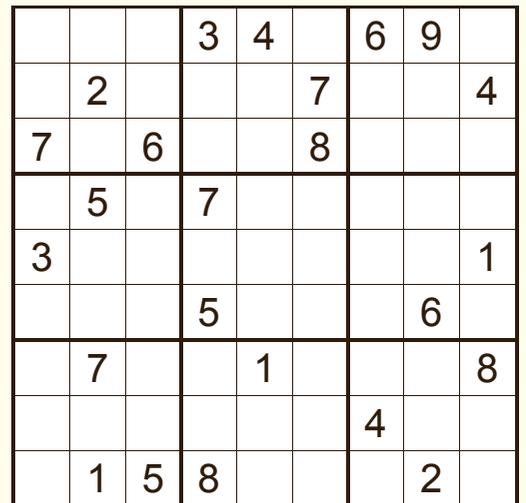
SUDOKU

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

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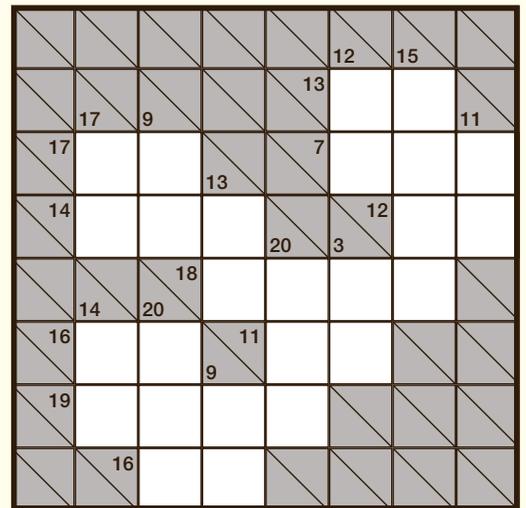


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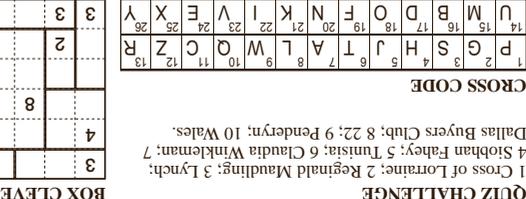
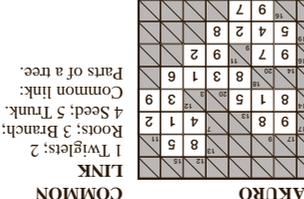
KAKURO

Fill in the blank squares in the grid with numbers so that each horizontal or vertical line adds up to the total given in the box either to the left or above it. Horizontal totals are given in the top right corners of the shaded boxes; vertical totals in the bottom left corners. You can use the numbers 1 to 9, but may not use the same number more than once in any run. The number may be used again, however, in the same row or column but as part of another run.



SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:
ACROSS - 5 Pelt; 7 Plateau; 8 Ever; 9 Dawn; 9 Dump-course; 12 Stowed; 13 Donat; 14 Unused; 16 Drawer; 17 Branch; 20 In; 21 On the quiet; 22 Deck.
DOWN - 1 Spec; 2 Calm; 3 Sleazy; 4 Cygnets; 5 Predesine; 6 Lieutenant; 10 On the latch; 11 Preferably; 15 Tiling; 16 Angola; 18 Take; 19 Odds.
QUICK CROSSWORD:
ACROSS - 5 Pelt; 7 Plateau; 8 Ever; 9 Dawn; 9 Dump-course; 12 Stowed; 13 Donat; 14 Unused; 16 Drawer; 17 Branch; 20 In; 21 On the quiet; 22 Deck.
DOWN - 1 Spec; 2 Calm; 3 Sleazy; 4 Cygnets; 5 Predesine; 6 Lieutenant; 10 On the latch; 11 Preferably; 15 Tiling; 16 Angola; 18 Take; 19 Odds.
COMMON LINK: 1 Twiglets; 2 Roots; 3 Branch; 4 Seeds; 5 Trunk; 6 Parts of a tree.



QUIZ CHALLENGE
 1 Cross of Lorraine; 2 Reginald Maudling; 3 Lynch; 4 Stobhan Faley; 5 Tunisia; 6 Claudia Winkelman; 7 Dallas Buyers Club; 8 22; 9 Penderlyn; 10 Wales.

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Sat 9am-5pm
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Farmers urged to complete survey



NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick.

NFU Scotland has issued its Employment and Wages Survey at a time when securing the workforce needed by Scotland's food and farming sectors has never been more crucial.

During the current pandemic, and with the UK's exit from Europe being negotiated, the business of policy development at the union must go on.

Legislators in the UK and Scotland are currently considering policies which will have a significant bearing on the sector's future ability to employ workers, both on farms and crofts and further into the food and drink supply chain.

The UK Migration Advisory Committee is advising the UK government on the new points-based immigration system and

is consulting on which occupations should be prioritised in the new Shortage Occupation List. Negotiations are ongoing at the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board, while the UK Low Pay Commission is consulting on wage rates.

NFU Scotland is urging all employers to respond to its Employment Survey 2020. The information provided will shape NFU Scotland's policy development.

NFU Scotland president Andrew McCornick said: 'The COVID-19 crisis has shown us the real value of the people who work on our farms, crofts and agricultural businesses.'

'At the start of the crisis we pledged to keep the plates and glasses of Scotland full. We have done a fantastic job in

delivering food and drink to the nation, but we could not have done that without our valued workforce across the whole supply chain. We face a significant economic shock paired with the conclusion of the negotiations between the UK and the EU on our future relationship, including the creation of a new system of immigration from January 1, 2021. There will clearly continue to be challenges ahead and whether they are financial, economic or political, they will impact our businesses and the individuals we employ.

'We urge all employers to complete this survey which will help us feed in robust evidence on the industry's employment needs at this critical time.'

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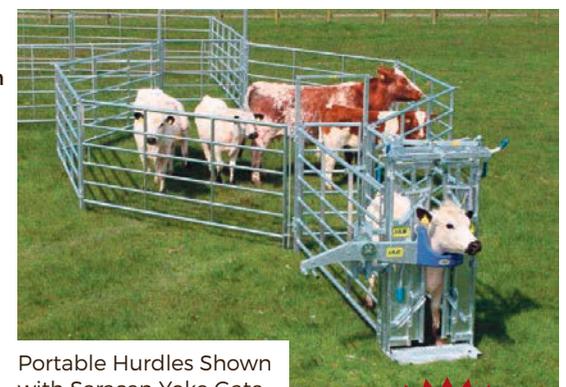
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Around the markets

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 765 sheep at their first sale of dry hoggets, hoggets with lambs at foot in conjunction with all classes of ewes with lambs at foot on Wednesday May 20.

Top price of the day went to R McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale, for a pen of Texel hoggets with single lambs fetching a final bid at £204.

Dry hoggets sold to a top of £130 for Texels from R Graham & Son, Airthrey Kerse, Bridge of Allan.

Ewes with lambs at foot sold to £198 for Texel X ewes with twin lambs from A D Kinnimonth, Kinnighallen, Aberfeldy.

Top price per life went to R Sibbald, Thorn, Dollar at £75 for Texel X ewes.

Leading prices: Hoggets with single lambs: Mule: £200 Woodend; Texel: £192 Woodend; Mule: £188 Gibblaston; Texel: £184 Back O Hill.

Hoggets with twin lambs: Mule: £198 Gibblaston; Texel: £195 Back O Hill. Gimmers with twin lambs: Mule: £190 Innieshewan Farms; Texel: £188 Innieshewan Farms; Mule: £187 Leskine.

Ewes with twin lambs: Bleu Du Maine: £194

Kinnighallen; Texel: £192 Kinnighallen; Cross: £180 Thorn; Mule: £180 Mill of Arodoch.

Ewes with single lambs: Texel: £145 Kinnighallen; Cross: £140 Kinnighallen; Continental: £135 Thorn; Continental X: £130 Inch; Cheviot: £127 Findatie; Suffolk X: £120 Lochnell; Blackface: £100 Lochnell.

Dry hoggets: Mule: £118 Middlepart; Texel X Cheviot: £85 Astel; Texel X Cheviot: £82 Knock (Isle of Mull).

Also forward were 21 calves and stirks.

All classes of calves and stirks sold well to a large ringside of buyers with many going home empty handed. Many more calves could be sold to sellers' advantage.

Stirks sold to £620 for a 12-month-old Aberdeen Angus heifer from A Mckenzie & Partners, Ardgate, Gartocharn.

Calves sold to £270 for a Fleckvieh cross bullock from J Rennie, Tarbert Farm, Isle of Gigha. Other leading prices: Stirks: Limousin: £460 (twice) Ardgate.

Calves: Bullocks: Shorthorn: £200, £190, £180 Tarbert. Heifers: Shorthorn: £230, £210 Tarbert.

Additional funding to support crofters

An additional £336,732 has been awarded to support crofters in some of Scotland's most remote and marginal communities.

The latest round of funding sees the number of Croft House Grants awarded to crofters exceed 1,000.

The scheme helps crofters upgrade housing or build new homes, allowing them to achieve the full potential of their crofts while generating economic activity.

Since the scheme was launched in 2007, more than £21.2 million has been awarded to 1,008 families and individuals in rural and island communities.

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'This is an incredibly difficult time as we continue to do everything we can to control the coronavirus outbreak and protect communities.



Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing.

'Now more than ever, it is vital we support rural and island communities and ensure crofters can continue to contribute to the long-term sustainability of these areas.

'I have seen first-hand the impact the Croft House Grant has had across rural Scotland which is why I am delighted to announce the number of successful applicants has now exceeded 1,000.

'I am determined to continue helping people in crofting

areas, which the Croft House Grant has a proven track record of doing.'

Yvonne White, chairwoman of the Scottish Crofting Federation, said: 'We congratulate the Scottish Government and Rural Economy Secretary on reaching this significant milestone.

'The Croft House Grant scheme is a recognition of the importance of crofting and its contribution to retaining population in Scotland's most

fragile rural areas. We look forward to the continuation of this much-needed and successful support scheme and to continuing to work with the Scottish Government in reviewing and improving it.'

Andrew McCornick, NFU Scotland President, said: 'It is a measure of the Croft House Grant scheme success that more than 1,000 crofters have benefited from support through the scheme to date.

'That targeted grant support is vital in ensuring crofters can continue to live and work in fragile crofting communities, actively managing their croft while in a position to unlock any business opportunities that may come their way.

'NFUS has welcomed the opportunity to work with the Scottish Government to improve the scheme to ensure it is directed towards those most in need of support.'

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Cancellation of the 2020 Silverstone Classic

It is with a heavy heart that the organisers of the Silverstone Classic announce that this summer's flagship three-day festival – originally scheduled for the weekend of July 31 to the August 2 – has sadly been cancelled.

As the world's biggest classic motor racing festival, the massive event always attracts unrivalled grids, many thousands of classic car owners and more than 100,000 visitors, many of whom camp out at Silverstone. The nature and scale of the event make running it in a safe, socially-distanced manner a huge challenge in the current situation; and the event's much-loved family festival ethos also means that running the event behind closed doors is not a feasible option. This summer, the pioneering Classic had massive plans to celebrate its milestone 30th birthday with a special 'greatest hits'

racecard but organisers have indicated that they will carry forward these celebrations to the 2021 event.

'Following the latest Government advice, coupled with other scheduling changes at Silverstone, we have reached the inevitable conclusion that we will need to cancel this year's event,' said an enormously disappointed Nick Wigley, CEO of Classic organiser Goose Live Events.

'Given the current circumstances and the unclear outlook on timescales, staging a postponed event – which was our original back-up plan – isn't something we can plan for with any degree of certainty if we are to deliver the style of Classic that we all know and love.

'I can't tell you how sad this news makes me feel. For the last 12 years it has been my life's focus to build the Classic into the most amazing family-



friendly classic racing festival, the biggest and many people think the best in the world, but our priority at all times is the safety and wellbeing of those attending our events – as well

as our own team – and we know that Classic fans will understand why this step has been necessary.

'As an independent events company passionate about

what we do, we are so proud to have developed the Silverstone Classic into an internationally renowned historic motorsport festival enjoyed across generations of car enthusiasts, fam-

ilies, racing drivers and petrol-heads. In times of difficulty, communities tend to come together and we're incredibly grateful for everyone's continued support. It means a lot. The passion of those coming through our gates is what makes the event the success that it has become and we are now already looking forward to celebrating our delayed 30th anniversary with everyone next year instead.'

The record numbers who have already purchased Super Early Bird and Early Bird tickets will be offered the option either of rolling over their tickets to the 2021 event or requesting a full refund.

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Christians will be celebrating Pentecost this Sunday.

But every church I know will be closed and the buildings will be empty.

We await guidelines from the national church to give some directions about coming out of lockdown and when we can open our churches.

I started thinking about lockdown and realised that whatever the future holds for us as individuals and as a church, the Holy Spirit will never be in lockdown. The Spirit is anything but in lockdown.

The Spirit is breathing new life into Christ's church and the signs of new growth are amazing.

Many folk despaired at the thought of their church closed and mourned the fact they could not gather together on a Sunday for worship.

Now literally hundreds of people all over the country are tuning into online worship.

People who don't come to traditional church and people, who for whatever reason, have drifted from church, are part of an online congregation.

There has been a huge interest in online prayers and biblical reflections.

The Holy Spirit is not in lockdown.

At presbytery, we will be thinking, praying and discussing what the church of the future might look like, because the Holy Spirit is on the move – not in lockdown.

There is excitement, enthusiasm, trust and vision that God is leading his people on to new challenges. The Holy Spirit is not in lockdown.

I love this quote from Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam: 'Our common home is also God's own house, permeated by the Spirit of God from the dawn of creation, where the Son of God pitched his tent in the supreme event of the incarnation.'

The Holy Spirit is among us, within us and moving in Christ's church.

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TARBERT

Scheduled Monument consent is in place for a new archaeological dig at Tarbert Castle to explore the possibility of an eastern entrance and to build a better interpretation area.

The consents also allow for consolidation work to make the discovered western entrance visible to the public.

Robert McPhail of Tarbert Castle Trust said: 'Design work is complete and materials sourced for all of this work and as soon as we think it is safe to do so we will progress on site.'

ISLE OF BUTE

Funding has been secured from the Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Fund to help the Isle of Bute's community response during COVID-19 crisis.

The money, distributed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), is aimed at eligible community anchor organisations playing an active role in providing services in communities across the region.

Ten groups are being funded on Bute: Achievement Bute, Bute Advice, Bute Befrienders, Bute Island Radio, Bute Lifeline, Bute Oasis, Bute Resilience Team, Fyne Futures, Interloch Transport and Bute Community Council

The organisations are working collaboratively to ensure everyone who needs advice and practical support on the island is able to access it.

ARGYLL AND BUTE

An unsung, hard-working group of council employees has been singled out for special praise during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Argyll and Bute Council used its Facebook page to thank all its janitors.

Food parcels are being assembled and distributed from centres, including schools, across Argyll and Bute. 'We would like to give a special



Professor Bhavani Narayanaswamy.

Marine scientist recognised for microplastic work

A marine scientist who has played a key role in exploring the issue of microplastics in our oceans has been recognised for her work.

Bhavani Narayanaswamy has been awarded a Professorship from the University of the Highlands and Islands.

Professor Narayanaswamy is a senior lecturer and head of graduate school at the Scottish Association for Marine Science UHI. Originally from, India, via Sussex, she joined the Oban-based institute in 2005.

Over the course of her 20-year career, Pro-

essor Narayanaswamy has developed an international reputation for her research on deep sea and Arctic ecosystems and, more recently, the distribution and abundance of microplastics in the world's oceans.

Students

In her role as head of SAMS UHI graduate school, she supports up to 50 marine science research students each year.

She lives in Taynuilt with her husband Professor Keith Davidson, who is also a marine scientist at SAMS UHI, and two sons.

thank you to our amazing janitors helping with this enormous task,' the post read. 'Fantastic work guys, it's much appreciated.'

Argyll and Bute Council has been delivering weekly food parcels to people who are struggling

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DEATHS

ALLAN - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 23, 2020, Jean Kelly Allan, in her 82nd year, 68 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Galbraith Allan (Bert) much loved mum of William, Marie, Robert and the late Iain and loving nan of Jamie, Chanel, Mark, Leigh, Rebecca, Paul and Julian. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

MACALISTER HALL - Suddenly on May 12, 2020, Calum Stuart MacAlister Hall, in his 74th year, dearly beloved dad of Jen, Martin and Tristan, loving grandad of James, Drew, Melody and Emmylou, much loved brother of Carol, Trisha and the late Donald and a much loved uncle. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

PRYDE - Peacefully at Orchard House Care Home, Carluke on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, Margaret McMillan Pryde, née Docherty, aged 94 years. Wife of the Captain Jack Pryde, a loving aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt of the family. Sadly missed.

WYLIE - Peacefully at Highbrake House, Clitheroe on May 24, 2020, David Ferguson Wylie, in his 87th year, dearly beloved husband of the late May, dear brother and uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLACK - Catherine, Andrew, Lorna and John wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, and church congregations across Kintyre and further afield, for their kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of Robert, and to the community of Campbeltown for their overwhelming tribute to Robert on the day of his funeral. We sincerely thank staff at Campbeltown hospital for responding swiftly and compassionately to Robert when he became unwell. We are grateful to the ICU staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital who cared for Robert with unwavering skill and dedication. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair, funeral directors, for their professionalism and sensitivity at this difficult time. Sincere thanks too to Calum Lawson and colleagues from Campbeltown ambulance station, and stations throughout Scotland, for their supportive tributes to Robert. Robert was a good friend to many, reflected in the widespread tributes received from people in the town he loved, which has supported and uplifted us more than words can say.

MACVICAR - The family of the late Margaret (Nurse) MacVicar would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all the staff at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig for the outstanding care and compassion shown to Margaret and the family over the last four years. Our thanks also to Rev. David Carruthers for a personal service and tribute to Margaret; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their caring and efficient services; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and also to Argyll & Bute Council gravediggers for their assistance. For those unable to attend due to the current restrictions on funerals, your kind wishes and thoughts at this time are a constant support to the family.

MCDONALD - Margaret and family of the late George would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for cards, flowers and phone calls received. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr McGovern, Jamie O May, and Community nurses Jackie, Theresa and all at Carers Direct. Also thanks to Rev William Crossan and Kenneth Blair and family for their help and professionalism. Finally we would like to thank everyone who paid their respects to George on his final journey which was a great comfort to us.

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MITCHELL - In loving memory of a beloved son, brother and uncle Robert, tragically killed, June 1, 1987, age 16. To think we did not say goodbye Will always bring regret But hearts that always loved Never will forget - Mum, Stephen, Andrew, Paul and family.

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Reconnecting with baking bread
... Reconnecting with the Bread of Life.

Interest in bread making has risen during lockdown. At first it was because loaves had disappeared from supermarket shelves as panic buying set in. Flour then became scarce as we took to baking our own to replace that staple foodstuff.

Even with flour mills working flat out to meet demand, it is hard to find that sought after, essential ingredient weeks after loaves reappeared in plentiful supply. We have discovered or rediscovered the delights of baking.

Recipes circulate on social media to tempt us, and with more time on our hands, lockdown has been the ideal opportunity to practice this culinary skill - if you can find flour.

Bread was an essential food for previous generations. Families would have starved without it. It was cheap and it filled hungry tummies, but perhaps we thought it was something we could live without - until there was none.

In the slower pace of the 'new nor-

mal', as we have reconnected with baking our own bread, we have rediscovered just how essential bread is. Dipping carrot stick 'soldiers' into your boiled egg would just not be the same. We have also rediscovered how satisfying bread is - to make as well as to eat.

There is something deeply rewarding about combining the ingredients, and guiding the dough through the different stages until the delightful smell of freshly baked bread fills the house. Arguably, nothing compares with fresh, warm, home-baked bread. Baking our own satisfies all our senses.

There is a strong connection between Jesus and bread. Bethlehem, where he was born means 'house of bread'. He taught us to pray that God would give us our daily bread. He used bread accompanied by fish to feed a crowd of over five thousand people. When he wanted to explain the meaning of his death and how he would die in our place, bearing the punishment we de-

served, he took bread, broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you.' To show that he was physically alive after his death, Jesus shared a breakfast of bread and fish with his disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Most significantly, Jesus calls himself 'the Bread of Life'. By doing so, he is announcing that, like bread, he is essential. It is Jesus who can deal with the issues facing us at this time as no-one else can. The health and economic consequences of the pandemic make us anxious and worried. Jesus can give us peace because he is in control of everything. The fear of death is very real. Jesus has conquered death so he can remove that fear. Lockdown leaves many isolated and lonely. Through his death, Jesus has dealt with the distancing between us and God so that we can experience his presence with us.

My wife likes to bake. The bread looks amazing and smells delightful. What do I do? Look at it? No, I



eat it. So good. So satisfying. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is satisfying, but simply looking is not enough. To experience how he satisfies, we must trust in him, and in him alone, every day. 'I am the Bread of Life,' Jesus said, 'All who come to me will never go hungry.' (John 6:35)

Baking bread at home was around long before this pandemic. We just seem to have reconnected with it now. Jesus, the Bread of life, has also been around long before this pandemic. Now is the time to reconnect with him.

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Members-only drive to get golf clubs out of lockdown

Focus on developing a way back for shinty

The governing body of shinty, the Camanachd Association, has issued an update to clubs following the Scottish Government's framework for COVID-19 decision making.

The association's chief executive officer Derek Keir contacted shinty clubs to update them on the position regarding the sport and lockdown.

He said the country was 'clearly still some way from returning to contact sports', but congratulated clubs which 'continue to play a key role in their communities through member and community engagement be that through volunteering, fundraising, individual sporting challenges, online team training, sports quizzes or other innovative actions'.

Time will be taken over the next few weeks, said Mr Keir, to focus on developing a route map for shinty clubs. The Camanachd Association has been in discussion with sportscotland over the Scottish Government framework to



Derek Keir.

'evolve shinty's approach'. A questionnaire will be issued to clubs to help the association better understand the impact COVID-19 has had. This will also inform feedback to the Scottish Government regarding the impact of the pandemic on shinty, sponsors and participation.

Shinty continues to be postponed until further notice.

'We are advising all clubs to continue to follow government guidance,' concluded Mr Keir, 'and if they have any questions on this or any other activities to contact their local shinty development officer.'

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Golf clubs across the region are planning to reopen on a limited basis today, Friday May 29, following the latest Scottish Government guidance.

Lochgilthead Golf Club's course will be open to members only in the first instance and members must pre-book tee times in line with Scottish Golf guidelines. Tee times can be booked on tee sheets at the door of the club. Anyone requiring an application form can contact enquiry@lochgilthead-golf.com

Ele Hunter of Lochgilthead Golf Club said: 'Return to golf has been a long time coming but green keeping staff and volunteers have been busy on the course ensuring it is in tip-top condition, though the lovely warm dry weather which we all enjoyed was a challenge for our greens.'

'Players will see a slightly different course, with different rules to ensure we are adhering to the guidelines. There will be no benches around the course, no bins and compulsory putting with flags in, to name but a few.'

'It is hoped that as we move through the phases it won't be too long until we can once again welcome visitors.'

'Similar to other small businesses, it has been a tough time for us financially and we would like to extend our thanks to the



Lochgilthead Golf Club. Photograph: Aileen Gillies.

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members who have supported the club through this difficult time.'

As reported in last week's Argyllshire Advertiser, Tarbert Golf Club has also been spruced up during lockdown.

A reopening of the

Glenralloch course from May 29, to members only, has since been announced.

Tarbert members are asked to follow the instructions in the starter hut at the first tee.

Good weather has helped volunteers and the part-time greenkeeper at Inveraray Golf Club get the course in great shape.

Speaking last week, Derek McCulloch of the club said: 'We are planning to open on May 29, following the Scottish Golf guidelines.'

'We await the full guidance from Scottish Golf on what

the format will be for play, however, we fully expect it to be similar to England and Wales, where it will be two-ball groups maximum unless all players come from the same household.

'This will probably result in no pairs competitions in the short-term.'





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