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# Politicians unite to demand 'urgent action' for the Rest

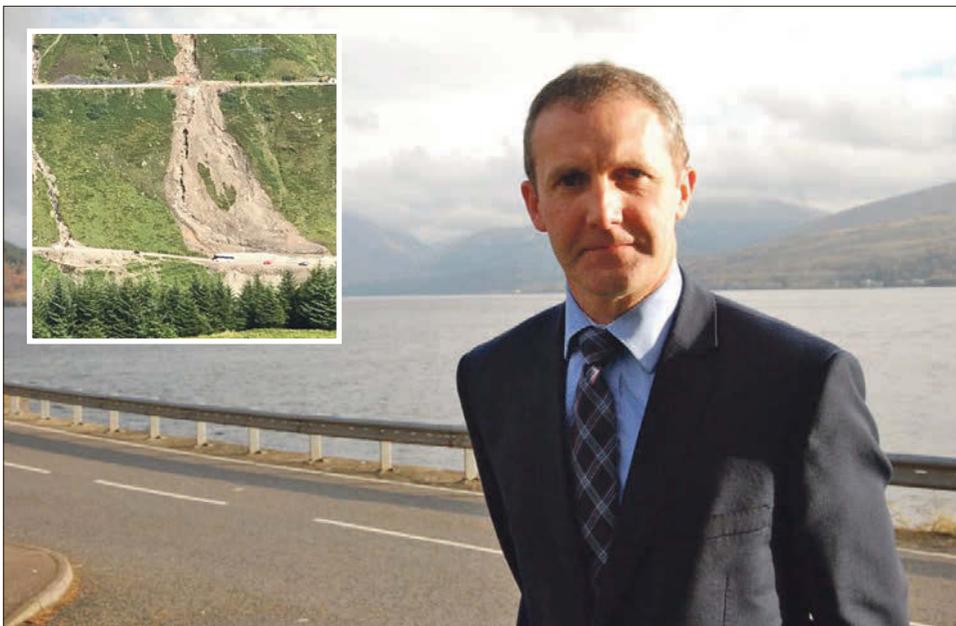
by Colin Cameron  
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'It truly is a miracle that no-one has been seriously injured or even killed'.

This line, from an open letter to the Scottish Government, sums up the crux of the case being made by politicians from across the spectrum in Argyll and Bute as they press for a 'permanent, robust' solution for the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful following the latest landslide which struck the life-line trunk route on August 4.

In an unprecedented move, politicians of all persuasions wrote this week to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Islands and Connectivity.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Aileen Morton said the local and national representatives are 'united and unanimous' in their demand for urgent action to deliver a permanent solution for the A83 Rest and Be



**A landslide of pressure for Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Islands and Connectivity.** 06\_a47A83Taskforce\_Matheson02 **Inset: The scene of the latest landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful, which struck on August 4.** 51\_a33RestLandslide01

Thankful. Through the business and political stakeholder group, the A83 Taskforce, they

ask for a permanent solution to be identified by next spring, with work to be completed

by the end of 2023. The letter, dated Monday August 10, is published in full, right.

## Open letter to government

Dear Nicola and Michael,

The issue that never fails to unite politicians at all levels of government and of all party persuasions is the need to ensure Argyll and Bute stays connected and open for business through a permanent, robust solution for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful – a solution that works.

Last week's landslip continues to close the Rest and the Old Military Road, which itself was out of action for a period, will be shut again tonight at 9pm due to weather conditions. This continuing impact is why all of Argyll and Bute's elected representatives have been united in pressing, once again, for urgent action. Our members of the

Scottish Parliament, Michael Russell, Jackie Baillie and Donald Cameron, have been swift to engage with us and to add their voices to these calls. They join us in writing to you, together, to reinforce that request for action on behalf of the people of Argyll and Bute.

We are asking you to convene an urgent special meeting of the A83 Taskforce - on a virtual basis if need be - as soon as possible to focus specifically on outline options for a permanent solution and for that meeting to consider and agree the following timescale for the same:

- Nature of permanent solution to be identified and confirmed by March 31, 2021
- Contract to construct

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# COVID council costs reach £12m

Responding to Covid-19 is expected to cost Argyll and Bute Council more than £12 million.

A report to the local authority's Business Continuity Committee (BCC) on Thursday August 13 showed costs are primarily a mixture of increased expenditure and loss of income.

The council has delivered new or expanded services, for example, to provide child care for essential workers, additional homeless accommodation and free school meals, and support in getting food to people in need. Steps to recover from the impact of Covid-19, such as work to make council

buildings safe for use, have brought additional costs.

At the same time income has fallen, for example through reduced use of transport services – ferries, piers, harbours and parking – and reduced planning fee income.

Taking into account Scottish Government support for its Covid-19 response the council faces an estimated shortfall of £5.9 million.

The committee also considered reports setting out the council's budget outlook for 2021/22, with estimates showing the council will have to deliver £6.7 million of savings, even before costs of Covid-19 are considered.

Councillor Gary Mulvaney, policy lead for strategic finance, said: 'Changing how we work, to make sure we've been there for people who need us, has had a significant impact on already stretched council resources.'

'We have work to do, with partners, to build the local economy and increase job opportunities.'

'If there is a second wave of Covid-19 and lockdown restrictions return, we will be there again to help those in need and there's work to do to help us all live and work safely with the presence of Covid-19 in schools to businesses and our outdoors.'



Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

## Open letter to government

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permanent solution to be awarded by December 31, 2021

c) Work to start as soon as possible thereafter with completion by December 31, 2023 at the latest.

We know this requires a tremendous effort from everyone involved, including Transport Scotland which would have to commence work on this immediately in order for it to succeed. Argyll and Bute Council will do all it can for its part in this to co-operate and to encourage all other partners, from all sectors, to do likewise.

We believe that if the will is there, on all counts, to deliver a permanent solution, this can be achieved – because the risk of failing to do so is far too great and there is evidence of innovative, viable solutions of similar scale being established in other regions with similar geography and rurality.

The threats to Argyll and Bute's economic success and to the contribution it makes to the national economy are well-known, as are the various personal impacts on those who live and work in

our communities and who find their business, social and health-related activities disrupted without warning when landslips close the Rest.

Our biggest concern now, though, given the scale of last week's incident, is continued public safety – it truly is a miracle that no-one has been seriously injured or even killed to date. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer – the risks are too great.

We stand ready to do anything we can to ensure Argyll and Bute and its communities finally get the solution they deserve for the Rest and be Thankful.

*Yours sincerely, Aileen Morton, Council Leader; Michael Russell MSP; Gary Mulvaney, Depute Council Leader; Jackie Baillie MSP; Councillor Sandy Taylor, SNP council group leader; Councillor Dougie Philand, Argyll First council group leader; and Donald Cameron MSP*

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## POLICE FILES

■ Sometime between 10am on Monday July 27 and 8am on Monday August 3, roof tiles, guttering and a wall at Minard Primary School were damaged.

■ Two men and a woman were stopped and searched by police at 11.45pm on

Saturday August 8 on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead. Subsequently, a 17-year-old man and a man, aged 28, were charged with possessing cannabis.

The woman, aged 26, was charged with possession of a knife.

■ Witnesses are being sought after a window was smashed at Minnow House, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead,

sometime between 3pm on Wednesday August 5 and 2pm on Thursday August 6.

■ Police are investigating after a man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner and smashed a window around 2am on Tuesday August 4 at Brodie Crescent, Lochgilphead.

■ Two cars drivers stopped by police officers on the A83 near Inverneill at 8.05am on

Friday August 7 have been charged with drink driving. Reports will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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# Praise for staff and pupils as schools return

As schools in Argyll and Bute welcomed back staff and pupils this week, the council's policy lead for education has thanked staff for their unfaltering dedication to get plans in place for schools re-opening, and praised young people for their continued commitment to learning during coronavirus lockdown.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'There's no denying the last few months have been a difficult time for everyone, let alone children and young people in our schools. Pupils have had to adapt to new ways of learning; staff have had to come up with new, imaginative ways of providing learning resources and parents and carers have had to step into new roles as teachers.'

'What's truly amazed me is the way everyone has rallied

around to help each other. This is something that's unique about Argyll and Bute – our school communities are like an extended family. As schools return, children and parents will no doubt be experiencing a range of emotions. While some might be nervous about returning to school, others will be excited to get back to some normality and see their friends again. These feelings are all understandable. What's important though is that we continue to support each other with the same compassion we have during lockdown.

'We have already proved that, despite challenges, we work well together to ensure the best outcomes for our children and young people. Let this continue and let us look back at this period in our education system where we conquered adversity.'



Left: Action must be taken before exporting catch to the EU.

Right: Elspeth Macdonald, Scottish Fishermen's Federation CEO.



# Boat owners must act to export catch

Food Standards Scotland has joined forces with industry leaders to raise awareness across Argyll and Bute that fishing vessels need to be registered as food businesses and be inspected by the local authority to enable catch to be exported to Europe after Brexit.

If vessel owners fail to meet this legal requirement by December 31, 2020, their catch will not be permitted for export to the EU from January 1, 2021.

Food Standards Scotland has been working closely with Scottish Government, local authorities in Scotland and fishing organisations to support Scotland's fishing industry during the transition period. Pat Smyth, Senior Environmental Health Officer at Food Standards Scotland, said: 'If you are a vessel owner exporting fish and seafood across Europe, the importance of urgently registering as a food business and being inspected by your local

authority cannot be stressed enough. From January 1, 2021, your vessel(s) will need to have been inspected so that the Export Health Certificate, issued following inspection and confirming your export meets the health requirements of the designated country, can be complete or your catch will not be permitted for export.'

Elspeth Macdonald, chief executive officer at the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, said: 'It is essential fishermen ensure they have their vessels inspect-

ed if any part of their catch will be exported to the EU after the end of this year. Failure to do so will mean the authorities will not be able to issue the export health certificates which will be needed after the end of the transition period.'

Food Standards Scotland recently issued a letter to all fishing vessel owners in Scotland highlighting the required action and that the local authority contact is where a vessel has designated as its home port.

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# Oban artist Gabi makes her mark at prehistoric Ormaig

Artist Gabi Stuckemeier's work rocks!, writes Kathie Griffiths.

The artist, whose day job is an occupational therapist at Oban hospital, is about to leave her mark on prehistoric landscape near Kilmartin – on about 250 tree stumps to be exact.

Gabi and two artist pals will be spending 10 days painting the stumps on a slope next to Ormaig Rockart site with white limewash to create the shape of a large circle.

Funding for the landart project has come from Creative Scotland via the National Lottery and with full support from Kilmartin Museum and Forestry and Land Scotland, which owns the land where the trees were already felled.

Anyone wanting to see it will either have to walk an hour from Carnassarie Castle car park, or the less energetic can go onto social media to follow progress and watch a short film that will map its making.

The circular shape, described as a big white filled-in circle, is a nod to the cup and ring marks at the site which were created more than 4,000 years ago.

Gabi was so fascinated by the rockart she saw at Ormaig and the pattern made by the felled



Ormaig Landart team Louie Pegna, Gabi Stuckemeier and Stephen Burke. Photograph: Aaron Watson, photographer, filmmaker and archaeologist.

stumps on the steep slope next to it that the landart circle idea just 'popped' into her head, she said.

'I met with the curator at Kilmartin Museum and mentioned my idea. I'd thought

with it being near a pre-historic site they might say no, but he thought it sounded great. I was a bit taken aback. The forestry people were also up for it and all of a sudden it was all go,' said Gabi.

Weather depending, it should take 10 days from start to finish.

The first job is to clear brambles and other trip hazards before the lime washing can be applied.



An idea of what the landart will look like once finished.

Dr Aaron Watson from Kilmartin Museum will be documenting the project.

Gabi continued: 'When I was researching what to white the stumps with I knew I wanted to use something traditional to Scotland that would not contaminate the place.

'Limewash is used to paint houses here. Then I discovered it creates crystals.

'Rockart was made using quartz - they would peck at rocks with it to make their

marks. I liked the link. It was a good coincidence.'

The shape will change depending on where it is seen from. As visitors walk towards it, it will be like an oval but once at the rockart site it will look like a circle.

To follow Ormaig Landart Project follow these links:

Instagram: @gstuckemeier

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### Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

Mid Argyll: 07464 308 418

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### 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 Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 0793 203 9801.

### Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

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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](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk) [lynn@mayds.org.uk](mailto:lynn@mayds.org.uk)



## Corner House boost for fireworks fund

Generous customers at Tarbert's Corner House bar have raised £337.50 for the village fireworks fund.

When lockdown eased last month, one of the first things Duggie and Margaret MacNeill did after reopening the Corner House was to present their charity bottle to

**Duggie McNeill and his grandson Quinn present the cash to firefighters.**

village firefighters towards the Tarbert fireworks display in November.

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## Science matters

DOROTHY H CRAWFORD



### From trash to cash

Ever heard of black soldier flies?

No? Nor had I until I read they are a panacea for just about everything\*. This is according to Entocycle, Europe's first automated insect farm, set up in 2015 with the aim of

defending and restoring the natural world.

This rather grandiose claim comes from founder Keiran Whitaker, who suggests the super-bug will cut food waste, reduce rain forest destruction and over-exploitation of oceans, while lowering carbon emissions.

How is this possible?

Key to these claims are black soldier fly larvae, the eating phase of its life cycle. The maggots thrive on any organic material we throw away – that is 33 per cent of all food products.

Presently Entocycle uses waste from a local micro-

brewery and coffee shops. Once fattened up, 33 per cent of a larva's body weight is fat and 40 per cent is protein, all produced cheaply, sustainably and emitting less CO2 than composting the waste.

The protein and fat can then be processed into animal food. This reduces destruction of forests to grow soya beans, 80 per cent of which go to animal feed. Additionally, it saves ocean biodiversity since 25 per cent by weight of worldwide fish catches goes to fishmeal.

But Entocycle also aims to

produce food for direct human consumption. Dried larvae are eaten in some countries, apparently tasting like peanuts.

Not to everyone's fancy I suspect, but the abundant larval fats and proteins can also be processed into foods as varied as bread and ice cream.

So what are the down-sides to this project?

One is that black soldier flies are not indigenous to the UK, so escapees might upset the balance of local wildlife. However, the adult fly does not eat so cannot prey on other

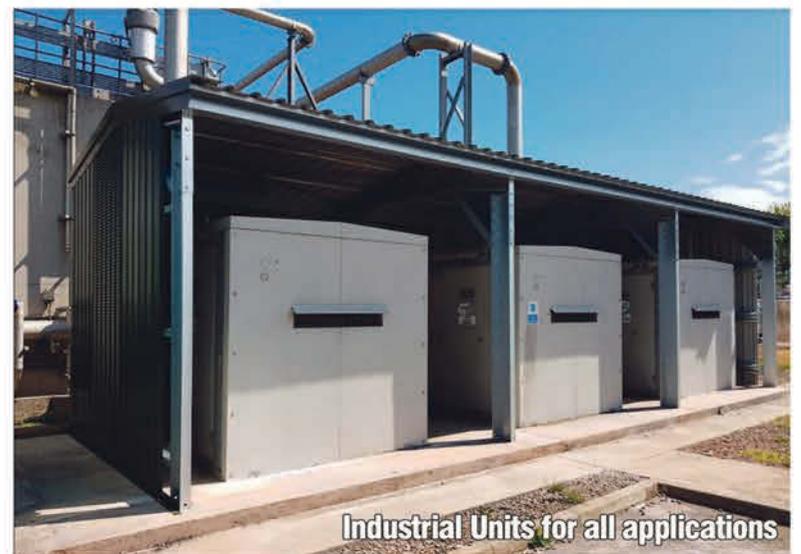
insects or spread diseases. In fact, they would likely die rapidly in the wild. Another hitch involves regulations regarding feeding insect products to animals for human consumption.

Nevertheless, the EU approved their use in fish farms in 2017 and is soon expected to allow them for pigs and chickens providing the larvae are fed no meat. So we can expect commercialisation of this revolutionary foodstuff very soon.

\* D Adams. New Scientist July 17, 2019.

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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilhead PA31 8NB**Act on promises**

The catch pits at the edge of the A83 trunk road intercept debris flowing down the hillside above the carriageway.

But they only work if the debris finds a pit. Earlier this month, the landslide missed. Until we have a pit from Ardgartan to Loch Restil, this is always a risk.

What is also a risk is that someone gets caught among the debris, a point stressed by the united politicians in their letter to the First Minister and Transport Secretary Michael Matheson. It is simply down to good fortune that nobody has been seriously hurt to date.

In relative terms, our A83 is just as vital as the M8 or M9 to the central belt - arguably more so. Yet the current mitigation measures are the result of the cheapest option being selected following the Jacobs report of (from memory) 2013.

At the back end of 2018 Mr Matheson told a meeting of the A83 Taskforce that Argyll and Bute would be at the front of the queue when it comes to transport investment.

It is surely now beyond question that Argyll, and the A83, needs to be taken seriously, and for the Scottish Government to act.

**Response to Alastair Redman**

Sir,  
In response to Councillor Alastair Redman's letter 'SNP should not profit from coronavirus pandemic', published in the August 7 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, can I refer him and any other interested readers to the online SNP shop where it states clearly all profits from this sale will go to charity.

**Ian Sanderson, Tarbert.**

**Yet another landslide**

Sir,  
It is high time we had a permanent solution to the problems blighting the A83 trunk road in Argyll.

As commuters suffer yet another trunk road closure because of landslides, many of my constituents and the wider Argyll and Bute population will be asking what will it take for a permanent solution to be put in place by central government?

We have continued to see good money thrown after bad on piece meal patchwork, yet what is there to show for the millions of taxpayers' pounds being spent? Nothing. Just more dangerous landslides. If this was a trunk road linking two urban centres, the Scottish Government would have dealt with this a long time ago. However, because this is a road in rural Argyll and Bute we continue to be ignored. This cannot go on. I again call on the Scottish Government to sort this problem out once and for all.

**Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and Islands ward.**

**Awards open for entries**

Sir,  
The 2020 National Lottery Awards are open for entries.

This year, the annual search for the UK's favourite National Lottery funded projects will, for the first time, honour individuals who have made an extraordinary impact in their community - especially those who have adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to National Lottery players, up to £600 million has been made available to support groups and organisations across the country amid the coronavirus crisis. People have been using this funding in amazing ways and we want to honour them for their selfless dedication and fantastic work.

Encompassing all areas of National Lottery funding, we are seeking to recognise outstanding individuals in the arts, education, health, environment, sport, heritage and community/charity sectors.

There will also be a young hero award for someone under the age of 18.

Award winners will receive a trophy and £3,000 for their organisation.

Readers can nominate a 'lockdown legend', a 'hometown hero' by visiting [www.lottery-goodcauses.org.uk/awards](http://www.lottery-goodcauses.org.uk/awards) and filling out an application form.

All nominees must have been funded by The National Lottery or be associated with a National Lottery funded project. Entries must be received by midnight on August 19.

**Jonathan Tuchner, National Lottery Awards.**

**Urgent appeal to Tarbert folk**

Sir,  
Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) urgently needs drivers in Tarbert.

MATV is a group of volunteer drivers who take the over 60s and vulnerable adults to hospital appointments in Lochgilhead, Oban and Glasgow.

We are increasingly short of drivers, but particularly so in Tarbert, to the point we have occasionally been unable to offer transport to major hospitals from Tarbert.

Drivers can make themselves available for just one to two hours on one day a week, or as much as they want. Drivers are reimbursed at the rate of 45 pence per mile.

If you feel you can help or wish more information please contact Margaret on 01546 602104 or Catherine on 01546 603564.

**Isobel MacIntosh, secretary, MATV.**

**Contact with loved ones**

Sir,  
News that care home residents can see up to three visitors from two households outdoors from Monday August 10 is welcomed.

The move means a care home can expand visiting if they have been Covid-free throughout the pandemic or if all affected residents have fully recovered and no residents or staff have had symptoms for 28 days.

The home must also be participating in weekly staff testing.

There will be strict criteria and infection control measures.

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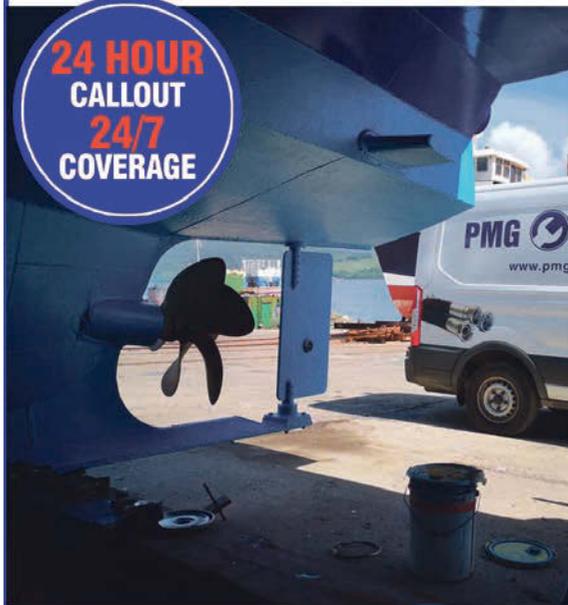




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Residents' mental health and loneliness levels will be significantly improved by more face-to-face contact with loved ones. It will also be of huge relief to family members who, at best, have only had one designated visitor or have been reliant on video or voice calls to check in on their well-being and have a chat.

For months, residents have been coping and responding to coronavirus restrictions with extremely limited contact from family and friends, many doing so in semi-isolation, which has had a significant impact on their mental and physical health as well as increasing loneliness.

The benefits to residents' well-being after being able to see and interact with one visitor has been clear for all to see, so for them this expansion can't come soon enough. Now they may be able to see more of their children and grandchildren which will be a tremendous boost to everyone.

It's been an incredibly hard time for care home residents and staff, who have been on the front line of this pandemic, and while safety for everyone concerned is paramount these measures may bring with them a return to some kind of much-needed normality for those who really need it.

**Adam Stachura, Age Scotland head of policy and communications.**

## YOUR PICTURES



This week's reader's photograph shows the intensity of the rainfall around the region on Tuesday August 4, which again brought debris tumbling down the hillside at the Rest and be Thankful. Simon Macdonald captured the scene at the River Add which had burst its banks at Kilmichael Glassary. In the centre of the image you can see stranded sheep, patiently waiting for the rain to stop. Send your favourite photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

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## Stay safe by...

- Staying outdoors or opening windows if inside
- Meeting people from no more than 4 other households a day
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser often
- Keeping hard surfaces clean and avoiding touching the same surfaces as others
- Bringing your own food, plates and cutlery if eating together
- Not eating from the same bowl as others



Can go into shops, indoor markets and pharmacies  
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

## Stay safe by...

- Avoiding queues by choosing quieter times
- Reducing the number of trips with one big shop
- Putting on your face covering before wiping down the handles of your trolley or basket
- Using self-scan or self-checkout, so it's just you touching the items
- Considering using contactless payment
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you can afterwards



Can go to restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs  
May need to leave contact details for Test and Protect

## Stay safe by...

- Choosing quieter times or sitting in quiet areas
- Staying outside if you can and sitting in an outdoor area
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Sitting facing away from people outwith your group
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser before eating
- Considering using contactless payment



Can visit museums, libraries, cinemas etc.  
Can attend hairdressers and barbers

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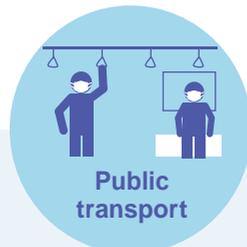
- Avoiding queues by booking in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you do
- Choosing businesses with enhanced hygiene measures



Can use public transport including taxis  
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

## Stay safe by...

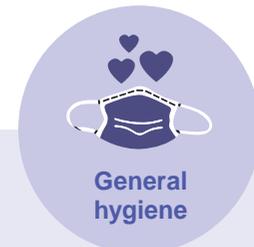
- Booking tickets in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Putting on your face covering before you get on
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you touch rails or handles
- Sitting near an open window if you can
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you get off



Do not go outside if you have any of the coronavirus symptoms  
Call 111 and book a test

## Stay safe by...

- Trying to avoid touching your face
- Washing or disposing of your face covering after using
- Taking a bag with you to put used tissues into
- Taking a hand sanitiser and using it regularly
- Avoiding anyone with symptoms



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Face coverings



Avoid crowded places



Clean your hands regularly



Two metre distance



Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

# Bike Bothy teams up with parents to deliver training

Parents and helpers in Ardfern teamed up with Ardrishaig Bike Bothy to ensure youngsters did not miss out on vital bike training, writes Colin Cameron.

Primary seven youngsters going into first year are offered Cycling Scotland's Bikeability training but when schools shut early in March as a result of lockdown, the programme was cancelled.

Iain Catterwell, cycle trainer at Craignish Primary School, said: 'We felt it was important pupils still got to learn the skills and gain the confidence to be safe, assertive cyclists on the road. So many people are intimidated by other vehicles. The Bikeability scheme gives children and adults the confidence to ride out safely.'

The training, over three days, was a mixture of games, exercises and on road practice, fin-

ishing with an assessment. The village's fire engine was used to demonstrate to the youngsters how difficult they are to see from the cab of a large goods vehicle, particularly to the rear and near side at junctions.

They also learned about primary and secondary road positions, right of way and good observational skills.

They were even encouraged to ask their parents if they do the 'Dutch Reach' to keep passing cyclists safe. The Dutch Reach is a simple change of habit to help you open your car door safely. Instead of using the hand closest to the door, it means reaching across to open the door with the hand furthest from the door - your left hand if you are the driver. This naturally turns your body towards the window, helping you spot approaching cyclists.

Mr Catterwell added: 'Thanks



Craignish Primary School pupils take part in Bikeability Scotland training.

to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the use of the appliance and the drill yard, the Bike Bothy for administrative assistance and training materials and Graham Love for his excellent mechanical services.

Also to residents and holiday makers around Craignish who were mostly respectful of the learner cyclists.'

P7/S1 pupils Fergus Bennett, Beth Gregory, Magnus Hampton, Kay Neville, Harry

Whittle and Reiley Van Der Zel received their Bikeability 2 badges. P6/7 pupils Ross Potter-Irwin and Henry Small should get their Bikeability badges in term time next year.

Through partnership with

the Ardrishaig Bothy, Cycling Scotland is offering schools free instructor support, instructor training and resources to deliver Bikeability Scotland training.

Bikeability Scotland is the national cycle training programme designed to give children the skills and confidence they need to cycle safely on the roads and to encourage them to carry on cycling into adulthood. For further information contact aisa.nebreda@cyclenguk.org or visit [www.bikeability.scot](http://www.bikeability.scot)

The Ardrishaig Bothy, in Pier Square, is run by Cycling UK in partnership with Scottish Canals to encourage people to walk or cycle, especially on local journeys. For more information email [alec.ohnstad@cyclenguk.org](mailto:alec.ohnstad@cyclenguk.org) or visit the Ardrishaig Bothy Facebook page.

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# Time to go dotty over Argyll artists



'Backwater' by Louise Oppenheimer at Kilmichael Glassary.

Fans of creativity are being invited to follow the red dots on the trail of this year's Artmap Argyll, writes Colin Cameron.

Now in its 13th year, there are 30 artists and locations open to visitors over two weekends later this month.

The dates are Friday August 21 to Monday August 24, then the following weekend, both from 10am to 5pm, although visitors are advised to ring ahead to check openings for the last two days.

Because of coronavirus, each space will have its own guidance in place from one-way systems to limits on numbers and visitors are asked to respect those rules to help keep everyone safe.

For the first time, Artmap includes an artist on Tìree – with a virtual show, as they do not want to encourage travel to the island - with others on the trail from as far north as Glencoe to Kilberry in the south.

Numbered red dots guide

visitors to the artists' studios, including gardens and Kilmartin Museum giving the region's creatives a chance to showcase their work.

There is no pressure to buy, but the opportunity is available, along with the joy of meeting the artist and seeing how the work is made.

In many of the studios, visitors will be able to get their hands on and have a go at some of the techniques.

Among those on the trail is experienced weaver Louise Oppenheimer at Kilmichael Glassary, who will open her workshop to callers and has been exhibiting as part of Artmap since it started in 2007.

'I'm in it for the long haul,' said Louise.

'Having visitors is as useful to me as I am to them. It's great to have fresh eyes look at my work. In this world where speed is of the essence, the slowing down and mindfulness of weaving has lots going for it. If all the

world was weaving, it'd be a much happier place. I can't emphasise that enough.'

Kat Robertson will be found in her mobile Gaia-hut in fellow artist Lizzie Rose's beautiful garden in Ardfern. For spiritually-driven Kat, it is all

about the process of creating art as a form of healing rather than the finished beautiful paintings. Inspired by nature, this will be Kat's second year on the trail.

Nils Aksnes in Tayvallich makes images using a basic

type of pinhole box camera while Melanie Chimielewska in Castleton, Lochgilphead, expresses her love of wild swimming and creatures of the ocean in stone carvings.

To find out more, go to [artmapargyll.co.uk](http://artmapargyll.co.uk)



Castleton sculptor Melanie Chimielewska with one of her ocean-inspired pieces. 51\_a35ArtmapMelanie01



Kat Robertson's mobile art hut will be camped in Ardfern in fellow artist Lizzie Rose's garden during the Argyll Artmap weekends.

'Having visitors is as useful to me as I am to them. It's great to have fresh eyes look at my work.'



Louise Oppenheimer has supported Argyll Artmap since it began 13 years ago.

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# Canals inspire new Jolomo exhibition in Lochgilphead

A best-selling Argyll artist has unveiled a new exhibition in Lochgilphead, which includes his first paintings of Holland.

Tayvallich-based John Lowrie Morrison, known as Jolomo and famous for his West of Scotland landscapes in bright colour, has included paintings of Holland and Venice in the exhibition, Canalscapes, at the Archway Gallery.

While John has been involved in online exhibitions throughout lockdown, this is his first gallery show since the pandemic began and a few differences were noticed by attendees who missed the formal opening and were still trying to get used to wearing a mask.

Viewers of the striking images commented on the vivid colours, accurate likeness to places and even the ability to 'dream of being elsewhere' while appreciating the artwork.

A percentage of the artist's profits will be donated to The Dove Centre at Oban Hospice. The Dove Centre on Stevenson Street, Oban, offers emotional, spiritual and practical help to people living with cancer and other life-changing illnesses. Throughout lockdown it has continued to provide vital support and services to around 50 people a week.

David Entwistle, chairman of Oban Hospice Limited, said: 'I am delighted John has decided to support us. All of our funding comes from donations so this really is incredible.'

John explained the inspiration behind the exhibition: 'I did a lot of drawing of Holland on trips made over the years but I'd never painted it. The landscapes there made a huge impression on me. The sunrises and sunsets are amazing because the land is so flat.'

'I love canals, so I decided to

make that the theme and bring in paintings based on drawings I had done in Holland and Venice and around the Crinan Canal.'

John and his wife Maureen first visited Venice a few years ago for a special wedding anniversary and he has been painting the city since.

He said: 'Everyone said "Oh so you'll be painting in Venice then?" and I said "No, everybody and their Granny paints Venice and I'll not be painting it". Got off the Orient Express, walking down the platform to the Grand Canal and then just looked across the water, thought "oh my goodness!" and got the sketchbook out. Hundreds of drawings, 2,500 photographs – I just couldn't believe it. I still love it and I still want to paint it.'

'These paintings are paintings of memories. I have a photographic memory and



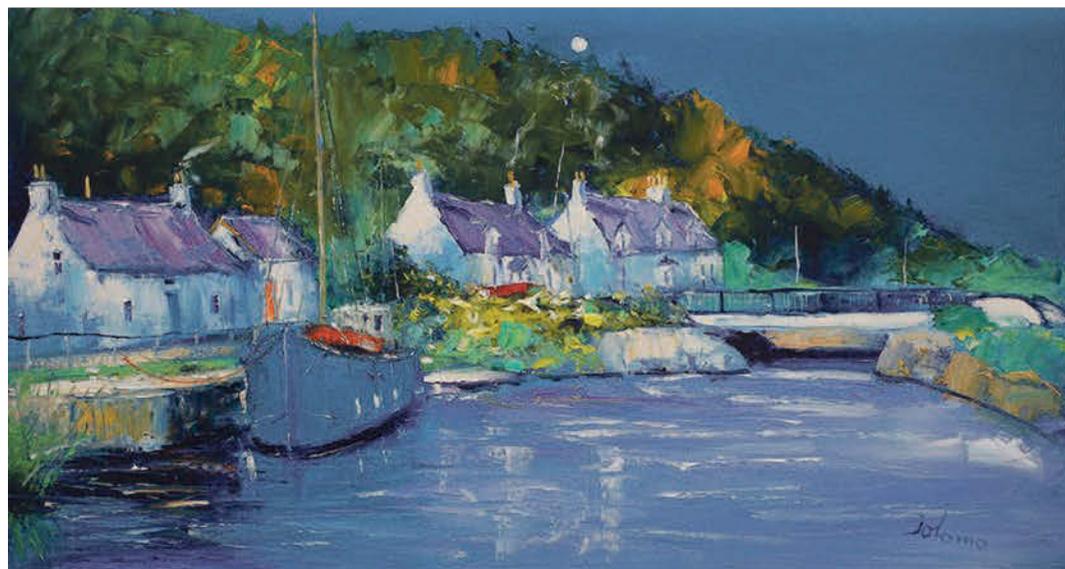
Jolomo with David Entwistle, chairman of Oban Hospice Limited.

can always recall a sunset or particular kind of light. Often I am painting things I remember from years and years back, like the lily pond by the Crinan Canal which is gone now, but

I still miss it. Holland blew me away when I first saw it and Venice did too. I've been in Argyll for 50 years and it blew me away, too, when I first came here in the 1960s. This is what

this exhibition is about – my feelings for all three places.'

Canalscapes: Holland, Scotland, Venezia is at the Archway Gallery, Lochgilphead, until August 29.



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# If walls could talk...

Strachur Smiddy is set to open its doors again tomorrow, August 1 after an uncertain few months due to Covid-19.

The museum will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays, until Sunday September 27, but for now families can again enjoy stepping back in time in the 18th-century blacksmith's smiddy, which has been carefully repaired and restored to its original state and now acts as a working museum with with forge, bellows and anvil, cobbled floor, tools of the trade and beamed ceiling.

Browse through the Smiddy's collection of fascinating artefacts and tools. Chat to smiddy staff about its story and place in Strachur's history.

Strachur Smiddy dates back to at least 1791 and continues as a working smiddy to this day, where most weekends local man John Bain works the forge, liking nothing better than to share his knowledge and experience of the trade with visitors.

John mostly makes pokers, which are for sale in the craft shop and which also has a fine display of other local craft for sale.

Strachur Smiddy is open Saturdays and Sundays, 1pm to 4pm, from Saturday August 1 to Sunday September 27. The museum is accessible for disabled visitors.



The smiddy is looking forward to welcoming visitors in this its 24th season, and is fully prepared, in line with all health and Covid-19 regulations. When visiting the museum, visitors are asked to wear a mask while inside the smiddy and shop, maintaining a 2-metre distance from the blacksmith. Hand sanitiser will be available for use.

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Each number in our 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.

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Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.


# Quiz Challenge

1. What is the country seat of the Duke of Devonshire?
2. Which famous film director regularly appeared as an anonymous extra in camera shots?
3. Which two animals are used to describe the state of the US stockmarket?
4. Where on a ship might a barnacle be found?
5. Seth Rogen starred opposite Katherine Heigl in which 2007 romantic comedy film?
6. What is the common name for the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Coming?
7. What do FitzRoy, Malin and Portland have in common?
8. What can be classified in size between A0 and A10?
9. Harrisburg is the capital of which US state?
10. In which sport has an All-Ireland Championship been contested since 1887?

## NONAGRAM

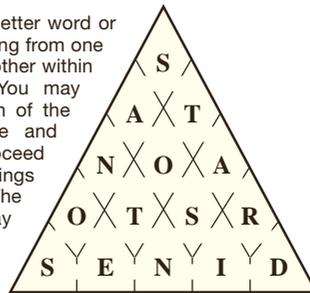
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T	H	E
F	A	T

How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:**  
16 Good; 19 Very Good; 22 Excellent.  
Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

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Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

5. Otherwise feel sensation in part only (4)
7. Additional picture not in the normal course of study (10)
8. Badly maim Moslem leader (4)
9. Messy place to eat? (6,4)
12. Talk at length about a cake (6)
13. Fugitive disheartened by feature of airport (6)
14. Approved of a rapacious desire (6)
16. Reach a teetotaler in a muddle (6)
17. To be honest and on one's feet (10)
20. Scandinavian from Aden (4)
21. No French church worker included a novice who was unconcerned (10)
22. Amount owed as a result of an old penny bet, strangely enough (4)

### DOWN

1. Ward off some defenders (4)
2. Money raised at school (4)
3. Exile who couldn't adapt to a new regime? (6)
4. Henry leaves port for a shady place (6)
5. As a result of the heat is out of the running (10)
6. Not against development of non-progressive state (10)
10. Introduce a guru in tea dance (10)
11. Not out to visit often, that's rare (10)
15. Giving medicine for wrong doings (6)
16. Brave father in pain (6)
18. One hurried from a Middle Eastern country (4)
19. Entrance money may be barred (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

1. Made good a loss (8)
5. Magic staff (4)
7. Refurbishes (9)
9. Cathedral dignitary (4)
10. Large book (4)
11. Was able (5)
14. Vestige (5)
15. Highways (5)
16. Legal defence (5)
17. Goodbye (5)
18. Deception (5)

### DOWN

1. Zest (4)
2. Cooking appliance (4)
3. Picture (5)
4. Speak slowly (5)
5. Sharpen (4)
6. Dead (8)
7. Grasping (9)
8. Fizzy drink (4,5)
11. Discontinue (5)
12. Bodily waste product (5)
13. Float along (5)
14. Running shoes (8)
20. Consult (5)
21. Church figure (5)
23. Unfeeling (4)
24. Ringing device (4)
25. Faithful (4)

## SUDOKU

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

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## EQUALISER

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Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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**QUIZ CHALLENGE:** 1 Chatsworth; 2 Alfred Hitchcock; 3 Bear and Bull; 4 On the Hull; 5 Knocked Up; 6 The Shakers; 7 They are sea areas used in weather forecasting; 8 Paper; 9 Pennsylvanian; 10 Hurling.

**CROSS CODE:** 1 Oz; 2 W; 3 G; 4 K; 5 C; 6 P; 7 T; 8 E; 9 S; 10 I; 11 A; 12 X; 13 F.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:** Across - 5 Eise; 7 Extramural; 8 Imam; 9 Dining room; 12 Waiter; 13 Runway; 14 Agreed; 16 Altain; 17 Upstanding; 20 Dane; 21 earth; 22 Glass; Agile; Drive.

**NONAGRAM:** AFTERMATH; ahem; amah; ahah; father; haat; haar; haem; hatt; haram; hare; harn; harm; hart; hate; hater; hatter; hear; heart; heat; heft; herm; meth; rather; thea; lah; that; theft; them; theta; threat.

**QUICK CROSSWORD:** Across - 1 Raptured; 5 Wand; 7 Renovates; 9 Dean; 10 Tome; harn; hare; harn; heart; hart; hate; hater; hatter; hear; heart; heat; heft; herm; meth; rather; thea; lah; that; theft; them; theta; threat.

**MAGIC SQUARE:** Stagnation; 10 Inaugurate; 11 Infrequent; 15 Dosing; 16 Apache; 18 ran; 19 Gate.

**WORD PYRAMID:** Across - 1 Raptured; 5 Wand; 7 Renovates; 9 Dean; 10 Tome; harn; hare; harn; heart; hart; hate; hater; hatter; hear; heart; heat; heft; herm; meth; rather; thea; lah; that; theft; them; theta; threat.

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## Union urges those receiving loan scheme letters to 'opt in' to payment offer

Scottish farmers and crofters have started to receive loan scheme offer letters from Scottish Government and NFU Scotland is urging recipients to 'opt in'.

The 2020 National Basic Payment Support Scheme (NPBS) offers recipients the opportunity to receive up to 95 per cent of their Basic Payment Scheme and Greening payments in advance.

Around 17,300 businesses are expected to receive a loan offer and around 16,000 letters are in the first round. Those looking to accept the offer and receive payment without delay are asked to respond by September 4 and, as with previous loan schemes, the opt-in acceptance is simple and can be completed by email or by post. All payments will be made in sterling.

NFU Scotland President Andrew McCornick said: "The announcement that the vast majority of Scotland's farmers and crofters can access up to 95 per cent of their BPS and Greening payments from September this year will add

certainty and stability across Scottish agriculture and the wider rural community at a time of great change.

"Previous loan schemes have provided an invaluable boost to the rural economy each autumn, stimulating investment in farms and crofts across the country. This year, as we recover from Covid-19, the scheme will also provide much-needed cash flow ahead of an unknown winter that will undoubtedly be dominated by Brexit.

"The ability for Scottish Government to bring forward this loan scheme several weeks earlier than previous loan schemes is also testament to the commitment and hard work undertaken by farmers and crofters, Scottish Government officials and SGRPID staff in sticking to the May 15 SAF application deadline, despite the unprecedented circumstances this year.

"I would urge all to opt into this year's scheme and to do so by email where possible to ensure payments are processed and made as soon as possible."

# Young crofters gather to share and inspire

Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) are holding a free virtual gathering for Young Crofters, on Tuesday August 18, five years on from a successful residential event held at Glencanisp Lodge, Lochinver.

Four sessions, using Zoom, will cover a range of topics and offer a variety of formats. Participants can join for the whole day, running from 10am to 4pm, or individual sessions.

Contributors include some of those who attended five years ago as aspiring crofters, with one commenting that 'the gathering that I went to five years ago was so influential it would be great to contribute something to this one!'

Session one will give a snapshot of what crofting in 2020 means to a range of young people through film shorts and presentations followed by a chance to ask questions of those who have shared their stories. Contributors include Carianne, crofter in North Uist, as well as, Sweeny, Air An Lot, based in Lewis and winner of the SCF Young Crofter of the Year award 2018, and Jacob and Kate small



holders growing and selling vegetables in Glenelg, Lochalsh.

Session two will focus on Crofting during Covid, with an interactive activity followed by open discussion with SCF Director Jonathan Hedges, hoping to capture the challenges and positives as well as looking to the future.

Session three will explore 'Adding Value' with an introduction to the Scottish Crofting Produce mark and

Croft Holidays. Beth Rose from Birchwood Croft will share her experience of SCP and Quality Meat Scotland. In the final session 'Crofting Policy - What's the plan?', participants will have the opportunity to direct questions to a panel of policy and decision makers including: Siobhan Macdonald, Senior Consultant SAC; Bill Dundas, SGRPID, Claudia Rowse, Head of Natural Resource Management at SNH, Gordon

Jackson from the Scottish Government Crofting Policy team and Rod Mackenzie, Crofting Commission Convener. The day will end with the opening of nominations for the SCF Young Crofter Awards 2020.

SCF vice chairman Donald MacKinnon said: "This is set to be a fantastic event with a wide variety of interesting speakers. Hopefully this will be the first of many."

## NFU Scotland is continuing to push for change to address fuel filter blocking problems

Last autumn and winter, hundreds of Scottish farmers and crofters were left frustrated when fuel filters on tractors and other machinery were choking, many within minutes of being replaced.

Action taken by NFU Scotland, led by Transport Advisor Jamie Smart led to the creation of a BSI industry taskforce looking into fuel issues, including biofuel inclusion.

With harvest now in full swing and autumn approach-

ing, Jamie Smart, right, has used the Union's blog to update members on progress on the taskforce and, more importantly, provide some very useful bullet points on how farmers and crofters can take steps to avoid a similar level of disruption in the months ahead.

Jamie writes: 'In addition, a sampling and testing protocol is near completion. This means that in the event of any issues this coming winter, we

can be ready to gather further evidence of what is causing filter blocking problems, and where exactly the fuel is coming from. NFU Scotland and NFU will continue to put pressure on this Taskforce to ensure the standards UK fuel industry set will protect us from fuel which is not fit for purpose.'

To read the full blog, visit [www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/transport-advisors-fuel-filter-update-10-august-2020](http://www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/transport-advisors-fuel-filter-update-10-august-2020)







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## Around the markets

**United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday August 11:** sold 5532 (+1157) Lambs & Sheep of all classes. 5056 Lambs averaged £63.86 (+£5.01). Although there was a good selection of quality bred lambs presented to a large ringside of buyers, lambs in general lacked condition, this may be due to the wet July month the stock has had to endure, thus resulting in a scarcity of killing lambs normally presented at this sale.

Lambs - SuffX - £75.50, Balnagown Croft; £74.50, Frackersaig; £74.00, Assapol; £73.50, Mid Farm; £73.50, Achnacree Beag; £73.00, Ardsheal; £73.00, Strongorm; £72.00, Glengorm; £70.50, Strongorm. TexX - £76.50, Torbhlaren; £75.00, Balnagown; £75.00, 58 Tangasdale; £75.00, Balligarve; £74.50, Saulmore; £74.50, Strongorm; £73.00, 3 Baligrundle; £72.50, 2 Baligrundle; £72.00,



Bailuacraich; £72.00, Park Farm; £72.00, Achnacree Beag; £72.00, Couston Farm; £71.50, Ardlarach; £71.50, Balnagown; £70.50, Caolis, Coll; £70.50, 2 Baligrundle; £70.50, Dalvore; £70.00, Poltalloch; £70.00, Ardachy; £70.00, Barbreck.

Chev - £72.00, Caddleton Farms; £68.00, 85 Borve; £67.00, Strontoiler; £64.50, 67 Tangasdale; £64.50, Caddleton Farms. Cross - £69.00, Caddleton Farms; £65.00, 85 Borve. Mule - £73.00, Fiart; £69.50, Glenamachrie;

£68.00, Saulmore. BF - £47.50, Achuaran. Ewes - SuffX - £66.00, Strongorm. TexX - £75.00, Strontoiler. ChevX - £81.00, Caolis, Coll. **Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, August 7:** sold 9,164 store

**Pictured is a pen of 368 Suffolk Cross lambs which sold for £69.50, from Mr Shane Cadzow, Isle of Luing, part of a consignment of 1,280 lambs which averaged £65.45.**

lambs at an average of £69.14 (up £10.21 on the year). Beltex (1,355) averaged £69.59 and sold to £94 gross from Simpsons Croft, Scotsburn. Texel (2,648) averaged £69.65 and sold to £90 gross from The Rowans, Brora. Suffolk (3,741) averaged £69.78 and sold to £88 gross from Bluebell Cottage, Fleuchary. Mule (323) averaged £68.14 and sold to £72.50 gross from Milton Farm, Aberarder. Bleu Du Maine (38) averaged £73.71 and sold to £84 gross from Rhifail Farms. Cheviot (550) averaged £64.24 and sold to £74 gross from 1 Drummie Farm, Golspie. Charollais (68) averaged £67.21 and sold to £68.50 gross from Guidebest, Latheron. Cheviot Mule (172) averaged £71.97 and sold to £77 gross from Dunearn Farm, Nairn. Other breeds (269) averaged £62.25 and sold to £82 gross from Comar, Beaully.

**Other leading prices per head:**

Lambs: TexX - Wester Craiglands, Fortrose, £89, £86.50, The Rowans, £87.50, Park Farm, Strathpeffer, £86.50, Bluebell Cottage, £86; BeltX - Craigroy Cottage, Dallas, £88, £85, Ballicherry Farm, Balblair, £87, £86.50, Wester Craiglands, £85.50, Simpsons Croft, £85; BDM - Rhifail Farms, £76; SuffX - Lower Gartally, Drumnadrochit, £86.50, Wester Craiglands, £86, Bruaich Mills Farm, Kiltarlity, £85.50, 67 Balvraid, Dornoch, £84; CharX - Dunlichity Farm, Farr, £67.50; Chev - Heatherlea Croft, Ardgay, £72, Auchmore Farm, Muir of Ord, £70, 1224 West Langwell, Rogart, £70; Mule - Abersky, Dores, £70, Milton Farm, £70; Cheviot Mule - Auchmore Farm, Muir of Ord, £75.50, Wester Craiglands, £71.50, Auchmore Farm, £70.50.

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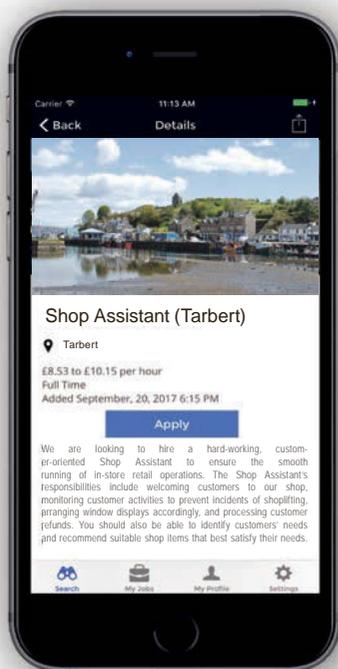
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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

As I write this, children are preparing to go back to school.

In none of their lifetimes have they been off school for so long. It is approaching four and a half months since they last sat in class together.

I have been so impressed by the way they have coped with this strange infringement on their lives.

The children have been diligent at keeping the rules in so many ways. They have not gone out to play, they have not gone near their newly-installed playpark. They have kept the rules.

One young lad told me he wasn't going as fast on his bike as usual in case he was in an accident which would mean diverting much-needed care from people suffering from Covid.

How responsible these young people have been and how they could teach those who flaunt the regulations a thing or two.

And now they prepare to go back to school. Their parents have done a grand job on home schooling, but it is not the same as having the experts on the case and the fun of interaction with their peers.

I know the teachers are looking forward to resuming contact with the children and I think it will be a great reunion. There will be much to talk about, much to share, much to nurture and maybe much comforting to be done.

So as our children and young people go back to learning and living, may they be blessed. May those who teach them and love them, nourish them and care for them, be blessed.

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**LOCHGILPHEAD**

The British Red Cross shop in Lochgilphead has reopened and is once again accepting donations.

Opening its doors again on Monday July 27, staff were looking forward to seeing customers once more and were preparing themselves for the onslaught of donations following everyone's lockdown clearouts.

The store has made an urgent appeal for volunteers and anyone interested or wanting more information about the role should contact shop manager Meg Jamieson or pop into the shop.

Meg said: 'The British Red Cross is a brilliant charity to work for. The volunteers we have here in Lochgilphead are fab, but we need more. I would ask anyone who is interested in volunteering to get in touch.'

**CAIRNBAAN**

Fans and followers of the Lochgilphead-based Easy Club will have to wait a little longer for their next musical treat.

After months of missing playing music together, and each other, members gave a socially-distanced performance in the Cairnbaan Hotel beer garden on Saturday August 1.

The group had planned to return in greater numbers to the same venue on the weekend of August 15 and 16 for another performance, but this has been postponed on the advice of Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health department.

Provided the coronavirus rules allow, the Easy Club hopes to have several workshops and performances in - or outside - the Cairnbaan Hotel and other venues in the coming months.

**FIRTH OF CLYDE**

The Waverley's paddles are turning once again after a major refit, including a boiler replacement, which was made possible by £2.3 million fundraising appeal.



Inveraray youngsters have enjoyed shooting into the goals.

**Goals delight young footballers**

Inveraray youngsters have been given a set of goals to hone their goal-scoring skills.

With the children out making the most of the weather before schools go back, it was decided a set of old goals would be gifted for them to use.

The goals, which used to belong to the football club, had been stored in the shinty container for a couple of years. When residents noticed how many youngsters were playing

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football at the park, it was mentioned to Linda Divers who remembered about the goal posts.

Linda Divers said: 'The children have been so good during lockdown.

'They deserved a wee treat. Thanks to Grant, Kieran and Rhuaridh for helping me put them up.'

The last sea-going paddle steamer in the world received £1 million of Scottish Government funding towards the project.

The world-famous Clyde steamer has been in operation for more than 70 years, transporting millions of passengers to locations throughout the UK.

Work began in January in Greenock and

continued through lockdown. At the end of July, Waverley's engine and paddles once again turned under steam - for the first time since 2018.

Provided the final pieces of work go well, and if permitted by coronavirus rules, the Waverley might return to service in 2020 for a few cruises on the Clyde.

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## MARRIAGE

**SHARKEY - MCGEACHY** - Mr and Mrs James McGeachy and Mr and Mrs Michael Sharkey have the pleasure in announcing the marriage of their children Rachel Dawnne and Dominic Francis on August 1, 2020 at St Kieran's Church, Campbeltown.

## DEATHS

**BROWN** - Peacefully at home, 4 Killean Place, George Street, Campbeltown, on August 11, 2020, Duncan MacInnes Brown, in his 96th year, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McDonald, much loved dad of Dorothy and Marjorie, loving grandpa of Katrina, Keith, Alan and Gail and great-granda and pappy to Abigail, Niamh, Duncan, Olivia, Cohen, Lewis and Leon. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Duncan's funeral will take place on Friday, August 14. The cortege will leave the home address at 12.00 noon travelling from George Street, along The Esplanade and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to Duncan on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**LITSTER** - Peacefully with his family by his side at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on August 5, 2020, Danny Litster of Springhill, Kilmichael Glassary, by Lochgilphead. Former Proprietor of Danny's Ironmongers, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Moira Barclay, dear loved and adored Dad of Yvonne and Vivienne. Proud Grandad of Jamie. Much respected father-in-law of Adrian and George. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour, respected work associate and a very dear friend to many. A private family funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**MCNEILL** - Peacefully at home, Craigmount, Tarbert, on August 5, 2020, after a long illness bravely borne, John, dearly beloved husband of Fay and dear father of Douglas and the late Karen, much

loved father-in-law of Bunty. Retired 2nd engineer MV Claymore CalMac. In accordance with present restrictions funeral private.

**STEWART** - Peacefully at home with her family by her side, on August 4, 2020, Ishbel Mary Stewart, née Allan, aged 87 years, of 2 Linnet Cottages, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of Sanders and much loved mother of Alan and Lesley. Much respected mother-in-law of Fiona and James. Dearly loved gran to John, Harris, Matti and Fergus. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on August 11, 2020.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GAULD** - Margaret and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad loss of John. Special thanks to Nan and her staff at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig for the care and support given to John and the family at such a difficult time. Also to the carers from Carr Gomm who looked after John at home. Grateful thanks to the Rev Margaret Millar for a personal and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to Richard at Kilmartin Hotel for catering. Thanks also to those who paid their respects, lining the route through Lochgilphead and Dalavich village and at the cemetery as John made his final journey home. The amount of £575 was raised for Ardfenaig Comfort Fund.

**MCGILP** - The family of the late Jean McGilp of Lochgilphead would like to express their gratitude to all who made her last hours so comfortable; and her final journey so dignified. Our special thanks go to paramedic crews; staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital Accident & Emergency Department and Glenaray Ward for truly outstanding care; Roddy, Fiona and Cameron of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional arrangements delivered with a very personal touch; and Christine and staff at Cairnbaan Hotel for such kind attentiveness. And thank you to the hundreds of people who sent flowers, cards and messages; and

## WEDDING



**Lauren Inglis and Donald Macdonald** were married on Saturday, August 1, 2020 in Contin Parish Church by Reverend James Bissett. Postponed since April, it was a wonderful day celebrated with close family. Lauren is the younger daughter of Christine, Tarbert and John, Leith. Donald is the son of Lorna and Calum Macdonald, Contin.

who paid their respects at the roadside. Your kindness and compassion helped us through a difficult time, and will be remembered always. Sybil, David and families.

**OGILVIE** - Allan and the family of the late Anne Ogilvie wish to thank everyone for their support, cards and flowers. Thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital and the Macmillan nursing team for their wonderful care in the past few weeks, and also to the staff at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, and at Clydevue Medical Practice, Renfrew. Special thanks to Anne's sister-in-law, Rev Catriona Ogilvie, for a beautiful service in our garden and at the graveside. Also to T.A. Blair Funeral Directors for their professional and compassionate care throughout, and to the Ardshiel hotel for their assistance. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of Anne's many friends and work colleagues who lined the route to say their own goodbye to 'oor wee Annie'.

**SINCLAIR** - Duncan, Elizabeth and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, support and kind words following the sad loss of Fiona. Thank you to all the carers and the NHS staff who enabled and supported the care of Fiona at home. Thank you to Rev David Carruthers and to Donald MacDonald and his team for their care and compassion at this difficult time.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BLACK** - Treasured memories of Gilbert, a dearly loved husband, father and papa, passed away August 15, 2017. Remembered with a song in our hearts.

- Love from Jean and family.

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But silent thoughts and memories stay  
Missed more than words can say  
Loved and remembered every day.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine and Brian, Robert and Lesley, Grant and Stephanie.

**MCGOUGAN** - Cherished memories of my husband and our dad Meiky, left us August 14, 2016.

Always loved, never forgotten and forever missed.

- Elma and family.

**MCKENZIE** - Alexander. Remembering Sandy with love on the anniversary of his death on August 11, 2005.

Always in our thoughts.  
- Jane, Becky, Christine and Katie xxx

**MORRISON** - In loving memory of my dear fiancé Murdo, who died August 13, 2009.

There will never be a day I don't think of you and wish you were here by my side.

- Annie xx

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**Our building is open for Sunday services.**

You would be welcome this **Sunday, 16th August at 11am** when

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**Sunday 16th August  
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"How did you fare?"  
(Ruth 3:16)

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Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches

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**Sunday 16th August  
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## Frances and Rona enjoy their day in the sun

Tarbert Golf Club ladies met at Glenralloch in glorious sunshine for the Columba pairs on Saturday August 8.

By their own admission, scoring was not great but the chat was good and a delighted Frances Hardie and Rona Young were the winners.

The gents competed for the August Medal, with the Johnstones again in pole position with Iain junior edging out his dad on the better inward half after shooting 64 nett. Lewis Preston took third place, also on 64, but with the poorer inward half.

Tomorrow, Saturday August 15, the gents will compete for the James Johnson Cup before the much-awaited club championship over the following two weekends.



**Columba pairs winners Frances Hardie and Rona Young.**

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# Soccer Centre gets the ball rolling

Young Lochgilphead footballers are getting ready to return to the sport just as the schools start back.

Lochgilphead Soccer Centre has organised additional sessions throughout the week to accommodate all interested youngsters in a safe and fun way.

Club chairman Stuart Green said: 'It has been a challenging time for families, with young children unable

to participate in organised sport. I am delighted organised youth football is returning when schools return.

'The Scottish Football Association has published guidelines which mean things will be different for a while. Parents are required to ensure their child is registered in advance of all events in line with test and protect rules in the event it is required. The emphasis

will be on fun and games, building on fitness later. It's a perfect time for any child thinking about starting up a new sport. As a result of national limitations on maximum numbers per training session, we have spread the sessions out during the week.

'My thanks to the volunteers, coaches, first aiders, administrators and members of the steering group for a lot

of work to get us ready for a return to football, and parents should be assured we have fully implemented the safety guidelines. Anyone wishing to get involved should not hesitate to get in touch with me.'

For further information, go to the Lochgilphead Soccer Centre Facebook page or contact Stuart directly on 07795 800570.

# Lochgilphead bowlers compete in IK Fleming Triples



Lochgilphead Bowling Club saw 18 members compete for the annual IK Fleming Triples.

There were some fiercely contested matches on Sunday August 2 and after the group stages the final standings saw the trio of Donald Crawford, Archie MacVicar and Rose MacVicar face Colin MacInnes, Bob Martin and

**Frances Fleming, far left, presents the trophy to Colin MacInnes, Fiona McLeod and Bob Martin.**

Fiona McLeod in a five-end final.

The final was closely contested by both sides, drawing even at three-all after the five ends.

A sixth end play off would determine the winner and with great bowls from both teams, it was the final bowl that sealed the deal for the team skipped by Colin.

The winners were presented with their trophy by Frances Fleming, daughter of IK Fleming. An enjoyable afternoon of bowling was had by everyone.

# Rugby quartet swap boots for charity bikes

A quartet of former Scotland international rugby players will be descending on Campbeltown next week for the start of an epic charity bike run.

Ruaridh Jackson, who earned 33 caps between 2010 and 2018, will join Richie Vernon, the first man to go to World Cups for Scotland as a forward then a back, Ryan Grant, the former Scotland prop and 2009 Lions tourist and Andrew Easson, the former Edinburgh and

Scotland Sevens player, in cycling the Caledonia Way in aid of Doddie Weir's My Name's Doddie Foundation and Unite Against Cancer.

The foursome aim to ride the 234 miles from Campbeltown to Inverness in 36 hours.

Ruaridh announced his retirement from rugby when the season shut down earlier this year and currently runs The Garden Shed Drinks Company with wife Kirsten and Ryan and Maxine Grant.

Having recently become a father, the 32-year-old former full back is relishing the prospect of another new challenge.

He told the Advertiser: 'We are excited about the route but nervous about some of the climbs that will have to be taken on, especially day one up to Oban. We're doing this to raise money for two charities close to the team's hearts. The My Name's Doddie Foundation and Unite Against Cancer. If anyone can spare a few quid

to sponsor us, it will make the pain and inevitable chaffing a little more bearable.'

At the time of writing, the quartet had reached £4,330 of their original £5,000 target and are excited to see how far it will go by the time they roll out of Campbeltown on Friday August 21. The Caledonia Way, also known as National Cycle Route 78, will take them from Kintyre, through Mid Argyll to Inverness using roads and traffic-free forest trails and

canal paths, stopping in Oban for the night before heading to Fort William. Donate to Ruaridh, Ryan, Richie and Andrew's cycling challenge at their Cycling the Caledonia Way gofundme page.



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