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# Return of tourists key in island's battle to survive

## Recovery group issues stark warning amid fears Arran will be left behind

by Hugh Boag  
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Arran is facing an economic disaster unless urgent action is taken to re-open the island to tourism.

That is the stark warning from island businesses this week who fear Arran is going to be left behind as Scotland prepares to reopen tourism on July 15 (see page two).

For the island to have any chance of recovery, they say there must be immediate action to restore 50 per cent of ferry capacity from the start of July to allow visitors to the island. But they want day trippers banned to allow more

capacity for visitors staying overnight or for longer.

One of the island's leading businesswomen, Linda Johnston, said: 'The threat to life on the island as we know it is serious and under imminent risk if urgent action is not taken.'

Whilst actual cases of COVID-19 have been thankfully low, the effect of the pandemic on the island has been massive.

Tourism, local industry and opportunities for young people have all been impacted. But while the present is bad enough, the future could be bleak for years unless a proper plan for sustained recovery is implemented.

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## Generous donation – just to say thanks

Island Co-op managers hand over garden furniture to grateful hospital staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital. For the full story, turn to page two.

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## Co-op garden gifts for hospital staff

The island's three Co-op stores donated a picnic bench, two sun loungers and two garden benches to staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital this week.

As a thank-you to the tireless work of the medical team during the coronavirus pandemic, the Co-op stores held an instore collection to buy the garden furniture so the staff have somewhere to sit outside on their breaks.

Brodick Co-op manager Liz McLean said: 'This came about due to so many customers contacting me wishing to donate to our team for all the hard work and long hours we've put in helping to feed the island.'

'While the whole team and I are grateful for the kindness shown to us by our customers, we thought it more fitting, during the current circumstances, to give something back to the medical staff.'

'The three island stores agreed to do a bucket collection and the garden furniture donation is a result of this.'

### Speakers

Two Bluetooth speakers have also been donated by Donald Cowan and his sister Ailsa in recognition of the Co-op workers and to thank the hospital staff for the bravery and commitment during this trying time.



Brodick Co-op manager Liz McLean with garden furniture gifted to the hospital staff. 01\_B24hospital02

## Return of tourists key in island's battle to survive

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Tourism contributes £69 million to the Arran economy and the stark reality is that as many as 1,500 of the 2,000 jobs it provides could, potentially, be lost. A range of groups, which

have long co-operated for the benefit of Arran, have come together as Arran Recovery Group (ARG) to agree a programme of recovery that seeks to balance the four main strands of island life – health

and wellbeing, community, environment and economic development. At the heart of everything is a commitment to safety for our people, for our visitors and for the wider Arran community.

It is clear Arran accommodation businesses are holding high levels of pre-bookings from mid-July and would be able to achieve occupancy levels approaching previous years, even with social distancing in place.

The ferry is the only lifeline for Arran, and ARG is calling on Caledonian MacBrayne to ensure social distancing does not kill capacity and imperil the economic recovery. They say a solution can be found that would safely allow 50 per cent of the 2019 passenger levels to be restored this summer.

To help manage reduced capacity, ARG is suggesting there should be no day visitors allowed on the ferry during the initial recovery phases, with priority being given to essential workers, commercial traffic, local people, those visiting family, and tourists who intend to stay on Arran for more than one night.

To achieve this they want to see a full summer timetable with two ferries reinstated on the Ardrossan to Brodick route from July 1 and increased capacity on the Lochranza to Cloanaig route, with the addition of another ferry if that can be provided.

ARG is also calling for an Island Survival Plan to ensure Arran has a future.

Chairman of Arran Economic Group Tom Tracey said: 'We need to ensure there is capacity – safe capacity – on the ferry to allow our businesses to operate. We believe that the plan as has been outlined contravenes the spirit and legal framework of the Islands Act and needs to be addressed urgently by the government before businesses start closing

### Reopening date is July 15

Scotland's tourism businesses, including pubs, hotels and restaurants, have been told to prepare to reopen on July 15. But tourism secretary Fergus Ewing told the Scottish Parliament the date was conditional on moving to the third phase of the route map for easing lockdown restrictions.

The plan will also allow B&Bs, holiday homes - for rent and use by owners - shops and visitor attractions to reopen, with social distancing measures in place.

Announcing a new taskforce, Mr Ewing said businesses needed clarity to be able to plan for reopening which would focus on the sector's recovery needs, actions being taken by the UK government and the development of a new domestic visitor marketing campaign.

In a statement, CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond told the Banner: 'We have great sympathy with the position of island businesses – particularly those which rely on tourism and we have been working with tourism representatives across our network to discuss how we can help them rebuild after COVID-19.'

'We are exploring all options and discussing future timetable options with Transport Scotland. However, the decision on who can travel and physical distancing on board our ferries remains a matter of government policy with the First Minister saying as recently as today (June 9) that the 2m physical distancing policy will not be changing.'

permanently.' Linda Johnston, co-founder and managing director of Auchrannie Resort, has written to the Scottish Government to outline the catastrophic damage that will be caused unless urgent action is taken at the highest level.

She said: 'It is clear the Scottish Government sees the islands exiting lockdown behind the rest of Scotland and that ferry capacity to the islands is expected to be below 20 per cent. Both of these present an unprecedented threat and clearly leave the islands at a disadvantage to the rest of Scotland and the UK. Clearly, there is currently no plan for the islands.'

Arran Recovery Group is calling for urgent intervention

at the highest level to provide clarity on ferry capacities, timescales for island re-opening and details of how island businesses and employees will be financially supported to allow them to survive the pandemic and provide the future Arran and its community desperately need. Linda added: 'The island needs to work together with a collective voice to make sure we get the ferry capacity to allow us to follow the Scottish government route map out of lockdown when it is safe to do so and to support our community, island infrastructure and economy. If this cannot be provided the island will need financial support from government to avoid economic collapse.'

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# Arran to get dedicated COVID-19 test centre

Arran is to get its own COVID-19 testing station.

Plans are well advanced for the centre, which will be in Brodick. It should be ready to open in mid-June, with capacity increasing by the end of the month.

A single, locally-led system will hopefully mean quicker testing and response to positive tests.

People will be able to phone a local number to ask about booking a test, final details of which are being hammered out and will appear in the Banner next week.

Dr Greg Hamill, Arran clinical lead, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, said: 'The Test and Protect system is what we hope will support the easing of the lockdown and help Arran to safely open up.'

'There is a slightly different approach to this on Arran



Dr Greg Hamill. 01\_B25hamill01

than elsewhere and we are implementing testing and contact tracing by local teams – as we have been doing to date, but expanding access to testing to anyone who has possible symptoms and training more

**'There is a slightly different approach to this on Arran than elsewhere and we are implementing testing and tracing by local teams as we have been doing to date, but expanding access to testing.'**

people locally to do contact tracing.

'This work is in tandem with the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Public Health team and the systems and standards will tie in with the national approach.'

As a result, people should not be confused by the advice given in some government ad-

verts on how to access testing through the national online system which is for large mainland centres no-one on Arran will be able to access.

On the general situation, Dr Hamill continued: 'We are continuing to see people with possible COVID symptoms and admit some to hospital but, fortunately, still no recent positive results – for more than six weeks now. Cases in Ayrshire continue to fall. There are nine people with a positive test in Crosshouse and Ayr hospitals today, with no patients in intensive care at present.'

'It is such a different island than we are all used to in a normal June.'

'While most services see a surge in activity in winter, the peak on Arran predictably follows an inverse pattern.'

'Compared to the quietest months, there are usually

double the number of people presenting to A&E at this time of year – not this year.'

'That said, it is a very different working environment and there are a lot of challenges affecting all our essential services, from care at home and social work to our residential homes and the GP practice.'

'Many emergency presentations continue as normal and people will have seen the familiar helicopters in and out.'

'There are around 150 emergency helicopter transfers off Arran each year.'

'Like everyone else, our eyes are on future months and what that will mean for the people of Arran and cases of coronavirus on the island.'

'Social distancing advice is going to be with us for some time and the detail of how that will affect schools, businesses and public transport is starting to become clearer.'

## Stowaways found in car

Two people were discovered hiding in the rear footwells of a car on the ferry from Brodick to Ardrossan.

It followed reports in the national press at the weekend and has now been confirmed by CalMac. They are understood to have been islanders trying to leave for the mainland.

Passengers were also found hidden in vehicles on other CalMac ferries, attempting to evade the ban on non-essential island travel, including a group of golfers who were discovered in a van on the crossing between Largs and Cumbrae.

CalMac director of operations Robert Morrison told the Banner: 'As per Scottish Government guidelines, travel to our islands remains for essential purposes only.'

We have had occasions when people have tried to gain passage to or from our islands by concealing themselves in vehicles. Anyone found to be doing so will not be allowed to travel. We encourage people to behave responsibly until guidelines allow for non-essential travel.'

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# Strongman clocks up care miles with barrel

Big Davy Ballantyne has raised an incredible £9,000 for the Samaritans – and his barrel challenge is not due to finish until today (Friday).

Barring injury, the strongman will complete the final leg of his 70-mile walk round the island carrying a 50kg – eight stone – whisky barrel on his back at Kildonan, where he started.

After nine days, Davy was forced to take a break due to injury and his return to work as groundsman at the new Lagg Distillery.

But he was back on his quest last Saturday, walking from Laggan to North Sannox and feeling refreshed after his break. Sunday saw him reach Corrie and by Monday he was in Brodick and by Tuesday in Lamlash.

But he admitted: 'I had to take breaks quite often because of my calf muscle being sore. If the calf doesn't get worse, we should be finishing by Friday.'

Davy is raising money and awareness of the Samaritans, which is facing a funding crisis due to the pressure on their services in these most difficult of times, and have launched an emergency appeal.

To donate visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/davy-ballantyne3>



Davy is all smiles as he makes his way from Laggan to North Sannox.



Davy passes Blue Rock on his way to Sannox.



Davy doesn't even have a glance as he passes the Corrie Hotel.



Making his way into Brodick along the Fisherman's Walk boardwalk. All photographs by Fraser Aitchison

## Cash upgrade for Machrie Moor road

Arran's Machrie Moor road is to be upgraded as part of a project to improve the timber transport network in Ayrshire and Arran.

Forestry is included in Phase 1 of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 route map, which allows outdoor work such as forestry to fully restart operations.

The total award of nearly £800,000 to North, East and South Ayrshire councils, which includes £55,000 for Machrie Moor road, is co-financed and drawn from the strategic timber transport fund which is managed by Scottish Forestry.

The funding goes mostly to improve minor roads – improving surfaces, widening corners, adding traffic calming measures or providing passing places. All these measures will help keep the flow of timber moving to market and reduce impacts on communities.

Announcing the funding, Fergus Ewing, cabinet secretary for economy and tourism, said: 'Forestry is an important part of the rural sector, generating £1 billion to the Scottish economy each year and supporting 25,000 jobs. Getting these important timber supplies out relies on a good transport network and this funding will help ensure this is in place to allow a long-term sustainable forest industry.'

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# House plots get go-ahead

Outline planning permission for a residential development of 16 plots and associated infrastructure on a site north-west of the New Montrose House in Glencloy Road, Brodick has been approved.

Detailed planning permission has also been approved for roads, parking areas and two detached dwellinghouses by North Ayrshire Council planners.

This proposal, by Mr Charles Fforde, relates to a vacant field at the south-west edge of Brodick.

Detailed planning permission had been sought for two houses at the western side of the field and the access road from Glencloy Road, as well as planning permission in principle for the division of the remaining field into 16 plots for future residential development, which would be for private sale.

The two one-and-a-half-storey houses for which full details have been granted would be on the corner plots within the 18,840m2 site – plot

## Planners approve 18-home development in Brodick's Glencloy Road

8 which extends to 983m2 and plot 11, 823m2.

The remaining field would be split to form 16 house plots arranged around the central access road.

A substation and play area would be provided towards the north-western corner of the site and connections would be maintained through the west and south boundaries for access to the wider countryside.

An indicative design guide for the development of the proposed plots was submitted with the application.

The guide is intended to provide design consistency in the overall development through the siting of houses within the individual plots, the architectural principles to be adopted in their design and the palette of external finishing materials

to be used. A palette of contemporary finishing materials would include slate roofs or dark slate effect tiles, textured white rendered walls, natural timber and dark zinc cladding. Windows and door frames should be dark aluminium or stained timber framed rather than uPVC.

The design guide also includes indicative examples of likely house designs.

In terms of the site history, the same application proposal was previously withdrawn by the applicant in May 2019 following concerns over drainage and access arrangements, objections and an objection from SEPA. These concerns have been addressed by the applicant and the same layout proposal was re-submitted, which has now been approved.



The proposed site of the housing development next to Montrose House. 01\_B07housing01

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or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ**A way must be found for Arran to open for business once more**

Serious challenges lie ahead for Arran. Of that there has never been any doubt.

But it is the stark reality of the situation which has really been brought home this week.

Arran, as we know and love it, simply cannot survive without the tourist trade. Of course there will be some who say it is too soon to open up the island to visitors, but a balance must be found.

Any recovery plan would strictly follow Scottish Government guidelines of the time. The worry is that the moment there is no plan for Arran, and the other Scottish islands, to come out of lockdown, which could leave us out in the cold.

The only way to get tourists back on the island is to get a regular service back on the boats. The Arran Recovery Group wants to see a return to 50 per cent capacity by the start of July. That seems a big ask, as CalMac suggests, but the ferry operator argues there should have been better planning for that to happen.

As a route map to bring tourists back, self-catering could be first and a ban on day trippers seems sensible, too, as, initially, there would be little for them to do, and it would free up ferry space for those who stay overnight or longer.

While some islands may be able to cope with a summer without tourists, Arran simply cannot and ways must be found for that to happen, and quickly, or the island faces a very bleak future indeed.

**Thought for the week**

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**Arran's second home owners have rights to be on island**

Sir,  
I read with dismay 60 per cent of Arran residents surveyed recently were happy for the ban on second home owners coming to the island to continue for a further considerable period of time.

I am sure at least 90 per cent of the people surveyed are elderly and have no interest in the economy of the island, but are just happy to potter about on the island without a care.

Do the other residents of Arran not realise that without second home owners and holiday makers Arran could barely exist?

We, the second home owners, put a considerable amount into the economy of the island, supporting local services by paying rates, patronising businesses and restaurants, and possibly contributing more than many of the full-time locals.

Why is it that when the summer and holiday season is over and a great number of the second home owners go back to their mainland residences many shops, restaurants and cafes close for the winter?

It's because the local population is too small and cannot, and will not, support these businesses.

If we, the second home owners, are not allowed on the island at off-peak times these shops, restaurants and cafes, who are closed now and cannot benefit from the summer trade, will remain closed for the remainder of the year and possibly never open again.

We, the second home owners, have as much interest in protecting the beauty, pleasures and tranquillity of Arran as locals do, so it is wrong they want to hibernate and exclude everyone from Arran as we have as much right to visit our homes as they have to live in theirs.

Yours,

Jack Cowan, Catacol and Glasgow.

**Could home insurance checks be carried out locally?**

Sir,  
I read the letters regarding second homes in the Banner dated June 5 with interest.

If it is a requirement of home insurance to check a property every 60 days, surely this is a check that can be carried out by someone on Arran, rather than the homeowner themselves.

**Lockdown birthdays**

Hector MacArthur from Brodick enjoyed his ninth birthday on Saturday June 6. He spent the day building Lego and then enjoyed pizza from The Parlour in his garden with his sister Ruby and two of his cousins, while social distancing. This was followed by an amazing 'Caledonian Isles' birthday cake made by Pat I'anson. If a young one in your family has had a lockdown birthday, send a photo and a little bit about what you did to make the day special by email to: [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk)

Perhaps the insurance company can provide guidance on who can perform this check? In another letter, it is claimed second home owners bring value to the Arran economy then, in the same letter, want a rebate for their council tax. Considering the cuts North Ayrshire Council has made to services on Arran, I find it incredible anyone who lives here would want a rebate on their council tax.

I, for one, am looking forward to visitors coming back to Arran sometime soon. There really is something special about seeing people enjoying their holidays and potentially being part of their happy memories. Stay safe.

Yours,

Simon Davies, Torbeg.

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**No evidence of hordes of visitors flocking to Arran**

Sir,  
I have just read the letter from Gary Scott, Arran Banner May 22, alleging hordes of second/holiday home owners have descended on Arran during the lockdown courtesy of CalMac, the police, North Ayrshire Council et al, without any evidence to confirm his statement.

Corrie is only a small village. Perhaps he could indicate how many second homes there are within its boundary and were inhabited after the start of the lockdown.

I have a friend who has a second residence in Corrie but he has not attempted to go down to check his property.

If Mr Scott cannot not provide any evidence to support his accusation, I can only consider it to be hearsay, misinformation or a personal grudge against second/holiday homes.

Yours,

Robin Gardner, Milton of Campsie.

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Pauline Muir raises a toast to Arran with Howard Driver of The Arran Banner in a photograph from 1983. 01\_B24obit01

# Pauline Muir - a life spent serving Arran

## Obituary

Mrs Pauline Muir, for many years the Arran tourist officer, died last month, aged 98.

The island owes Mrs Muir a great debt as over a long period, since the Second World War, she devoted much of her time to the wellbeing of many organisations on the island.

Prior to the re-organisation of local government, she was based in Lamlash working for Bute County Council and Arran District Council. Part of her time was spent as secretary of Isle of Arran Tourist Association.

When the island came into the Highlands and Islands area, she was unanimously appointed full-time tourist officer from a large number of applicants.

For seven years, until her retirement in May 1983, she represented the interests of Arran throughout the country.

She was held in great regard by the national tourist in-

dustry and was particularly commended for her work for Scotland in general at a public meeting shortly before her retirement by Alan Devereaux, the then chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board.

Apart from her efforts to promote the island, Mrs Muir was tireless in her general work for the community.

She was a wise and loyal member of the island's Council of Social Service, a tireless worker to form, develop and promote the heritage museum, a keen bridge player and one who was interested in, and prepared to serve in, all aspects of island life.

She was a keen horse rider and organised equestrian activities. She was still horse riding up to the age of 89.

Mrs Muir's motto might have been 'I serve others', although

**'Lots of people will have fond memories of Pauline. She was the tourism officer when the tourist information centre was just a wooden hut at the top of the pier.'**

she would have been far too modest to admit this.

As reported in the Banner when she retired: 'Five long blasts on the Clansman's siren signalled the end of an era on Arran.'

'The occasion was the departure from the island of retiring tourist officer Mrs Pauline Muir.'

'It was undoubtedly a

moment of sadness for her friends who gathered on the pier to wave her off following her presentation lunch at the Douglas Hotel.

'It must have been an even more emotional experience for Mrs Muir as she waved from the ferry until it curved out of sight.'

It is understood that after she left Arran Mrs Muir went to England to look after her elderly mother.

She spent her final years in Alma McFadyen House in Dalbeattie. She died on May 18.

A friend said: 'Lots of people on Arran will have fond memories of Pauline.'

'She was the tourism officer when the tourist information centre was just a wooden hut at the top of the pier.'

'It was always her wish to return to Arran, if not while alive, then certainly to be laid to rest with her husband Ivie.'

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# Home learning at Arran High



An excellent sketch of Aslan, the lion, by Daisy, S2.

We may be into the third month of lockdown, but the work of Arran High School goes on and it has been supporting learning and delivering the school curriculum virtually throughout this time.

Following the departure of Mr Barry Smith, Mrs Susan Foster is currently taking on the role of acting head teacher until a permanent post can be advertised in the new academic year. Mrs Suzie Dick remains the pastoral depute head and the school will be appointing a second acting depute head internally to take on Mrs Foster's previous remit.

The school continues to operate with all the support systems as before but now delivered through the medium of technology, post or by telephone.

One of the first tasks the high school undertook the week before the school closed was to talk to every student in the school and check who needed support in terms of internet access or access to a device,

providing laptops to take home for all students who requested them to enable everyone to access learning on an equal footing.

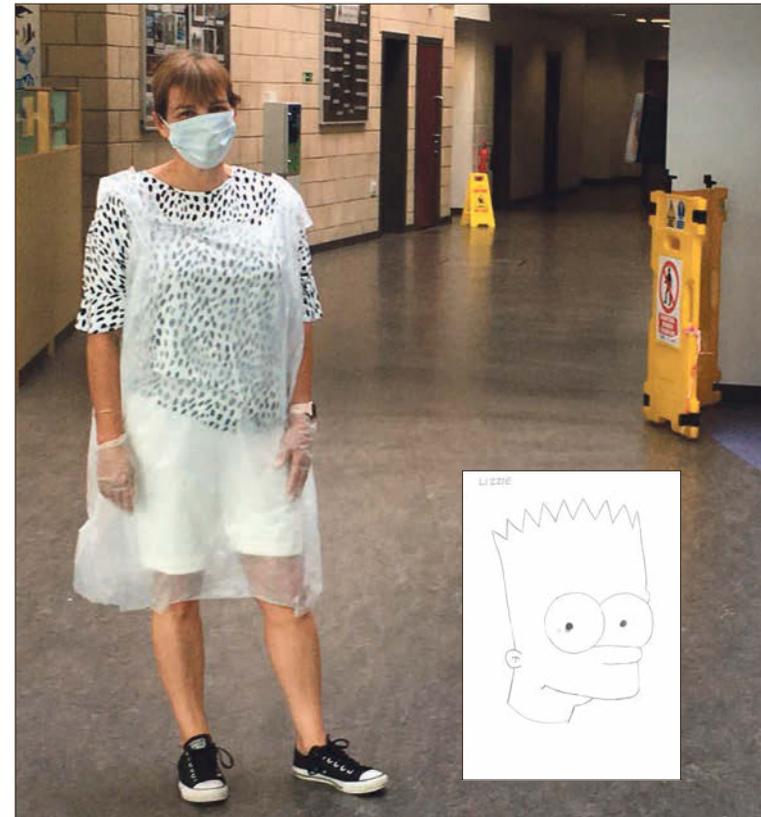
The school has continued to add to what it provides students in the way of a school experience.

This has included the parent council setting up a Strava club; Ms Acham, the school librarian, running an online book club for first and second year students; sports day being held virtually at the end of June; and the creation of the first Arran High School art gallery to display students' work. The gallery can be found on the Arran High School Facebook page.

The school is offering students who are moving into the upper phase the opportunity to access the next stage classwork online via either Microsoft Teams and/or Google classrooms.

Though it can't be there in person, the school would like to help them continue in their learning and have a jump start on the next year's course work, whether that is National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher.

Something similar is happening with the primary sevens across the island, who they



look forward to welcoming to the high school in August. The school has given them access to their own online team and chat online using the same

system as the high school and will also be running their usual three-day visit virtually.

An example of what some of the main subjects are offering

## How subjects are being

### Chemistry, Google Classroom

N5, Higher and Advanced Higher Chemistry all have a Google Classroom page in which work, including homework to be submitted, is set weekly.

### Art and design, Show My Homework and TEAMS

S1/2 have been given a weekly art task posted on Show My Homework and on TEAMS. S3 students moving into their examination year and all Nat4/5/Higher/Advanced Higher students are working on their examination folios and uploading work for feedback, posted on TEAMS.

### Maths, Khan Academy

Maths are using online learning via Khan Academy. Work is selected for S1-3. The students need to watch the videos set and answer questions. The website gives each student different questions and lets the maths department know if a video has been watched.

They can see the answers the students give and how many attempts they make with the quizzes. So far, the maths department has been consolidating learning previously covered but once a timetable and new class lists are made new learning will be set.

### Skills for success, Google Classrooms and Show My Homework

There is an online Google Classroom where homework is posted every Monday. This is also posted on Show My Homework. A number of

activities, including quizlets, 'tricky' words and TED Talks, are set.

### Graphics, Google Classroom and portfolios sent home

An example for S1/2 is there along with guides on how to sketch the characters.

They have to use light 'construction' lines to build the character up. They need to estimate sizes and judge proportion and neatly darken the drawing when it is completed.

Reuben Bowers has completed a 3D IKEA kitchen design solution, working in Google Classrooms in partnership with Mr Wilson. In addition to the course work, the school has offered optional links to national design competitions including the Rolls Royce young designer competition and an NHS mug design competition run by Royal Crown Derby.

Examples of work include a competitive mum and daughter handing in work. A great show of parental involvement during the lockdown has been Lizzie McCarthy, adult learner, and Beth McCarthy drawing Bart Simpson.

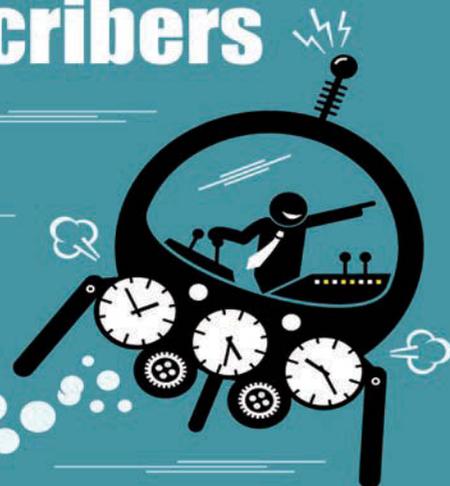
### Biology/science, Google Classrooms and TEAMS

Pupils are given weekly tasks which are returned for marking/comment.

**Personal Social Education (PSE), TEAMS**  
PSE has continued to be set weekly through Teams. S1s have covered smoking, including

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Left: Acting head teacher Susan Foster and depute head Suzie Dick keep their social distance at school.

Inset: A drawing of Bart Simpson.

Though all students were helped to log in the past week before lockdown and the systems being used were explained to each year group, where their log in has subsequently been mislaid, the school can reset it if they know about it.

This can be done by emailing the school or via Facebook messenger. Parents and carers are being asked to actively encourage their child to join in with the work and activities set by the teachers on the platforms mentioned. If there are any issues please let the school know to work together to support your child's learning

The school is also keeping parents, carers and students updated on its social media links on Twitter and Facebook.

is outlined in the article below. The school uses a number of different systems, depending on what system works best for that delivery.



Above: The 3D kitchen designed by Reuben Bowers in graphics and art.



Right: Drawing by Annie McKelvie of S1 of a view through a window.

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# ng taught in lockdown

making their own advert. They are now working on Positive Mental Attitudes. S2s finished off their sex education unit and have moved onto body image. S3 have been working on a discrimination topic which concluded with an essay. They are now working on a financial education topic through an online resource.

### Social subjects, geography, history, modern studies and RME, Google Classrooms

This has been ongoing in the junior school – S1 to S3 – since schools closed and there are now senior classes for all levels and all subjects in the senior school.

Information on how to join the senior classes has been posted on Microsoft Teams by class teachers. Lessons involve pupils using a range of materials including newspaper articles, video clips, images, diagrams and slide shows to complete set tasks.

### Computing science, TEAMS

The type of lesson for S1-S3 pupils has been varied, ranging from online quizzes to research projects and decryption tasks. Senior pupils have been assigned a range of programming tasks as well as creative web development projects.

### Home economics, TEAMS

A range of projects and tasks.

### Physical education, TEAMS, twitter and Glow

The physical education department has been supporting learning through Glow and Microsoft Teams online with a variety of learning oppor-

tunities including video workouts, pupil activity tracking questionnaires and staff v pupils running/cycling distance challenges. The department has also set up a specific Twitter page – @arranhighpe – where staff challenges and other options for pupils to keep physically active have been set.

As part of National School Sport Week this month, the department has partnered with the Youth Sports Trust to provide resources and challenges for a week of virtual activities. There is also a new National and Higher PE students page for the new academic year, which will have course work set through the Teams page.

### Support for learning (personalised support), TEAMS

A support programme of tasks set on TEAMS, email and phone calls where appropriate.

### English, Show My Homework, Google Classrooms

Check in weekly for homework and resource updates. Use Accelerated Reader to choose books and do quizzes. Website coming soon.

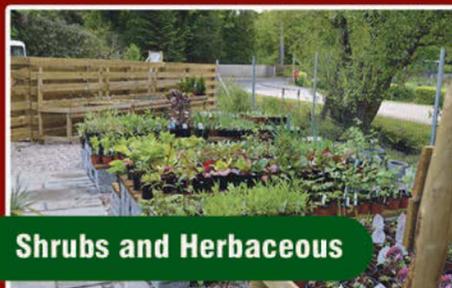
### French, Show My Homework, Google Classrooms

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### Psychology, Show My Homework, Google Classrooms

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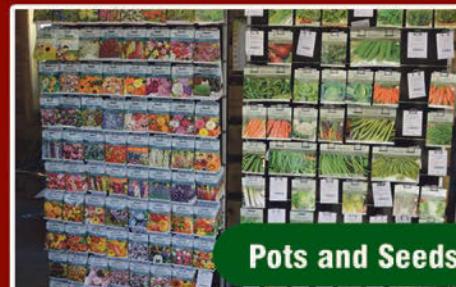
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# Helping our businesses

The UK Government has announced an unprecedented package of support to protect jobs and support business across the whole country during the coronavirus outbreak.

The financial support is helping firms across the nation to adapt, innovate and protect jobs.

Here is how some companies have been helped, and what is available.

A SOCIAL enterprise in Edinburgh which repairs used furniture and IT equipment and trains people with the skills to do so has launched a phased return to business after lockdown.

The Edinburgh Remakery, which suspended all services on March 24, started accepting donations of used IT equipment from June 4.

The organisation has asked for donations of laptops, tablets and mobile phones from individuals and businesses, and has put in place stringent hygiene and safety measures to allow for it.

The equipment is given free of charge to those in the community, including homeless people, who are in need of it. The organisation also aims to reduce waste by repairing items rather than them being sent to landfill.

Managing director Elaine Brown said the Remakery's services are in greater need than ever because lack of access to public facilities means people are relying more on digital services.

Library closures have meant those without a laptop no longer have access to a shared computer. Others who may previously have been able to buy or repair their own IT equipment cannot due to reduced income.

While three staff members of the Remakery have been furloughed, the remaining three have been working during the lockdown to donate a total of 47

keyboards and mice, 41 PCs, 20 laptops, 12 tablets and six iMacs.

Ms Brown said: "The furlough scheme was absolutely crucial to our business model to survive Covid. Without that, we would undoubtedly have faced immediate redundancy. It allowed us breathing space and it allowed us to retain our staff."

While the organisation is receiving extra funding as a charity, the furlough scheme has been needed to plug the gap left by a lack of shop revenue.

The scheme has been extended until the end of October, and Ms Brown said some Remakery staff will remain on furlough until then, while others may come back on a part time basis.

The scheme pays workers 80 per cent of wages up to £2,500, but the Remakery is topping up the remaining 20 per cent of wages.

Ms Brown said: "We always knew there was a need for us, we always knew there was digital isolation, but really Covid has intensified that and magnified the need.

"We're dealing with people who need the equipment for wellbeing needs, because of isolation, and also the impact of families trying to homeschool children.

"These issues were probably always there, but Covid has definitely increased the need."

The workshops and furniture repair normally run by the Remakery will remain suspended for the time being.



**GOOD TO BE BACK:** Edinburgh Remakery is making a phased return to operations after the Covid-19 crisis.

## What help can firms access during the current climate?

HERE are some examples of the support available for businesses and workers.

■ The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has enabled businesses to put employees on a period of temporary leave (furlough) and apply for a UK Government grant to cover 80 per

cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to £2,500 a month.

■ 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.

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

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

■ The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the

current rate of Statutory Sick Pay they pay current or former employees for sickness starting on or after March 13, 2020.

■ The Future Fund will issue loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies which are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak.

# towards brighter futures

## Restaurant boss optimistic after crucial support

A BUSINESSMAN has been able to get over lockdown and put 70 per cent of staff at his pizza business back to work thanks to support from the UK Government.

Giuseppe Fallone (below) and his wife Fiona own La Dolce Vita Pizzeria restaurant in O'Hagan Street, Newry, as well as takeaway outlets in Patrick Street in the city and in Warrenpoint and Camlough.

He is particularly pleased that he has not had to make a single one of his 130 staff redundant and is now feeling optimistic about the future.

Giuseppe is one of countless businesses that have survived thanks to UK Government support schemes, which include government backed loans and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, also known as furloughing.

Giuseppe, whose father came to Northern Ireland from Italy after the war and went into the fish and chip trade, said: "The restaurant closed on March 17 and the takeaways closed on March 20."

Grants from the UK Government and Stormont helped him get through the initial period when they had no turnover.

Giuseppe said: "Stormont had the £10,000 grant and then there was the £25,000 grant for higher threshold rate payers.

"But furlough has been the main one, a big

saviour for the business."

Government grants and other measures helped keep the business afloat..

Giuseppe said: "The government pause in the VAT payments and rates were also a big help. Our VAT bill was due in April so the government deferred our payments and we were able to use the money we had in our VAT account to pay the furlough wages."

Taking the pressure off their VAT and rates bills has also allowed him to pay utility bills and finance on catering equipment, vehicles and software.

He and his wife had been discussing starting cook-at-home pizza kits before the pandemic. As they were musing on how they could launch it, they had a call from O'Hare's, a local supermarket chain, asking if they could offer the product.

The finished product contains two 10-inch Dolcezza dough balls, freshly grated mozzarella, Tomato sauce and an instructional card with a YouTube link.

Giuseppe said their outlets either make deliveries only or allow the public to queue in a socially distanced manner outside to collect orders placed online.

They are not handling any cash.

He said: "You can see it, week by week, getting back."



**Details of the support available to businesses across the UK can be found at [gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support](https://gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support)**



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Scotland's Citizen's Advice Helpline will provide advice to the whole of Scotland. Tel: 0800 028 1456.

## Message from Lamlash Dental Clinic

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Mon-Fri we ask if patients do need to be seen that they call as early as possible after 9am. There is cover on Saturday and Sunday until the ferry is back on all day, but call 111 out of hours – we are on call from 10am to noon on Sat & Sun.

## Message from pharmacy

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## FOOD:

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Hot meal orders delivered between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (Do not go to the centre, phone 01770 830637/615). Payment to be made through their just giving page. Phone for details. They can pick up shopping for people from Pirmill Stores or the Co-op if you phone the stores direct and place the order. For any other assistance anyone in Pirmill /Lochranza /Catacol can phone the centre.

### Pirmill Shop

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### Co-op, Brodick

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### Foodshare at the Co-op, Brodick and Lamlash

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### Bay Kitchen and Stores, Whiting Bay

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The seating area is now closed, however takeaway coffees/teas and pastries still available. Free hot drinks to any NHS and Coastguard/helicoptering staff/any front line staff and their spouses who all deserve medals too. Deliveries not only for self-isolators but for front line staff who need break.

### The Shore, Whiting Bay

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### Blackwaterfoot Bakehouse

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### Arran Meals 2 Go, Shiskine

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nights. Please find our pizza and kebab menu on our Facebook page. Send us a message or phone 860572. Pre orders essential online payments available and free delivery.

### Kilmory Hall and Community Centre

Groceries available as usual for those who need to use it. A review will be made at the end of April. Contact us by email kilmory.hall@btinternet.com

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### Arran Active

Any kind of stock requirements can be delivered for free or can be picked up from outside the store. Payment taken over the phone. Order via telephone – call Andrew on 700508 to arrange.

### Chameleon Arran

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Newsagent, pet supplies and hardware store. Open 8am to 1pm Monday to Saturday. Deliveries available – please call 600231.

### Arran Haulage Service/Armitage, Brodick

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### Sliderry Supplies

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### Brendarran Electricals

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### Blackwaterfoot Garage

Open for fuel as usual 08:30-17:30 Monday- Friday. 09:00-17:00 Saturday. Closed Sunday. Please email or phone for more information. blackwaterfoot@btconnect.com 01770 860277

### Whiting Bay Garage

Open 12-2pm Monday-Saturday for petrol, diesel, Calorgas, logs, kindling, also some repair work.

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE/ESTATE AGENTS:

### Jas. Campbell & Co, Brodick

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### Arran Estate Agents, Brodick

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### Ad Astra Jewellery & Gifts, Brodick

A new website has been created for Ad Astra jewellery and gifts. Free delivery or pickup option available for Arran residents. Telephone 601341 or 302400 www.adastrajewellery.co.uk

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### Arran Vets

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### Bogarrie Kennels

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### Muddy Paws Arran

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### Arran Foodbank

If in crisis, Brodick Church remains open and the foodbank is still operating just inside the front doors for anyone who needs this service. If deliveries are required contact Susan Dobson 01770 302365. Food and other donations for the foodbank would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church or big co-op or can be collected by contacting Susan.

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Hearing aid batteries can ordered via telephone on 600611 or via email info@arrancvs.org.uk and will be posted out.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday June 17, 2000



The winning '255 mob' team of the Hospital Supporters League round Arran walk held last Saturday. They are: Nigel King, Allan Hollick, Mike Koral, Betty Koral and Ann Gwilliam. Their winning time was 13 hours and three minutes. 01\_B24twe04



Winners of the Dougarie Dog Trials, held recently at Riverfield, Machrie. They are: Tony Brookes, Hugh Stewart, Willie McConnell, Alex Miller and Wullie Stevenson. 01\_B24tweY03



Harry and Connie Wilkinson, who set up County Carpets in Whiting Bay, are retiring and handing over the reins to their sons Chris and Tim. 01\_B24tweY01



Left: A rowan tree was planted in Whiting Bay village centre last Sunday in memory of Murdo Harris, the former hotelier who had lived on Arran for more than 30 years who died earlier this month. 01\_B24tweY05

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Right: Last year Kilmory Primary School won a curriculum 2000 award for being a 'school at the heart of its community'. Last week head teacher Margaret Parker and pupils Katie Phillips and Laura Parker, picked by ballot, accompanied education director John Travers to the Barbican in London to collect the award. School secretary Mairi Duff also made the trip. 01\_B24tweY02



Arran's Gillian Frame sings with the band Demlinn in one of the final concerts of this year's Arran Folk Festival. 01\_B24twe06

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**NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973  
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS –  
YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2020**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** under Regulation 9 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and Schedule 6 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 that: (a) Copies of the unaudited accounts of North Ayrshire Council and applicable charities for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 will be available for public inspection from Wednesday 8 July 2020 to Tuesday 28 July 2020 on the Council's website – [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/budgets-and-finance.aspx](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/budgets-and-finance.aspx). (b) Any person interested may inspect a copy of the abstracts of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto. However, due to the current restrictions in relation to Covid-19, interested parties are requested to submit email requests for access to these documents to [annualaccounts@north-ayrshire.co.uk](mailto:annualaccounts@north-ayrshire.co.uk) no later than 29 July 2020. Where the current restrictions allow, we will endeavour to provide electronic copies of the requested documents before the approval of the audited accounts for signature, at a date to be determined; (c) No charge will be made for the inspection of documents or for the provision of electronic copies; (d) Any person interested may object to the accounts, or to any part of those accounts, no later than **29 July 2020** by:- 1. Sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, to the auditor Deloitte LLP, [pakenny@deloitte.co.uk](mailto:pakenny@deloitte.co.uk) and; 2. Sending a copy of that objection and statement to the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council, [chief.executive@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:chief.executive@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) (e) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

North Ayrshire Council is postponing the publication of the unaudited annual accounts required to be published by 30 June due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This postponement is made using powers contained in the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020.

**Mark Boyd,**  
Head of Financial & Customer Services,  
Cunninghame House,  
IRVINE  
3 June 2020

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On 28 November 2019, North Ayrshire Council adopted the above-named Local Development Plan. Following the Adoption, the Council has now published an accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment Post Adoption Statement as required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland Act 2005).

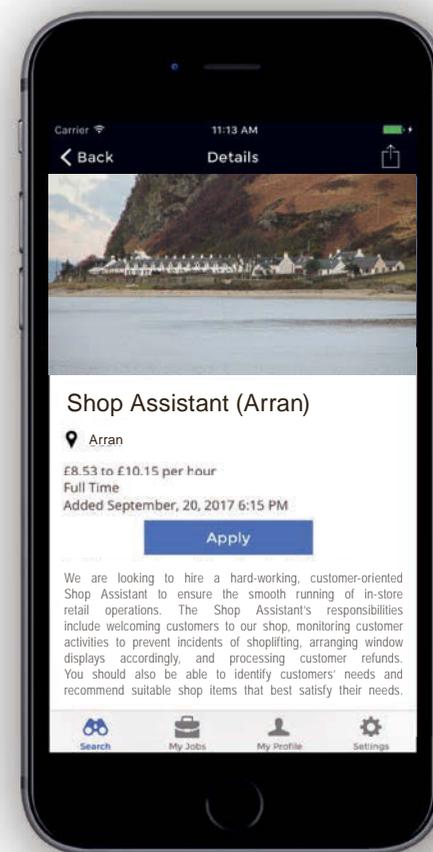
The Plan, its Environmental Report and Post-Adoption Statement are available to view on the Council's website at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/ldp](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/ldp) In accordance with Section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, no physical copies of these documents will be available at public buildings at this time.

If you require further information about the Local Development Plan and accompanying Environmental Report and Post-Adoption Statement, please contact [ldp@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) or 01294 324021.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

With regret, due to the threat of Covid-19,  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie,  
Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine

Although the Church is still closed an internet  
service at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and over  
the rest of the week can be received at  
[www.brodickchurch.org](http://www.brodickchurch.org) or  
[www.stmoliosshiskine.org.uk](http://www.stmoliosshiskine.org.uk)

*Please note that Brodick Church  
is still accessible for the Food bank.*

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bishop Brian McGee, of the Catholic Diocese of Argyll  
and the Isles, will celebrate Mass daily at 10am from  
his Oratory at Bishop's House, Oban.

You can access these Masses and other services, live or  
recorded, via the diocesan website [www.rcdai.org.uk](http://www.rcdai.org.uk)

If you are not receiving a weekly Parish Bulletin but would  
like to do so please email [peterdwilko@gmail.com](mailto:peterdwilko@gmail.com).

*Bless O Lord this Isle of Arran  
St Roch, patron of the sick, Pray for us  
Our Lady of the Isles, Pray for us  
St Columba, Pray for us*

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide  
Anglican Church)  
St. Margaret's, Whiting Bay  
During the shutdown  
Revd Canon Simon  
Mackenzie will conduct  
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**Happy Birthday  
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and Billy Bell**

Triplets born  
70 years ago at  
Lamlash Hospital

Sadly Billy no longer with us

## WHAT'S ON

### EVERY DAY

Eco Savvy & Co-op Food  
Share Big Co, Brodick. 8.15pm  
Eco Savvy & Co-op Food  
Share Big Co, Lamlash. 7.30pm

### TUESDAYS

Savvy Film Club | Online through  
Eco Savvy Facebook Events | 7pm

### Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 4, Thursday  
Competition, Strokeplay, non  
counting for handicap, par 61.  
1 Ian Bremner 67-9=58, 2 John  
O'Sullivan 85-24=61.

Fixture: Thursday June 18,  
Thursday Competition, make  
up own pairs and times.

# Food miles or food light years?

**Wallace Currie of Bridge Farm in Shiskine has launched a Facebook page called Rural2Kitchen where followers can learn more about where food comes from.**

**After studying agriculture at Scotland's Rural College, Ayr, from 2014 to 2018, Wallace completed a masters degree in food security in 2019 with a dissertation 'In a pre-Brexit world, is global food security a consideration for Scottish farmers?' Here he gives his view on our present situation.**

In a world of minimal travel and minimal workforce, the limitations of some of the world's practices have been made clear.

Globalisation is proving detrimental and the incentive of branching a business out further afield may be forgotten and community empowerment may begin.

The power of local is unparalleled and for the most part unknown. This is also the case with food consumption.

The food on your plate has probably travelled further in the past day than you have in a lifetime.

The energy expenditure of transport and handling is higher than that gained in food consumption. Let that sink in.

The main problem in that system is the reliance on foreign goods.

The UK is 60-70 per cent self-sufficient and all the food we produce is subsidised to keep prices down for you and me, the consumer. Production in the UK comes with the strictest animal welfare regulations, one of the highest-rated required environmental compliance systems on earth,

as well as creating jobs for four million people.

When we lost the abattoir on Arran, I remember thinking how far the product was going to travel to get into the food chain. The 106-mile single trip shocked me. We import from Brazil, 6,000 miles away. If we as a country could support local, be that shops, British supporting supermarkets or at the farm gate and buy solely British, our carbon footprint would plummet.

Our animals, especially in Scotland, are fed on pasture-based systems with high carbon sequestration potential. The only trend the UK animal system needs to curb is the import of animal feeds to assist with winter nutrition. Maybe that's why we need GMO, but that can of worms can stay shut for now.

Brexit could prove threatening to what food we are used to having.

Our desire for off-season goods is another major contributor to food miles. We aren't supposed to have strawberries in December. Why do you think they hold Wimbledon in late June? So



Wallace Currie with one of the sheep at Bridge Farm.

we can have strawberries and cream. If Brexit comes with high import costs, we could well see less off-season stock on the shelves.

Don't wait for policy to drive you. You might end up in Durham.

Try yourselves, look online for what you can grow indoors. There is so much you can grow from cress to potatoes and you

don't need much more than light, a bin and compost. If you're lucky enough to have a garden or greenhouse, have a look to see what is best for growing there.

Remember, with a lot of fruit crops you have to try and not eat them the first year. Instead, cut back the stems and wait for the next year's better and tastier yield.



Asparagus grown on Arran.



Have a go at growing your own vegetables.



Above: Young Donald Currie with the baby alpaca as mum keeps a close watch.

Left: The baby with his mum in a field at Bellevue Farm.

# Baby alpaca's surprise arrival at island farm

Meet the newest member of the Bellevue Farm family ... a baby alpaca.

Mum Granada surprised everyone at the Curries' Blackwaterfoot family friendly farm when the baby boy was born last Wednesday. Mum and baby are doing well.

Ailsa Currie told the Banner: 'We've brought them into the shed to keep the wee guy warm now the days have turned slightly colder again. Granada is an amazing mum.'

'She is looking after her baby really well and allows

us to handle him when we need to. The other alpacas in the group are very proud of him too and are all very protective towards him.'

Baby alpaca has still to be given a name and you can have your say in naming him on the Bellevue Farm Facebook page.

He was one of the stars at the weekend when Bellevue was the only farm in Scotland to take part in a virtual live tour event as part of Open Farm Sunday, when they would normally have opened their doors to visitors.

But with lockdown restrictions, this couldn't happen so to mark the day Linking the Environment And Farming held a day of virtual live tours on their Facebook page which included a half-hour visit to Bellevue which attracted a lot of visitors. You can also see the video on the farm's Facebook page.

'We have been doing live farm tours on our page to show viewers the various animals we have and to highlight what we are doing on our working farm. We plan to continue these throughout the summer,' Ailsa added.

## Sports academy entries open

Active Schools is accepting applications from new S5/6 pupils at Arran High School for the North Ayrshire Sports Academy (NASA) 20/21.

NASA is a year-long leadership, sports coach education and personal development programme that will boost pupils' CVs and give them invaluable voluntary experience.

All details are on the application form and the closing date for applications is Sunday June 21.

### Calls

Upon receipt of applications, up to 12 selected candidates per secondary school will be invited to be part of a series of Zoom calls which will form an alternative to the normal selection process.

All candidates will be assessed on reliability, attitude and suitability for a place on the NASA course.

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