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# Lockdown rule breakers urged to stay at home

## Second home owners continue to visit Kintyre

by Hannah O'Hanlon editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Second home owners flouting the government's lockdown rules by travelling to parts of Kintyre and Islay are being urged to stay at home.

East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC), which has set up a COVID-19 Resilience Group to support and update residents during the coronavirus pandemic, has received reports from concerned residents that people have been visiting their holiday homes.

Community councillor Trish Collins told the Campbeltown Courier: 'When the lockdown occurred, residents became apprehensive at the appearance of second home owners.

'EKCC would ask residents to remain calm, not to take actions into their own hands and be mindful of others.

'We ask second home owners, who are integral to our communities in normal times, to please stay away, stay home and stay safe. We look forward to the day when we can all enjoy our beautiful countryside together.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson echoed Trish's sentiments, saying: 'Please stay away just now so we can welcome you back soon. That has to be the message for visitors just now.

#### 'I would encourage all members of the public to report anyone they suspect of breaking the rules to the police.'

'National guidance is clear – only travel if it is essential. All our efforts for the moment have to be on protecting each other from the threat of COVID-19. We want to welcome visitors back to Argyll and Bute but once it is safe to travel.'

This comes after Scotland's chief medical officer, Catherine Calderwood, resigned after

receiving a police warning for twice visiting her second home, after urging members of the public not to leave their homes unless for essential shopping, medication or for one form of daily exercise.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The government guidance on COVID-19 is crystal clear. It beggars belief irresponsible people are still blatantly ignoring the key messages and travelling to second homes.

'I would encourage all members of the public to report anyone they suspect of breaking the rules to the police.'

The Campbeltown Courier asked Police Scotland if Continued on page two.



# Arran claps for hero dad Jamie

Kintyre has many health heroes to applaud but nine-month-old Arran Morris has his own – his paramedic dad Jamie.

Arran's mum, Kathryn Nelson, sent a clip of the tot clapping for his dad to his granny Josephine, which she shared with BBC's The One Show.

Unfortunately the video wouldn't play, but a still image of Arran was aired on the show on Thursday April 2.



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officers in Kintvre had received any reports or issued fines or warnings in relation to this but was told information released would be division-wide, covering the whole Argyll and West Dunbartonshire area.

Superintendent Brian Gibson said: 'Only nine fixed penalty notices were issued to members of our local communities and these were only issued as a last resort.'

Councillor John Armour said: 'I am dismayed second home owners are coming to Kintyre for no good reason other than to get away from their usual residence. Our local NHS staff are doing a fantastic job keeping on top of everything.

'The last thing we need is people from outwith the area coming here and potentially taking up vital NHS resources.

'It is crucial people do not travel to the area. By staying in their own areas and following guidelines we will get over this dreadful virus much quicker and we can all welcome them

back to Kintyre once it is all over.

Councillor Alastair Redman has been contacted by concerned constituents across his Kintyre and the Islands ward. particularly in Carradale and on Islay. He said: 'Our local health services have limited resources as it is, alongside a population that has many elderly residents who are more at risk to the virus. Those choosing to travel to Islay, Carradale and many other parts of Argyll and Bute to avoid coronavirus may end up spreading it.

'Such actions are as reckless as they are selfish and I would implore people who do not need to travel to our rural constituency to avoid doing so until this global pandemic has

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to help over Easter by Hannah O'Hanlon

> Kintyre Community Resilience Group (KCRG) is assuring the community it is here to help people over the Easter long weekend.

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It comes after it was revealed Argyll and Bute Council's Caring for People coronavirus helpline, which refers people to KCRG, will only be operating for two hours each day today (Friday) and on Monday.

Eric Spence, manager of South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) and KCRG's area co-ordinator, said: 'We want to ensure we don't miss anyone who urgently needs our help over the weekend.'

People with any urgent enquiries over the weekend can telephone Campbeltown Town Hall, which has been

set up as KCRG's headquarters, on 01586 552870, or contact Eric directly by emailing eric@skdt.org or calling 07789 524729. Councillor John Armour can also be contacted this weekend by calling 07766 970672.

Resilience group ready

The group will also regularly check for messages sent to its Facebook page.

#### KCRG has built up a bank of more than 100 volunteers

In the three weeks since it was established, KCRG has built up a bank of more than 100 volunteers who are helping out with shopping and prescription pick-ups, among other tasks.

Kintyre is the first region of Argyll to have complete volunteer coverage. includes groups split by community council areas which are supported by KCRG co-ordinators who share information with the rest of the team.

Eric added: 'We are also assisting Shopper-Aide with a number of daily volunteers to support their client base which has more than doubled over the last fortnight.

'We have been awarded grants from Laggan and Campbeltown Community Councils - £1,000 and £500 respectively - Machrihanish Community has Company donated £1,000 and the Rotary Club of Campbeltown has awarded us £250.

'These funds will be used to cover shopping costs, volunteer expenses, purchase personal protective equipment

and fund cleaning and printing. We are grateful to these groups for their support and to Councillor John Armour for pursuing these grants on our behalf.'

KCRG is also appealing for people send in short video clips, of 10 seconds or less, with a message to the rest of the community, in their own words, about staying safe, staying at home and keeping hands clean.

These clips will be compiled to form a video which will be published on KCRG's page and elsewhere.

Clips can be sent via the Kintyre Community Resilience Group Facebook page or to Eric by emailing eric@skdt.org For those not online to see KCRG's posts, Argyll FM is airing coronavirus updates every day at



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Sat, 4 Apr 2020				15:08	12:08	17:38
Sun, 5 Apr 2020				16:08	13:08	18:38
Mon, 6 Apr 2020				16:56	13:56	19:26
Tue, 7 Apr 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 8 Apr 2020				18:22	15:22	20:52
Thu, 9 Apr 2020	06:50	03:50	09:20	19:05	16:05	21:35
Fri, 10 Apr 2020	07:33	04:33	10:03	19:49	16:49	22:19
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Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight before you go ask for the Coastguard





Food from CalMac's Hebridean Isles ferry has been donated to Kintyre Food Bank.

## CalMac boosts Kintyre food bank with donations

Kintyre Food Bank has received a donation of food from CalMac's MV Hebridean Isles ferry.

With its retail outlets closed as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, CalMac is donating food to food banks.

Staff from the west coast ferry operator are currently sifting through its stocks of soft drinks, confectionery, crisps, cakes and biscuits and anything with a sell-by date within three months is being donated.

'Given we do not know when our on-board retail outlets will be open again, it makes sense to find a use for products that will be out-of-date soon, otherwise

they would just end up being thrown out,' said CalMac's head of sales Kurt Hart.

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, Kintyre Food Band, which expressed its thanks to CalMac, is moving premises.

It will now be operating from Campbeltown Town the headquarters Hall, of Kintyre Community Resilience Group (KCRG), on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to noon, beginning on Tuesday April 14.

A spokesperson said: 'We are grateful to the South Kintyre Development Trust for allowing us the use of the hall and to the KCRG for arranging more volunteers.'

## **POLICE FILES**

#### Cash stolen

A 46-year-old woman allegedly stole cash from a flat on Smith Drive, Campbeltown, around 1am on Tuesday March 31. The woman was subsequently traced, charged and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

#### **Drugs and abuse**

At 1.10pm on Tuesday March 31, in Longrow, Campbeltown, a 42-year-old man was searched by police and allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis. He then allegedly behaved in an abusive manner. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

#### Vehicle seized

At 9.20am on Friday April 3, on the A83 near Campbeltown, a car allegedly being driven dangerously failed to stop for police and had no licence or insurance. A short time later, a 60-year-old man was traced and arrested. He was charged and the vehicle was seized.

Anyone with information on any incident should contact police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

# Bin collection changes to avoid pile-up

Two-weekly bin collections will take place across Argyll and Bute as council bosses attempt to tackle a mounting pile of rubbish.

The council said the system had been 'simplified' and would give each household 'more collections' to help get rid of rubbish piling up during the lockdown.

A new route has had to be designed for Kintyre to allow for the fortnightly refuse uplifts meaning the collection days have changed – see the council's website for full details.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for housing, roads and infrastructure services at Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'This model is deliverable, although this may in time need staff to be used from wider teams, such as roads and grounds staff.'

While people in other parts of the council area may have to put recycling materials in with general waste, Kintyre residents will have theirs collected monthly as of Monday.

A spokesperson for Kintyre Recycling Limited said: 'We appreciate there has been confusion and apologise but this is a challenging time for us all.

'Unfortunately we cannot allow the public to come up for more bags as this is contrary to current government guidance. We can hand out extra bags on our collection routes.

'We will also only be able to pick up tied recycling bags so please bag up all loose recycling and have your bags out for 9am please.'

New calendars are available on KRL's website and Facebook page and on the council's website.

Councillor John Armour said: 'I am happy the council has listened to many calls I have made to them to do something before there are serious health issues and I am pleased we have now moved to a fortnightly collection. I am delighted KRL will be starting monthly collections. If recycling bins at supermarkets and in villages are full, please do not leave bags of rubbish lying beside them.'

Civic amenity sites and public toilets remain closed.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'This situation is not ideal, however, I am pleased the council has gone some way to try and alleviate what would have most certainly become a major problem. I still feel we need the civic amenities sites re-opened. even on a limited and regulated basis.'

# Medical director urges people to stay at home

NHS Highland's medical director has thanked the public for its support and co-operation during the first couple of weeks of new regulations on social distancing, but has urged people not to become complacent.

Dr Boyd Peters is encouraging people to continue to adhere to social distancing guidance and says it is starting to have an impact on the spread of COVID-19.

He said: 'I want to thank the public for their ongoing support in following the national guidance on social distancing. Following these guidelines will collectively help save lives and ease the pressure on our NHS.

'Statistical evidence from around the world shows social distancing measures are starting to work in slowing down the spread of the virus. However, it is important we don't become complacent and



The people of Kintyre have shown their support of NHS staff in many ways, including putting up a sign on the railings of Campbeltown Cross.

continue to practise social distancing and staying at home where possible.

'We understand this is chal-

lenging for people, especially those who are separated from family members, but I would urge everyone to continue the collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

'I would ask everyone to protect those in your community who are most vulnerable. By complying with social distancing you can be a hero. You can save lives. Please stay at home.'

Guidance on social distancing can be found at www. nhsinform.scot

The number of confirmed cases of the virus in the NHS Highland area was 122 on Wednesday.

The Courier asked NHS Highland's communications staff if they could confirm the presence of COVID-19 at Campbeltown Hospital but a spokesperson said: 'We are following national guidance and due to reasons of patient confidentiality we will not make public where in Highland the positive cases are.

'The number of confirmed cases, broken down by health board area, is issued by the Scottish Government each day at 2pm. They also detail the number of deaths in Scotland.'

## Photograph of the week



There have been many signs of spring over the last few weeks and few are as synonymous with the season as new life.

John Anderson snapped this shot of a female roe deer with what he believes to be her young son.

John, who lives on the Moss Road, said: 'We are lucky a lot of wildlife wanders through our garden and we can almost put names to some of the deer we see, well, my wife can!'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@ campbeltowncourier.co.uk or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

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# Kintyre shares the love!

by Hannah O'Hanlon

Artists, poets and authors have put their talent to good use to help make Kintyre a happier place during the coronavirus lockdown.

Kintvre Community Learning Team invited people of all ages to send in poems, photographs, drawings, songs or anything at all inspired by the theme of 'love' by Sunday April 5.

As well as the chance to get their work published in the Courier, one lucky person could win a bespoke stained glass piece depicting Jura, donated by Glenbarr Glass.

The recipient of the glass was chosen as 10-year-old Eva Morbey who submitted a colourful painting.

A member of the Community Learning Team said: 'We would like to say thank you to all who contributed - a lot of talent was demonstrated across different creative mediums. They really helped to brighten up everyone's days on Facebook.

#### **Summertime**

Summertime is so exciting, Waking up to the bright yellow hot sun beaming from the sky.

Can't wait to get to the beach.

Walking on the warm soft sand tickling my toes,

Watching the waves flow and ebb.

Splashing with my toes. The gentle breeze softly whispers to the bright blue

The clouds speak without

Funny shapes odd and different passing slowly by, People are so happy.

Smiling saying hello as they pass by, I how I long for that hot

summer sky. By Rosie Morrison

'We'd like to encourage those who participated to engaging creative talents, and if anyone wants to share their creative



One of the artist creations submitted by Becky Oxborrow.

work on Facebook, please feel free to send it in to our Facebook page anytime (ABC Kintyre Community Learning Team). Keep showing the love

We are proud to share some of the submissions on this page - look out for more in future



Eva Morbey's painting which earned her the stained glass piece.

#### Have you spotted a magpie?

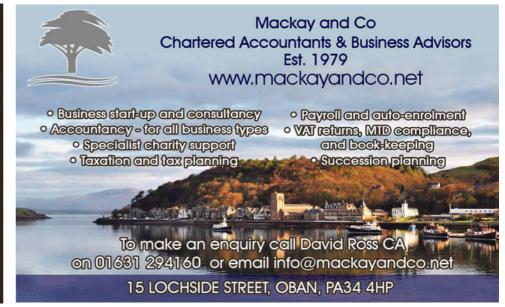
There have been many siahtings of magpies in Kintyre recently.

So far the noisy, conspicuous, black and white species has been spotted at Campbeltown, Peninver, Carradale, Tangy, Glenbarr and Kennacraig, and Machrihanish Seabird Observatory's warden, Eddie Maguire, is asking people to look out for more. He said: 'If anyone has already seen one, even two, could they please inform the Machrihanish Seabird Observatory, giving details of the date seen, location and the number of birds present.'

The sightings are thought likely to be part of a spring dispersal by birds from heavily over-populated breeding areas including nearby Northern Ireland.

Please forward records to the seabird observatory by emailing msbowarden@ gmail.com or phone Eddie on 07895 952640.





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Put the lemon zest and juice, egg yolks and sweetener in a large, heatproof bowl. Boil a pan of water, then turn off the heat. Place the bowl over the water, making sure the base isn't touching the water. Using an elec-

tric hand whisk, beat the lemon mixture for 5 minutes, or until pale in colour and slightly thickened.

• Heat 3 tbsp water in a small pan, so it just covers the base. Squeeze the water from the gelatine. Put the leaves in the hot water, take the pan off the heat immediately and stir until dissolved. Then whisk into the lemon mixture (still over water); set the bowl aside to cool completely.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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# Kintyre quizmaster Helen's quarantine quiz goes global

by Hannah O'Hanlon editor@campbeltowncourier.co.ul

Quiz queen Helen Gilchrist is helping keep people from Kintyre and much further afield entertained during lockdown by taking her legendary quizzes online.

Helen, who was named Citizen of the Year 2018 by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown in honour of her charity quizzes, donned a black wig and green dress as she went live on Facebook last Thursday evening to host 'The Great Big Quarantine Quiz'.

Soon more than 600 people were watching as Helen, with a gin and tonic in hand, read five rounds of questions with her usual geniality and repartee.

Viewers tuned in from all corners of the world – from Alabama, Mississippi, South



Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Oregon in the USA, to Panama City, Holland and New Zealand, as well as the length and breadth of the UK.

Helen explained to the Courier that initially her plan was to host the quiz for her Facebook friends only but as word spread about another of her renowned quizzes more and more people wanted to take part.

She said: 'My phone was nearly blowing up with all the messages and friend requests – I never imagined it would go this big and that more than 600 folk would tune in from all over the world. I've never done a live-stream before so I

Helen Gilchrist makes her entrance for her first online quiz.

just had to wing it and hope for the best!'

Despite her inexperience, the technology did not let her down and the quiz went without a hitch. As well as two pot luck rounds, there was a number round, a multiple choice round and a Family Fortunes-style round, which kept everyone on their toes. Topics ranged from food, television and film to sports and general knowledge, with plenty of questions for younger participants.

Helen stressed throughout the quiz that it was all 'just for fun' and that people would have to be trusted to keep their own scores and not cheat.

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Throughout the two and a

half hour live-stream, she read out a variety of shout-outs and birthday messages, as well as sharing anecdotes about her previous jobs and experiences.

A couple of times she complained about the lack of hecklers, adding that she enjoys 'a good argument' with people who think her answers may be wrong.

She ended the live-stream by singing along to Michael Jackson's Heal the World, an apt song given the current global pandemic.

Although 600 people watched live, the video remains on Helen's Facebook page and has so far been viewed more than 3,000 times.

The night was such a success that Helen is hoping to make it a weekly event. She said: 'By luck I have thousands of questions from previous quizzes so it will just be a case of mixing them up and coming up with some questions for people of all age groups.'

Helen added that she is hoping to set-up an online fundraising page so that people who take part can donate money to a good cause, as they would if they attended a regular quiz.

'It wasn't my aim for it to go this big,' she said, 'but I love fundraising and helping people out so the money we raise will go to some good at the end of all this.'

Helen has now set up a Facebook group, called The Jolly Monday Show, where people can find details of future quizzes.

The next quiz, The Big Easter Quarantine Quiz, will be live-streamed tonight (Friday) at 8pm.

# Police surprise for birthday boy, Kian

ruin a three-year-old boy's birthday but Campbeltown's police officers came to the rescue and made sure it was one to remember, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Kian Green was keen to show officers his very own little police uniform that he received on his birthday last Saturday, April 4, but the restrictions in place because of the coronavirus pandemic meant that was unlikely.

He passed Campbeltown Police Station during his daily walk with his mum Kelsey, dad Simon and little brother Koen but no officers were visible, further dashing Kian's hopes. After hearing of Kian's disappointment, local officers organised a visit to his house to see his uniform from a distance. They arrived in cars with sirens blaring and lights flashing, much to the excitement of little Kian.

Kelsey said: 'He absolutely loved it – he was totally gobsmacked!'

A video of the moment, in which Kian's excitement is clear to see, was posted on Facebook and was picked up and shared by STV news where it now has more than 80,000 views.

Kelsey said: 'Thank you so much to the officers for



Kian Green was visited by officers on his birthday.; and right, Kian was able to show officers his own little uniform from a distance.

making Kian's birthday so special. It really meant a lot through this hard time, and it put a smile on everyone's faces'



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# FROM OUR FILES

#### TEN YEARS AGO Friday April 9, 2010 Why we should buy the base

And why everyone from Kintyre to Holyrood should get behind the plans for a community buyout of Machrihanish Air Base.

Wednesday April 14 is the day Machrihanish Air Base Community Company finds out the price tag for the base.

It is the day independent valuers announce the price they believe is a fair one for the air base and its infrastructure.

If the community company agrees with the valuation it has 28 days to hold a vote and send the results to the Scottish Government. The whole of the voting population of PA28 6 postcode area of Kintyre will get a ballot paper.

If they disagree with the price, the company can contest it.

If they go the distance, the base community buyout could be the biggest one ever.

#### TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO Friday April 21, 1995 Now wash your hands

The Public Health Department is reminding parents to make sure youngsters who come into contact with farm animals wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.

Every spring the department has reports of youngsters and their families going down with diarrhoea, stomach pains and bloating caused by the cryptosporidium parasite.

Youngsters are particularly susceptible to picking the bug up from young lambs and calves.

The parasite can get onto the children's hands while they are petting the animals and is transferred into their stomachs when the child eats its next meal.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday April 9, 1970

lan —'future world champion'

Ian Campbell is only 11 years old. Yet he is known already to thousands of people as the miniature drum major of Campbeltown's Ceannloch Pipe Band.

In special uniform and scale model mace, Ian, of 162 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, delighted residents and holiday makers when, alongside former world champion drum major Ian Lang, he proudly led the band through the streets of the town last summer and he is to be seen practising on the lawn in font of his home in preparation for a busy programme this summer.

Pipe band president George Halbert believes Ian is a future world champion drum major.

'He has Ian Lang's swing and step,' he said. What made Ian take up the tricky hobby?

Hi father, Keith Campbell, explained that when Ian was younger, he followed the band everywhere. He showed particular interest in Ian Lang.

Just over a year ago he began imitating the former world champion and became keenly interested in 'throwing the stick'.

At first Ian was a little shy, but as many townspeople know, he has overcome this.

Mr Campbell paid tribute to Ian Lang who has taken the youngster under his wing and is training him to his own high standards.

#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday April 10, 1920 Launch at the Trench

On Tuesday last, Campbeltown Shipbuilding Company launched from their yard at Trench Point the S S Oceania, a vessel of 7,000 tons burden, for Ditta Luigi Pittaluga of Genoa.



Fine sunny weather combined with the Easter holiday season, brought together a large number of sightseers to witness the event.

The Oceania, one of the largest vessels built at the Trench, has been acquired by Mr Pittaluga to replace a vessel of the same name which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean by enemy submarines.

Captain Massa, who was in charge of the Oceania No. 1 when torpedoed, has been in Campbeltown for the last two months superintending the completion of the present vessel.

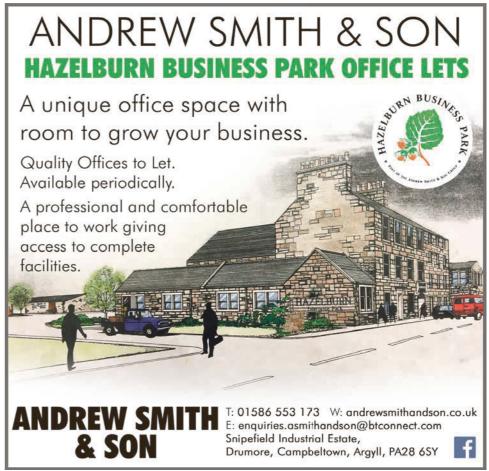
The naming ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Daisy M Ashdown of Purley, Surrey, and the party on the platform included the owner's representative, Mr C G Ashdown, one of the sheriffs of the City of London, who was wearing a decoration bestowed by the King of Italy, Mr Harold G Ashdown, Messers Arthur

Muir and John Heslop, Captain Massa, Sheriff Macmaster Campbell, CBE and Mrs Campbell, Colonel Chas Mactaggart, CIE, CSI, IMS and Mrs Mactaggart, Colonel George Rome and Mrs Rome, Mr and Mrs Melville Macfadyen and representatives of the shipbuilding company.

After the launch, the party adjourned to the office of the company, where the toasts of the owners and builders and the health of the young lady who named the vessel were proposed.

Mr Broom, in asking the guests to drink to the health of Mr Pittaluga and success to the Oceania, expressed the pleasure it had given his company to build a vessel for Italians who, along with our other allies, had helped us so materially to win the war. He thought it might interest the owners and Sheriff Ashdown and his friends to know the Oceania had been built entirely by local labour.





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#### **Need for local information**

There was frustration this week as we struggled to get local statistics and information about the coronavirus pandemic from health chiefs and police.

NHS Highland's press officers told us they could not give us more localised figures than those for the entire board region - which covers an area of about 20,195 square miles, from Kintyre to Caithness.

Similarly, the local Police Scotland officers we usually liaise with told us all coronavirus-related queries must be put to the force's centralised communications officers, who informed us they could only provide a divisional breakdown for Argyll and West Dunbartonshire - an area of 2,950 square miles.

NHS Highland is urging people to social distance and stick to the lockdown rules.

While the streets seemed empty when the lockdown was initially announced, there are increasing reports of people gathering in groups again. Perhaps these are the same people who foolishly believe that Kintyre is immune to the virus - it

We have heard reports COVID-19 is already here, but the authorities just refuse to confirm this at a local level.

It is hoped that social distancing is having an effect, but it only works as long as we keep it up.

#### Young thespians inaudible

In your issue of February 28 there appeared a most comprehensive and accurate report of the 71st annual Kintyre-Argyll District Drama Festival.

No praise is sufficient for the months of work and effort made by all the actors, directors and stage hands to produce those three nights of entertainment.

One item not mentioned in the report, however, was the fact the Victoria Hall, although excellent for noisy bands, did not project the voices of the actors throughout the hall.

Although seated close to the adjudicator, the tender voices of the youngsters were almost inaudible. This was agreed by many other people.

I trust by next year this problem will be resolved.

Name and address supplied.

#### Coronavirus business clarity

I am backing calls from Scottish business organisations, including CBI Scotland, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses, for greater clarity and consistency in the guidance being provided to them during the coronavirus crisis.

Business leaders in Scotland are concerned the messages from the UK and Scottish governments are not aligned in some areas.

understands the Evervone Government's response to the coronavirus emergency won't be a mirror image of Westminster's, but where the SNP does seek divergence, it should set out exactly why that's necessary.

Businesses are clearly beginning to get worried

about confusing and mixed messages. That will only harm Scotland's economy even more. **Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and** 

#### Islands. Thanks from CalMac

It is hugely encouraging the public is paying attention to the government advice of no travelling unless your journey is essential.

CalMac has seen passenger numbers drop by 95 per cent since new rules on essential ferry travel were put in place.

The company has introduced an essential lifeline timetable aimed at keeping essential goods, services and people going to and from the islands.

Since then 2,593 passengers were carried compared to 57,233 for the same period last year. Some services are running with just one or two passengers along with the essential goods and services.

Throughout March, commercial vehicles were down by 32 per cent over the same period last year. We are fully committed to keeping lifeline services running to the islands we support, bringing in food, fuel and medical supplies and taking off goods vital to keeping economies

The vast majority of people are getting the stay at home message and we are only turning away a very small number at our ports.

This has been an extremely challenging time for our staff and communities and I praise both for the way in which they have handed these unique circumstances.

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## Spring gardening tips

Easter weekend, traditionally the busiest time in the garden calendar, will have the majority of us out doing some sort of job around the garden.

Living in lockdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus means we are restricted to our homes for the vast majority of our time – the perfect chance to tend to our gardens.

Many of us have had the mower out already giving the lawn the long awaited tidy up after the ravages of winter.

This is a perfect time to put in place the essentials that will ensure your grass is looking its best throughout the summer. Lightly rake the lawn removing the build up of moss and thatch.

If surface water is a problem, use a garden fork to aerate the soil.

Start by spiking all over the lawn to relieve compaction.

This will improve drainage and encourage new growth.

Finally use a weed and feed fertiliser, which will improve the health of your grass as well as ridding your lawn of weeds. Refer to the manufacturer's guidelines for the product you select to give the best results.

Jobs for the month ahead Remove dead flower heads from daffodils. Let the foliage die down naturally. Don't tie them in a knot as this prevents the daylight re-energising the bulb for the following year.

Weed, prepare and feed the ground for summer bedding. Plant new border perennials and remember to keep them watered.

Feed container-grown plants and re-pot if necessary. Pour boiling water over problem weeds growing through paving and gravel

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Roses and pansies at Whitehouse's inaugural Grow and Show event in 2018.

# Get gardening for Grow and Show

After two successful 'grow and show' gardening events, Whitehouse residents hope the third instalment will take place later this year.

The non-competitive gardening show, on August 22, gives people the chance to show off what they have grown in their gardens.

This year there is a new supersized vegetable class in the Growing Achievements category which invites people to submit their largest, heaviest and longest vegetables.

The show schedule covers a wide range and it is hoped it will appeal to many gardeners – novices and experienced.

The Grow and Show is a social event with the added attraction of hot food, homebaking, tea and coffee; a Gardeners' Question Time panel and discussions; Heart of Argyll Wildlife nature

activities; gardening experts answering questions and the public voting on the entries in the different show classes.

A show spokesperson said: 'Spring forward and make plans for your gardening. Think about what to grow this year, what seeds to buy, planting rotation and the successes and failures of last year.

'Gardening offers the opportunity to work outdoors, be active and grow your own fruit, vegetables and flowers. It is a great hobby with many rewards.'

If the ongoing lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic is still in place in August, it is hoped people will be able to take photographs of the items they have grown to be submitted electronically.

The show schedule, which is printed below, can also be found on the Whitehouse

Source: YouGov 2018

Village Hall Facebook page and copies can be requested from committee member Dorothy O'Donnell.

Show schedule: Flowers: 1 Roses, one vase, single stem; 2 Roses, one vase, up to six stems; 3 Sweet peas, one vase, up to 12 mixed stems; 4 Any Dahlia, up to three stems; 5 Best of my garden, one vase, up to 12 mixed stems of any flowers grown in the garden.

Fruit: 6 Apples, three same variety cooking and/or dessert; 7 Best of my garden, a mixed variety of up to six fruits grown in the garden.

Vegetables (each category has a corresponding organic category): 8 Potatoes, one variety, up to six; 9 Root vegetables, any same variety, up to six; 10 Onions, shallots and garlic any same variety, up to six; 11 Peas and beans any, up to six; 12 Brassicas, one per variety;

13 Squashes and pumpkins any, up to three; 14 Tomatoes any same variety, four to six on a plate; 15 Salads one plate, up to six salad vegetables; 16 Best of my greenhouse, up to six of vegetable or fruit grown under cover in a greenhouse or polytunnel.

Floral art: 17 Large arrangement 'Natural Beauty'; 18 Miniature display in a tea cup; 19 Miniature garden, 12 inches by 12 inches (30cm x 30cm), 12 years and above.

Children's (under 12 years old): 20 Miniature garden, 12 inches by 12 inches (30cm x 30cm, no height limit); 21 A garden decoration, made from recycled material; 22 Draw your favourite garden character; 23 Anything I have grown myself. Growing achievements: 24 Supersized vegetables, the largest/heaviest/longest you can grow.





# Coronavirus How you can stay home and be active safely.

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So, to help, here's some ways to stay mentally and physically active safely while you're at home.

- Keep busy with some cooking, baking or gardening even a wee spring clean
- Settle down with a good book, some crosswords or puzzles, or just put some music on
- If you're up to it, try some light exercise by using an online yoga or exercise video

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## Homeston heifer reaches top price

Caledonian Marts Ltd had forward 332 store cattle at its sale on Monday April 6.

Bullocks averaged 204p per kg selling to 263p for a pen from Ardtalla Estate, Isle of Islay, and to £1170 for a pen of Limousins from J & J Brown, Loanrigg, Slamanan.

Heifers averaged 201p per kg selling to 236p for a pen of Charolais from J & D Mitchell, Offers, Gargunock, and to £990 for an Aberdeen Angus from M McArthur, Homeston, Campbeltown. Black and Whites averaged 184p per kg selling to 215p per kg from S & E Parker, Balgown, Stranraer, and to £600 from Avoncrook Farm, Westfield, Bathgate.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1150 & £1130 (twice) Loanrigg; £1100 Loanrigg (twice) and Hill O Harthill; £1090 Homeston (Campbeltown); £1070 Skeoch; £1060 Hill O Harthill.

Heifers per head: £950 Woodcockfaulds and Jawpark; £920 Homeston; £910 Skeoch; £900 Woodend.

Bullocks per kg: 261p Wester Whin; 256p Cladville (Islay); 247p Offers; 246p and 240p Woodend; 240p and 239p Offers.

Heifers per kg: 228p Offers; 223p Cladville (Islay) and Woodend; 220p Cladville (Islav).

Caledonian Marts also had forward 80 store hoggets.

Leading prices: Texel X: £58 Inch: Cheviot X: £56 Ardtalla Estate (Islay); Blackface: £43

# Celebrate Scottish food and drink this Easter

NFU Scotland insists it remains committed to keeping the plates and glasses of Scotland full throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

A huge amount of time and effort is being put in by farmers, crofters and every part of the Scottish food and drink chain to ensure plentiful supplies of fresh, local produce remain available in shops, stores, supermarkets and for delivery.

The NFUS says there isn't a single part of the agricultural industry and food supply chain that isn't working flat out to find a way through what is an unparalleled period of disruption for the nation, with unprecedented levels of collaboration, co-operation and innovation.



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

President McCornick said: 'The messages of support Scottish farmers and crofters have received for their efforts throughout this crisis have been humbling

but pale beside the praise and recognition merited by our front line NHS staff, care workers, emergency services and volunteers. Farmers and crofters are working flat out

through a springtime that brings lambing, calving, ploughing, planting – all of which will guarantee security of food supplies in the future.

'As for the here-and-now, it is a testament to the efforts of many that there remains a fantastic array of Scottish produce for consumers. Markets and abattoirs have adapted their practices to underpin supplies of the best beef, lamb and pork in world. Strawberry picking has just started on Scottish farms. Scottish eggs, poultry, milk, cereals, potatoes and vegetables remain available.

'Social distancing and self-isolation will mean traditional Easter family celebrations will be different this year. But there is still an opportunity, where possible, for people to celebrate and support the fantastic array of food and drink we produce.

'While disappointing to Scottish farmers and crofters to see things like imported lamb, beef or strawberries on some supermarket shelves at this time, the health of the nation must come first and we fully recognise the need for retailers to keep shelves stocked and the nation wellfed, particularly when panic buying was commonplace. Thankfully, there are signs the messages on stockpiling are having an effect.

'In the weeks ahead, where the opportunity arises, and people have a choice on what food keeps them fuelled throughout the crisis, we hope they will choose Scottish.'

# Keep children safe on the farm during lockdown

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is calling on the farming industry to keep their children safe whilst they stay at home during COVID-19 restrictions.

With schools closed, more  $children\,will\,be\,staying\,at\,home$ on farms and HSE, the UK government agency responsible for the encouragement, regulation and enforcement of workplace health, safety and welfare, is reminding farmers children should be kept safely

away from any work activities. HSE is working with other government departments as part of the national response to coronavirus (COVID-19) and. although many agricultural workers are in the 'essential key workers' list so their children can go to school, many will be at home for longer periods.

Farmers must also take note of government advice on self-isolation and social distancing and apply this on their farm.

The HSE advice is: Keep children out of work areas. Play areas should be secure and away from the work area:

If children are in a work area. they must be closely supervised by an adult who isn't involved in any work;

Children under the age of 13 are prohibited from driving or riding on any agricultural machine:

Keep children out of pens, out of handling facilities and well away when animals are being moved or handled. Every year children are killed or seriously injured during agricultural work activities, most of which are family members. Last year, two children - both aged three - were killed on farms in incidents that could have been prevented.

HSE's acting head of agriculture Adrian Hodkinson said: We should always separate our work life from our home life and farming should be no different to any other job.

Not only would causing harm to a child be devastating for the family, part of the reason we must stay home during the coronavirus pandemic is to protect the NHS and avoid burdening services with injuries that are avoidable.'

HSE has a range of resources and guides available to help those working on farms to manage risks. More information about keeping children safe on the farm can be found at www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture

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# MOT EXEMPTION DOES NOT MEAN MINIMUM LEGAL TREAD DEPTH IS SUSPENDED



six-month exemption on MOT for Britain's motorists, drivers should be aware this does not mean the law governing the minimum legal tread depth of 1.6mm has been suspended, warns TyreSafe. Tread depth is essential to

this crucial contact, a vehicle will be more difficult to control and take longer to stop. At present, a tyre being driven below 1.6mm is illegal and if found by the police could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and threepoints being added to a driver's licence - per tyre. In the battle to halt the coronavirus pandemic, the government announced that from March 30, 2020, vehicle owners have been granted a six-month exemption from MOT testing to enable vital services such as deliveries to continue, frontline workers to get to work, and people to get essential food and medicine.

While this measure was deemed to have been essential, it does mean drivers will have to take greater responsibility for their own road safety. As over a quarter of MOT failures have historically been due to unsafe tyres, too many of Britain's vehicle owners have until now clearly been leaving tyre checks to the MOT testers. If motorists are to minimise their risk of an incident on the roads, they will need to ensure their tyres' air pressure, condition and tread depth are fit for the road and

A tyre's correct air pressure is determined by the vehicle manufacturer and can be found in the handbook, door shut or fuel filler cap, and on many online pressure look-up tables including at tyresafe.org. Owners should use an accurate pressure gauge to check their tyre's inflation level and adjust it according to the manufacturer's

recommendation, paying attention to the need to adjust between heavy and light loads.

A 20p-piece can be used as a guide to how close a tyre's tread is to the legal limit. Insert the coin across the width of the tyre and around its circumference; if you can see the border to the 20p, your tyre is close to the legal limit and should be checked with an accurate gauge.

Drivers should also check their tyre doesn't have any lumps, cracks or objects embedded in it. If any of these are seen, the tyre should be considered unsafe to use until checked by a professional.

Stuart Jackson, TyreSafe Chairman said: 'The need to make vehicles exempt from the MOT is regrettable from a road safety point of view but entirely understandable in the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, drivers should be making certain when they drive, their vehicle is safe. With so many uncertainties and unexpected events happening to families and organisations all the time, drivers should not delay in carrying out these checks but instead be confident their car is roadworthy no matter what the reason for their essential journey."



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#### Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

This is Good Friday. Good Friday was a day of violence. It was a day of torture and broken dreams, a day of suffering, of agony and death.

It was a day of betrayal and of weeping, a day when an innocent man was sent for execution. It was a day when Love was nailed to a cross. It was a day of ghastly noise. Yet, it was a day of deathly silence.

Our world today knows about silence, about death, about fear, about suffering.

We are united globally by a common fear, an unseen enemy that is wreaking havoc across our planet. We have never experienced anything like COVID-19.

We hold our breath for fear of catching or spreading this toxic terror.

We keep our distance for fear of inviting death itself into our lives, our homes, our village. We are afraid.

Yet, this is Good Friday and even amidst the darkest skies, we await the dawn of resurrection morning. Why?

We want to hear the story again of that empty tomb.

Yes, we've heard it many times. But now we NEED to hear it. We want to know that death is not the end.

'What good will that do?' some may ask. Maybe it will do more good than we can ever imagine.

Maybe those today who are crucified by this virus and are powerless in its clutch need to hear the story of Good Friday and Easter Day. On Sunday morning, whatever happens, the sun will rise, the dawn will come. Night will be banished and hope will be born.

Not an easy, shallow kind of hope. A resurrection hope. On Sunday morning may the risen Christ come to you and warm your hearts with peace, love and hope.

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# Electric dreams now reality for Jura thanks to SSEN

A project to replace the submarine electricity cable connecting the Isle of Jura to Tayvallich is complete, following a cable fault in November.

Teams from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) connected the new cable to the main electricity network on Tuesday March 31, returning the network to normal operation to ensure a safe and reliable supply of electricity to the islands of Jura, Islay and Colonsay.

SSEN received a marine licence to carry out the cable replacement on January 24 and a specialist marine vessel sailed to the west coast to commence installation as quickly as possible.

Continued unfavourable weather conditions meant SSEN's teams were unable to secure the three-day window of suitable sea conditions required to lay the cable.

The vessel remained on standby and was mobilised at first light on Wednesday March 25 to commence installation, with SSEN's regional teams making final connections to energise the cable on Tuesday March 31.

Since November, Jura, Islay and Colonsay have been powered by a combination of Bowmore Power Station and local renewable generation to ensure customers on the islands continued to receive the power they need.

Mark Rough, SSEN's director of customer operations, said: 'Keeping the power flowing to the communities we serve is our key priority at SSEN and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community and local businesses for their patience and support as our teams worked on this essential cable replacement project.



November, the islands have been partly powered by Bowmore Power Station.

Adverse weather conditions, including Storms Brendan, Ciara and Dennis, presented our teams with various challenges along the way, but I'd like to thank everyone involved, from our subsea teams, contract partners and renewable generators; to our colleagues working on the islands, Bowmore Power Station, and our control room for their continued efforts to help return the network to normal operation as soon as possible.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, added: 'SSEN and their partners have done a

tremendous job in restoring the link despite appalling weather delaying the operation for a considerable period of time.

'Their commitment to ensuring that the islands are connected has been total even though it has involved laying a completely new cable at very considerable cost.

'They have also been very good at keeping the communities - and elected representatives informed. I am sure everyone is grateful to them - and everyone hopes it will never happen again.'

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#### **DEATHS**

DUNAGAN Jardine (91). It is with great sadness that the family of James Jardine Dunagan (Jack) announce his death in Balhousie care home, Huntly on April 6, 2020. Jack of Helensburgh and later Minard, Loch Fyne, dearly loved husband of the late Netta. He is survived by his two daughters, Catriona and Fiona, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The private service will be held at Kilevin cemetery. An opportunity for family and friends to celebrate his life will take place at a later date. We will miss him dearly.

GRANT -Peacefully at her home, 3 Cossack Street, Lochgilphead, on Sunday, April 5, 2020 with her family by her side, Jess Grant, in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of the late Alastair, and much loved mother of Angus and Fergus, A much respected mother-in-law of Andrea and Laura. Dearly loved Oma of Viviane, Nell, Alan, Hamish and Kirsty. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. A Celebration of Jess's life will be held at a later date. MCLEAN - Euphemia 'Fay' McAuley Mclean, née McArthur, age 85. The

Mclean family announces

the passing of their mum Fay, peacefully at her home in Hardgate, Clydebank on March 29, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Don Mclean much loved mum and granny. A private funeral will be held on April 14, 2020 with a memorial service in Campbeltown planned for a later date.

MACLEOD - Peacefully on Saturday, April 4, 2020, Betsy (Betty) née Cumming, in her 96th year, of Redwood, 4 Ross Court, Inverness and formerly of Campbeltown and Raasay. Dearly loved by family, friends and all who knew her. Graveside service at Kilvean Cemetery on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1.00 p.m. A memorial service will take place at the Reformed Baptist Church, Telford Street, Inverness at a later date. Gus am bris an lá, agus an teach na sgáilean. Arrangements by William T. Fraser and Son, Culduthel Road, Inverness. MACPHERSON

Suddenly but peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow on April 4, 2020, Zandra MacPherson, in her 76th year, Craigellachie, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Janet Ross and a much loved mum of Jonathan Jones. Funeral private.

RAMSAY - Suddenly (as the result of Coronavirus) Guelph Hospital,

Canada, April 5, 2020, James Campbell Ramsay (Jim), aged 74 years. Much loved Dad of Neil and Alison and special Papa to his four grandchildren. Son of the late Willie and Betty Ramsay, Carradale and dear brother of and dear brother of Elizabeth, Matthew and the late John. Thanks for all the support to the family at home and away these last few days. God

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

WARREN Janette. Margaret, David and Ian and their families would like to thank all staff at Ardenlea Care Home, Dunoon for their attentive care of their Aunt Margaret (Meg). Our thanks are also extended to Father Simon MacKenzie, Christ Church, Lochgilphead for a comforting service at the graveside. Also to Donald MacDonald funeral directors for their caring and efficient arrangements.

#### IN MEMORIAMS

MACLULLICH loving memory of Duncan, dear husband, father and brother, who died on April 11, 2013. Loved and remembered always.
- Annette, Alasdair and

Ishobel.

WEIR - In loving memory of Alex, a dear husband, father, papa and old papa. Missed and loved dearly. Rest in peace.

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#### **ARDRISHAIG** AND SOUTH KNAPDALE **PARISHES**

Good Friday Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Easter Sunday He is not here; he has

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# Staying at home to save lives... ... and leaving home for lives to be saved.

by Dr Rodger Crooks, minister of Campbeltown Free Church

Stay at home! The message is clear. This is the best thing non-keyworkers can do to save lives: our own and the lives of others.

Some though must leave home and put their own lives at risk to perform the key tasks needed to fight the virus and keep us safe and supplied with essentials. We are so grateful for their selfless devotion to their duties. Sadly, some. who did not have the safer option of staying at home, have already lost their own lives as they fought to save the lives of others.

Christianity rests upon the historical events of Jesus' actual death and physical resurrection. So, this week that leads up to Easter is a special time for Christians throughout the whole world. Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind us that Jesus could

not have performed his work as Saviour by staying at home.

Like our keyworkers, Jesus was thinking of others when he left home. Lives needed to be saved. The virus must be defeated. The 'virus' Iesus came to deal with was not coronavirus but sin. The only way for us to be rescued from the danger this 'virus' poses to us was for Jesus not to stay at home but to come to die on the cross. He deliberately put himself in harm's way for others, knowing that it meant, not just the risk of death, but the certainty of death for him. So far, there is no available vaccine for the coronavirus. The good news of Christianity is that Jesus' death is the cure for sin, and God validated what Jesus achieved on the cross by raising him physically and bodily from the dead.

There is no immediate end to the

restrictions that are necessary to protect us all from coronavirus. So, although we find it frustrating and inconvenient, those of us who should, must stay at home.

Yet, there are things we can all do. We can pray that God would heal those who are ill mentally and physically and protect those who are not: comfort those who are grieving; give leaders extra wisdom and the best advice: strengthen all who are on the frontline against Covid-19; give researchers unexpected break-throughs; and calm our fears and anxiety, filling us, instead, with his hope and peace.

Above everything else, we should trust in Jesus, who left the safety of his home to die so that we can be forgiven and have the certain hope of a home one day in heaven, where we will be safe for ever.



# Machrihanish protégé selected for Congaree Global Golf Initiative

In the middle of the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown schools and golf courses, last week brought some welcome sunshine for 15-year-old Machrihanish protégé Valdemar Hundebøll.

Now living in North Berwick with his family, but starting his golf in Machrihanish 12 years ago, Valdemar still carries many fond memories from his years in Machrihanish and at Drumlemble Primary School and still keeps up his membership of Machrihanish Golf Club (MGC).

For the last three years, Valdemar has been a part of Scottish Golf Academy. Following a roller-coaster summer, Valdemar finished the 2019 golf season strongly, winning Lothian Boys U18 scratch Order of Merit, Stephen Gallacher Foundation ditto in U15 and U18 and Lothian Boys U16 match play championship.

Finishing 2019 on a high, and training a lot during this winter, meant Valdemar was looking forward to this year's Scottish Boys Open Championship being played at his home course in North Berwick, but COVID-19 put a stop to that and so much more. This summer Valdemar must follow his family to their native Denmark for a year, due to his dad's work, which will mean a temporary goodbye to Scotland and the wonderful links courses here.

But in the middle of these disturbing times, last week brought great news for Valdemar in the form of an email and a call from the USA. Valdemar has been selected for the Congaree Global Golf Initiative (CGGI) in 2021 as one of 20 young golfers from across the globe - 10 from the USA and 10 from outside the

The CGGI is an intensive athletic and academic college preparatory programme committed to helping talented and motivated young men and women prepare for their

It was founded by golf enthusiasts and billionaires Dan Friedkin and Bob McNair as a world-class golf club with a philanthropic purpose.

Mr Friedkin and Mr McNair, along with Congaree ambassadors around the world, are committed to providing life-changing experiences for deserving high school students through the Congaree Foundation.

Valdemar will now follow his family to Denmark and do online schooling for a year until the Congaree programme kicks in from July 2021. The flexible online schooling will allow him to work at his golf

Meanwhile Valdemar has at least three good reasons for coming back to Scotland frequently: one, to catch up with his coach Gary Nicol



Valdemar Hundebøll after winning Lothian Secondary School's order of merit at Renaissance in April 2019. carding two eagles and his first ace on the final day.

at Archerfield; secondly, his big brother is studying at university in either Glasgow Edinburgh from this September; and third, to revisit Machrihanish, which is close to his heart.

Before the move, Valdemar is hoping to come back to Machrihanish and catch up with inspirational company on the links - retiring captain Willie Ross and the legendary Belle Robertson.



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