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Community pays tribute to dedicated paramedic

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The family of a much-loved and highly-respected Campbeltown paramedic who passed away after a battle with coronavirus has been overwhelmed by the support received from the community.

Robert Black died at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow last Saturday, May 2, after battling COVID-19 since early April. He fought for 12 days in the intensive care unit before succumbing to the virus.

Tributes to the 52-year-old have flooded social media, with many recognising him as a friendly, dedicated paramedic and a gentleman who had time for everyone. He was a family man and proud father of Lorna and Andrew.

Initially inspired to take up the profession because his brother Malcolm was an ambulance technician, Robert was presented with an Ambulance Service



Robert Black, centre, with colleagues and friends Scott Ramsay, left, and James Stevenson, right, after all three received long service medals in 2018.

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(Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct medal in 2018 in recognition of 25 years as a paramedic. At the time he told the Courier he had the 'best job in town'.

As well as for his work with the Scottish Ambulance Service, Robert was well-known on the town's music circuit. He was a talented musician and keyboard player

who was always involved in Kintyre Songwriters' Festival and the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival with his band, Gullion. He was a veteran member of several bands, including Wishful Thinking, Honest As Thieves, and Catch 22.

He also had a regular slot on Campbeltown-based radio station Argyll FM.

He was a member of the amateur drama club Accent Players, a troupe which was placed second overall at this year's Kintyre-Argyll District Drama Festival. The club also collected trophies for the highest marks for production and for the best comedy performance.

Robert's wife Catherine told the Courier that the

family was overwhelmed by the support received from neighbours, family, friends, colleagues, various church congregations and those in the wider community, who were right behind Robert when he was unwell, extending kind words, gestures and prayers, which the family found very comforting. She added that the family is very grateful for all the kind expressions of sympathy at this time.

Robert's friend Colin Middleton said: 'Robert was a very dear friend. My heart goes out to Catherine, Lorna and Andrew, as Robert was so far away and they were unable to be with him.'

'When Robert moved to Campbeltown in the 1980s we formed a band called Honest As Thieves and played in various venues in Argyll. We even wrote and recorded some songs in a professional studio in Glasgow, with Catherine on backing vocals.'

'For more than 25 years, Robert and I travelled to the

Glasgow Barrowlands together on my birthday to see one of our friends play.

'Robert always had a big smile and seemed to laugh when he spoke. I am very privileged to have shared the same spotlight on the same stage with him.'

Robert, who contracted COVID-19 while at work, is thought to be the first Scottish paramedic to die as a result of having the virus.

The Scottish Ambulance Service, which did not name Robert, said in a statement: 'It is with very great sadness that we confirm the news that one of our colleagues from the Scottish Ambulance Service has passed away after contracting COVID-19.'

Pauline Howie, chief executive of the Scottish Ambulance Service, added: 'On behalf of everyone at the Scottish Ambulance Service, I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the family. Our focus will be on supporting them during this very difficult time.'



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Kintyre residents remember VE Day 75 years on...

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Today (May 8) marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), the day on which, in 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared the end of the six-year long Second World War.

At the time, the Courier reported 'jubilant scenes in Campbeltown' as people lined the streets in celebration of Germany's surrender to Allied forces.

The May 12 edition reported: 'The Navy gave the celebration signal. They provided the carnival atmosphere. With loud continuous hooting, blaring sirens, shrilling whistles rising in a mighty crescendo of sound through the valley of the bay, they stirred the town with great news.'

'Within minutes, from almost every window along the



The Campbeltown Courier's front page on May 12 1945.

Annie Grumoli's mind for more than one reason - it was the day her 19-year-old sister Jeanie got married.

'She got married on VE Day in Glasgow,' said Annie, who was aged 17 at the time. 'We all went to Glasgow for the wedding.'

'I was quite happy that the war was over for my sister. She met her husband at Machrihanish. He was a Glasgow boy and he was in the Fleet Air Arm.'

Annie remembers asking her father, who fought in both the First World War and the Second World War, what would happen to the family when it was announced that Britain was at war.

'I was only eight or nine at the time,' she said. 'My father told me not to worry about it, and said if I saw a tank coming up the street that's when I could worry.'

Annie was born at Machrihanish but lived in Glasgow until she was 13, at which point she returned to Campbeltown where she has lived since.

She added: 'I remember the Clydebank disaster as well but when you're young like that, you don't take it all in. It was a complete mix-up, the war, so I was quite pleased when it was all finished.'

'Mind you, I can't say I didn't enjoy my teenage years at the dances in Campbeltown. It was always quite a safe place to be.'

Fellow Campbeltown resident Rita Lawson said she doesn't have any specific memories of VE Day itself but she remembers watching her father board a ship berthed at the pier along with all the other men heading off to fight when the war began.

She also recalls some of the events which happened afterwards.

'I can remember going up to the Mill Dam to wait for a bus that was bringing back the prisoners of war,' she said. 'I would have been about 14 at the time.'

'My uncle Jack had been a prisoner in Germany. He was tall man and I remember my mum saying how thin he looked. A big crowd went up to welcome them back.'

streets, flags began to flutter in the evening breeze. Even the most modest homes had large Union Jacks flying from their windows. Across the streets gay bunting and flags were strung from roof-top to roof-top, and the town soon presented a joyous festival appearance.

'But it was at the harbour that the scenes of jubilation and carnival were to be witnessed. Very lights were fired. It was a dazzling spectacle to watch the multi-coloured lights shoot up into the sky, and break into the different colours.'

One Campbeltown resident who remembers the war years as well as VE Day itself is Anna Viola.

Anna, who is now 92, said: 'On VE night, everybody in the town as out and about, round about the pier and all over the place.'

'That particular night me and my friends were down the prom and we heard all the clapping and noises and music, and we thought there must be a dance on or something.'

'When we started coming up the prom we saw all the crowds of people and everybody celebrating, out on foot, hugging, saying that the war was over. Everybody gathered on Main Street and up at the cross. It was a good night for us.'

During the war, Anna remembers being invited onto ships and submarines and she recalls viewing the town through the periscope of one

submarine. 'They were good days for us although it was wartime,' she reflected. 'But everyone was so happy when the war was over.'

Anna's father, James Muir, was in army in the First World War during which he was gassed. Anna said that afterwards he had lung problems, but his injuries did not stop him from volunteering to join the Navy during the Second World War.

'He was in the Navy for quite a few years before the ship he was on got torpedoed,' she said. 'Most of the men who worked up on the deck got into the little rowing boats. Him and another two men worked down below as firemen; by the time they got up on deck the boats were all over the side and into the water.'

Anna said her father had no sooner made it into one of the boats than it capsized.

'They were in the water for ages before they were picked up,' she added.

'Dad was taken to a naval hospital and he was kept there for quite a long time before he was discharged as medically unfit. He was ill when he got home, and he died a while after.'

'At the time, when the war was over, it was thought of as a smashing night but it wasn't really for everybody. There were happy times, but at other times it was quite sad.'

The date of VE Day stands out in Campbeltown resident



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Fri, 1 May 2020		12:09	09:09	14:39		
Sat, 2 May 2020				13:26	10:26	15:56
Sun, 3 May 2020				14:39	11:39	17:09
Mon, 4 May 2020				15:39	12:39	18:09
Tue, 5 May 2020				16:29	13:29	18:59
Wed, 6 May 2020				17:15	14:15	19:45
Thu, 7 May 2020	05:46	02:46	08:16	17:59	14:59	20:29
Fri, 8 May 2020	06:29	03:29	08:59	18:43	15:43	21:13
Sat, 9 May 2020	07:13	04:13	09:43	19:27	16:27	21:57
Sun, 10 May 2020	07:57	04:57	10:27	20:13	17:13	22:43
Mon, 11 May 2020	08:43	05:43	11:13			
Tue, 12 May 2020	09:33	06:33	12:03			
Wed, 13 May 2020	10:31	07:31	13:01			
Thu, 14 May 2020	11:41	08:41	14:11			
Fri, 15 May 2020				12:56	09:56	15:26
Sat, 16 May 2020				14:02	11:02	16:32
Sun, 17 May 2020				14:57	11:57	17:27
Mon, 18 May 2020				15:45	12:45	18:15
Tue, 19 May 2020				16:27	13:27	18:57
Wed, 20 May 2020				17:04	14:04	19:34
Thu, 21 May 2020				17:38	14:38	20:08
Fri, 22 May 2020	05:52	02:52	08:22	18:09	15:09	20:39
Sat, 23 May 2020	06:22	03:22	08:52	18:41	15:41	21:11
Sun, 24 May 2020	06:53	03:53	09:23	19:16	16:16	21:46
Mon, 25 May 2020	07:30	04:30	10:00	19:56	16:56	22:26
Tue, 26 May 2020	08:11	05:11	10:41	20:42	17:42	23:12
Wed, 27 May 2020	08:57	05:57	11:27			
Thu, 28 May 2020	09:49	06:49	12:19			
Fri, 29 May 2020	10:48	07:48	13:18			
Sat, 30 May 2020	11:53	08:53	14:23			
Sun, 31 May 2020				13:03	10:03	15:33

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Power firm faces anger as work on windfarm resumes

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The power company behind Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm has faced a public backlash as work resumes at phase three of the site despite the country still being in lockdown.

Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) confirmed that work at the site resumed 'in a phased manner' on Wednesday (May 6), with 'a small number of personnel beginning to re-mobilise to the site'.

Construction began on phase three of the windfarm, which is set to host 14 turbines with a maximum height of 126 metres from base to blade-tip, with an operating capacity of up to 50 megawatts, in September last year.

Work was halted at the site, located 7.5 kilometres north of Campbeltown and accessed via West Kintyre, after lockdown was announced amid the current coronavirus pandemic.

However, the latest Scottish Government guidance, published on May 1, permits companies to resume work and continue construction across a number of areas – including energy supply projects – which have been designated 'essential public services'.

Work at phase three of Beinn an Tuirc Windfarm has been deemed an 'essential project' as it falls into the category of energy generation due to be commissioned or exporting within the next 12 months.

Work was scheduled to resume on Monday but when that became known to the public last week many residents voiced their concerns about

the potential health risk to the community of the workforce, believed to largely be from the Republic of Ireland, returning to the area.

Councillors John Armour, Donald Kelly and Rory Colville, South Kintyre's three representatives, each wrote to the company voicing their concerns as well as those of the people in their ward.

A spokesperson for SPR told the Courier: 'In direct response to the pleas of local politicians following the recent tragic death of a well-known and respected member of the local community, main construction works will not get underway until next week.'

'We're very aware of the strength of feeling in the local community...'

'We're very aware of the strength of feeling in the local community and are working closely with local representatives – including community councillors, councillors, MP and MSP – to ensure they are fully informed about the extraordinary measures we have put in place to minimise contact between the workforce and local community and to provide the necessary reassurance to the people and communities in Kintyre.'

These measures are said to include managing accommodation, travel and working arrangements based on 'family units', arranging food deliveries, and undertaking tempera-

ture testing.

The spokesperson added that all works on site will be progressed in line with government guidelines on social distancing.

'We take our role as a responsible member of the Kintyre community very seriously indeed,' said the spokesperson, 'and have appointed a dedicated liaison officer for this project, who is a resident of Campbeltown, and who will keep the local community informed about what we're doing and highlight any concerns or feedback that may be raised.'

'We will also continue the open and transparent dialogue we're having with the local community on an ongoing basis.'

'We can assure everyone in Kintyre that the health and wellbeing of local people and staff on site will continue to be a key priority as we get back to work on Beinn an Tuirc Three, allowing us to support the local community together.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The Kintyre community has been exceptional and very patient in respect to the lockdown situation, with many people and organisations going well beyond the call of duty in order to keep everyone safe. It is vitally important that this continues and the safety of the Kintyre community is not compromised by people moving in to the area.'

'The Scottish Government has sanctioned this return to work and must be held accountable. I would encourage everyone who has concerns to contact Michael Russell MSP, demanding the appropriate action is taken.'

Campbeltown art lover bags knockout NHS painting

Bids for a painting auctioned in aid of staff at Campbeltown Hospital came from as far afield as Australia but it was a Campbeltown woman who clinched it, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Ann McSporrán won the painting of an NHS employee in boxing gloves by hobby artist Vince Jordan 'by a whisker' after placing the highest bid of £650.

Vince, who carries out ground maintenance around the NHS properties in Kintyre, was encouraged to auction the 30-inch by 24-inch oil on canvas painting by his friend David Colville, who found the image 'very poignant' and a reminder of the fight all NHS staff currently face during the coronavirus pandemic.

David, who was responsible for marketing the painting and organising a silent auction, said: 'Vince and I are very pleased. The painting



Lockdown by Vince Jordan.

gained an unbelievable amount of attention through social media and local press.

'Ann, who lives locally, is a huge supporter of the NHS and wanted to give something back.'

'The money will go to a communal fund for all staff from the Campbeltown Hospital and health centre, to benefit them in whichever way they choose – perhaps a

very well-earned night out when this crisis is all over.'

The painting cannot be displayed in the hospital at the moment due to restrictions but Ann is happy to lend the painting to the hospital for a period of time in order for people to view it when this changes.

Vince said: 'A huge thank you for all the support and feedback. A special thank you to David for coming to me with the idea and all his effort in helping to achieve this outcome.'

'Thanks also for the amazing bid received from Ann which will go towards the wonderful NHS staff who work courageously at this time.'

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The view from Beinn an Tuirc. Photograph: Steve Partridge



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Seasports boosted by CalMac cash

Kintyre Seasports is riding the crest of a wave after being awarded £1,200 by the CalMac Community Fund to help deliver its summer fun water sports programme.

With the group's activities currently cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the funding will be carried over until August 2021.

A Kintyre Seasports spokesperson said: 'We look forward to hosting a variety of exciting, enjoyable activities during summer 2021 supported by the CalMac Community Fund. Thank you to CalMac for its support.'



Director of Community and Stakeholder Engagement, Brian Fulton, left, and chairman of the Community Board, Angus Campbell.

EP launch for home-grown band Rhuvaal

The future looks bright for a young folk-based traditional band originating from Kintyre with the release of its debut EP, titled Horizon, looming.

Originating as a school ceilidh band in 2015, Rhuvaal has grown and developed over the past five years into a band full of enthusiasm to make an impression on the traditional music scene.

After an overload of summer festivals in 2019, Rhuvaal which consists of five members - Arran McAllister, Raymond Gosling, Alex Wotherspoon,



Kate MacPherson and Bronwen Davies - spent the winter months preparing and writing material for the release

of their extended play record. Each of the band's members has added their own musical background and style to

The new EP from Rhuvaal - Alex Wotherspoon, Bronwen Davies, Kate MacPherson, Arran McAllister and Raymond Gosling - is available to pre-order.

the single, filmed at the beginning of 2020, can be viewed on all of the band's social media platforms, as well as on its website - www.rhuvaalband.com

the each of the recordings, creating a unique and vibrant sound on the four-track EP.

It features the band's debut single, The Harbour, which shows another aspect of Rhuvaal and brings a different finish to the EP.

A brand new music video for

Horizon is now available to pre-order on iTunes, Spotify and Amazon Music and those who pre-order the EP will receive Rhuvaal's debut single straight away. Horizon will then officially go on sale from midnight on Friday May 15. Hard copies of the EP are available to buy from the band's website.

Virtual festival to replace cancelled MOK Fest

With 'a very heavy heart' organisers of the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest) confirmed this week that the 2020 event has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was hoped that the festival would go ahead but with the impact of the pandemic on travel and the uncertainty around government restric-

tions on gatherings and events, organisers say it would be 'impossible' to run an event such as this.

A spokesperson added: 'It is paramount to the MOK Fest that it is a safe, family-friendly event and sadly this can't be guaranteed under the current restrictions.'

'While we understand the decision is disappointing, we

feel it is the right one to protect the safety of visitors and artists who travel from around the world to Campbeltown and Kintyre.'

Despite the cancellation, MOK Fest organisers would like to continue to offer the festival's fans a chance to share in what they all enjoy - listening to and taking part in music and live performances.

'Join us in Campbeltown and Kintyre's first ever online music festival,' the spokesperson said. 'We are extending an invite to musicians, performers and sponsors to take part in our virtual event which will run from August 19 to 23.'

'MOK Fest is traditionally a time to catch up with 'well kent' faces, family and to

make new friends. That won't change for next year as MOK Fest looks forward to welcoming you back to Campbeltown and Kintyre from August 18 to 22, 2021.

'Please stay safe and well and look after each other.'

In the meantime, fans can still listen to the MOK Fest Through the Years playlist on Spotify.

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Young director Brandon shortlisted for award

A Gigha resident who made national headlines last year when he became a director of an organisation with multi-million pound assets aged just 19 has now been shortlisted for a national award.

Brandon Clements, now 20, who joined the board of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT) in 2019, has been nominated for a Young Director Award by the Institute of Directors Scotland (IoD).

IoD Scotland annually acknowledges Scotland's top directors at its Scotland Director of the Year Awards, which celebrate and recognise individuals' achievements.

More than 50 directors have been shortlisted in the 12 award categories, including Brandon for his position as an IGHT director. He will be up against three other candidates from across Scotland in the award category Director of the Year - Young, which



Young director Brandon Clements.

recognises upcoming directors who illustrate excellent entrepreneurial and leadership potential.

Since the Isle of Gigha's community buyout in 2002, the island's population has grown to 160 people, reversing a 300-

year decline. The IGHT and its subsidiary companies manage the majority of the island's assets, which is overseen by a board of nine voluntary directors, including 20-year old Brandon, the trust's youngest ever director.

Having been in position since he was just a teen, Brandon's role has been crucial in demonstrating that there are opportunities for young people to remain or return to rural places.

Brandon has taken a key role in development plans that aim to encourage young people to stay on Gigha - including new starter housing units and opportunities for apprenticeship roles at Achamore Gardens and in countryside management.

Brandon said: 'My friends were surprised at my decision to join the board - it just wasn't the 'done thing' for young people. However, I recognised that

to encourage young people to stay on Gigha, their needs had to be voiced and recognised.

'In my day job as a senior marine operative at the Scottish Salmon Company, the skills I have learned by being a director can be put to good use too. I can also represent businesses to the board and what they need from our rural areas.'

Ian Wilson, chairman of the IGHT, said: 'Brandon has brought a great deal to the work and thinking of the board. Most boards tend to be made up of older people - not only has he dragged us into the 21st century communications-wise, he has also challenged the board to think about what young people want from communities like ours, and how we might encourage more young people to come and live on Gigha.'

'Argyll in particular faces huge population challenges as we lose working age families.

Hopefully Brandon's work on Gigha and further afield will help solve some of these challenges and find a vibrant future for communities like Gigha.'

The trust says that Brandon's determination to represent his peers and to make a positive contribution to the community has helped to address issues and has set a precedent that will leave an impression on the community for years to come.

The Scottish Director of the Year Awards are due to take place in September 2020 - an opportunity for all business achievements to be celebrated, as well as identifying role models within a range of sectors.

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MACC's charitable fund opens early

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, has announced the early opening of its charitable giving fund to support community organisations during the coronavirus crisis.

The fund will prioritise those organisations actively working to support those most in need during the current pandemic.

MACC has been supporting the local efforts during the crisis by providing support and assistance to the local NHS, Campbeltown Community Business and the Kintyre Community Resilience Group, with MACC Developments Ltd staff helping to deliver food parcels.

Application forms are available MACC's website at www.machrihanish.org and also by emailing enquiries@maccdl.co.uk.

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Billy's boost for local causes

Billy McFadyen's 60th birthday fundraiser has generated an incredible £16,183.

In honour

of his big birthday on April 18, Billy carried out a sponsored shave, cutting one half of his hair and the opposite half of his beard, then dyeing the two remaining sections the colours chosen by the highest bidder.

Billy sported his new look until Monday May 4, at which point he shaved off the remaining hair.

Generous Billy agreed to treble the amount raised in sponsorship money up to £10,000 for causes close to his heart. The final figure includes his donation.

Kintyre Community Resilience Group will receive all funds, distributing 40 per cent each to Kintyre Recycling Ltd and Kintyre Food Bank, retaining 20 per cent to help its own operations and other groups such as Shopper-Aide.

Billy said: 'A big thank you to all who donated.'



The bear necessities

Two lucky boys were the winners of 10 crocheted essential worker bears which were raffled to raise money for the NHS.

Kelvin and Reilly Campbell very kindly decided to donate the bears to members of the professions the teddies represent.

Created by Sarah Forshaw, also known as The Mad Hatter, the bears depict an NHS work-

er, a carer, a paramedic, a police officer, a fire fighter, a post person, a supermarket employee, a farmer, a refuse collector and a chemist employee.

Sarah said: 'I couldn't be more pleased with how the raffle went, we raised £1,210 which was just amazing.'

'It was so kind and caring of the boys to donate the bears and it has been fantastic to see pictures of some of them in their new homes.'

Kelvin and Reilly Campbell with the teddies they won.



Can you take on The Blockdown Challenge?

A group set up to support the people of Kintyre amid the coronavirus pandemic is challenging people to take part in what it is calling 'The Blockdown Challenge'.

The Kintyre Community Crisis Group, which is available on Facebook and its website at www.kintyre.info, fact checks, collates and shares information which may offer assistance to the people of Kintyre.

It also aims to be a hub through which those who

have elderly or vulnerable family and friends in Kintyre can find information which may assist them in reaching out at a time when they are unable to physically assist due to distance and self isolation.

Now, in a bid to 'stave off the cabin fever', the group is challenging children of all ages to build and share with it a masterpiece using Lego, Duplo, Mega Blox, Kreo, wooden building blocks, K'next, or whatever they want.

A spokesperson said: 'Make something amazing and email your name and a picture to enquiries@kintyre.info and we'll put together a gallery of the images and show the world your awesome builds!'

'Along with your name and picture, please feel free to include a little note to say thank you to all of the key workers and maybe share a link to any charity or fundraising effort that you might particularly like to see people support.'

As an incentive to get people building, the group has three Lego sets to send out to three lucky winners.

'All builds will be added to the gallery as we go and we will base the decision on a mix of personal judgement and public opinion, so make sure to tell your friends to like and comment,' the spokesperson added.

'All entries have to be in by May 31, which gives you lots of time to make something amazing. Get building!'

POLICE FILES

■ A 73-year-old man was arrested for allegedly failing to provide a breath specimen at the roadside near Machrihanish on April 29 and at the police station. He was charged and a report submitted to the fiscal.

■ A 49-year-old woman was arrested on May 2, in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. At the same incident, a 30-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner, struggling with police and resisting arrest. Both were charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ A dog allegedly attacked and chased sheep in a field near Tayinloan telephone exchange at High Dunashery Farm between 5pm on May 2 and 2.30pm on May 3, resulting in one lamb being killed and another being bitten and injured.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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On a mission to help hard hit fishermen

The Fishermen's Mission port officer for Kintyre, Oban and the Islands is reminding fishermen he is available to support them, whatever their problems.

Chris Holden, who took over the role from Matthew Ramsay when he retired last year, says no fisherman or their family should struggle alone, especially at the moment with the industry hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Fishermen's Mission was set up in 1881 to help fishermen and their families weather the storms of life and

it says nothing has changed.

Chris, who is based in Campbeltown, said: 'We are still here to help you. If you are a fisherman on a UK boat, a retired fisherman or a member of a fisherman's family please do not hesitate to contact us. We know how difficult life is at the moment. We also know asking for help is never easy.'

'We are always here to listen and give practical guidance. These are very difficult times and the support we can give you may make all the difference. The Fishermen's Mission can help you if you feel like

you are struggling with money worries or feeling isolated.

'Together, we can get through this crisis.'

The Fishermen's Mission is ideally placed to help with expert knowledge of what's happening locally and nationally around coronavirus and how to get the support.

Chris added: 'Working alongside other maritime charities, the Fishermen's Mission can access funding and support not available elsewhere, particularly for fishermen's children. Many fishing families with children

have already contacted us for support so please do not struggle through this crisis on your own. Pick up the phone and give us a call. We are here to help you and your family.'

Contact Chris by calling 07788 674376 or email kintyre@fishermensmission.org.uk. For more information about The Fishermen's Mission, visit www.fishermensmission.org.uk, search @thefishmish on Twitter or visit www.facebook.com/fishermensmission.

To support the charity by donating £2, text AFLOAT to 770085.



Chris Holden, Fishermen's Mission port officer for Kintyre, Oban and the Islands.

Phone buddies connect over Sound of Gigha



The phone buddies wave across the sea to each other.

With many of its clients living in remote areas, Shopper-Aide is reaching out to support those who have become even more socially distant as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lockdown measures have left many almost completely cut off from mainstream society.

With a lack of social contact having a potentially negative effect on a person's mental health and causing feelings of loneliness which can become overwhelming, the charity knew it had to act.

The Phone Buddy system sees workers

and volunteers phone clients every day. During the call people can flag up issues and receive help or reminisce and chat.

A Shopper-Aide spokesperson said: 'One of our volunteers lives on the west coast of Kintyre with beautiful views across the water to the islands of Cara, Gigha, Jura and Islay and, on a clear day, Ireland.'

'We were able to match this volunteer with a phone buddy on the Isle of Gigha.'

'They have enjoyed getting to know each other and can joke about waving across the water to each other.'

The ferry journey to Gigha takes 20 minutes, sailing across the three miles of water linking the island to Kintyre. The ferry service is currently suspended and only running on request to deliver essential services.

Islanders on Gigha have one small shop, a post office and a hotel which is providing food deliveries.

Shopper-Aide's worker and volunteer on the island support clients over the telephone.

The spokesperson added: 'The population of Gigha is largely made up of elderly people who do not use the

internet so Shopper-Aide is aware of the importance of keeping in touch with residents to help them feel connected. Our phone buddies can identify issues that require attention.'

'The phone buddies across the water will hopefully get a chance to meet when our social groups resume after lockdown.'

'Our Soup Group in Tayinloan, where the Gigha ferry terminates, is popular with Gigha residents who ordinarily enjoy a trip across the water to meet for soup and socialise with their friends on the mainland.'

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Staying at home stops the spread of coronavirus, and some need extra help.

If you are over 70 or receive the flu vaccine for medical reasons, you do not have any access to the internet, and do not have anyone to help you get essential supplies like food or medicine, then we have created a helpline just for you.

Call: 0800 111 4000 (Open office hours Monday to Friday)

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Health

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus
0800 028 2816

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

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

Shielding local support

www.gov.scot/covid-shielding-contacts

Feeling anxious or depressed?

NHS Inform:

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus-mental-wellbeing

NHS 24:

Call 111

Breathing Space:

www.breathingspace.scot
0800 83 85 87

Scottish Association for Mental Health:

0344 800 0550
info@samh.org.uk

Samaritans Scotland Helpline:

116 123 / jo@samaritans.org

Advice for pregnant women

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

Easy-read coronavirus guidance

[www.sclد.org.uk/
information-on-coronavirus](http://www.sclد.org.uk/information-on-coronavirus)
Helpline: 0141 248 3733

Social welfare and financial help

Citizens Advice Scotland:

www.cas.org.uk
0800 028 1456

Struggling with energy bills?

Home Energy Scotland:
0808 808 2282

Consumer issues

Advice Direct Scotland
www.coronavirusadvice.scot
0808 800 9060

Employment rights advice

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

Support for accessing your rights at work

www.stuc.org.uk
Email: info@stuc.org.uk
Call: 0141 337 8100

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[www.findbusinesssupport.gov.
scot/coronavirus-advice](http://www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice)
Helpline: 0300 303 0660

Helping in your community

www.readyscotland.org

Advice for parents

www.parentclub.scot/coronavirus

Parentline Scotland:

08000 28 22 33

The Money Talk Team:

0800 085 7145

Information for Young People

www.young.scot/coronavirus

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

www.ageuk.org.uk
0800 12 44 222

For people with dementia, families, friends and professionals

Alzheimer Scotland

[www.alzscot.org/living-with-
dementia/getting-support](http://www.alzscot.org/living-with-dementia/getting-support)

24-hour Helpline: 0808 808 3000

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www.scottishautism.org
01259 222022

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Helpline: 0800 027 1234

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Happy lockdown



Blaze-Lee Mathieson from Campbeltown was seven on March 29 and enjoyed a party in his garden with his family.



Freddie Anderson from Campbeltown celebrated his first birthday on April 18 with a party in the garden with his big brother Robbie, balloons and a cake. He had a special day but is looking forward to celebrating properly with everyone in the future.



Left: Kaydn Collett from Campbeltown turned 10 on March 26. He had a birthday cake and spent some of his birthday money on the video game Fortnite and played with his friends online.



Andrew Myles will be eight today, May 8. His daddy, mummy and brother Alan wish him a very happy birthday.



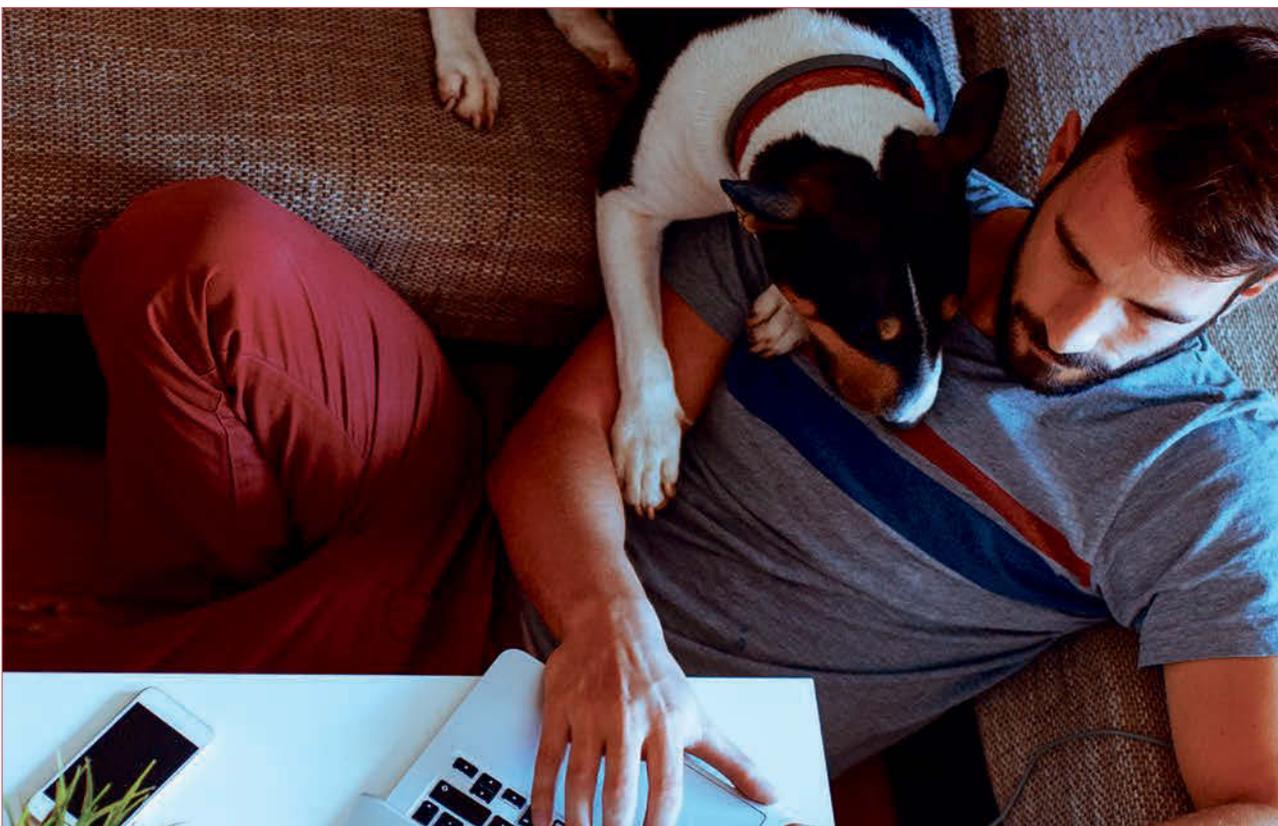
Krystal Allen from Campbeltown celebrated her 17th birthday on April 30. Unfortunately she never got her first official driving lesson, but she enjoyed her day and all her friends joined her on the Houseparty app.



Callen McKay from Campbeltown was four on March 28 and spent the day having fun with his presents.



Aida Morven McSparran Saker from Campbeltown turned five on March 29. She was due to have a party with all her nursery friends from Dalintober early learning centre. Instead her family got her pretty balloons and she wore a special birthday T-shirt. Her big sisters Aimee and Niamh made her a rainbow birthday cake and her little brother Dochaidh helped eat it.



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birthday



Addison Moore's first birthday was on April 26. She had lots of balloons and cake, and fun in her new ball pit.



Nancy Wilkin from Campbeltown turned 88 on April 25. She was supposed to be going to Haggerston Castle in Northumberland to meet up with family and have a party but that had to be cancelled as a result of lockdown restrictions.



Taylor Black from Glenbarr turned seven on April 14. She was sad to not be able to see family and all her friends but she enjoyed a party at home with her family. She video-called her friends who sang happy birthday to her which made her day. She really wanted sea monkeys for her birthday which she received. The family has been enjoying watching them grow.



Rosie Belle Gillies from Campbeltown turned three on May 2. She had a great day despite it not being a normal birthday and enjoyed playing with her new toys, including Spirit the horse.



Leighyah Csabi turned two on May 1 in Southend. She had a lovely day opening her presents in the morning and playing with her big sister Lilly all day. She ate lots of sweets and as the sun was out in Southend, she was able to play outside for much of the day.



Kayla Moore from Campbeltown turned nine on April 13 and had a lovely day with her mum and little sister. When her sister went to bed, Kayla and her mum enjoyed a spa night.



Ben Clark Osborne turned 14 on May 4. He went out on his mountain bike and requested dinner from Olly's Street Food van, followed by a cake made by his mum and sister Eilidh.



Left: Lacey Mckenzie from Campbeltown turns four today, May 8. Lacey wanted to go to the indoor trampoline park in Glasgow for her birthday but she will have a party in the house instead. Lacey's mummy Karen, daddy Gavin, big sister Tianna and big brother Cameron have booked a magical princess video call from Anna to wish Lacey a happy birthday.



Harris MacLennan, photographed up the hill behind his house near Campbeltown, turned eight on May 3.

Coronavirus Help is here for those that need it most.

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Or go to readyscotland.org for more information.



Coronavirus: Helping each other

Extraordinary kindness

The United Kingdom is pulling together as one, with people from all regions and all four nations of the country helping each other through the coronavirus pandemic.

As we all know, we must only leave our homes if we are key workers or cannot work from home, to do essential shopping

and for one period of daily exercise.

By doing this we will all help protect the NHS and save lives.

Despite the absolutely necessary restrictions on our normal lives, people are being encouraged to help neighbours in need where possible. This has led to some amazing acts

of kindness on every street, in every village and town across the country. Communities have never felt stronger. Today, we shine a light on just some of the people from communities across the country to showcase examples of ordinary people doing extraordinarily kind and helpful things.



CASE STUDY GAIL REDMOND

A CHARITY that supports families has noticed a sharp rise in requests for help due to widespread redundancies.

Gail Redmond of Via Wings' in the County Down town of Dromore, in Northern Ireland, says the charity normally gives out 85 food bags a month to people in need.

"But last week we gave out 105 already, many of which are going to people who are self-isolating," she said.

"One guy who contacted me on Friday, said: I have never asked anyone for help like this before. But I have lost my job and can't afford to feed my kids right now."

But I have lost my job and can't afford to feed my kids right now. You could tell that he was absolutely mortified and so humble. So many people have lost their jobs.

"We have told pensioners not to answer their door when we deliver, but one old lady insisted. We told her she shouldn't be doing that, but she replied: I just want to say thank you."

"The older generation are so apologetic when asking for help, they all say:



GAIL REDMOND: 'Dromore area hit hard by redundancies'.

I'm sorry to bother you."

Christian charity Via Wings is offering food deliveries and befriending to anyone who is self-isolating, elderly, vulnerable, an NHS employee, key workers, or those financially impacted by Covid-19.

Volunteers observe social distancing guidelines and food is carefully wiped down before being packed. Food and toiletry donations can be made

at Eurospar, Supervalu and Vivo in Dromore and Tescos (Boulevard) and Lidl in Banbridge.

Via Wings works with local schools and churches, social workers, care workers and other agencies.

"Working in unity is what our grandparents used to do, and that is what we need to get back to doing, caring for each other," Gail added.

"There is no ownership, we are just working together."

CASE STUDY NEIL MUSGROVE

AN ULTRA-MARATHON runner is putting his best foot forward after several running events planned for this year had to be cancelled or postponed.

Last year Neil Musgrove ran seven ultra-marathons and with none looking likely for this year he is running one in his back garden.

He is doing a mile a day in his back garden according to his running watch and is hoping to reach his goal of the 30 mile starting distance for an ultra marathon by the end of April.

For every mile completed, Neil is donating £5 to Leeds Cares and hopes that friends and family will join in with the challenge at their own homes and donate after every mile completed.

He said: "With no ultra-marathons to run I thought I'll run one of my own. Any experience I've had with Leeds Hospitals in the past has been positive, I want to support all of our amazing NHS staff who are currently under huge pressure and working in extremely tough circumstances.

"It is quite a few laps. All being well this takes me to a 30 mile ultra marathon distance. Yes it might get a little tedious but I am thinking of it as an ultra with a checkpoint, food and drink at every mile.

"My young niece and nephew have already got involved and I'm hoping to get my own



MARATHON MAN: Neil Musgrove putting his best foot forward for an ultra marathon in his back garden in Leeds.

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kids involved too. I'm sharing the challenge with my colleagues and running club teammates so hopefully lots of us will get involved. Make it as interesting as you like. I am thinking about obstacles, singing, dancing, whatever. I would love it if people joined in. The only rules are it has to be a minimum of one mile. It has to be fully within your own property boundary. If you don't have a garden, special dispensation is given to use your street but remember the two metre rule."

All funds raised through Neil's challenge will go towards Leeds Cares' Support Your NHS Hospitals Appeal and provide vital support to frontline staff at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

This includes, paying for care packages, assistance with travel

and accommodation where needed, as well as helping to fund other health and wellbeing initiatives to boost morale across the wards. He set a target of £750 on his JustGiving

page and has raised more than £550 already. Leeds Cares is the official charity

partner of Leeds Teaching Hospitals. The organisation supports NHS staff to deliver the best care for patients and their families, by raising funds for equipment, services, education and research.

Leeds Cares works collaboratively with all of the hospitals across Leeds (including Leeds Cancer Centre, Leeds Children's Hospital, St James' University Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary) to identify charitable projects and causes.



Nominate a community hero

Do YOU know a volunteer who deserves to be recognised for making a change in their community?

The Prime Minister recognises one person a day with a Point of Light award.

Read more or nominate someone at www.pointsoflight.gov.uk/

across our communities

CASE STUDY HARRY RAGLESS

A BOY with spina bifida and his father are both doing their bit for the community - but in completely different ways.

Harry Ragless usually spends 80 per cent of his time in a wheelchair due to his condition, which means his spine did not form properly in the womb and he has neurological damage to his legs and back and cannot feel his feet.

But inspired by the efforts of 100-year-old war veteran Captain Tom Moore, which have seen him raise around £30million for the NHS, Harry decided to raise money by walking with his frame and leg supports.

The determined six-year-old from Oaksheath Gardens in Durrington, near Worthing, has raised £2,400 and rising within days of his parents launching a fundraising page for his efforts - smashing his £100 target.

He said: "I feel really good. I was shocked."

His proud mother Selina Ragless said: "He has shocked us all. Because of his condition he tires easily but the other day he walked from our house to Vancouver Road, which is really far for him. We couldn't believe it."

As word of his exploits spread, Selina said people were coming out of their homes to applaud Harry, who attends West Park School in Marlborough Road, Goring, when he went out for a walk.

She said: "I feel overwhelmed to be honest. We owe the NHS so much; they have been there for him since he was born and will be there for him for the rest of his life. If we can give something back, that is all we want."

In fact, Harry's exploits grabbed the attention of Captain Tom himself - and his



WALKING TALL: Harry Ragless has raised £2,400 with the help of his father and his walking frame and leg supports.

picture was featured on the Second World War veteran's Instagram page.

Harry is not the only person in his family who is raising a smile in the community.

By day, his dad Steve is a warehouse manager - but during his daily walk, he dons his Stars Wars outfit to bring a bit of fun to the neighbourhood. The 45-year-old said: "I love it. From my own experience, I remember the first Comic-Con I went to in Birmingham and I saw all these stormtroopers standing outside, and I went into full fanboy mode."

The opportunity for him to get his own suit arose when a friend was selling theirs.

He said: "When I finally put it on, I just



STAR MAN: Steve in his dramatic outfit.

felt amazing in it. I love seeing the looks and smiles, and people tooting their car horns and waving. It brings a few smiles in these very strange times."

Selina came up with the idea for him to wear it after they were put in lockdown, and during their walks around the estate Steve has posed for 'socially-distant' photos with some of the children who have come out to see him.

In his spare time, Steve has donned the costume to a variety of events, including birthday parties, weddings and charity events.

When the Connaught Cinema has done showings of Star Wars films, Steve has turned up in his gear to raise money for Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, a charity which has helped Harry.

When asked if there was anything he wanted to say to the people who have donated so far to his campaign, Harry said: "Thank you."

To donate, visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/selina-ragless1](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/selina-ragless1).

CASE STUDY STENHOUSEMUIR FC

A FOOTBALL club initiative is supporting hundreds of families by delivering school meals to pupils during the coronavirus lockdown.

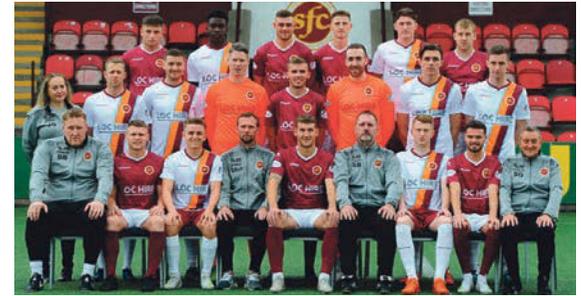
With the season shut down indefinitely, Stenhousemuir FC set up its community help hotline in mid-March to assist the most vulnerable members of society as the effects of the global pandemic began to take hold.

A 30-strong squad of volunteers was assembled in the first week to carry out everyday tasks like shopping or dog walking for those in isolation or for whom such activities would prove difficult. Since then, the number of volunteers has hit 80 although extra help remains welcome.

Government guidelines mean the volunteers can leave their homes to help a vulnerable person and, with almost every volunteer already assigned to an individual, more support is likely to be needed in the weeks ahead.

The idea has been well received by those who live in the Stenhousemuir and Larbert areas and beyond, so much so organisers opted to branch out and ease the strain on mums and dads by collecting and distributing school lunches purchased by Larbert High School to youngsters stuck at home.

Pupils from Larbert High and its cluster primaries are benefitting



ON THE BALL: Stenhousemuir FC players and coaching staff.

from the move.

On just one day last month, volunteers delivered more than 130 meals to schoolchildren.

Stenny chairman Iain McMenemy, who helped to organise the initiative, said: "We put out a few requests for further volunteers and the response to each has been really encouraging.

"We're doing one-to-one tasks for people like dog walking and shopping and we're putting in calls to make sure they're okay.

"The advice was clear: if you're going out for your own shopping, if you have to go to work, if you're going out for one bit of exercise or if you're helping a vulnerable person you're able to go out, particularly because some people have got nobody else.

"We have even had members of family from farther afield saying they have a relative in the area and they want to give you a call.

"We're still looking for volunteers as we're only in week three and the smart money is probably on this being extended for three months. We've also expanded out to do school meal deliveries for

a number of the schools. Carron Bathrooms got in touch and offered two vans so we now have three. On top of that, we're doing deliveries for Falkirk Foodbank."

Though Stenny officials admitted concerns over the impact COVID-19 would have on the club itself, their focus has always been on the "health and well-being" of the community.

When the community help initiative was first announced, Mr McMenemy wrote in a statement: "With the continuing spread of the coronavirus, Scottish football faces an uncertain future.

"It is quite clear that there will be a significant impact on football operations and finances and Stenhousemuir Football Club will no doubt be affected by this.

"However, there are other, more important matters to think about. The coronavirus is a very serious disease that will affect thousands within our communities.

"The health and well-being of friends, neighbours and members of our community should be our top priority."



HOME ADVANTAGE: Stenhousemuir players brought food directly to people's houses.

FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday May 7, 2010

Bomb closes port and town centre

The Port of Campbeltown was closed on Sunday, the centre of town cordoned off and the bomb squad called out when a dredger working in Campbeltown Loch brought more than it bargained for to the surface.

The crew of the dredger put their find on the foredeck and took its photograph with a mobile phone. Campbeltown Harbour Master Stephen Scally forwarded the photograph to the Royal Navy.

'It was enough for us to see it was a missile and to make haste and see it,' said a Royal Navy spokesman.

As the area was cleared around the Old Quay, guests at a children's party in the Victoria Hall were told to keep all three sets of doors at the front of the building closed and to use the rear exit onto Bolgam Street.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday May 5, 1995

VE Day anniversary

One of the most distinguished war records of any Campbeltonian is Major Duncan McMillan's.

Over the six years of conflict he served in France, North Africa, Italy and Austria and was promoted seven times.

While Duncan signed up as an ordinary private, by 1945 he had the unusual distinction of being plucked from the ranks to reach the rank of captain and won the prestigious Military Medal.

Duncan joined the Territorial Army in 1938, aged 18, and was called up on September 1, 1939



Ten years ago: Sergeant Mick Miller of Campbeltown Police oversaw the clearing of the town centre.

– the day the Germans invaded Poland. The following Monday, with other Campbeltown volunteers, he left on the steamer. Eventually he ended up in Aldershot for training, where he was promoted to lance corporal, and was sent over to France early in 1940.

In June, as the Germans encircled the British around Dunkirk, the 51st Highland Division fought a rearguard action while the evacuation took place. Many Campbeltown men were captured, but thanks to the bravery of Brigadier Lorne Campbell, Duncan and 200 other members of B Company were saved from spending five years in a POW camp.

Duncan still clearly remembers the time. He said: 'During the day we hid in cornfields and moved at night through the German lines. Eventually we got to Le Havre and from there a boat took us to Cherbourg. Then at Cherbourg there was a boat to take myself and the other Campbeltown lads back across the channel. And I could hardly believe which boat it was – it was the Duchess of Argyll.'

Serving in North Africa, Duncan remembered how the local lads stuck together. 'The night before the Battle of Longstop, we all had a get together,' he said, 'and one of the boys said 'how'd you like to be at Cook's Corner tonight.

That's what we used to call the corner by the Courier office. And of course we were saying this knowing we might never see it again.'

Duncan was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery at Longstop. From there he went on to fight in Sicily, where he received his first commission as a second lieutenant. Duncan then crossed the Straits of Messina to join the campaign on the Italian mainland before he finally ended up in the Austrian town of Dolsach.

'We entered the town and we were looking for somewhere to billet the soldiers,' he said. 'The Burgermaster, who was wearing his Nazi uniform, took us into the school and the children were still there. As soon as they saw him, they cried out 'Heil Hitler!'. Then we stepped in to tell them that school was over.'

At first the Austrians were suspicious of the British troops, but soon the barriers broke down and Duncan remembers his time there with affection.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday May 7, 1970

All-purpose National Insurance Office for Campeltown

National Insurance work in Argyll is to be controlled by two 'all-purpose' offices, one in Campbeltown and the other in Oban.

This proposal was outlined by Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Mr Brian O'Malley, MP of the Department of Health and Social Security, in a recent letter to Mr Michael Noble, MP for Argyll.

Mr O'Malley writes: 'Our long-term proposals are to concentrate the work of the offices at Oban, Lochgilhead and the two offices at Campbeltown in two all-purpose offices at Campbeltown and Oban.'

The Campbeltown office, Mr O'Malley indicates, will administer the mainland of Argyll south of a line from Crinan to Lochgilhead, including Lochgilhead, and Islay, Colonsay and Tiree.

The Oban office will administer all other areas of the county, with the exception of Cowal and Kinlochleven.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday May 8, 1920

8th Argylls' war record

A strong desire has been expressed by many officers and friends of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders that a Battlefield Memorial should be erected in France.

The War Office has been approached and permission obtained from the Battle Exploit Memorials Committee.

The memorial is intended as a tribute to the glorious renown of the battalion and to the memory of those who will not return.

The Battalion mobilised at Dunoon on August 5, 1914 as part of the 51st (Highland) Division, with which it remained until February, 1918.

In 1915 it shared with that famous division in the fighting round Richebourg and Festubert and in taking over the extended British front on the Somme.

In 1916 it took part in the operations on Vimy Ridge and the Labyrinth and the Battles of the Somme and the Ancre including the storming and the capture of Beaumont Hamel.

In 1917 it fought from March till June in the Battle of Arras, in course of which, on May 16, it successfully repelled a powerful German attack at Roeux Chemical Works, from July to September in the third Battle of Ypres on the Pilkem Ridge, and in November and December in the attack on Cambrai and in defensive operations against the German counter attack.

Transferred to the 61st Division in February 1918, it assisted materially in the defensive operations between St Quentin and Villers-Brettoneux, bearing the full brunt of the German shock in March.

Immediately thereafter in April and May near St Venant it stemmed the high water mark of the hostile advance.

It was then transferred to the 15th (Scottish) Division and shared in the Anglo-French operations round Buzancy, near Soissons, in July and August, 1918.

It formed part of the 5th British Army in the advance and final pursuit of the enemy until the Armistice.



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Remembering Robert

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Robert Black even a little, know what a kind-hearted gentleman he was.

He was generous, funny, always cheerful, and so often the life and soul of the party.

He would have done everything he could to help someone in need, not just in his role as a paramedic. It would be difficult to find anybody who would say a bad word about him.

Despite moving to the area as a young couple, Robert and his wife Catherine embedded themselves in the community and without doubt became 'locals', contributing so much to the area.

Robert was a part of numerous, varied organisations and groups and therefore his loss will be felt by so many in the area. Not least by his loving family and the tight-knit staff at Campbeltown Ambulance Station, who are all in our thoughts at the moment.

Each Thursday as we clap and cheer for all essential workers, let's remember Robert too. He was taken far too soon but he died a hero, giving his life to help others.

Thank you to Carradale's temporary shop staff

We are all grateful at this time for the efforts and sacrifices of everyone on the front line of the battle against COVID-19 – all NHS staff, carers and service providers. We, in the end, will owe them a debt of gratitude.

In Carradale, I suggest a vote of thanks will also be due to all the people working to serve villagers by providing us with a useful grocery shop. They are all volunteers who give of their time freely six days a week, working face-to-face with customers for no reward other than our thanks.

John Martin, Carradale.

Christ has conquered... Christ is risen from the dead

After reading Marilyn Shedden's excellent suggestion in last week's Thought for the Week that each of us consider a Bible story or text about Jesus' resurrection, I thought it would be a pity if we all kept our personal reflections to ourselves.

What if we were able to share them with each other, through the medium of the Courier? In that way, we could encourage one another with the hope-bringing good news of Jesus' resurrection.

The text I would like to share is Romans 1:4 – 'Through the Spirit of holiness, [Jesus] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.' Directly and indirectly, Jesus himself claimed he was God in a real humanity, coming as King to put things

right. On the basis of that staggering claim, Jesus said he would do a number of things. One was that anyone who puts their trust in him alone would go to be with him in heaven after death.

Jesus' claim to be God was totally rejected by the Jewish religious establishment, who engineered his execution by crucifixion. As he hung on the cross, it looked as if Jesus' claim to be God was fake. As he died, it seemed as if death had got the better of Jesus and not the other way round. On the third day God raised Jesus from the dead to announce that Jesus is exactly who he claimed to be – God – and would do precisely what he said he would do – give victory over death to all who believe in him.

Jesus brings hope because he is alive, bringing comfort and healing to broken, heavy hearts.

Stuart Townend puts it well in his jubilant Resurrection Hymn: 'Death is dead... Christ has conquered... Christ is risen from the dead!'

Dr Rodger M Crooks, Campbeltown Free Church.

Please all stay vigilant

On Monday I saw upwards of 10 naval personnel with bags from our supermarkets going in and out of our takeaways in groups, with zero social isolation and no regard for Campbeltown residents.

I contacted 101 to raise my concerns and I was impressed by the response. I had a call back from the on-duty sergeant within 20 minutes stating he had spoken to the ship's captain and he will now only allow two crew members out at any one time. I would of thought the Navy would know better. Please all stay vigilant.

Jason Woods, Campbeltown.

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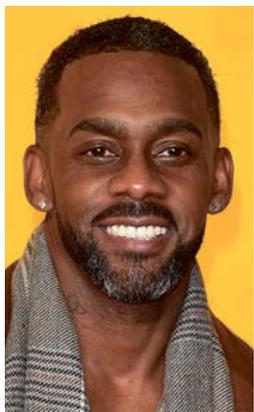


Your weekly puzzle challenge

No. 1464

Quiz Challenge

1. What was the married surname of the actress born Sarah Kemble, who lived from 1755 to 1831?
2. Sika and muntjac are species of which animal?
3. Name the only country in Central America not to have a Pacific coastline.
4. From 1982 to 1989, which former BBC newsreader hosted the Channel 4 game show Treasure Hunt?
5. Comedian Richard Blackwood played a character named Vincent Hubbard in which TV soap opera?



Richard Blackwood – see Question 5

6. The vocal chords are found in which organ of the human body?
7. Whose 1981 version of the song Begin the Beguine topped the UK singles chart?
8. Which actress described her role in the Harry Potter films as “Miss Jean Brodie in a wizard’s hat”?
9. What A is a company which operates the US passenger railway system?
10. Name the winner of the Wimbledon 1997 ladies’ singles who was sometimes known as ‘The Swiss Miss’.

BOX CLEVER

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Fill the 6x6 grid with as many boxes as there are numbers printed. Each box must be either square or rectangular and must contain just one of the numbers. The numbers show how many squares there should be in each box.

COMMON LINK

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

1. What name is given to a female swan?
2. Comma, Grayling and Grizzled Skipper are all species of what type of insect?
3. Which character in Charles Dickens’s novel Great Expectations is described as a ‘pale young gentleman’ who challenges Pip to a fight?
4. What is the name of the Scottish biscuit traditionally made with white sugar, butter and oat flour?
5. Who directed the 1968 sci-fi movie 2001: A Space Odyssey?

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BOX CLEVER

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- COMMON LINK
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 - 2 Butterfly;
 - 3 Herbert Pocket;
 - 4 Shortbread;
 - 5 Stanley;
 - Kubrick.

QUIZ CHALLENGE
1 Sidons; 2 Deer; 3 Belize; 4 Kenneth Kendall; 5 Eastenders; 6 Larynx; 7 Julio Iglesias; 8 Dame Maggie Smith (plays Professor McGonagall); 9 Amtrak; 10 Martina Hingis.

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- Trained counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday and our service is open to any unpaid adult carers that needs support.

The Outreach/Support Team

This team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

Our website – www.dochasfund.org.uk and Facebook pages will be updated regularly with information and advice.

The outreach/support team can be contacted via the telephone number 01546 600022 or by emailing -enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk

The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone.

Our volunteer Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service.

If you have an interest in this service Ryan can be contacted via the telephone number 01546 600022

The Dochas Counselling team

The team are keeping up with their existing clients and people who are contacting them via the counselling service.

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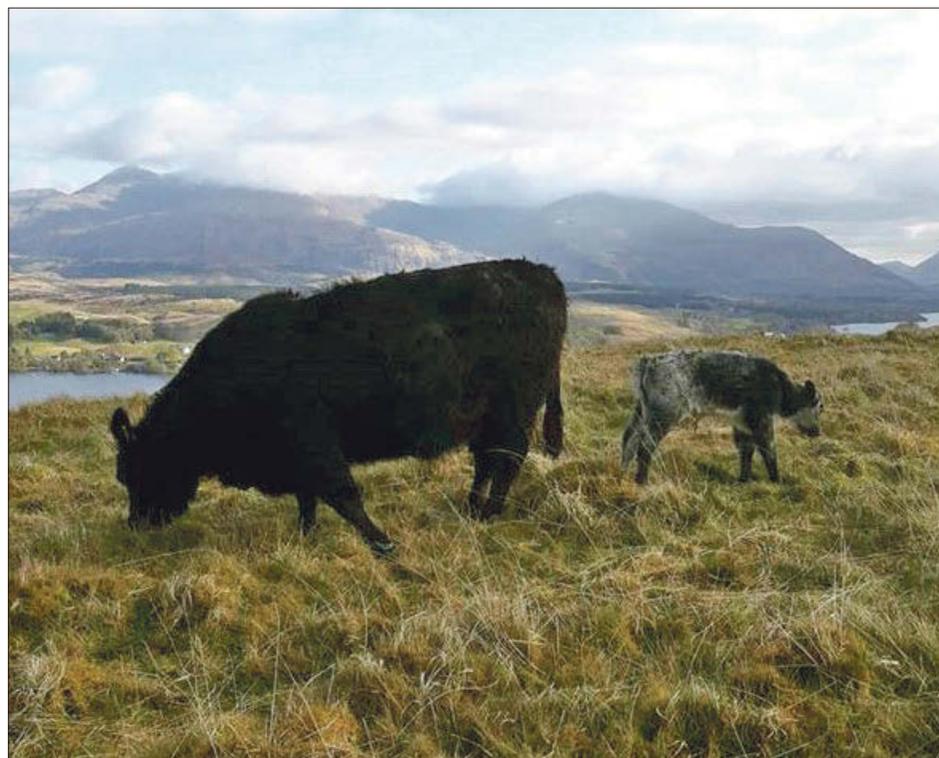
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Mum and daughter oblivious to the stunning view around them.

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By comparing their performance against national performance levels, they can identify opportunities for improvement.

The Farm Business Survey is

carried out by SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), and is funded by the Scottish Government's Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services team.

Keve Bevan, Principal Consultant at SAC Consulting, said: 'Looking for opportunities to lift profitability has never been more important given uncertainties created by COVID-19 and Brexit, but any search depends on knowing how well your farm is currently performing.'

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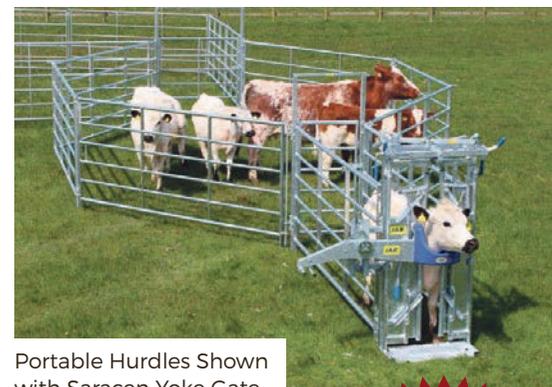
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Bill retires from auction firm after 50 years in agriculture

Bill Jamieson is to retire from United Auctions after an illustrious 50-year career in agriculture.

An integral part of the sales team, sales executive Bill Jamieson was originally planning to work his last day at United Auctions on May 27 at the sale of store cattle at Stirling Agricultural Centre – two days after his 70th birthday.

The coronavirus outbreak put paid to that, however, and he will now be marking his last official day with the company from home.

Glasgow-born Bill has lived in Stirling since he started working with the company at Kildean mart in July 1989 after 20 years in farming.

Bill said: 'Farming was all I wanted to do since the age of seven when we went on holiday to Catacol Farm on the Isle of Arran.

'It was a fantastic education

each year because we helped them do everything.'

From 1969, Bill worked in various farming roles from dairyman at Camsiscan Farm near Kilmarnock, to farm manager at Sir William Lithgow's Drums Farms at Langbank and at Castlesteads Estate in Cumbria.

Position

In 1989, the late auctioneer Jimmy Weir encouraged Bill to apply for a position at the livestock auctioneering firm.

'I started out at United Auctions as market superintendent, staffing and running the yard at Kildean, Dalmally and on the island sales,' said Bill.

'The sales team knew I had good farming connections in Ayrshire so I soon became a canvasser there which expanded to drawing customers from Arran and over the years I've got business in from

Wigtownshire, Fife and up to Dalmally.'

He explained: 'The rostrum role is not for me. I'm good at communicating with people and a lot of my customers have stuck with me long-term and become good friends.'

Bill also made farming connections playing rugby. As well as playing at school and agricultural college, he played for Kilmarnock RFC from 1972-77 and was a top-five try scorer in the top divisions of Scottish rugby.

George Purves, managing director of United Auctions, said: 'Bill has been a valued member of our team for 30 years. In recent times he has been a mentor for some of our young team, sharing his knowledge and professionalism. With his great sense of humour, Bill always looks to lighten the moment, and he will leave a fantastic legacy

that will be with us for years to come. Although it will be a bittersweet day not being able to celebrate with him in person, we wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.'

Reflecting on his long career, Bill said: 'It's a great job – hard work and long hours, but good fun.

'It's been terrific getting out and about meeting people and making lasting friendships. There have been some real ups and downs in the industry over the years, but we've come through it and way beyond because everyone has worked together as a team to keep it going and make the company what it is today.

'Now it's time for me to step aside and spend time with the family.'

Right: Bill Jamieson – a well known and popular figure.



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Speed limits still matter during the Coronavirus lockdown

Road safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is asking drivers to pay close attention to the speeds they use while out and about during the current period of lockdown.

GEM says that speed limits continue to apply and that ignoring them brings significantly increased risks.

In London alone, for example, eight people have died and many others have been seriously injured in road collisions, with speeding being the most frequent factor identified by police.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth commented: 'Restrictions on movement in the past three weeks have led to sharp drops in vehicle use.

But police chiefs across the country have been sharing examples of shocking behaviour by drivers who appear to be using the quieter roads as an opportunity to flout the speed limits.

'Speeding increases the risk of a collision which could lead to a serious injury or even a fatality. In today's climate that puts

unnecessary pressure on the NHS and could potentially deprive a desperate COVID-19 patient of vital medical care. We can help reduce this pressure if we are on essential journeys in the coming days and weeks – by respecting all speed limits, by challenging others who don't see speeding as a problem and by treating all speeding as socially unacceptable.'

GEM's top tips for slowing down

- Don't rush on a journey. Leave earlier and ensure you have plenty of time, with no reason to speed.
- Keep a close eye out for speed limit signs, and watch for clues that the speed limit may soon be about to change.
- Scan the speedometer frequently so you always know your own speed.
- Always ask yourself: is my speed both legal and safe? After all, the speed limit is just that – a limit, not a target, and there will be circumstances when you will feel much safer driving below the limit.



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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00599/PP	Erection of extension	Site 3 Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RR
20/00710/PP	Re-painting of shopfront	U Bet Jackpots 11 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AD
20/00665/PP	Use of land for the siting of 14no temporary cabins for the period May 2020 - May 2022 including associated car parking arrangements	Sinclair's Yard Furnace Argyll And Bute
20/00616/PP	Erection of dwelling house with integral garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of access.	Plot 2 Land North Of Barr Na Criche House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll And Bute

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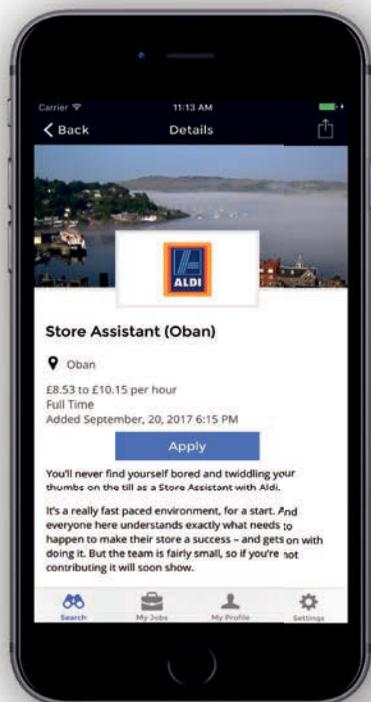
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As the seagulls swoop and dive,
The breeze whispers very softly,
That nature is alive.
Sunshine dances on the islands,
As it finds the bluebells' haze,
Sparks the colours in the sea,
Then sets the sky ablaze.
The night sky is like velvet,
The stars have never been so bright,
For there is no pollution,
To dissipate the light.
But the world seems lost and lonely,
The human voice a hush,
Time is caught suspended,
No one needs to rush.
How long till this is over,
Till our freedom is restored,
Till fear won't haunt our every move,
And our doubts can be ignored?
When will our spirits soar once more,
When will our hearts rejoice,
At all the simple things we did,
In the days when there was choice?
So maybe in the future time,
When COVID is well o'er,
When we can walk and shop again,
And masks will be no more.
Perhaps we will remember
The sacrifices made,
By all who gave their everything -
Don't let their memory fade.
And when the world is free again,
When we can dine and dance,
When we can open wide our doors,
This is our second chance.
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To enfold with love and care,
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Ross honoured with award nomination

Tarbert fish farmer Ross Fennell has been named as a finalist in the Finfish Farmer of the Year award at this year's Aquaculture Awards.

Ross, 28, who works at Loch Striven, is a marine site manager at the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) and was nominated for the prestigious award because of his unwavering drive to implement positive changes across SSC's marine sites.

A SSC spokesperson said: 'Ross's vast knowledge extends to all areas of marine farming and he is committed to supporting colleagues and providing training to new members of staff.'

Ross said: 'To be shortlisted in the Aquaculture Awards for Finfish Farmer of the Year is a real honour.'

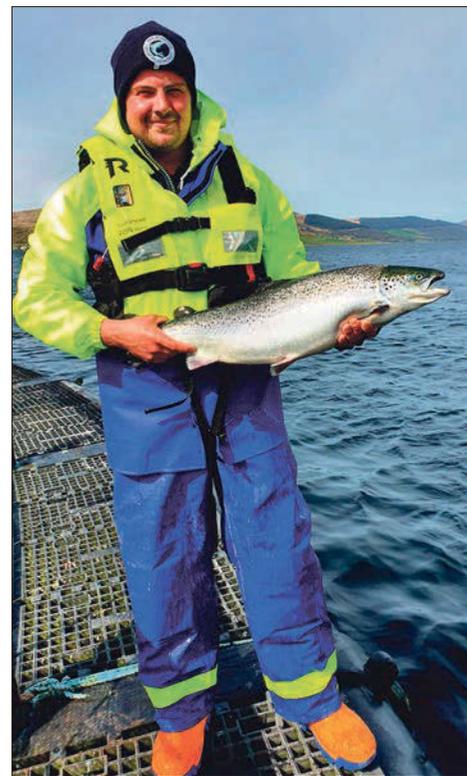
'I never expected to reach the final. The salmon sector is so important to Scotland. I'm proud to be part of this industry.'

'The team I work with at the SSC are second to none and working with them is a pleasure. Getting up in the morning to go and do a rewarding job is great.'

Iain MacIntyre, head of production south at the SSC, said: 'I'm proud to see Ross shortlisted for Farmer of the Year in recognition of his work ethic and passion for the job.'

'It was clear at an early stage Ross had the potential to become a site manager. He joined our team on Arran as a marine operative in 2013, was promoted to senior marine operative on Gigha in 2018 and is currently site manager at our Striven sites.'

The SSC has also been shortlisted for the Community Initiative Award and the Economic



Tarbert-based fish farmer Ross Fennell.

Sustainability Award for its work with the Outer Hebrides Local Energy Hub (OHLEH) project, as well as the Economic Sustainability category

for its Freshwater, Broodstock and Marine Competency Frameworks to support staff training and development.

The Aquaculture Awards celebrate the range of talent and cutting-edge advances in technology involved in the global aquaculture sector and are judged by a panel of experts from across the industry.

Created to encourage collaborative solutions to waste management and energy challenges, the OHLEH project is the first of its kind in Scotland.

The initiative is delivered by SSC in partnership with Pure Energy Centre, Community Energy Scotland and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and is funded by the Scottish Government Local Energy Challenge Fund.

SSC's Freshwater, Broodstock and Marine Competency Frameworks set out comprehensive standards for assessing and developing staff across all levels of its operations and provides 'a clear, progressive career path aligned with relevant training requirements to support staff in achieving their potential'.

Cheri Arvonio, event director at the Aquaculture Awards, said: 'The awards are a fantastic way to recognise the achievements of stand-out individuals making an exceptional contribution to the industry.'

'Once again, the quality of this year's awards entries has been outstanding. Congratulations and good luck to our shortlisted finalists.'

The winners will be announced at a dinner on Wednesday September 16 during the Aquaculture UK exhibition in Aviemore.

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BIRTHS

GALLAGHER - David and Becky are delighted to announce the birth of Alice Eloise Gallagher on April 29, 2020, a sister for Jamie and first granddaughter for Jane and Sid.

DEATHS

BLACK - At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Glasgow on May 2, 2020, after having fought so hard to come home to his family, Robert Campbell Black, in his 53rd year, 3 Hutcheon Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Catherine, devoted father to Lorna and Andrew, much loved brother of Macolm and Sheena and a good friend to everyone who knew him. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

ELLIOTT - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on April 27, 2020, Sarah Elliott, in her 80th year, Flat 6 Greenwood, Woodlands Drive, Campbeltown, a dear sister, aunt and friend to all who knew her. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

LIVINGSTONE - Alasdair James. Peacefully at St. Gemma's Hospice, Leeds on April 29, 2020, Alasdair Livingstone, loving husband to Jo and father to Henry, beloved son of Andrew and the late Christine, special brother to Susan, greatly loved by Alison, Andrew and Jen, all their families and many other relatives. The funeral is private due

to current restrictions and will be held on May 18 in Harrogate. Sincere thanks to all the staff at the Bexley Wing, St James's Hospital, Leeds and St Gemma's Hospice.

MACKENZIE - Suddenly at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, on May 3, 2020, Kerry MacKenzie, in her 52nd year, 38 Tormhor, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of Arthur MacKenzie (Jock) and much loved mother of Steven, Jacob, Vanessa and Tina. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

THOMSON - Peacefully at her home on May 1, 2020, Marion Pauline Thomson, née Leitch, in her 85th year, of 24 Kilmartin, Argyll and formerly The Cairn Restaurant. Beloved wife of the late Ian Thomson. Adored mother of Gillian, Graeme and Amanda. Cherished Nanny of Douglas, Kirsten, Louis, Ian, Tessa and Zoe. Much loved daughter of the late William and Ruby Leitch and dear sister of the late Burton Leitch. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Marion will be sadly missed by all who knew her. In line with current government restrictions a private family service will be held at Kilmartin Cemetery on Friday, May 8, 2020.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THOMSON - The family of the late John Thomson (Ian) would like to express their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for phone calls, cards, flowers, hampers, sandwiches and baking they received following the sudden death of their dad. Special thanks to all the paramedics and Peter who attended to Dad on Saturday. We would like to express our gratitude to the Carr Gomm Team, Argyll and Bute Homecare Team, Mari Allibone and the district nurses whose care and attention was first class and allowed Dad to be at home. Also to all the doctors, Campbeltown Hospital staff, OT and Physio departments for all their care given to Dad over the years. Heartfelt thanks to his dear friends Cathie and Davie, Duncan and Margaret, Mhairi and his niece Gavina who were so kind to Dad with their daily and weekly visits. Thanks also to Rev. William Crossan for his kind words and comforting graveside service. To Kenneth Blair and family for their professional support and guidance. Thanks also to the graveyard workers. Lastly to everyone who came out to show their respects to Dad which overwhelmed us and made it that bit more special in these difficult circumstances. Dad will be sorely missed by many. Thanks again and stay safe to all of you.

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Two babies were in the womb. One asked the other "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied "Of course, there has to be something after delivery." The first replied "Nonsense, there is no life after delivery."

The second responded "I don't know, but maybe we will walk with our legs and eat through our mouths."

"That is absurd", the first replied. "The umbilical cord supplies our needs. Life after delivery is not logical. After all, no-one has ever come back to tell us."

"Well, I don't know" replied the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother."

"You actually believe in Mother?" responded the first. "That is laughable. If Mother exists, where is she?"

"She is all around us. We are surrounded by her." Said the first "Well, I don't see her, so it is only logical she does not exist." To which the second replied "Sometimes when it is quiet, you can feel her presence and you can hear her loving voice calling."

This week would have seen a commemoration of VE Day, the start of Christian Aid week, and lots of other events. Instead we are still in lockdown, and

aware of a great deal of sadness, even in our own communities. And some will ask, "Why did God allow all this?"

To me, that is to ask the wrong question. We can see the effect of God in the caring and sharing, the rallying around of so many people; in the courage of our NHS workers. A survey last week (quoted on Radio 4) indicated 25% of the UK population are watching on-line worship services, and 44% are praying regularly.

The question I want to ask is "What does God want us to learn from this experience?" Perhaps that we need to continue caring, helping, looking out for each other and the planet, and continue to acknowledge the love of God which so many are re-discovering, even when the crisis is over.

The God I believe in promises "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6) and came to earth as Jesus to assure us "I am with you always to the end of time."

Revd Steve Fulcher,
Church of Scotland South Kintyre Team Ministry, serving the Parishes of - Campbeltown Highland, Carradale and Southend.



Runners keep on track as club switches online

Awards 'presented' at virtual Campbeltown annual general meeting

Social distancing may have prevented members of Campbeltown Running Club from gathering for their annual general meeting, but it did not stop them holding the meeting via video conferencing platform Zoom.

A good number of members took part and the busy agenda included discussions about past and future fundraising, annual awards and virtual training plans.

With fundraising high on many agendas, it was noted Campbeltown Running Club donated £100 from the proceeds of its annual Slog in the Sand 10K race to Campbeltown Hospital. Plans are being made for another fundraising event for local causes.

The annual awards were announced at the annual general meeting with Garry Muir awarded 'performance of the year' for wins in the Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon, the Mull of Kintyre Run Half Marathon and Tiree 10K. The 'most improved' award was presented to Alan Anderson who has shown great commitment to his training since joining the club. Alan was due to represent the club at the London Marathon in April but the event has been postponed until October. Everyone wished Alan good luck with his continued training. Stewart



Garry Muir, who won the 'performance of the year' award, crossing the finish line in last year's Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon.



Alan Anderson won the club's 'most improved' award.



Stewart Ireland was named 'club member of the year'.

Ireland was named 'club member of the year' for his work as a committee member and for organising the popular handicap series over the summer.

It is hoped award winners will celebrate together in the near future.

As a result of the coronavirus lockdown, members are limited as to what they can do 'together' but virtual

races and challenges are being held. Scottish Athletics held a virtual 15-minute team challenge which involved athletes running as fast as possible for 15 minutes and sending their recorded runs to Scottish Athletics. Seventy eight clubs took part with Campbeltown Running Club finishing in a respectable 32nd place.

A club spokesperson said:

'As we are all trying to get our daily exercise in lockdown it was decided this year's club fee would be reduced to £10. This offer is open to all existing, returning and new members.'

'Campbeltown Running Club will continue to post training calendars on its website and hold virtual events for members. It is hoped the club can welcome new runners who

can enjoy participating in the virtual challenges and race against themselves for new personal bests and compete in handicapped events.

'If there was ever a time to rise to the challenge and get involved with your local running club this is it.'

To take advantage of this offer, search for Campbeltown Running Club Membership

20/21 on the Entry Central website on the following link: <https://www.entrycentral.com/club/112346>



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