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Remembering the heroes of Saint Valéry-en-Caux

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Members of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will join hundreds of pipers from around the world to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Second World War battle of Saint Valéry-en-Caux, which involved almost 100 men from Kintyre.

More than 200 pipers from 16 countries across five continents have already signed up to play the haunting pipers' march, Heroes of St Valéry, on June 12 in honour of the soldiers of the 51st Highland Division who were killed, wounded and captured in 1940.

Organisers hope, given the level of interest, it could end up being the biggest pipe-playing event in history.

The song, written by Lewis-born Pipe Major Donald MacLean who was captured at the battle, has been arranged for the occasion by musician

Members of schools pipe band join world pipers to commemorate 80th anniversary of battle

Barry Young, who works with the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, and whose Campbeltown grandfather, Sergeant John McMillan, was also captured at St Valéry.

The battle was one of the biggest setbacks of the Second World War. A week after the mass evacuations from Dunkirk, the 51st Highland Division remained on the continent under French command. They put up a fierce final defence against the Nazi onslaught but, after more than ten days of intense fighting, with the men exhausted and depleted of ammunition, plans for a Dunkirk-style evacuation were put in place.

A combination of poor

weather and the proximity of German artillery made escape impossible and the division was forced to surrender on June 12, 1940, following a final battle at St Valéry.

Campbeltown stalwart George McMillan, who is Mr Young's uncle and Sergeant McMillan's son, shared the experiences of his father and his fellow Campbeltown soldiers 80 years ago.

He said: 'They fought for 10 days but had to surrender. A number were killed, quite a few were injured and the rest were taken prisoner. It was a disaster because what happened was unquestionably that the 51st Highland Division

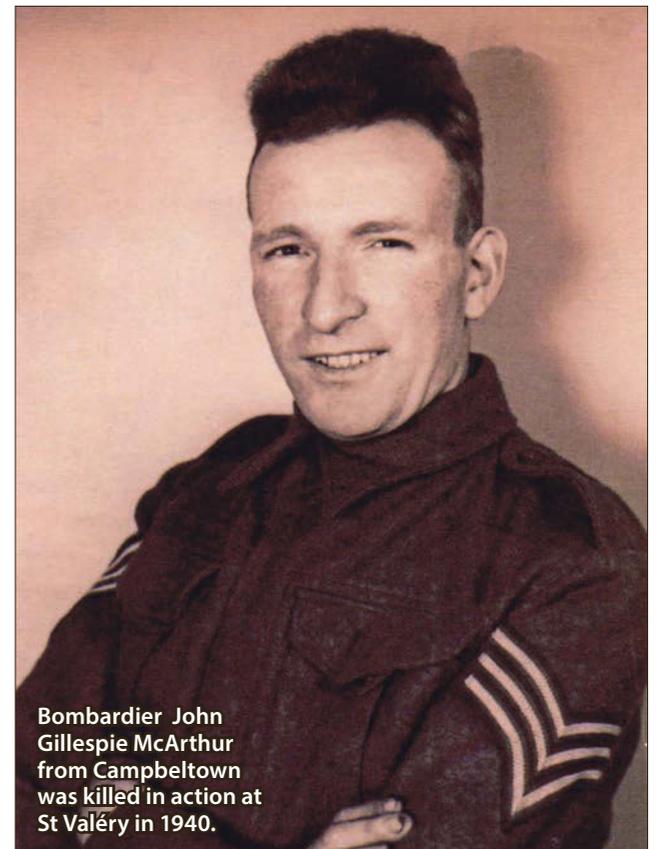
was sacrificed to keep the Germans back. They had no ammunition, no guns, nothing at all, while the Germans had hundreds of tanks.

'The wounded were taken back home but the rest were taken to prisoner of war camps. My father was captured and sent to Poland, to Stalag XXI-B. He was allowed to write one letter or postcard a month, which I used to receive.

'I think there were about eight or 10 other Campbeltown men there with him, at that same camp. They always kept in touch with one another.'

Another Campbeltown man remembering his loved one's service at St Valéry is Jimi McCallum, whose grandfather, Gunner James Cunningham, was also taken prisoner. Gunner Cunningham's wife Agnes was told on June 15, 1940 that he was missing and she assumed he had died until being told on December 2, 1941 that he was a prisoner of war.

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Bombardier John Gillespie McArthur from Campbeltown was killed in action at St Valéry in 1940.

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Stalking and assault

Between October 2019 and May 2020, in Campbeltown, an 85-year-old man allegedly stalked woman. He also allegedly assaulted her in December 2019. The man was cautioned and charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Sheep attack

Police are investigating after a sheep was found to have sustained injuries allegedly caused by a dog at about 6.30pm on Tuesday May 26, in a field near High Ronachan, Clachan.

Abusive behaviour

Two men, aged 20 and 40, behaved in an abusive manner at about 3.30pm on Thursday May 28, at Ralston Road, Campbeltown. Police arrested both men and they were subsequently issued with fixed penalty notices.

Police are asking anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Council urges caution as lockdown restrictions eased

Argyll and Bute Council is urging people to act responsibly and follow national guidance after a busy weekend at popular beauty spots as lockdown rules are relaxed.

As of last Friday, May 29, the regulations on meeting other people in Scotland were changed to allow one household to meet another household outside in parks or gardens.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon advised that the total number of people gathering should be a maximum of eight or lower if possible.

She added that people should 'always meet outdoors' and always keep two metres away from the other household.

'We are not saying you must pick one household and only meet the same one but we are saying that you should not meet with more than one other household at a time,' she said.

'This will not be the law - but



Councillor Robin Currie is urging people to follow government advice.

we strongly recommend you do not meet with more than one other household per day.'

Sitting and sunbathing in parks and 'open areas' is also allowed, as are some 'non-contact outdoor leisure activities' including golf, tennis, bowls and fishing - see the back page for more information.

People will be able to travel 'preferably by walking or

cycling', Ms Sturgeon said, to a location 'near' their local community.

'We are not setting a fixed distance limit in law but our strong advice is not to travel further than about five miles for leisure or recreation,' the First Minister said. 'And it's still the case you should not go to our island communities except for essential reasons.'

She added: 'We simply don't want, in this phase, to see large numbers of people at tourist hotspots or local beauty spots.'

'Crowds of people, even if they are trying to socially distance, bring more risk than we judge is acceptable and safe at this point.'

'We are asking you, for now, to please stay within or close to your own local area and don't use public transport unless it is absolutely necessary.'

The weekend's warm weather brought high volumes of visitors to Argyll, to areas

including Luss and Arrochar which in turn created antisocial issues including parking congestion and littering in the village and across beaches.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie, the council's policy lead for roads and infrastructure, said: 'It is disappointing that some people chose to ignore national advice and clearly travelled more than five miles to visit.'

'We cannot be complacent whilst the risk of infection remains. The reckless actions of a few may impact us all. Ignoring advice to stay local will simply delay our recovery and have a further impact on the economy.'

'We understand that people are desperate to enjoy being outdoors but we still need to exercise caution and help protect our rural communities. Our car parks and toilets remain closed so please think very carefully before making a

journey.

'Our local economy depends on the tourism industry and we are just as keen as everyone to welcome people back to the area, but only when it is safe.'

The council will continue to work closely with Police Scotland to monitor antisocial behaviour and is dedicating extra resources to popular sites this weekend, by having more wardens on site.

At the time of going to print, national guidance remained: stay at home as much as possible; stay local, with a five-mile limit recommended; avoid busy and popular beauty spots; and keep two metres apart.

For the latest government advice, visit <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19>

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Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Mon, 1 Jun 2020				14:10	11:10	16:40
Tue, 2 Jun 2020				15:11	12:11	17:41
Wed, 3 Jun 2020				16:04	13:04	18:34
Thu, 4 Jun 2020				16:53	13:53	19:23
Fri, 5 Jun 2020	05:28	02:28	07:58	17:40	14:40	20:10
Sat, 6 Jun 2020	06:13	03:13	08:43	18:25	15:25	20:55
Sun, 7 Jun 2020	06:57	03:57	09:27	19:10	16:10	21:40
Mon, 8 Jun 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11	19:56	16:56	22:26
Tue, 9 Jun 2020	08:25	05:25	10:55	20:43	17:43	23:13
Wed, 10 Jun 2020	09:12	06:12	11:42	21:30	18:30	00:00
Thu, 11 Jun 2020	10:04	07:04	12:34			
Fri, 12 Jun 2020	11:01	08:01	13:31			
Sat, 13 Jun 2020	12:05	09:05	14:35			
Sun, 14 Jun 2020				13:09	10:09	15:39
Mon, 15 Jun 2020				14:08	11:08	16:38
Tue, 16 Jun 2020				15:00	12:00	17:30
Wed, 17 Jun 2020				15:46	12:46	18:16
Thu, 18 Jun 2020				16:29	13:29	18:59
Fri, 19 Jun 2020				17:08	14:08	19:38
Sat, 20 Jun 2020	05:27	02:27	07:57	17:45	14:45	20:15
Sun, 21 Jun 2020	06:01	03:01	08:31	18:21	15:21	20:51
Mon, 22 Jun 2020	06:37	03:37	09:07	19:00	16:00	21:30
Tue, 23 Jun 2020	07:16	04:16	09:46	19:43	16:43	22:13
Wed, 24 Jun 2020	07:59	04:59	10:29	20:30	17:30	23:00
Thu, 25 Jun 2020	08:46	05:46	11:16	21:20	18:20	23:50
Fri, 26 Jun 2020	09:37	06:37	12:07	22:12	19:12	00:42
Sat, 27 Jun 2020	10:32	07:32	13:02	23:07	20:07	01:37
Sun, 28 Jun 2020	11:32	08:32	14:02			
Mon, 29 Jun 2020	12:36	09:36	15:06			
Tue, 30 Jun 2020				13:42	10:42	16:12

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Kintyre Way needs your support

Kintyre is lucky to have its very own 100-mile long-distance route, covering an ever-changing landscape ranging from hills to shores and forests to lochs, with views of all the islands around the peninsula, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The Kintyre Way is a fantastic resource on the doorstep, a place to walk, run, cycle or horse ride. It showcases local history with castles, an abbey, standing stones and much more.

But to keep it that way the Kintyre Way needs your help from today, June 5, to July 16.

Public support will help to secure funding from the Calor Rural Community Support Fund. Calor and Crowdfunder have provided a project page for each of the projects - every like and share on the Kintyre Way project page secures two points and for every donation pledged on the Crowdfunder link, 10 points are received, regardless of the size of the donation although each person can only donate one.

In the current climate people may be watching what they spend, but a donation of just £1 is all that's needed to secure the 10 points. Topping the points chart with Calor keeps the Kintyre Way in with a



The Kintyre Way covers a wide range of landscapes.

chance of £2,500 from the Calor Fund.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.communityfund.calor.co.uk/the-kintyre-way-a-walk-on-the-wild-side

or www.facebook.com/kintyreway

Is there a ring of truth in Denzil's latest thriller?

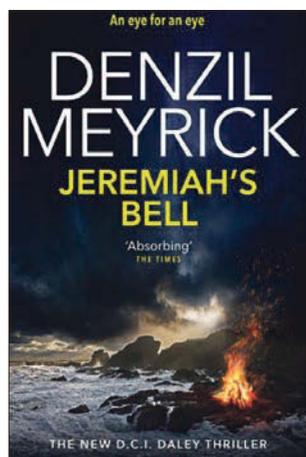
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Despite being one of Scotland's best-selling crime fiction authors, with sales of his acclaimed DCI Daley novels soaring above one million copies worldwide, Denzil Meyrick insists he will always have time for his fans and friends at home in Campbeltown.

The author, who now lives on Loch Lomondside with his wife Fiona, spoke to the Courier on Monday ahead of yesterday's launch of the eighth instalment of his celebrated book series.

Jeremiah's Bell explores the events surrounding the arrival of rich American hotelier Alice Wenger in Kinloch, the series' fictional town which is based on Campbeltown.

Meanwhile, the secretive Doig family live a solitary existence on a remote part of the Kintyre peninsula, without



Jeremiah's Bell was released yesterday.

even the basic amenities of modern life. After the family's patriarch falls to his death, secrets of stolen gold, whisky smuggling, shipwrecks and brutal events going back decades begin to emerge.

With emotions running

high in Kinloch Police Office, the team must put aside their own problems and get to the bottom of a sickening crime.

Denzil describes the book as 'a wee bit darker' than those which precede it in the series.

He said: 'Some of the books are painted on a bigger canvas, with a lot of characters, but this one is a bit more focused on this family and its relationship with this woman.'

Denzil explained the book also delves into fascinating issues, such as prohibition and unorthodox medical practices.

He said: 'During prohibition, Campbeltown was a major supplier of whisky to the gangsters in America, and it's no coincidence that not long after prohibition stopped, Campbeltown, which at one point had 32 distilleries, had very, very few.'

'There is also a wee bit about a terrible medical technique used on people suffering from

depression to insomnia, which I discovered and was horrified by. I thought I had to include it in a book, not only because it would make a good story but also to expose the practice that had gone on and still does in some parts of the world.'

'It's got a wee bit for everyone – there is still the humour and the local warmth and the scenery, everything people expect from the previous books.'

Crucially, Denzil revealed readers will quickly discover the outcome of the cliffhanger from the previous book, *A Breath on Dying Embers*.

'I try to make every book a wee bit different,' he added, 'to keep them fresh and the readers entertained. A lot of writers find a formula and stick to it – I never want to fall into that trap.'

'When you have long-running characters like I have, you want them to do something unexpected and different. That

happens in this book – things that you think are there forever and are permanent, aren't necessarily so.'

The book has already had some great reviews, being described as 'absorbing' by The Times, 'compelling' by Publishers Weekly, and 'spell-binding' by the Sunday Post.

Due to the restrictions in place because of coronavirus, there will be no official book launch to mark the release of Jeremiah's Bell, but there will be plenty of digital offerings to satisfy fans looking for more.

Denzil planned to share an interview he recorded with Stuart Cosgrove, of Off the Ball fame, on his YouTube channel, his website and on his social media feeds on the day of publication, as well as hosting a live question and answer session on Facebook.

He added: 'I like to come home to do book launch events because without Campbeltown

and Kintyre I probably wouldn't have gotten where I am. People really got behind the first book so I always like to come home and touch base.'

'But books seem very unimportant at a time like this. There is far more going on, like the tragedies that are happening all over the world.'

Denzil believes many people have either rediscovered the joys of reading or are experiencing it for the first time in a bid to battle the boredom of lockdown.

Asked if he is enjoying more free time himself, Denzil said he is as busy as ever, having just finished writing a novella, set in 1967 and featuring a young Hamish, as well as another novel which is about Paisley gangsters.

And it looks like Denzil won't have time for a rest anytime soon as he has lots of exciting projects in the pipeline – watch this space for more news.

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Health chief says sorry over work bullying

The most senior healthcare official in Argyll and Bute has apologised to NHS staff in the area who have experienced bullying at work.

Joanna McDonald, chief officer at Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), also pledged to take action after a report revealed 68 per cent of workers who responded to a survey had been bullied during their time working for the HSCP.

A total of 446 employees, 29 per cent of the NHS workforce in the HSCP, responded to the independent survey, along

with 62 former colleagues. A report had previously branded the figures 'deeply concerning'.

The survey did not include the 770 Argyll and Bute Council social care staff who work with the HSCP but Ms McDonald pledged all further research will include those workers.

Discussion

Discussion of the report took place at a meeting of the partnership's integration joint board (IJB) conducted via Skype on Wednesday May 27.

Ms McDonald said: 'I would like to apologise to all staff

who have experienced bullying or harassment. Having been here for 20 months, I am really disappointed we haven't seen the level of improvement we would have liked and staff are experiencing bullying in a way we don't expect.

'I have given a commitment that the plan of action will reflect the voices of all those people who have given their experiences in such a brave way.

'We also heard from staff who previously worked in Argyll and Bute and that has enabled us to have a good

understanding of our areas for improvement. We have 1,540 health colleagues and 770 council colleagues. The council staff were not included as this was a follow-on from the Sturrock Review into NHS Highland.

'But everything going forward will be across the partnership. I want this to be a partnership that people are proud to work for.'

Distressing

In a report published for the meeting, Ms McDonald also said: 'It is distressing to see a significant number of our

colleagues have experienced bullying and harassment and addressing the implications of this report is our highest priority.

'We would like to thank those who have responded to the survey.

'We know how challenging it is for colleagues to confront the issues they are sharing with us.

'We will work in close partnership with colleagues and stakeholders across all of the organisations to deliver the actions necessary to achieve a culture based on dignity

and respect for each other.' The report also said: 'On Friday May 15, NHS Highland held a board development session to hear the outcome of the Argyll and Bute Culture Survey.

'The survey was carried out as a specific action resulting from the Sturrock Review.

'We will be working hard to ensure the culture across all of the Argyll and Bute HSCP is one where colleagues are treated fairly and with kindness and caring, dignity and respect and are focused on working together for a common purpose.'

Delight as student nurse opts to remain at hospital

Despite being allowed to return home when lockdown began, a nursing student has chosen to return to Campbeltown Hospital to help out during the coronavirus pandemic, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Andrea Spinoche, a second-year University of the West of Scotland (UWS) student nurse, was on a placement at the hospital when she was informed by the university her placement was to end and she was to return home to Glasgow in line with COVID-19 guidelines.

Andrea was enjoying her time at the hospital and wanted to stay in Campbeltown to help out, so she asked for permission from the UWS to stay in the town.

Andrea said: 'It's a pleasure for me to be part of such a special team here at the hospital and to do what I can for the community during my studies, especially during these unprecedented times.'

'The sister of the ward, Catriona Watt, and everyone else in the team has made me so welcome and I'm very grateful for that. My mentor, Maggie Thomson, has given me tremendous guidance and support. All of the staff have really stuck together.'

'Campbeltown is such a lovely place with lovely people. You really feel the community spirit here.'

Ms Watt, senior charge nurse, inpatient services,



Andrea Spinoche.

Campbeltown Hospital, said: 'Today's challenges have created a unique learning and development opportunity for final year student nurses. The Health and Social Care Partnership remains committed to ensuring all our students are supported during this time and that they all have a positive experience.'

'It has been a pleasure working closely with Andrea. She has the qualities we all associate with nurses. She has worked tirelessly over the past few months showing her courage, dedication and positive attitude. We are all so lucky to have her.'

Make time to clear your head

The coronavirus pandemic has changed life for everyone in Scotland and had a real impact on how many of us are feeling.

Not being able to see friends and family over the past few weeks, the loss of livelihoods and for some the pain and loss of health and loved ones, has understandably resulted in feelings of anxiety, grief, worry and frustration.

Some people will have felt low whilst coping with the necessary restrictions, maybe struggling with their emotions for the first time and finding themselves angry or upset for no reason.

As the nation moves into the first phase of easing lockdown restrictions, the coming weeks may bring a mixture of different feelings and emotions as people start to think about going outside again – but there are things that can be done to make it easier, with help and support available.

The Scottish Government's Clear Your Head campaign provides practical tips on the things we can do to feel better, reminding people that what they are feeling is alright.

Supported by SAMH, Breathing Space and the Samaritans, the campaign website – clearyourhead.scot – also provides sources of help for those who need to talk to someone about how they're feeling.

Whether it's dealing with the pressure of juggling childcare with work commitments, facing continued isolation at home, or feeling anxious about



returning to work, there are things you can do every day that will help you through it.

Keeping to a routine as much as possible, by sleeping and waking at the same time and eating at regular times can give your day structure and help you feel more in control.

Now we're able to go outside more than once a day, making time to go for a walk, jog and cycle can help boost self-esteem, energy levels, and importantly help us sleep better.

Staying connected has never been more important, particularly if you've had a bad day or are feeling stressed. A problem shared is a problem halved and a phone call or video chat with family and friends can lift your mood, relieving tension and easing worry. And if you are feeling good, sharing that with your loved ones can be really positive.

If you find yourself feeling anxious when you're outside, taking deep breaths and focusing on something still until your breathing has calmed can help. Make a plan for what you'll do when you head out, and don't put any pressure on yourself – take things a day at

a time.

Minister for Mental Health Clare Haughey said: 'It's never been more important to look after our mental health, and this campaign highlights the things we can do every day to feel better and stay mentally healthy.'

'It's important that people know what support is there if they need to speak to someone. We appreciate everyone's efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, and hope this campaign helps people to take care of themselves over the coming weeks.'

Tony McLaren, Breathing Space National Coordinator, added: 'Mental health has a huge impact on our thoughts, behaviours and emotions. It's so important to prioritise our mental health, particularly during times of stress. The Breathing Space phone line is available in the evenings and at weekends, to provide listening, advice and signposting to anyone who is struggling.'

For tips on how to clear your head and feel better, and details of helplines that can offer support, visit www.clearyourhead.scot

Kintyre Scrubs group gets sewing

The sewing group set up to supply scrubs to Kintyre's carers during the coronavirus pandemic already has 15 volunteers.

Members of the group known as Kintyre Scrubs have been working hard to make protective clothing using a pattern similar to that used to make NHS garments – with all recipients made aware of the design when ordering.

Elise Glendinning, the group's co-ordinator, said: 'I have loved seeing all the designs the sewing volunteers have created. It's amazing what can be done with duvet covers and sheets!'

'If you have any fresh cotton/poly-cotton sheets, duvet covers or valances that would be suitable, if you would like to join our group, or for further details, please message me on Facebook or contact the Kintyre Community Resilience Group by emailing eric@skdt.org

'Thank you so much for all fabric donations received so far.'



The Kintyre Scrubs group has been busy making protective garments for local carers.

Director's hope Argyll and Bute tourism can recover

Tourism in parts of Argyll and Bute faces huge challenges during and after the COVID-19 lockdown, a director from the industry has claimed.

David Adams McGilp, regional director with VisitScotland, said coronavirus has had a telling effect on Scotland's tourism industry, with significant preparatory work reportedly needed before communities can accept visitors again.

Mr Adams McGilp, VisitScotland's regional director for Argyll and the Isles and Dunbartonshire, outlined plans to help tourism businesses survive, with his area contributing nearly £0.5 billion to the visitor economy.

He said: 'Tourism and events is one of the many industries grappling with the huge changes our lives and our economy are undergoing.'

'While I can understand

the urgency to look to life after lockdown and get things restarted, there's a lot of preparatory work that needs to be done before our communities are ready and willing to accept visitors again.

'Our teams are gathering intelligence and identifying those areas, as well as highlighting communities that would welcome an increase in visitor traffic generally.'

'We have plenty of undiscovered gems in our region but also places that could be re-established in the minds of consumers.'

'The past eight weeks or so have been without doubt hugely challenging. We have been speaking to businesses and helping them get through the weeks and months ahead.'

'As chairman of the Scottish Tourism Emergency Response Group, VisitScotland feeds back issues and concerns to

the Scottish Government and our partners.'

Mr Adams McGilp also hailed what he felt was a sense of community that is getting the area through the current pandemic.

He added: 'Whitetail Gin Distillery on Mull and Islay's Spirited Soap are making hand sanitiser, the Harbour Inn on Islay is delivering food and supporting vulnerable people and Gleneedale on Islay has been contacting other local businesses to help and assist with mental health tips and advice.'

'I'm also really impressed at the innovation many businesses have shown. The Puffer Bar and Restaurant on Easdale has adapted as the baker and takeaway for the island and surrounding areas, while TES Coll on the island has transformed into an online order and delivery service.



David Adams McGilp, regional director with VisitScotland, has spoken about the effect of COVID-19 on Argyll's tourism industry.

'Yellow Hare Café on Tiree has launched a baking delivery service, with home baking being delivered by owner Kate MacLeod across the UK. More than 250 boxes were baked and delivered within the first month of this new service, reaching locations as far as London and Devon.'

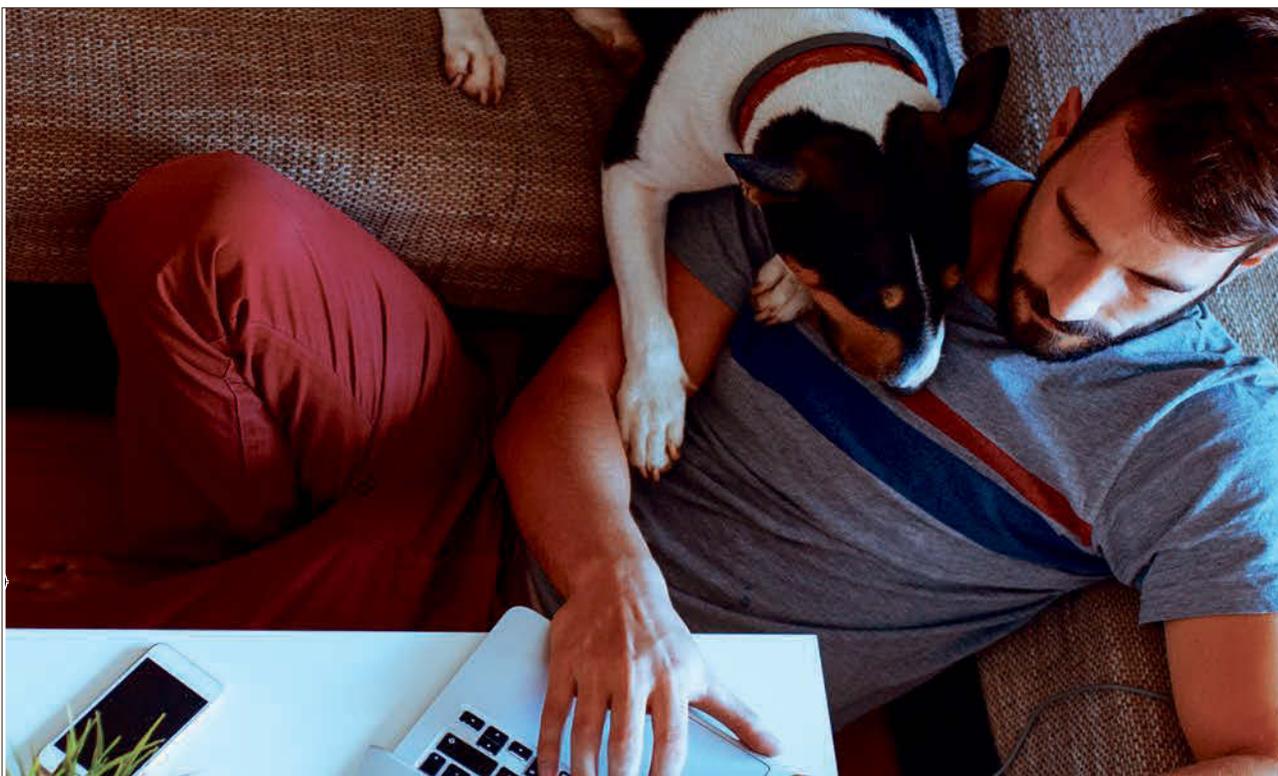
'Maid of the Loch, Loch Lomond's paddle steamer, has launched a virtual cruise to celebrate the anniversary of her first public cruise on May 25 1953.'

Mr Adams McGilp concluded: 'Tragically this virus is having a terrible human cost and is devastating for our tourism and events industry.'

'But what will get us through only when the time is right to accept visitors, is the passion we have for our region, the enterprising spirit of our operators and our welcoming communities.'

'The Tree Shop in Cairndow, despite not having an online shop, has been taking orders

and making deliveries which has been very popular and kept them busy.'



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Happy lockdown birthday

Birthdays during a global pandemic are bound to be different from usual.

People may be unable to celebrate with family and friends due to government guidelines on social distancing, but they have been finding other ways to make their day special. This is how some of Kintyre's birthday boys and girls spent or plan to spend their day.

Happy birthday to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday. Don't forget to let us know about your friend or family member's lockdown birthday and we will give them a shoutout. Email a photograph to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk including their full name, age, where they are from and a bit about how they celebrated or plan to celebrate.



Coen Gillies from Tarbert celebrated his fourth birthday yesterday, Thursday June 4. He spent his day playing with new toys and eating cake. All his family in Campbeltown and Tarbert wished him a happy birthday.



Left: Margaret Sinclair from Muasdale will be 65 on Wednesday June 10. Her family, who hope to meet for a socially distant picnic lunch to celebrate, wish her a very happy birthday. Margaret will probably go for a run on her birthday. This photograph, taken just weeks before lockdown, shows Margaret in Spain, where she runs the Alora Half Marathon every March and regularly makes an appearance on the podium.



Shaun Borthwick from Campbeltown turned seven last Saturday, May 30. He celebrated his birthday by having a Minecraft-themed party and playing with new Lego sets.



Caitlyn Mackinlay from Campbeltown will turn 17 today, Friday June 5. She will be spending the day at home with her family and her mum, Jason, Chloe and Alexander wish her lots of love.



Left: Megan Forshaw from Campbeltown celebrated her third birthday last Sunday, May 31. She had lots of fun going for a walk, taking in the beautiful weather and adding to the colourful rock snake at the Cutting, as well as opening gifts and cards. Video calls from family members offering their well wishes and birthday cake meant she had a fantastic day. Her mummy, daddy and big sister Ava wished her lots of love.



Sahara Johnstone from Campbeltown turned three on Wednesday June 3. She spent the day with her brother and sisters eating cake and opening presents.



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

The Outreach/Support Team

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

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

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

The Volunteer Befriending Team

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

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

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

The Dochas Counselling team

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

Visit the Dochas Facebook page for more information on the new counselling service set up to help during the Covid-19 crisis. This service is for people and their families who are living with long term conditions/terminal illness and bereavement.

Please telephone 07432 231217

or contact counselling@dochasfund.org.uk and someone will get back to you to explain the process.

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

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

Contact 07788900049 or

fiona@mayds.org.uk lynn@mayds.org.uk

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We know times are tough right now. So, to help, here's a list of organisations that can offer support. Please cut out and keep this page of useful contacts for use when you may need them.



**National Assistance Helpline
(Open office hours Monday to Friday)**

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

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

Health

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus
0800 028 2816
(8am –10pm everyday)
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Call NHS 24 on 111 for advice if symptoms worsen or if fever is ongoing after 7 days

Shielding local support
www.gov.scot/covid-shielding-contacts

Feeling anxious or depressed?

NHS Inform:
www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus-mental-wellbeing

NHS 24: Call 111
www.clearyourhead.scot

Breathing Space:
www.breathingspace.scot
0800 83 85 87

Scottish Association for Mental Health:
0344 800 0550
info@samh.org.uk

Samaritans Scotland Helpline:
116 123 / jo@samaritans.org

Advice for pregnant women

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

Easy-read coronavirus guidance

www.sclld.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.coronavirusedvice.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

For business support

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

Helping in your community

www.readyscotland.org

Advice for parents

www.parentclub.scot/coronavirus
Parentline Scotland:
08000 28 22 33

The Money Talk Team:
0800 085 7145

Information for Young People

www.young.scot/coronavirus

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

www.agescotland.org.uk
0800 12 44 222

For people with dementia, families, friends and professionals

Alzheimer Scotland
www.alzscot.org
Helpline: 0808 808 3000

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01259 222022

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CORONAVIRUS

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday June 4, 2010

Chinook crash review promise

In the week marking the anniversary of the 1994 RAF Chinook crash on the Mull of Kintyre comes the promise of an independent review into the accident.

The two pilots were blamed for gross negligence after all 29 people on board died in the crash on June 2, 1994, that saw Kintyre emergency teams face the worst RAF helicopter accident in peacetime.

Argyll and Bute's MP and MSP have welcomed the announcement by Defence Secretary Liam Fox that the ministry is looking at ways of conducting an independent review into the accident. He was speaking in response to Sir Menzies Campbell MP who urged a review.

Alan Reid MP welcomed the Defence Secretary's commitment to the promise made, when in opposition, to review the verdict of gross negligence against the two dead pilots, Flight Lieutenant Jonathan Tapper, 30, from Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, and Flight Lieutenant Richard Cook, 28, from Church Crookham, Hampshire.

'It has always been obvious mechanical failure could not be ruled out as a cause of the tragedy so the RAF should never have found the dead pilots guilty. I hope this review will quash the gross negligence verdict and justice will be done at last,' said Mr Reid.

Jim Mather MSP said that much speculation is known to exist about the safety of the Chinook fleet and the particular aircraft that crashed.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday June 9, 1995

Together in sadness – a year on from the Mull of Kintyre tragedy

A year after the Mull of Kintyre Chinook helicopter crash, relatives of the 29 people who died joined local people in a half-hour service of remembrance at the crash scene last Friday.

Many of the 130 who attended the service

FROM OUR FILES



Morvern Gilchrist of Campbeltown Brass played the Last Post at last Friday's memorial service for the 29 people who died in the Mull of Kintyre Chinook disaster a year ago.'

had flown from Northern Ireland following the dedication of a garden of remembrance at Army Headquarters in Lisburn Barracks.

The centre-piece of the garden at the barracks is a large stone brought from the mull.

The crash killed 25 anti-terrorist experts from MI5, Military Intelligence, and the Royal Ulster Constabulary as they flew from Northern Ireland to a conference at Fort George army base near Inverness.

The four crew members of the Chinook also died when the helicopter flew into Beinn na Lice in heavy mist.

Speaking about the crash, the Army's top officer in Northern Ireland, Lieutenant General Sir Roger Wheeler, said the Mull of Kintyre would stand for ever as a monument to those who died.

'It is a place of rugged beauty and for many of us is a place of great sadness too,' he said.

'But we have been touched by the warmth and support given so freely by the people of the mull.

'They have given us strength through their friendship which has helped us in coming to terms with our grief.'

Many of the local people involved in the immediate aftermath of the crash joined relatives, friends and colleagues of those who died for a service at the memorial cairn at the site.

Around 100 people flew from Northern Ireland to RAF Machrihanish from where they were taken by mini-bus to the site.

The crash site, some of it still blackened and burnt, was shrouded in mist shortly before the service.

But the mist cleared and the hills of Northern Ireland were clearly visible by the time the service began.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday June 4, 1970

Common Market entry attacked

Scottish National Party candidate Mr Iain MacCormick spoke on the possible effects on the farming and fishing industries Britain entering the Common Market would have at a meeting in Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Thursday.

He said Britain would have to adopt the Common Market's system of agricultural support and a result of this, he said, would be butter priced at 9s per pound and mutton at 20s per pound.

Mr MacCormick talked of 'huge warehouses stacked from floor to ceiling with butter – because the people cannot afford to buy it'. He asked: 'Is that the system of agriculture we want?'

Mr MacCormick said Britain entering the Common Market would mean the fishing industry 'over-fishing and unfair competition'. He

said the fishing industry was a very important part of the Scottish economy but, as far as the London governments were concerned, the fishing industry was 'expendable'.

He produced a letter from the government which, he said, showed entry into the Common Market would involve opening up Scottish fishing grounds to boats from Common Market countries.

Mr MacCormick said the overall effect of Common Market entry would be 'hardship of the kind this country has not seen since the 1930s'.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday June 5, 1920

Condition of district roads

A meeting of Kintyre District Committee of the County Council of Argyll was held in Campbeltown on Friday last – Provost John Colvill, convener, in the chair.

Other members present were Colonel George Rome; Colonel Campbell of Stonefield; Major W L Campbell of Dudhope; Messrs R F Graham of Skipness; S Mitchell, Killeonan; W Semple, Dippen; Mackinven, Tayinloan and Macpherson, Gigha.

The report by the District Road Surveyor, Mr Walter Bonn, for the year was read as follows:

At the commencement of the past financial year, considerable labour trouble was encountered, which greatly hampered road work, consequently a very limited amount of ordinary maintenance work was carried out last summer. The result of that lessened upkeep, combined with the compulsory reduced upkeep of previous years, is now showing itself in surface deterioration, and will continue to do so until a large part of the arrears of work can be overtaken.

The difficulty of obtaining suitable, not to say experienced labour, and the want of roadmen's houses is seriously felt and prolongs the delay in restoring road surfaces.

During the past year most of my attention has been concentrated on reconstruction of destroyed road bridges and other capital work, which has been successfully pushed ahead.

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Rules relaxed but lockdown not over

It was probably inevitable that people would head to parks and outdoor spaces as soon as such activities were permitted, but it is important to remember that although the rules have been relaxed, lockdown is not over yet.

Please continue to adhere to the rules while enjoying a little bit more freedom to ensure that all the good which has come from our hardships over the last couple of months is not undone.

It is interesting that as we experience one world crisis, we remember another – it was 80 years ago this week that almost 100 men from Kintyre were in the midst of battle at St Valéry.

While they are not entirely comparable, one can't help but think that there are similarities between the hardships suffered by people on the front line of both world wars and global pandemics, as well as those left at home.

Although the enemy was more obvious and visible in 1940 than it is today, we are still fighting. While we may have won the first wave of assault in the war with COVID-19, the battle is not over.

Lord Lieutenant's 'sincere thanks' to volunteers

Every year, Volunteers Week provides an opportunity to recognise the significant contribution to community life made by those who give freely of their time and talents to help others.

Given the challenges wrought on all of us by the coronavirus pandemic, in this year of all years it is more important than ever to acknowledge and show gratitude for the dedication of volunteers.

Across Argyll and Bute, thousands of people – as individuals and in groups – have stepped forward to do what they can to help in these highly unusual and completely unfamiliar circumstances. In doing so, they have often put their own safety and health aside, focusing instead on assisting those who have found themselves in need of support or, sometimes, in considerable hardship.

The Lieutenantcy of Argyll and Bute has long taken an interest in the activities of Argyll and Bute's volunteers. In 2020, we have all been particularly heartened and encouraged by the way in which our communities have responded without hesitation, despite the considerable challenges they too are facing.

We have heard stories of how existing groups have adapted and changed what they do to contribute to the collective effort. There are also new groups which have come together specifically to respond to this crisis. Some volunteers are quietly working alone, doing what they can to act where they see a need.

In all our towns, villages and islands, they

are out delivering food parcels and orders, collecting prescriptions, telephone befriending, setting up online chats over a cup of tea, making protective equipment for front line workers, volunteering at food banks, cooking and baking for those who need food – the list is endless.

To everyone who is volunteering in and for Argyll and Bute, on behalf of the Lieutenantcy of Argyll and Bute, I say 'thank you'. We see and hear what you are doing and are grateful. As communities it would be impossible to get through a crisis of this scale without your help. Thank you, most sincerely.

The Lieutenantcy is always keen to hear about volunteer activity across the area so if you know of a person or group in your community whose efforts should be recognised, please contact me on patrick@llab.org.uk

Patrick Stewart CVO MBE WS, HM Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.

70,000 COVID-19 tests missed

The SNP government must step up its game on COVID-19 testing, with 70,000 tests being missed over two weeks. Nicola Sturgeon can build as large a testing capacity as she likes but this is meaningless if people aren't actually being tested.

The Royal College of Nursing has warned Scotland needs to match the extent of testing in the rest of the UK. Thousands of care home residents, workers and their families are going untested, which is why we're seeing such a crisis in these centres. Testing is key to controlling this virus, the SNP needs to sort it out.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.

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Ingredients

600g skinless chicken breast fillets, roughly chopped
2½ tsp medium curry powder, plus a large pinch to garnish
1 large carrot, peeled and coarsely grated
4 tbsp fat-free natural Greek yogurt
A small handful of fresh coriander, finely chopped, plus a little extra to garnish
4 x 60g wholemeal rolls

Method:

Preheat your oven to 200°C/ fan 180°C/gas 6 and line a baking tray with baking paper. Boil the wedges for 4-5 minutes, drain well, return to the pan and cover. Lightly shake to roughen up their edges, then arrange on the tray in a single layer. Spray with low-calorie cooking-spray, sprinkle with a pinch of curry powder, season lightly with salt and freshly ground black pepper and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden. Meanwhile, preheat your grill to medium-hot and line your grill tray with foil. Put the chicken and 2 tsp curry powder in a food processor, season and whizz until finely chopped. Transfer to a bowl, mix in the grated carrot and shape into 4 x low-calorie cooking spray and place on the grill tray. Grill for 6-7 minutes on each side, until golden and cooked through. Meanwhile, put the yogurt in a small bowl and stir in the coriander and remaining curry powder. Put the salad ingredients in a salad bowl and toss well. Cut the rolls in half, brown the cut side on a hot griddle pan then transfer to serving plates. Spoon a little of the salad over the base of each, top with the burgers, yogurt and a sprinkle of coriander and curry powder, then serve with the rest of the salad and the wedges.

For the wedges:

800g floury potatoes, such as Desiree or King Edward, scrubbed and cut into wedges
Low-calorie cooking spray

For the salad:

2 little gem lettuces, thickly sliced
½ cucumber, roughly chopped
2 tbsp fat-free vinaigrette

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Remembering the heroes of Saint Valéry-en-Caux

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Gunner Cunningham, along with other members of his unit, were marched through France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg to the Stalag XXI-D camp. As Russian forces approached, he and the other prisoners were moved, on August 13, 1944, to the Stalag VIII-B camp.

He was released by Allied forces on May 15, 1945, when he returned to the UK.

Mr McCallum said: 'When my grandfather left for war my mum was two years old. When he came back she was nine and she didn't know him. My gran never recognised the man standing on her doorstep as his head was badly disfigured from what was a fractured skull caused by the end of a German guard's rifle.

'Argyll played a huge part in that battle and it is important for us to remember it.'

As well as the many men wounded and captured, it is vitally important to remember the men from Kintyre who paid the ultimate sacrifice at St Valéry - Corporal Hugh C Mitchell, Kilkevan Cottages;



Jimi McCallum's grandfather, Gunner James Cunningham, was kept as a prisoner of war for five years after the battle of St Valéry.

Gunner David Helm, New Quay Head; Aircraftman First Class Alex McInnes, Kirk Street; Private Robert Paterson, 39 Longrow; John Mactaggart Maccallum, 18 Castlepark; Private Donald Martin, 13 Glenside; and Bombardier John Gillespie McArthur, 2 Main Street, who were all killed in action.

Bombardier McArthur, who was killed on June 11, 1940, aged 29, is being remembered 80 years on by his grandson, Lorne McArthur.

Mr McArthur shared an extract from the diary of Major DF Peacock of the 201 Anti-Tank Battery, Royal Artillery, which details the death of his grandfather and Gunner

Helm. The extract reads: '1530 hours: Lieutenant Ankers had placed two guns just alongside the grass plot able to cover the whole west side of the harbour or swing right round and fire up the St Sylvan road. In order to get elevation to clear the houses and fire on to the Le Tot road he had taken his other two guns round into a back street, the end of which was a cul-de-sac.

'It soon became evident that the enemy, from the higher road, spotted this. The tanks, of which 15 had been counted, immediately disbursed troops armed with LAs and motor combination cycles accompanying them, LMGs into the orchards and the top flats of the houses overlooking the guns in the road below.

'As soon as the two guns in the side street opened fire the tanks swung off the road up the slope and on to the hill top west of the town. LA and rifle fire then commenced at 20 yards range on the first two guns on the main road from the partially opened steel shutters of the houses. The left hand gun was fairly safe but the right hand gun caught it right at once.

'Bombardier McArthur who had taken the layer's seat was killed immediately. Lieutenant Ankers immediately jumped to

the tail of the gun and swung the muzzle on to the nearest house while the Bombardier was moved to the roadside. The gun was loaded ready to fire and Lance-Bombardier Helm jumped into the layer's seat to lay on the house window from which fire had been observed. He did not manage to fire the gun for the next bullet killed him at once.'

Mr McMillan added that as well as the impact on the men themselves, the battle had a significant impact on the whole Kintyre area.

'All these men were taken prisoner and they were away for five years,' he said. 'Their wives were left behind to look after the children. Some had quite big families and they had to look after them on their own for the rest of the war on the

mere pittance they got from the government.

'My recollection is they received about £2 10s a week. My mother had five children to look after on that - she had to pay her rent and feed and clothe her children. That was a side issue to the battle itself.'

He added: 'I think it's important that we, as a town, don't forget the sacrifice that was made by these men. It had a huge effect on the town.'

Anyone wishing to take part in the mass piping tribute, which is being organised by Legion Scotland, Poppyscotland and RCET: Scotland's Armed Forces Children's Charity, should register their interest by visiting www.poppyscotland.org.uk/st-valery where the sheet music is available.



Medals which were sent to Bombardier John Gillespie McArthur's family in honour of his service and sacrifice during the war.

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Financial support helping companies adapt and innovate

The UK Government has announced an unprecedented package of support to protect jobs and support business across the whole UK during the coronavirus outbreak. The financial support is helping firms across the nation to adapt, innovate and protect jobs. Here is how some companies have been helped, and what is available.

CASE STUDY Macs Adventure

IT WAS a week that felt like a year for Neil Lapping, chief adventure officer at Glasgow-based Macs Adventure, as the crippling impact of the Coronavirus on the travel industry became clear.

The thriving guided tour business, accustomed to 30 per cent year-on-year growth, first saw international bookings collapse before a deluge of cancellations from domestic customers.

Neil said: "It was emotionally devastating. We went from a growing and profitable business to zero revenue coming.

"It was a week that felt like a year and I was in tears again and again.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Macs Adventure received financial help from the UK Government.

"We were faced with laying off the vast majority of our team and facing up to the fact that a business that we had spent 17 years building up was being threatened.

"The job support scheme was a game-changer for us and I cried when it was announced.

"I am now hugely positive as the business is now viable and we have a path back to where we were before."

Macs Adventure benefited from the UK Government's furlough scheme with 90 per cent of the company's staff

currently enlisted. The company also received £1m from Barclays from the UK Government-backed Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS).

Neil said: "This support and our reserves have enabled us to trade through this period until domestic travel comes back later in the year and eventually international traffic returns.

"We have been able to retain our 60 staff in the UK through the furlough scheme. We would have been unable to pay them

with zero revenue coming in. The CBILS has allowed us to cover our overheads including rent, rates and IT systems."

Neil said he was impressed by the speed at which money from both schemes was delivered.

He said: "The process with Barclays was outstanding and the money was in our account in less than a week.

"The application process was painless and it was encouraging to see that the lending criteria was based on trading performance of the business before the Coronavirus.

"Once we made a furlough claim the funds were released quickly and it is great news that it has been extended until October."

Neil said that Macs Adventure was well-positioned for the recovery in the travel market and that the Coronavirus had accelerated industry trends. He said: "It will take us between three to five years to rebuild the business however we are very well-placed to recover.

"The market for impactful and active travel is growing."



NEIL LAPPING: 'Macs Adventure well positioned for recovery in travel market'.

Protecting jobs and keeping firms afloat

Here are some examples of the support available for businesses and workers:

- The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has enabled businesses to put employees on a period of temporary leave (furlough) and apply for a UK Government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to a £2,500 a month.
- The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will allow eligible self-employed individuals to claim a taxable grant of 80 per cent of their average monthly profits, up to £7,500.
- UK VAT-registered firms have been given the option to defer VAT payments until the end of June. There will be no interest or penalties on any amount deferred.
- Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected

from eviction.

- The UK Government's Bounce Back Loans Scheme provides loans of up to £50,000 to small businesses, with a 100 per cent UK Government-backed guarantee for lenders.
- The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme is available for loans or finance of up to £5m. The UK Government will provide the lender with an 80 per cent guarantee to support the lending.
- The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the current rate of Statutory Sick Pay they pay current or former employees for sickness starting on or after March 13 2020
- The Future Fund will issue loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies which are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak.

FINANCIAL AID: Boris Johnston.



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



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Lockdown inspires poets

As well as keeping Kintyre's elderly citizens stocked up with essentials throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Shopper-Aide has been keeping people of all ages occupied and entertained through its poetry challenge.

The charity has received many 'fantastic poems' and has created a display in its office window at 47 Longrow, Campbeltown.

A selection of the entries is also published on Shopper-Aide's Facebook page each Friday and people can tune in to Argyll FM every day at 1pm to hear presenter John Armour

recite a verse. A spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to local primary schools for their participation and to the wider community for getting involved. Please keep them coming.'

Knitters

'Email sarah@shopper-aide.org.uk or post poems to 47 Longrow, Campbeltown.'

Shopper-Aide has also been encouraging knitters to help create a community 'lockdown' blanket or two.

The spokesperson said: 'We are asking for six inch squares knitted using 36 stitches on size eight needles, however, if

you don't have size eight, the nearest size will be fine. We will also accept crochet squares if that is your preference.'

'A box will be placed outside the shop on fair weather days to drop your squares in if you are passing but please keep them at home for as long as possible.'

'We can collect your work too, if required. Call 01586 551600 to arrange.'

'Thanks go to everyone for their support during this challenging time.'

'We hope we can continue to provide support in many ways to help everyone stay safe.'

Some of the knitted squares which have been made for Shopper-Aide. The charity is reminding knitters any pattern is acceptable as long as each square measures six inches by six inches.



Lockdown

Lockdown, lockdown,
Lock the door,
Lockdown, lockdown,
Everyone's cleaning the floor,
Lockdown, lockdown,
We have to do chores,
Lockdown, lockdown,
I'm lucky enough to go out the back door,
Lockdown, lockdown,
Hopefully it will be on no more,
Lockdown, lockdown,
It'll never be like before.
By Jake Anderson, aged 11, from Campbeltown.

Health bosses declare overspend of nearly £2.5 million

Health chiefs in Argyll and Bute will declare an end-of-year overspend of nearly £2.5 million as a dispute over service levels remains unresolved.

The area's health and social care partnership (HSCP) has announced in a report its position for 2019/20 includes a provision of £1.32m for health services.

This is due to an impasse over a service level agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), which provides services at hospitals in Alexandria, Greenock, Paisley and Glasgow to people who live within Argyll and Bute.

Also included is a £1.16m overspend on social work.

The HSCP's integration joint board (IJB) considered the paper at a meeting conducted via Skype last Wednesday, May 27.

The report, by head of finance and transformation Judy Orr, said: 'It is clear the failure to deliver on all savings is the key driver in the overspend of £2.446m, apart from the dispute

with NHSGGC. Although we now have permanent heads of service in post across all areas which will assist, efforts are being hampered by the need to prioritise responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.'

One of the recommendations in the report asked board members to 'instruct chief officer Joanna McDonald

to bring back further information on the negotiations within NHSGGC for board approval'.

Councillor Kieron Green, the IJB's chairman, added: 'It is a question of how hard we can push for it at this time.' Ms Orr responded: 'The urgency of it has had to be deferred while we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.'

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Parents urged to apply for grant

Parents of children aged four to five are being encouraged to apply for the Scottish Government's best start grant.

A one-off £250 payment is available to families with a child born between March 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016 who will be starting primary school this year. The payment can be used for anything from a new pair of school shoes to arts and crafts materials for children.

The payment is part of the government's best start grant, a package of three payments for families in receipt of eligible benefits – including Universal Credit and Housing Benefit – to help at key stages in a child's life.

Michael Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute said: 'Covering the costs of a child starting school can be tough on family finances. We're determined every child, regardless of circumstances, gets the best start in life. So in these unprecedented times, I'd encourage families across Argyll and Bute to check what other financial support they may be eligible for, such as school clothing grants or free school meals.'

Link in with Hazel for help



Dementia link worker Hazel McIntyre.

Scotland's leading dementia charity hopes to continue supporting those in Kintyre suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and their loved ones, despite lockdown restrictions.

Hazel McIntyre is a dementia link worker for Alzheimer Scotland which provides information and support to people with dementia, their families and carers and raises dementia awareness. Hazel covers Kintyre, Islay and Jura and is keen for anyone who

requires advice to get in touch with her.

Normally based within Campbeltown Hospital, Hazel is working from home due to government guidelines but she is available by telephone, email, text or via the Attend Anywhere/Near Me resource from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

She said: 'If you or someone you know requires advice, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01586 559087 or

07717 774851 or email hmcintyre@alzscot.org. You can also call our 24/7 helpline on 0808 808 3000.'

An Alzheimer Scotland spokesperson said: 'During these uncertain and worrying times, we are here for you.'

'Our 24-hour freephone dementia helpline is available for you whether you are looking for information, emotional support or just need someone to talk to.'

'We have a team of dedicated

and experienced volunteers willing to listen, many of whom have personal experience of caring for someone with dementia.'

'Our volunteers can also connect you to a panel of expert advisers who can help answer more complex enquiries. Alzheimer Scotland is committed to making sure no-one faces dementia alone.'

'If you or someone you know needs our help, please get in touch.'

Bringing creative writing alive across Argyll

Argyll and Bute Community Learning has teamed up with Kintyre author Denzil Meyrick and global readers' and writers' community Found Fiction to bring people's literature to the streets of Argyll.

As well as having their pieces distributed in locations throughout Argyll, those who enter the creative writing project, which went live last week, are in with a chance of getting their work published and win-

ning prizes. A spokesperson for the community learning team said: 'Our project is open to all ages within Argyll and Bute. We want you to get creative and write a short story, of no more than 500 words – but it can be as short as you like.'

'It can be about anything, but consider including local settings or characters.'

Short stories should be emailed to hello@foundfiction.org by June 26, with the title –

Argyll and Bute Found Fiction, the author's first name, age and where in Argyll and Bute they are from included in the email subject line. Entrants are welcome to submit more than one entry.

After lockdown, stories will be printed, put in envelopes which say 'Read me' and left in random public places throughout Argyll and Bute for people to find, hopefully brightening up someone's day.

Author Denzil Meyrick will be giving two lucky participants signed copies of his latest novel Jeremiah's Bell, which was released yesterday (Thursday), and they will also get their stories published on the website of his publishers Birlinn/Polygon.

'Quite an accolade for any aspiring writer,' added the spokesperson.

Two lucky participants will also get the chance to feature

as guests on Denzil's popular podcast Sbooks. There are also five £50 vouchers up for grabs courtesy of a generous donation from civil engineering company Roadbridge.

Local newspapers, including the Courier, will be publishing a couple of the stories, while the community learning team may also post some on its Facebook pages to give the authors' creativity an even greater reach.

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Busy time for Luining Cattle Society

On May 20 the Luining Cattle Society held its annual spring sale at Dingwall Mart in a different format due COVID-19.

The Luining Cattle Society and Dingwall and Highland Marts made a decision to conduct an online timed auction sale, which has been a huge success in these difficult times.

A spokesperson for the society said: 'We all sat poised in front of our digital devices for the sale of 129 pedigree and commercial Luining cattle.'

'The online timed auction allowed many to view and bid on cattle that would not have been able to travel to Dingwall.'

Adam Hunter, Yorkshire, is delighted to have purchased the foundations for his new herd having sold off his Limousin herd and joined a Native breed scheme. Having looked at all the native breeds



Natalie Cormack has joined Luining Cattle Society as general manager.

he said he felt 'Luings were by far the best of the native breeds'.

Graeme MacRae, Kintail was delighted with his 'exceptional

sale', selling to top 3,020gns.

The success of this sale goes to show the popularity of the Luining breed from all over the UK.

The Luining Cattle Society can also announce that Natalie Cormack, who is well known for her high quality stockmanship, joins the Luining family as general manager from a background that includes events organiser for Scotland's beef events and managing the AHDB/DEFRA Beef Feed Efficiency Programme for the last five years. Alongside that, and a good deal more, she remains as secretary/treasurer for the Berwickshire Agricultural Association and County Show.

Ayton-based Natalie said, 'Over the years I've become increasingly interested in functional genetics and

efficiency. The Luining breed is a leader in identifying and focusing on such efficiencies of production. With the coming challenges to beef farming and the environment the Luining breed are in a great position and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work with their members to further develop that.'

Luining chairman, Mark Thomson said: 'Natalie joining at this point in the Luining story is good timing given her detailed understanding of what is required to be profitable in beef farming. There is no doubt that the traits of the Luining breed are made for the future of farming in UK or any upland environment. Natalie's experience will help our very active society membership continue to breed and promote the best upland cow possible.'

Around the markets

Dingwall and Highland Mart, Luining Cattle Society Sale, May 20: Pedigree bulling heifers (82) averaged 1,571gns (£1,650.29) with the top price being 3,020gns (£3,171.00), twice for 25 month old heifers from Mr G. MacRae, Kintail, 120 Newton of Ferintosh, selling to J. C. Innes & Sons, Duncroft, Huntly.

Pedigree yearling heifers (5) averaged 808gns (£848.40) and sold to 840gns (£882.00) for a 14-month old heifer from Mr J. M. Haley, Lochan Farm, Kinrossie to Meikle Farms, Darvel, Ayrshire.

Yearling Sim/Luining heifers (13) averaged 1,034gns (£1,085.54) and sold to 1,280gns (£1,344.00) twice from Messrs J. Lawrie, Tillyrie, Kinross, selling to Mr C. Arnot, Hatton Mill, Angus.

Un-registered bulling heifers (9) averaged 889gns (£933.33) and sold to 1,080gns (£1,134.00) twice from Welbeck

Scottish Farms Ltd., Welbeck Estate, selling to Messrs Tulloch Farms, Upper Coullie, Laurencekirk.

Bulls (4) sold to 6,000gns (£6,300) for two 25 months old both from Messrs C. C. MacArthur & Co. Nunnerie Farm, Biggar, one selling to Firm of Ernest Crawford, Blarghour Farm, Dalmally, and the other to Mr A. Kennedy, Mitchell hill Farm, Biggar.

Other leading prices: Pedigree bulling heifers: Culmally Farm, Golspie, 2,960gns (twice) & 2,420gns (thrice); Kintail, 2,580gns (twice); Clashnoir, Glenlivet, 1,980gns (twice) & 1,760gns; Nunnerie (twice), Inverbroom, Ullapool (thrice) 1,700gns. Pedigree yearling heifers: Lochan Farm (4 times) 800gns. Yearling Sim/Luining heifers: Tillyrie Farm (twice), 1,260gns; Lochan Farm (thrice), 1,020gns. Un-registered bulling heifers: Welbeck Estates (thrice), 1,040gns.

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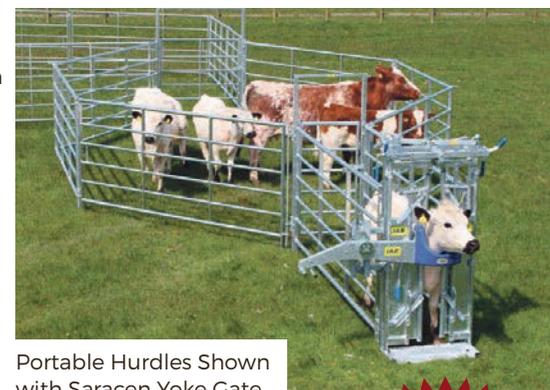
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Podcast offers food and farm focus for home schooling

The latest episode of OnFARM, Scotland's Rural Podcast, has been working in partnership with RHET (The Royal Highland Education Trust) to provide some rurally inspired home-schooling tips and advice for parents and teachers.

The episode also announces an exciting online event, taking place on June 18 and 19 – which would have been the start of The Royal Highland Show 2020 – during which children, parents and teachers can engage with a whole range of events, demonstrations and activities focused on animals, plants, soil, food and cookery, the countryside and much more.

Launched in January 2020, OnFARM showcases rural enterprise, rural community, rural creativity, rural charity, rural history and much more.

During early summer, OnFARM is working alongside The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) and The



Royal Highland Show, to produce a series of episodes investigating what gap will be left by the cancellation of the Show this summer, as well as looking at some of the behind the scenes the work of the Society.

RHET is the educational charity focused on food, farming and the countryside and

the organisation responsible for the learning activities enjoyed by thousands of children during the Royal Highland Show.

Anna Davies, OnFARM presenter, said: 'Making this episode not only inspired me to have a go at some food and farming-themed learning ac-

Youngsters will benefit from a whole range of online learning events.

tivities with my children, but it has also given many of us an online event to look forward to at the end of June when we would otherwise have been enjoying the Royal Highland Show.

'Teachers tell me that it's impossible to full delivery the Curriculum for Excellence without the resources provided by RHET and it's a superb charity doing a wonderful job of helping our children to understand more about farming, food production and the countryside.

'I urge everyone to please spread the word about this podcast, the work of RHET and about the amazing learn-

ing events taking place on June 18 and 19. As we come to terms with this 'new normal', resources such as this become even more valuable to teachers and certainly to parents like me.'

If you are interested in registering to participate in the online learning extravaganza you can do so at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RRT25X8

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NFU remind people to act responsibly

As Scotland enters Phase One in easing COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, NFU Scotland is urging those enjoying time in the countryside to continue to do so responsibly.

NFU Scotland head of policy team Gemma Cooper said: 'As we enter Phase One, farmers are asking the public to act responsibly on farmland when accessing the countryside. The job of producing food and drink means farming activities continue in these difficult times. While the Scottish countryside remains open for people to access and enjoy, care and respect for those living and working in rural areas is requested.'

In particular, NFU Scotland urges the following:

- Don't cause damage to young arable crops or fields of long grass being grown for silage and hay.
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20/00497/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access	Garden Ground Of Am Bruaich Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute
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20/00802/PP	Variation of condition 6 relative to planning permission 10/01045/PP (Change of use, involving alterations and extensions to hall to form two holiday letting units) – amendment to the use from holiday let to long term let	Victoria Hall Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8QF
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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Creation is the first Bible and it existed for 13.7 billion years before the second Bible was written.

Natural things like animals, plants, rocks and clouds give glory to God just by being themselves, just what God created them to be. It is only we humans who have been given the free will to choose not to be what God created us to be.

Environmentalist and author Bill McKibben finds hope in this unique freedom. He writes: 'The most curious of all lives are the human ones because we can destroy, but also because we can decide not to destroy.'

'The turtle does what she does and magnificently. She can't not do it, though, any more than the beaver can decide to take a break from building dams or the bee from making honey. But if the bird's special gift is flight, ours is the possibility of restraint.'

'We're the only creature who can decide not to do something we're capable of doing. That's our superpower, even if we exercise it too rarely.'

So, yes, we can wreck the earth as we've known it, killing vast numbers of ourselves and wiping out entire swaths of other life. We're doing that right now. But we can also not do that.

As we look across our planet, especially at the hatred fuelled by the ugly face of racism in America, surely we can decide not to behave like this. Surely we are better than that. Surely we must realise we are one human family with nothing to divide us, neither race, nor colour, nor gender, nor sexuality, nor intellectual ability.

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Parliament praise for school rocket project

The Port Ellen Primary School project that attracted the attention of space agency NASA has been applauded by two elected representatives.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron and local councillor Alastair Redman have praised the project, undertaken by pupils at the Islay primary school, which involved building model rockets at home.

Mr Cameron, who submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament in which he congratulated the pupils on their efforts, said: 'It is inspiring to see how the pupils and their teachers have risen to the challenge of learning during the pandemic.'

'It seems amazing they have taken on such an ambitious project during lockdown.'

'I share the delight of the children that NASA was so impressed by their work that they highlighted it on their social media bringing it to the

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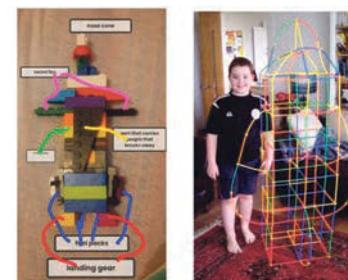
attention of thousands of people worldwide.'

The motion was submitted after the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration's official Twitter account wrote in response to a photograph of some of the children's work: 'Wow! We're impressed!'

Councillor Redman added: 'The community is very proud of what has been achieved.'

'Science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects are important and this is an eye-catching way of engaging our young people which has captured the imagination of people here in Islay and much further afield.'

'Well done to everyone involved including the teachers, parents and carers who have provided such help and encouragement to the pupils.'



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The photograph which impressed NASA on Twitter, accompanied by the space agency's comment.

Organist plays tribute to NHS workers

A Clachan organist has struck a chord with fellow villagers to pay tribute to NHS staff and other key workers.

The last 10 Thursday evenings, many village residents have gathered at the back of the Old Post Office, beside the burn which runs alongside the A83, to pay tribute to those who have kept the community safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

CLACHAN

The owner of the cottage at that location has built a shed which houses a digital church organ.

Outside of the coronavirus lockdown, Julius Weeks would normally play in Clachan Church on Sundays but, in recent weeks, local people,

safely distanced along the road, have been entertained by an organ recital each Thursday as they join people from across the country in clapping as part of the 'clap for carers'.

One villager said: 'From hymns to Elgar, this must be the most musical commendation of the NHS in Scotland. As residents of Clachan, we thank Julius and, of course, the NHS for their efforts.'

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CRAWFORD

Peacefully, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig on May 29, 2020, Amy Crawford, née Snowden, in her 76th year, of 4 Dochas Place, Lochgilhead, beloved wife of the late John Cameron (Cammy Crawford), dear mother of Catherine Ann and proud nanny of Andrea and Thomas. A respected mother-in-law of George and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private family service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Thursday, June 4, 2020. Sadly missed.

FORTUNE - Suddenly at home, 5 Burnbank Cottages, Drumlembie, on May 29, 2020, Susan Fortune, in her 69th year, dearly beloved mum of Kerry and a loving grandma of Milly, Struan and Ruaridh. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

MACDONALD - On June 1, 2020, peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead, Alexander (Sandy) Shand MacDonald, in his 85th year, a dearly loved father, brother, brother-in-law and uncle and dear friend of many. A private burial, owing to current restrictions, will take place at Carsaig Cemetery, Tayvallich.

MACDOUGALL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 28, 2020, Neil MacDougall (Donna), in his 80th year, Duncrannag, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of the late Jeanette Blair MacDougall, much loved father of Elspeth, Lorne and the late Matthew and a proud papa of Caitlin and Alex. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

MACINTYRE - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on May 31, 2020, Mairi Macintyre, in her 59th year, Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of Mary and the late Iain Macintyre, loving sister of Iain and Eileen, sister-in-law of June and Bobby and a loving aunt and great aunt. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

MCLULLICH

Peacefully, at Glenafton Care Home in Glasgow, on Monday, May 25, 2020, in her 107th year, Mary McKechnan McLulich, née Dickson, formerly of Tayvallich. Loving wife of the late Duncan, mother, granny, great granny, mother-in-law and aunt. Funeral will be private and a celebration of Mary's life will be held in Tayvallich at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ARMOUR - The family of the late Margaret Armour would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, messages and phone calls received following their sad loss. A special thanks to carers from Kintyre Community Care Team, Carers Direct and all nursing staff, both the community nurses and Campbeltown Hospital, and everyone at Shopper-Aide for the outstanding care and compassion shown to Mum over the last few years. Our thanks also to Rev W Crossan for a personal service and tribute to Mum, and to T A Blair Funeral Directors and Argyll and Bute Council cemetery staff, Andrew and Robert, for their assistance. For those unable to attend due to the current restrictions on funerals, your kind wishes and thoughts at this time are much appreciated.

MACALISTER HALL - The family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for cards, flowers and phone calls received following the sad sudden loss of Calum. Many thanks to Police Scotland for their help and sensitivity, also to undertakers Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professionalism, and thanks to all who helped on the day. Special thanks to Rev Steve Fulcher for his very comforting and personal graveside service.

MCMURCHY - Susan and Fiona would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of their mum, Dorothy. Special thanks to Maggie Wilkieson for all her kindness, care and attention and to the Marie Curie and district nursing team, all of whom enabled Mum to remain at home. Also thanks to

the doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care over the last few years. Thank you to Rev Steve Fulcher for his comforting service and to Kenny Blair and family for their help and support. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who came out and paid their last respects to Mum.

MEMORIAMS

CLARK - In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, Colin, who died on June 9, 2014. Forever with us. - Tottie and family.

LANG - In memory of Campbell, died June 4, 2004. They say time's a healer That life has to go on But my life will never be the same Since you have gone. - Helen.

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Sunshine greets return to non-contact sports action

Nine weeks after lockdown started, Scotland has relaxed the rules on outdoor activities meaning sports fans are beginning to return to golf courses, bowling greens and tennis courts.

As of last Friday, May 29, some 'non-contact outdoor leisure activities' including golf, tennis, bowls, fishing and others where people can safely keep a two-metre distance, were allowed to restart.

The sun shone as bowlers returned to Campbeltown's two clubs over the weekend.

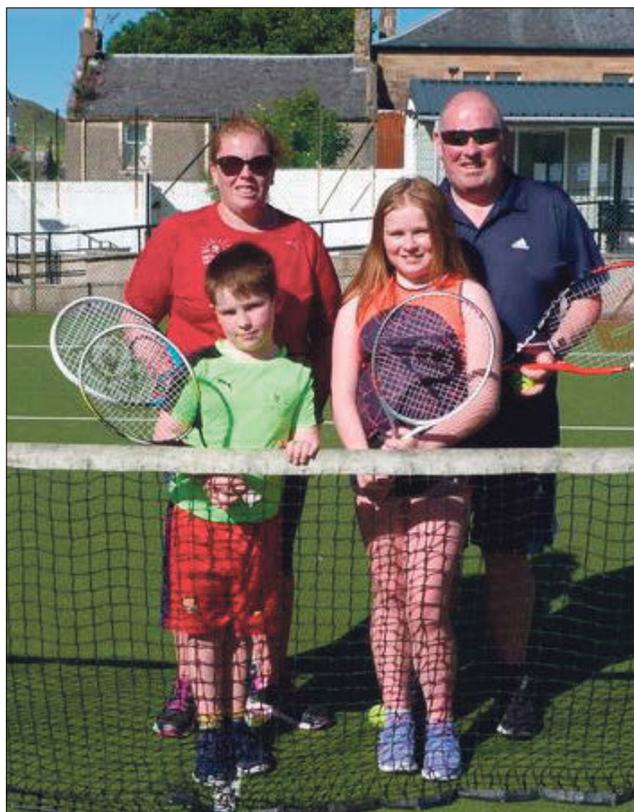
Argyll Bowling Club is open to members – who must use their own bowls and follow advice for disinfection of bowls, mat and jack before and after use – only for practice and exercise.

Session times, which must be booked by messaging the club's Facebook page, are limited to one hour with 30 minutes between sessions for sanitising. Bowls are to be taken home as the clubhouse is closed.

A club spokesperson said: 'Social distancing must be adhered to in line with current advice from the Scottish Government and Bowls Scotland. Members cannot just turn up and there should be no spectators.'

'Members who have not paid their subscriptions should contact the treasurer before booking a session. There will be no club or open competitions this season.'

At Campbeltown Bowling



Andy, Susan, Hannah and Charley Gilchrist enjoyed tennis in the sunshine last weekend.

Club, where those aged over 70 will be allowed to play, although it was initially believed they would not, 14 played in singles on Saturday, in well spaced out rinks.

A club spokesperson said: 'We could not have asked for a better weekend to start back on the green, which is in fabulous condition thanks to the hard work of greenkeeper Malc

Mitchell.' At Dunaverty Golf Club, acting captain Raymond Harvey and past captain John Brown were first to tee off at 8am on Friday in warm, dry weather.

They were followed by various members eager to get back to the game they love.

Despite working on short time, due to the furlough scheme, greenkeeper David

Scullion and his assistant Campbell MacBrayne had the course in excellent condition.

Club steward Ailie Goddard and her sister Rona are providing takeaway snacks from The Tea Box as the clubhouse remains closed.

Members will only be allowed to play if they book a tee time and only members of one or two households will be permitted to play together.

Players are advised to change their shoes in the car park, observe social distancing at all times and bring their own hand sanitiser although this is available at the bridge by the 17th and at the base of the 14th tee.

The first two medal competitions will be held on June 13 and June 14. For the third and fourth rounds of the gents' championships, the tee is reserved on both days between 9am and 11am. Competitions are being held every weekend up to the first weekend in September.

No club or open competitions are being run at Machrihanish Golf Club, with the committee looking at how they can be rescheduled.

All members must book in advance and there is no access to any facilities at the club, including toilets, locker rooms and trolleys.

The shop is also closed, with golf professional Jennie Dunn only there to act as the starter.

Anyone requiring help with regards to their booking can

contact the office, which is open with limited hours, by emailing secretary@machgolf.com or calling 01586 810213.

A club spokesperson said: 'Many players have commented on how well the course is looking considering there are only three greenkeepers out on the course with the rest still on furlough.'

Golf started again at Tarbert Golf Club last Friday with the first members on the tee at 8am followed by a steady stream as the day went on, with about 30 people playing in total.

On Saturday, 22 members gathered for the back to golf Stableford, observing social distancing rules while enjoying a beautiful sunny day and a course in great condition.

Lady champion Sheena Ferguson showed the gents how it's done with a fantastic round of golf and a points tally of 42, giving her a clear victory.

In second place was John MacNab on 38, with James Smyth third on 37. There were magic twos from Iain Macalister at the 8th and James B MacNeill at the 12th.

Tomorrow sees the first round of the Fyne Tankard take place with all the usual ballot times in place.

Members of Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club also swung back into action last Friday.

Play is restricted to members only, playing singles, but doubles can be played between two household groups or four players from the same household.

The clubhouse is closed so there are no toilet or changing facilities for the meantime.

A club spokesperson said: 'A new online booking system has been introduced thanks to Susan Shaw and this worked really well over the opening weekend. The club is grateful to the local Tesco Metro which supplied the club with hand sanitiser, disinfectant and wipes to ensure a high standard of hygiene.'

Anyone requiring information on membership or with any queries can email catherinedobbie@btinternet.com or phone 01586 553342.

Kintyre Angling Club's lochs opened on Monday, with the exception of Lussa which remains closed because of low water levels.

A club spokesperson said: 'We are not selling day or evening tickets at the moment although people can still get seasonal membership which is available from Kenny Craig in the Hardware Store or through the club's Facebook page.'

'Following Scottish Government guidelines, we've put signs up at Auchalochy to inform anglers about new conditions for safe fishing.'



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