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Inspection reveals 'serious concerns' at care home

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The Care Inspectorate has issued a 'serious letter of concern' to the owners of Kintyre Care Home after an unannounced inspection on June 11 uncovered 'inconsistent use of personal protective equipment (PPE)' and 'a lack of understanding from staff of best practice'.

In accordance with the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020, which came into force on May 27, the Care Inspectorate must submit a fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament, detailing which care home services it inspected during those two weeks, and the findings of those inspections.

While a full report has still to be published, last Thursday's submission about Kintyre Care Home read: 'The environment and equipment used by people in the home were not clean and inspectors had to show this to the manager and explain how this was unsatisfactory.'

'There were not enough staff to provide care, and the assessment completed by the manager to assess staffing numbers demonstrated a lack of understanding of the basic care needs of people.'

It comes after a 2019 inspection branded the home's management and leadership, care and support, and staffing as 'weak'.

'Time and time again the standards within the home have been allowed to slip, which is totally unacceptable'

As well as issuing a letter of concern to HC-One, the care home's provider, outlining the immediate action that must be taken, the Care Inspectorate informed Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) of its findings.

A spokesperson for HC-One told the Courier: 'The health,

safety and wellbeing of our residents is our top priority. We were exceptionally disappointed with the Care Inspectorate's findings on June 11 and we apologise to our residents and their loved ones for falling short of the high standards they expect and deserve.'

'In response, we have taken immediate action. A new, experienced turnaround home manager from our team will be running the home moving forward, and our area director and area quality director have both been working at the home. In addition, one-on-one, in-person training covering the correct use of PPE and infection control techniques has been delivered to every colleague by our learning and development team, and a full deep clean of the home has been completed.'

'A comprehensive improvement plan has been created and submitted to our local health and care partners, who we continue to work closely with and who are monitoring

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Although he was born on March 11, George Willis's birth was only officially registered this week. George was the first 'lockdown baby' to be registered in Campbeltown when the office at the Burnet Building reopened on Monday as the coronavirus restrictions were eased. George, who lives in Campbeltown with his mum Chelsea, dad John and big sister Emelie, was born in the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital in Glasgow but registrations had already been stopped by the time his mum and dad brought their new family member home. Chelsea said: 'He still has lots of family and friends to meet.'

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Police are investigating after the wheel arch of a white Ford Transit van was damaged on Main Street, Campbeltown, between noon on June 12 and 5pm on June 23.

A 50-year-old man was arrested at about 1am on June 24 following a report of a disturbance at Kirk Street, Campbeltown. He was later charged with being in possession of an offensive weapon and a report was submitted to the fiscal.

A 34-year-old man allegedly behaved in a threatening manner at about 5.30pm on June 23 at Smith Drive, Campbeltown, and thereafter posted threats on social media. He was subsequently arrested and charged with offences under the Communications Act. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

At about 1pm on June 25, at Hazelburn Business Park, Campbeltown, a 60-year-old man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner whilst being in breach of his bail conditions. He was arrested and charged, and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

A 49-year-old woman allegedly behaved in a threatening manner and damaged a vehicle at about noon on June 26, at Pensioners Row, Campbeltown. She was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Summer ferry service cancelled

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Due to the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, CalMac will not operate its Campbeltown to Ardrossan summer ferry service this year.

In a statement, the Campbeltown ferry committee wrote: 'While we are disappointed, we are not greatly surprised as social distancing guidelines mean that there will be a huge reduction in the amount of passengers allowed on the ferries at any one time.'

Councillor John Armour, who chairs the committee, added: 'After the dreadful news at the end of last year with the loss of more than 100 jobs at CS Wind and Campbeltown Creamery I hoped that the 2020 season would bring much-needed revenue into Kintyre with extra ferry passengers.'

'Last year's practically trouble-free sailings and a huge increase in passengers and cars showed that the service can be a huge boost to Kintyre and beyond. The ferry committee was working with the CalMac's marketing team to have the Campbeltown



The MV Isle of Arran entering Campbeltown Loch during a 2019 sailing. 50_c27ferry01

to Ardrossan service at the forefront of its advertising and marketing campaign this year but Covid-19 put paid to that.

'I have asked CalMac to look at reinstating some sort of service this summer if guidelines change and capacity on the boat increases. While it is probably unlikely that this will happen in time for this summer, any return to sailings from Campbeltown to Ardrossan would be welcome. However the ferry committee will be fully focused on engaging with CalMac to ensure that the 2021 season is well publicised and hopefully trouble-free.'

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron has

written to CalMac seeking an explanation for the suspension of the ferry service. He has also lodged questions in the Scottish Parliament demanding answers from the Scottish Government.

Mr Cameron said: 'While I understand that the Covid-19 emergency has put extra strain on services, and CalMac has had to restrict its timetable accordingly, it is simply not acceptable to leave communities in an area like Kintyre in the lurch in this way.'

'We need to know exactly why we have lost our service, when it will be restored, and what the company and ministers are going to do about it in the meantime.'

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the progress we are making. Good progress has been made as acknowledged by the Care Inspectorate during a follow-up visit this week. We remain wholly committed to making sure this home receives the support needed to sustain this work and provide the high-quality care service our residents expect.'

Caroline Cherry, head of Adult Services for Older Adults and Community Hospitals, said: 'Argyll and Bute HSCP has been working closely with the Care Inspectorate and the owners of the home to improve care and support within the home. This has included temporarily closing the home to admissions, infection control audits, an HSCP manager in place part time as a mentor, and support and daily nurse visits.'

'We remain committed to ensuring that residents receive the best possible care and we will continue to work closely with the owners and the Care Inspectorate. As ever we are working to continuously improve standards of care.'

South Kintyre councillors Donald Kelly and John Armour have both spoken to the Courier following the home's inspection.

Councillor Kelly said he was 'extremely concerned' about the 'unsatisfactory report', adding: 'It's fine putting in extra staff and resources in the short-term to address the concerns raised, however time and time

again the standards within the home have been allowed to slip, which is totally unacceptable.'

'The residents, family members and the wider community of Kintyre deserve much better and the positions of all senior management from all the agencies with a direct responsibility for the welfare of residents require to be investigated as a matter of urgency.'

'I have written directly to the Health Minister highlighting my concerns and will be requesting that a full and detailed report comes to the next meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee.'

Councillor Armour said he was 'very disturbed' to hear 'more bad news' from Kintyre Care Home. He added: 'I share the very valid and serious concerns of relatives and staff I have spoken to.'

'I will be interested to hear what the latest report says and if no improvement is seen then perhaps the HSCP should take more control in running the home until the situation is back to, at the very least, an acceptable standard.'

'Quite frankly I think it is immoral to see this company pay out dividends to shareholders of more than £48 million in 2017 and 2018 while this care home stays understaffed. Maybe less handouts and more investment in the home, and better wages and conditions for staff, would be a better use of its profits.'



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Town centre is prepared for new one-way system

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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New road markings have been painted in the centre of Campbeltown ahead of a one-way traffic system being implemented.

Argyll and Bute Council has begun work in preparation for introducing the new traffic regulation order that was agreed in March last year, which will see a one-way system come into operation in the town centre.

The roads involved in the one-way system and the permitted direction of travel on them is as follows: Burnside Street, from its junction with Lorne Street to its junction with Longrow, north-easterly; Union Street, from its junction with Cross Street to its junction with Bolgam Street, north-easterly; Kirk Street, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with St



New arrows on the road at Burnbank Street's junction with Kinloch Road; and right, there will be a one-way system through Burnside Square.

John Street, south-easterly; Bolgam Street, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with Burnbank Place, north-westerly; Shore Street, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with St

John Street, south-easterly; Cross Street, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with Union Street, north-westerly; Longrow South, from its junction with Main Street to its junction with Burnside Street,



north-westerly; and Burnbank Street, from its junction with Longrow to its junction with Kinloch Road, north-easterly.

A council spokesperson said: 'The majority of the lining works have been completed. The road markings for the one-way system won't be installed until the one-way signage has been erected.'

'We are awaiting delivery of specialist poles for this illuminated signage. Once they arrive they will be erected and the one way system will be implemented.'

Overnight road closures

Temporary resurfacing works are set to be carried out on the A83 trunk road in Campbeltown between Snipefield Business Park and Dalaruan Street later this month.

The work will be carried out by BEAR Scotland, on behalf of Transport Scotland, to maintain the integrity and safety of this section of road until more substantial carriageway resurfacing works are carried out at the start of next year.

Work is provisionally programmed to start on Sunday July 12 for two nights, between 8pm and 5am each night. The anticipated completion date is Tuesday July 14 at 5am.

Due to the available road

widths at the location a full road closure is required for safety. As there is no suitable diversion route available, amnesties will be provided at 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

During these times vehicles will be escorted through the site under a 10 miles per hour convoy traffic management system. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I am delighted that at long last this section of road is finally receiving much-needed repairs.'

Drainage and footway improvement works are planned to be undertaken at this location in September.

Kintyre Food Bank on the move

As of next Friday, July 10, Kintyre Food Bank will operate from the SKDT Hall on Kirk Street.

Since the start of lockdown, to ensure that social distancing could be adhered to, the food bank has been situated at Campbeltown Town Hall but next week it will relocate to the former Red Cross Hall, both of which are owned by South

Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT).

Kintyre Food Bank chairperson Mary-Anne Stewart said: 'We are very grateful to SKDT for its assistance and support at this time.'

The food bank remains open from 10am to noon on Tuesdays and Fridays and, for the time being, no referral is needed.

2019 cargo vessel incident report published by MAIB

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) report into an incident which injured two crewmen on a cargo ship while it was berthed in Campbeltown last year has been published, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Two crewmen on board the Hong Kong-registered general cargo vessel Zea Servant, which was at the town's New Quay to transport 12 wind tower sections to Hull, were injured when a suspended load fell and struck them on March 2, 2019.

Campbeltown and Southend Coastguard Rescue Teams were tasked to perform the casualty extraction. One of the men, a Chinese national, was so seriously injured that he had to be taken by Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 to hospital in Glasgow.

The MAIB report, published on June 24, reads: 'The suspended load was the lifting gear used to move the vessel's cargo hold hatch covers, and it fell because it became snagged, resulting in the tension overload failure of a fibre sling that was being used as part of the hoist.'



Zea Servant berthed at Campbeltown's New Quay.

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'The injuries occurred because both crewmen were standing inside the hazardous area around the suspended load when it fell. They were standing ready to manually guide the load clear of snagging hazards during the lift.'

'The lifting gear had been stowed in the cargo hold ventilation duct space, where it was known to have snagged before. The lifting operation had not been formally risk assessed, and a lifting plan for the work had not been produced.'

The report stated that after the accident, Zea

Servant's manager, Tianjin Xinhai International Ship Management Co Ltd, identified an alternative stowage location and developed a lifting plan for the cargo hold hatch cover lifting gear.

It also took action to improve general levels of safety awareness and the standards of lifting operations carried out on board Zea Servant and across its fleet of vessels.

The report recommendation reads: 'In view of the actions taken by Zea Servant's manager, no recommendations have been made in this report.'

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MACC's charitable giving surpasses £55k

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) has awarded £6,000 to six local organisations through its Covid-19 Charitable Fund.

This funding round is part of MACC's annual Charitable Giving Fund which usually opens once per year in June but, due to the current pandemic, it was decided the fund should open early to help local not-for-profit organisations during this difficult time.

Funds have been awarded to Campbeltown Grammar School to help towards the cost of IT equipment for pupils; InspirAlba for laptops and art supplies for local young people who do not have access to them, allowing them to stay busy and keep in touch with their friends and family; Kintyre Link Club to put towards continued essential mental health support in the local community; Kintyre Recycling to cover overheads of the Kintyre

Reuse Hub and to prevent job losses; Kintyre Youth Motocross Club towards the cost of a new fence for its track; and Meadows Under Fives Nursery for legal costs for changing constitution to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation to allow it to keep providing vital childcare services.

Good causes

Since 2014, MACC has awarded more than £55,000 to local clubs, organisations, and good causes

including the largest one-off donation of £15,000 to the local kidney dialysis charity campaign in 2014.

MACC Charitable Giving Scheme was set up in 2017 and awards funds in line with MACC's charitable objectives which are: managing community land and assets for community benefit; sustainable development, community development and regeneration; development of projects of particular benefit to the young and/or disadvantaged groups;

and projects that provide majority of benefit to the people of the PA28 6 postcode area.

MACC is delighted to confirm that the Charitable Giving Fund will open again in July 2020 for applications and further details on how to apply will be available on its Facebook page and website in the next few weeks.

The successful applicants will be announced at MACC's Annual General Meeting in September.

Help design a medal for 5k a day hero David

The Mairi Semple Cancer Fund is asking children to help design a medal for one of its fundraising heroes.

The charity launched a competition on Wednesday asking youngsters to design a medal for Campbeltown's David Brown, who is challenging himself to run or walk 5k, or complete 25 minutes of exercise every day of 2020 in a bid to stay fit and raise money for charity.

For every kilometre he completes, David donates 30p of his own money to

the charity of his choice for that month. So far, he has donated to the British Heart Foundation, Marie Curie, and Helen Gilchrist's Jolly Monday Show fundraising campaign, as well as charities which raise awareness of mental health, stroke, and primary ciliary dyskinesia.

July's beneficiary is the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund, a Kintyre charity which raises money for cancer relief and research.

To reward David's efforts, the fund's committee is chal-

lenging youngsters to design a medal. Entries can be made using any material or can be a drawing, which should have 'Mairi Semple Cancer Fund' and 'Lockdown July 2020' written on it – but the rest is up to the entrants!

There will be three winners who will be decided on July 26. They will each receive a goodie bag and all entries will be displayed at the charity's next event.

Entries can be posted in the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund box in Tesco or mailed to Fiona

Macalister, Glenacardoch Farm, Glenbarr, PA29 6UT. Entrants are asked to include their name and contact details.

Fiona and some others have been supporting David by completing their own runs.

David told the Courier: 'I am only doing it to keep as fit as I can. I thought it would be nice to give something back.'

'I send a message to each charity and say that if anyone wants to join in, they can. I'm overwhelmed by the response of Fiona and the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund committee.'



Fundraising hero David Brown.



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The Outreach/Support 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.

Please visit our website – www.dochasfund.org.uk and Facebook page – www.facebook.com/dochascentre which will be updated regularly with information and advice; we are planning to trial a virtual drop in service.

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday. Contact number for the centre 01546 600 022. Email - enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk

Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

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The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our 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 0793 203 9801.

Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via counselling@dochasfund.org.uk or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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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

Tourism charter launched in Kintyre

With the tourism and hospitality sector beginning to open up again across Scotland from this weekend, Kintyre's local tourism marketing organisation has published a 'charter' for the reopening of the sector here.



Explore Kintyre and Gigha chairman Niall Macalister Hall.

Explore Kintyre and Gigha, with more than 80 member businesses in Kintyre, set up a working group with local councillors to agree the charter, and consulted with the NHS locally on the final draft.

It is a seven point plan which sets out the measures being taken by Explore Kintyre and Gigha and its members to ensure a safe reopening of the sector.

Niall Macalister Hall, chairman of Explore Kintyre and Gigha, said: 'The charter is a statement setting out the measures Explore Kintyre and Gigha and its members will be taking to ensure the safety of guests, staff and the wider community as the tourism and hospitality sector begins to reopen.

'It recognises that Kintyre has been, to some extent, shielded from the worst effects of the coronavirus pandemic

and that naturally there may be some anxiety within communities about the reopening of the sector.

It also highlights the important role that tourism and hospitality play in the local economy through jobs and

income generation, and by supporting the wider economy of Kintyre.'

Mr Macalister Hall added: 'The charter is our contract with the people of Kintyre, committing us to the safe reopening of the sector. We

are grateful to the Courier for helping us to share it widely with the community of Kintyre. Copies have also been sent to all of Kintyre's community councils so that they too are informed and can help to share it more widely.

'We are very hopeful of seeing a successful reopening of tourism and hospitality businesses in Kintyre this month. Albeit, and rightly so, with some major changes to ensure safety with an awareness of the new Covid-19 environment.'

Explore Kintyre and Gigha charter for re-opening the tourism and hospitality sector

The charter commits all tourism and hospitality businesses that are members of Explore Kintyre and Gigha to:

- Follow and adhere to the guidance issued by the Scottish Government.
- Undertake a Covid-19 risk assessment process, as required by the Scottish Government, aimed at protecting customers, staff members and the wider community and ensuring the safe reopening of their business.
- Keep their assessments and plans under review to ensure they are being effective and are up-to-date with any changes to Scottish Government guidance or regulations.
- Highlight to guests and customers their own individual responsibilities as people accessing retail, tourism and hospitality, by pointing them to the Scottish Government guidance developed for guests and customers.
- Encourage guests and customers to be aware of local sensitivities about the transmission of Covid-19 and to abide by social distancing and hygiene/cleanliness advice in line with the guidance above.
- Remind guests and customers not to travel to Kintyre if they think they are exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Ask people to leave and return home safely, to self-isolate, if they begin to show any symptoms while in Kintyre, in line with Scottish Government recommendations.

Tesco store donates thousands of meals

Over the last five years Campbeltown's Tesco Metro store has donated more than 17,000 meals of surplus food to the supermarket chain's Community Food Connection scheme.

The town's Lochend Street store has contributed 17,866 meals to the 50 million donated by stores across the UK.

Every Tesco store in the UK participates in the Community Food Connection scheme which operates with food redistribution charity FareShare, and this year celebrates five years of helping communities across the country.

Since the start of the pandemic almost 700 new groups have signed up to receive food from the scheme.

The scheme works by pairing charities and community groups with their local Tesco store.

Unsold

At the end of each day a store colleague works out which food is likely to be unsold and then uses a specially-developed app to tell a local charity or community group what food can be collected.

To find out more about Community Food Connection visit: tescolpc.com/community

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Kintyre home must do better for our loved ones

No one wants to read bad press about their local care home but those responsible for looking after the elderly members of our community must be held to account.

While it is always shocking to hear about weaknesses within the care sector, it is especially worrying at a time like this, during the Covid-19 pandemic, when these weaknesses could potentially mean the difference between life and death - particularly with regards to the use of personal protective equipment.

Admitting a loved one to a care home must be a daunting and emotional experience which will take a lot of careful consideration.

To make that tough decision and then hear that your loved one is not being adequately cared for by the people in whom you have placed your trust must be heart-breaking.

It must be especially difficult to process when living in a small area like Campbeltown where options are limited when it comes to the care facilities that are available.

The Courier's visits to the care home have always shown kind and caring front line staff providing fun and entertainment for residents. It is a shame the shortfalls outlined in the inspection report overshadow the good that these staff do on a day-to-day basis.

The home's management must do better.

A turning point in history

Last week's letters pages included two timely and thoughtful contributions. Thank you, Amanda Thorburn and David Fee.

As we start to emerge from the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it's time to pause and reflect on what's happening, at this turning point in history.

For several centuries the global economy has grown, fed by resource extraction and subjugation of indigenous people by colonial, and now by corporate, empires.

The warnings have been ignored. The result has been destruction of ecosystems (a source of pandemics), pollution of air, soil and water, melting ice, and ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

We have dedicated ourselves to plundering Earth as if there was no tomorrow. Now we are waking to a world so devastated that there may well be no tomorrow for many of us.

We fill our heads with distractions - entertainment, 'bucket lists', over-consumption. We see everything - including race and religion - in terms of 'winners' and 'losers', forgetting that the history of life on Earth is a story of co-operation as much as of competition.

As Amanda and David remind us, no race or religion has the right to claim superiority. We will only survive if we turn our backs on the notion of domination and decide to build a world based on maintaining healthy habitats to meet the needs - not the wants - of all species and peoples.

If that sounds like an idealistic fantasy, just spend a few minutes really thinking about what it will feel like to live - and die - with the alternative.

Judy Martin,
Campbeltown.

SNP failing councils

The SNP is failing councils as recent figures show that the cost of coronavirus to local authorities could hit more than £400 million.

Under the SNP essential local services have been underfunded for years, yet it is councils that are spearheading the response to this virus.

Without action and proper investment from central government vital public services will be at risk.

This news of huge strain on local authority budgets comes as the SNP is delaying in opening up Scotland's hospitality and tourism industry. Instead of following other parts of the UK and opening the sector on July 4, the separatists are forcing businesses to wait until July 15.

This delay will cost businesses millions at a time when thousands of jobs are already on the line.

The SNP is risking people's livelihoods. It needs to accept responsibility for that and take action now.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.

A83 blighted by bikers

Communities on the A83 are blighted by the noise of bikers, many with illegal exhausts.

Inveraray is the gathering point for motorcyclists and on a recent Saturday during lockdown around 40 were gathered, not two metre social distancing, and failing to adhere to the maximum eight in a group guidance.

This has become the norm throughout the summer, and it seems lockdown guidance does not apply to bikers as they have been a constant feature on the roads, even in phase one.

The unofficial Argyll TT goes past our homes most weekends over the spring and summer months.

I have a bike licence and understand the feeling of freedom, but three-figure speeds past residential entrances, many of them hidden, is completely unacceptable.

As a resident you begin to dread the weekend and sunny days. The noise is constant and intrusive for 12 to 15 hours in a day, the decibel level in excess of 100 dB where sounds above 85 dB are harmful to hearing.

This is a serious issue for residents who cannot open their doors and windows, cannot use their gardens, pets are terrified, it is often impossible to have a conversation, or a phone call. The noise from hundreds of bikes is explosive and destructive.

The speeds are terrifying, they travel in intim-

idating packs, the noise is threatening and the bikers have no respect for the communities they are speeding through. They pass multiple residential entrances with limited sight lines with no care for risk.

The offensive noise seems to come from two actions - modifying motorbike exhausts and extreme acceleration in legal bikes.

If a car made a similar noise, spewed out the same polluting omissions, or did the same ridiculous speeds, it would be pulled over by the police, but bikers appear above the law.

As technology reduces the noise pollution of cars, planes and other forms of transport, it seems motorbikes are exempt. Bikers claim 'loud pipes save lives' but is safety really the motivation for deliberately creating excessive noise?

Noise counts as a statutory nuisance (covered by Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) if it either unreasonably and substantially interferes with the user or enjoyment of a home or other premises; or is likely to injure health.

The problem on A83 is known to all the statutory agencies, but nothing is done.

If this is a national problem, what action needs to be taken?

Concerned Loch Fyne-side resident
(name and address supplied).

Sight loss support

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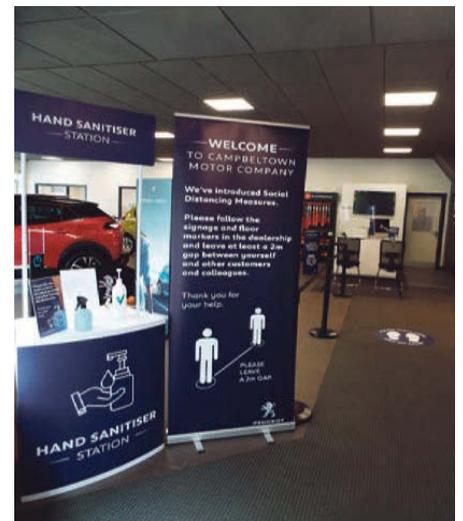
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Kintyre Canoe Club won the best-dressed float, left to right: Alex Geyer, Sid Gallagher, Malcolm McMillan and Angus Scott.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday July 7, 1995

Kintyre welcomes the Princess Royal

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal made a private visit to the site of the Mull of Kintyre helicopter disaster last Friday.

Princess Anne visited the memorial dedicated to the 29 victims of the crash during weather conditions reminiscent of the Thursday evening last June when they died.

Mist and low cloud reduced visibility on the hillside to a matter of yards.

She was joined at the cairn by the Principal Lighthouse Keeper at the Mull, Mr Hector Lamont MBE, the Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, Mr David Murchie, and the Sheriff Principal of

North Strathclyde and Commissioner of the Northern Lighthouse Board, Mr Robert C. Hay CBE WS.

As the Princess remembered, bagpipe music from Campbeltown piper Charles McMillan, standing a mile away by the lighthouse, drifted in the air. The Princess saw the memorial after she visited the lighthouse in her role as Patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board.

Arriving by helicopter, she was greeted by the Lord Lieutenant's representative, Colonel Hector Macneal OBE DT DL, and Sheriff Principal Hay. She saw round the lighthouse, which is due to be automated early next year, and met the lighthouse keepers and their families.

She also signed the Book of Remembrance for the victims of the crash which is currently kept at the lighthouse.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday July 2, 1970

New-look Carradale Church

The redecoration of Carradale Church was completed last week, about a month after the removal of the pews. The minister, the Rev. John E. McInnes, told the Courier: 'The church was so crowded that people were sitting around the pulpit.'

The pews have been replaced by chairs and so the church can now be used for youth activities during the week.

Earlier in the year, when the decision to remove the pews was taken by the Kirk Session, an appeal against the conversion was made to the Presbytery of Kintyre, and, when rejected, to the Synod of Argyll. That appeal was also dismissed.

One of the objectors, Mrs Catherine Wilkieson, a retired Carradale nurse, denounced the plans as 'offensive to a sacred, dedicated building'.

The decoration of the building was done by members of the congregation.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday June 3, 1920

Town Council

The monthly meeting of the Town Council of Campbeltown was held on Monday night – Provost Colvill in the chair. The other members present were Bailie Maceachran, Treasurer Stewart, Councillors McGrory, Hutcheon, Don

Campbell, Watson, J. Smith, Fisher and Reid.

The Housing Scheme – The Town Council, on the motion of Mr John Smith, unanimously resolved to intimate to the Scottish Board of Health their intention to borrow the sum of £50,000 at 6 per cent by the issue of housing bonds or otherwise.

Coal Control Terminates – The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Coal Controller intimating the termination of coal control and the giving up of the office of the Local Fuel Overseer as from June 30.

The Dust Nuisance – Mr Fisher asked if anything had been done on connection with the complaint made at a meeting of the Streets and Lighting Committee regarding the dust nuisance on the streets.

Mr Reid gave the assurance that both the watering of the streets and the system of repairing them were having the attention of the Master of Works. Mr Campbell directed attention to the nuisance which was frequently created by the riddling of coal on the quay. It was a most objectionable practice, and on a windy day it caused a good deal of inconvenience and discomfort to passengers. Coal should be riddled in the store.

Mr McGrory, Harbour Convenor, admitted that there was good reason for this complaint. Frequently when people were going down the quay they had to wait their chance to get by. A good deal of inconvenience was also caused by overloaded carts dropping coal and coke on the quay. The droppings were ground to powder by the traffic, and this increased the dust nuisance. He should like to see the grievance removed if he had the power.

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Ten years since closure of St Kieran's

It is a decade since Campbeltown's St Kieran's Primary School was mothballed before eventually closing its doors forever.

After 129 years, the Catholic denominational school was forced to close at the end of the 2010 school year because of 'unsustainable' pupil numbers, with just two children set to attend after the summer break.

At the time, parents decided to withdraw the children from the school as they believed it was

in their 'best interests' to place them elsewhere in Campbeltown. The school's head teacher, Mary Watson, was also transferred to another school.

In a letter sent to parents, pupils and staff, past and present, informing them of the closure and inviting them to a cheese and wine evening to celebrate the school's life, Mrs Watson described the closure as 'an end of an era'.

She wrote: 'It is a time of great sadness for us



The former St Kieran's Primary School building is now a guesthouse.

all and it is unlikely that the school will reopen, although the facility will still be here for some years if circumstances change.'

Councillor Isobel Strong, who was then Argyll and Bute Council's spokeswoman for education and lifelong learning, said at the time: 'It would have been unsustainable to keep the school open. The modern curriculum depends on bigger numbers and the school can't sustain this with the current pupil numbers. No decision has been made yet on the future of the building.'

In November 2011, the decision was taken to permanently close the school.

There had been a St Kieran's Primary School in

the town since 1881, initially in the church hall on Kirk Street, before moving to the current building, affectionately known as 'the Wee Grammar' in 1970.

The building had housed Campbeltown Grammar School's maths department when the secondary school was situated in what is now the nearby Kintyre Community Education Centre.

Since the closure of the school, the building has been refurbished and is now a thriving family-owned guest house, named Grammar Lodge Guesthouse, which has its own nine-hole putting green.



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Veterans on frontline

Veterans are providing vital skills across a range of projects to help the country tackle the current coronavirus outbreak. From helping to build Nightingale Hospitals to delivering essential supplies to those who are shielding, they have helped thousands of people across the country. We take a look at how one such veteran is helping out.

THIS IS not the first time former soldier Joshua Ryder has seen a pandemic close up, having volunteered to visit Sierra Leone during the West African Ebola virus outbreak.

The 30-year-old worked in what was known as a "red zone" in Kerry Town, 19 miles from capital Freetown.

As a member of Royal Army Medical Core, he worked as a combat medical technician, receiving awards for Top Trainee and Adult Learner of the Year.

Joshua said: "We treated patients with confirmed or suspected Ebola. The symptoms are similar to those of malaria and gastroenteritis.

"We triaged and tested patients to determine whether they had these or Ebola."

The West African outbreak began in 2014, ending in Sierra Leone in 2016.

Two-and-a-half years after the first case was discovered, the outbreak resulted in more than 28,600 cases with 11,325 deaths.

Such was the volatility of the strain – most widespread outbreak of the disease in history – Joshua was only allowed to work in the area for 30 days.

He said: "I loved the country. It has some beautiful sights and the people are really friendly.

"It was sad to see the

devastation caused by the pandemic. We didn't only focus on the pandemic. We visited orphanages and helped build something for the country.

"It was moving to see the children who lost their parents to the virus."

During the coronavirus outbreak he is again working, but the environment could not be more different.

Having left the army in 2018, he is now a trainee nursing associate on a Midlands Partnership NHS Trust acute mental health ward in Stafford.

Joshua, who is father to Tia, aged 12, and her 10-year-old sister Lola, said: "Day to day I am more involved with the physical well-being of the patients – calming them, making physical observations, doing ECGs and bloods.

"I go to Keele University one day a week and am due to start my second year in September."

It was Joshua's experiences and expertise in the army that led him to the NHS in general, and mental health in particular.

He said: "I have worked in demanding conditions in various locations around the world. I am adaptable to suit many environments and job roles."

In the military he saw firsthand soldiers suffering poor mental health. One of



his friends, also serving in the army, committed suicide.

He said: "I entered the NHS through the Step into Health programme, which has been brilliant.

"I was able to show them what I had done and my

experiences counted. There was a lot of competition for the Trainee Nursing Associate place.

"I have been able to prove myself and have had really positive feedback.

"I won an award for

Outstanding Impact Since Joining the NHS at the programme's first ceremony."

Joshua is helping to treat patients through more difficult times than usual.

"We are doing absolutely brilliantly," he said. "It would

be abnormal, with all the constant changes, if we did not experience stress and anxiety.

"We have adapted and made changes.

"Here our patients have been brilliant.

"We have got a good team



TESTING TIME: A member of the armed services carries out a swab to detect Covid-19.

How military knowledge

FORMER SERVICE personnel have helped different communities deal with all manner of problems, making urgent deliveries of food and medicines to vulnerable people while also helping those who are shielding receive what they need.

Many others have helped ensure those who need a test for the virus have been

able to get one by setting up mobile testing sites, allowing them to run smoothly and safely to daily test thousands of people with symptoms.

A lot of this work has required specific skills our veterans have learnt throughout years of military service.

The work of these veterans goes to show the military gives you key skills, transferable to

civilian life – be it healthcare, business or organisation.

Veterans form an important part of our NHS workforce and, throughout COVID-19, many more have come forward to support the continued fight against this pandemic.

Working across a variety of roles, both on and off the frontline, the NHS has benefitted from their military

tackling coronavirus



Fantastic skills of armed forces

Minister for Defence People and Veterans Johnny Mercer, pictured right, said: "Those who've served in the armed forces have developed a vast array of skills during their

career, meaning they can play a huge part now in our national effort to tackle coronavirus. "We have seen many veterans making a fantastic contribution during the

pandemic, through helping out the vulnerable in their local communities, to running mobile testing sites nationally. We cannot thank them enough for their efforts."



WELL DONE: Joshua Ryder receives Outstanding Impact Since Joining The NHS award from Career Transition Partnership Head of Employment Lorraine Cadle and NHS Employers Chief Executive Danny Mortimer at March's Step into Health Awards, attended by Prince William. (photo: NHS Employers)

here, a good mix of people with different skills. We all support each other and do everything we can for our patients."

Joshua has also been a volunteer with men's mental health charity Men Unite, supporting males in crisis.

He ran a half marathon last year to raise £500 for Mental Health UK.

"And this month I am running 100 miles, having so far raised £795 for the same charity through JustGiving," he said.

helps the public

expertise and experiences, invaluable at this challenging time.

From redesigning hospital departments to safely supporting virus and non-virus patients, to providing care for those in Nightingale Hospitals and supporting nurses using military mental health resilience techniques, vets have once again served our country with pride. This

is in addition to many who have continued to work in dedicated NHS services for ex-service personnel, such as Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison Service and Veterans' Mental Health Complex Treatment Service to ensure care and treatment remains available throughout this period, virtually or via phone.



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Happy lockdown birthday to you all!

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

People may be unable to celebrate as with family and friends as they normally would but they have been finding other ways to make their day special.

This is how some Kintyre 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 shout-out. 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.



Amy Harris Ramsay, from Gobagrennan, near Campbeltown, turns two today, Friday July 3. She will be spending the day with her mummy, daddy and big sister Emma eating lots of cake.



Ellie Gorman turned 10 on Sunday June 28. She had a great day celebrating at home with all the family.



Left: Cate McMillan celebrated her third birthday on Saturday June 27. Cate was up very early in the morning to celebrate at home at the Moy with her big brothers Ben and Connor and her mum and dad. She also had a visit to her nana and grandad's garden to see her new playhouse.

Above: Brothers Arran and Max McGeachy, from Campbeltown, miss out on sharing a birthday by just one day. Max will celebrate his first birthday tomorrow, Saturday July 4, while Arran will be three on Sunday July 5.



To our customers, old and new...

After 13 long weeks, we are now able to make plans for reopening The Tayvallich Inn.

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We will start to provide regular updates about our progress. Our service will be different initially while we all adapt to the new normal, with a focus on outdoor eating and takeaway and delivery. Watch out for updates on Facebook regarding opening times, menus, any review to our dates and the launch of our new website.

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*Brian, Kathryn,
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Online learning equals a smooth transition to P1

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Starting primary school is a huge milestone in a child's life and it can be a daunting prospect, but Dalintober Early Learning Centre (ELC) has made the transition as smooth as possible for its graduating youngsters despite the coronavirus pandemic.

At the start of lockdown, when pupils were no longer able to physically attend the ELC, a private group was set up on Facebook to enable on-line learning to take place and allow staff to communicate easily with parents and carers.

They were then able to set a variety of activities, covering areas of the curriculum including literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing, science and technology, for the youngsters to carry out at home.

This meant the children were still being challenged although they could not attend the ELC, and staff could track and monitor their progression.

The 'Follow Phoebe' activity proved to be one of the most popular among the children

and their parents. While out getting their regular exercise, children were tasked with spotting paw prints secretly hidden by one of Dalintober's staff while walking her dog, Phoebe.

The children's parents shared photographs and videos of them taking part in activities including beach cleans, sports days, nature walks, baking, crab fishing and VE Day celebrations.

Music festival

The ELC even held its own virtual music festival in place of the cancelled Kintyre Music Festival, inviting youngsters to film and share videos of themselves singing a range of songs from nursery rhymes to their own compositions.

More recently, the pre-school children were invited to return to the ELC in small groups, remaining socially distanced throughout, to take part in a small graduation ceremony. This marked their last day of term before they move into primary one.

Prior to lockdown, the ELC's graduating children had been having transition sessions with

Dalintober Primary School's infant teachers.

Staff at Dalintober ELC are 'very passionate' about transitions, and were therefore very keen to continue with this through a digital transition programme.

Children and their families were inspired and excited to 'meet' their new classmate - a teddy bear named Logan. Ongoing activities with Logan throughout the transition time stimulated involvement with the children and their families.

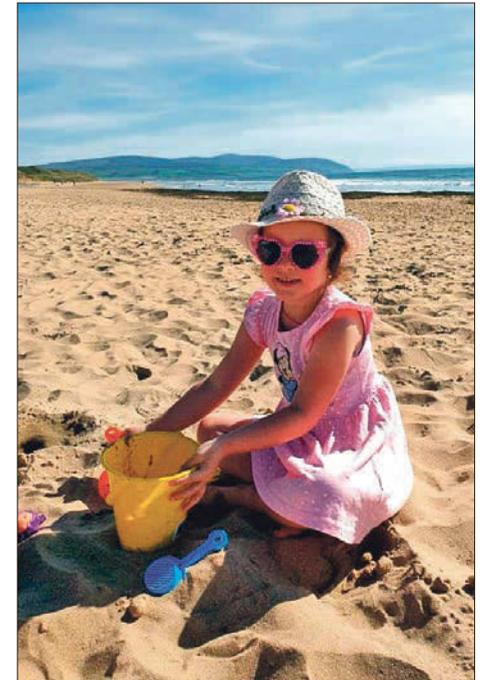
A virtual tour of the school building was organised to create a sense of belonging for the children who will be going into primary one in August.

The school's current primary one children added to this by creating a video full of information and advice, titled 'What you will need for primary one'.

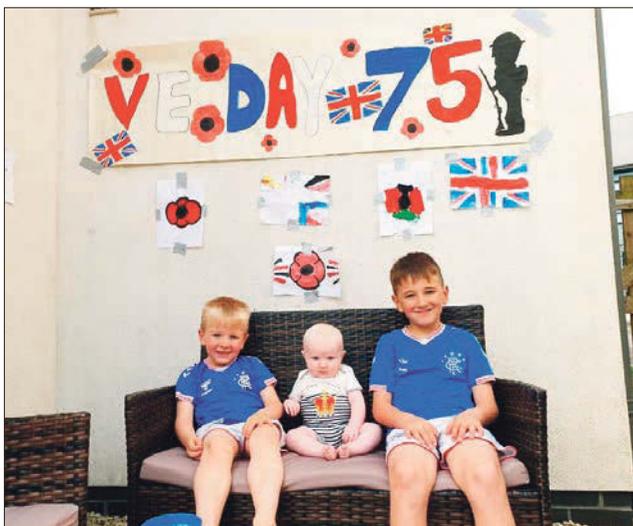
ELC staff, children and their families held their own teddy bears' picnics and shared photographs with the online group as a final celebration to round off their transition programme.



Ross MacSporran and his little sister Thea loved their teddy bears' picnic at home.



Maia Malai stopped to play on the beach during a walk.



Sonny Brown enjoyed a VE Day tea party with his brother Graham and sister Janna.



Harry Martin was joined by his big brother James for their own sports day in the garden.



Maddison Girvan counted 42 stones in the Dalintober rock snake during a walk.



Luke Donnan had fun making a fruit rainbow.



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You can still enjoy a big bowl of spaghetti bolognese on an SP day – just swap the spaghetti for squash noodles or courgetti!

Ingredients

500g lean beef mince (5% fat or less)	400g jar sweet peppers (such as Peppadew), drained and roughly chopped
1 large onion, finely chopped	3 x 300g packs butternut squash noodles (or see tip)
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped	Chopped fresh parsley, to serve
400g can chopped tomatoes	4 level tbsp freshly grated Parmesan, to serve

Method:

Put the beef in a deep non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes or until browned, breaking up any lumps with spoon. Drain off any fat and add the onion, garlic and 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the onion is soft, stirring occasionally.

Add the chopped tomatoes and peppers to the pan, reduce the heat to low and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

When the sauce is nearly ready, put the squash noodles and 100ml boiling water in a non-stick saucepan over a medium-high heat and cook for 5 minutes or until piping hot and tender. Drain, divide between bowls and top with the sauce. Scatter over the parsley and serve with the Parmesan to sprinkle over (1 level tbsp per serving).

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Industry to be proactive as it emerges from Covid-19

Around the markets

STIRLING: United Auctions (Wednesday 24th June 2020) sold 513 store cattle and 101 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks (236) – averaged 220.09p to 279.40p per kg for a 272kg CHX from Dyke, and to £1290 for a 636kg LimX from Newpark.

Dairy Bullocks (92) – averaged 187.88p to 215.10p per kg for a 509kg BFX from Knockrivoch, and to £1095 for a 509kg BFX from Knockrivoch.

Heifers (163) – averaged 224.55p to 270.20p per kg for a 285kg LimX from Dyke, and to £1220 for a 592kg CHX from Mains.

Young Bulls (22) – averaged 216.09p to 239.00p per kg for a CHX from Ashfield, and to £1150 for a SimX from Hole O Clean.

Beef Cows and Bulls (84) – averaged 144.99p to 191.60p per kg for a BSX from Drygate, and to £1470 for a LimX from Kepculloch.

Dairy Cows (17) – averaged 118.24p to 178.90p per kg for a MOX from Claylands, and to £1070 for a MOX from Claylands.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs- Gibblaston £640, 262.30p; 251-300kgs- Blackburn £790, Dyke 279.40p; 301-350kgs- Thomanean £845, Dyke 253.30p; 351-400kgs- Newpark £900, Foregirth 234.80p; 401-450kgs- Torrax £1035, Newpark 240.00p; 451-500kgs- Torrax £1120, Farden 237.50p; 501-551kgs- Mollinhillhead £1210, Torrax 225.20p; 552-601kgs- Silverhill £1280, Farden 223.20p; 602-651kgs- Newpark £1290,

Mollinhillhead 203.00p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs- Gateside £480, 203.40p; 251-300kgs- Dyke £770, 270.20p; 301-350kgs- Kepculloch £810, Dyke 249.20p; 351-400kgs- Kilbrook Farms £905, Millantae 229.50p; 401-450kgs- Farden £1050, 238.60p; 451-500kgs- Torrax £1120, Farden 228.90p; 501-551kgs- Kilbrook Farms £1140, Farden 213.60p; 552-601kgs- Mains £1220, Farden 211.20p.

Young Bulls: 251-300kgs- West Park £685, 237.80p; 301-350kgs- Torrax £800, Ashfield 239.00p; 351-400kgs- Durie £800, 217.00p; 401-450kgs- Durie £860, 211.00p; 501-551kgs- Innerwick £1085, 204.70p; 552-601kgs- Hole O Clean £1150, 200.00p.

OTM Cows: £ per head- .Kepculloch (Lim) £1470, Hardens (AA) £1410, Balgreggie (SH) £1350, Traprain (Sal) £1270, Kepculloch (Sim) £1230, Balquharrage (BRB) £1210, Netherton (CH) £1210, Newpark (SD) £1130, Claylands (MO) £1070, Traprain (HE) £1050.

PPK- .Drygate (BS) 191.60p, Claylands (MO) 178.90p, Balgreggie (SH) 178.60p, Kepculloch (Sim) 177.20p, Balquharrage (BRB) 172.90p, Woodhead of Aberdalgie (AA) 172.40p, Traprain (Sal) 166.70p, Traprain (HE) 163.60p, Kepculloch (Lim) 160.50p, Wester Lochdrum (HF) 159.60p.

OTM Bulls: £ per head- .Broombrae (Sim) £1630, Ballagan (Lim) £1530, Gateside (AA) £1430.

PPK- .Newpark (Lim) 159.70p, Broombrae (Sim) 149.50p, Gateside (AA) 132.70p.

Scotland's agricultural industry must be enabled to be proactive as the nation emerges from the impact of the coronavirus crisis.

Speaking on June 24 by video link with the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, NFU Scotland's Director of Policy Jonnie Hall joined other stakeholders in discussing the impact of Covid-19 on agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food and drink sectors.

In written evidence to the committee, NFUS said that lessons are already being learned but that recovery is likely to take many years. The Union recognised that Scottish agriculture and all that it underpins will have to change and adapt to what is and will be a very new operating environment which will not be 'business as usual'.

Mr Hall also gave evidence on Scotland's Covid-19 recovery when he took part in a video conference with Westminster's Scottish Affairs committee on June 25.

Mr Hall said: 'Post-Covid recovery, and our departure from the EU, will be very challenging for the agricultural sector, as markets and supply chains have to adapt to survive and thrive and agricultural

support is realigned in light of tighter financial constraints and amended policy goals.

'There is significant opportunity for the sector within this challenge. The resetting and restarting of food production, processing and distribution, while meeting a raft of major government policy objectives, will provide the catalyst for change.



Jonnie Hall, NFU Scotland's Director of Policy.

'Our primary goal within the longer-term economic recovery is to secure a profitable and sustainable agricultural industry that acts as a cornerstone to economic, environmental and social benefits: producing high quality food and products that our customers want; seeking growth in new export markets;

taking the lead in the delivery of climate ambitions and a flourishing environment; driving sustainable rural development, helping rural communities thrive and prosper; and contributing to key objectives on animal health and welfare as well as promoting human health and well-being.

'Moving out of the shadow of the pandemic, it is vital that industry and governments work together to ensure a clear and consistent message continues to be received by the general public of the important role played by farmers, crofters and growers – not just in terms of ensuring security of food supply but also with regard to the high provenance of domestic food and drink, produced to exacting standards.'

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CASE STUDY QUEEN'S HOTEL

ROOMS and pamper packages for NHS workers away from their families, prepping more than 600 meals a week for vulnerable people in the community and projecting light shows every week for Clap for Carers are just some of the things one hotel team has done during the coronavirus outbreak.

The team at the Queens Hotel in Southsea have been working hard since lockdown began in March to support everyone in the community across Portsmouth.

Duty manager Megan Lockyer has been working with the small team who have welcomed more than 30 NHS workers to the hotel, which during the Second World War served as a hospital for recovering servicemen, for a place to rest away from their jobs.

Megan put a post on the Portsmouth Coronavirus Support Group on Facebook asking members to support her idea and it has since taken off with donations pouring in from individuals and businesses.

She said: "I watched the NHS workers come back to the hotel

after a challenging day and I really wanted to let them know how much we appreciate what they are doing.

"I came up with the idea of making hampers for the NHS workers who are currently with us at the hotel.

"I shared my idea with the Facebook group and it was amazing how the community responded.

"The NHS staff had told us how sore their hands were due to constant washing and we were able to include aloe vera hand cream along with items such as face masks, relaxing bath gels, slippers and Easter eggs."

Staff also worked with Medusa Hairdressing in Southsea to create more hampers which were distributed to key workers in local nursing homes.

The hotel's managing director Farid Yeganeh said: "I am delighted with the small team we have working at the hotel who have ensured it is clean and safe for our NHS guests."

More than 7,200 meals have been sent out in lockdown to vulnerable people around the city thanks to a collaboration between the hotel, a collective of voluntary organisations called



THERE FOR YOU: Queen's Hotel lit up for the NHS and (inset) preparing food in the kitchen. PICTURE: QUEENS HOTEL SOUTHSEA

Portsmouth Hive, Portsmouth City Council, NHS Portsmouth CCG, the charity arm of Portsmouth Football Club called Pompey in the Community, as well as Anghel Niko Nedelcu, head chef from Portsmouth's Brasserie Blanc and Royal Beach Hotel head chef Paul Playford. The initiative received two £3,000 anonymous donations, as well



as food donations from local businesses including butchers Buckwells. Farid said: "We got an email from the council at the start of lockdown about whether any businesses had any stock that was going out of date. It just snowballed from there really and we teamed up with the Hive to get meals distributed and it means so much that we could help our community."

Each week for Clap For Carers, projections showing support for the NHS were displayed on the Edwardian era hotel as part of the team's commitment to supporting local health workers. Farid added: "I have always been aware that we have a really special team working at the hotel and this just underlines it. I look forward to being able to welcome back the whole Queens Hotel team once the lockdown is over."

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CASE STUDY

HIGHLAND AUTO CAMPERS

WHEN coronavirus started appearing in Inverness, care home manager Victoria Connolly was determined no one who worked or lived there would fall ill.

So she asked the staff of the Isobel Fraser home in Inverness if they'd be prepared to live onsite and was thrilled when 14 said they would.

But then came the problem of where to put them.

The 38-year-old said: "There are a couple of rooms upstairs I could fit six people into. But then I thought, 'Where am I going to put everyone else?'"

"I have a friend with a campervan so I phoned her and asked if we could use it. She agreed but I needed more so she suggested I hire one."

Victoria got in touch with Highland Auto Campers whose owner Mark Jarratt, 44, immediately agreed to hire her three vehicles for cost.

While they'd normally charge £130 a night for their practically-new fleet, the care home got them for just £250 each a week.

Mark says: "We've only been going two years but earlier this year, things were going well - March was picking up and April and May were fully booked.

"But we only get an eight-month window to make our money because of the tourist season so lockdown came at the worst time for us, the start of our season and was a complete disaster.

"Then around April 14, we got a call from the Isobel Fraser home.

Stories were, by then, beginning to emerge that some care homes had been really badly hit by coronavirus.

"They said that while the home was free of coronavirus, they knew they needed to take steps to keep both staff and residents virus free and by providing accommodation for their staff on site. They wanted to rent three of our vans to do this.

"We were surprised to get the phone call - there are a lot of similar companies in the area - but quite pleased and we immediately agreed to assist in any way that we could. We just wanted to help.

"It was also a win-win situation for us. The campervans hadn't been used for a few weeks, they were just sitting quarantined and this was income - not a great deal of income but better than nothing.

"Even though they hadn't been used for weeks, and one was so new it had never been used, we gave them a thorough clean before driving them over and setting them up.

"The staff and some of the residents were quite excited when we arrived and were looking out of the windows."

Six care home staff slept in the vans for between three and five weeks.

Manager Victoria said: "They really enjoyed it - they were warm and comfortable. Most have said they'd take them out on holiday!"

The care home, which has 27 residents, hasn't had a single case of coronavirus. Mark said: "We were really proud to have been able to help. It's good to do something for the community.

TEAMING UP: Highland Auto Campers owner Mark Jarratt with girlfriend Alicia.



DREAM TEAM: The Shnuggle staff.

CASE STUDY

SHNUGGLE

NEWTOWNARDS-BASED company Shnuggle diversified into making PPE when the coronavirus pandemic hit the firm's core business.

Sinead and Adam Murphy were building the company into a leading name among parents with products such as an air bedside crib, air flow mattress, rocking stand, toddler baths, bath stands and many other creations.

But the growth was interrupted when Covid-19 arrived in the UK, and the country went into lockdown.

Although UK sales remained strong, imports were hit and Shnuggle's owners turned their attention to designing and creating a face covering that would help save lives.

Adam and Sinead quickly realised that they could help make a difference in the national effort to provide Personal Protective Equipment items. After taking measures needed to sustain the business, including taking advantage of UK Government furlough and business loan schemes, they set

about creating and growing not-for-profit business Hero Shield.

Adam said: "We had seen a few initiatives that had popped up all around the world.

"A lot were printing 3D face shields so we kind of sat down with our head of design who was on furlough and said, 'can we come up with a design here that we could start producing at rock bottom price and we'd prefer it to be a reusable one rather than a disposable one?'

"We came up with designs over the course of a weekend, by Monday we had done 20 different designs and 3D printed them on our prototyping printer and we'd put out a call on LinkedIn to local companies who wanted to get involved and within a very short space of time we had about 20 different businesses all saying, 'Yep, we can do that bit and we'll do it free of charge or we'll do it at cost'.

"We said that we weren't doing it to make money. We were trying to help the NHS and other care workers so we founded another company which was Hero Shield Ltd and we set it up as not for profit so nobody could take any money

out of it. Alongside that we did a crowdfunder to cover the costs so we raised £35,000 in the end.

"We managed to produce and ship out about 100,000 face shields in about six weeks."

Adam and Sinead are working to secure charitable status for Hero Shield Ltd, which is still running on a non-profit basis, and is now focussing more on charities and care services that don't have the funds for whatever PPE they might need to get back up and running.

Sinead said: "The businesses that were actually producing the face shields, we passed the orders to them and they have turned it into more of a commercial venture because we got a massive order from the NHS.

"It was worth shy of £1m and we needed to focus back on Shnuggles, so we passed it over to them and they pay a royalty into the Hero Shield charity for every one that they make."

So having helped the NHS in Northern Ireland, Adam and Sinead are now focused again on their core business - creating and marketing clever products for babies and children.

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

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Maybe you felt you were 'locked out' – locked out of the life you knew, the life with family, the life with friends, the life that brought joy and happiness in the company of others.

We are social creatures and we miss the social interaction which makes up the rhythm of our days.

For many it has been a desolate time, a time when walls become like a prison and life seems empty and fear hovers like a dark veil.

For many grief has had to be borne alone without the comfort of family and friends.

But for many there has been blessing because of technology. Communication has been made possible with loved ones and business colleagues alike via Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp, FaceTime and other social media.

Many miss their weekly visit to the church as the church doors have been closed throughout the land for the past three months.

However, technology has brought its blessings here too as many have been enjoying 'online' worship provided by creative and innovative ministers and worship leaders.

In fact congregation numbers have swelled during this time and many more folk are tuning in 'online' than attend church on a Sunday.

I am going to make a request here as I would dearly love to hear from any of you who do not usually go to church, but have been enjoying being part of the online congregation, as to what it is that attracts you.

As we consider going back to our churches, what can we learn from this and from you?

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High school dux thanks supporters

This year's Islay High School dux winner has paid tribute to all those who supported her through her secondary schooling.

As she was not able to make a speech at an official awards ceremony, as is tradition, Samantha MacArthur has written the following piece instead: 'I wish I could have made this speech in person to thank all the people who mean the most to me, but due to the current circumstances, the celebration of achievements has been cancelled and so all of the students have missed the opportunity to be presented with their well-earned rewards.'

'The biggest highlight of high school for me was my expedition to India last year. I absolutely loved the expedition and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to go. I am so happy to have had such a lovely group of people on the trip with me, it was really nice to get to know everyone better. I am also very glad that Mr Pollock and Ms Priestly came on the trip with us, they were so much fun and were so hardworking in planning our trip.'

'All the staff at Islay High School are amazing but there are a few who made a big impact on me. I am very grateful to Mr Weatherhogg for letting our friend group clutter the music department, for giving me an interest in jazz music and helping me improve my musical ability. I am also very grateful to him for running the choir, school concerts and for planning so many brilliant trips for all of us which are some of my favourite memories.'

'I would like to sincerely thank Dr Weatherhogg for everything she does for the pupils. She is incredibly supportive and kind and is always there as a shoulder to cry on.'

'I would like to thank Ms Fuery for having me in her class throughout high school with only a brief one-year reprieve of not teaching me; she has given me an interest in geography I hope will last a lifetime. She has also been so supportive to

me over the last few years and I am truly grateful to her, I will never understand her patience in listening to me list entire prospectuses and being equally enthusiastic about each course I decided on – until I changed my mind that is!

'Mr Kitching is a brilliant teacher and he helped me understand the confusing word of physics in the most entertaining and funny way. His jokes on the whiteboard always made Monday mornings easier.'

Islay High School's 2020 dux winner, Samantha MacArthur.



'I would also like to thank Mrs Mitchell for dragging me through Higher maths because without her understanding and patience I would never have made it through the course.'

'I'd like to thank Mr McDermott for teaching me the saxophone and introducing me to music, I am very grateful to him for giving me this start.'

'Of course, I would also like to give a huge thanks to Mr Harrison for everything he does in the school as headmaster and for being a very good and patient chemistry teacher as well as a brilliant expedition organiser and fundraiser.'

'I would like to thank the office ladies, especially Mrs Carmichael for putting up with endless office-related requests as well as looking

after me very well during numerous health emergencies!

'I'd like to say an extra thank you to Mrs Bauld for helping me bring my ridiculous advanced higher project to life and for being such a brilliant support in the science department – I think I have put us both off liver for life!

'In lieu of a speech I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of my family and friends who have supported me my whole life. In particular, I'd like to thank my parents for all of their support and guidance, I am very grateful to them for the work ethic they have instilled in me.'

'I'd like to especially thank my dad for spending countless tearful late nights – mostly on my part! – helping me through homework or studying stress. Despite him being my go-to for homework, he has always said I get my brains from my mother!

'I would also like to thank my big sister Kirsty, she has always been a brilliant sister, a patient biology teacher and an even better friend.'

'I would like to thank both my gran, Gilda, and my nana, Merrick, for always being supportive of my decisions and for being such great encouragement to me. Gran is also the best spelling and grammar check anyone could ask for.'

'Nicole and Scott have been like siblings to me, I have always looked up to them and I am grateful to have them in my life. I would also like to thank Annette and Anna Storrie who have acted like my adoptive mother and sister. Anna was my original inspiration for going to university and I am so glad to have her as a role model.'

'Finally, I would like to thank Iona, Ailsa, Eleanor, Beth, Elinor, Helena and Natasha for being such wonderful friends to me throughout high school and beyond. They are like family to me and I am so grateful to have all of them in my life, without them I wouldn't have made it through my exams and be where I am today.'

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Ishbel, Leslie and the late Nan and a loving uncle, great uncle and step dad. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BROWN - The family of the late Neil Brown would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following their sad loss. To all who came out and paid their respects on his final journey to Kilkerran Cemetery, the family really appreciated the kindness shown. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr Toledo, the paramedics and the staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Neil. Our sincere thanks also to Campbeltown Community Nurses for their support and kindness given to Neil over the past five years. Our thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting and meaningful service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional assistance and to Argyll and Bute Council cemetery staff.

IN MEMORIAM

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Unseen, unheard, but always near, Loved and missed and very dear.

- Forever in our hearts, Margaret and Craig. Our wee Granny, Your wings were ready, But our hearts were not. Always loved and forever missed. - Christopher, Hannah, Erin and Josh. Sleep tight GG, Love and miss you always. - Your wee boy, Logan.

HARRISON - Cherished memories of a wonderful mum, Sandra, who passed away July 1, 2018. You may be out of sight and we may be worlds apart But you are always on our minds and forever in our hearts. Love and miss you always. - William and Chris.

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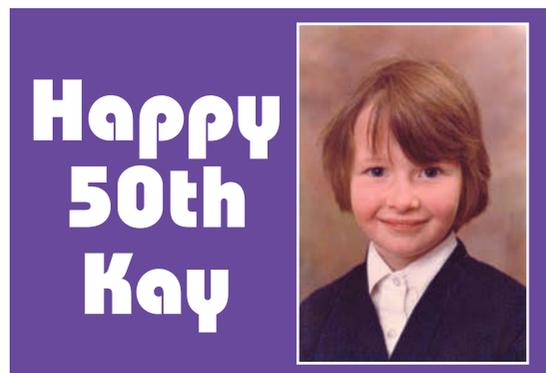
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THANK YOU!

William and Ellen would like to thank everyone who sent lovely cards, beautiful flowers and gifts to celebrate their diamond wedding. Your kindness is very much appreciated.



Happy 50th Kay



Thank You!

Thank you so much Hector and Christine would like to thank family, friends and neighbours and for radio requests received on the occasion of their golden wedding.



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Golden oldie Sandy takes the top spot

A brisk wind, an overcast sky and a little rain in the morning session greeted the players who turned out to attempt to secure one of the final two qualifying positions left for Dunaverty Golf Club's Muneroy Cup.

Bobby Dalziel, out in the first group, had a steady round covering the front and back nines in 38 strokes each, for a leading nett total of 62.

Kieran McGeachy was next in with a nett 64 but it was golden oldie Sandy Watson, playing in the last morning group, who came through to overtake his younger opponents by posting a 35 on the front nine and, despite a triple bogey at the 17th, recording 39 on the back nine. This was enough to secure him first place with a nett 61.

Alistair McConnachie had a terrific back nine of 31 to add to his front nine 38 for the day's best scratch score of 69.

Last weekend, members also competed in the Club Stableford competition.

The weather was quite kind to the morning players with light winds and occasional light rain enabling Robert Coffield to take full advantage and compile a total of 39 points.

Jimmy Williamson had a good round of 35 to move into second place however this only lasted until the afternoon session when Sandy Watson relegated him to third place with his total of 36.

The evening players had to contend with the worst conditions of the day but Alan Goddard, capitalising on his recent good form, managed a very creditable 34 points.

CSS was 66.

Fiona gets on her bike for virtual cycle to Kintyre

Despite being in isolation with Parkinson's disease and melanoma, a Glasgow woman has dusted off her exercise bike and set out on a virtual cycling challenge, so far covering the distance from her home to Kintyre.

Fiona Middleton, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's 12 years ago, at the age of 44, was originally hoping to raise £150 for Parkinson's UK, but she has now raised more than £5,000.

The former nurse is also currently undergoing immunotherapy treatment for melanoma, and the two conditions mean that physical activity can be very challenging.

Her initial plan was to cycle the 37-mile distance from her home in Glasgow's West End to Balloch Castle and back, but less than a week into her two-week challenge, she had already 'reached' Balloch so decided to keep going. She virtually headed up Loch Lomond towards Inverbeg - where she and her husband got engaged 25 years ago - and over the Rest and Be Thankful to Inveraray.

Her next target was Skipness Castle - a staggering 106 miles - but she surpassed that, and is currently 'travelling' down Kintyre's east coast.

Fiona is keeping her supporters abreast of her progress by posting regular updates on her JustGiving page.

She is currently in strict self-isolation with her husband and daughter. She is shielding because her immunotherapy treatment means that she would be at risk of severe illness if she caught coronavirus.

Fiona said: 'The cycle is really brilliant motivation for me to do the exercise I need to manage my health, and it's also giving me something to focus on while I am locked down at home and unable to go out or meet people face-to-face.'

'When you're living with Parkinson's and melanoma, it is easy to sit and feel



Fiona Middleton is cycling the equivalent of the distance from Glasgow to Kintyre.

sorry for yourself, and forget that you still have a lot to offer. So this is really helping me to stay positive.

'Overall, I'm feeling fine. I'm really enjoying thinking about the beautiful places on my journey, and remembering holidays and other happy times there.'

'I'm also in total awe of the support I'm receiving from my friends, family and supporters. Their comments and generous donations have been the most incredible boost. Parkinson's UK is a fantastic charity - it funds groundbreaking research and offers loads of help for people with Parkinson's and their families.'

Annie Macleod, director of Parkinson's UK Scotland said: 'Fiona and her family have been long-standing supporters of

Parkinson's UK, and we're absolutely bowled over by what she's achieving with this challenge. Fiona's determination to make a difference and her brilliant sense of humour are propelling her forwards, and it's even more inspiring to be doing all of this in lockdown.'

'These are difficult times for our community. Thanks to the amazing support of people like Fiona, we're adapting by boosting our helpline capacity, providing tailored online exercise classes and making sure people who normally receive face-to-face support continue to do so in new ways.'

To view Fiona's progress or support her challenge, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fimiddleton

Weather fails to quell Preston

A rather grey rainy day last Saturday resulted in a poor turnout at Glenralloch for the second round of Tarbert Golf Club's Presidents Cup and first round of the John Reid Quaich.

The weather didn't put Lewis Preston off, however - he returned 82-25 for 57 nett and a handicap reduction of three. This is the third week in a row that the winning score was in the fifties.

Next was Bruce MacNab whose 69 saw him qualify in first place in the Presidents Cup on a total of 139.

Peter McLean Snr was next with a 75, qualifying in second place on 150, with John MacNab in third qualifying spot on 151.

There is no competition tomorrow (Saturday). The next is on Saturday July 11 when the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup takes place.

Bob seals place at the US Open

Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre was handed a 'Major' boost when he gained a place in the US Open.

The US PGA confirmed the top 70 in the world when golf shut down in March will be at Winged Foot in New York on September 17 instead of the usual 60.

Bob is world No 67 and can now look forward to his first US Open and his second Major, having tied in sixth place in The Open at Royal Portrush last summer.



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