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Designs on cutting-edge green power for Kintyre

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Global engineering and consulting company John Wood Group plc has delivered preliminary engineering design services for a 'cutting edge' green hydrogen project for residential heating at gas network operator SGN's candidate site at Machrihanish.

Wood's Hydrogen 100 (H100) project will initially aim to supply energy to 300 homes in Fife but SGN sees 'significant potential' for 100 per cent hydrogen networks in Machrihanish and Aberdeen, where Wood is headquartered, in the future.

This project would be the first of its kind to employ a direct supply of offshore wind renewable power to produce green hydrogen energy. When powered by renewable energy, the generation and burning of hydrogen produces no carbon, making it one of the most

effective, scalable ways of providing heating while tackling climate change.

As part of its efforts to decarbonise the energy system and reduce emissions, SGN is investigating the role hydrogen can play and the H100 project is a key element of this.

Wood, whose chief executive officer is Campbeltown man Robin Watson, brought together a multi-disciplinary team from across its business to deliver a solution for SGN.

Joe Sczurko, chief executive officer of Wood's Technical Consulting Solutions business, said: 'We were delighted to partner with SGN to deliver its innovative plans to use clean fuels for domestic heating. This is a pioneering development which could make a significant contribution towards the decarbonisation of the UK's heating sector and net zero carbon target by 2050.'

'Wood's track record in the technology, production

and the use of hydrogen is decades-long with a number of successful hydrogen projects delivered for clients around the world. Combined with our renewable and infrastructure expertise, we were well-positioned to support SGN with its ambitious H100 project at Machrihanish.'

Wood worked on the project in collaboration with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) Business Park.

MACC chairman Cameron McNair said: 'MACC is very happy to be involved in this cutting-edge work. We believe this exciting new industry is as compelling as ever and we will continue to do all we can over the next few years to secure this development for the benefit of Kintyre and surrounding areas. MACC is keen to play a part in new initiatives that can improve sustainability as well as bringing vital development to the area.'



Getting into the spirit of the new lockdown normal

Coronavirus restrictions were further relaxed on Wednesday as the Scottish Government moves through phase three of Scotland's route map out of lockdown. Among those enjoying a catch up at Campbeltown's Burnside Bar last Saturday were Lori McLatchie, Ava McLatchie, Jackie McLatchie, Kay McLatchie, Kathryn Howell and Stuart MacBrayne, pictured above, clockwise from front left.

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Help shape an action plan

Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) is seeking the views of town residents as it works on forming a Community Action Plan.

The community council is working with East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group, which is negotiating with Scottish Power Renewables to maximise community benefit

from the development at Beinn an Tuirc Phase Three and to explore opportunities for community shared ownership in new developments.

If and when monies become available, CCC has to have a Community Action Plan so that best use can be made of the funds. CCC has devised an online survey which mem-

bers hope as many people as possible will complete. A link to the survey can be found on the community council's Facebook page or on its new website at www.campbeltown-communitycouncil.uk

A spokesperson said: 'We could have created a tick box survey but we want to know the desires, wishes and aspirations

of the people of Campbeltown to improve our community, so we are looking for your ideas.

'Many people sit at home and say 'Why don't they do this, or that?' Sometimes it is because of lack of money but it can also be because no-one has thought of that idea. The more folk who complete the survey, the more comprehensive our

Community Action Plan will be and the more likely it will reflect the views of the Campbeltown community.'

The survey, which is anonymous, should be completed online before August 21 and respondents can answer as many or as few questions as they wish. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, paper copies have

not been placed in shops but those who would prefer to fill in a paper copy can telephone Alan Baker on 01586 552302 or Valerie Nimmo on 01586 551162 or visit Keeping It Local on Main Street where Jason McCallum will download a copy. Any completed paper copies should be returned to Keeping it Local.

POLICE FILES

Van damaged

The driver's side window of a green VW Caddy van was smashed sometime between 9.30pm on Sunday July 12 and 9.30am on Monday July 13 in a car park near Woodside Cottages, Carradale.

Speeding driver

A motorist was stopped on the A83, near Glenbarr, at 9.40pm on Thursday July 16 for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The driver, a 27-year-old man, was charged and a report will

be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs possession

A car was stopped and searched by police at 11pm on Saturday July 18, in Longrow South, Campbeltown. A 22-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis. The man was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Failure to stop

A red Nissan Micra was damaged when its bumper and driver's side were struck by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision in Fisher Row, Campbeltown, sometime between 1pm on



The Machrihanish Golf Club logo which features on the stolen flags.

Saturday July 18 and 10am on Sunday July 19.

Flags stolen

Police are appealing for

witnesses after 13 flags were stolen from the course at Machrihanish Golf Club sometime between 8pm on Saturday July 18 and noon on Sunday July 19. All the flags are embroidered with the club's logo - 'The Machrihanish Golf Club 1876' and a photograph of an oyster catcher - and are A4 paper sized.

Motoring offences

Police stopped a vehicle on Main Street, Bowmore, Islay, at 9.30pm on Wednesday July 15, and the driver, a 20-year-old man, was found to have allegedly driven the vehicle without a valid licence or insurance. The man was charged with the

offences and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Wires cut

Police are investigating after telephone and television wires to a property on the Isle of Gigha were cut sometime between midnight and 6am on Wednesday July 15.

Careless driving

A vehicle and a cyclist collided on the A846 near Ballygrant, Isle of Islay, at about 4pm on Sunday May 24.

The cyclist was injured as a result of the collision. Subsequently, the driver of the vehicle, an 80-year-old man, was traced and is now

the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal for alleged careless driving.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.





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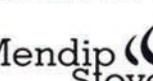
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Mentors sought for digital project

Kintyre charity Inspiralba is appealing for volunteers to become mentors in its digital connection project.

In partnership with The Hub and in support of the Kintyre Community Resilience Group, Inspiralba began the project to help provide digital resources including laptops, tablets and smartphones to those in need during the Covid-19 pandemic.

With support from Wellbeing Fund and Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning team, more than 200 of these devices have been distributed to families across Argyll.

A spokesperson for the charitable enterprise, which was established to help community-based organisations turn their ideas and aspirations into robust, sustainable business activities, said: 'We are aware many young people have specific skills which could prove to be useful in support of projects and activities throughout our community. We are currently looking to recruit volunteers in a number of different areas.'

'Those interested in film-making, photography, story-writing, local heritage, music and nature have the opportunity to learn and build on new or existing skills while helping others to do the same.'

Volunteers will also have the opportunity to gain accreditation through this project and there is potential for further training. For more information, visit the Inspiralba Facebook page or email rjackson@inspiralba.org.uk

Care home's immediate action after inspection

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Despite uncovering weaknesses which were cause for 'serious concern', an unannounced inspection at Kintyre Care Home on June 11 found residents like living at the facility and have a 'good relationship' with staff.

A summary of the Care Inspectorate's report, which was submitted to the Scottish Parliament on June 25 in accordance with the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020, revealed a 'serious letter of concern' had been issued to HC-One, owners of the care home, after the inspection uncovered 'inconsistent use of personal protective equipment (PPE)' and 'a lack of understanding from staff of best practice'.

The full report, which has since been published, reveals that despite making improvements on requirements set out by the Care Inspectorate, Kintyre Care Home's care and support during the Covid-19 pandemic was evaluated as 'weak', with a score of two on a six-point scale where one is 'unsatisfactory' and six is 'excellent'.

However, inspectors said residents were supported by care staff who knew them well and were familiar with their individual choices and preferences, and with whom they had formed 'positive relationships'.



Kintyre Care Home. 50_c30carehome01

'Although interactions between staff and residents were friendly and respectful, we observed they were mainly task orientated,' the report reads. 'Some residents spent a lot of time in their bedrooms to enable sufficient social distancing. Staff told us about their difficulties to provide enough stimulation and physical activity for residents.'

'We were concerned about the provision of social stimulation and meaningful occupation for this group of people.'

The inspection also identified areas of the environment and equipment where 'immediate attention to the level of cleanliness' was required, and observed staff practice regarding the prevention and control of infection did not follow current best practice guidance, including 'inconsistent and incorrect' use of PPE.

'Overall, we had serious concerns about the quality of practice we observed which increased the risk of infection

for the residents,' reads the report. 'To ensure that the provider took immediate remedial action to resolve this, we issued the provider with a letter of serious concern on June 12. We made a requirement which was to start immediately and to be completed within 14 days.'

'The requirement asked the provider to ensure all staff are trained in the donning and doffing of PPE and have the correct type of PPE for the work they are to carry out. It also asked for adequately stocked PPE stations to be placed appropriately within the home for staff to use.'

It continues: 'The first day of our inspection highlighted significant weaknesses in leadership and management of the service. This led to a lack of confidence in the service's ability to implement and monitor current guidance and good practice. We found that outcomes from a recent health-care associated infection audit, carried out by NHS Highland

on June 5, 2020, had been transferred to an action plan. However, implementation of immediate actions appeared to be slow and ineffective.'

'There was a lack of clear, dynamic and effective quality assurance to evaluate and drive the implementation of guidance and good practice.'

'Although the provider and the local HSCP provided support for the service manager, we did not see sufficient evidence that this led to measurable and sustainable improvements. We found that staff needed clear and consistent management and leadership to ensure that they had the resources, capabilities and confidence to provide safe and effective care.'

The Care Inspectorate made a further requirement via its letter of serious concern, asking HC-One to take action within 14 days to ensure management arrangements were suitable to effectively and urgently improve the quality of the service.

An HC-One spokesperson told the Courier it had taken 'immediate action', adding that a new, experienced turnaround home manager from its team would be running the home and that the company's area director and area quality director had both been working at the home.

Caroline Cherry, head of Adult Services for Older Adults

and Community Hospitals, said Argyll and Bute HSCP had been working closely with the Care Inspectorate and HC-One to improve care and support within the home, including temporarily closing the home to admissions, carrying out infection control audits and installing an HSCP manager as a mentor, on a part-time basis.

When a subsequent visit to the home was carried out on June 26, inspectors found these actions had had 'immediate positive effects' on the service, adding: 'There was a sense of control and confidence in working towards sustainable improvements using effective action plans.'

'Staff we met during this second day of our inspection were more confident and able to explain to us how they implemented good practice.'

The report outlined a requirement that Kintyre Care Home must fulfil by October 1, 2020 as follows: 'The home must implement robust quality assurance processes for infection prevention and control, including regular environmental cleanliness audits and cleanliness audits for shared equipment and regular observations of staff practice. The quality assurance process must be dynamic in following the latest available government guidelines and best practice guidance.'

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Appeal for more foster carers

More foster carers are needed across Argyll to offer children a secure and loving home.

Argyll and Bute Council says there is a 'variety of reasons' why foster homes are in such need, either on a temporary basis while plans are made for children's future or for a longer time if they are unable to go back to their family.

Policy Lead for Social Care Councillor Kieron Green said: 'Every child deserves to live in a safe, loving home but unfortunately that's not always possible. That's why we need people in our communities to help.'

'We need more foster carers to provide these young people with the caring, stable environment they deserve.'

Foster carers can come from a variety of backgrounds. As long as you are over 21, factors including age, marital status and sexuality do not matter.

'The most important thing for us is that we match the children with people who we believe will give them love and stability.'

'If you are interested and think you could help make a difference to a young person's life please get in touch,' added Councillor Green.

Interested? Visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/fostering, email FPduty@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605517.

Views sought on plans to restrict town traffic

Changes needed to make social distancing easier

Parts of Campbeltown could be subject to temporary traffic access restrictions to enable people to socially distance better, Argyll and Bute Council has announced.

The authority is consulting with residents and businesses on plans to implement measures on parts of Longrow South, Main Street, the Esplanade and Hall Street.

Three options are being considered for Longrow South from Main Street to Burnbank Place – introducing an advisory pedestrian one-way system, introducing the already-planned traffic one-way system or no change.

The relevant stretch of Main Street is from Kirk Street to Argyll Street, with plans also seeing parking removed in that area. The proposals also take in part of Hall Street between Campbeltown Picture House and Main Street.

The council is also proposing to install a segregated two-way cycleway on the seaward side of the Esplanade.

The proposals have been made after the council received £315,000 from the Spaces for

People programme to deliver temporary infrastructure to enable safer access for people who are walking, cycling or on wheels during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The council said in a statement: 'Our proposals for Campbeltown are focused on the sections where footways are not wide enough to enable everyone to safely maintain social distancing and feel safe when visiting Campbeltown.'

'Our proposals also aim to support those who have taken up walking and cycling during lockdown to feel they can continue to safely travel into town this way. The short section of footway on Main Street opposite Campbeltown Town Hall is too narrow for social distancing.'

'We propose to remove the on-street car parking between Kirk Street and the bus stop to enable the footway to be widened to create more space for social distancing for those visiting the town centre, queueing to get into shops or waiting for the bus.'

'With the increased interest in cycling, we propose to



A sign in Campbeltown advising people to adhere to physical distancing rules at all times.

install a two-way, segregated cycleway on the seaward side of the Esplanade using some of the road carriageway.

'This would provide a route for cyclists from the north of Campbeltown into the town centre, separated from cars and pedestrians, as well as serving part of the long-distance NCN78 Caledonia Way tourist cycle route.'

'Hall Street, between Campbeltown Picture House and the junction with Main Street, houses a number of shops, cafes and the cinema.

'As part of the A83 trunk road, the road and on-street parking is controlled by Transport Scotland. We propose to work with Transport Scotland to temporarily remove the on-street parking on the inland side of Hall Street outside the shop and cinema to enable us to widen the footway to help everyone safely social distance, including while queueing to get into the cinema, shops or cafes.'

The Spaces for People programme is funded by Transport Scotland and

administered by Sustrans. Councillor Alastair Redman, the authority's policy lead for economic growth, said: 'We have ideas on how we help re-open our towns. Before putting anything in place, we want to consult with businesses and residents to find out what they think. We need to create more space for people to move around safely and use local businesses as they open up. This might involve moving into public realm areas.'

'Measures will be temporary, for as long as we have to deal with Covid-19, and will focus on protecting public health, supporting physical distancing and kick-starting our economy. Consultations will be online and will be done quickly as it is vital people are given the opportunity to start getting out and making use of town centres again as safely as possible. I would urge everyone to give us your views as it is really important residents and businesses feel supported.'

The survey can be accessed via the council website at argyll-bute.gov.uk and is open until Sunday July 26.



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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 Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 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.

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From left: Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart, Sheriff Patrick Hughes and Sheriff Principal Duncan Murray at Sheriff Hughes' induction at Campbeltown Sheriff Court in 2017.



Patrick Stewart at the American Monument on Islay, following a centenary remembrance service to mark lives lost on the SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto off Islay in 1918.



Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart delivered a card from Her Majesty The Queen to Campbeltown couple Stevie and Flora Allan in honour of their 70th wedding anniversary in 2019.

Dignified and dedicated

'He has carried out his role with the utmost dignity and dedication to duty.'

These were the words of Lieutenancy colleagues on the eve of Patrick Stewart's retirement tomorrow (Saturday, July 25) from the role of Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute.

Mr Stewart has served the Lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute for 33 years, since his first appointment as a Depute Lieutenant in 1987. He was made Vice Lieutenant in 2002 and was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute by Her Majesty The Queen in 2011.

He has been involved in numerous Royal visits and special occasions in Argyll and Bute including The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilees in 2002 and 2012 respectively and her 90th birthday celebrations in 2016.

On behalf of Her Majesty, he has overseen numerous awards presentations to people and organisations across Argyll and Bute who have made outstanding contributions to community life, an area of Lieutenancy work in which Mr Stewart has been particularly active.

He has also played a part in other, perhaps more personal celebrations. A duty in which he has taken great pleasure is marking the special occasions of local people, such as 100th and 105th birthdays and diamond and platinum wedding anniversaries, making presentations on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

A matter of considerable personal pleasure was his presentation of a 105th birthday card to his mother Ailsa Stewart who, like Mr Stewart, still lives in Campbeltown.

A key achievement of Mr Stewart's tenure was the co-ordination of Argyll and Bute's First World War centenary

Retiring Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart praised

'The experience is engrossing and fulfilling...'

commemorations. This already significant task brought with it additional gravitas and importance when it became apparent the 2018 centenary commemorations in Islay would attract considerable international attention.

While each of the centenary events in Oban, Helensburgh and Dunoon were successfully realised, the 2018 commemoration provided the greatest test. This brought together HRH The Princess Royal with numerous international and national politicians, dignitaries, residents and overseas visitors – plus a fleet of international warships – for a series of events on Islay to mark the loss of the SS Tuscania and the HMS Otranto.

Commitment

With Mr Stewart at the helm, employing his characteristic commitment and attention to detail, this put Argyll and Bute on the international stage as well providing a fitting and moving memorial for the lost, saved and the rescuers.

A particular personal highlight was Mr Stewart's appointment as a Companion of the Royal Victorian Order in the 2020 Queen's New Year Honours. While perhaps no surprise to others given his many years of service, Mr Stewart was humbled and delighted at the award, which is made at the personal behest of Her Majesty The Queen to mark dedicated service to the monarchy.

Despite such a positive start to his final year in the role, the Covid-19 pandemic has meant the last few months of Mr Stewart's service as Lord Lieutenant have been different from that originally envisaged. However, his hard work, dedication, dignity and sense of duty mean the Lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute continues through the 21st century in a strong position and with excellent links to the Royal households it represents and the communities it serves.

Speaking ahead of his retirement, Mr Stewart said: 'I remember when I was first appointed a member of the Royal Family advised me most of all to enjoy the position. I have certainly enjoyed the role. The experience is engrossing and fulfilling.'

'I have had tremendous support from the vice and depute lieutenants, my clerk, the council and other organisations and individuals throughout Argyll and Bute. They, along with my family, have been a great strength to me.'

'With the appointment of Mrs Jane MacLeod as my successor, supported by the Depute Lieutenants, I know the Lieutenancy is in safe hands. Along with my sincere thanks for their kindness over the years, I leave them with my very warmest wishes for the future.'

'I know they feel, as I do, it is an enormous privilege to be given the role of representing Her Majesty The Queen in the communities in which we live.'

Mrs MacLeod will become Argyll and Bute's first female Lord Lieutenant tomorrow, the day Mr Stewart retires.

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Happy retirement

In national news this week, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, made a rare public appearance as he handed over the role of Colonel in Chief of The Rifles to his daughter-in-law Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

Locally, Patrick Stewart retires tomorrow (Saturday) from his role as Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, a position he held since 2011, in which he represented the Duke's wife, Her Majesty the Queen.

Both Prince Philip and Mr Stewart are due a well-earned break from Royal duties after years of service to the Queen.

Mr Stewart is being replaced by Mid Argyll's Jane MacLeod, who will be Argyll and Bute's first female Lord Lieutenant.

We, at the Courier, wish Mr Stewart a very happy retirement and send our best wishes to Mrs MacLeod in her new role.

Have your say

People often tell us they feel their views are not valued when decisions are being made on local issues.

Well now is the time to make your voice heard as Argyll and Bute Council is holding a consultation on a plan to help people to socially distance in Campbeltown and the town's community council wants to hear your views as it develops a Community Action Plan.

Have your say but be quick – the council's survey closes on Sunday July 26, while the community council's questionnaire must be completed before August 21.

Re-establish relationship with FLS

Regarding your feature in last week's Courier, I must take issue with Dr Lee's tirade against Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) or, as we used to know it, The Forestry Commission and Forest Enterprise.

Over the years Carradale has had an excellent relationship with this body from the days when it was one of the largest employers in the village.

It has been incredibly generous to us over the years; our splendid sports field was given to the village for, I think, £1. Seldom used at the moment, it has a quiet wee corner remembering those in the First World War and the healthy mixed saplings donated by Forest Enterprise are growing nicely.

What was once the forestry office with its land and substantial outbuildings has become a tearoom and heritage centre.

The splendid Deer Hill walk, recently highlighted by Cameron McNeish in the Herald, was instigated at the request of the Carradale tourist group of the day. Hacked out of heather and rough moorland, it is now a beautifully maintained and sign-posted path up to a trig point, giving a wonderful vista of the area.

Even the little picnic table up the glen beside the B842, with parking spaces and a neat stone bridge, adds to the welcome to visitors. Not to mention the miles of safe forest roads where we can walk or cycle. Sadly, in 40 years of exploring these tracks and seeing all manner of wildlife, I seldom see another human. So it's no wonder FLS thinks we are an ungrateful lot and I suggest that instead of trying to go our own way, perhaps we should try and re-establish our relationship with FLS and make sure when chunks of land are sold to the wicked windfarm barons we get conditions on the sale, including access and siting of towers, and money from them.

Trish Hurst, Carradale.

Shielding 'mismanagement'

The SNP's 'shielding' of vulnerable people has been shambolic.

In total, 9,221 people were wrongly advised to isolate during the pandemic, with 3,361 of these

people told to shield unnecessarily as a result of misidentification of cancers.

This adds to the list of errors made by the separatists regarding shielded individuals – from letters sent to the wrong people, changes in the numbers of people shielding and problems with the text service. This error is typical of the SNP's mismanagement of this crisis.

Councillor Alastair Redman.

Economy needs billions more

The Chancellor's recent pledge of an additional £30 billion worth of measures to support the economy is to be welcomed and brings the direct cost of Covid-19 interventions to more than £311 billion as at July 9.

While a seemingly large sum, when one looks at the looming potential economic collapse, this is akin to using a pea shooter against an elephant. With the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) predicting four million unemployed, bringing the unemployment rate to 11 per cent, what the Chancellor has done is temporarily protect jobs and livelihoods rather than providing the stimulus needed to guarantee these jobs in the long-term and get the economy moving again.

We have seen VAT reduced to five per cent for the hospitality sector, but this is a fraction of the across-the-board cut that was made in response to the 2008 global financial crisis.

What we need is major investment to rebuild the economy and yet we have had the paltry amount of less than £10 billion being used for housing decarbonisation and green homes.

There is an immense amount of capital at very low prices for the government to borrow and invest. This will not always be there.

The economy was already stuttering in the first quarter and has now fallen off a cliff, with the OECD predicting the UK economy will take the biggest hit in the industrialised world this year. And that is before we fully exit the EU single market and the inevitable economic challenges that creates. We need a genuine New Deal, with billions pumped into the economy through additional borrowing if we are not to leave an economic and social wasteland for this and future generations.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Talking about heart disease

We want to start a national conversation about heart disease and need readers' help to make it happen.

At British Heart Foundation Scotland, we're developing recommendations we want the Scottish Government to take forward over the next five years to improve care for people in Scotland living with heart disease.

We've been listening to healthcare professionals and people living with heart disease to help us identify key issues and work out priorities and actions and now we're opening a wider consultation to shape final proposals.

If you are living with heart disease or are a clinician working in this area, we'd like to hear from you.

Share your thoughts and ideas at www.bhf.org.uk/scotlandplan or by contacting barclayk@bhf.org.uk or on 07471 902521 before September 4.

Have your say to help us develop an ambitious and innovative plan with patients at its heart.

Kylie Barclay, British Heart Foundation Scotland.

Call time on tariffs

Tariffs imposed by the US on imports of single malt Scotch whisky have hit the industry hard in its most valuable export market.

A 25 per cent tariff was imposed in October 2019 and since then exports of all Scotch whisky to the US have fallen by 30 per cent, amounting to more than £200m in lost exports.

The US government is threatening to raise existing tariffs or introduce new ones on blended Scotch and British gin later this summer.

The UK must use the opportunity of ongoing trade talks with the US to work out what each side needs to do to bring an end to tariffs.

The damage being inflicted on unrelated sectors such as Scotch, shortbread and cashmere, as well as on American whiskey, is unjustifiable.

Please write to your MP to urge them to press the UK government to call time on tariffs. Full details and a letter template can be found on the Scotch Whisky Association website.

Karen Betts, Scotch Whisky Association chief executive.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph shows the river at Waterfoot in East Kintyre on a beautiful day in April. Debra Clarke from Carradale, who took the photograph using her mobile phone, said: 'It was so peaceful. The river was calm and it picked up the reflections of the riverside perfectly.' If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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Slimming World Fish Pie

Packed with juicy prawns, smoked haddock and cod, the Slimming World Fish pie is a comforting classic. This healthy fish pie is topped with potato and parsley mash.

Ingredients

1 small onion, roughly chopped	2 large garlic cloves	250g skinless and boneless cod fillet, cut into bite-size chunks
100g peeled butternut squash, roughly chopped	1 fish stock cube, crumbled	200g raw peeled king prawns
100g cauliflower, cut into florets	1 tsp mustard powder	For the Topping
½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed	1 medium leek, sliced	1kg potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
	250g skinless and boneless smoked haddock fillet, cut into bite-size chunks	2 tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
		75g plain quark

Method:

- Put the onion, squash, cauliflower, beans, garlic, stock cube, mustard powder and 250ml boiling water in a medium-size saucepan over a medium-low heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender.
- Meanwhile, make the topping. Cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water over a high heat for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain and mash well, then stir through the parsley and quark and season to taste.
- While the potatoes are cooking, put the leek in a small saucepan with 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook over a medium-low heat for about 10 minutes or until softened. Drain and keep warm.
- Remove the cauliflower mixture from the heat and blitz until smooth with a stick blender (or use a food processor and return to the pan). Return the mixture to a gentle simmer and add the fish and prawns. Simmer gently for 8-10 minutes or until the fish is just cooked, stirring gently from time to time. Stir in the leek and season lightly.
- Preheat the grill to medium-high.
- Tip the fish mixture into an ovenproof dish (that will fit under your grill) and spread it out evenly. Spoon the mash over the top and cook under the grill for 10 minutes or until bubbling and slightly golden. Serve hot with your favourite vegetables.

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Raymond's birthday photograph shows the #coloursoflockdown

A photograph taken by a keen photographer from Campbeltown has been selected for a top Scottish artist's showcase of lockdown images.

Raymond Hosie captured a stunning image of the sunset at the Pans, Machrihanish, on a June evening, which was seen by thousands of people on social media as part of the #coloursoflockdown project run by Mid Argyll-based artist John Lowrie Morrison, known as Jolomo.

Raymond's photograph is now one of a small number of images being showcased to a wider audience.

Raymond said: 'It had been damp, dreary and overcast the entire day - which also happened to be my birthday. But

as the evening wore on, I could see the sky was clear below the cloud layer and I took the chance it would deliver nice colour. I decided to wait until the sun had set further below the horizon - behind Islay - and the colour got more and more intense. I used a 10-stop filter to allow a longer exposure time which smoothed out the water in the foreground and gave a little movement in the clouds.'

Jolomo, best known for his landscapes of Scotland in high-key colour, was amazed by the response when he encouraged fans on social media to share images of the colour around them. The artist received stunning photographs from all over Scotland, the UK

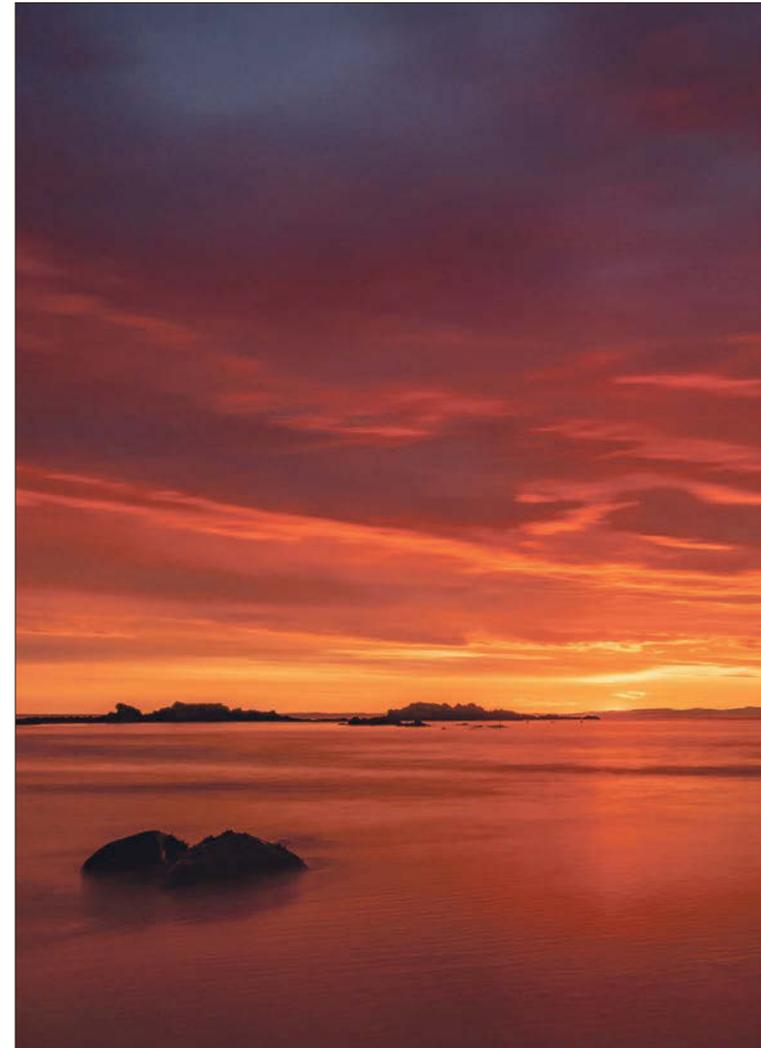
and around the world, which were shared with thousands of others on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #coloursoflockdown.

John said: 'Colour is very important in my work. I think the colours in my paintings developed an even brighter hue in lockdown, as if my spirit was compensating for the time of darkness the world was going through.'

'When people ask me where I get my colours from, I tell them to look a bit harder. There is colour almost anywhere. I wanted to encourage people to notice the colours around them in lockdown. The response has been amazing and some of the photographs are superb. It's against the spirit of the project

to turn it into a competition, but some of the pictures were so strong they deserve a wider audience.'

Images include a cow in the setting sun from Queensland, Australia, sunset on a beach in Calpe, Spain, and a view of the city lights from a balcony in Hong Kong. Images from Scotland include a rare 'fogbow' - or white rainbow - from Shetland, a spectacular sunset in Oban, the sunrise at Hopeman in Moray and a little girl playing in a park in Falkirk. Many people said that seeing the photographs helped cheer them up. One wrote: 'The photos have been stunning and inspiring, which has helped us through this unprecedented time.'



Campbeltown's Raymond Hosie took this photograph at the Pans, Machrihanish.

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rihanish, looking towards Islay and Jura, on his birthday.

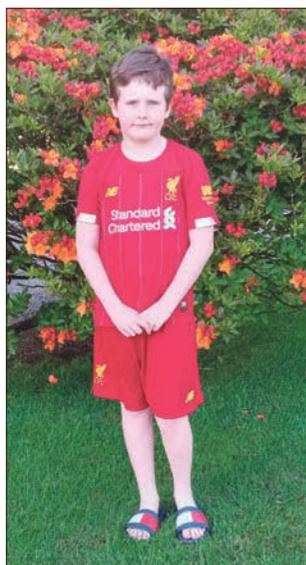
HAPPY LOCKDOWN BIRTHDAY

Birthdays during a global pandemic are bound to be different from usual. People may be unable to celebrate with family and friends as they normally would but they have been finding other ways to make their day special. 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.



Left: Keren Paterson from Campbeltown turns 30 today, Friday July 24. She will spend the day working from home but will enjoy a family meal and catching up with friends over the weekend.



Right: Jordon Robertson from Campbeltown will be 10 tomorrow, Saturday July 25. He will celebrate with his dad, family and friends.

New date for Peat and Diesel's Tarbert gig

Fans of the musical phenomenon known as Peat and Diesel will need to wait for their dose of 'Peatlemania' in Tarbert after a planned show in September had to be rescheduled.

Stornoway sensations Innes, Uilly and Boydie – who play a mix of Scottish folk music and Celtic punk – were to

perform at The Big Gig In the Hall, at Tarbert Music Festival on Friday September 18, but in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic organisers West Kintyre Promotions (WKP) took the difficult decision to reschedule the event to Saturday April 3, 2021.

A WKP spokesperson said: 'We are

obviously disappointed. We tried to give the show every chance of going ahead. We are grateful to our partners and the band for agreeing to the date change. The guys are excited to play in Tarbert.

'Tickets remain valid for the new date and we look forward to welcoming everyone.'

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO
Friday July 23, 2010
Off to jail with him!

Elliott Fisher, aged 10, of Campbeltown has been sent to jail.

But he will be starring as, not serving as, a prisoner.

Elliott is one of the youngsters picked to play the child prisoners this summer at Inveraray Jail, the award-winning living history tourist attraction in the town.

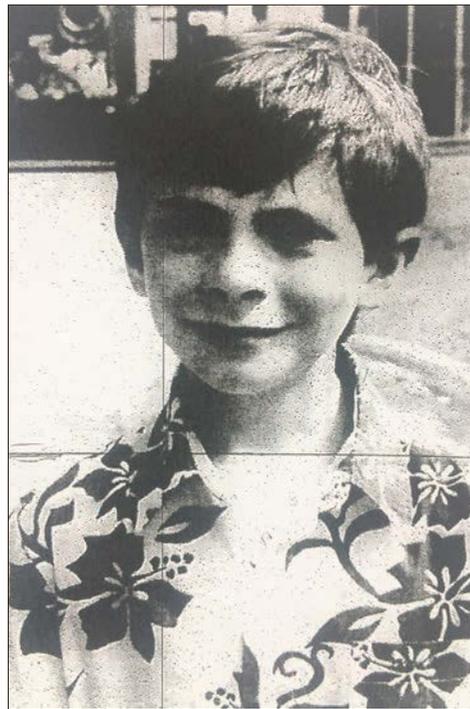
Elliott will be in costume and have a story to tell about his background and what crime he had done to earn his 'time' behind bars.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday July 28, 1995
Prince clips wings

The Prince of Wales has grounded himself permanently as a result of his crash landing on Islay last year.

On the same day as the RAF Board of Inquiry issued its findings, which blamed the RAF pilot of the plane, Prince Charles announced that he would never take the controls of an aircraft again.

The Prince was at the controls of the BAe146 of the Queen's Flight as it came in to land at Gleneedale in June 1994.



Ten years ago: Elliott Fisher, picked to play the part of a child prisoner at Inveraray Jail.

The plane came in too fast and touched down almost half-way along the runway.

The brakes were put on before the anti-skid protection system was fully activated and two

of the undercarriage tyres either burst or deflated.

The pilot of the plane, Squadron Leader Graham Laurie, then took control back and tried to turn it onto a taxi-way. But the nosewheel undercarriage went off the paved surface of runway and sank into soft ground. This caused the plane to swing round and the nosewheel undercarriage broke.

The report put the blame on Sqdrn Ldr Laurie for failing to intervene early enough when it became apparent that the Prince was in difficulties. Sqdrn Ldr Laurie has lost his status as an instructing pilot - which means he can no longer hand over the controls of a plane to a guest pilot.

The plane's navigator was also criticised for failing to pass on reports of high tailwinds at the time.

It cost over £1 million to repair the plane and remove it from Islay.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Thursday July 23, 1970
New Gigha ferryboat launched at Crinan

A new ferryboat for the Tayinloan-Gigha service was launched at Crinan Boatyard last week by the wife of the boat's owner, Mrs Flora MacKechnie. The vessel was named Canna Lass.

After the launch, 14-year-old Miss Nancy Simpson, the yard's youngest employee, presented Mrs MacKechnie with a bouquet.

The need for the vessel was created by the increase in traffic on the route. The Canna Lass will operate in addition to the present ferryboat, Shuna.

The vessel, the eighth of its type to be built at the Crinan yard, was designed by the yard foreman, Mr Neil Cameron, who has been building boats for 40 years.

Waiting to escort the Canna Lass round to the Crinan Canal basin was the former Lady Ailsa, which was skippered for 10 years by Mr Ian MacKechnie of Crinan Boats when she was a ferry boat at Craighouse, Jura. The Lady Ailsa is now employed in the yard.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Saturday July 24, 1920
An Arran volcano - a relic of denudation

Arran has been classic ground for the geologist since the days of Hutton, the great founder of physical geology.

With its narrow compass it presents such a wide variety of phenomena that it has been described in a geological sense as an epitome of the British Isles.

In recent years it has been even more carefully examined, and though the claim of its more

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More information about Tayinloan's 'Temple'

The mystery location identified as 'The Temple' in last week's Down Memory Lane has sparked some interest.

The Courier reported on some of the limited information about the site which is available online, and this week Duncan Macdougall, who owned and ran the nearby Tayinloan Stores for almost 40 years before retiring in 2008, shared more insights.

Duncan sent to the Courier a passage about the site from the book, *Antiquities of Killean and Kilkenzie*, by the late Reverend Donald

John Macdonald which reads: 'Known as An Teampull, within a short distance of Largie Castle, is a mound of imposing height, its summit enclosed by a wall and the space within laid out like a flower-garden, entered by a massive stone gateway, built of singular-looking stones, with traces of masonry outside the entrance.'

'The name distinctly associates it with worship. Its present condition indicates that structural changes have been wrought on the place, at a comparatively recent time.'

'The name is not a common one in our land,

The 'massive stone gateway' entrance to 'The Temple' which is referenced in Rev D J Macdonald's book.



One of the few remaining structures remaining at the site today.

but it is shared by Teampull na Trianaid in North Uist, a shrine with lines of distinction in its ruins, Teampull Dhe, in Taransay and Teampull na h-annait in Killigray, islands in The Sound of Harris. There is one in Lewis. There is a Temple in Dumbarton and Gorebridge, Dalkeith.

'The latter are of Sean origin, supposed to be connected with The Knights Templars, but it is a question whether the same can be affirmed of the local one.'

Rev D J Macdonald was at one time the minister of Killean and Kilchenzie's parish church at Chleit. His book contains descriptions of the tombstones within the vault of the old church of Killean, the church building itself and its vault dating from around 1243 AD. It also features tales of Kintyre's beasts and giants, duns and forts, and is described as 'a delightful collection of local folklore for residents and tourists alike'.

ardent admirers might be disputed, one cannot hesitate to affirm that it contains a fuller record of certain of the great Scottish formations than any other district of equal extent.

Though it is now over a century ago since geologists first began the investigation of the Arran rocks, so complex is the structure of the island that it was only in 1901 that Messrs Peach and Gunn, of the Geological Survey, made the remarkable discovery of the existence of a volcanic vent of Tertiary age which up till that time had escaped the notice of previous investigators.

This volcanic vent is much more recent in time than those associated with the carboniferous rocks of the Glasgow district. In fact as we shall see, it belongs to that great period of volcanic activity represented by the lavas of the Giant's Causeway and Staffa.

One of the most interesting features of this ancient volcanic neck is the presence in it of great blocks of strata similar in age and character to that seen on the Irish coast in the neighbourhood of Portrush and the Giant's Causeway.

But for the presence of these remnants in this volcanic neck we would have known nothing of the former existence of these Irish rocks in the Firth of Clyde.

The fragmental rocks of this ancient volcanic neck appear to be part of the strata which covered this spot before the volcanic eruption had blown the whole away, and these rocks would appear to have fallen or slid back into the old crater.

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Kintyre researcher launches project to aid oyster conservation

Understanding how oysters respond to the natural environment during reproduction could increase productivity in hatcheries and also improve the success of conservation measures, according to a researcher at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) in Oban.

Dr Mairi Cowan, who is originally from Kintyre, will spend the next three years investigating hormonal and environmental factors that control the development of bivalves during key life stages, focusing on the Native Oyster *Ostrea edulis*.

Her €337,400 Neuroshell project is funded by an EU Horizon 2020 Marie Curie Fellowship.

Dr Cowan is currently studying how temperature and light affect the hormones of native oysters and samples their neural and reproductive tissues during the conditioning and



Aquaculture Master student Aaliyah Malla, a marine science graduate from SAMS UHI, has been conducting her dissertation with Dr Cowan.

spawning period to identify the hormones that are involved in mediating environmental effects on reproduction.

She said: 'Environmental factors are controlling the seasonality of reproduction in oysters through mechanisms of hormone control, but exact-

ly which hormone systems are involved in this transduction is unclear.

'Oysters integrate a medley of cues from the natural environment, which can be difficult to recreate in a captive environment such as a hatchery. This can lead to problems in the synchrony of adults spawning and metamorphosis of larvae into spat.

'At the fundamental level, if you can understand the hormonal control mechanisms of reproduction and how environmental factors are driving these, you can tailor culture conditions to optimise reproductive success in a hatchery. This information can be used, not only to increase production but supports the conservation of the species.'

Dr Cowan gained her PhD at the Institute of Aquaculture in Stirling before working for five years at the University of Cádiz in Spain studying brain

hormone systems in sea bass.

Now working with SAMS, Scotland's largest and oldest independent marine science organisation, dedicated to delivering marine science for a healthy and sustainable marine environment through research, education and enterprise activities, Dr Cowan is enjoying being back on the west coast of Scotland, where oyster production is so important.

She has a helper in MSc student Aaliyah Malla, who is completing her Masters dissertation researching broodstock conditioning of native oyster.

Aaliyah has been undertaking a Master programme on Aquaculture, Environment and Society, studying for one year at SAMS - a partner in the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) - and six months each at the University of Crete and the University of Nantes.



Dr Mairi Cowan with a native oyster in the Alan Ansell research aquarium at SAMS.

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WITH BEER gardens entering their second week of opening in Scotland and the five-mile restriction on non-essential travel lifted, the country has begun to look forward to a summer of fun.

While social distancing measures are still in place and it is important not to take undue risks, there are plenty of things to do safely.

Zoos and animal parks around Scotland re-opened on June 29, and now that the five-mile restriction has eased they can welcome visitors from near and far.

Edinburgh Zoo, Five Sisters Zoo in West Lothian, Blair Drummond Safari Park in Stirling and the Highland Wildlife Park in the Cairngorms National Park have all reopened, with customers asked to book in advance.

Fife Zoo suffered a devastating fire just days after reopening after the Covid-19 lockdown, but no animals were harmed and owners have said they hope to return to normality as soon as possible thanks to support and fundraising from the local community.

Stately homes and gardens have also reopened, with several National Trust for Scotland properties now open to visitors.

These include Culzean Castle and Country Park in Ayrshire, Threave Garden in Dumfries and Galloway, Brodie Castle's garden and grounds, Arduaine Garden in Argyll and Crathes Castle's garden and estate in Aberdeenshire.

Historic Environment Scotland has said that it will monitor the situation and reopen properties in due course.

Unstaffed outdoor sites are already open, so visitors can enjoy walks around Edinburgh's Holyrood Park and West Lothian's Linlithgow Peel among others.

Walkers and climbers are now welcome to visit the country's national parks to enjoy some outdoor exercise.

Guidelines remain to avoid touching surfaces or opening gates where possible, to follow signs and avoid coming into contact with farm workers where applicable, and to keep dogs on leads and avoid areas known to be busy.

Pubs and restaurants with

Summer is here and people from across the country can enjoy the many attractions that we have on our doorstep, as long as we follow UK Government advice and enjoy summer safely. There are plenty of places to go and things to do to suit every budget. Here is our guide to the numerous great days out in across our region.



CITY: Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile.

outdoor space have also been allowed to reopen. Glasgow's The Cranside Kitchen, near the Rotunda, has claimed to be the country's largest beer garden, with a free-to-enter area seating more than 200 guests with

social distancing measures in place.

The beer garden offers a range of drinks alongside food from five popular Glasgow restaurants, Rioja, Halloumi, Pickled Ginger, Kilmurry & Co

and La Rotunda. In Edinburgh the Corn Exchange has billed itself as the largest beer garden in the city, having transformed the car park into a space where people can enjoy drinks as well as play darts, ping-pong,

swing ball and watch sport, all while observing the necessary hygiene routines.

With hundreds of smaller beer gardens open around the country – including Dundee's The Kilted Kangaroo and



There are plenty of things to do safely

and enjoy Scotland



CARING: Gary Curran with a wildcat born in lockdown.

Zoo is ready for visitors

Five Sisters Zoo in West Lothian opened up to the public on June 29, with a number of new measures in place to help prevent the spread of the virus. These include mandatory advance booking to avoid crowding and queues, a one-way system around the zoo, hand-washing stations and the cancellation of any activities which involve the public touching or feeding the animals. The soft play area and restaurant are also closed, but food kiosks are still open. Keeper talks have been cancelled, but several videos of the talks have been made available online. The zoo is currently opening

at about one third of capacity to ensure space for social distancing, and owners say they will monitor the situation and review measures in place after the first couple of weeks. "It's been good so far, the feedback we've had has been really positive," said assistant manager Gary Curran. "The past few months have been quite difficult financially, so it was a relief to be able to open safely." He added: "We're looking forward to the rest of the summer and hopefully some more good weather! "People really enjoy it here and they're having a good time so far."

Aberdeen's Siberia Bar and Hotel – there is no shortage of options for enjoying this summer safely and enjoying good times in Scotland.

Take time to ensure that you are in the know before you go

SUMMER IS here and our colourful countryside, breathtaking beaches and glorious gardens beckon.

Many attractions are reopening, but have restricted visitor numbers and pre-booked time slots, so the UK Government recommends looking at the official websites for attractions and organisations you plan to visit before you travel, so that you're in the know before you go.

To make your days out as enjoyable as possible, we encourage you to plan your trip in advance and to check all of the important facilities and attractions, while looking after our great outdoors.

To ensure we're all doing our bit to travel responsibly, here are a few simple steps to help make planning easy.

When planning your trip, check that important facilities – like toilets and car parks – are open before you travel so you're not caught short.

If you have an attraction in mind, please check online to see if you need to pre-book a time slot.



TAKE TIME TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Some places may be extremely popular, so get off the beaten track and discover a hidden gem that you can brag to friends about.

Keep two metres apart from anyone outside your household where you can. This applies to walking, running, cycling, sitting and sunbathing too.

Wear a face covering at all times when on public transport like buses, trains, taxis and minicabs.

Make sure you have a bank card because many outlets are currently only accepting cashless payments and you don't want to miss out on that ice cream.

And take hand sanitiser with you – you don't know where will be open for you to wash your hands.

Leave the car behind where possible and visit attractions by walking or cycling.

Please remember that England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have different guidelines, advice and timescales for re-opening tourism.

To help you enjoy summer safely, please check the respective official sources for information prior to travelling by using the website [visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go](https://www.visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go)



Safer Summer Days Out

For more information on staying safe, please go to [visitscotland.com](https://www.visitscotland.com)

Playing our part for a safer summer

All together

The mark that shows visitors we are good to go in Scotland

WITH MANY of our favourite attractions now beginning to reopen their doors, Scottish tourism bosses have teamed up with Tourism Northern Ireland, VisitEngland and VisitWales to come up with a way for people to check whether they are “good to go”.

The We’re Good To Go initiative was developed jointly by the four UK Visitor agencies.

The UK-wide industry standard and consumer mark will provide a “ring of confidence” for visitors as the tourism sector works towards reopening.

The We’re Good To Go mark means businesses can demonstrate that they are adhering to the respective Government and public health guidance, have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and checked that they have the required processes in place, ensuring

they can welcome visitors back with confidence.

The scheme is free to join.

UK Government tourism minister Nigel Huddleston said: “I want to encourage the public to experience a great holiday this summer and be confident that they can do so safely.

“This new industry standard will show people that tourism businesses, destinations and attractions are adhering to the guidance.

“It puts safety first and is an important move in getting this industry back up and running.”

VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead, said: “We are pleased that after a very difficult few months Scotland’s tourism industry are starting to welcome visitors.

“However, it’s important to remember that things may be a little different now, there may be reduced facilities

available or if busy, a greater need to follow physical distancing restrictions to protect yourself and others.

“Planning and researching will also become an important part of the holiday experience and we really want visitors to ‘know before they go’ when it comes to travel; checking what is open and pre-booking if required.”

To obtain the mark businesses must complete a self-assessment through the online platform [goodtogo.visitscotland.com/your-business-good-to-go-scotland](https://www.visitscotland.com/your-business-good-to-go-scotland) including a check-list confirming they have put the necessary processes in place, before receiving certification and the We’re Good To Go mark for display in their premises and online.

Businesses across the UK are assessed according to their respective national guidance including the social distancing and cleanliness protocols that must be in place.



ALL SET: We're Good To Go in Scotland

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Unique chance to take part in one-off virtual MOK Fest

Musicians, bands, performers and businesses invited to take part in event

Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) organisers are calling on the community to get involved with this year's virtual festival, as plans for the one-off event, to take place from August 19 to 23, are announced.

Musicians, bands, performers and local businesses are being invited to take part in this year's event – a change from the usual festival arrangements due to the coronavirus pandemic – by performing or sending in short videos.

As part of the promotions, the festival launched its first recording session on August 16 with local band Rhuvaal performing on Davaar Island with the backdrop of its lighthouse.

Despite weather worries, Rhuvaal and MOK Fest helpers, with the assistance of the staff from Davaar Island Cottages, got equipment to the island to record and film a set to be streamed during the virtual festival.

Rhuvaal's Raymond Gosling said: 'We were absolutely delighted to be asked by the MOK Fest team to take part in the first virtual MOK Fest weekend.'

'This was our first time together as a band since going into lockdown and our first performance since the end of September 2019 so it means a lot to us to be able to do this for you all.'

In an unprecedented move the virtual festival has set up a temporary recording studio in the Officers Mess at MACC Business Park where bands can record safely free of charge. Alternatively contributors are encouraged to submit their own videos – the festival is looking for 15- to 30-minute

sets from performers. MOK Fest is working with CalMac and Explore Kintyre and Gigha on exciting promotions for the virtual festival and the new Kintyre66 project which will launch early next year. The promotions are planned in the run-up to the event and include a live-streamed performance to the International Space Station – watch this space for more information in the next few weeks.

The festival is also looking for local businesses to take part in the event by sponsoring a night or sending in a 30 to 45 second video advert which will be shown over the festival.

The virtual festival will include at least five concerts featuring bands from across Scotland, Northern Ireland and the USA as well as many local favourites, many of whom were set to perform live at this year's cancelled MOK Fest.

Event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events said: 'We were really disappointed at having to cancel this year's MOK Fest due to the coronavirus outbreak. We felt it was still important we held something over the dates for this year's event and, after some thought, we decided to run a virtual festival.'

'We are grateful to everyone who has offered their time and venues to help make what we believe will be a unique one-off event. If you are a band, performer or business and you want to get involved please drop us an email or a message on Facebook.'

Performers or businesses interested in taking part can email mokfest@hotmail.co.uk or message the festival's Facebook page.

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Rhuvaal performing on Davaar Island. Photograph: Raymond Hosie.



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NFU Scotland comment on Agricultural Loan Scheme announcement

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'Covid-19 has caused a huge amount of uncertainty throughout agriculture, as it has for almost every other industry, and it will come as a great relief to many farmers and crofters who still need to be able to invest in their business in order to continue to feed the nation - as well as provided much-needed cash flow ahead of unknown winter period that will undoubtedly be dominated by Brexit challenges.'

'The ability for Scottish



Government to make what will be effectively advanced payments is also testament to claimants sticking to the May 15 application deadline, despite the unprecedented circumstances this year.

'Knowing the loan scheme is coming will provide some much-needed reassurance to all farmers and crofters, helping anyone who needs to talk to their bank about borrowings get through these uncertain times.'

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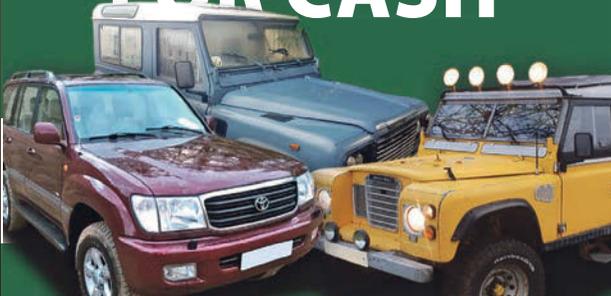
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with Marilyn Shedden

It was totally disgusting, but obviously a great trophy for our collie Jazz.

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They didn't find the otter, but Jazz found his discarded manky lunch in the form of a smelly fish.

He was most reluctant to part with his prize, but conceded in the end. I had no problem socially distancing from him until we had attended to his personal hygiene.

Isn't it strange how one thing that can delight one can be a complete anathema to another.

The things in which I take pleasure may be a mystery to you and vice versa. But we may still enjoy each other's company.

As we come carefully and cautiously out of lockdown, it is interesting to find the things on which we differ.

Some folk loved the slow pace of life during lockdown, while others missed the buzz and the busyness.

Some liked the fact diaries were devoid of meetings, while others missed the order appointments brought to life.

Some loved the quietness, while others hated the loneliness.

Some welcome the influx of tourists, while others worry about a second spike of the deadly virus.

However, whatever our thoughts, we have learned more about ourselves, about our ability to cope, about our interconnectedness, about the fact we are all equal.

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A tribute to Dr Eric Watson Irving

Born in Campbeltown on January 16, 1945,
died March 27, 2020

Dr Eric Watson Irving, who died in hospital in Ayr on March 27 aged 75, was a well-known doctor in Fort William and Ayrshire. His sudden, unexpected death has been a shock for family and friends.

Born in Campbeltown to William Black Irving from Tarbert and Mary Clark Watson from Campbeltown, he and brother Anthony went to various schools – first in Campbeltown, then Kilwinning primary and Dalmellington secondary for three years, where his father was the head teacher, before moving to Ayr Academy.

Eric gained his medical degree at the University of St Andrews and Queen's College, Dundee, beginning his studies in 1963.

On qualifying, Eric undertook medical and surgical residencies in Heathfield and Ayr County Hospitals. It was here his attention was caught by a fair-haired nurse called Lorna and it was not long before they were going out together.

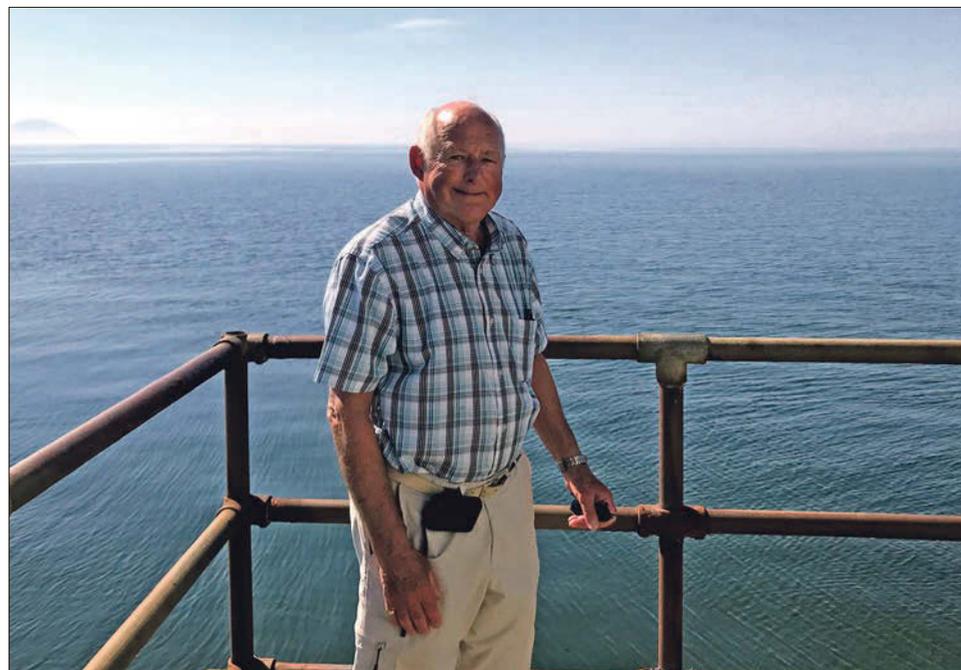
Subsequently Eric was the registrar at Law Hospital, Lanarkshire.

He married Lorna in 1970 and, with their son Lorne, they moved to Fort William. Four years later their daughter Isla was born.

Eric was a partner in Craig Nevis General Practice and he remained a well-loved member of the community where many people relied upon him for his support and compassionate bedside manner. He retired in 1998.

Eric and Lorna moved back to Ayr a year later where he continued to do locum work for several years.

Eric had a keen interest in all types of cars, especially BMWs, and he owned a family Bedford Dormobile. Many a family holiday was spent driving through England, crossing the channel in the Dormobile and camping in the South of



Dr Eric Watson Irving.

France. After moving back to Ayrshire and in semi-retirement, Lorna and Eric loved to travel. They spent time in Canada, France, Mauritius and, when their daughter moved to Australia, they spent long holidays there, enjoying quality time with their grandchildren.

Eric is remembered as being very sociable with a 'pawky' sense of humour and he maintained contact with a range of friends from his Ayr Academy days.

He had an abiding interest in Argyll and had many happy memories of carefree holidays spent in Tarbert, Loch Fyne, with his cousins at their

grandparents' home, Heathfield. Lorna was a keen bird watcher and regularly involved Eric in her hobby. Whilst Eric would never admit to being a birder, he kept up a weekly outing with fellow birdwatchers in Ayr after the passing of Lorna, an activity that has only recently stopped as a result of Covid-19.

Eric was inclusive of all. No matter your background there was always a seat at the table for you. He will be sorely missed.

Lorna died in 2013 and Eric is survived by his son Lorne, in Ayr, his daughter Isla, in Sydney, Australia, and his brother Tony.

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GAULD - Peacefully at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig, on July 22, 2020, John Peter Gordon Gauld, in his 92nd year, of 10 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead and formerly of 12A Dalavich.

Dearly beloved husband of Margaretta Stewart, and much loved father of Peter, Gordon, Caroline and Marina. Adored father-in-law, grandfather and proud great-grandfather. A much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Dalavich Cemetery, on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

The funeral cortege will arrive in the village of Dalavich at approximately 11:30am - for those unable to attend the service who wish to pay their respects. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made in John's memory to Ardfenaig Comfort Fund, via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

KEYTE - (Machrihanish/Arbroath/Stornoway/Fraserburgh). Suddenly but peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Sunday, July 19, 2020, Stuart, aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Moira, father of Jennifer and the

late Rhianne, grandpa of Jack and Ollie, much loved brother and friend to many. Funeral private due to current regulations.

MCDONALD - Suddenly, while enjoying his favourite pastime at Orchill Trout Fisheries near Auchterarder, on July 10, 2020, Alexander Ross McDonald, "Sandy" aged 70 years of 24 Ballimore, Kilmichael. Much loved husband of the late Sally Barker and loving father to Isla. Devoted Seanair to Charlie and Harris and much loved father-in-law to Scott. Dear brother of Colin, Ishabell, Murdo and Helen. A much respected brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the family. A popular figure in the angling community and a much respected neighbour and former work colleague to many. Private funeral service will be held at Achhabreac Cemetery today, Friday, July 24. The funeral cortege will depart from one of Sandy's favourite shops, Fyne Tackle, at 10:30 a.m. and proceed down Argyll Street, Lochgilphead where those wishing to pay their respects can line the route while social distancing.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on July 16, 2020, Duncan McSporrán, in his 89th year, 77 Longrow, Campbeltown, beloved husband of the late Mavis Ayling, loving dad of George, much loved dad and best friend of Lindsay, devoted papa to Alasdair, Hayley, Rachel, Karen, George, Connie and Joe, respected father-in-law of Neil-John and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and friend. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

OWEN - Peacefully after a short illness, surrounded by his family at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on July 16, 2020, Robert Bryn Owen (Bob) in his 76th year, Cruachan, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Maureen, much loved dad of Grant, Ross, Lindsay and Jennifer, a loving "Bob" to Grace, Callum, Fraser, Julia, Finlay and Robbie, father-in-law of Katherine, Eleanor, Craig and Jim. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

SINCLAIR - Peacefully at her home 56 Ardenslate Crescent, Kirn, Dunoon, on July 19, 2020 after a short illness borne bravely, Fiona Sinclair née Campbell, aged 76 years. Formerly of Tigh Chladdich, Crarae, Furnace, Argyll. Beloved wife of Duncan and loving mother of Elizabeth. Cherished granny of Jennifer, Louise and Cameron. Dear mother-in-law to Steven. Sister to Sir Menzies Campbell. A good neighbour and loyal friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Kilevin Cemetery, Minard on Friday, July 24.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCINTYRE - The family of the late Eleanor McIntyre (née MacConnachie) would like to extend their sincere thanks to all family and friends for the many cards, letters, emails, phone calls and floral tributes expressing their sympathy and support for the family at Eleanor's sudden death. Our appreciation is also due to the staff at the King Street Medical Practice, the emergency medical services and the IBD team at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, all in Paisley, for their skill and care.

Special thanks are due to the Rev. J M Gordon for officiating at the service and for his words of prayer and comfort. Our gratitude also to the staff at J&W Goudie, Funeral Directors and the staff at Woodside Crematorium for their guidance, care and compassion at this difficult time.

MCNEILL - Hamish and his family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, kind words and support following the sad loss of Jean. Thank you to everyone who stood by the roadside to pay their respects. Thank you to all the carers and NHS staff who have helped to care for Jean. Thank you to Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely service and to Donald MacDonald and his team for their services, professionalism and care.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Sina x
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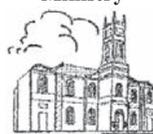


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Golfers battle winds in Dunaverty's RNLi Stableford

Golfers turned out in force last Saturday to compete for Dunaverty Golf Club's RNLi Club Stableford Cup, with 42 men and 18 ladies taking part in the annual competition.

The weather, although warm and dry, was beset by strong gusting winds which made for tough playing conditions.

Early starter John Wareham came in with a leading total of 37 points.

John Marrison, in the group behind, eclipsed the leader by producing an excellent total of 40 points.

Further back in the field, Dugald Graham and Malcolm Ronald made valiant efforts to

catch John but failed by just one point, with Dugald beating Malcolm in the inward half to occupy the runner-up spot.

The ladies did extremely well with three finishing in the top ten.

In her first competitive season, Katie Cappello came out on top with 38 points, one

ahead of Elizabeth Marrison and Linn Coffield.

Overall results: 1 John Marrison 40 points; 2 Dugald Graham 39 (bih); 3 Malcolm Ronald 39; 4 Katie Cappello 38; 5 John Wareham 37 (bih); 6 Elizabeth Marrison 37.

Men's results: 1 John Marrison 40; 2 Dugald

Graham 39; 3 Malcolm Ronald 39; 4 John Wareham 37 (bih); 5 Ross Sinclair 37 (bih); 6 Steven Garrett 37.

Ladies' results: 1 Katie Cappello 39; 2 Elizabeth Marrison 37 (bih); 3 Linn Coffield 37; 4 Linda Arkell 34; 5 Ailie MacBrayne 33; 6 Lea Brown 32.

Katharines the great

Dunaverty Golf Club's ladies section held its annual pairs competition in aid of the Blind Veterans UK charity – formerly known as St Dunstan's – on Tuesday July 14.

Despite it being another wet 'dreich' day, everyone who played managed some great golf.

The way in which partners were drawn – one from lower and one from those holding a higher handicap – made it a lovely way for the club's newer players to gain experience.

Eight teams played with six recording nett scores in the 60s, however, there was a brilliant 56.8 nett by the two Katharines – Hardman and Cappello – which included five pars.

Two other teams had birdie twos – Elizabeth Marrison and Lea Brown's at the 16th and Ailie MacBrayne and Linn Coffield's at the 7th.

Result: 1 Katharine Hardman and Katie Cappello, 82-25.2=56.8; 2 Ailie MacBrayne and Linn Coffield 80-19.8=60.2; 3 Mary McKinnon and Mary Wilson 90-24=66, bih from Elizabeth Marrison and Laura Dyson also with nett 66.

Action at Tarbert Golf Club

A bit of a damp day for Tarbert Golf Club's midweek Stableford on Wednesday July 15 saw Bruce McLean take the honours with 38 points.

He edged out James Smyth by virtue of the better inward half. In third place was Sheena Ferguson on 37 points.

The ladies returned to action last Sunday with Sheena Ferguson taking first place by virtue of the better inward half over Georgie Dickson, both ladies having finished on nett 64. Third place went to Angela Vernel on 70.

The gents have a week off this Saturday but return to action on August 1 for the Fisherman's Cup.

Members are asked to pick their own partner for this greensome event. The following weekend will be the August medal, following a change to the golfing calendar.

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Vital importance of summer play

Parents and carers in Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to use Parent Club as a source of support and inspiration to help keep children entertained over the summer.

The Scottish Government's Here For You Summer Support campaign encourages parents and carers to view play time with their children as an effective way of supporting them through the coronavirus pandemic.

It also aims to reassure parents across Argyll that any form of play should be encouraged as it can be beneficial to their child's mental and physical well-being.

Restrictions during the pandemic have limited the opportunity for children to meet up with friends or play outdoors. The Parent Club online has developed a range of simple ideas for parents to play with children of all ages, which can help them to express themselves and have fun.

Rainy day ideas, outdoor



Play time is important for the mental and physical well-being of children.

play and quiet play are just some of the ideas, advice and information being shared with parents and carers concerned about additional pressure the summer period presents.

Maree Todd, minister for children and young people, said: 'As lockdown restrictions ease, there will be more opportunities for children to get outside and play safely with other children, which

should improve well-being for children of all ages.

'The last few months have been an extremely challenging time for children and families and it's important for parents to acknowledge the pressure they are under and make time for themselves for their own mental well-being. They may have exhausted their energy and ideas for spending time with their children and that's

where Parent Club can help by sharing advice, tips and suggestions.'

Play Scotland has collaborated with Parent Club to create short videos explaining how play can tackle a number of common challenges.

Marguerite Hunter Blair at Play Scotland said: 'Some parents have been concerned with home learning over the past few months and have been worried about their children's development. We really want to highlight to parents the benefits playtime and especially play with parents, can have on children of all ages.'

'Not only can it help with physical health, it can provide an outlet for their feelings. Play is also the brain's favourite way of learning.'

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