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Latest A83 landslips trigger fresh deluge of frustration

by Fiona Scott
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Government officials from Kintyre and the Highlands and Islands are repeating demands for a permanent solution to the problems blighting the A83 trunk road in Argyll after multiple landslips closed the road again earlier this week.

Several attempts at mitigation work have been made over the last few years at the renowned trouble spots around the Rest and Be Thankful but campaigners say the 'quick fix' remedies just are not good enough.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron, Kintyre councillors Donald Kelly and Alastair Redman are just three of many calling on the Scottish Government to find a quick, permanent resolution.

'This shows yet again the abject failure of the Scottish Government's policy of 'patch and mend,' said Mr Cameron.

'Residents, communities

and businesses across Argyll are completely fed up. They all depend on this road and it is utterly unacceptable that ministers are still failing to deliver a permanent solution, despite having had 13 years in government to do so.'

These most recent landslips blocked the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful in both directions following a period of heavy rainfall across Argyll on Tuesday.

Approximately 1,500 tonnes of debris is thought to have reached the A83, with around 2,000 tonnes washed onto the Old Military Road. In total, the landslide is thought to have moved around 6,000 tonnes of debris across the hill.

Large car-sized boulders were also brought down the hillside onto the carriageway, and specialist geotechnical contractors were carrying out further safety inspections of the slope at the time of going to print.

A petition, raised by the Argyll and Bute First party,

'People have been more than patient while all the various costly mitigation measures have been put in place. Now is the time to put firm plans and a realistic timescale on the table to resolve this issue once and for all.'

requesting the Scottish Government put in place a permanent solution at the Rest and Be Thankful is currently live in the Scottish Parliament.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The Scottish Government has continually applied a piece meal approach to the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful in the hope the sticking plaster approach will resolve the issue,



Tuesday's landslide closed the A83 again.

despite a number of permanent solutions already being identified by consultants.

'The people of Argyll and Bute have been more than patient while all the various costly mitigation measures have been implemented. Now is the time to put firm plans and a realistic timescale on the table to resolve this issue once and for all.

Councillor Alastair Redman

added: 'As commuters suffer yet another trunk road closure due to landslides, many of my constituents and the wider Argyll and Bute population will be asking what will it take for a permanent solution to be enacted by central government?'

'We have continued to see good money thrown after bad on piecemeal patchwork, yet what is there to show for the

millions of taxpayers' pounds being spent?'

SNP MSP Michael Russell however argued that a number of possible alternative routes had been identified for new uninterrupted access adding: 'No one doubts it will be constructed. However such a complex undertaking inevitably takes time.

'I will be working with the Transport Secretary to urge whatever acceleration of the design and planning process for a replacement can take place and I would welcome support in that from any other quarter, including opposition parties.'

A diversion route has been implemented between Tarbet and Cairndow via the A83, A82, A85 and A819. Temporary traffic lights are in place on the A82 at Inveruglas after heavy rain also impacted a retaining wall following a day of challenging conditions.

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■ A man, aged 34, has been charged with assaulting two other men on Lochend Street, Campbeltown. The incident occurred on Monday July 27 at 3.30pm. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ At 1pm on Tuesday July 28, on the B842 near Peninver, Campbeltown, the wing mirror of a brown Peugeot 3008 was damaged by a red/orange car which failed to stop and report the collision. Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them.

■ The wing mirror of a black VW Golf was broken when it was struck by a red lorry on the A83 near

Kennacraig, Tarbert, at 7.15pm on Wednesday July 29. The lorry failed to stop and report the collision.

■ Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them.

■ At 4.50am on Saturday July 25, in Bruichladdich, Islay, a man, aged 52, allegedly behaved in an abusive manner. The man will be charged when traced and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ Police are investigating after a man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner towards another man on Main Street, Bowmore, Islay, on Monday July 27 at 8.50am.

Witnesses or anyone with information is urged to contact the police.

■ Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101 or, anonymously, through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Happy lockdown birthday

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

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

This is how one Campbeltown boy plans to spend his day. Happy birthday to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday.

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

Jaimee Macindeor and Mary Thomson

Right: Friends Mary Thomson, right, and Jaimee Macindeor both turn 17 less than a week apart. Jaimee, from Campbeltown, celebrates her birthday tomorrow, Saturday August 8, and Mary, from Stewarton, will be 17 on Wednesday August 12. The girls' friends can't wait to celebrate with them this weekend and wish them good luck for learning to drive.



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Be proud of achievement

Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead on education says young people should be proud of their achievements as they receive their exam results.

Pupils across the area are celebrating success in S4, S5 and S6 qualifications after the grades were sent out on Tuesday.

Awards have been made based on teacher judgement and national moderation after the exam diet for 2020 was cancelled following the Covid-19 outbreak.

Early indications are pass rates have increased nationally from 2019 for Higher, Advanced Higher and National 5.

Local data should be available when the council's community services committee meets on Thursday August 27.

However, a council spokesperson said: 'Early indications are that overall Argyll and Bute's young people have overcome this disruption and secured qualifications that

Pupils and families praised for overcoming exam disruption

mean they move on to positive destinations.'

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, policy lead for education, said: 'We all want success for our young people. Achieving it has never been more challenging than this year.'

'Hard work and partnership between our schools and their families made it possible.'

'Our pupils had to deal with the pressures of leaving their familiar school routines and adjusting to new ways of learning. Teachers worked tirelessly to deliver digital and home-learning options and parents had to support their children with home learning, often while juggling the stresses and strains of work

and other family demands. It's been a stressful, difficult time. The 'let's get it done' response I've seen is a credit to Argyll and Bute. Pupils, teachers and their families should be proud of themselves.'

The Scottish pass rate for National 5 has been reported as 81.1 per cent, compared to 78.2 per cent last year.

For Higher, the pass rate was 78.9 per cent against 74.8 per cent in 2019, while for Advanced Higher the figure was 84.9 per cent compared to 79.4 per cent.

Young people or their families wishing to discuss their results should contact their school as soon after receiving them as possible.



Red Cross thanks all its volunteers

Celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the British Red Cross on Tuesday May 4 may have been curtailed as a result of Covid restrictions, but staff and volunteers at charity's Campbeltown shop could not let the occasion pass without mention.

The store had hoped to hold a fashion show and afternoon tea to celebrate the milestone. However, volunteers past

and present were, or will be, awarded a special commemorative pin which states: 'Thank you for being a part of our history over the past 150 years.'

Shop manager Sheena Howarth said: 'We thought it was appropriate to mark the occasion by thanking all volunteers, past and present, for their hard work and dedication. Without them, we could not operate.'

'We also thank our customers and donors for their continued support over the years.'

'The money raised in our shop allows the organisation to help many people in a diverse number of ways.'

Around 40 volunteers are registered in Campbeltown but only a small number could be photographed, above, because of social distancing guidelines.

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Comic capers at the Co-op

Superheroes at Campbeltown Co-op have raised around £900 for charity after colleagues and customers donned fancy dress.

Staff dressed as Spiderman, Wonderwoman and Bat-Girl while children were invited to go along in their own costumes for the Superhero Saturday event, organised by team manager Donna Graham.

Money raised will be split between mental health charity SAMH and local causes. Charities and not-for-profit organisations should contact the store manager if they need support from the community retailer.

Co-op is committed to creating healthier, happier communities and has partnered with SAMH in Scotland, working closely with the charity to make mental health a priority.



Colin Middleton, Co-op Store manager, said: 'The day was a great deal of fun. It came after an unprecedented period where colleagues had worked hard to keep shelves stocked, spirits high and the community fed during the pandemic.'

'Co-op is committed to connecting communities and making a difference locally. I think the team are heroes every day!'

During the pandemic, the store was delivering to hundreds of households locally where members of the community were self-isolating or shielding.

The Co-op now also offers online home delivery and click and collect through the Co-op's online shop - coop.co.uk/shop. The click and collect service enables shoppers to buy groceries more easily and quickly at allocated slots.



Our photographs show staff and children entering into the spirit of the 'Superheroes' event at Campbeltown Co-op on Saturday. Photographs: Kenny Craig.

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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.

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

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Overspend warning as pandemic hits figures

Health chiefs in Argyll and Bute are already facing an overspend of nearly £4million – and that figure is set to rise further, writes Andrew Galloway.

A report from the area's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) also reveals a year to date overspend of nearly £2million, only three months into the 2020/21 financial year.

The document by head of finance and transformation Judy Orr cited the Covid-19 outbreak as one of the reasons for the financial position, along with projected savings which have not been achieved.

Ms Orr said: 'There is a year to date overspend of £1.981m as at 30 June 2020. This consists of an overspend of £605,000 within social work delivered services and a year to date overspend of £1.376m within health.'



Judy Orr.

'The overspends are on Covid-19 related expenditure where funding from the Scottish Government has not yet been received nor accrued and savings targets not yet being delivered – again progress has been impacted by Covid-19 pandemic.'

'The social work figures are presented on a cash basis, showing the value of actual transactions processed to date,

rather than on an accruals basis, which include adjustments for costs incurred but not yet paid for, and therefore do not reflect the full cost of activity to the end of June.

'There have been reductions in care home placements and care at home packages due to Covid-19, and whilst providers are encouraged to invoice for additional costs and loss of income through under occupancy, these were still in progress at end of June. Overall the year to date position is still fluid.'

According to the report, the forecast outturn position for 2020/21 is a forecast overspend of £3.840m. This consists of an overspend of £2.040m within Social Work delivered services and an overspend of £1.800m within Health.

'The forecast outturn is significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. All work on delivery of savings was

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halted for two months at end of March as resource was put onto mobilising for the pandemic,' it stated.

Ms Orr also reported Covid-19 cases have now fallen in number and that plans for re-starting services that were stopped to comply with social distancing were being made.

'Additional costs are being incurred for staffing to cover for people off with symptoms or in households with symptoms or shielding or with child care issues and for PPE, additional cleaning, additional provider costs and running Covid Assessment Centres

(CACs) across our area,' she added. 'We have received approval in principle for these additional costs and two tranches of funding have been announced – both for social work costs – totalling £1.092m.

'The first of these for £903,000 is reflected in the year to date position and forecast outturn where we have assumed all funding is matched by expenditure in full.

'The Scottish Living Wage Covid funding of £189,000 was not yet billed at the end of June, however the forecast also does not include the additional costs of this.

'However, we have not assumed funding will cover undelivered savings or shortages in income, although these are being claimed on our Covid mobilisation cost tracker returns. We are aware that there is inadequate funding nationally to cover all claims.'

CalMac gearing up for surge in ticket bookings

CalMac has warned customers its telephone and websites will be 'very busy' after opening up bookings into October.

Following discussions with Transport Scotland, the ferry company opened bookings last Friday for the period up to and including October 18.

Reservations made before bookings closed earlier this year are already in the system, but with the implementation of physical distancing guidelines, capacity on ferries will be less than in normal circumstances.

The company said: 'Access to our website will be managed by a queue system. When in the queue, customers will automatically be directed to our website when it's their turn.'

A month ago, the company's website briefly crashed after a high volume of visitors went online for tickets. The company said it is working with Transport Scotland on the next phase of its timetable and would update customers as soon as it has been agreed.



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All roads must lead to resolution on the A83

For the second time this year, the A83 Rest and Be Thankful trunk road has been closed by landslips caused by flooding.

Mitigation work, while helping avoid many more closures, hasn't quite cut it when faced with the extreme downpours our part of the country is becoming more frequently prone to.

Calls for the Scottish Government to address the situation as a priority are coming from all corners of Argyll and Bute, in particular Kintyre. Being the main commuter link between ourselves and Glasgow, among other key destinations, the closures causes havoc for our communities, businesses and visitors.

The 59-mile diversion route between Tarbet and Cairndow via the A83, A82, A85 and A819 is a prospect no traveller would want to undertake on a journey that is already more than three hours long.

This is an ideal opportunity for our MSPs and councillors from all parties to work together for the greater good of our community.

A task force is already in place and must now be used to see that the work gets done.

Highlands and Islands SNP MSP Michael Russell states he is working with the Transport Secretary and that several new routes have been identified. He is urging acceleration in the design and planning process and everyone should get behind him on that. To restore public confidence, a firm commitment is urgently required with timescales set in stone. A solution that guarantees uninterrupted access has to be found quickly. Our weather isn't going to get any better.

Halt the blame game and give credit where it's due

In recent weeks a fellow councillor has had letters published that are distinctly political in criticising the Scottish Government over the handling of the Covid crisis.

It would be easy to refute these criticisms and point the blame elsewhere but I believe in these very difficult times we should be highlighting the good that is happening rather than looking to blame and criticise – especially at a local level.

It is always easy to be wise after the event but Covid-19 is unprecedented and I'm sure we can all look back and wish or think we could have done something different.

What I would rather do is highlight the exceptional work that has been done by local groups, organisations businesses and individuals.

From the start our NHS staff had to deal with something they had never had to even think about before. In what must have been very worrying times for them personally they showed their true professionalism and duty to help those in need of care.

The Thursday night clap for the NHS was a great way of showing how much the public appreciated the difficult times that staff were going through.

The Kintyre community resilience group was formed in the first week of lockdown and I was happy to work with Eric Spence and David Paterson to co-ordinate referrals to the group from the council's caring for people helpline.

These referrals were sent to volunteers who helped those who could not leave home or did not have anyone to shop, collect prescriptions or be of some assistance. These volunteers, in many cases, went way beyond what they had been asked to do and without them life for those that required help would have been much more difficult.

Shopper Aide and Kintyre Foodbank volunteers have also done so much to help those that require assistance.

Local businesses have found ways to stay open and provide services beyond what they could normally provide. Those that were unable to continue operating often used social media

to get information and goods to customers or helped by volunteering and providing vehicles for collections and deliveries.

Essential service workers have also had to carry on providing the services we all take for granted and like many others have gone way beyond what is normally expected of them in these difficult times. We all owe them our gratitude.

On a personal note, since March 25 I had been doing a daily 10-15 minute coronavirus update at 1pm on Argyll FM. I did my last regular daily slot last Friday but will continue to do a weekly update on Wednesdays at 1pm.

I am grateful for all the kind comments, messages and phone calls over the last four months. They are much appreciated.

Hearing from those who don't have internet to access local information that I have helped provide vital information makes me feel the daily updates were worthwhile.

We all now live in a different world but thanks to each individual who has followed the guidelines we are starting to get back to some sort of normality. We have all made sacrifices and continue to do so but it is down to the way we have all stuck to what was required that we are where we are now.

I am happy to have played a small part during the last few months but everyone in our community should be proud of everything that has been achieved during this dreadful time.

Councillor John Armour,
Ward 1, South Kintyre.

Macmillan's new service for people with cancer

While many of us are beginning to cautiously return to a life that is almost normal after months of forced hibernation, many people with cancer are still trapped at home.

Many of them have been feeling anxious, depressed and even having panic attacks during lockdown.

Macmillan Cancer Support has set up a Telephone Buddies service that pairs up people with cancer with someone else who has been through a similar cancer experience for weekly calls to chat about everything from TV and music, to cancer treatment and side effects. To

find out more about using the service, or about becoming a buddy, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/telephonebuddies or call 08088 080000.

Janice Malone, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Charity 'concerned' over activity initiative

As lockdown eases, the Scottish Government wants us to walk and cycle more, to reduce passenger numbers on public transport and encourage us all to keep fit and healthy.

RNIB Scotland believes this 'Spaces for People' initiative could transform active travel for everyone. However, we remain concerned if these moves are introduced too hastily, with not enough thought given to people who are blind or partially sighted or who have other mobility issues, it could end up putting barriers in place.

We want space for new cycle lanes to be taken from roads not pavements, for new designs to avoid the shared spaces concept, for clutter to be removed from our streets and for controlled crossings to the road or bus stops to be installed. This will make things safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. The current situation has made everyone a little more aware of what it is like to feel vulnerable and to depend more on others. Let's make sure the Scotland we return to is inclusive for everyone.

James Adams, Director, Royal National Institute of Blind People Scotland.

2020 National Lottery Awards open for entries

This year the annual search for the UK's favourite National Lottery funded projects will, for the first time, honour individuals who have made an extraordinary impact in their community – especially those who have adapted during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Readers can nominate a 'lockdown legend' or a 'hometown hero' by visiting www.lottery-goodcauses.org.uk/awards. All nominees must have been funded by The National Lottery or be associated with a National Lottery funded project. Entries must be received by midnight on August 19 2020.

Jonathan Tuchner, National Lottery Awards.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Aileen's focus on a beautiful, colourful meadow

Aileen Gillies from Lochgilhead took this beautiful photograph of a meadow at Glencraigs Farm, just outside Campeltown, on her way to collect her dad's car last week.

She took it on her Nikon coolpix b600 on Friday lunchtime when she could hardly stand because of the wind. 'It really brightened my day,' said Aileen, a regular contributor to Photograph of the Week. If you have a photograph you would like to share, email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

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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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Preheat the grill to medium-high.
6. 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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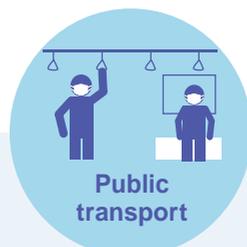
- Avoiding queues by booking in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you do
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- Booking tickets in advance if you can
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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday August 6, 2010

Colliery history film a big hit

Film-maker Jan Nimmo was overwhelmed by the response to her latest documentary about coal mining in Kintyre when it had its premier at Campbeltown Picture House on Friday night.

The queue stretched back to Main Street, a second showing had to be held and the 100 DVD copies of the film she took along all sold out with an order list for more.

More than 200 people saw the film.

'Unbelievable!' said Jan, whose father was a miner at Argyll Colliery.

'I was overwhelmed and want to thank everyone.'

The film will be shown again in Machrihanish Village Hall.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday August 11, 1995

High pressure TV disruption

Good weather brought unexpected invaders to Kintyre last week – foreign television broadcasts.

Ghost images from foreign stations disrupted

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BBC 1 and BBC2 reception last Thursday and Friday. Amongst the programmes almost obliterated were last Thursday afternoon's editions of 'Reporting Scotland' and the 'One O'Clock News'. The disruption was caused by 'co-channel interference' which happens when high pressure weather systems allow signals to travel much further than usual.

For much of the time, the mystery images could be identified as the Phillips Electronic Test Card, similar to the pattern screened regularly by the BBC for many years.

A clock on the card revealed it was being broadcast from a country where the time was an hour ahead of British Summer Time.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday August 6, 1970

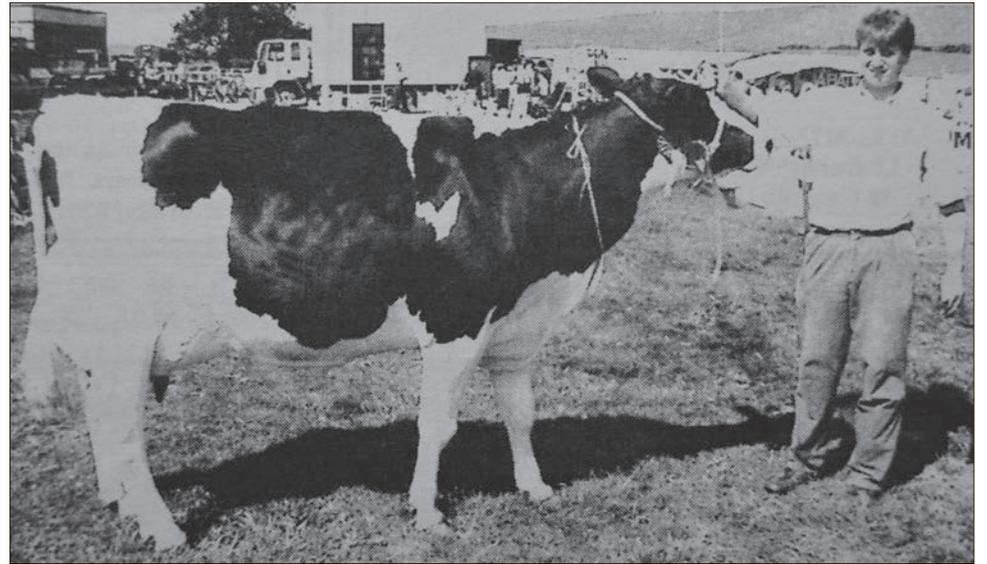
Carradale boat takes stricken coaster in tow

The 54ft Carradale herring boat, the Mairi Bhan, on Tuesday morning towed into Ayr harbour a crippled coaster, the Glen Shira.

Her engines disabled, the coaster was drifting north-west of Ayr. The Mairi Bhan, which was the only vessel in the vicinity, took the coaster in tow and got her safely into Ayr.

The Glen Shira, which has a crew of six, was bound for Tiree with a cargo of 200 tons of coal.

The Mairi Bhan had been fishing in the Kilbrannon Sound and was on her way to the market at Ayr with a catch of herring. Her skipper is Mr Donald McMillan.



Seventy years ago: The 1970 Kintyre Show Supreme Dairy Champion, High Knockrioch Lucy, with Donald Armour.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Friday August 7, 1920

Sparks and flashes

The work of salvaging bullion from the steamer Laurentic, which was sunk off the north of Ireland, has been resumed. About 250 tons of metal hull or deck plates have fallen on the main objective of the divers - namely the strong-room. About 50 tons of obstruction have still to be dealt with before the gold can be reached.

Even then the difficulties will not be at an end, for so shapeless has the hull become now under the pressure of the water the divers can do little

more than guess where stem and where the stern lie and where exactly the contents of the strong-room may be looked for. The strong room itself has collapsed. This is proved by the fact bars of gold have been found separately.

The Laurentic was on her way from Liverpool to Canada, with a secret cargo of £5 million in gold ingots, weighing about 43 tons, to pay for war munitions, £230+ million at today's prices, when she was sunk by German mines on January 25 1917.

All but 20 bars of gold have been recovered if you fancy your chances but the salvage rights are still in private ownership and wreck is a war grave as 354 lives were lost. Many froze to death. She lies in the stretch of water between Malin Head, Islay and Fanad Head Lighthouse.

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Leaflet replaces walking tours

Campbeltown's popular heritage trail walking tours which are usually enjoyed by locals and visitors during the summer will not take place this year as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Although people will miss out on the wisdom and anecdotes the tour guides usually provide, they can still immerse themselves in Campbeltown's historic past as a leaflet outlining the tour's highlights is available to download from Argyll and Bute Council's website.

Containing a map of the town and detailed information about the sites typically visited during the tours, the leaflet, published by The Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative on behalf of the Campbeltown Heritage Trail Group, allows people to take themselves on the tour whenever they choose.

The first attraction on the route map is the statue of Sir William MacKinnon, 1st

Baronet of Strathaird and Loup, which stands outside the Aqualibrium.

Sir William MacKinnon was born at Argyll Street, Campbeltown, in 1823, and rose from humble beginnings to become the founder and manager of a world-class mercantile network.

The next stop is Campbeltown Cross, the 14th century crucifix taken from Kilkivan Cemetery to Campbeltown to serve as a market cross in 1680.

It is said to be the largest and most famous example of a late medieval Celtic cross in mainland Argyll and an iconic emblem of Campbeltown.

A short walk from the cross, Campbeltown's two quays have been at the centre of the town's working life and economy for more than 250 years.

The Old Quay was completed in 1712 and, perhaps surprisingly given its moniker, the New Quay was finished in 1765.

Linking the two quays is Hall

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John Bakes, one of the tour guides who usually leads the heritage trail walks, pointing out Fort Argyll from Quarry Green during a previous tour.

Street where the 'Wee Train' used to operate. The two were inextricably connected during the opening decades of the 20th century.

An increase in tourism inspired the formation of the Campbeltown and Machrihanish Light Railway Company in 1906, the addition of carriages to an existing coal-carrying railway, which ran until 1932.

Also on Hall Street,

Campbeltown Picture House is one of the earliest purpose-built cinemas in Scotland and is possibly the oldest continuously running film theatres in the country.

The A-listed building, designed by renowned architect Albert Gardner, underwent £3.5 million renovations, re-opening in 2017 with a second screen, café and conference space.

The Burnet Building,

which houses Campbeltown Museum, was opened in 1899 as a gift to the town by businessman and local benefactor James Macalister-Hall of Killean and Tangy.

The next stop along the tour is a short walk along to Quarry Green, beside the ferry terminal. Looking out across Campbeltown Loch, walkers will spot Fort Argyll, built in 1639 as a defensive installation at the entrance to the loch.

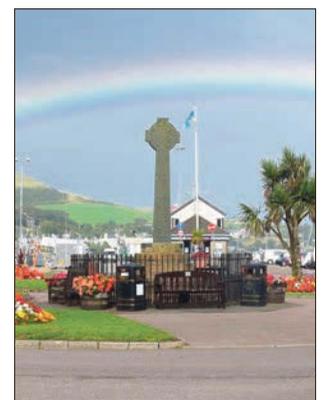
Just up the road, Stewart's Green is the site of the Old Gaelic or Highland Church of Campbeltown.

Along the road, Kirk Street Hall sits where the First Lowland Church of Campbeltown was built in 1654.

On Main Street sits Campbeltown Town Hall, built between 1758 and 1760. Extensive refurbishments were carried out with the hall re-opening in 2016.

At the top of Main Street, the final stop on the tour is Castlehill - the site of the long-demolished Lochhead Castle.

More detail on each of these sites is available in the leaflet.



The trail leaflet includes information on Campbeltown's 14th-century Celtic cross.

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Get outdoors and improve the health of all the family

Summer is here and it is a great time to make some healthy changes. The past few months have reminded us of what really matters; our health. We all have things we'd like to improve, whether that's losing weight or getting more physically active. Here is some advice on how to take advantage of the great outdoors and get the whole family fit this summer.

THE SUMMER months offer us all the perfect opportunity to make changes to improve our mental and physical health.

Getting active is good for your body and mind, and there are lots of easy ways to get active.

Taking a brisk walk every day will help shed the pounds, but there is nothing better than heading out into the great outdoors to take in some of the wonderful countryside and coastal sites close to home.

There are fabulous woodlands, beaches and picnic spots everywhere.

And you don't have to just go walking.

Cycling has become ever more popular during lockdown and swimming in rivers and lakes is another wonderful way to get the blood pumping and improve your health.

A survey taken at the start of lockdown revealed that one in four of us admitted that we were more active than before lockdown.

This increased to one in three as lockdown continued, with combatting lockdown weight gain and helping mental health given as the top reasons many people are turning to some form of physical exercise.

There is so much to choose from to keep you active from dusk to dawn.

From aerial assault courses to horse riding treks, there are a massive range of outdoor family activities and endless possibilities for days out packed

Plan your day with safety in mind

- Have the right kit – the right shoes, a waterproof, a map, water
- Tell people where you are going if visiting the hills, a remote area or out to sea
- Choose an activity or location within your existing skills and experience level
- Check the weather forecast and tide times
- Only swim where it is safe and permitted
- Avoid popular honey pot sites – this

- will help maintain social distancing
- Weekends and afternoons can be very busy – choose another time if you can
- Discover new places and hidden gems
- Leave your car at your accommodation if possible
- Check if services you need such as toilets, baby changing and other facilities are available
- Take hand sanitiser and use face coverings in line with local rules

CHECK OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO STAY SAFE

Whether you are heading for the hills, planning a coastal stroll or fancy splashing about in the sea or a lake, make sure you take time to check out what you need to do to stay safe. Go to [visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go](https://www.visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go) to learn more about heading outdoors safely.

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Getting physical every day

ADULTS SHOULD aim to be physically active every day.

They should attempt to do strengthening activities that work all the major muscles in the legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms on at least two days a week.

It is also recommended that people do at least 150 minutes of moderately intense activity every week, or 75 minutes of vigorously intense activity a week.

However, people need to make sure the type and intensity of activity is appropriate for their level of fitness, and take medical advice if necessary.

Moderate activity such as brisk walking, riding a bike and hiking will raise your heart rate, and make you breathe faster and feel warmer.

One way to tell if you're working at a moderate intensity level is if you can still talk, but not sing. Vigorous intensity activity makes you breathe hard and fast. If you're working at this level, you will not be able to say more than a few words without pausing for breath.

In general, 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity can give similar health benefits to 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity.

Examples of vigorous activities include jogging or running, swimming fast, or riding a bike fast or on hills.



KEEPING FIT: Jogging, cycling and swimming are good for your health and are enjoyable too. Photo: Shutterstock.



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The trails are distinctively waymarked, largely off-road and traffic free and have a range of visitor services along the way.

You can take the family and walk or bike a route in small sections on an afternoon or day trip, or plan a multi-day epic and tackle a trail in one go.

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Website spotlight on volunteering

Argyll and Bute charities and community groups can now publicise their volunteering opportunities to a much wider audience, thanks to a new website.

Launched by the Third Sector Interface (TSI), volunteerargyllandbute.org will act as a portal where organisations can advertise their vacancies and volunteers can access up-to-date opportunities.

The website was originally due to launch at the end of April, but with the challenges

of the coronavirus pandemic and a desperate need for more volunteers across the county, it was repurposed for the emergency and community response. A fantastic response from volunteers wanting to register with the site saw around 1,000 people signing up in the first few weeks.

Samantha Stubbs, strategic development manager for TSI, said: 'As lockdown measures relax, many volunteers have asked to stay registered. So there is no better time for

voluntary and community organisations to tap into that reservoir of goodwill and recruit the volunteers they need. 'volunteerargyllandbute' is easy to use and is backed up with telephone assistance from us.

'It provides a jobs-board to advertise volunteering opportunities and a comprehensive volunteer management system to help them schedule volunteer support, log volunteering hours, communicate with volunteers and securely manage

volunteer data including PVG checks and training logs.'

A spokesperson from one of the Third Sector organisations which has already tested the website said: 'The system has provided my organisation with a convenient platform to recruit volunteers. It also provides a great medium for monitoring volunteers and rewarding them for their efforts.

'We can post information about training courses too, meaning volunteers can also use it as a portal to find up-

skilling opportunities. If you are looking for a simple and effective way to gain and keep volunteers, I would recommend this system. It will make your life so much easier.'

Charities or organisations wishing to register a volunteering opportunity should visit www.volunteerargyllandbute.org.

Additional support with using the system is available by phoning the TSI's third sector support line on 03003 034141.

Funding support for struggling tourism businesses

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) has welcomed further support for the tourism sector as it continues to feel the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The £14m Hotel Recovery Programme was announced last Wednesday, July 29, by the Scottish Government.

Any businesses interested in the programme should contact HIE, Scottish Enterprise and South of Scotland Enterprise.

Businesses that meet the criteria will be eligible for grants and a holistic business review with bespoke support based on individual needs.

The announcement included a further £1 million in grants from Visit Scotland for self-catering businesses that have not received any other Scottish Government Covid-19 support.

This is also expected to benefit many businesses in the Highlands and Islands.

Applications open in early August and VisitScotland will work with The Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers to review applications.



Debbie Holroyd is leading the way on delivering innovative new health solutions for patients.

Debbie gearing up to deliver new health solutions

An Argyll and Bute digital health specialist is on her way to becoming a leader in the delivery of innovative new health solutions for patients across the region.

Debbie Holroyd, a technology enabled care (TEC) co-ordinator with Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), has passed her first year of a two-year Master's degree in Digital Health Care Systems at the

University of Strathclyde.

Digital health is one of the fastest growing sectors in health and social care. Scotland is an international leader in TEC, supporting more people to live longer, healthier lives at home or in community settings. It connects information sharing technology, services and systems that can remotely monitor, analyse, educate and improve health care outcomes.

Debbie said: 'I am really

pleased with my results and am looking forward to using my learning to help patients and develop their care with new models of digital health care.'

Kristin Gillies, Argyll and Bute HSCP senior service planning manager and lead for TEC, said: 'Debbie is a dedicated member of the TEC team. We are all really proud of her hard work and attainments over the last year. Debbie's

expertise is more important than ever to help further develop and deliver innovative digital health care solutions for remote and rural communities across Argyll and Bute.'

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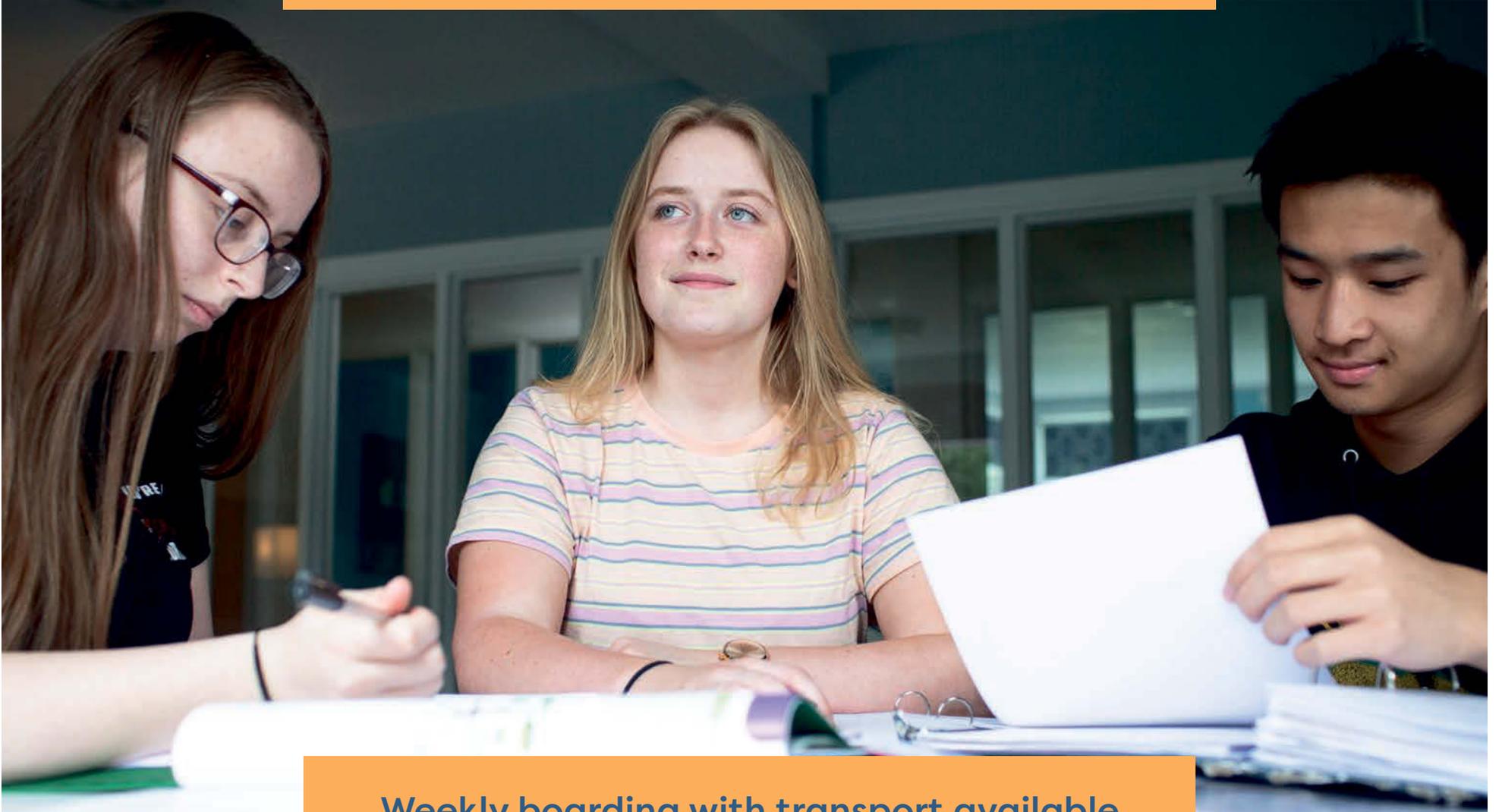
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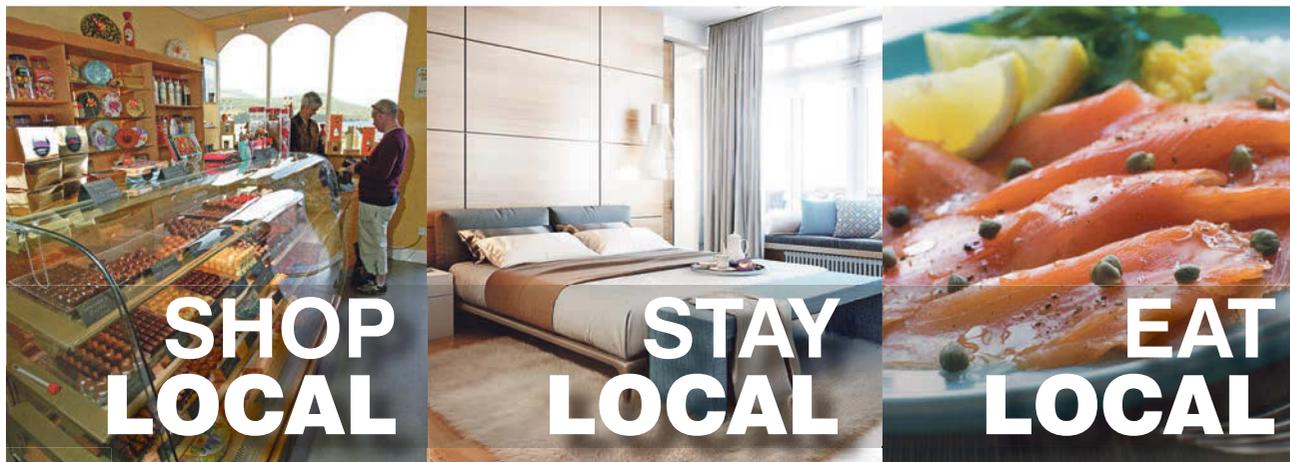


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Staying safe at the sales – a GP's perspective

When it comes to protecting themselves, their families and staff from Covid-19, farmers and crofters should look to how they keep their livestock healthy according to Dr John Locke, a GP at Gatehouse of Fleet and chairman of NFU Scotland's Stewartry Branch in Dumfries and Galloway.

As we approach sale season, Dr Locke writes: 'Why do we test for BVD, TB or Johnes or bother to isolate a sick calf? Or disinfect lambing pens? Because we know that these diseases spread without symptoms or that we can take effective measures to avoid infecting other animals.'

'Covid-19 is no different. It is clear that there are 'super-spreaders' who shed lots of virus before becoming ill or are never actually unwell. The

other issue is a 'super-spreading event', usually an indoor venue with lots of people, talking or singing and poor ventilation. So, you cannot tell who has the virus, but you can take measures to reduce transmission.

'The numbers of cases in the UK is reducing every week due to a very painful lockdown but we are still seeing small spikes of infection, mostly related to workplaces or pubs.

In other countries the removal of restrictions has seen a huge increase in cases in the younger generation which will spread to vulnerable groups and we will see deaths increase over the next month.

'We do not want that to happen here, either for health or economic reasons. We are in danger of relaxing our guard

as the risk reduces but just like BVD eradication we need to make it hard for the virus to find a host to survive.

'Many of us will be attending breeding sales over the next two months and any disruption will have severe consequences. There are clear guidelines which the markets will follow or you can access these on the internet.

'Try to travel alone or only with close family. Keep windows open and wear a mask if with others. Disinfect your hands after leaving the vehicle.

'Register your attendance and keep your distance from others ideally two metres.

'Wash or disinfect your hands regularly. Avoid touching your face.

'Wearing a mask will reduce spread of the virus droplets.



Dr John Locke is a GP at Gatehouse of Fleet and chairman of NFU Scotland's Stewartry Branch in Dumfries and Galloway.

'Follow the market instructions as they have worked hard to obey the rules.

'If farmers and staff are

careless then markets could be shut down, close contacts quarantined and businesses fined for breaking the regulations. If you have symptoms – mainly a cough, fever, breathlessness, loss of smell but also with headaches, confusion or diarrhoea – then phone 111 for advice or go online at NHS Inform to book a test. You must isolate for a week or until a negative test result.

'If positive, you will be asked to give all your recent contacts. Please be honest, even if you have been careless, as they need to trace them all. If you are a close contact, you must isolate for two weeks and all the best gimmers will be sold by then. Most people will recover but a few will become very ill or die, especially if over 60 or with diabetes, high

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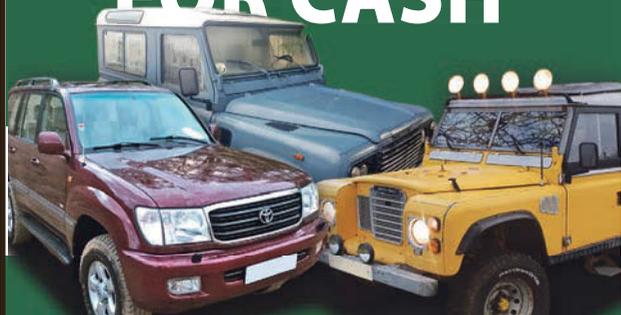
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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

It has been the topic of novels, adventure stories and TV dramas as long as I can remember.

Space exploration fascinates and excites us and has done so since we became aware of the wonders of the universe.

Mars seems to be the planet we seem to think might sustain life.

We have long contemplated the idea of some form of life on that distant red planet. Will it be little green men, Dalek type beings or aliens who want to take over our planet?

We might glean some knowledge when the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover Spacecraft starts sending valuable information back to Earth. I find it interesting that we, in our human arrogance, tend to assume life on any other planet will be far more primitive, far inferior, far less intelligent, far less sophisticated than life here on Earth.

We are subject to the influence of science fiction, which speaks of primitive creatures wanting to take over our planet by aggression and force. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we found life in other parts of this amazing and infinite universe. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we found this life belonged to creatures who were peaceful, who did not take things by force, who were colour blind regarding people, who were altruistic, who cared about their planet, who treated all life with respect, who had no weapons of mass destruction, who did not pollute their home, who looked after the weakest among them? Wouldn't that be wonderful?

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Villagers say thank you

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From painted railings to gorgeous baskets of flowers, floral arrangements and newly painted seats, it has been amazing and couldn't have happened without the support of willing helpers, always observing social distancing guidance.

In turn, Cathy thanked Clachan residents who have donated £150 to help with future plans, including another garden open day next summer. Glynis Lewin presented Catherine with two of Julia Griffiths' beautiful paintings of Clachan village and Annie Carter's portrait of 'Daisy', Cathy's much-loved pet dog.

CAMPBELTOWN

Tuned in for ceremony

Past president Andrew Ronald handed over the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown to new president Pat Healey at a socially distanced ceremony last week.

In line with lockdown restrictions, the club has been unable to meet for the usual Thursday

lunches in the Argyll Arms Hotel and have been meeting instead on Zoom.

Andrew and Pat met in Dunaverty Hall and conducted a socially-distanced hand-over, with other Rotarians watching via video link.

Pat was formerly depute head teacher of Castlehill Primary School and head teacher of Southend Primary School. She and her husband Michael live in Southend, where she serves on the community council and Dunaverty Hall Committee.

Campbeltown Rotary members have been dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic in different ways. Most are shielding but others have been volunteering with other organisations to help the community. Group members are keeping in touch through Zoom calls.

Funding applications for consideration should be sent to The Secretary, Rotary, Argyll Hotel, Main Street, Campbeltown. The club would also welcome anyone interested in helping local and international communities to join them.



Past president Andrew Ronald with incoming president Pat Healey.

TARBERT

Digging up history in Tarbert

In spring 2019, 52 Tarbert Castle volunteers and 250 young people from schools and youth groups in Argyll carried out an extensive ar-

chaeological dig on the scheduled monument, supported by archaeologist Roddy Regan and Kilmartin Museum education department.

The major discovery of a previously unknown entrance was made and an exhibition of a selection of outcomes is currently on display in the central window of the TSCT Tarbert Life project in the centre of the village.

Barbara Cummins, director of heritage at Historic Environment Scotland, said: 'The remains of a portcullis slot were uncovered, shedding new light on how the castle was constructed, approached and defended. It represents a previously unknown and highly significant part of the site and we commend the trust for its discovery and careful excavation.'

A further small dig, funded by donations, has proved the assumed existence of an entrance of some kind at the eastern side of the castle, facing Loch Fyne. Identical in size to the discovered western entrance with portcullis slot and door check, this is another remarkable result as very few castles, if any, will have been built in Scotland with two fully defended major entrances.

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DEATHS

MCGILP - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on July 31, 2020, Jean Johnston Adams McGilp, in her 86th year, of Dunhallin, 2 Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Alistair McGilp (Carsaig Farm). Much loved and cherished mother of Sybil and David. Adored Grandma of Michael, Sam, Isabella and Niamh. Much respected mother-in-law of Nigel and Mandy. A dearly loved sister of the late Samuel, dear aunt

and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A hugely popular and much admired lady in the local community, who will be sadly missed by all. A private funeral service was held at Achtnabreac Cemetery on Thursday, August 6, 2020. Forever in our thoughts.

OGILVIE - Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital after a short battle with cancer, on July 31, 2020, Anne Kennedy Ogilvie née McArthur, in her 62nd year, much loved wife of Allan, loving mum of Karen and Jillian and an adored sister to Karen. A popular lady in our wee community, she will be missed by friends and work colleagues alike. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Anne's funeral will take place on Thursday, August 6. The cortege will leave the home address at 12.30 p.m. travelling down High Askomil, along High Street, Prince's Street and the Esplanade on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to Anne on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

WILCOCK - Peacefully on August 4, 2020, aged 97 years, Elizabeth May, formerly of Inveraray. Much loved wife of the late Bert, mother of Gordon, Amelia and Caroline-Jean, Granny of Christopher and Caroline and Great-Gran of Chloe and Emily. Funeral will take place at Glen Shira Cemetery, Inveraray. Numbers limited to a maximum of

20. Family flowers only. The family would like to express sincere thanks to Ashgrove Care Home for their loving care of May.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLAIR - Catriona and the family of the late Keith Blair wish to thank everyone for the visits, support, cards, flowers and phone calls on their recent loss of Keith. To the doctors, district nurses, community health care workers and Colette Morgan for their devoted care and kindness to both of us in Keith's final weeks. Special thanks to the Rev Hilda Smith for a lovely and fitting service also Piper Craig Campbell for playing Keith's favourite tunes, he would have loved it. Thanks also to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. Sincere thanks to Donald MacDonald and Cammy for their professional care and compassion in getting Keith home to Glendaruel. Finally a huge thank you to all of you who travelled on an extremely wet and windy day to pay your last respects to Keith.

GOODWIN - The family of the late John (Jack) Goodwin would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, flowers and cards. Special thanks to the staff at Ardenlee Care Home, Dunoon, Dr Hall, Caladh Funeral Directors, Dunoon and Father McAuley. A memorial for family and friends to be held at a later date.

KEYTE - (Arbroath/Stornoway/Machrihanish/Fraserburgh). Moira, Jennifer and family, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind

and thoughtful expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad loss of Stuart. Grateful thanks to the paramedics and staff of the cardiac and intensive care wards at A.R.I. and for the excellent care and attention shown to Stuart. Special thanks to Louise McCallister for her comforting words at the Chapel in Fraserburgh and to Willie Crossan for his tribute at Kilkerran cemetery in Campbeltown. Sincere thanks also to the staff of Alexander Buchan & Son, Funeral Directors, for their professional and sympathetic handling of the funeral arrangements, to the staff of the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, for the lovely teas and finally to all who came to pay their last respects at the chapel and graveside and on the streets of Fraserburgh and Campbeltown as Stuart made his final journey. Very sadly missed.

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Ladies reign supreme in club's Coronation Fours

A day of horrendous wind and belting rain didn't stop 18 ladies playing in the Coronation Fours Competition at Dunaverty Golf Club.

Under normal circumstances, winners of this event would go on to represent their club at the R&A Regional Finals.

Unfortunately, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the regionals are cancelled but it was decided to go ahead with

the club competition. Players chose their own partners and decided who would drive off at the even and odd numbered holes.

Thereafter the team alternate playing the shots with stableford points awarded.

Players set off early morning and despite dreadful conditions many came back with reasonable scores.

The partnership of Mary

Wilson and Margaret Richardson set a incredible score of 37 points, playing off a joint handicap of 31, and set the bar high for the others. Three teams came close but were still five points adrift of Mary and Margaret. Result: 1 Mary Wilson and Margaret Richardson, 37 points; 2 Ailie MacBrayne and Linda Brannigan, 32 BIH; 3 Eleanor Hawkins and Margaret Macfarlane, 32 BIH; 4 Lorna Cook and Linn Coffield, 32.

August Medal

The August Medal was played on Saturday August 1, with very different conditions depending on the time of play. Morning and afternoon were ideal, but evening players got drenched.

Eighteen ladies competed, with eight recording scores in the 60s. Early leaders were Mairi MacMillan and Ailie MacBrayne, both scoring 68, but they were still three short of Lindsay Garrett's 65. This stood as the leader in the clubhouse for just a short while before Elizabeth Marrison bettered that score by one.

Result: 1 Elizabeth Marrison 77 (-13) 64; 2 Lindsay Garrett 76 (-11) 65; 3 Linda Brannigan 92 (-26) 66 BIH from Linn Coffield, also on 66.

Ladies Championship

Played in conjunction with the August Medal, but played over three weekends, the first round of the Ladies Championship was tight with just one point between the first

three players. Lindsay Garrett made six pars then a birdie four at the eighth for a round of 76.

Ailie MacBrayne made five pars and birdied the fifth hole in three shots to complete her round in 77. Elizabeth Marrison also managed a birdie, sinking her putt for a two on the par three 16th hole plus six pars for 77.

These three ladies go into the second round slightly ahead of Nichola Kidd on 81 gross.

There is a handicap cham-

pionship awarded over three rounds with Elizabeth Marrison's nett 64 leading. Eighteen played.

Bogey Competition

Dunaverty members enjoyed a day of warm dry weather with light winds when they tackled the annual bogey competition.

The scores were close throughout with Roy McKinven setting the bar at plus three, only to be overtaken by Danny Halliday who posted an excellent plus six for what seemed to be an unassailable

lead. It was not to be, however, as Andrew Barbour matched Danny's score.

No-one else could catch the leaders, although Donald McNeill came close with a plus four.

In this competition, when players are tied for the lead, they must play off over 18 holes to decide the winner.

Result: 1= Danny Halliday and Andrew Barbour +6; 3 Donald McNeill +4; 4 Donald Brown +3; 5 Roy McKinven +3; 6 Alan Goddard +3.

Net gains for Johnstone duo

Eight teams gathered at Glenralloch last Saturday for the Fisherman's Cup, with the father and son pairing of Iain Johnstone senior and junior taking home the trophy with an impressive 40 points.

In second place were captain Kenny MacFarlane and Mike Harty on 38 with Archie Black and Peter Cupples on 34, by virtue of the better back nine.

In the mid-week Stableford, Georgie Dickson built on her July medal success to take the honours with 40 Stableford points. In second place was James Smyth on 39, having had the better inward half over Bruce McLean.

Championship tees off at Machrihanish

Bright sunshine, a hearty breeze and a course in tremendous condition welcomed the 84 entrants to the 2020 Machrihanish Golf Club Gents Championship on Saturday and Sunday.

Leading the pack after the first two rounds was Dean Ratcliff, a greenkeeper at Machrihanish Dunes, whose three under par 67 on Saturday saw him go into round two with a convincing six-shot lead.

Trevor Wignall recorded the best round on Sunday with a four over par 74.

Next weekend's finale looks set to be a thriller, with a tight leaderboard going into the last two rounds.

No fewer than 10 players are within six shots of the lead.

The first of three rounds to decide the Lady Champion was also played on Saturday over the famous wee Pans course.

The leader going into the second round is Lorna Ralston with a fine score of 81.

The ladies look forward to the conclusion of the championship this weekend.



A winning day on Tarbert green

Winners of the No Up Cup at Tarbert Bowling Club on Saturday July 25 were Craig Johnstone, Callum Wilkieson and Catriona Clark Wilkieson, pictured. Runners up were Duncan MacGregor, Marg Leitch and John Wilkieson.



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