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# Healthcare staff bullying – call for Argyll probe

by Colin Cameron

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'Too many people have been hurt, ignored and cannot move on with their lives until they get closure on what they have been through.'

So says a letter sent this week to Argyll and Bute councillors, MSPs and trade unions in which Brendan O'Hara MP, Councillor Dougie Philand and UNISON union rep Dawn Macdonald call for an independent probe into bullying of health and social care staff.

The letter states: 'While we welcome the work currently being done to tackle the issues highlighted in the Sturrock Report into the culture of bullying and harassment of staff working in NHS Highland, we are disappointed that the report's recommendation that a separate independent review into the specific circumstances Argyll and Bute has not yet been carried out.

Asking for a response by

Monday October 19, the letter seeks the recipients' support.

Alleging that the concerns of existing and former council employees working within Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) are not being taken as seriously as those of NHS Highland staff, the letter nonetheless 'welcomes measures recently introduced to eradicate the culture of bullying and harassment', acknowledging that 'changing the culture of an organisation takes time'.

It goes on, however: '...barely a week passes when we are not contacted by current or former employees of the HSCP who are being bullied or who have been bullied in the past', and claims that many current and former HSCP employees feel they cannot come forward 'for fear of further bullying or the impact that whistleblowing may have on their future career'.

The letter states: 'Too many

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Glorious mud and plenty of laughs on the Peppa Pig Puddle Jumping sponsored walk.

The wellies were donned at Lochgilphead's Badden Farm Nursery for the Peppa Pig Puddle Jumping sponsored walk to raise money for the Save the Children charity.

Due to lack of rain (unbelievably) the

staff had to get out a hose – and soon created many large puddles for the children to splash in. A total of £1,075 and more was raised.

Nursery manager Jennifer Campbell said: 'A huge thank you to all our

families for entering into the spirit of the whole event, and for their amazing generosity. Also, thank you to all the staff for all their hard work organising the event and making sure the children had so much fun.'

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**Theft of logs**

Four bags of logs were stolen from a house in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, sometime between noon on Saturday October 3 and noon on Monday October 5. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**Abusive behaviour**

A man, aged 73, was charged and issued with a recorded police warning after behaving in an abusive manner around 8am on Wednesday October 7 in Ardfern.

**Possession of cannabis**

A 29-year-old man has been charged with being in possession of cannabis after being stopped and searched by police near Portsonachan at 6.30pm on Friday October 9. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**No vehicle insurance**

A man, aged 60, was issued with a £300 fine and six penalty points after a routine police check at 8.30pm on Friday October 9 on the A83 at Ardrishaig revealed there was no insurance for the vehicle.

**No MOT for vehicle**

A vehicle was stopped by police on the A816 near Lochgilphead around 6pm on Saturday October 10.

Checks revealed the vehicle's MOT had expired.

The driver, an 18-year-old man, was issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

**If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**



# Council eyes £4.5m cost savings

School and public transport is in the spotlight, along with leisure services, as Argyll and Bute Council considers its savings options for next year, a report has revealed.

The authority is also investigating making savings on its travel and office costs, as well as introducing more digital working.

It is estimated that after implementation of savings already agreed, the council will have a budget gap of more than £4.5 million for the 2021/22 financial year.

The report was expected to be considered by the council's policy and resources committee at its first meeting since February on Thursday October 15.

The report states that a service redesign on school and public transport, which includes shared transport, is anticipated to deliver between £415,000 and £830,000 worth of savings.

More digital working, asset regionalisation and reduced travel and office costs has a target range of £350,000 to £700,000 of savings.

And changes to Live



**Cuts to school and public transport are being considered.**

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October 29 and November 24.

'At the meeting on September 30, officers presented preliminary ideas on options developed to date and on the direction of travel. The BWG agreed all the themes should be pursued further.'

The report also showed the council had an original estimated budget gap for 2021/22 of £6.529m. After implementation of previously-agreed savings and increased council tax, this figure has now decreased to £4.557m.

Estimates for the next five years suggest that by 2025/26 that figure could reach as high as £6.814m, while the anticipated figure for 2023/24 is £6.912m.

Budget options for 2021/22 are expected to be put to the policy and resources committee at its next meeting on Thursday December 10.

Argyll, the arm's-length charitable trust that runs the area's leisure centres and libraries, and to the council's community learning service could deliver savings between £260,000 and £520,000.

The council's vehicle fleet and other amenity services are also the subject of proposed changes.

The report, by executive director Kirsty Flanagan, said: 'A cross-party budget working group (BWG) has been established to engage with theme leads and provide a sounding board to assist in the devel-

opment and identification of savings options.

'The BWG consists of six members from the administration, three members from the opposition and two trade union representatives.

'Its primary purpose is to assist processes which will identify savings options to be considered as part of the 2021/22 budget process and provide a degree of scrutiny over options as they are being developed.

'The BWG met for the first time on September 30 and further meetings are scheduled on

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people have been hurt, too many people have been ignored and too many people cannot move on with their lives until they get closure on what they have been through.'

A survey earlier this year revealed that 68 per cent of HSCP workers who responded had been bullied during their time working there.

The survey did not include the 770 Argyll and Bute Council social care staff who work with the HSCP.

Joanna McDonald, chief officer at Argyll and Bute HSCP, apologised to staff and pledged to take action.

In a report before Argyll and Bute Council's policy and resources committee on Thursday October 15, Ms MacDonald said: 'Communication, delivery, empathy and appropriate action have been identified as key actions in building

relationships and trust with an integrated health and social care staff group.

'Argyll and Bute HSCP is working with its partners, including the joint trades unions, to ensure we are meeting our commitments to staff, building a strong partnership across a wide geographic area and improving culture.'

#### Time

She added that human resources staff are working to 'ensure that staff managing integrated teams are aware of each respective partner's policies and procedures', adding that 'change will take time and

the participation of health and social care staff is key to this'.

A supplementary report to the committee by NHS Highland said that meetings had taken place relating to continued concerns about the plans.

The report said: 'The key issues raised involved situations where managers are not consistently addressing colleague concerns about behaviours and how they are feeling, when raised at an early stage.'

'It is felt that the lack of effective action can be due to managers not seeing it as their role or not seeing it as important,

or in some cases not having the skills to do so effectively. This means that issues that could be quickly resolved escalate into complex cases and relationship breakdowns.

'There were also ongoing concerns about a small number of cases that aren't progressing in a timely manner and the need to review the data and processes involved to improve these.'

'There was also a desire to carry out ongoing collective lessons learned/case reviews to ensure any issues are addressed and understood, which will be taken forward.'



## Delayed front green scheme due next year

Regeneration work on Lochgilhead's front green and Colchester Square, intended to begin in the spring of 2020, is now expected to get started in 2021.

The long-awaited scheme will make improvements to the front green by improving drainage, resurfacing and upgrading play and amenity facilities.

The proposals also include an area of resurfacing to the Colchester Square area of Argyll Street which may be delivered separately, earlier in 2021.

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic development, said: 'I want to reassure everyone that we are working really hard to deliver the projects successfully. Our goal is for construction to begin in 2021 with the majority of works being completed during the summer.'

'I appreciate this is a disappointment for the local community. The fact is, despite all our efforts to procure a contractor to deliver the work, we haven't been able to secure one at this time, such as has been the far-reaching effect of COVID-19 across all areas of life.'

The £1.7 million scheme is part of the Argyll and Bute Council-funded Tarbert and Lochgilhead Regeneration Fund, supported by the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund, Sustrans and the Lochgilhead Phoenix Project via the Co-operative Local Community Fund.

Plans were developed after a series of public consultations during 2019. Further information can be found on the Argyll and Bute Council website.



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# Argyll connections in birthday honours list

A number of people with Argyll and Bute connections have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2020.

The awards were announced on October 9, having been delayed from the Queen's Birthday in June as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Campbeltown man Robin Watson has been appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). Mr Watson, 53, is chief executive of Wood Plc and received the honour for services to international trade.

Mull veterinary surgeon Jimmy Wilson receives the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to veterinary practice and animal welfare on Mull. Mr Wilson has been a vet for almost 50 years and served the Isle of Mull for more than 30 years.

Held in high regard by resi-



**Hazel Hendren, former Argyll police commander.**

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dents and farmers whose animals he has tended, he is also well respected in veterinary circles and is a past president of the Sheep Veterinary Society.

Former Bute resident and Rothesay Academy pupil Brian



**Mull vet Jimmy Wilson is to receive an MBE.**

McIntyre has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the British consulate-general in New York.

#### Service

Also recognised was recently retired Chief Superintendent

Hazel Hendren, a former Police Scotland divisional commander for West Dunbartonshire and Argyll, who receives the Queen's Police Service Medal (QPM), the highest honour awarded for policing service.

The Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, Jane MacLeod, congratulated the recipients, adding: 'Argyll and Bute is full of people who go above and beyond in service to their communities or to the industries in which they work.'

'The lieutenancy is always keen to hear about local people who may deserve recognition, and to make honours submissions on their behalf.'

'If there is someone in your local area who does tremendous work for the community and who you would like to see nominated for an award in future, please do get in touch with the lieutenancy on [lord-lieutenant@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:lord-lieutenant@argyll-bute.gov.uk)'

## Study launched after fish farm escape

A study of wild salmon genetics has begun to gauge the impact of any interbreeding between wild and farm-raised salmon in Scotland.

The multi-year study of 115 sites aims to confirm the current genetic profile of wild salmon and track for potential genetic changes should interbreeding occur.

It follows the recent mass escape of nearly 49,000 mature salmon in August from the Carradale North fish farm, operated by Mowi Scotland.

The escape has seen farmed fish turn up in rivers across Scotland and England at a time when Scotland's wild salmon populations are already said to be approaching crisis point.

The Mowi-funded study will be managed by wild fish conservation body Fisheries Management Scotland (FMS), supported by the Aberdeen-based scientific division of the Scottish Government's Marine Scotland.

But fish welfare opponents claim the horse has already bolted and that farmed salmon already have a 'devastating' impact on wild populations.

Pressure group Inside Scottish Salmon Feedlots said wild fish are paying the price of mass escapes and they represent an unregulated 'form of pollution'.

Since the escape, FMS has been working with member district salmon fishery boards, fisheries trusts and angling associations to monitor the situation and 'mitigate where possible'.

Dr Alan Wells, chief executive of FMS, said: 'We are very disappointed this escape has occurred. It is crucial lessons are learned and that appropriate steps are taken to avoid such escapes happening in future.'

Ben Hadfield, chief operating officer for Mowi Scotland, apologised for any 'disruption and concern' the escape had caused.

Anglers are urged to report catches of farmed fish, using the reporting system on its website.

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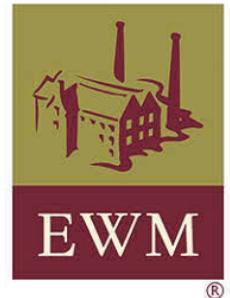
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# An uncertain future for Inveraray Woollen Mill



The future of shops in Argyll owned by the Edinburgh Woollen Mill (EWM) group, including Inveraray Woollen Mill, hangs in the balance.

Staff across the group were notified on Friday October 9 of its plans to go into administration unless a rescue solution can be found within 10 days.

The UK's largest clothing retailer owns Inveraray Woollen Mill as well as a number of shops in Oban.

EWM has filed 'a notice of intent' with the High Court to appoint administrators.

Papers have been lodged which effectively buy it 10 days before creditors can swoop.

It is now in urgent talks with business experts to 'review' its future.

EWM has called in FRP Advisory, which specialises in corporate finance, debt, restructuring and pensions, but can also act as insolvency practitioners.

It puts the future of hundreds of stores and outlets in doubt in a group headed by Switzerland-based billionaire Philip Day.

The group includes subsidiaries such as Jaeger, Ponden Home and Peacocks.

EWM chief executive Steve Simpson said in a statement that the group had a duty to find 'the very best solution' in the current 'brutal environment'.

Stores will continue trading and further details will be announced, it said.

The statement read: 'Like every retailer, we have found the past seven months extremely difficult.'

'This situation has grown worse in recent weeks as we have had to deal with a series of false rumours about our payments and trading which have impacted our credit insurance.'

'Traditionally, EWM has always traded with strong cash

reserves and a conservative balance sheet but these stories and the reduction in credit insurance - against the back-drop of the initial lockdown, current local lockdowns, and the second wave of Covid-19 reducing footfall - have made normal trading impossible.

'As directors, we have a duty to the business, our staff, our customers and our creditors to find the very best solution in this brutal environment.'

'We have applied to court for a short breathing space to assess our options before moving to appoint administrators.'

'Through this process I hope and believe we will be able to secure the best future for our businesses, but there will inevitably be significant cuts and closures as we work our way through this.'

'I would like to thank all our staff and our customers who have remained so loyal and committed to our brands.'



The future is unclear for Inveraray Woollen Mill.



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# An international flavour to virtual National Mòd 2020

by Fiona Scott

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The Royal National Mòd 2020 online has been in full swing this week with viewers and contributors taking part from across the globe.

Entries from several states in America, Canada, Netherlands, Buenos Aires, Wales and England, among many others, were sent in earlier this year along with those from Scottish competitors.

James Graham, chief executive of An Comunn Gàidhealach, said: 'We're delighted with the international interest in this year's event and the number of people from around the world who have made the effort to take part in this year's online Mòd.'

'The online aspect has made it more accessible for people from around the world to

take part, people who might ordinarily not have made it to Scotland for the Mòd due to logistical challenges with travel, distance and cost.

'This has certainly been one of the positives to have come out of the challenge of holding our event online.'

The Virtual Royal National Mòd 2020 kicked off last Friday evening with a fantastic concert, presented by Kirsteen Macdonald, featuring music and song from Mary Ann Kennedy and Finlay Wells, Alasdair Whyte and Graham MacLennan and Keith Morrison.

Among the many overseas performers this year are Argentinian Gaelic choir Ceòlraidh - El Coro.

Started in August 2002, the non-profit, self-sustaining group has the main purpose of promoting the Scottish



Members of Coro Ceòlraidh travelled from Argentina in 2018 to take part in the Mòd, something they had dreamed about.

Gaelic language and culture in Argentina.

The choir has taken part in many events locally, in Celtic festivals, choral gatherings, events and celebrations of the Scottish community, such as Tartan Day, and many others, with the mission and work of Ceòlraidh receiving an

Award of Recognition by the Legislative Authority of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires in 2015. The number of singers in the choir has fluctuated over the years, from a maximum of 23 to the present eight, the group having suffered through difficult times.

Nevertheless, members have never stopped taking part in events as well as maintaining weekly practices throughout the year.

Directed by Claudia Cano, the group travelled to Scotland in 2018 to be present at the Royal National Mòd in Dunoon and were invited to sing at the opening night at the Fiddlers' Rally.

Coro Ceòlraidh spokesperson Roberto Domínguez told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'While we could not compete because our group was under the minimum 12 members required for any category in the choir competition, we could sing at different venues and enjoyed the experience tremendously. Coming to



Scotland to participate in the Mòd was something we have longed for since the beginning of Ceòlraidh. Distance, travelling costs, work and personal obligations had to be managed to make this possible.

'During our stay in Dunoon, we had a unique opportunity to learn, share and enjoy music and to make new friends.'

'In the future we expect to attract other people to take part in this wonderful art of Gaelic language, culture and music and hopefully to attend another Mòd to compete.'

Speaking about this year's online event, Roberto added: 'We are very grateful An

Comunn Gàidhealach has invited us to participate in the Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail Air Loidhne 2020.'

'We hope our recording will reflect and convey the passion and enthusiasm we put into our presentations and that it will be according to the expectations and quality standards for this event for the enjoyment of the audience.'

'It is great the Mòd is up and running despite Covid-19.'

Results  
The results so far are:  
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All events from this year's virtual event are being shown on Facebook [www.facebook.com/RoyalNationalMod](http://www.facebook.com/RoyalNationalMod) and on the Royal National Mòd YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4-a-mCvJT118LO8ErbB4A](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4-a-mCvJT118LO8ErbB4A).

Mòd memories to look back on are also being shown throughout the week on Facebook and Instagram [www.instagram.com/royalnationalmod](http://www.instagram.com/royalnationalmod) and also [www.obantimes.co.uk/mod](http://www.obantimes.co.uk/mod) and [www.instagram.com/obantimes](http://www.instagram.com/obantimes)

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Alice Inglis and Kim Carnie, now a BBC Alba presenter and musician, Kilniver Primary School, sang in the duet under-13s at the Royal National Mòd in 2003 in Oban. Kim won The Oban Times gold medal in 2015.



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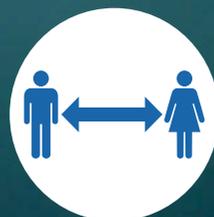
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**Through the mill**

The owners of Inveraray Woollen Mill have described trading conditions as 'brutal' as Edinburgh Woollen Mill heads towards administration.

Our thoughts are with staff in the Inveraray shop and elsewhere within the company in what must be a difficult time.

We live in uncertain days, so it becomes all the more important for local people to support each other, such as by using local shops, other businesses and services.

And with winter approaching we must continue to support one another in daily life. Argyll folk are good at that.

**Open up on bullying**

There are good intentions within Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership to address problems with bullying of staff.

The problem, though, is cultural and deep-rooted. As widely acknowledged, it will take time, but we tend to agree with those calling for an external independent inquiry.

Has there been a problem with inadequate training, or perhaps promoting individuals ill-equipped to manage others?

Joanna MacDonald is showing openness and courage, and in that spirit the HSCP and its staff will benefit in the long term from a rigorous look at its practices.

**Pharmacy to the rescue**

Sir,  
In the fog of uncertainty created by the pandemic, one would have thought how and where to get a flu vaccination would be one thing that was comparatively clear.

On September 23, my wife and I received letters from Public Health Scotland advising us to visit [www.nhsinform.scot/flu](http://www.nhsinform.scot/flu) or call an 0800 number to get advice on how to get a flu vaccination in our area.

The website was full of interesting information on everything except how to get a flu jab and the nice person on the helpline advised us to wait, as we would be getting another letter to tell us what to do.

No letter was forthcoming and while we waited dutifully, friends told us they had already booked in at Lochgilphead Health Centre (LHC). We then realised that instead of waiting for the second NHS Scotland letter, we should have gone directly to the LHC website, which turned out to be refreshingly clear.

Little wonder then Argyll Pharmacy in Lochgilphead had been hearing about concern and confusion over how to get vaccinated, mainly from the elderly.

Susan, the senior pharmacist, wanted to make sure none of the vulnerable among 'her patients' missed out so took the initiative by speaking to as many customers as possible, advising them to contact the LHC without delay. In addition, eye-catching stickers were attached to every prescription being collected, asking people

to speak to pharmacy staff about vaccination. A thoughtful and caring response by a hard-pressed service at the front line of local health care, providing that all important face-to-face contact and guidance.

It is easy to forget that this sort of personal support is typical of pharmacies up and down the country and is freely given on top of their more obvious role.

How fortunate we are to have such a shining example of good practice on our doorstep.

As regards the actual vaccination process at LHC, my wife and I found the process exemplary.

**Professor AVP Mackay, OBE, FRCP Edin, Ardrishaig.**

**Triple lock on pensions**

Sir,  
I know some people are worried about their state pension if Scotland gets independence.

The Scottish Government has guaranteed to continue to pay every state pension, including all the rights you have built up to the enhanced pensions, such as through Serps.

In fact, the Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed UK pensions will continue to be paid in full, even if Scotland becomes independent.

The Scottish Government has guaranteed a 'triple lock' on state pensions after independence to rise in line with prices. Westminster refused to keep this in their election promises.

**Tricia Grey, Lochgilphead.**

**End of life care**

Sir,  
A third of patients in Scottish hospitals are in their last year of life and 10 per cent die on their current admission. We know many of these people miss out on the care and support they need when they become terminally ill, are approaching the end of life and when they die.

Marie Curie and the University of Glasgow have recently, with a range of experts, explored how palliative care in acute settings can be improved, what changes need to be made and how to better share good practice.

Our report 'Past, present and future: caring for those approaching the end of life in Scottish hospitals' finds that despite many examples of good care, hospitals are still not identifying enough patients who could benefit from palliative care when seriously ill and approaching the end of life and so unfairly miss out on the care they need.

We are calling on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and integration authorities to implement the 12 recommendations set out in this report covering public policy, communication, identifying palliative patients, IT, workforce, training and education, data and culture. We would like to see this include a £15 million fund to test new models of integrated care involving acute settings.

The impact for patients who have missed out on palliative and end of life support in hospitals is distressing not only for those who are at the end of life, but also for their families. We have seen these impacts further increase with Covid-19.

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**Richard Meade, head of policy and public affairs, Scotland, Marie Curie, and Dr Marian Krawczyk, University of Glasgow.**

## Barnardo's fostering appeal

Sir,  
The coronavirus pandemic and lockdown could see the need for foster carers in Scotland increasing.

Due to Covid-19, pressure on families has increased with many suffering job losses, bereavement and mental health issues which may have a drastic impact on the number of children needing foster care.

We expect referral numbers to climb now schools are open and teachers and other professionals identify vulnerable children and young people as needing support. So we are urgently asking anyone who thinks they can help to come forward. It is more important now than ever for people to contact the charity to find out about fostering, to ensure the right foster carers are there when children and young people desperately need stability and a loving family.

Please contact us online at [www.barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster) to find out more about fostering, becoming a foster carer and the support Barnardo's can offer or call 0800 0277 280.

**Sue Brunton, Barnardo's head of fostering and adoption in Scotland, Edinburgh.**

## YOUR PICTURES



We travel to the Craignish peninsula for this week's featured photograph.

Reader Matthew Nairn sent us this stunning image looking out across the Sound of Jura from Craignish Point. Matthew said: 'An autumn day in Ardfern. We

drove out of Ardfern as our family friend mentioned that the view at the end of the road was something else – and they were right.'

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# The Dochas Carer Centre

**We are still here for you even though the Centre has to remain closed.**

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- Support outreach worker team
- Qualified counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

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

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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.

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# Mary's Meals feeds children in Zimbabwe hunger crisis

School feeding charity Mary's Meals is reaching 6,000 desperately hungry children in the urban townships around Harare, Zimbabwe, as the COVID-19 pandemic creates immense challenges for highly vulnerable communities.

The Dalmally-based charity, which feeds more than 1.6 million children around the world every school day, is working with Mavambo Orphan Care to deliver an emergency food and hygiene distribution programme to the children, many of whom are living with HIV.

While schools are closed in Zimbabwe, the charity is providing a daily meal of maize porridge for families to cook at home. Good nutrition is essential for all children but especially those living with HIV whose anti-retroviral medication will not function effectively without it.

The pandemic has aggravated an already severe hunger crisis

in Zimbabwe, with a recent UN report highlighting the number of food-insecure people in the southern African nation is expected to surge by almost 50 per cent by the end of the year.

With the majority of these 6,000 children's care-givers already living in abject poverty and relying on small businesses or market trading for survival, lockdown has left struggling parents with no employment options and zero income. At the same time, COVID-19 restrictions have impacted farming and food supply chains, which has led to a surge in food prices and left poor families unable to feed themselves.

While starvation is the biggest risk to these communities in Harare and the Goromonzi district, great care is also being taken to protect them from the spread of COVID-19 while food is distributed. As



Children collect porridge from Mary's Meals in Zimbabwe.

well as take-home portions of porridge, families are being provided with soap packs and handwashing advice. Trained volunteers are overseeing the community distributions, which take place at open-air pick-up points with clear social distancing and hygiene procedures.

Nicole, 11, from the Highfield

District in Harare, collects her porridge from a distribution centre at a closed school. When talking about the impact of the pandemic, she said: 'It has really affected me because my mother is no longer employed. Now she is unable to do anything because we are always at home and it was difficult to get food. I now feel happy that

I get [Mary's Meals] to eat.' Alex Keay, head of programme partners at Mary's Meals, said: 'The situation for these communities is dire and without this programme the children we are helping to support would not be able to eat.'

'We are committed to working together with communities and trusted partners to bring

the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty and we are incredibly thankful for the support of everyone who chooses to stand in solidarity with the children we serve.'

Daniel Adams, executive director of Mary's Meals, added: 'Even amidst the immense challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are determined our work won't stop.'

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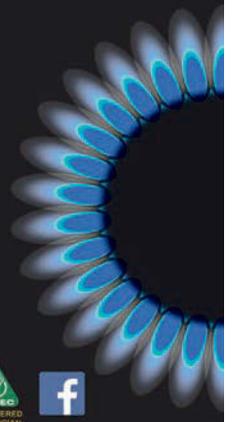
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# A heart of stone filled with sisterly love



Vicki and Leigh – with Leigh's daughter Iris, aged eight, photo-bombing.

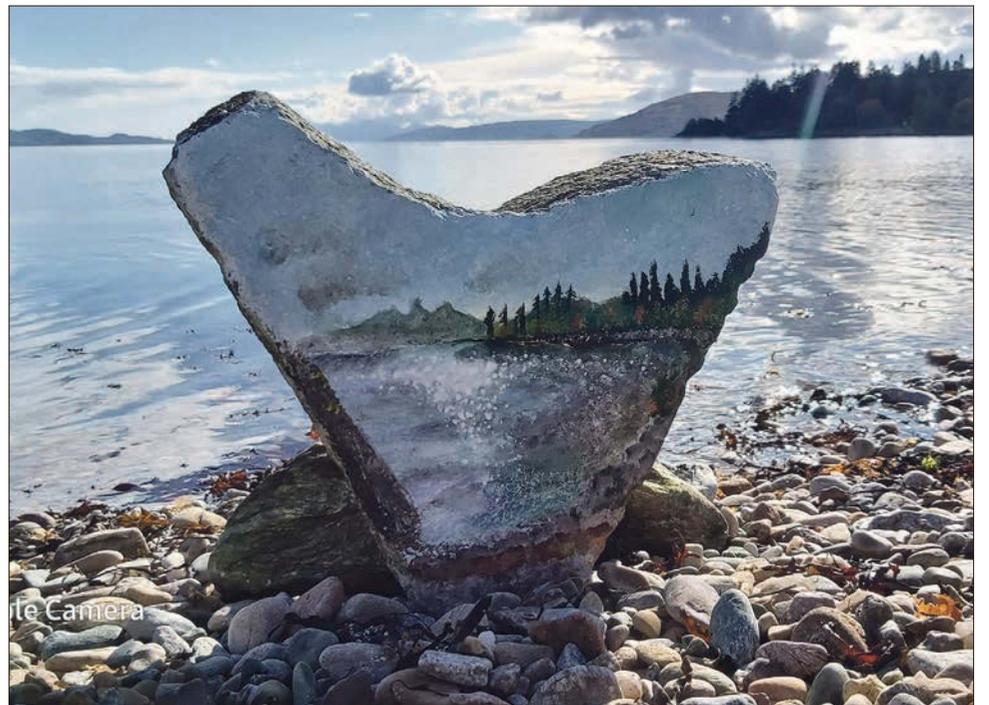
What do you get your sister on her birthday?

And what if you are twins? It is never easy to pick that perfect gift. A bunch of flowers? Bottle of wine? Bamboo socks?

Mid Argyll twin Leigh Philips thought outside the birthday box to come up with something a bit special for the birthday she shares with her twin sister Vicki McDonald.

Leigh explained: 'My husband David found a heart-shaped rock at work during lockdown. Once we were able to move around a bit and restrictions were lifted a little, David and I, with our children Ruby-Jo and Iris, spent a lot of time on the beach in front of Seaside Park in Ardrishaig with Vicki, her partner Bryan and their son Darra.

'So I painted the view from the beach on to the rock for my sister as a gift for our 35th birthday on October 12.'



The beautifully-painted birthday gift between twin sisters Leigh and Vicki.

Vicki loved her special present and is now looking for the perfect spot to display it in her home. Leigh continued: 'It was so nice. She and Bryan knew exactly the scene I had painted and gave me a hug.'

In these strange and stressful times, the Argyllshire Advertiser is delighted to receive heart-warming good news stories from across the region.

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# Whatever floats your boat

There is a kenspeckle icon of Oban's compelling maritime history that is enjoying a splendid renaissance, albeit one of a radically different sort from that with which it is synonymous.

The former Northern Lighthouse Board vessel Fingal is wowing visitors in its new role as a floating luxury hotel at the port of Leith, where it is berthed close to Ocean Terminal and the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The Fingal has been transformed into its current magnificent condition courtesy of a £5 million makeover, which has resulted in wholesale changes, though many of the ship's original features have been retained and augmented.

The metamorphosis has been overseen by Oban man Bob Downie, chief executive of The Royal Yacht Britannia Charitable Trust, which took ownership of the vessel in July 2014 following six years of negotiations with the previous owner, after having been approached in 2008 to effect a transfer of ownership of what

at that time was named the Windsor Castle. She opened in January 2019 as a hotel but, says Bob, it was April or May before the finishing touches were complete. 'We had an interesting journey during the conversion,' he admits. 'It was much harder than we had imagined but we got there and then, of course, Covid came along.

'We reopened on July 2 and it's been pretty good since. We did really well in August with nearly 60 per cent occupancy and the food and beverage side going well.

'The Michelin inspectors were here recently so we're praying we get a good recommendation.'

The food, it must be said, is excellent, in part because the menu is not too extensive. Bob explained: 'The economics of it mean we can't do much more but what we do, we do very well and our high teas are superb.'

The attention to detail for the conversion has been staggering, with decks stripped out completely and rebuilt with luxury cabins and a sumptu-



The Lighthouse Bar.

ous ballroom or function suite created in the bow area.

A new deck has been added on top to accommodate the Lighthouse Restaurant and Bar, with an open area offering a wonderful place to sit and contemplate the Leith waterfront and policies.

The retention of the original engine room, however, was insisted upon by Bob and has augmented interest among visitors, especially former crew

members who have toured the vessel.

'Ex-crew get quite emotional when they tour the whole ship but especially the engine room as there is still a hint of diesel in the air and because it was such a landmark until it left Oban in 1996. I was one of those who grew up seeing it all the time.

'We still have the original log books and an album of old photos and new ones that chronicle

the conversion. We've also kept some of the original features such as the brass telegraphs. If you speak to anyone who grew up on the west coast of Scotland over the 36 years or so that the Fingal served the Highlands and Islands, they'll talk with fondness about such a beautiful ship. The fact Fingal has been saved and preserved for the next 20, 30, 50 years or whatever, when most classic ships end up being scrapped, is

an aspect of which I'm particularly proud.'

The Royal Yacht Britannia Charitable Trust is a heritage charity that is self-funding and receives no government money. 'We're quite unusual in that way,' said Bob. 'With Fingal, we wanted to invest in something that was separate from Britannia but complementary and had a synergy with what we're doing there. What we do, we do really well.

'The Britannia was this year voted the UK's number one visitor attraction and we're working to maintain those standards.

'We spent a year planning the Fingal conversion and fretted over the tiniest details. It's a hard journey to seek perfection. As long as people have enough confidence to give themselves a treat, the Fingal will do fine.'

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## Vegetable Tagine Soup

A Free tagine-inspired soup with chickpeas, vegetables and a hint of Moroccan spices



### Ingredients

- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- 1 celery stick, roughly chopped
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 3cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and chopped
- 120g prepared butternut squash, roughly chopped
- 50g dried red lentils
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- ½ tbsp mild chilli powder
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 vegetable stock cubes, crumbled
- ½ x 400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 small red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1 small yellow pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 200g cauliflower, cut into small florets
- Lemon juice, to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method:

- Put all the ingredients apart from the chickpeas, peppers, cauliflower and lemon juice in a large saucepan. Add 850ml boiling water and bring to the boil over a high heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
1. Blitz until smooth using a stick blender (or use a food processor or liquidiser and return to the pan).
  2. Add the chickpeas, peppers and cauliflower, cover again and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the vegetables are cooked, stirring occasionally.
  3. Season to taste with lemon juice, salt and pepper and serve hot. Enjoy!

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# Eric Smith, Captain Fantastic



Captain Eric Smith.

One Oban mariner with decided recollections of the Fingal is Eric Smith, now master of the Northern Lighthouse Board vessel Pole Star.

Eric, a genial native of Lewis who has lived in Oban for more than 30 years, was captain of the Fingal and has fond memories of his time aboard the ship that is now a luxury floating hotel in Edinburgh.

However, a recent visit threw him off balance given the wholesale changes to the vessel to transform it from the boat he knew so well into the five-star enterprise it has become.

Eric first joined the Fingal as a mate in 1990 and was made master five years later, serving in that role until 2000, when the ship was sold, then switching to the new NLV Pole Star.

He has also captained the NLV Pharos. These two vessels continue to operate out of Oban, with Eric switching between the two.

'The Fingal was identical to the Pole Star,' said Eric. 'I'd been deep sea before the NLB and I'd never seen an old brass telegraph on a bridge.'

'We went on the Fingal in February last year for a weekend, just after she opened, and I got a look around her. I'd been aboard during the conversion work so the change was fantastic.'

## Incredible

'I walked around it and had difficulty recognising it. I knew where we were in the ship but had trouble visualising it as it had been. I couldn't get my head round it. What they've done in the forward hold [the ballroom or function suite] is incredible.'

'Up on the bridge they had some of the old logs and flicking through these I came across my name, which felt

strange. The Fingal was the first ship where I was master so it sticks in your mind. She had a crew of 33 or 34, which was quite a lot, but the job on deck was labour intensive.'

'When I started, the rota was eight weeks on and four weeks off - it's now four and four - but the ship was in port most of the time and it was all locals who were employed.'

'During the summer we used to do what was called storage, going round the lighthouses, because in those days there were still quite a few keepers. We'd anchor off and run boats back and forth with water, diesel and stores and they'd give us tea and biscuits.'

## Adventure

The NLB is responsible for lighthouses in the waters around Scotland and its islands as well as the Isle of Man, the latter of which prompts a fond memory for Eric. 'Putting a Land Rover ashore at the Calf of Man lighthouse was quite an adventure. We had to tie two boats together, put planks on top then lift the Land Rover onto it. We'd then go into the wee landing slip and drive it ashore.'

'Commissioners' trips were also interesting, when we'd take the commissioners who run the NLB for a two-week cruise as part of their duty to inspect the lighthouses every year. Some of them were real characters.'

Eric continues to serve the NLB but perhaps not for too much longer as he is contemplating hanging up his master's ticket. However, his family's maritime connections continue as his daughter Caroline, who also lives in Oban, is at sea with CalMac. 'She works in catering on the ferries and loves it.'

'I'm in the process of thinking about retiring next year because I've been 46 years at sea now. We saw the last of the lighthouse keepers as 1998 was the end for them.'

Asked if he has a favourite

lighthouse, Eric was quick to respond: 'Skerryvore. It's an amazing lighthouse because of the way it's constructed and engineered. It couldn't be done the same way now because of the risks. When you stand

underneath it and look up, it's like an optical illusion. You think it's going to fall right on top of you.'

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Eric Smith is currently captain of NLV Pole Star

## Beefing up beaver numbers

The Scottish Wildlife Trust and Royal Zoological Society of Scotland are hosting an online event on Wednesday October 28 from 6.30pm to give an update on the Scottish Beavers Reinforcement Project.

People will be able to hear about the latest fieldwork, which took place in September, as well as the strategic successes of the three-year project.

There will be talks about the impact of beavers on local wildlife tourism, the future of Knapdale Forest

and an update on the national approach to beavers.

The reinforcement project began in 2017, aiming to bolster the population of beavers released during the Scottish Beaver Trial.

Twenty-one beavers were introduced from Tayside to increase numbers and genetic diversity in the Knapdale beaver population. All animals were screened by vets prior to release to ensure that they were healthy and disease-free.

Annual surveys show that many animals released

through the project have successfully established territories and bred. It is hoped the new kits will eventually form breeding pairs with beavers descended from the Norwegian beavers released during the Scottish Beaver Trial, increasing the overall diversity of Argyll's beaver population and giving it the best chance for future success.

The project is led by Scottish Beavers, a partnership between the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland and the Scottish Wildlife Trust created to continue the work of the Scottish Beaver Trial. It is taking place on land managed by Forest and Land Scotland and has been licensed by NatureScot, which is also co-ordinating the monitoring requirements at the site.

To register for the event, hosted on Zoom from 6.30pm on Wednesday October 28, visit [scottish-wildlifetrust.org.uk](http://scottish-wildlifetrust.org.uk) or email [enquiries@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk).



One of the Knapdale beavers. Photograph: Steve Gardner.



Artist, author and broadcaster Lachlan Goudie.



World-renowned piper Stuart Liddell.

## 5,000 years of Scottish creativity

Artist, broadcaster and author Lachlan Goudie will explore Scotland's artistic history and pre-history in a special fundraising event on Thursday October 22.

Drawing from his recently-published book 'The Story of Scottish Art', Lachlan will explore some of the most fascinating interconnected chapters in Scottish art history. From the neolithic to Pictish eras,

and onwards to the Glasgow Boys and Scottish colourists, this online spectacular will be an eye-opening event that brings the richness of Scottish art history to life.

### World-famous

Hosted by art historian Rose Balston, 'Scotland: 5,000 Years of Creativity' will feature world-famous piper Stuart Liddell and one of his most promising pupils, 14-year-old

Chris McCartan, who will book-end the talk with glorious piping performances live from the magical setting of Kilmartin Glen.

This event will be in support of Kilmartin Museum and the Argyll Piping Trust.

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Mark it in your diary as something to look forward to next spring.

A date has been set for Argyll's next fabulous festival of original music - MOJO 2021.

This weekend would have seen the 2020 MOJO festival at Craignish Village Hall but in common with other social occasions the organisers were forced to cancel due to the coronavirus pandemic. Earlier this week, however,

the event's founder revealed a date has been set for the next MOJO musical extravaganza - Saturday May 15 2021 - pandemic permitting.

Dan Sloan-Griffiths said: 'Hopefully this will give music fans something to look forward to. We are still very active and keen for musicians to send in their demos.'

'There has been a lot of interest from artists interested in taking part, which is brilliant.'

Artists and bands with Argyll connections - of any musical flavour - are wanted to showcase their talent next spring.

The basic criteria for demo submissions are:

- Your music must be original - no covers
- You can perform a 30-40 minute set of your own music
- You are from, or have strong connections with, Argyll
- You or your band are aged 16 and over



Danny Carroll and Eric Dearie perform at the first MOJO festival in 2017.

To apply, musicians should send a short description of their music accompanied by a demo - video, EP, Soundcloud, Youtube, are all accepted - to the MOJO Argyll Facebook page.

Previous MOJO artists can re-apply, provided it is with new material.

In tribute to what would have been the fourth MOJO festival

this weekend, keep an eye out for MOJO Memories on the MOJO Argyll Facebook page, featuring fantastic photographs and videos from MOJO festivals in years gone by.

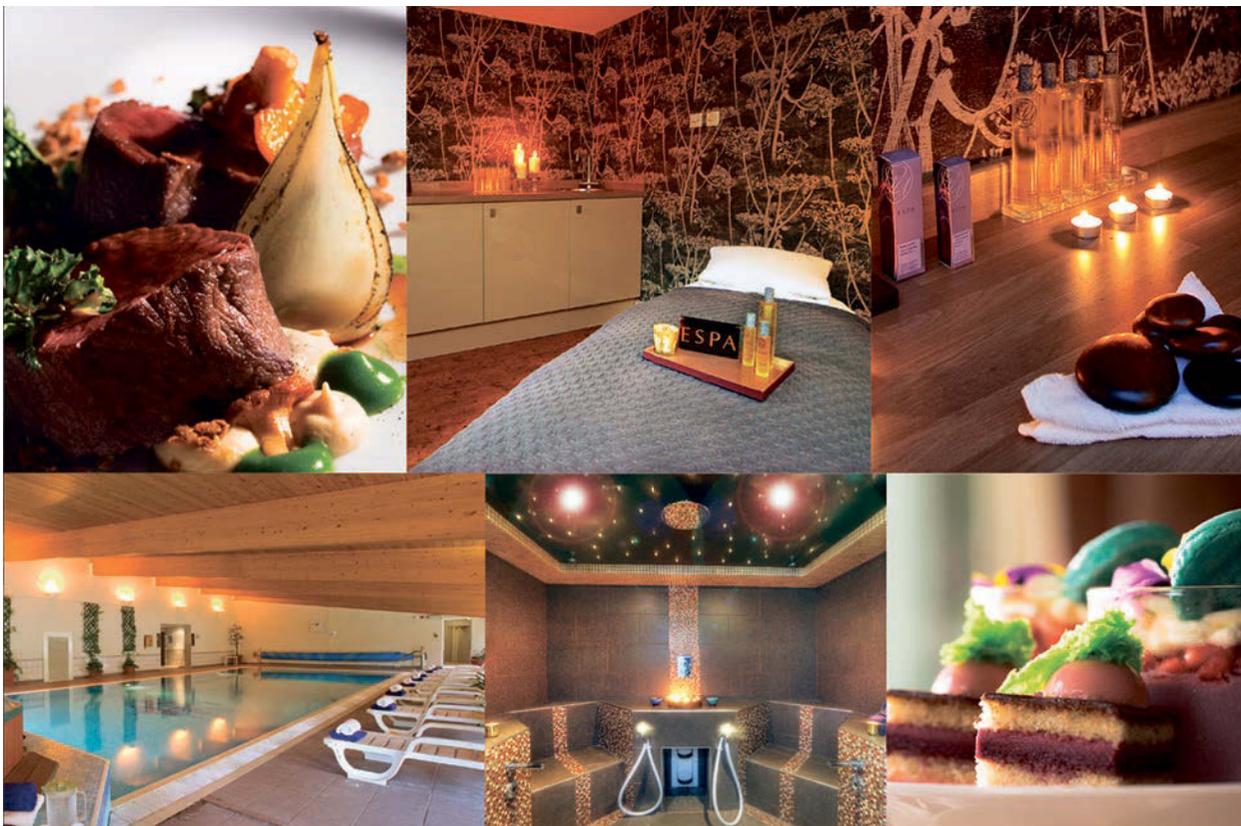
Dan added: 'We look forward to being able to see and hear all our brilliant performers again. Until we see you all again, be smart, stay safe and stay tuned.'

MOJO is a non-charitable, non-funded and not-for-profit volunteer venture. All proceeds from the bar and ticket sales, once show costs are deducted, are split between the evening's performers.

For more information, visit the MOJO Argyll Facebook page or call Dan on 01546 602429.



The Brambelles in full musical flow at MOJO 2018.



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# 'World first' as endangered skate hatches near Oban

A critically-endangered flapper skate has been successfully cared for and hatched in captivity in what is thought to be a 'world first' for the species.

The skate egg has been looked after by NatureScot and the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) and hatched at its aquarium after an 18-month gestation period.

It is thought to be the first time a flapper skate egg has

been cared for from laying to hatching - allowing scientists to accurately confirm the gestation of the species for the first time.

## Released

The hatchling, a male measuring just 27cm long, was immediately released into the sea from Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area.

Despite its name, the common or flapper skate has been

listed as 'critically endangered' since 2006 as a result of overfishing.

Flapper skate are described as 'extinct' across much of their range, although the west coast of Scotland is one of the last remaining strongholds.

Jane Dodd, NatureScot marine operations officer, said: 'We have been observing and monitoring the egg for a year and a half so to see it hatch successfully and be released back into the ocean was a wonderful moment.'

'It has been really exciting to witness the development of the embryo each week from just a large yolk, to an embryo with a small beating tail and finally to a baby skate completely filling the egg capsule.'

'We still know very little about the lives of flapper skate, for example how often they breed, and where and when they lay eggs.'



The flapper skate is prepared for release. Photograph: Jane Dodd/NatureScot.



The moment of hatching. Photograph: NatureScot/SAMS.



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'The total gestation of the egg was 535 days so it is similar to that of orca and sperm whales.'

'Knowing the length of time that eggs take to hatch is a really useful piece of information for understanding the life history of flapper skate which will in turn improve how we are able to protect them.'

Steven Benjamins of SAMS said: 'We have been photographing the egg every week on a light box to observe the development of the embryo.'

'A few months ago we started to wonder if the embryo was large enough to hatch so we set up video camera recording 24 hours a day to try and capture the moment.'

'We were able to record some lovely footage of the moment the baby skate swam out of the egg case.'

Anglers travel from all over

the world to Oban to fish for flapper skate on a strictly catch-and-release basis, contributing to vital research.

Jane added: 'Angling has increased our knowledge of flapper skate immensely. Anglers have been tagging skate and recording their recaptures for decades and their data helped justify the designation of Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area for flapper skate.'

## Grateful

'Skate charter skippers, Paul Timoney and Graeme Sands, delivered the skate egg to us and we are extremely grateful to them for that.'

'Very occasionally female skate spontaneously release eggs when they are lifted onto the deck of angling vessels for measuring. Paul knew I was keen to collect an egg to

observe it and he was able to save it for me.' The egg was immediately transferred to the aquarium at SAMS where it was kept at 10°C below surface water temperature to simulate the temperature at around 30 metres where eggs have been observed until it hatched.

It was released close to the spot where the mother was captured and released last year.

Female flapper skate grow to a maximum length of more than 2.3 metres and are estimated to live for around 50 years. Once hatched in the wild, empty skate and ray egg cases often wash up on beaches where they can be spotted in the strandline. Flapper skate egg cases are easily recognisable because they are the largest of all the skate and ray egg cases at 14 to 28cm long and 10 to 14cm wide.



The captive skate on the sea floor after release. Photograph: Karen Boswarva.

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**Around the markets**

**United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday October 6:** sold 907 calves and store cattle. Bullocks sold to £1100 for a 478kg, LimX from A & M Buchanan, Achnaba to average £701.98 (+£155.41) per head.

Heifers sold to £1020 for a 424g, LimX from A & BA Campbell, Achnacree Beag to average £653.41 (+£162.69) per head. Bullocks sold to 371.5p/kg for a 144kg, LimX from J Cameron, Kilmalieu to average 260.76p/kg (+£58.26p). Heifers sold to 318.9p/kg for a 185kg, LimX from I Campbell & Son, Strongorm to average 246.79p £/kg (+£58.14p). A good show of naturally reared calves sold well and to a good following of buyers.

Trade increased consid-

erably on the corresponding sale last year which was a hesitant trade prevailing at the time.

**Leading prices per head**

Blks - AAX - £1095(2), £985, £970(3), Craignaich; £910(8), £890(9), £880(8), £870(8), £840(8), Poltalloch; £810, Kilbride. BSx - £750, 13 Caolis, Vatersay. BRBx - £920, Achadhbeag.

CharX - £795(2), £790, Shenavallie. LimX - £1100, £1075, £1065(2), £1045, £1030(2), £1005, Achnaba; £960, Woodend; £960, Balnagown; £955, Achuaran; £940, Achnacree Beag; £940, Balnagown; £940, Ardchatten; £935, lochdar; £930(2), Ardachy; £925, Culbhuirig; £925, North Ardnaclach. Luing - £790(8), £785(8), £770(8), Ardlarach. SalX - £730(2), £725(4), 8 Vatersay; £725, 11 Uidh,

Vatersay; £725, 7 Uidh. SimX - £835, Kilbride; £800, Sammadale; £780, Strongorm; £775(2), Cliad; £775(7), Scammadale; £765(4), Cliad; £760(2), Saulmore; £760, Dunach; £750(2), Cliad. Hfrs - AAX - £600(4), Kilbride. BS - £585, Ard-slighish.

CharX - £640, £620, Shenavallie. LimX - £1020, Achnacree Beag; £1005(4), Achnaba; £1000(2), Achnacree Beag; £1000(2), Achnaba; £990, Inion; £950(7), Achnaba; £950(2), Achnacree Beag; £950(2), £940(2), Achnaba; £930, £925, Balnagown; £910, Ardachy.

SalX - £640(2), 8 Vatersay. SimX - £930(2), £795(2), Kilbride; £680(2), Dunach Estate.

**Leading Prices Per Kilo**

Blks - AAX - 308.5p(2),

Rhulios; 306.7p(2), 297p, 8 Vatersay; 295.8p(8), 287.6p(8), 284.3p(8), Poltalloch; 280.2p(6), Rhulios; 278.5p(4), Kinlochlaich; 276p(4), Kilbride; 275.8p(8), Poltalloch; 275.1p(3), Kilbride; 266p(5), Rhulios; 265.2p(3), Kinlochlaich; 254.4p(9), Poltalloch. BS - 314.7p, 10 Caolis, Vatersay; 270p, 13 Caolis, Vatersay; 258.9p, 12 Caolis Vatersay; 255.6p(3), 248.8p(2), 244.1p(3), 243.8p(2), Achnacloch. BRBx - 278.3p, 265p, Shenavallie. CharX - 288.3p, 265p(2), Shenavallie; 241.1p, Laggan Farms. LimX - 371.5p(2), Kilmalieu; 350p(4), 342.3p(2), 330.7p(3), 328.8p(3), Strongorm; 326.5p, Antuim; 319.5p(2), lochdar; 318p(2), Strongorm; 317.2p(3), 316.9p, Antuim; 309.3p(5), Kilmalieu; 308.3p, Pennygown; 305.5p(6), Lochbuie;

299.7p(6), Poltalloch; 296.5p(2), Antuim; 296.3p, Pennygown; 294.5p(6), Scoor; 294.5p, Woodend; 291.7p, Cuiluaire. Luing - 308.6p(10), 285.3p(12), Ardlarach; 280.5p(6), Blackmount; 276.2p(6), Knock; 275.3p(11), Ardlarach; 274.9p(3), Clachan; 263.6p(4), Knock; 262.8p(8), Ardlarach. SalX - 297p(2), 8 Vatersay; 287p, 1 Vatersay; 283.1p(7), 8 Vatersay; 274.5p, 7 Uidh; 273.6p, 269.5p, 1 Vatersay. SimX - 329.2p(5), Scammadale; 327.4p(4), 324.9p(2), 313.3p(3), Strongorm; 304.1p(6), Kilbride; 299.2p(2), Scammadale; 296.3p, Pennygown; 280.2p(4), Clad; 280p(5), 279.2p(3), Ardencaple; 278.8p(5), Kilbride; 274.8p(7), Scammadale; 273.7p(3), Pennygown; 271p(2), Cliad. BG - 279.2p(6), Achnacraig; 269.5p(3), Callachally.

Hfrs - AAX - 269.1p(4), Kilbride; 245.6p(6), Rhulios. BS - 275.6p, 13 Caolis; 244.6p, 240.4p, 12 Caolis. BRBx - 241.1p(2), Shenavallie. CharX - 267.2p, 264.5p, Shenavallie. LimX - 318.9p(2), 302.8p(3), Strongorm; 294.6p, Pennygown; 291.8p(4), Strongorm; 290.6p(3), Antuim; 290p(2), lochdar; 287p, Woodend; 286.5p(2), Cuiluaire; 280.5p(2), Strongorm; 278p(2), 275.9p, Pennygown; 273.4p, Culbhuirig; 273.3p(2), lochdar; 272.1p(7), Lochbuie. Luing - 256.8p, Tenga. SalX - 277p(5), 8 Vatersay; 251.1p(3), 7 Uidh. SimX - 309.9p(2), Dunach Estate; 304.9p, Strongorm; 285.7p(2), Dunach Estate; 285.7p(3), 273.7p(3), Strongorm; 259.3p(3), Kilbride; 258.5p(3), Pennygown.

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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

## MAGIC SQUARE

### HEATHEN DISTANCES

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.


# Quiz Challenge

- Jake Gyllenhaal starred opposite Heath Ledger in which 2005 film about the relationship between two cowboys?
- In which hobby might traces, ledgers and gentles be used?
- Grace Road is the home ground of which county cricket team?
- What was the occupation of 'waits'?
- The 19th century novelist Mary Ann Evans used what pseudonym?
- Igor Sikorsky pioneered which type of aircraft?
- Mother of pearl is also known as what?
- What is meant by the expression a 'ballpark figure'?
- Henry VII was the first monarch of which royal house?
- Who starred opposite Lady Gaga in the 2018 remake of the film A Star is Born?

## NONAGRAM

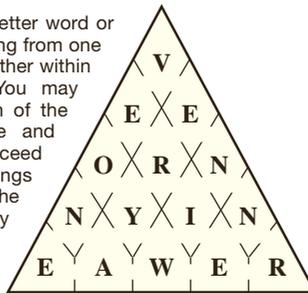
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How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:** 20 Good; 23 Very Good; 27 Excellent. Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

## WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



## FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid - but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- A drudge might come before Rover's tail (8)
- Race round the tree (4)
- Brought up in ancient city, turned wild (8)
- Support for quiet ending (4)
- Development plot? (7)
- Big Ben found on Caribbean island (5)
- Distinguishing against pain (11)
- Move slowly and behave abjectly (5)
- Boxer's aircraft (7)
- Lover in the rosiest surroundings (4)
- London area still in a state of rapture (8)
- Nothing more than a month in Ireland (4)
- The quality of a fine point (8)

### DOWN

- Girl I'd seen in trouble (6)
- Greedy swallow Cheddar (5)
- Coloured glass fly (10)
- Be very eager to pass on (3)
- Article links two vehicles to make a third (7)
- Ask again to rest (6)
- This month one confined to college has been urged on (10)
- Diminutive person is maybe bashful (5)
- Small chapel used for elegant speech (7)
- It's a funny way to show fear (6)
- Summary is not quite accurate (6)
- Let it become the heading (5)
- Exclamation of surprise when business comes to nothing (3)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Cutting implement (8)
- Uncommon (4)
- Golf peg (3)
- Cuban dance (8)
- Not any (4)
- Cut off (5)
- Knocks (4)
- Abide (8)
- Filed report (8)
- Deceiver (4)
- Food fish (5)
- Bodily organ (5)

### DOWN

- Applaud (4)
- Musical lines (6)
- Egg dish (6)
- Male deer (4)
- French artist (6)
- Leave suddenly (3,3)
- Feat (5)
- Mass of eggs (5)
- Wheel on spur (5)
- Stitch (3)
- Mammal with snout (5)
- Oyster's gem (5)
- Attempt (3)
- Cry of discovery (6)
- Underhand (6)
- Queue (4,2)
- Pulse (6)
- Church seats (4)
- Behave listlessly (4)

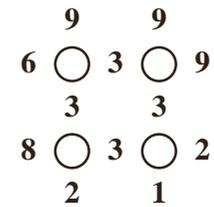
## SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. Hard

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## EQUALISER



Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

To have something stolen is always difficult and frustrating. Usually we don't know the name of the thief and have to hope he or she will eventually be caught and not inflict the same angst on others.

In my case, I have been given the name of a woman living in England who is regularly using my credit card to purchase items online from Microsoft.

I do not have an account with Microsoft, yet they accept this fraudulent activity every month with regular amounts varying from £89 to £630.

My credit card has been stopped and reissued three times now, yet this woman continues to use it as the payments are just transferred to the new card.

My bank kindly refund these amounts and I have now had to shut down my credit card account completely.

I do not understand why they cannot arrest this woman as the bank has given me her name and address to verify that I do not know her and that she does not have my permission to use my credit card.

As you can imagine, the inconvenience, frustration and amount of time I have had to devote to this has caused a great deal of stress and anxiety.

I feel disempowered, angry and frustrated beyond words.

This made me think again of those in our world who are disempowered in far worse ways in their lives than I am.

I think of those disempowered due to poverty, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or where in the world they live.

How helpless they must feel when they can do nothing and have no recourse to any helpline.

I wish I could do something for them, but alas that is also beyond my power.

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**STRACHUR**

As we prepare to face a winter with coronavirus, Strachur resident Jackie Scott-Mandeville put pen to paper in this poem, published in the October 2020 issue of the Strachur and district community newsletter.

**Surviving Covid**

*We're surviving, just: as we hunker down  
Towards a Highland winter, but dreading  
The days that force our face into a frown,  
Knowing that not far ahead we're heading  
Into a world unknown. How do we cope?  
All our familiar social norms awry,  
Expectations now turned to forlorn hope;  
No good to still be asking questions why?  
To not despair nor become despondent,  
Nor rely on governments to save us:  
But somehow realise what's important,  
Is our task; to discover how to trust  
In faith and sense, in inner spirits delve,  
And find our hidden strengths within ourselves.*

**Jackie Scott-Mandeville.**

**ISLE OF BUTE**

Community charity Fyne Futures Limited has targeted a 'celebration of food from field to fork' after taking ownership of the six-acre market garden it has operated as 'Bute Produce' since 2008.

Fyne Futures originally entered into an 'in kind' lease agreement with Mount Stuart Trust (Bute Estates Ltd) for the Ashfield site, growing affordable local seasonal produce with a low carbon footprint.

Thanks largely to Fyne Group's successful renewable energy project, established in February 2019, Fyne Futures was able to buy Ashfield from Mount Stuart Trust on September 4 and there are plans to develop the site as a training centre celebrating sustainable food production.

David Wilkinson, chairman of Fyne Futures, said: 'We are delighted to complete the purchase of the site from Mount Stuart Trust.'

'We have an ambitious plan to own the site and create a celebration of food from field to fork



**There are plans for a horticultural training centre on the Ashfield site.**

which creates experiences for people to make low carbon food choices and gain knowledge and skills useful to gaining employment and participating more fully in our community.'

Colin Boag, Mount Stuart Trust managing director, said: 'This is a very important project for the island and the region and the trust is pleased it is about to move to the next stage. Bute Produce has already achieved so much and this will allow even more growth and development.'

**HELENSBURGH**

It was Councillor Ellen Morton who first came up with the idea of staging Helensburgh's Winter Festival, which has taken place in the town to herald the start of the festive season every year since 2012.

The event's organisers issued a statement paying tribute to Councillor Morton, who died

aged 76, on October 3, having served on Argyll and Bute Council for 21 years. It was recently announced the 2020 winter festival has had to be cancelled, with Covid-19 restrictions meaning it is unable to be held in its usual form.

However, plans are being drawn up for a 'virtual' event featuring videos of some of the festival's most popular features.

A festival committee spokesperson said: 'Helensburgh's popular Winter Festival will be a lasting memorial to the enthusiasm and dedication of Councillor Ellen Morton, who passed away this week after a lifetime of service to Helensburgh and Lomond. Helensburgh owes a lot to Councillor Morton and she will be sorely missed. Without her determination and drive, Helensburgh would not be the festive shopping destination of choice for thousands of people from all over the country and we are immensely grateful for her vision.'

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DEATHS

**ARMOUR** - Peacefully at Strachan House, Edinburgh on October 6, 2020, Robert Ralston Armour OBE (Bobby) of Braehead, Edinburgh and formerly of Drumore Villa, Campbeltown, in his 97th year, beloved husband of the late Ella McSporran, much loved father of Robert, father-in-law of Anne and dear grandfather of Katie and Iona. Private funeral service at Warriston Crematorium given current guidelines. No flowers please. If wished, donation can be made in memory of Bobby to Kintyre Food Bank.

**CHINN** - Peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 2, 2020, Alison Chinn, in her 71st year, 47 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Eric Chinn, much loved mum of Stephen and the late Frank, mother-in-law of Helen and loving nan to Jo and Connor. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

**GLASS** - Peacefully at home on October 7, 2020 after a short illness, John Glass, retired Argyll policeman, passed away with his family by his side. Loving husband and best friend of Anne, cherished and much-loved dad of Shirley and Andrew, father-in-law, proud and loving papa of his grandchildren and their partners, and doting papa John to his great-grandchildren. A private funeral service will be held at Greenock Crematorium at 1.00 p.m. on Monday, October 19. Details of the cortege route are available from Caladh Funeral Services, Kirn, Dunoon (01369) 707000 and donations may be made to Macmillan nurses and Cowal Hospice Trust in memory of John. Given current restrictions many people will be unable to join us in celebrating John's life, please raise a glass wherever you are, in memory of a man of his time and his place.

**MACARTHUR** - On October 7, 2020, peacefully at home with her family, Anne MacArthur, née MacDonald, aged 80 years, beloved wife of Donnie MacArthur, much loved mother of Caroline and Helen, dearly loved granny of Ian and Libby and great-granny of Liam. Sorely missed by all. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions, was held at Clachan Cemetery, on October 13.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**LECKIE** - Janne and Irene would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received and for cards, flowers and acts of kindness carried out following the death of their mum Florrie. Special thanks to all staff at Tarbert Medical Centre, Tarbert Home Care, Carr Gorm and Naomi and Tanya, for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to the many people who stood along the route to the cemetery, to pay their respects, it was much appreciated and very humbling, full marks to piper John Hunt for his excellent renderings and to his undoubted stamina for the long march, also thanks to Rev Chris Fulcher for a comforting service despite the inclement weather and to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services.

IN MEMORIAM

**MUIR** - Remembering Ian, a loving husband and dad. Dearly loved and sadly missed. All our love - Ellen, John and Maurice xxx

**MUIR** - Precious memories. - Love Angela, Kenny and Kerr.

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For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise Psalm 96:4  
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*I would like to offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all close family members, relatives, friends, ex colleagues and everyone else who contacted me, by whatever means, after my daughter, Christine (Nicol) lost her very brave fight against cancer on 31/08/2020.*

*I have been completely overwhelmed by the messages of sympathy, support and love that has come my way since that date. It has been a huge comfort to me in many ways, especially in the realisation of the high regard Christine was held in by all who came into contact with her.*

*Special mention must be made to her own circle of close friends who she met in primary school, continued through secondary school, into adulthood until her untimely death. You know who you are! Christine was so proud to be a part of your lives and you a big part of hers.*

*Life goes on but I want it to be known that my life has become more bearable because of all the expressions of sympathy from a wide range of people and places on the loss of my very special Daughter.*

**Thank you all, so much.  
Donnie (MacDonald)**

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# Plea to Old Firm fans – don't come to Argyll

Football fans should not be travelling to licensed premises in Argyll and Bute to watch Saturday's Celtic v Rangers fixture, the chairman of the area's licensing board has said.

Councillor David Kinniburgh also pleaded with residents of the central belt to remain in their own health board area while new Scottish Government restrictions are in force.

Helensburgh was reportedly visited by many people from outwith Argyll and Bute last weekend, with pubs completely closed across five central belt health board areas.

Argyll and Bute is under the jurisdiction of NHS Highland, which is not one of the five health board areas where pubs have been asked to close. Licensed premises in the area



Councillor David Kinniburgh.

may serve food and non-alcoholic drinks indoors until 6pm and can serve alcohol outdoors, if possible, until 10pm.

Some licensed premises in Helensburgh have decided to temporarily close completely despite being outwith the central belt, but others have remained open.

The Old Firm game takes



Central belt football fans are asked not to come to watch the Old Firm game in Argyll and Bute. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.

place at 12.30pm on Saturday October 17, with no supporters allowed inside Celtic Park. In ordinary circumstances, the match attracts many visitors to pubs.

Councillor Kinniburgh said: 'Because of restrictions already

in place and in view of the latest Scottish Government restrictions, I do not think descending on licensed premises to watch the Old Firm fixture or any sporting event is an attractive proposition.

I would ask anyone thinking

of travelling into Argyll and Bute from the central belt for that purpose to follow the advice and not travel outwith their health board area.

'Since the curfew announcement for certain areas was made by the Scottish Government, I am aware from media reports that some premises outwith curfew affected areas have decided to close because the restrictions imposed on them by the Scottish Government make continued trading unviable.

'This is a matter for individual businesses to consider but I do not think that licensed premises in Argyll and Bute should be considering a blanket temporary closure across the area for the period that the Scottish Government restrictions apply.'

## Wentworth weekend woes for Bob

Disappointing weekend rounds of 77 and 73 saw Oban's Bob MacIntyre slip down the leaderboard to finish tied 58th at the prestigious BMW PGA Championship in Wentworth last week.

Having followed up Thursday's opening round 73 with a brilliant four under par 68 on Friday, the Oban star gave himself a chance of mixing it with the leaders over the weekend. However, Saturday did not go according to plan. Paired with Ryder Cup legend and former world number one Lee Westwood, Bob carded two double bogeys and not a single birdie in his round which effectively took him out of the running for a high finish.

The Oban left hander now faces a battle to remain in the world's top 100 having slipped to 94th. He also needs some strong finishes in the coming weeks to ensure he qualifies for the season ending DP World Tour Championship in Dubai. With only the top 60 in the Race to Dubai standings qualifying, Bob currently sits 65th and will be hoping home advantage will lead to a good showing this week in the Scottish Championship at Fairmont, St Andrews.

## Covid-compliant Etive trip for anglers



Robert MacBrayne with a good sized spur which wasn't weighed.

Though not an official club competition due to the pandemic, a few members of Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club headed out on to Loch Etive for the first time since lockdown for a wee socially-distanced fishing trip.

Six members headed out on self-drive boats from Airds Bay, two to each boat, in decent dry weather as the sun tried its best to make an occasional appearance.

Among the usual species caught - spurs, dogfish, whiting and thornback ray - the biggest of the day went to John Byrne with a nine-pound spur.

The catch of the day was this nine-pound spur caught by John Byrne, but held in the photograph by Andrew Jamieson.



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