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Welcome to Community

Your Dumfries and Galloway Community Bulletin

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Cllr Elaine Murray
Council Leader



Cllr Rob Davidson
Depute Leader

Welcome to this week's edition of your community bulletin.

We continue to be at an absolutely critical point in our ongoing fight with COVID-19.

Following this week's announcement by the First Minister on new measures to deal with the resurgence of the virus in Scotland, it's absolutely vital that we stick to the latest advice and guidance on COVID-19, in both our professional and our personal lives.

To protect our families, friends and colleagues and ensure that they stay safe and healthy, please follow all current procedures correctly and stick to the FACTS: wear a face covering when required, avoid crowded places, clean hands and surfaces regularly, stay 2m away from other people, and self-isolate and book a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, fever, loss or change of smell and/or taste).

We are living through unprecedented and extremely challenging circumstances. All of us long for the day when this pandemic is behind us and we can all return to something resembling normality.

Thank you all for your continued understanding, patience, and support. Only by all working together and complying with the guidance will we be able to stop the spread of COVID-19, stay safe, protect others, and save lives.

with best wishes

Elaine and Rob

COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS

**New Measures
in place to reduce the
spread of COVID-19**

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Dumfries & Galloway
COUNCIL

COVID-19 has presented us with an unprecedented set of challenges.

One of the hardest things can be keeping up with and complying with the latest guidance and restrictions. This is particularly difficult in a region such as Dumfries and Galloway, which borders onto another region in another country where the guidance and restrictions are different.

Make sure you're up to date with the latest guidance and restrictions, see:

www.gov.scot/coronavirus

www.gov.uk/coronavirus



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The planting of Galloway Fruit & Nut heritage trees continues



Trees were planted at Rhonehouse on the famous Kelton Fair Green last Sunday. Unable to hold their scheduled event celebrating Galloway's 'Love Fruit & Nuts', the team at the South West Community Woodlands Trust changed their plans to a COVID-19 friendly community tree planting session.

A group of community volunteers, following physical distancing requirements, planted more than a dozen trees, including local hazels and three apple trees, one that was a tree grafted at last year's grafting course run by the project.

After the event, Jools Cox, leading the project on behalf of the Trust, said: *"It was a beautiful day and so good to get out and plant trees that will be fruitful for many generations of Rhonehouse residents. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Fruit and Nut Festival. Remember, an apple a day keeps the doctor away, and all the better if it's a local variety."*

Recipe cards can be obtained from a variety of shops and other locations around Castle Douglas.



Polling Districts and Places

We're conducting a review of the polling districts and places in D&G. We have a duty to split the region into polling districts, with a polling place allocated to each district. This gives voters the optimal facilities for voting.

Have your say at <https://crowd.in/faOELY>

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Roads Service Review



We need your questions

As part of our Roads Service review, we're holding an online Q&A session.

Visit <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21512/Roads-Service-Review> to find out more.

Please use the form to ask your questions. Deadline for questions is 9am on Tuesday (13 October).

The online Q&A is an opportunity for everyone within Dumfries and Galloway to ask questions, have their say and for questions to be answered by a roads manager and elected member via an online video which will be streamed towards the end of October.

Keep yourself and others safe



Face coverings



Avoid crowded places



Clean your hands regularly



Two metre distance



Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

nhsinform.scot/coronavirus
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Exams 2021

This week, the Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Scottish Parliament about how SQA qualifications at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher will be awarded for session 2020/2021.

The statement followed consultation with key stakeholders and takes account of the risk of Covid-19 causing further disruption to learning over the next year.

Key decisions:

- Exams for all National 5 courses will be cancelled. Awards will now be based on teacher judgements supported by internal assessment of coursework. Quality assurance measures will be put in place to maintain standards and the integrity of the awards.



- Exams for Highers and Advanced Higher will continue as planned, although the first exam will not take place until 13 May 2021 – two weeks later than originally planned to allow for extra teaching time. Contingency arrangements will be in place if necessary.

The SQA has already started to consider amendments to course content and assessment and will work closely with the local authority and schools to provide the best possible support and advice on the next steps.

Councillor Jeff Leaver, Chair of the Education and Learning committee, said: *"I welcome this early decision on National 5s that provides clarity for young people who have been facing increasing uncertainty due to the unprecedented challenges presented by Covid-19. We now await further guidance on what is required to deliver a fair and transparent certification process for 2021. We'll work with education authority colleagues across Scotland to make sure that our pupils and staff in Dumfries and Galloway have the best possible support and advice."*

Councillor Ros Surtees, vice chair, said: *"Education opens doors to opportunities that enable young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors to society. So, it's vital that our students are clear on what they need to do to achieve the best that they are capable of in light of the unprecedented challenges to their education presented by the Covid-19 pandemic."*

9 to 15 October: Baby Loss Awareness Week

Raises awareness of loss in pregnancy and of babies, supporting bereaved parents and families, and driving tangible improvements in policy, bereavement care and support for anyone affected by the death of a baby. Council HQ will be lit pink and blue.

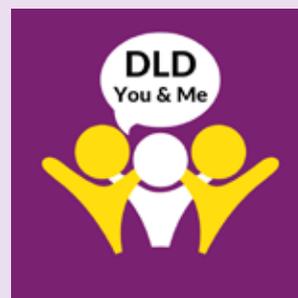
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Friday 16 October: Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a hidden disability for most people. It affects a person's ability to understand and use language for no known reason. This can have significant repercussions for a person's academic outcomes, mental health, and employment prospects. Council HQ will be lit purple and yellow

<https://radld.org/>



Friday 16 October: Show Racism the Red Card

Wear red and donate £1 for football's 6th national day of action, encouraging schools, businesses and individuals to support anti-racism education.

www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day



Family Fun at Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre

Films for the October Holidays

With the news that Cineworld is closing all its cinemas (including the boutique Picturehouse chain) and some Odeon cinemas opening only at weekends, there is some good news for cinema goers. As they eagerly await the opening on a third cinema screen, Annan Lonsdale continues to programme a varied selection of films and over at the RBCFT customers can find loads of family entertainment for the holidays.

Sunday 11 October sees the return of one of Scotland's leading touring puppet companies, **Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre** with their production of **The Gingerbread Man**. Postponed from March, this Puppet Animation Scotland presentation is a visual feast designed for young children and their families. With a foot-tapping Yummy Chase soundtrack reminiscent of an old movie - and minimal language, this is a tremendously popular story with younger audiences.



Next week sees the animated **The Snow Queen: Mirrorlands** hit the big screen. It is an animated adventure very much in the style of Frozen. After a powerful king traps all the world's magicians in the Mirrorlands, Gerda battles to keep magic alive through kindness and friendship.



With Halloween edging ever closer the following week it is the incredibly popular animated adventure **100% Wolf** at the RBCFT. The film centres on Freddy Lupin, heir to a proud family line of werewolves. Positive he will become the most fearsome werewolf ever, Freddy is in for a shock when his first "warfing" goes awry, turning him into a ferocious - poodle. As the bigger distributors pulled their films from the schedules the little-known Vertigo Releasing issued 100% Wolf back in August and families have really lapped it up - the film taking over £1m at the UK box office.



Sunday 25 October sees a screening of the perennial family favourite **Back To The Future**. The film stars Michael J Fox as the time-travelling Marty McFly, a 17-year-old high school student, who is accidentally sent 30 years into the past in a time-travelling DeLorean invented by his close friend, the eccentric scientist Doc Brown.



Tickets can be booked at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=robert%20burns%20centre%20film%20theatre>
or through the Midsteeple Box Office, t: 01387 253 383
(open Tue to Sat, 10am to 1pm).

Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre
Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE
Tel 01387 264 808

Open
throughout the
holidays

Book your space to see the Lego® exhibition and enjoy a hot dog



14 October from 4pm to 7pm, Gracefield Arts Centre, Dumfries Hot Dog Night

Come and try an award winning Scottish handmade craft smoked hot dog from local producers Brigston & Co who will be pulling up their fantastic food truck at Gracefield Arts Centre.

As well as their amazing hot dogs topped with homemade condiments they will be serving speciality chips and hot and cold drinks. (full Covid-19 takeaway measures in place).



Loch Ken is getting Climate Ready



During the summer of 2020, Adaptation Scotland selected localities across the country – where local partners demonstrated a real appetite to work to increase resilience in the face of climate change. For the community around Loch Ken, this now signals the start of a project. The Adaptation Scotland programme, funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by a sustainability charity Sniffer, provides advice and support to help organisations, businesses and communities prepare for the impacts of climate change and build resilience.

Adaptation Scotland will be working with Loch Ken Trust, a new charity set up to put the community at the heart of decision making around the Loch. Loch Ken is the largest body of freshwater in Southern Scotland, boasting an enviable location in the Galloway and southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, the Galloway Dark Sky Park, and neighbouring the Galloway Forest Park.

This collaboration between the Loch Ken Trust and Adaptation Scotland, including local partners, will mean people living and working in the Loch Ken area, and those who make decisions that affect the area, are better equipped to act together to build climate resilience, improving the health and wellbeing of people and ecosystems.

The Climate Ready Ken project will form part of the wider work of the Trust to build the Loch Ken Plan, a 10-year sustainable community plan. Loch Ken Trust is making sure that this work aligns with and supports the recently published Glenkens and District Community Action Plan, as well as the ongoing work to develop a strategic town plan for Castle Douglas.

Bill Cunningham's Film of the Week

The Searchers

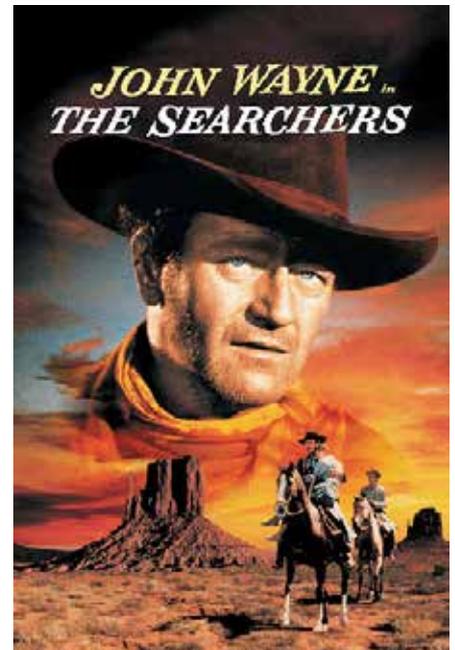
Westerns may be out of favour at the moment, despite sporadic attempts to revive the genre, but in the 1940s and 50s they were a staple part of Hollywood's output. The master of the Western was John Ford. His all-time classic is from 1956. *The Searchers* is a story of revenge with John Wayne as Ethan Edwards, an embittered former Confederate soldier turned lone wanderer who embarks on a five year mission to rescue the sole survivor of a Comanche raid on his family.

This is the fifth western Ford made with Wayne but it was a major change turning Wayne from dashing hero to a grim, obsessive man bordering on paranoia as he ruthlessly seeks to take revenge on the native American tribe that perpetrated the atrocity. By our view today the character of Edwards is racist, as many were in the West of 1868, as white settlers pushed the indigenous population out of their

homeland. There was incredible brutality on both sides, the settlers seeking to take over the land and the Native Americans determined to keep hold of it. Based on an interpretation of historical events Ford's film gives a strong feel of the real West.

Although the story is set in Texas, Ford returned to Monument Valley in Arizona, his favourite location for his Westerns and the sweeping vistas have never looked so magnificent in the deep focus Vistavision photographic process by Winton V Hoch, one of Ford's regular cinematographers. Max Steiner adds a lovely music score.

With a fine supporting cast, including Jeffery Hunter, Vera Miles, Ward Bond and Natalie Wood. The film was among the first to be preserved in the National Registry of the Library of Congress. It ranks 12th in the American Film Institute list of the 100 greatest American films of all time. The BFI places it 7th in the 2012 survey of film critics.



For John Wayne it was his finest performance. One of his iconic lines "That'll be the day" inspired the Buddy Holly song of the same name. Watch on BBC I-Player and BBC 4 on Thursday.

Bill Cunningham worked as a member of staff at the Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre and, previously, wrote the film page for the Dumfries & Galloway Standard.

"It's better to burn out than fade away. Better to live out your days being very active, even if it destroys you, than quietly disappear."

Ahmet Ertegun, founder of Atlantic Records

Activities Page

How much do you know about Britain?

Test your geography knowledge with these 15 questions.

- 1 Which is further west?
Bristol or Edinburgh?



- 2 Coton in the Elms in Derbyshire is the furthest place from the coast - how far away is it?

50 miles
70 miles
110 miles
250 miles

- 3 How many deer live in the UK?

About 100,000
About 2m
About 9m
About 13m



- 4 How much of the UK is woodland?

1.2%
4.8%
12.7%
21.9%

- 5 Which has the largest population?

Newcastle upon Tyne
The London Borough of Croydon
The Borough of Reading
Milton Keynes

- 6 Which is the wettest city in the UK?

Glasgow
Liverpool
Manchester
Belfast

- 7 Which is the longest motorway?

M6, M1 or M5

- 8 Which is the longest bridge?



The Humber Bridge
The Tamar Bridge
The Second Severn Crossing
The Menai Bridge

- 9 What percentage of people in the UK live in a town or city?

50%
80%
99%

- 10 Which is the UK's longest river?

River Avon
River Severn
River Thames
River Clyde

- 11 Put Belfast, Cardiff, London and Edinburgh in descending order of population size.



- 12 What percentage of the UK is used for agriculture according to 2012 government figures?

90%
70%
40%
10%

- 13 What are Grey Friar and Cat Bells?

Fells
Farms
Waterfalls
Streams

- 14 Which is the UK's smallest city by population?

Bangor
St David's
St Albans
Truro

- 15 Name four Channel Islands.



Our Art Galleries and Museums are open

Entry is free but you must book your timed slot in advance to ensure that we can manage numbers and maintain physical distancing.



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Key Contacts



National COVID-19 Helpline 0800 111 4000

For people who don't have family or existing community support and can't get online and who are over 70, disabled, require the support of mental health services, are pregnant or receive a flu jab for health reasons, will be directed to our dedicated local team who can offer essential assistance.

NHS24 111
www.nhsinform.scot

Emergency 999

Doctor Out of Hours 111

Dumfries and Galloway Council 030 33 33 3000
www.dumgal.gov.uk/SupportDG

Business Support Helpline 01387 260280
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub 030 33 33 3001

Social Work Out of Hours 01387 273660

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway 0300 303 8558

Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service 0300 303 4321
www.dagcas.org

Samaritans 116 123

SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258 for free

Scotland's Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234

Age Scotland 0800 12 44 222
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Shelter Scotland 0808 800 444
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

LGBT Helpline Scotland 0300 123 2523

Childline 0800 1111

If you would like help understanding this or need it in another format telephone 030 33 33 3000

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COVID-19 Ventilation in Buildings

For your safety, to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to keep windows and doors open to let in fresh air.

We realise that as the weather gets colder keeping warm will become an issue, so please wrap up!

Please also wear your face covering.



Geography Quiz Answers

- 1) Edinburgh - despite it being on the east coast of Scotland, it is more westerly than Bristol, in the south-west of England.
- 2) It's 70 miles away.
- 3) About 2 million, according to the RSPCA.
- 4) It's 12.7%.
- 5) The London Borough of Croydon is the largest - with a population of 364,800.
- 6) Glasgow is the wettest city on average, according to the Met Office
- 7) The M6, at 225 miles long.
- 8) The Second Severn Crossing longest bridge. The Humber is the longest suspension bridge.
- 9) It's 80%.
- 10) River Severn is the longest - at 220 miles (354km). The River Thames slightly shorter at 215 miles (346km).
- 11) London is the largest at about 8.3m, Edinburgh is about 487,500, Cardiff has about 346,000, Belfast has about 280,962
- 12) It's 70%.
- 13) They are fells.
- 14) St David's in Pembrokeshire, Wales, is the smallest city, with a population of just over 1,600.
- 15) You could have had Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, Herm, Jethou or Brecqhou