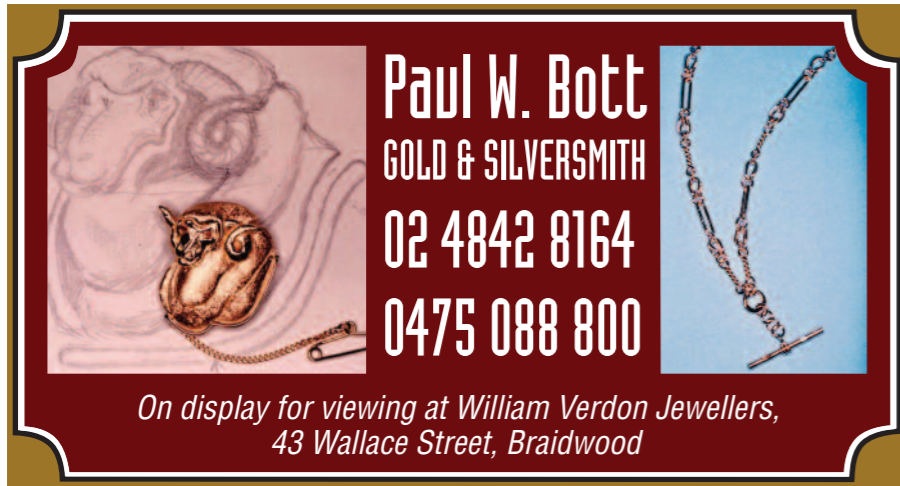


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Sorry it's a bit overdue. Yes, I know that it has happened before but this time we all have a doozy of an excuse for missing nearly any deadline.

We've also been talking for ages about self sufficiency and supporting local initiatives. Who'd have thought that it would come to pass so quickly that relying on people further away might mean not having their services at all.

Zoom is okay for meetings, some might say preferable, but food for example, requires unrestricted travel, often over long distances. This is our vulnerability if Covid-19 cannot be eliminated, or worse, if Covid-21 or whatever follows on in the future.

Paul Dann's article on sustainability, written thirty years ago, makes for sobering reading. Whatever the pressures we face in the future, Braidwood is remarkably well-placed to come out of it well.

Our region produces a lot of food and we are seeing a greater variety each year as more small-scale enterprises achieve a profitable market share. We can become energy independent and, as well, produce surplus electricity to sell to travellers and delivery trucks both, after they slug their way up the Clyde.

No matter how grim the situation might look, faith in renewable energy will never be misplaced. The sun will shine and the wind will blow and the technology to store energy for use at night will improve in leaps and bounds. Until next time breathe easy but not on each other.

Paul Cockram



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