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Transport minister has no quick ferry crisis fix

by Hugh Boag
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The full extent of the Arran ferry crisis was laid bare in front of the new Scottish transport minister Graeme Dey when he visited Arran last week.

New figures collated by Isle of Arran Ferry Committee (AFC) show there had been 588 cancelled sailings on the Ardrossan to Brodick route by the end of August, so it is little wonder the minister recognised confidence in the service was at an all-time low.

The number of cancelled sailings represents 17 per cent of the timetable and when time performance is added the users' real experience of the service drops to 75 per cent which, Mr Dey was told, is not a reliable service, which impacts health, family visits, supply issues and difficulty in recruiting staff to cover essential services and other businesses. The meeting,

held in the Ormidale Pavilion last Friday, was also attended by Chris Wilcock, head of ferries at Transport Scotland, Craig Hatton, chief executive of North Ayrshire, and Joe Cullinane, North Ayrshire Council (NAC) leader and Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson.

Mr Dey acknowledged the under investment in the fleet and admitted there was no magic wand to fix the issues.

Delivery of the MV Glen Sannox was key for Arran and his team was actively looking for additional tonnage to provide some relief to the fleet. In response to a question around finance, it was stated that buying was more cost effective than leasing – as a long-term option – but this did not limit procurement if suitable vessels were identified.

Community engagement was questioned and AFC was reassured this would be improved. The minister shared the frustrations of communities

who felt their views had been dismissed. Transport Scotland confirmed this was recognised and future engagement would build on lessons learned.

Mr Dey noted concerns over why the new vessels 'designed for the route' required so much work at Ardrossan but also understood that regardless the infrastructure would have required significant work to upgrade and make the port fit for purpose.

Discussion also covered the uncertainty of services whilst Ardrossan upgrades were carried out and the lack of detail on design and timetables for Troon. The Ardrossan land-side infrastructure plans are still being established and the community will be consulted before any final decisions are made. These will include building, passenger access, timetables and connecting services, engagement being led by both CalMac and NAC.

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Snubbed: pensioners left in the rain

The peaceful protestors who were snubbed by the transport minister outside Ormidale Pavilion. Full story page 3.

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No quick ferry crisis fix

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The loss of service due to crew hours was also raised with some suggestions submitted but the need for adequate skills and certification is specific to routes and vessels and this will be followed up including consideration of hiring staff for MV Glen Sannox early.

The minister had earlier visited the Brodick terminal, with CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond, and praised the quality of facilities and the staff.

He was disappointed to hear of the verbal abuse being experienced by staff at work and when off duty. This has not been experienced anywhere else in the network and is completely unacceptable. The minister asked that anyone with a grievance direct it to the CalMac management or Scottish government, not front-line staff who are doing their best in difficult circumstances.

AFC supported this and encouraged everyone to respect staff who are also residents.



Transport minister Graeme Dey, second right, in the talks as Chris Wilcock, head of ferries at Transport Scotland makes a point to Kenneth Gibson MSP and ferry committee secretary Bill Calderwood.

Mr Dey confirmed he was asking what, if anything, could be considered to mitigate the disruption as a result of the wind direction at Brodick.

The final point was around the failure to provide toilets at Claonaig and Mr Dey is

speaking with the operator to get services provided as soon as possible.

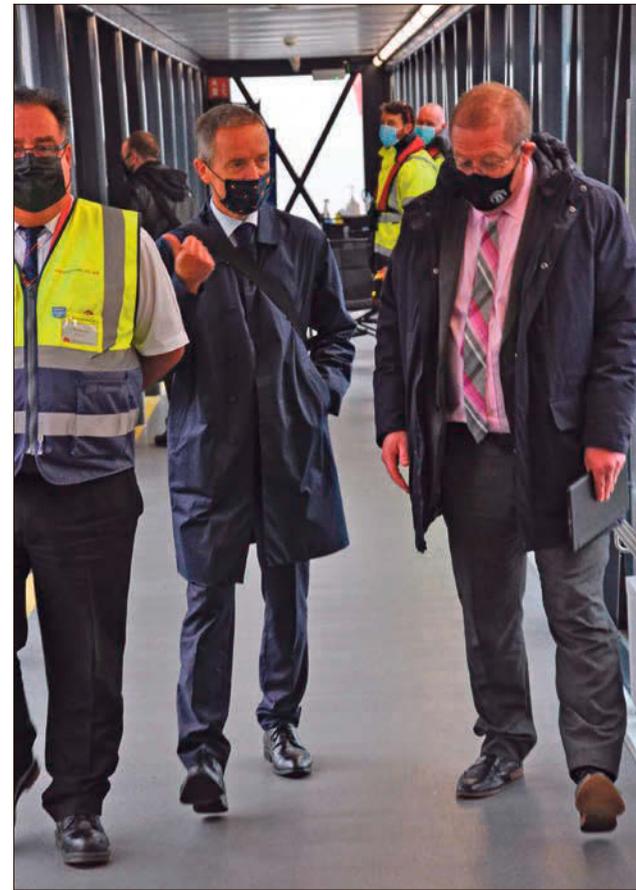
A ferry committee spokesman said: 'All of the issues will continue to be progressed at AFC monthly meetings and the minister will receive up-

dates through the established channels.'

After the meeting, Mr Gibson said: 'The minister has met the IoAFC before, online, but was keen to visit Arran for a face-to-face. It was crucial for him to listen to the views of islanders, excellently put by all participants.'

'Important points were raised during what was a very positive meeting and I look forward to continuing to work with the minister, islanders, Transport Scotland, CalMac and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited to improve the service for everyone.'

'The ferry service is a lifeline for my Arran constituents and the service must evolve and improve to be as reliable as possible.'



Transport minister Graeme Dey arrives on Arran with CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond. 01_B39minister04

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'We fully recognise the key role ferry services play in supporting the economic, social and cultural development of island and remote mainland communities.'

'We continue to work to do everything we can to ensure that new vessels enter service

as quickly as possible, to deliver the service improvements upon which our island communities depend.'

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The transport minister outside Brodick ferry terminal with Mr Drummond and port manager Colin McCort. 01_B39minister05



Protestor Rob Cowieson is interviewed on camera at the demonstration. 01_B39minister03

Pensioners' peaceful protest snubbed

A demonstration by around 40 pensioners voicing their frustration at the state of the island's lifeline ferry service was snubbed by Transport Minister Graeme Dey MSP during his visit to Arran last week.

The peaceful protestors gathered outside Ormidale Pavilion in the torrential rain with placards making their feelings known, as Mr Dey was meeting island representatives inside, but he did not make any attempt to meet them.

One protestor asked: 'Was he really scared to meet a group of Arran pensioners?'

The demonstration was organised by Arran Ferry Action Group. A spokesman said: 'Despite repeated, polite requests to meet with the new minister, the Arran Ferry Action Group has never received a reply.'

'On Friday when he visited Arran to meet with the ferry committee and selected others, he did not have the courtesy to engage with a group of around 40 pensioners who had gathered outside Ormidale Pavilion in persistent rain to express their

dissatisfaction with our ferry service. We await the official update from this meeting to discover what is planned for our lifeline service and how it will impact our community. Had we met with the minister we would be reporting on the timescales for the Ardrossan and Troon works and details of further short-term chartering of additional vessels in order to provide some hope of improved resilience in the short term. We would also have asked him to consider the construction of a breakwater at Brodick to mitigate the problems caused by the disastrous orientation of the pier.'

However, a Transport Scotland spokesman said afterwards: 'We recognise the importance of engaging with the community board and local stakeholders and the minister is meeting with the Arran Ferry Committee, which represents the island interests around the service and the local authority. Transport Scotland, CalMac and CMAL have engaged with the Arran Ferry Action Group in correspondence and meetings.'

School buses to get ferry discount

A scheme to reduce ferry fares for school mini-buses is to be rolled out on Arran and across the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services network later this year.

It will see a 50 per cent discount brought in for mini-buses from island and mainland schools to make it cheaper for pupils to travel for extra-curricular activities.

Consultation

It follows consultation with the Ferries Community Board which has campaigned for this reduction in fares to benefit young people in remote communities.

Transport Minister Graeme Dey made the announcement during a visit to Arran. He said: 'I'm really pleased to announce this discount, which will make it more affordable for school groups to travel to and from the islands for educational, cultural and sporting activities.'

'This is one of the issues that has been raised regularly by the Ferries Community Board, so I'm sure it will be welcomed and I thank them for their input.'

Permanent

'In the longer term, we'll review making the discount permanent as part of the ongoing fares review being carried out in the Islands Connectivity Plan,' he added.

Angus Campbell from the Ferries Community Board said: 'We very much welcome this announcement.'

'We have long campaigned for such a change and are confident it will make a real difference to the equality of access to these types of activities for our island young people.'

The discount will be introduced on December 1 and reviewed after the initial year to establish how it has been taken up and how it is funded. In the longer term, the discount will be considered as part of the fares policy review in the Islands Connectivity Plan.

Meeting helps put island case in front of Scottish cabinet

Arran is a place of strong community, modest economic growth and a high quality of life, Cabinet secretary for Rural Affairs and the Islands Mairi Gougeon was told during a virtual meeting with island representatives the day before Mr Dey visited last week.

However, public service failures in transport and affordable housing threaten the long-term sustainability of the island. In addition, these failures threaten staffing and support to the health and education service. The Arran Recovery Group, in consultation with the North Ayrshire Council leader's office requested a meeting with the cabinet secretary to discuss the impact of the public service failures and what each branch of Government was doing about it. The meeting happened through video conference on Thursday September 16 chaired by council leader Joe Cullinane.

Councillor Cullinane thanked the minister for her

participation and outlined the work that was ongoing: community wealth building, the creation of the senior islands office and the baseline island economic work, conducted by the Fraser of Allander Institute.

The Fraser of Allander study quantified the heavy dependence on tourism and the disproportionate impact ferry disruptions had on the island community. The ferry can deliver £170k/day benefit or not, as well as the community benefits. The minister listened to the discussion and confirmed she was in regular consultation with the transport minister on ways to resolve the current issues.

The acute lack of affordable housing and its impact on all sectors was also discussed.

Councillor Alex Gallagher highlighted land issues and the need for reform to allow the council to acquire land for affordable homes more easily.

The minister confirmed the rural and island housing fund

had received a further £45m.

He stressed the difficulty in turning these funds into actual houses and she agreed to take this up with the housing minister.

He said: 'Island representatives also highlighted we are proactively working to turn the National Islands Plan strategy into actions prioritised by the island community, accessing whatever funds are available locally and centrally. This work is being driven by our senior island officer and funded by North Ayrshire Council, HIE and Scottish government.'

Arran Recovery Group chairman Tom Tracey said: 'This was an introductory meeting to share concerns and the minister did take time to listen and comment. Getting ministerial focus on our issues is at one level a success. There is also a commitment to visit soon, speak to the wider community, learn more and support the delivery of island priorities. As is normal with all these things, time will tell.'

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Arran mermaid completes



COAST, RNLI, junior triathlon and junior sailing members celebrate Georgina's accomplishment. Photograph: COAST.



Georgina Lepley Maclean looks confident and relaxed just before setting off on her marathon swim challenge.

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Georgina Lepley Maclean has completed a gruelling 24-hour challenge by swimming one mile every hour in aid of four aquatic charities on Arran.

More than doubling her target, the challenge raised £2,418 for the RNLI, Arran Junior Sailing Club, Arran Junior Triathlon Club and the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) last weekend.

Remarkably, the challenge was only hastily arranged two weeks ago when Georgina, the swimming coach at Mermaiding Georgina, and a friend were speaking about the annual Lamlash Splash weekend being commemorated in some way.

One flippant comment later,



Georgina acclimatises to the cold water on the first mile of her challenge. 01_B39Georgina02



And she's off, Georgina is joined by friend Helen Minshall for the first mile. 01_B39Georgina03

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24-hour swim for charities

and with the support of a number of friends and organisations, Georgina took on the challenge and has helped to provide funding for these aquatic and conservation charities on Arran.

Starting at noon on Saturday, and swimming throughout the night, Georgina finished the 24-mile swim by the following afternoon when she was joined by a number of supporters who took to the water with her.

Speaking to Georgina before she set off, asking her why she is taking on such a gruelling challenge with the added difficulties of cold water and stinging jellyfish, Georgina said: 'Instead of doing the Lamlash Splash this year, I am going to honour the weekend with a swim challenge and fundraiser.'

She explained: 'The Lamlash

Splash entry fee usually goes towards the Junior Sailing Club so its cancellation has meant that they have not had any funding for two years.

'I coach members of the Junior Triathlon Club and I want to be able to continue to offer equipment, wetsuits and bikes to as many children as possible.

'And without the work of COAST I wouldn't have the sea to swim in and be able to enjoy all of the aquatic life.

'I have also chosen the RNLI for always being on call and keeping me safe when I swim every day in the sea and undertake these adventures.'

Georgina was supported by Arran Kayak Club whose members kept a watchful eye on her and provided encouragement as she swam.

They also led the way with lights which helped with

night time navigation and prevented too many jellyfish stings.

Georgina credits her being able to complete the swim wholly on all of the assistance and support that she received during the challenge.

She said: 'Thank you to each and every one of you who has made this possible. I would not have been able to complete this challenge, or raise any funds, without the generous help and support from a number of people and organisations, all of which I am extremely grateful for.'

Full details about the swim and the beneficiaries of the challenge can be found on the Just Giving page at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swimminggeorgina24miles24hours?utm_term=VaVAqa6ad where donations can also be made.



Georgina leaps off Lamlash Pier with some of her young students and supporters.

Photograph: COAST.



Supporters visited throughout the day to voice their encouragement, including these young supporters who made banners for the occasion. Photograph: COAST.



Members of the Arran Kayak Club paddle out with Georgina. Photograph: COAST.



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Long harsh winter

After everything we have been through, it looks like Arran's older population is in for a long harsh winter as the energy price hike bites.

Not only that, there's empty shelves in the Co-op and rising food prices, which is mirrored country-wide, worries over the winter ferry service when the second boat stops next week, plus, of course, the ever-deteriorating weather.

Research by charity Age Scotland reveals energy bills are the number one concern for older people who feel financially squeezed. Two out of three also have had higher energy bills due to lockdown - even before the sweeping price rises began and more smaller firms are going to go bust.

Fuel poverty already affects one in three older households (over 222,000) in Scotland, raising concerns that increased energy bills will make life much harder for them to stay warm and well this winter.

The charity is urging older people to ensure they are not missing out on benefits as we go into winter, such as Cold Weather Payments and Winter Fuel Allowance.

Older and more vulnerable customers should also ensure they are on the Priority Services Register with their energy supplier in case of power cuts.

And, of course, we can all help by taking a few minutes to regularly check, with a quiet word, that our relatives, neighbours and friends are not struggling in any way.

That is the Arran way and we hope it stays that way.

Thought for the week

'I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.' Philippians 4:13

It's your community council

The views of Bob Haddow, resident of Arran since 1938:

So, there we are, five years came to an end on Tuesday September 21 after 60 formal community council meetings and a number of other attendances with and about various people and authorities regarding Arran.

My qualifications for writing this piece. Thirteen years a district and community councillor with my birthplace, Arran, at the heart of it all. So, what to say of my last two years as the 'fall back' temporary member for Whiting Bay.

But it's YOUR community council.

The objectives of Isle of Arran Community Council are to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to local and public authorities and others, the views of the communities on Arran and to take such action in the interests of these communities as appears to the council to be expedient and practicable, with monthly reports from the police, roads, planning and the elderly forum.

In the 1960s when I was first a councillor, we met in Lamplash and did many things. The list is long but included housing at Montrose Terrace, Brathwic Place and Hillside; the Brodick to Lamplash road and Whiting Bay, Shiskine and Pirnmill primary schools.

Then we were THE council. The only other body was in Westminster which had little or no interest in the 2,000 voters of Arran.

Since then, we have seen a great transformation on our island, but the control and destiny has been drastically eroded and moved from Arran to Cunningham House.

Along with it our ability to be heard has been further diluted to one member - as of 2022 - out of a total of nearly 30, all of whom are connected

to a political party and may, predictably, 'toe the line'. Arran continues to suffer because of its small footprint within its mainland 'overlord' in an environment dominated by job losses, regeneration and social deprivation.

Some of you may remember the days of 'at your door' refuse collections. Stalwarts including Alan Currie, Alastair Mckelvie and Donald Bannatyne provided this service at minimal cost to the council. A decision was taken to transfer this to council control despite years of good Arran-delivered service.

A comment credited to the then director of cleansing, based in Ardeer, to his fellow directors: 'Arran - five per cent of the population... but 95 per cent of my trouble.'

Back to your community council, Arran's only elected body established by Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to represent your community bridging the gap between local authorities and the communities within their boundaries.

Why this article? A call to arms. If we are to see our community flourish and raise our profile here on Arran and within North Ayrshire Council, your community council of elected members is the best hope we have. We need YOU! A heartfelt request to all Arranites of long standing or more recent. If you feel you can contribute, and feel passionately about our island home and community, please think about standing in the community council elections.

Let the community council become the conduit through which all the disparate but relevant and important groups on Arran come together. Standing together we are stronger.

Note: completed nomination papers need to be with North Ayrshire Council by noon on Monday September 27.

Grateful for care

Sir,

I am more than a little taken aback at the moans about the NHS and healthcare on the island in last week's Banner letters page.

I was until three years ago in the fortunate position of having very little contact with health care.

However this changed when I was diagnosed with cancer and it was a scary time which required some getting used to.

From the very start, the doctors on the island have been incredible and have on occasion phoned without me having made a request.

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These are difficult and demanding times and the NHS has been under a lot of pressure. Please try and understand the difficult situation in which they are functioning.

Yours,

A very grateful 77-year-old.

**Ian Struthers,
Lamplash.**

Snub by minister

Sir,

A group of older people waited in the rain last Friday hoping to have a few words with transport minister Mr Graeme Dey when he visited Arran.

Alas, he avoided any contact by sneaking into the meeting by the back door.

Needless to say, everyone was disappointed and disgusted.

What is the problem with MSPs who will not meet with the general public and listen to their concerns?

How else are we to let the government know how we feel?

Orkney and Ireland and many European countries with multiple islands can run an efficient ferry service.

Why can this not be the same for the western isles?

Yours,

**Margaret Bryce,
Brodick.**

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Altachorvie up for sale as hotel or development site

An historic island hotel has been put on the market at offers over £1.25 million, writes Hugh Boag.

Altachorvie in Shore Road, Lamlash, is being offered for sale as a going concern or with the potential of demolishing the buildings on site for housing plots or luxury apartments.

The historic main house, known currently as The Arran Lodge, has 13 en-suite bedrooms. There are also 25 en-suite sleephts, a cookhouse and a two-bedroom owner's cottage.

The hotel has a long history as a hillwalking hostel. It first opened in 1925 and until 2012 was a Holiday Fellowship centre popular with those going on excursions into the mountains of northern Arran, including Goatfell.

The schedule for the property, now being sold by kw Caledonia, states: 'The development enjoys a prime, elevated position on what is known locally as the most desirable location on the island and a long sweeping driveway provides a suitably impressive approach to the main building which instantly endears with its charming stone exterior.'

'Offering an incredibly unique, rare opportunity, Altachorvie consists of a historic main house with 13



en-suite bedrooms, 25 en-suite sleephts - singles, twins and doubles - a cookhouse serving the sleephts and a two/four-bedroom owner's cottage, all set in beautiful mature garden grounds and boasting breathtaking views over the water to the Holy Isle and beyond.

Extended

'The traditional house has been extended to accommodate a substantial dining room, a large function room and full commercial kitchen.

'The front door opens into a vestibule flowing through to an entrance hall which in turn affords access to a guest kitchen, the commercial kitchens, a lounge and a further hall with

an office and a store.

'The sleephts are situated to the rear of the house and towards the back of the plot, backing on to quiet woodland.

'They consist of 25 en-suite huts with a combination of double/twin and single rooms.

'As well as accommodating extra guests for events taking place in the main house, the sleephts are perfect for tourists, walkers and workers staying on the island short-term.

'The final building within the plot is a two-storey, two/four-bedroom detached cottage, Altachorvie Cottage, which could lend itself to a variety of uses, including owner's accommodation, private let or holiday let through Airbnb or



Left: Altachorvie with the sleephts and owner's cottage behind it. Above: The dining room set for a function.

similar, or it could be sold separately, subject to the correct permissions and subdividing.

'Also attached to the cottage are two self-contained Airbnb rentals - Red Squirrel and Arran Retreat.

'These en-suite rooms present further opportunity for income by continuing with their current use or, subject to permission, could be incorporated into the owner's cottage, therefore making it a

four-bedroom property.

'Another possibility for the plot as a whole, which will appeal to developers, would be to demolish all current accommodation to make way for up to eight serviced building plots.

'These would be prime, highly sought-after building plots on the island given the location and the views and with self-building becoming increasingly more desirable, this may be a lucrative opportunity for a developer who may also wish to have the homes built to be sold on individually.'

A third option would be to build a two-and-a-half storey apartment block with 21 two-bedroom units.

'Luxury apartments like these have the potential to be the most sought after in the west of Scotland,' the schedule states.

Clyde helps host largest military exercise in Europe

Arran is getting a bird's-eye view as the Firth of Clyde hosts elements of a major UK-led multinational exercise as Exercise Joint Warrior gets into full swing.

One of the largest military exercises of its kind in Europe, Joint Warrior 212 which incorporates Dynamic Warrior 21, started last weekend and will run until the end of the month, with a number of the participating vessels departing from ports on the west coast of Scotland.

For this exercise vessels from Belgium, Canada, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Latvia and Norway are expected to take part with around 10 of the ships stopping off at King George V Docks before joining Joint Warrior. Participating ships will also arrive at HMNB Clyde, Hunterston and Greenock.

Joint Warrior 212 is integrated with Exercise Dynamic Mariner 21 and will be the venue for maritime evaluation of UK Carrier Strike Force in its preparation for NATO Ready Force (NRF) 2022. Eleven NATO nations will take part,

bringing 25 warships, three submarines, over 30 aircraft and around 6,750 military personnel, including 500 ground troops, to military ranges across the country and to maritime exercise areas off the west and north coasts of Scotland.

The participating NATO nations will be the UK, Netherlands, Canada, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, France, Norway, Latvia, Germany and USA.

Joint Warrior (which takes place twice a year, in the spring and autumn) and Dynamic Mariner are designed, planned and delivered by the Joint Tactical Exercise Planning Staff (JTEPS) based at Northwood in London, some of who will deploy to HM Naval Base Clyde to coordinate events during the fortnight.

Exercise Joint Warrior is linked directly with the NATO Military Training Exercise Programme and brings together all three UK Armed Forces - the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force - along with the other participating countries.

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COAST nominated for nature champion award

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The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has been nominated for the nature champions of the decade award in RSPB Scotland's tenth anniversary Nature of Scotland Awards.

The awards, co-sponsored by NatureScot, will recognise the individuals and organisations making a difference in their communities to support Scotland's wildlife and special places.

A total of 52 initiatives from across Scotland have been shortlisted across nine categories and COAST has been nominated in a special tenth anniversary accolade for nature champions of the decade, which will be decided by a public vote from a selection of previous winners from the last 10 years.

Over the last 25 years, COAST has accomplished a number of conservation achievements that have been recognised locally and celebrated globally.

Among these achievements are establishing the UK's first community-led No Take Zone and the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA).

These, according to research, have resulted in an increase of approximately 80 per cent of marine life abundance in the seas around Arran.



COAST community members celebrate the establishment of the Arran Marine Protected Area in 2016.

All photographs: COAST.

highlighting its importance to all aspects of our lives be it our health, the economy or wellbeing.

'This is reflected in the exceptionally high standard of entries for our tenth anniversary Nature of Scotland Awards and I would urge everyone to vote for their Nature Champions of the Decade.'

You can vote for COAST by visiting the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards website and follow the links to nature champions of the decade. Voters have until midnight on Sunday October 3 to cast their votes.

This success has led to Arran and Scotland being regarded as international leaders in community-led marine conservation efforts, including co-founder Howard Wood winning the Goldman Environmental Prize in 2015.

COAST continues to promote and advocate for coastal community voices and has opened the UK's first community-based MPA Discovery Centre to help further promote this cause.

Members of the public are encouraged to vote for their favourite cause and the winners of all of the categories will be announced at a virtual ceremony on Wednesday November 17 when the nature

champions of the decade will also be announced.

Jenny Crockett, COAST's outreach and communications manager, said: 'We are truly humbled to be shortlisted.

'COAST and the local community have worked tirelessly over the last 25 years to prove to others that communities can demand and effect change to protect their environment and this hard work is recognised in receipt of this incredible nomination. We are up against some other fantastic projects, including some of which we work with in the marine world. Every vote really does count so please take two minutes to support community marine conservation.'

Anne McCall, director of RSPB Scotland, said: 'The last 18 months have reignited many people's love for nature,



A UK first - the community-led COAST Discovery Centre in Lamlash.

Unclaimed trust funds for children

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is urging young people to check if a trust fund was set up in their name as hundreds of thousands of accounts remain unclaimed.

Known as Child Trust Funds (CTF), they were set up by parents and guardians with Child Trust Fund providers – usually banks, building societies or investment managers – using vouchers provided by the government.

CTFs were set up for all children born between September 1 2002 and January 2 2011 with a live Child Benefit claim and HMRC set one up on the child's behalf if parents did not.

With around 55,000 of these CTFs maturing every month as account holders turn 18, many owners can now withdraw the funds or transfer the savings into an adult ISA.

Some young people may not know they have a CTF as some parents or guardians may have forgotten who they set the account up with.

To access the funds, owners should contact the providers directly and in instances where people have forgotten who the providers are, these details can be obtained from HMRC by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/child-trust-funds>

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Covid cases drop on Arran

The number of positive Covid cases on Arran has once again dropped to below three according to Public Health Scotland.

The figure for Arran - provided with a three-day delay - shows that up to Saturday September 18, there has been between 0-2 cases on Arran which is the lowest possible representation provided by Public Health Scotland which does not provide exact figures on less than three cases.

It may be that there are currently zero cases as the gradual decline of infection numbers continue to follow a pattern of tapering since the high of 11 positive cases recorded in the second week of September.

These latest figures also show that Arran currently has the lowest infection rates in North Ayrshire by neighbourhood. Facing the largest challenge was Kilwinning central and north which has a population of 3,750 and 47 positive cases.

Daily, weekly and neighbourhood figures can be found online by searching for Covid-19 on the Public Health Scotland website.

Bus workers ballot for short-of-strike action

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Buses on Arran could be disrupted this autumn if Stagecoach workers in Brodick vote for industrial action over a pay dispute.

The ballot covers major bus depots across Scotland, also including Angus, Ardrossan Ayr, Cumbernauld, Dumfries, Dundee, Fife, Inverness, Highlands and Islands, Kilmarnock, and Perth.

Stagecoach routes run across the islands, and into all major cities and towns from Orkney to the Borders.

If the ballot for industrial action is successful then major bus routes, remote local communities and events are expected to be 'severely disrupted'.

The workers involved in the dispute are drivers, engineering staff, administrative workers, and cleaners.

Any industrial action, it is anticipated, will also involve disruption to the COP26 climate change conference being held in Glasgow between 31 October - 12 November 2021.

The ballots across the various Stagecoach Group companies opened this week.



If members vote for industrial action, then strikes, and action-short-of-strike, as is the case on Arran, could begin by late October and into late January.

The Stagecoach Group, which operates in practise through various local bus companies, is offering below inflation pay to workers across Scotland.

The Stagecoach Group has blamed the pay offers on the

Covid pandemic, despite the company being 'extremely profitable'.

Dougie Maguire, Unite regional coordinator, said: 'Stagecoach's stance has been nothing short of shocking, and it has infuriated the workforce who have continued to work diligently throughout the Covid pandemic.'

'The Stagecoach Group is extremely profitable.'

It also directly benefits from millions of pounds of public funds every year through various Scottish Government schemes, not to mention benefiting from the UK government's furlough scheme for the last 18 months.'

A spokeswoman for Stagecoach in Scotland said: 'Local people who depend on buses to get to work and access public services, as well as local

Bus services on Arran could be disrupted by industrial action. 01_B39bus01

businesses struggling to recover from the pandemic, will be extremely angry at the threat of completely unnecessary disruption to their bus services.

'The comments by the union at national level do not reflect the continuing positive discussions that we are having with local Unite representatives as we jointly work towards agreeing pay deals.'

'The threat of strike action is even more puzzling as we have already agreed a pay package with Unite covering members in several other parts of Scotland and they remain happy with the deal.'

'In addition, union representatives have recommended their members accept the package that we have offered in the west of Scotland.'

Misleading social media statement

Letters extra

Sir,
Following a meeting on Tuesday night of Arran Community Council, we wish to clarify a statement reported on social media from the secretary of the Arran Ferry Action Group last weekend, following the visit of transport minister Graeme Dey, in which it states: 'We again extend our offers of collaboration with the community council and Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.'

This is a misleading and inaccurate statement.

There has been no formal offer of collaboration to the

community council from Arran Ferry Action Group (AFAG).

The CC was only recently made aware of an action placed on two CC members when the notes of the AFAG meeting in June 2021 were published.

The last point indicated that two members had attended the most recent AFAG meeting at end of June and who then failed to raise the point at the June CC meeting one hour later.

They attended as individuals and in no official capacity on behalf of the CC. One is an AFAG committee member, who has not declared any conflict of interest in any CC meetings.

The CC asked the members for an explanation at the July meeting and we agreed a response be sent to the AFAG secretary, who has to date failed to acknowledge receipt of the mail.

Our response stated that the

CC as a group has and will continue to support the Arran Ferry Committee as the recognised established voice on ferry matters for Arran and this was a unanimous decision - including their member who also declared they felt the minutes of their meeting were distorted.

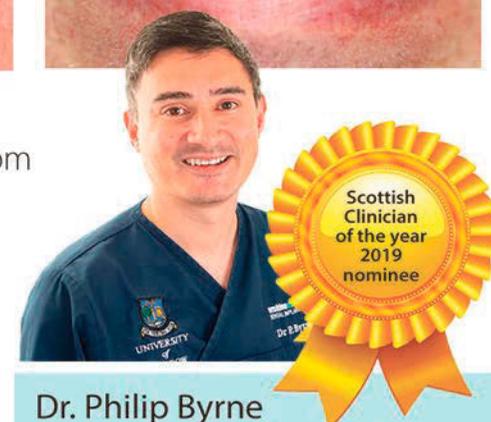
The CC asks that the record be clarified with regards the community council engagement on this matter and perhaps the Arran Ferry Action Group will also accept that it has so far refused to accept several offers from the Arran Ferry Committee chairperson for its group's views to be represented in the officially recognised body covering all aspects of Arran life both residential and commercial interests. Residents and readers should be aware of the distortion of facts in their recent communications.

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Community turns out to congratulate

Co-op manager insists award is on behalf of everyone in a team effort



Scott Harwood and beauty queen Sian Hughes at the tombola stall. 01_B39Liz01

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The Arran community turned out in droves to congratulate Co-op store manager Liz Maclean, who was presented with her British Empire Medal (BEM) last weekend.

Liz was awarded the prestigious medal by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, Sheriff Iona Sara McDonald, in recognition of her work as a frontline food retail worker for services to the Covid response.

Members of Arran's emergency services, including the Scottish Ambulance Service, Arran Mountain Rescue, HM Coastguard and Police Scotland, also attended the ceremony in recognition of the work undertaken by Liz and the Co-op, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable who faced additional difficulties during the pandemic.

Deserving

Liz, who maintains that she is receiving the award on behalf of everyone who has been involved in the team effort, was also joined by recipients of the Co-op community fund which pro-

vides grants to deserving local groups. Among them was the Isle of Arran Music School whose pupils performed throughout the afternoon, creating a fair atmosphere with live clarsach, ukulele and pipe music throughout the afternoon.

The Co-op itself had a raffle stall, a tombola and staff members handed out special treat bags for the children and Co-op goodie bags for the adults.

Rounding off an eventful and enjoyable afternoon, the Isle of Arran Pipe Band enthralled the visitors with a lengthy performance that, as usual, attracted a large, appreciative, crowd.



Maya Maclean and Jan Murchie with a huge chocolate bar that was a prize in the raffle draw. 01_B39Liz02



Clarsach players from Isle of Arran Music School delighted the crowd with an accomplished performance. 01_B39Liz04



Attracting an appreciative audience, the Isle of Arran Music School's pipes and drums pupils. 01_B39Liz05



Isle of Arran Pipe Band perform in the Co-op car park. 01_B39Liz09



Liz Maclean thanked everyone for helping to make the award possible and for everyone who attended the ceremony to congratulate her. 01_B39Liz06

Congratulate Liz receiving her BEM



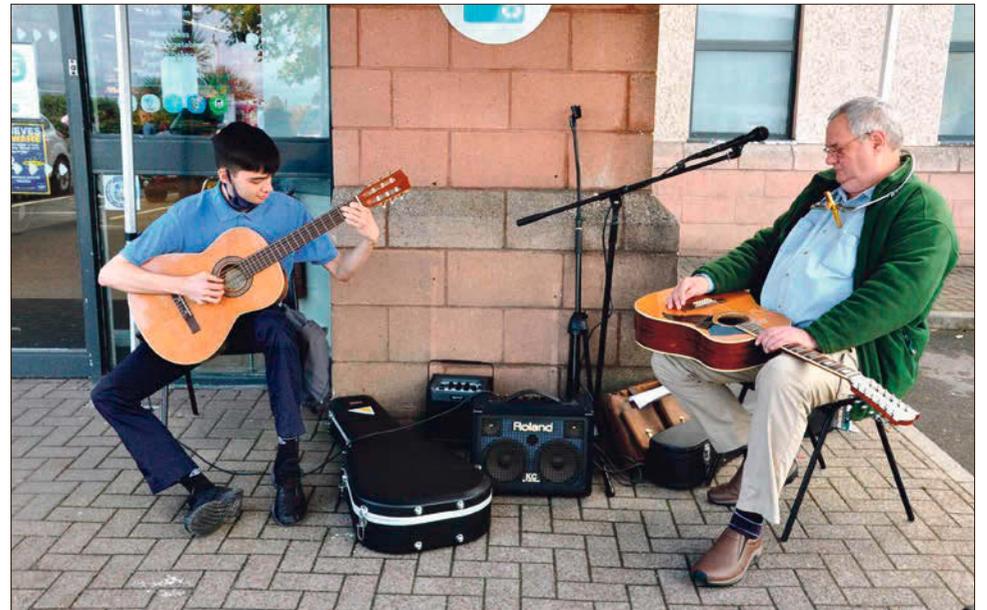
Sheriff Iona Sara McDonald and Liz Maclean with her BEM. 01_B39Liz08



Visitors enjoy a charming performance by the Isle of Arran Music School's ukulele players. 01_B39Liz10



Stewart Dunsmuir presents Sheriff Iona Sara McDonald and Liz Maclean with flowers after the ceremony. 01_B39Liz07



Musicians Matthew Harkins and Scott Harwood perform for the crowd. 01_B39Liz03



Brodick Co-op visitors were treated to a number of musical performances throughout the day. 01_B39Liz11



Sheriff Iona Sara McDonald pins the BEM on Liz Maclean while 'right hand man' Carol Harwood offers her congratulations. 01_B39Liz12

Housing promise delivered

Last week North Ayrshire Council leader Councillor Joe Cullinane, pictured below, was over on the island with Chief Executive Craig Hatton and Councillor Alex Gallagher meeting with a range of groups as well as attending the meeting with Transport Minister Graeme Dey and hosting a virtual meeting with Cabinet Secretary for the Islands Mairi Gougeon. Here is Councillor Cullinane's personal view of the visit.

After almost 18 months of meeting groups on the island regularly on Microsoft Teams and Zoom, it was great to finally get back to Arran last week.

The Arran Outdoor Centre has been at the heart of the island's response to Covid-19.

It was great to catch up with the team, face-to-face, to discuss their experience of supporting the islands communities throughout the pandemic and to look to the future where they hope to be able to welcome schools back for their residential week soon.

We had an excellent meeting with Arran Eco Savvy, a group that is a great asset to the island.

As a council we have set ambitious climate targets to be a net-zero region by 2030 and

Arran Eco Savvy share that ambition.

It was exciting to be discussing ambitions ranging from community-owned renewable energy, low-carbon transport solutions, to making the island's housing stock more energy efficient.

The council are here to facilitate and enable groups like Eco Savvy to drive change from the ground up and we have taken away a long list of actions to explore opportunities to work with Eco Savvy going forward.

Straight after meeting Arran Eco Savvy, Alex Gallagher (my islands cabinet member) and I travelled over to visit Arran Youth Foundation.



They are the first group on the island to benefit from my administration's community investment fund, a fund that we created to support community-led initiatives.

Their mental health project, run in association with the high school, is up and running and it was great to hear it's already making a positive impact.

Whilst at the youth foundation, we answered young people's questions. The session was with the eco committee and the questions mainly centred around climate change but the many challenges that young people on the island face were raised.

The irony of one young woman asking about the island's poor evening bus services only to be followed by a mass exodus from the group as they went to catch the last bus that could take them home, at around 5pm, was not lost on me.

There was widespread support amongst the group for our ambitions to bring our bus services under council ownership, to be run in the interests of local communities not profit.

Whilst on the island, I was keen to visit Woodside Farm in Kildonan. Woodside Farm is a social enterprise that uses organic farming methods to produce seasonal food.



The council party visit the new council houses in Brathwic Terrace.

During the first lockdown, Woodside Farm helped to support the island's community to access fresh food and now it is supplying local produce for the council's school meals on the island.

This is exactly what community wealth building is all about – using the council's procurement spend to support local businesses, and where possible to support social enterprises and other forms of progressive business ownership models.

We couldn't go to Arran and not visit Brathwic Terrace – the first council houses to be built on the island for decades.

As island residents, you are acutely aware how challenging housing on the island is – your average house price is over £100,000 more than the Scottish average; your private rented sector is expensive and volatile as landlords can make more money from holiday lets during peak periods and over 600 of the islands homes are second homes.

All this, combined with an economy reliant on the tourism and hospitality sectors, which have traditionally been seasonal and are predominantly low paid, has made housing unaffordable for too many young people and workers on the island.

The council's development at Brathwic Terrace, which is nearly complete, will provide 34 new council houses on the island and my administration's local letting initiative means that the majority of the houses have been allocated to island residents, helping us tackle the problems outlined above.

The rents are the same as

those the council charges on the mainland, resulting in the lowest rents you will find anywhere on the island, whilst the energy efficiency measures that the council includes in our new build houses, such as solar panels, means that the homes will be some of the most energy efficient and low carbon on the island.

We hadn't arranged it in advance, but whilst on the island we had the opportunity to speak to someone who has been allocated one of the houses.

Listening to what the new house meant to him, and his wife, was an excellent moment for us all as it demonstrated the difference building council

houses on the island will make.

In advance of the last council elections, I had promised that any administration led by me would build council houses on Arran. And we have delivered on that promise.

Last week, in many of the conversations we had over the two days, I was clear – under my leadership, North Ayrshire Council will build more council houses on Arran.

We will tackle this systemic problem for the island's communities and economy.



Councillor Cullinane thanks the team at the Arran Outdoor Centre for their coordination during the pandemic.



The council leader meets youngsters from Arran Youth Foundations.



The council party meet the Eco Savvy team at the Ormidale Pavilion.

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If you are unable to hold your own coffee morning then do attend one of the several taking place around the island. Pirnmill have already had theirs and today, Friday, why not head along to the CalMac ferry terminal in Brodick from 10am till the cakes run out or The Shore, Whiting Bay, 10am till 12noon. On Monday September 27 Kilmory Hall will be holding theirs between 11.30am and 1.30pm.

In this feature, in which 20 per cent of the money raised will be going to support Macmillan, we would like to thank all the businesses that have supported it. We also have to say a huge thank-you to the teachers and staff of the local primary schools and especially to the pupils from Brodick, Kilmory, Corrie and Whiting Bay, as well as some other pupils from around the island, for their amazing creations and we think you will agree there are some very talented young artists on the island!



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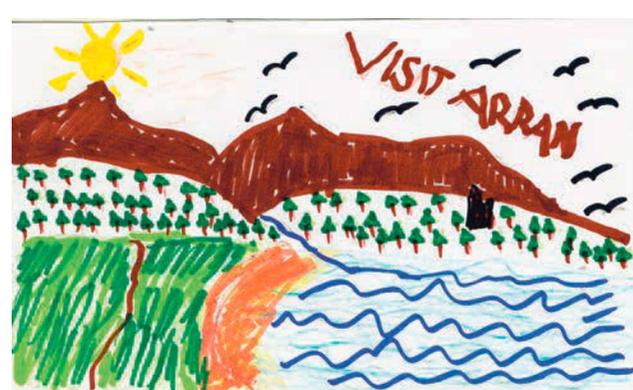
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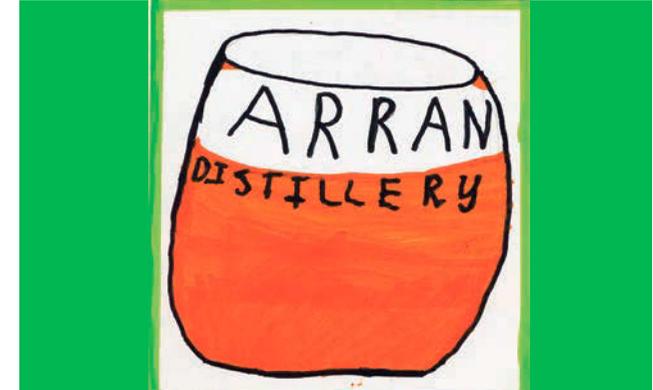


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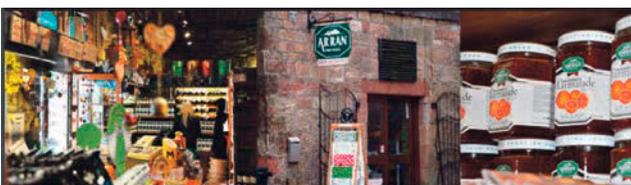
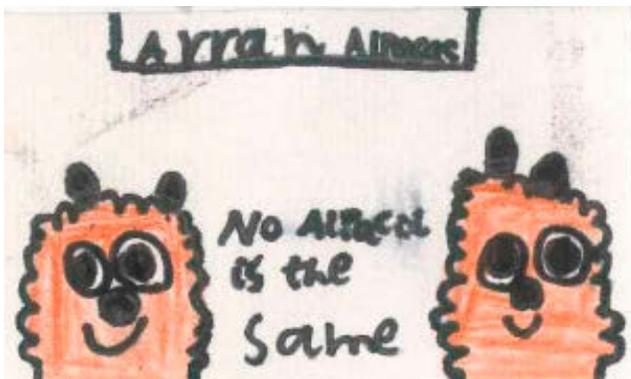
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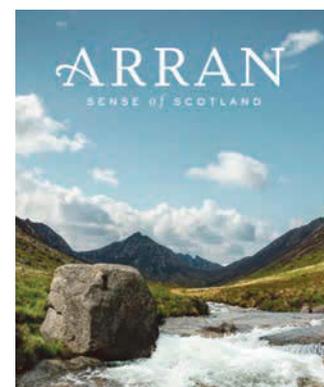
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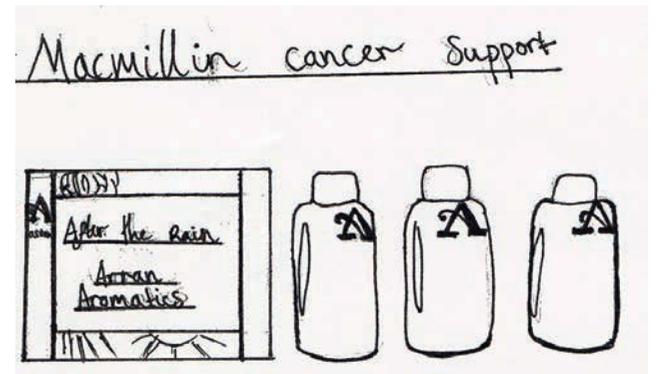
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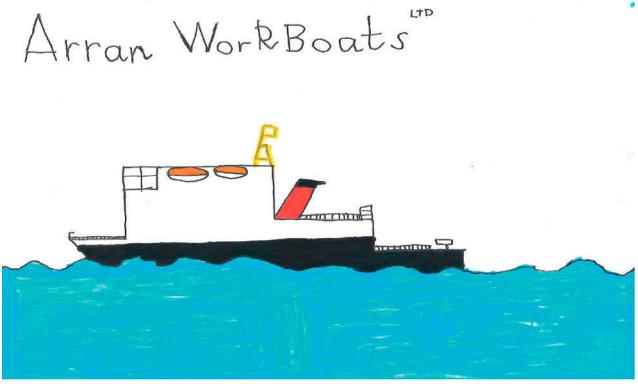
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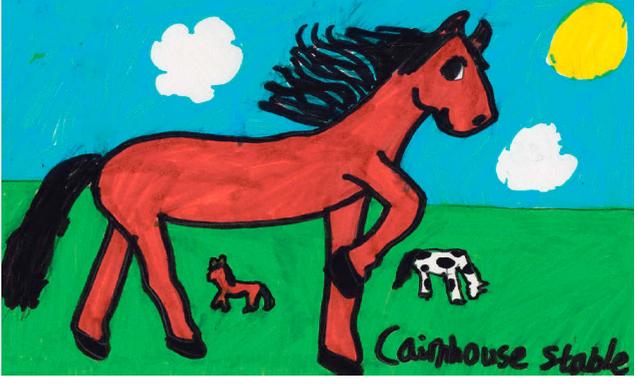
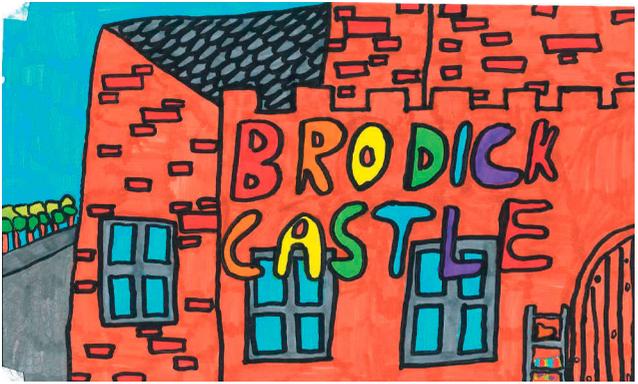


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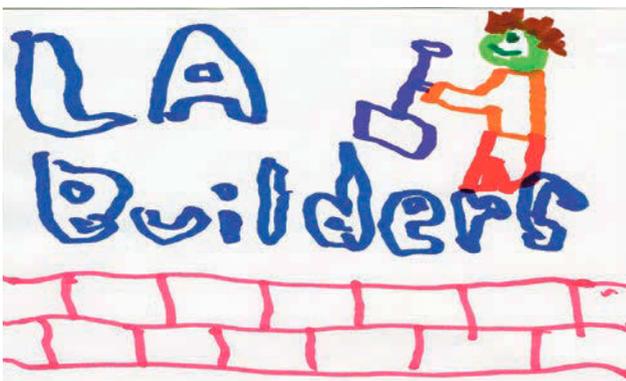
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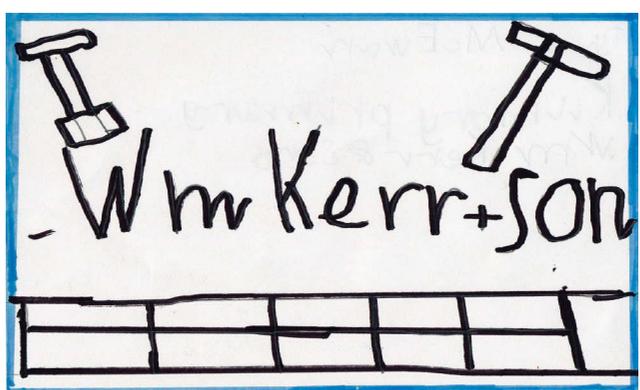
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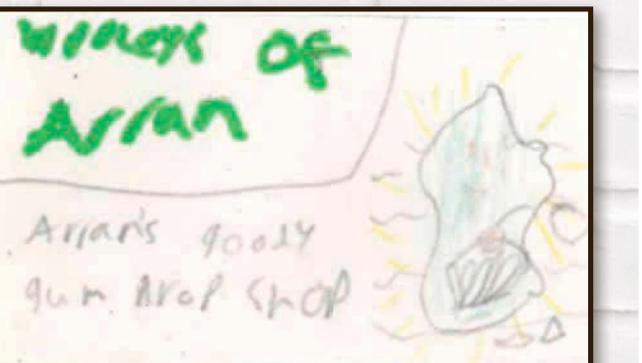
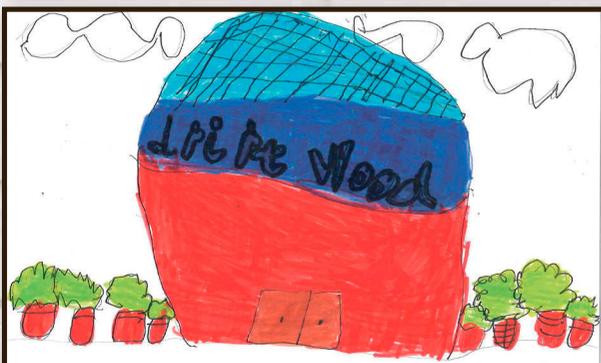
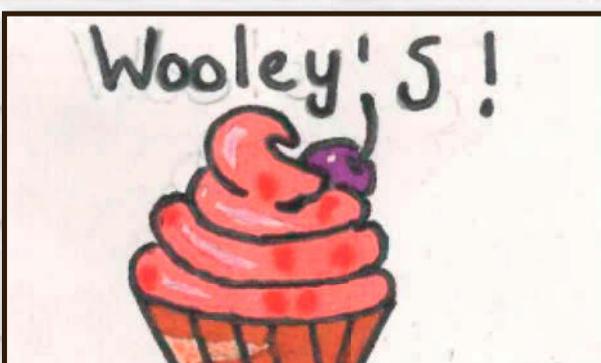
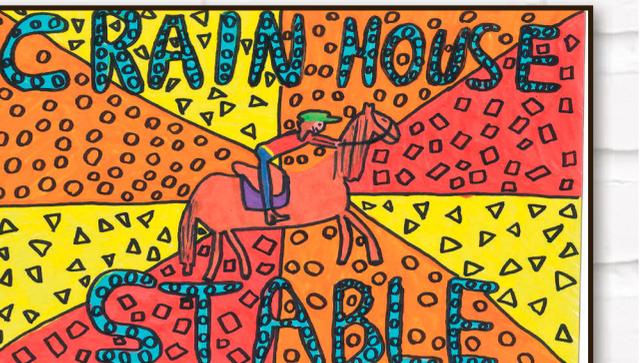


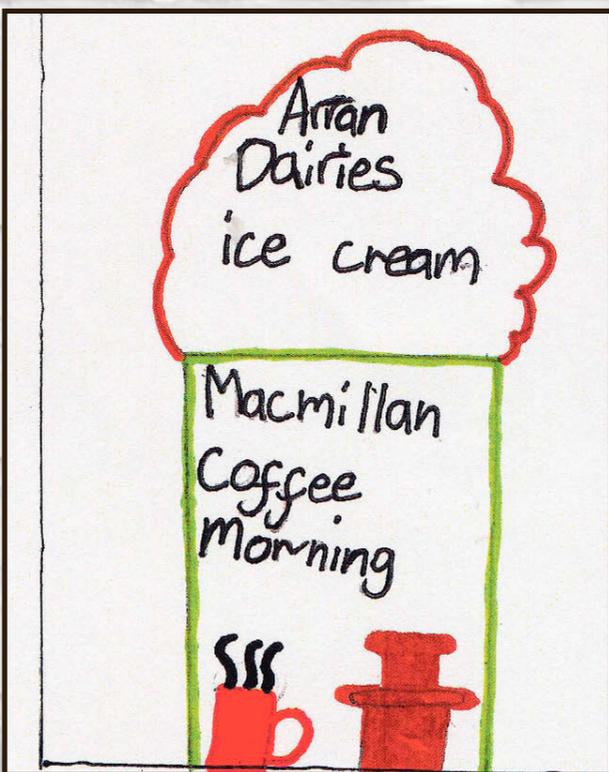
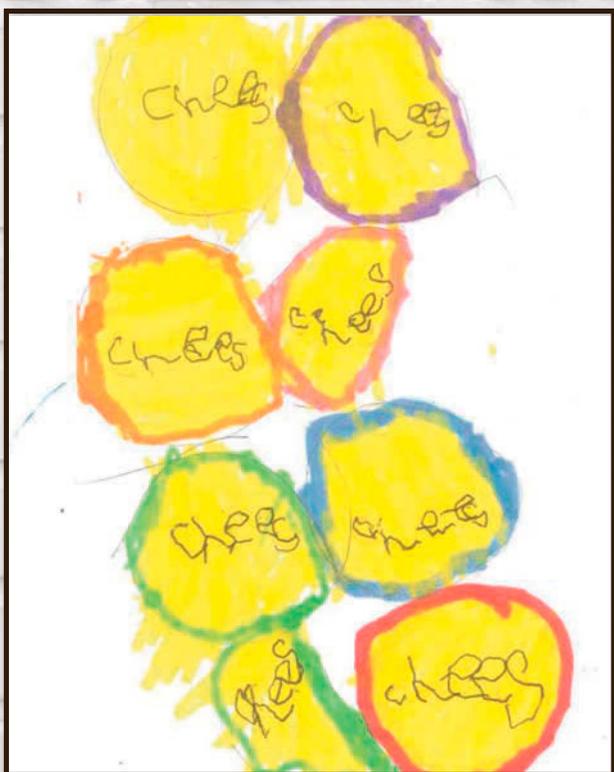
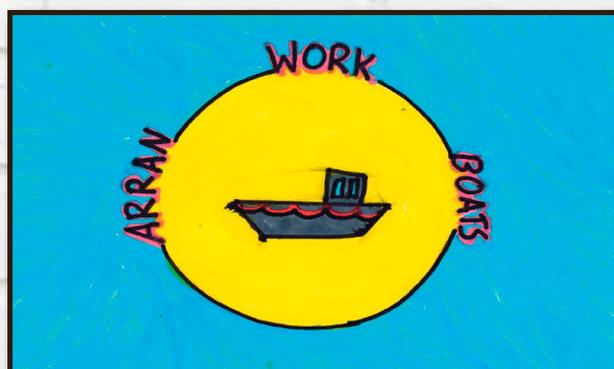
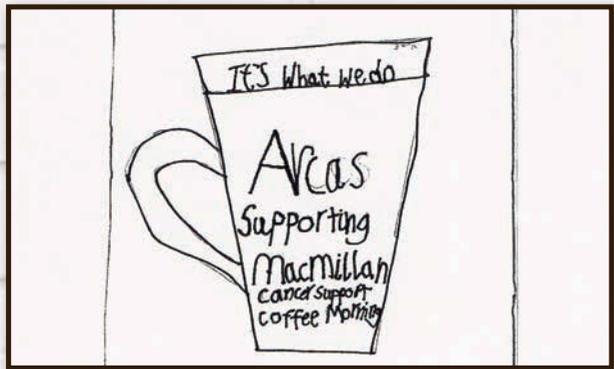
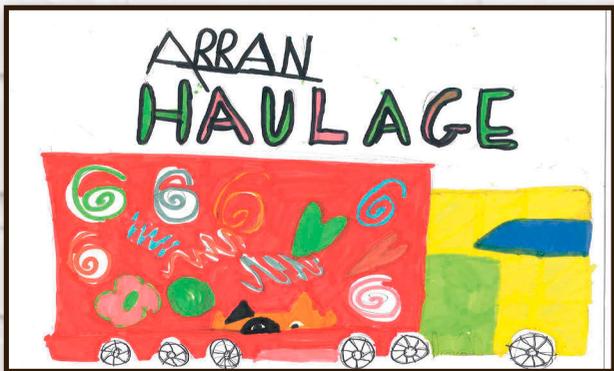
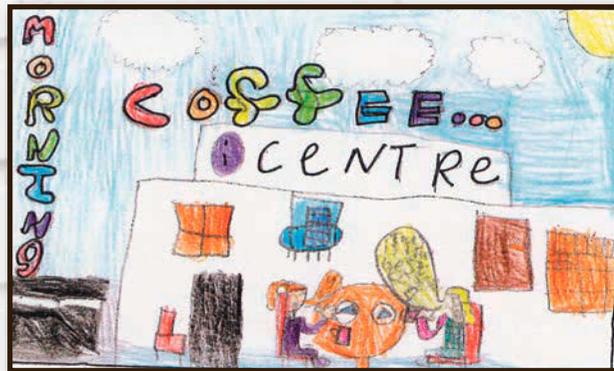
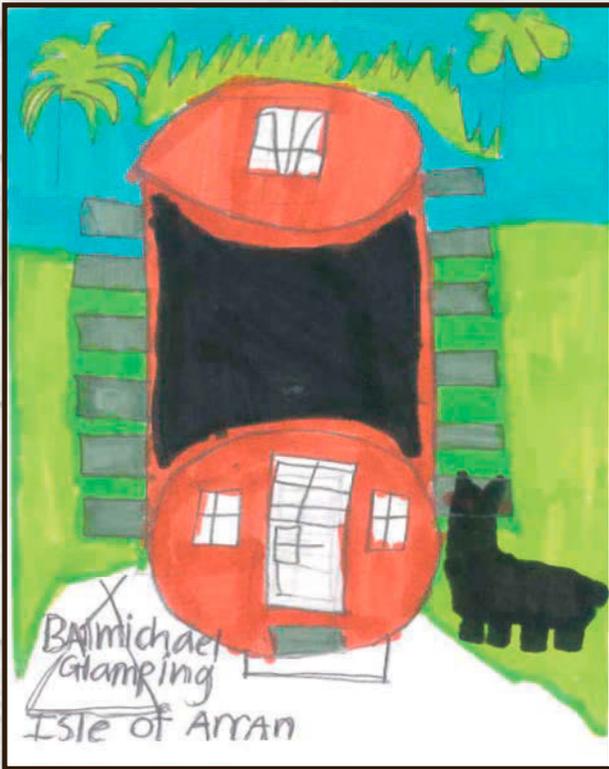
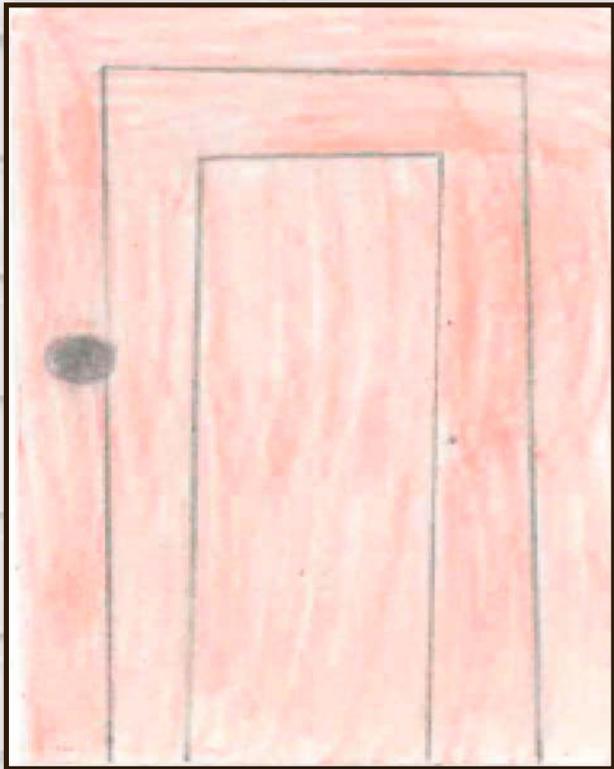
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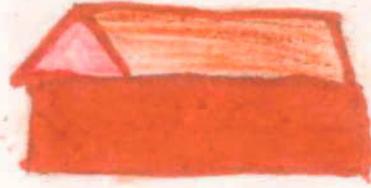
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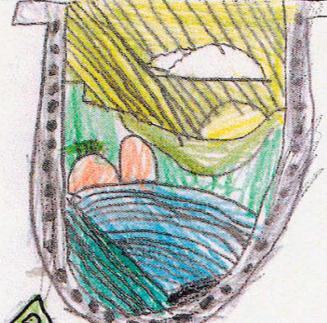


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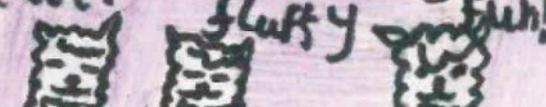





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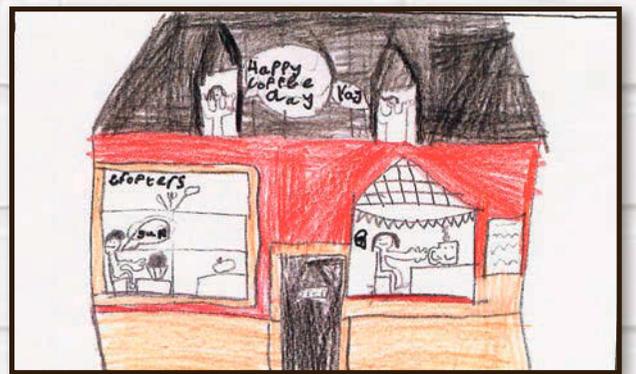
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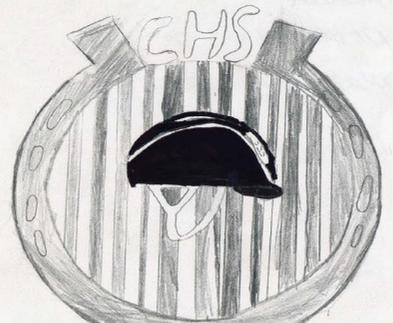
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Saturday September 22, 2001



Pupils and teachers at Pirnmill School with their North Ayrshire annual school tidy competition certificate which they won for having the tidiest school in North Ayrshire. 01_B39ABTYA01



Above: Scottish Passport presenter Cathy MacDonald is filmed at Lochranza golf course for an upcoming feature on Arran. 01_B39ABTYA04



Giving a masterclass to Megan Lee and Fraser Shand are Clio Gould and Sophia Rahman who visited Arran High School as part of the BT Scottish Ensemble. 01_B39ABTYA02



Left: Lamlash tennis champions in the closely contested finals were: Bobby Sloss; Campbell Seaton; Isabelle McClure; Ian Scott and Eleanor Muirhead.

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Below: Arran Brass held its autumn concert in Whiting Bay hall. As ever the programme featured a selection of pieces old and new, including that week's number one song in the charts, Mambo Number 5 sung by Bob the Builder. 01_B39ABTYA06



Paul Tinto of Lamlash and Ashley Roberts of Whiting Bay were confirmed into the Roman Catholic faith recently. A celebratory mass at Holy Cross Church in Brodick was attended by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, Ian Murray. Also pictured is Father Noel Colford of the Holy Cross Church. 01_B39ABTYA03

What's on

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Every Day

Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick, Open daily, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Arran Brewery, Shop Open – Monday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm, Sunday, 12noon - 4pm

Brodick Castle & Gardens Brodick, Open daily, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Brodick Mini Golf, Open seven days, 10am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather
COAST Discovery Centre, Lamlash, Open 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm

Lamlash Putting Green, Open daily, 10am -4pm

Lamlash Tennis Courts, Open All hours

Trout Fly Fishing, Loch Garbad, bank fishing

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Open to book call 01770 700636

Saturday 25th September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Open Session, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, 3pm- 5pm

Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

Disco with Damo, Ormidale Hotel, 10pm -12.30am

Sunday 26th September

What's Happening On Arran, <http://www.arranmedia.co.uk>, 4pm

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash, 2pm – 4pm

Monday 27th September

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Kilmory Hall, Kilmory, 11.30am – 1.30pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 2pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

JogScotlandArran@gmail.com, Whiting Bay, Venue varies, 5.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

Tuesday 28th September

Healthy Outdoor Team, Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Rink Games (Social distancing observed),

Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Arran Fiddle Club, High School Classes

Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 yrs), Ormidale Pavillion, Brodick, 6pm – 7pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Bible Meetings, Shiskine Village Hall, 7.30pm

Pop Music Quiz, suits all ages, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Wednesday 29th September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Archives and Genealogy services, Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Arran Pace Makers please check Facebook @arranpacemakers, Venue varies, 5.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm

Rock and Pop Bingo, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 30th September

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Arran Cancer Support Group, Banner Lodge (left of Heather Lodge), Brodick, 2pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Senior Hockey (12+), Ormidale Astro Pitch, 7pm – 8.30pm

Quiz – General Knowledge, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 1st October

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Whiting Bay Hall, Whiting Bay, 7.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Live Music Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

Saturday 2nd October

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Open Session, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, 3pm- 5pm

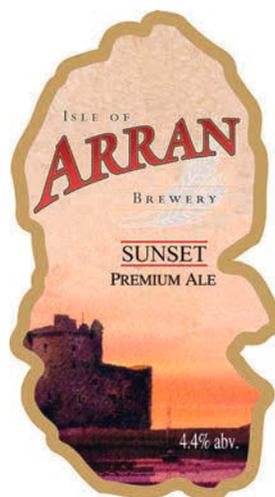
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ARRAN BANNER GOLF



Lamlash Golf Club's ladies away day winners, winner Fiona Carswell, centre, with third place June Richardson and second place Alison Heron.

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Sunday September 19, Scratch Cup: 1 Stuart Campbell 64-5=59; 2 Martin Wallbank 73-13=60; 3 Iain Murchie 71-7=64. Best scratch Stuart Campbell - 64. Magic twos - Stuart Campbell @4th and 5th, Martin Wallbank @5th, Iain Murchie @13th and 16th, Paul Jameson @4th and 17th. Hole 14 drawn - rollover. Overall winner of Scratch Cup, Stuart Campbell - 134. Runner up Iain Murchie -141.

Fixtures: Saturday September 25, Texas Scramble, ballot at noon. Sunday September 26, Summer Stableford, noon draw. Thursday September 30, Summer Cup and Eclectic Cup, final round.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 21, Captain's Prize played over nine holes: 1 Fiona Scott and Alex Morrison-Cowan 38pts, 2 Kath Lord and Campbell Laing 37pts. Best ladies, Elizabeth Kelso 12pts. Best gents Alex Morrison-Cowan 26pts. Ladies nearest the pin at the fifth and nearest the pin in 3 at the 7th, Piet Johnson. Nearest the pin in two at the ninth for gents,

Colin Rutterford. Thanks to Clare and all the ladies who contributed to the excellent tea afterwards. Also many thanks to all those who turned up and played and made this an excellent day.

Fixtures: Tuesday September 28, medal, tee off at 12.30pm. Saturday October 2, start of the Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off noon. Please note that as of the October 1, the tee off time of competitions will be noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday September 15, flag competition. A three-way tie between Gordon Hendry, Chris Pattenden and Ian Shand who all holed out at the 13th with their final stroke. Sunday September 19, John Gemmill Shield (three club stableford), 20 played. 1 Douglas Robertson 43pts; 2 John Beattie 37pts acb; 3 Gordon Hendry 37pts. Fixture: Sunday September 26, Winter Cup, round one.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixture: Saturday September 25, Corrie Golf Club Open. Please arrange your own pairings and turn up and play.

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The winners with their trophies following the Captain's Prize competition at Machrie.

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John Kerr 860 498

There will be a streamed service
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Sunday 26th September
Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-
Harvest Sunday at Lochranza
Church 10:15am

Harvest Sunday at Shiskine
Church 12noon.

Morning worship at Brodict
Church 10.30am

Morning worship at Corrie
Church at 12noon.

The Food Bank continues from
Brodict Church

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 26th September
Worship will be conducted
at 10.30am

As we are now able to socially
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All welcome.

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Sunday 26th September
Harvest Thanksgiving
Kilmory at 10 am

Lamlash Church at 11.30 am
In Lamlash: Retiring Offering for
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To comply with 'Trace and
Protect' regulations, name and
contact details will be asked for,
on entering. We will be observing
all socially distancing procedures.

All welcome

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Sunday 26th September

17th Sunday of Trinity
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ALL WELCOME

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www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk
Sunday 26th September

Services will be held in the
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Sunday Morning at 11am

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ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 26th September
Annual service will take place at
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All are most welcome.
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mandatory but at your discretion.

BIBLE MEETINGS

Tuesday 28th September
Shiskine Village Hall at 7.30pm

Conducted by W Craigs
and R Hughes
Contact 07756836670.
All are welcome to attend.

DEATHS

FORGIE - John (Pluscarden).
Peacefully, at his home on
Sunday, 19th September 2021,
John Forgie of Pluscarden, formerly
of Edinburgh and Arran, aged 92
years, a much loved husband of
the late Wilma, a beloved father
of Murray and Garry, a caring
father in law, a devoted grandad
of Gemma and John. Sadly missed
by all.

MCDERMID - Ian Kerr,
Suddenly but peacefully
surrounded by his family at
Crosshouse Hospital on Sunday
19th September 2021, Ian Kerr,
dearly beloved husband of
Alison, devoted dad to Andrew
and Grant and a good friend to
all who knew him. Funeral
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ARRAN BANNER GOLF

Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday September 11, mixed
greensomes and 125th birthday
celebration.

Shiskine Golf and Tennis
Club celebrated its 125th birthday
with a fun golf competition
followed by a wonderful barbecue
and buffet at the Tee Room
in the clubhouse.

It was also a celebration of the
first big social occasion allowed
since March 2020 and the official
trophies and prizes for the last
two years were presented.

A total of 54 members took
part in the mixed greensomes
and the winners were Lynda
Howie and Gary Campbell with
a wonderful score of 35.5.

There were also fun prizes at
every hole. Prosecco and cake
was enjoyed by more than 70
members and retiring Captain
Fiona Henderson handed over
to new Captain Andy Gray.

Thursday September 16,
Stableford and delayed annual
dinner.

A total of 15 ladies played
in the afternoon. The winner
was Alice Anderson with 27
points and Ann May and Ruth
Hardy sharing second place
with 23 points.

Alice Anderson won nearest
the pin at the 10th and Sheila
Gray won nearest the pin at
the fourth with a cracking shot
only about a foot from the pin.

The meal followed in the
evening, with Pimm's beforehand,
being served by Lady
Convenor Jerry Arthur.

A beautiful menu was
enjoyed and more ladies joined
the party who could not golf
during the day. The prizes were
awarded for the golf.

However the coveted Blue
Bag, which had not seen the
light of day for more than 24
months was handed over to
Julia Salton, who has recently



Winners of the Shiskine mixed Greensomes was Lynda Howie and Gary Campbell.

moved back to Arran and is
enjoying regular golf at her
old club again.

Sunday September 19, gents'
18-hole medal: 1 W McNally
81-15=66, 2 and scratch C Dair
79-11=68 BIH, 3 C Rutterford
89-21=68.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday September 15,
Summer Trophy, 15 played:
1 Stan Rainey 9, 62; 2 David
Morrison 9, 63; 3 Jamie
Macpherson 4, 64; and lowest
gross; 4 Duncan Heenan 12,
65. magic twos, Stan Rainey
@4th. Congratulations to
Jamie Macpherson, overall
winner of the 2021 Summer
Trophy.

Sunday September 19, The
Taylor Trophy Greensome.

Another competition unable
to be played last year, the Taylor
dates from 1890 although



New honorary member Jock Kelso cuts the 125th birthday cake at Shiskine Golf Club.

played for at Whiting Bay only
since 1976 when it was donated
to the club by the family of its
first winner, Dugald McKelvie.

Fitting then that on its re-introduction,
one of the oldest trophies was
won by the oldest pairing in the
field with John Pennycott and
David Brookens pipping Stuart
McGregor and

Gus MacLeod on a last nine
countback.

1 John Pennycott and David
Brookens 13, 60 acb; 2 Stuart
McGregor and Gus MacLeod
14, 60; 3 David Hadden and
David Morrison 13, 61. A total
of 12 played and no twos were
returned.

Fixtures: Sunday September
26, medal.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 16,
Loudoun away day.

A total of 14 ladies enjoyed
a fantastic day away at Loudoun
Golf Club. The weather was
warm and sunny, the course
was in great condition and the
hospitality and food excellent.

The winner was one of the
newest members, Fiona
Carswell, with 39 points.
Second was captain Alison
Heron with 35 points and third
was June Richardson with 34
points.

The team event was won
by Val Crawford, Yvonne
Brothers and Alison Heron
with a total of 46 points. Well
organised Alison said: 'We are
already looking forward to
next year's outing.'

Wednesday September 15,
Stroke 6: 1 Alison Heron
92-25=67; 2 Jenny Pattenden
105-34=71. Scratch Sheena
Murchie 87.

Thursday September 16,
Captain's Prize and Summer
Cup: 1 Paul Cowan 64-4=60;
2 Graeme Andrew 73-11=62;
3 Paul Jameson 74-10=64
BIH, 4 Jack McNally 69-5=64.
Best scratch Paul Cowan - 64.
Magic twos Paul Cowan and
Ian Bremner both @16th.

Hole 12 drawn - rollover.
Winner of Captain's Prize -
Paul Cowan - net 60.

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Shiskine's Mary Jo Tod and Elizabeth Kelso with their Bronze Championship Trophy.



Fiona Henderson presents Alice Anderson with the Shiskine Club Trophy.



Seven up for Arran in cup rout

Arran AFC	7
Drumchapel Ams	1
West of Scotland Cup	

Arran enjoyed a goal rout, putting seven past Drumchapel in the first round of the West of Scotland Cup.

It was Arran's first match at Ormidale Park since before the pandemic and they made the home advantage pay in style.

Archie McNicol was in blistering form scoring four times and further goals from Johnny Sloss, Kieran Rae and Joel Small saw off the opposition. Man of the match was Ryan Armstrong after a good shift in the middle of the park.

A club spokesman said: 'A fantastic result against a good team today and on to the next round of the cup.'



The Drumchapel keeper at full stretch to make a save. 01_B39footy06



Kieran Rae scores an early goal for Arran. 01_B39footy01



Four-goal Archie McNicol on the attack. 01_B39footy05



Ryan Armstrong was the man of the match. 01_B39footy02



Ryan Armstrong jumps highest to head the ball in the middle of the park. 01_B39footy03

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