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Teacher Barbara Crawford says farewell to the children at Shiskine primary at her retiral last week.

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Plans to bring back hutting on Arran

by Hugh Boag  
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A bid to reintroduce hutting on the island is being made by Arran Estates.

Hutting is a term used to describe a traditional style of living which emerged in Scotland between the First and Second World Wars. Since then it has fallen out of fashion. However, there has been a revival of interest in the post pandemic world with an upsurge in new hutting communities.

Now, Arran Estates believes tourism on the island can benefit from this and has lodged an Arran Hutting Project proposal with North Ayrshire Council's planning department.

It would see 20 huts located in Merkland Woods near Corrie which would be for sale on a 25-year lease.

Three hut models would be available. A basic hut would cost £9,704, a bigger hut £15,825 and a deluxe hut £24,515.

Owners would own the hut but not the land.

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The burned out people carrier.

## Car blaze in Corrie

A fierce blaze which destroyed a people carrier in Corrie is not thought to be suspicious.

Around 3.50pm on Friday October 1, the fire service and police were called to the Corrie Terrace area of Corrie, following a report of a car fire which took some time to

bring under control. The car remained at the scene earlier this week.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'Officers assisted the Scottish First and Rescue Service at the scene and there is not believed to be any suspicious circumstances.'



A gaping hole where the rear door had been.



The entrance to the hut site would be via the Maol Donn path near Corrie.  
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Historically, huts tended not to have running water or electricity and were simple and eco-conscious in design. Usually they were made from timber and featured a compost toilet and wood burning stove.

These rustic dwellings, sometimes referred to as bothies, cabins or shielings, were often used as temporary shelters for fishermen or those tending to livestock.

Today they are seen more as a rural getaway – somewhere to escape the stresses of busy city life.

The structures will have a floor area not exceeding 30 square metres and will be within a site that is managed under a head lease and where the terms of the sub-leases include a prohibition against permanent residence.

The most famous hut community in Scotland are the Carbeth Hatters who, after a 15-year fight, won the right to buy the land on which their huts were sited.

A supporting statement with the Arran Estates planning application states: 'A century

ago, a new wave of hutting provided industrial workers with a chance to have weekends and holidays outside the city, where they could connect with family and live simply in the natural environment and following the First World War, a refuge for soldiers returning from the stress of battle to rejuvenate their spirits in peace and quiet and land was made available in various parts of Scotland for this purpose.'

'In the current hurley burley of business and city life, especially with the recent confines of the Covid pandemic, there is a revived interest in hutting. Often, people's happiest memories of childhood are times spent in simple rustic surroundings close to nature.'

'Huts can strengthen family bonds, build community re-

silience and create memories which last a lifetime in an affordable, accessible way with secure tenure, providing a much-needed space and helping to mitigate against pollution and wildfires from those whose only current option are to wild camp - becoming more prevalent due to shortage of affordable options on the island - in a supported and monitored way within reach of urban centres.'

The hutter is given the right to place a hut on an area of ground not much bigger than the hut's footprint for a period of years and shall remain in keeping with the low impact, ecologically sustainable and affordable tradition of Scotland's hutting communities.'

The main access to the huts would be along the track

formed by Forest Enterprise that joins the A841 near the Mann Burn, towards Corrie, constructed over land belonging to the applicant, for timber extraction but is now redundant because timber is taken south towards Brodick from the nearby plantation.

The location proposed for the individual huts is an area between the top, the raised beach to the south of the village of Corrie and the higher FLS plantation. A number of individual sites - 20 in all - have been identified on small, level areas of ground, having a reasonable distance between them for the sake of privacy, yet all easily accessible from the access.

The statement adds: 'The introduction of a hutting site at this location not only brings this barren area into play as a generator of income in its own right, thereby producing a business opportunity to a young local person, who will pass a share of the takings to the landowner by way of a modest rent, but also bring trade to the local hotel, restaurant and hopefully a local provisions store in due course.'

Arran Estates was asked for a comment but failed to respond by the time the Banner went to press.

## Arran Estates launches bid to process venison on the island

A new island business is bidding to start producing venison for sale direct to mainland markets, writes Hugh Boag.

A new processing plant and deer larder is being proposed at the Arran Estates offices at Douglas Park in Brodick.

The idea is to process the venison on the island, close to its source, add value to a locally sourced, healthy food product for export to the mainland and to create new skilled jobs on Arran. As a result a new company, Arran Venison Ltd, has been incorporated for this purpose and to raise the island's profile still further.

It would see the siting of four pre-fabricated modular units to the rear of an existing workshop to enable the processing of locally sourced meat and the plan is under consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

Sannox Estate converted part of a former food factory adjacent to the Estate Office to form a deer larder and chill-room for its own use in the 1970s, when the estate's deer annual cull

was between 150 and 200 deer per year. This now serves as a communal chill and collection point for Dougarie Estate, Forestry and Land Scotland and vocational hunters. It now has an annual throughput of about 400 deer.

There are natural peaks and troughs in the deer cull, notwithstanding the annual closed seasons, but it was found that the chill-room was often working to or occasionally above its capacity and this problem has been exacerbated in recent years due to poor ferry reliability, missed collections when the dealers transport could not obtain a place, poor weather, harbour ramps breaking down, when the cull programme had to be suspended and eventually the target cull not being reached by the end of the season – and greater numbers of deer being shot.

It was determined the construction of a larger or alternative chill-room would not necessarily solve the problem, in itself and the producers

would still be at the mercy of the ferry, the dealer's transport and dealers' wholesale prices.

This application has been designed in consultation with Food Standards Scotland.

The new facility is close to the existing one, which will become exclusively used by Forestry and Land Scotland, which are tied into a long-term contract with Highland Game and cannot therefore supply Arran Venison Ltd.

A supporting statement with the planning application states: 'We anticipate 350 carcasses from Sannox and Arran Estates, 100 from Dougarie Estate and at least 50 from various vocational hunters. In the event FLS decide they can add to this, there could be a further 200. Deer numbers on the island are increasing year on year and they are becoming a problem but the added benefits should remain on the island.'

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# Woman airlifted off hill after couple lost

by Hugh Boag  
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Two people were rescued following a five-hour search after they got lost on Goatfell in worsening weather conditions.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team was called out around 4pm on Monday afternoon to search for a couple who had become separated from their group, then each other, near the summit of Goatfell.

One of them managed to make contact with the rest of their party stating that they were now lost on very steep ground. Unfortunately no further contact could be made with either of them.

Due to the serious nature of the terrain and vast search area, Rescue 199 was requested as the team was deploying to the Rosa slabs area in the Argocats. Rescue 199 quickly



located the first casualty in a precarious position near the watershoot area to the west

side of the summit, having suffered a nasty leg injury.

She was treated by the

winchman and flown to the mountain rescue base where an ambulance crew took over her care.

The search for the other member of the party continued, with around 20 team members on foot as well as Rescue 199 covering large areas before he was found in the forest by team members around 9pm. He was very cold and wet but otherwise well.

The team later posted on social media: 'A great effort from everyone in some fairly miserable conditions.'

A big thanks to Rescue 199 and Police Scotland for their help and to Galloway, Arrochar and SARDA Southern who were all making plans to get the first ferry to assist in the morning if the search had been ongoing.'

## Exhibitions at Saltwater Gallery

A new art gallery on Arran is gearing up for its second show.

The Saltwater Gallery is the working studio of seascape artist Senja Brendon, which includes a gallery of sea and Arran inspired original art, limited edition print and gifts.

A new collection of paintings, glass, ceramics, jewellery and handcrafted gifts will be on display at an autumn show from October 15 to October 30.

Lying immediately behind the popular Wineport bar/restaurant and at the start of the main Goatfell path and castle garden walks, the studio/gallery is housed in what was once the laundry building for Brodick Castle and has now been fully renovated to provide a new contemporary art gallery space within walking distance of Brodick. With many artists taking inspiration from the sea and coastal life, there is more than a nod to the maritime on show.

The autumn show will be followed by a winter show at the gallery from November 12 to December 24.



The Rescue 199 helicopter lands on Cladach Beach with the injured woman.

Photographs: Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

## Essential visiting restrictions extended at acute hospitals

Restrictions which allow only essential visiting at University Hospitals Ayr and Crosshouse will continue until at least Monday October 18, NHS Ayrshire and Arran has confirmed, writes Colin Smeeton.

All other hospitals will continue to support two designated visitors, however, health bosses have decided to maintain the restrictions at the two acute hospitals for patient and staff safety.

Interim nurse director Jennifer Wilson said: 'As community prevalence of Covid remains high, we have had to make the very difficult decision to extend the essential visiting restrictions currently in place.'

'We really do appreciate how difficult it is not being able to visit a loved one in hospital. However, we need to take all necessary measures to reduce the risk of Covid across our hospitals and keep our patients and staff safe. We will be carefully monitoring the situation so that we can welcome visitors back as soon as it is safe to do so. We don't underestimate the impact of social isolation on our patients. And so our ward staff will continue to support patients and their loved ones to keep in touch during this time with the use of technology.'

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.'

Virtual visits, by means of a video call, can be arranged by contacting the ward directly and family members can also drop off clothes and personal items for patients at designated areas within both hospitals.

Visits which are classed as essential include end of life care; accompanying patients receiving bad news; emotionally distressed patients; persons with a mental health diagnosis and children under the age of 18 years will be permitted to visit a parent as appropriate.

Meanwhile, Arran has no new recorded cases of Covid-19 and numbers remain under the number needed before they are recorded.

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# Concern equipment will need replaced on MV Glen Sannox

... and new ferry is not even in service yet

by Colin Smeeton  
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There is growing concern that much of the equipment installed on the MV Glen Sannox may have to be replaced before she comes into service on the Arran route next year.

Much of the equipment on the vessel was installed in 2016 and it may have deteriorated since then as the vessel awaits completion at the Port Glasgow yard, four years on.

A new report by Ferguson Marine's board of directors, where the ship is being built, states: 'Although surveys, remediation and replacement have taken place under government ownership there remains an unquantifiable risk that equipment problems may emerge during commissioning.'

They also say that the successful implementation of the IT improvements is critical to the success of the ferries project and that if this is unsuccessful it could delay the planned delivery of the MV Glen Sannox next year.

The concerns were contained in the quarterly update of turnaround director Tim Hair

to the convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, on the progress of the MV Glen Sannox and sister ship Hull 802.

Mr Hair reported on a number of key issues affecting the builds and future fortunes of the, now nationalised, shipyard.

From a financial perspective the report confirmed that, since the firm is treating Covid costs as an exceptional item, the shipyard is still on track to deliver the project on budget – between £110m to £114m.

Following earlier reports of staffing issues, the updated report confirmed that the overseas workers who were enlisted to fill vacant posts, have settled in well and that these people – who are mainly in the fabrication trades – now have more time to weld and cut on Hull 802 as these types of skills are required less on MV Glen Sannox as construction advances.

It was also noted that the number of overseas workers was increased from 60 to 90 in early October, with the potential for more if required.

Reporting on the impact of Covid on production, Mr



The MV Glen Sannox under construction in Port Glasgow.

Hair said: 'Our workers have continued their diligent and responsible approach to Covid and although the total number testing positive since the start of the pandemic has reached 88 (from 18 in June) we have only had a total of two cases of in-yard transmission. In common with many businesses, Ferguson has recently experienced some disruption due to self-isolation requirements, but these remain at a manageable level.'

Promising IT upgrades, of which the full benefits are expected to be experienced in November, are reported to be

progressing well and they will help streamline operations by linking seven separate data systems to communicate with each other.

This is expected to speed up and improve: engineering information, stock control, procurement and work order processing, and project planning among other anticipated improvements.

Of particular importance, particularly for MV Glen Sannox which is already four years overdue, is that the delivery schedules are still in the range of July 25 to September 25, 2022 for MV Glen Sannox,

and between April 3 to July 3, 2023 for Hull 802.

The report concluded with an optimistic view that Ferguson Marine will be competing for future work involving the construction of ferries, lighthouse tender vessels, research vessels as well as fishery protection vessels and coastal and offshore vessels that are below 40 metres in length.

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# Families will be hit hard by credit cut

Patricia Gibson MP, pictured, has condemned the decision by the UK Tory Government to remove the £20 uplift to Universal Credit.

This follows a Joseph Rowntree Foundation study which revealed that 43 per cent of all working-age families with children in her North Ayrshire and Arran constituency will be impacted.

The independent report warned that tens of thousands of children will have their lives 'blighted by hardship and anxiety'.

Two thirds of Universal Credit recipients are in low paid employment.

Chris Birt, Joseph Rowntree Foundation deputy director for Scotland, said: 'The UK government plans to impose the biggest overnight cut to the basic rate of social security since the Second World War.'

'Cutting Universal Credit will have deep and devastating consequences for a huge number of families with children across Scotland.'

'Child poverty was already rising before Covid-19.'

'It is a scandal that the UK government's strategy for economic recovery is to plunge families who are already struggling into deeper poverty and debt.'

At the weekend prime minister Boris Johnson insisted he would not reverse his plans for a £20-a-week cut in welfare for the poorest families, saying he would not 'raise taxes to subsidise low pay'.

Speaking on Wednesday Mrs Gibson added: 'From today, thousands of my constituents will face a real squeeze on their incomes.'

'Coupled with rising energy prices and food bills, and a National Insurance hike, many low-income families will have to make the unthinkable decision of whether

to heat their homes or feed their children.'

'In stark contrast to this indefensible move by the UK Tory government, the SNP government has declared a national mission to end child poverty and has invested £2.5 billion to support low income households over the last year, including nearly £1 billion to directly support children.'

'The Scottish Child Payment – a benefit unique in the UK designed to tackle child poverty head on – is now reaching 108,000 children. The SNP government intends to double the payment to £20 per week as early as possible and will set out how and when as part of the Budget Bill process.'

'The benefit will also be extended to all eligible under-16s by the end of 2022, with quarterly bridging payments made in the interim.'



## Future cashless schools

### Facial recognition part of the change

When Arran schools return following the October break there will be a change to the catering and school payment IT systems.

School dining is cashless at present with North Ayrshire Council using an e-payment system for paying for all snacks and meals. Parentpay is the current provider, but this will change to iPayimpact from October.

iPayimpact can be used to buy school meals and snacks but will also be used for trips, events, tickets and the school shop so that the entire school is cashless.

It can be accessed through a desktop PC, tablet or a mobile phone enabling participants to review payments, purchase history and current balance anytime, anywhere.

The council is also introducing a new pre-order system for all school meals and to access this parents will need to sign up for iPayimpact.

The pre-order system allows items to be purchased from the school canteen using a mobile phone or the online portal.

More details on these systems will be issued to parents and carers soon.

As part of the change, the council will also be introducing a new pupil identification method

for catering within its secondary schools – facial recognition. This is a safe, secure and contactless method of identifying the pupil at the till.

The optional facial recognition system will be used for authenticating all secondary school pupils that require access to school meals and/or snacks, including those eligible for free school meals. Young people can opt out of using facial recognition.

To access meals/snacks (free or paying) or make any purchases from the school, an iPayimpact account must be registered.

Councillor Jim Montgomerie, cabinet member for green new deal and sustainability, said: 'The pre-order function should make the lunch service quicker and reduce queuing time for pupils.'

'It will also ensure that children get the menu item(s) of their choice.'

'The added benefit of the optional facial recognition element will mean the payment of snacks and meals in school will be more secure and faster.'

Contact the facilities management support team at [onlinecashlessqueries@northayrshire-council.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:onlinecashlessqueries@northayrshire-council.onmicrosoft.com)



Knitter Margaret Auld adds a batch of knitted hats to the collection with Carol Harwood and Liz Maclean of Brodick Co-op. 01\_B39bonnets01

## Arran knitters rally to call for bonnets

Knitters from all over Arran have responded to a call for knitted hats for newborn babies at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital's maternity unit.

Hundreds of tiny hats have already been handed in to Brodick Co-op, which bought a huge amount of wool for supporters to use.

The colourful hats will now be sent to the hospital by Carol Hardwood and Liz Maclean of

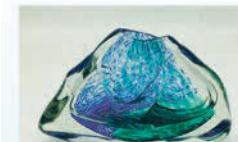
Brodick Co-op, Bay Wool and Crafts in Whiting Bay, which is also supporting the initiative by providing reduced-price wool and free patterns, is also acting as a collection point for completed hats.

Anyone wanting to take part in the initiative can visit either of the locations to obtain the patterns, requirements and wool needed for the hats.



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# LETTERS

## Listen to the children

How good it is to see children on Arran getting involved in the climate change discussion.

After all, it is their future which will be discussed when the world leaders descend on Glasgow at the end of the month for the COP26 conference.

And Strathclyde University are determined children from the islands of Scotland will have their say with their Message in a Bottle project.

Children on Arran, and around Scotland, have had the chance to share their hopes of the measures that can be taken to tackle climate change and these will be presented to delegates at the conference.

They have also embarked on beach cleans in their own areas as a way of seeing at first hand the damage pollution causes to the sea.

It has also been nice to see Arran's own Bethany Walsh, recently graduated, back at her old school in Whiting Bay with her message of climate change hope.

We hope the Message in a Bottle project is a success and that delegates in Glasgow take heed of the messages of the children.

Because if we don't listen to them, what sort of planet are we going to leave them when we are gone?

## Thought for the week

**'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who practise it.'** Psalm 111: 10

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## Demolition of Brodick Pier

*An open letter to Mr Iain Thomson, chairman of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.*

Sir,

I recently met with Kevin Hobbs, the chief executive officer of CMAL, along with my colleague Tom Young.

During this meeting I enquired about the neighbouring properties to mine at Brodick Pier. The discussion centred on the public announcement by CMAL that following the completion of the ferry terminal works at Brodick, CMAL were required to carry out the demolition of the original pier.

It seems to me that, yet again, an unconsidered demolition of a historical asset is being undertaken.

Before this happens, could there be consideration regarding the use of this asset for the benefit of the community.

At present the facilities are complete with the exception of the linkspan.

It is acknowledged by all that the east winds seriously affect the reliability of the new pier giving rise to failure of the service and until such times as an engineering solution is completed the new pier will continue to cause significant disruption.

Could I suggest to yourselves that it considers the old pier to be an emergency berth in an easterly wind to enable a passenger service only to operate as normal to and from Ardrossan.

On a recent occasion an ambulance patient on her transfer from the Arran-based ambulance to one arriving from UH Crosshouse was transferred across the car park at Brodick into the mainland ambulance.

I respectfully suggest with relatively minor alterations to the old pier it would be possible for the Arran ambulance to deliver patients to the gangway of the ship where they could transfer to the mainland ambulance.

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Some years ago, the Arran Economic Group, as an interested party promoted by North Ayrshire Council, prepared a plan for improvements to Market Road, including the development of a small marina with pontoons at the pier.

I recently entered into correspondence with Tom Tracy, who was unable to tell me what happened to this plan. I am waiting for a reply which is now urgent having been told by Kevin Hobbs demolition is imminent.

I now ask you and your committee to take this forward and to investigate whether or not this is an opportunity to apply for the transfer of assets to the benefit of the island community.

I further add I am a confidante of Brian Keating of the Tower Centre Helensburgh, which I understand is continuing to develop the cinema proposal in the adjacent buildings, which is also highly advantageous for the island.

It is therefore possible that some sort of co-operation with him and CMAL will be of great benefit to all of the islanders.

Yours,  
**Bob Haddow,**  
**Arran Transport Ltd,**  
**Brodick.**

## A massive thank-you

Sir,  
I would like to say a massive thank-you to everyone who made the BEM event at the Big Co on Saturday September 18 so memorable.

Special thanks goes to the Lord-Lieutenant Iona McDonald and her cadet Luke for kindly coming to Arran to make the presentation; to the emergency services for bringing their vehicles along and to all the musicians from the Arran Music School and Arran Pipe Band for their wonderful performances.

I would also like to thank James from the Arran Chocolate Factory for the generous donation of the star raffle prize - a giant chocolate

bar and to Colin from the Banner for taking all of those fabulous photographs of the day.

I would also like to thank Carol and the rest of our colleagues who gave up their time to help run the stalls and contribute to the music.

And last, but by no means least, I would like to thank all of our wonderful customers for their continuing kind messages of support.

Yours,  
**Liz McLean BEM,**  
**Big Co, Brodick.**

## Rewarding honesty

Sir,  
My husband and I stayed in Auchrannie for a couple of nights last week. I received a call from reception to let me know that my husband's wallet had been handed in by a young boy who had been visiting the leisure centre with his dad, who had a young baby in his arms.

I would really like to reward this young lad's honesty. If his dad would like to contact me at lesleykathrynadam@gmail.com I will arrange to pass the reward to him.

Yours,  
**Lesley Adam,**  
**East Kilbride.**

## Heroic armed forces

Sir,  
Throughout the pandemic, the heroic armed forces have had our backs, whether it was helping to set up vaccine centres in the west of Scotland, delivering PPE to frontline NHS workers, driving ambulances and assisting with petrol and diesel supply chain issues.

Whilst many of these issues where the Army was drafted in could, and should, have been avoided, I thank them for their heroic efforts.

They rose to unexpected challenges and went above and beyond what was expected of them.

I would like to extend my thanks, and those of residents, to all members of the armed forces in our community and their families for your continued service.

Yours,  
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**West Scotland MSP.**

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## Centenary charity challenge

A team of 30 from Ardagh Glass Packaging in Irvine will be visiting Arran tomorrow (Saturday) to climb Goatfell or cycle around the island in aid of the Crosshouse Children's Fund.

The fundraiser is just one of the events organised to mark the firm's centenary year and £2,000 has already been pledged. Ardagh has agreed to match the final amount raised. The 56-mile cycle and 3.5-mile climb are both expected to take five to six hours. Funds raised will go towards improvements at Rainbow House – an assessment, diagnosis and treatment centre for children in Ayrshire and Arran with concerns regarding development.

To support the Ardagh team, visit their JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ardaghgrouparran2021>

# A new ceilidh band is born

There will be a family ceilidh in Whiting Bay hall on Friday October 15, courtesy of the recently-formed Arran Ceilidh Band.

Introducing the band: On fiddles are Alice Maxwell and Rhodri Herapath. Alice played with the String Road Potholes ceilidh band for more than 10 years, playing for the Brodick summer ceilidhs as well as parties and weddings. She teaches violin and piano and is enthusiastic about bringing people together to play music.

Rhodri's introduction to violin was with the Suzuki technique and he enjoys playing classical and folk music. He recently played in Mahler's first symphony with the West of Scotland Schools Symphony Orchestra. He is a keen kayaker and is about to paddle to the Mull of Kintyre.

On keyboard we have Cerys, Rhodri's sister. She also learns violin with Alice and has a lovely singing voice as well as playing the French horn and ukulele. She won the best musician award this year at Arran

High School. She is presently besotted with her new black lab puppy Olive and wants to be a vet.

On bass, meet Sarah Ransley - aka Ranners - from Coventry. Fairly new to the island, she has a masters degree in popular music performance from Coventry University and has played session bass for various artists from acoustic folk to alt-soul-synth genres. She works for The Arran Team.

The sound-man and guitarist is well-known island thespian David Simpkin, who won the best actor award in the 2018 Arran Drama Festival. He can be seen around the island on his 'works vehicle', his trusty bicycle, on which he travels to his various gardening jobs. As a youth he played in a band called The Laughing Sundays and is also a talented song writer.

Ceilidh is a Gaelic word meaning a traditional Scottish or Irish social gathering. The word originally simply meant 'a visit'. This 'visit' later extended to singing, dancing,



The newly-formed Arran Ceilidh Band.

story-telling and playing a poem, sing a song or play a tune. So get your dancing feet on and come along and enjoy the fun at Whiting Bay hall.

The band is also available for private bookings including birthdays, weddings and parties.

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Many people living on Arran don't get the opportunity to socialise with as often as they would like. The pandemic has further highlighted the problem of isolation across the island. Befriending is an opportunity to address this, a friendly chat really does make a difference to someone's day.



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# Investigators conclude Waverley crash inquiry

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has concluded its investigation into the crash of PS Waverley which struck Arran's Brodick Pier last year, injuring 24 passengers and crew.

MAIB, the UK government organisation tasked with investigating all maritime accidents in UK waters and accidents involving UK registered ships, will now draft a report which will be distributed to stakeholders for a 30-day consultation period before the final report is published.

The facts given in the interim report state: 'On the afternoon of September 3 2020, the paddle steamer Waverley made contact with the pier while berthing at Brodick. In the final stages of the approach there was a delay in response when astern thrust was requested. Although the paddle wheels started going astern, this could not prevent Waverley overrunning the intended berth and making contact with the

concrete pier ahead. As a result of the accident, 24 passengers and crew were injured and the stem of the vessel was damaged above the waterline.'

In April this year, the Banner confirmed the first pay-out to a passenger who sustained injuries in the accident. The person, who wasn't named, suffered a broken arm and the owners of the vessel accepted liability and agreed to pay an out-of-court settlement totalling five-figures.

According to The United Kingdom Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 5: 'The sole objective of a safety investigation into an accident under these regulations shall be the prevention of future accidents through the ascertainment of its causes and circumstances. It shall not be the purpose of such an investigation to determine liability nor, except so far as is necessary to achieve its objective, to apportion blame.'



The Waverley minutes after she crashed into Brodick pier. The hull damage can be seen on the bow. 01\_B41Waverley01

# Arran youth groups urged to apply for £1,000 funding

Arran and North Ayrshire residents and groups are being invited to bid for participatory funding for community youth projects.

The latest round of the council's young people's participatory budgeting scheme is open for online submissions with youth community groups being given the chance to secure up to £1,000 per project.

Applications can be sent in by individuals, clubs, groups and parent councils and should fit with at least one of the following themes: health and wellbeing, poverty and inequality, voice and participation or digital connections.

The closing date for submissions is before midnight on Sunday October 17. Application forms can be completed on Microsoft forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/JLe51qFnHa>

Application forms are also

available online from the community planning partnership website <http://northayrshirecommunity/youthpb21/43414> or you can request a word document version by emailing [youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

A total of £97,500 is available between all of the six North Ayrshire localities – Arran, Irvine, Kilwinning, Three Towns, Garnock Valley and the North Coast – including £47,000 which will focus on young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Even if you're not bidding for funds, you can play an important role by voting for the projects you believe will best use the funding.

Voting is open to all eight to 25-year-olds who live in North Ayrshire and will be officially opening on Monday November 8, with the vote going live on the Young Scot website the



Councillor Louise McPhater.

same day. Voting will close at noon on Friday November 19.

## Online voting

Access to the online voting platform will be through your Young Scot National

Entitlement Card or you can obtain a temporary number to vote by emailing [youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:youthpb@north-ayrshire.gov.uk). There will also be the chance to vote in schools and youth groups.

## Platinum jubilee planning begins

North Ayrshire Council has started planning events to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne next year.

As well as a number of national events to mark the platinum jubilee, such as beacon lighting, the Queen's Green Canopy and The Big Lunch, North Ayrshire Council will host a series of activities including community groups being able to bid for a share of £25,000 to host their own community-led celebration events.

And a North Ayrshire-wide literacy and arts commemorative project will be held to capture the stories of residents and community groups which have served their communities and who have committed to and given their time and talents to enhance their areas.

Councillor Louise McPhater, cabinet member for participatory democracy, said: 'North Ayrshire has been highly successful in its involvement in past celebrations for national events such as the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and World War Centenary Commemorations.

'Our communities will be able to choose how to participate in marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to celebrate community service, enhance civic pride and build capacity through participation and community leadership.'

A four-day weekend has been created in early June to allow for celebrations - the existing late May public holiday, on Monday May 30, will be moved to Thursday June 2 and an additional public holiday has been confirmed for Friday June 3.

## E10 additive available

Islanders with older cars have been assured they will still be able to use them after E10 petrol was introduced across the island, as reported in last week's Banner.

An additive is available at the Brodick and Whiting Bay Gulf garages which can be put in the new petrol allowing cars manufactured before 2010, lawnmowers and other petrol driven equipment to operate.

Anyone in any doubt should visit the government website [gov.uk/E10checker](http://gov.uk/E10checker) or contact the dealer they bought the car from.



Pupils say goodbye to Barbara on her final day at Shiskine primary.



An emotional Barbara looks at a photograph from the start of her career at Shiskine primary. 01\_B41Barbara05



Children enjoy games and activities at Barbara's leaving party in Shiskine hall. 01\_B41Barbara07

# Barbara bows out after 22 years at Shiskine nursery

by Colin Smeeton  
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Barbara Crawford was last week given a rousing send off when she retired from teaching at Shiskine nursery after 22 years.

The event was marked by pupils and staff on Wednesday last week when, on her final day at the school, pupils said their sad goodbyes and presented her with flowers.

On Friday, friends, family, parents and past pupils held a special celebration at Shiskine Hall in recognition of all of the hard work Barbara has contributed over more than two decades.

Along with fun games and snacks, and presents from Barbara, the children heard from colleagues, past and present, all praising Barbara for the invaluable contribution she has made over the years, not only at Shiskine primary, but also in the lives of all of the young children who have attended the school.

Mairi Duff, who worked alongside Barbara for many years, said: 'Barbara has been able to turn her hand to almost anything, from end-of-term concerts to nativities, from wake and shake to running marathons – a multi-talented lady who will be missed by all.'

'Barbara has a big heart that has shaped lots of tiny minds

over the years.' In another heartfelt tribute, read by Miss Carol Shaw, depute Jane Boyle said: 'Barbara has, during her career, welcomed and cared for every child in Shiskine school and made every new member of staff feel welcome and valued.'

'In the nursery, Barbara's inherent nurturing nature has meant that every three-year-old's experience of being separated from their parents, sometimes for the first time in their wee lives, was safe, happy and joyful.'

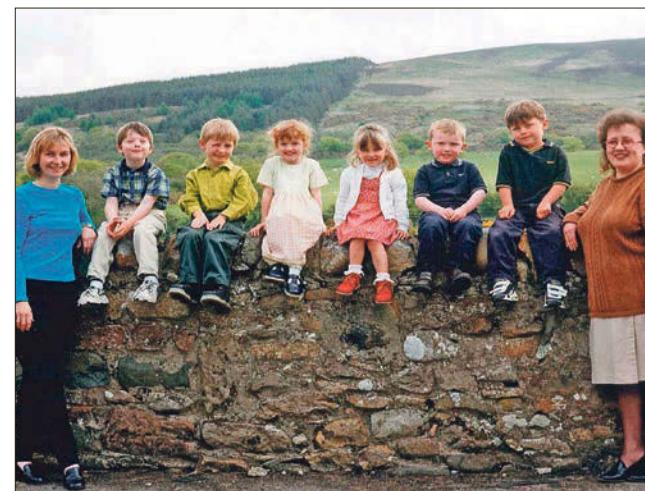
'She has undoubtedly been a wonderful ambassador for Shiskine primary, going above and beyond her remit to support the school and early years class. Thank you Barbara for everything you have done for the children and adults of the school.'

Barbara will now be working at the Kinloch Hotel which she helps to run with her husband Robbie. 'It has been a privilege and a joy, the best job in the world and I have loved every minute of it,' said Barbara. 'I will dearly miss all of the children, my colleagues and friends, but the time is right to move on and I am sure Robbie will appreciate the help.'

Pupils at the school, which has a roll of 31 this year, also held a dress-down day on the last day of term on Friday which raised £70 for the Arran charity ArCaS.



Barbara and other staff are joined by nursery pupils Stephen Judge, Jenna Taylor, Lois Crawford, Emma Lawson and John Parkhill at the opening of Shiskine Primary School's nursery in June 2000. 01\_B41Barbara03



Barbara with Mairi Duff and the first nursery class at Shiskine in 1998, before the purpose-built nursery opened two years later.



Miss Carol Shaw joins pupils to express their thanks to Barbara for her huge contribution to school life and the community over the years. 01\_B41Barbara04

# Arran pupils show their su



by Hugh Boag  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Schoolchildren from across Arran will have their voices heard at the COP26 international climate change conference in Glasgow next month.

As part of the Climate Change Message in a Bottle project, island primary schools from around Scotland and the world are sending their 'message in a bottle' to international leaders at COP26, asking them to do more about climate change.

Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Kilmory primary schools on Arran have also taken to the shore to search for beach litter, specifically plastic bottles.

This November, Glasgow will host delegates and representatives from nearly every country in the world for

**The beach cleaners from Whiting Bay primary in front of a 'save our planet' slogan written in the sand.** 01\_B39cop02

COP26 – the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Over the two weeks, nations will consider how to build on their commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Founded by Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG), in partnership with Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Arts Centre, and funded by the Scottish government, the Climate Change Message in a Bottle project aims to involve young islanders in COP26.

The project will collect film footage of messages from island schools to COP26 in Glasgow and plastic bottles found on island beaches will be made into a sculpture.

The project is managed by Arran's Bethany Walsh, who recently graduated from Edinburgh University with a degree in sustainable

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A pupil shows a painted shell he found on the beach.

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A boy stands on a rocky beach holding a plastic bottle he found.

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Two boys bag the litter they have found on the beach.

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# support for climate change

development and geography. She said: 'It's great to be working with schools local to me and teaching young islanders about climate change and environmental governance.

'Young people will inherit our planet and – especially on islands where sea level rise and storm surges are already affecting our coastlines – have important messages for our world leaders.'

More than 25 islands schools are involved in the project, including in the Solomon Islands and Hawaii.

To keep up to date, you can follow the project on Instagram @ COP26messagebottle, or on Twitter @SCELG.

SCELG is grateful for the funding and support of the Scottish government.

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A youngster fills his bag with a tyre - one of the largest items found on the beach clean. 01\_B39cop07



The project is being led by Bethany Walsh, who was back at her old school in Whiting Bay. 01\_B39cop08



A pupil picks litter from the undergrowth. 01\_B39cop04



## Here are some of the messages Arran pupils are sending to COP26:

'Build more cycle paths for cycling on. Make more electric cars. Don't cut down rainforests. Recycle more.' – Nicolas, Whiting Bay

'Create more wave and wind turbines.' – Lucy, Whiting Bay

'Please stop using fossil fuels because it is making the world heat up and sea levels are rising. All the islands will flood if you don't stop now.' – Anna, Lamlash

'Stop polluting the sea.' – Alfie, Lamlash



Iona Hamadi and Sam Goronwy show their climate change demands which will be presented to the COP26 conference in Glasgow. 01\_B39cop01

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# John Forgie: July 6 1929 – September 19 2021

## Obituary

John Forgie was born in Edinburgh on July 6 1929.

He was educated at George Watson's College and briefly, as an evacuee in WWII, at Ayr Academy.

In 1949 he joined the staff of the *Scotsman* and by 1951 was a staff photographer, covering everything throughout Scotland from cup finals and train crashes, to the Edinburgh Festival.

Of the many interesting and famous people John met as a photographer, his favourite was meeting and photographing comic legends Laurel and Hardy.

Being a staff photographer with John's keen sense of adventure was not without risk.

He nearly fell out of the open door of a light aeroplane, whilst leaning out taking aerial shots of the Forth bridges.

For that feature, he also walked along the top of the then two bridges.

On the Forth road bridge he walked the whole length of one of the top supporting cables with an inspection team, prior to the road surface being laid.

On the rail bridge, he did the same on its top girders, where he walked up the steep climb with his trusty camera, following two workers who were weighted down with chains.

Near the top of one of the spans, a gust of wind nearly swept him off. It gave him such a fright he crawled the rest of the way.

Outwith his control, he was hit on the head by a bottle, thrown from the crowd, whilst covering a cup final at Hampden. Little wonder John preferred rugby to football!

In 1959, he married Wilma Stewart, a bank clerk and talented freelance artist.

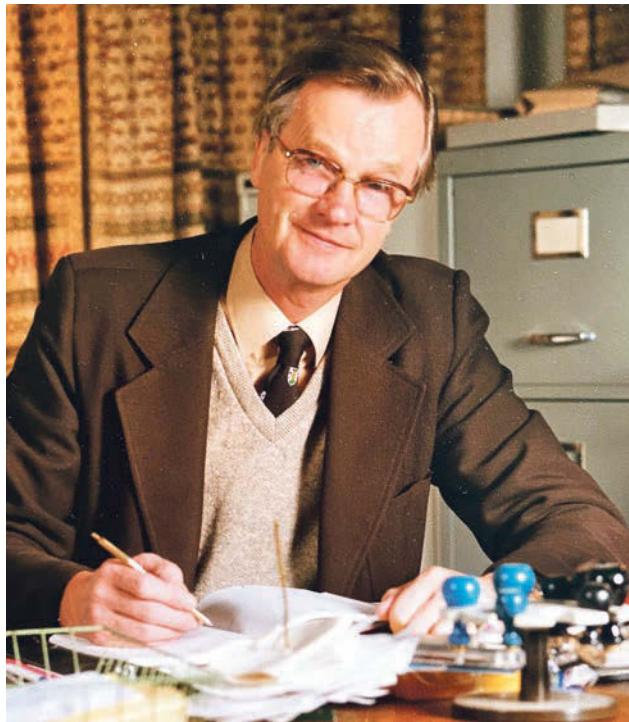
In 1960 John became picture editor, responsible for arranging press coverage of major events including state visits, royal visits and the Commonwealth Games.

He also edited and helped to promote the successful *Scotsman* colour calendar, which was then selling a quarter of a million copies a year.

John and Wilma were appointed joint administrators at Brodick Castle in 1973.

The job involved living in the castle, which they moved

**Joint administrator at Brodick Castle, along with his wife Wilma, from 1973 to 1985**



John during his tenure as Brodick Castle administrator.

to with their two school-aged boys, Murray and Garry, both of whom attended Brodick primary and Arran high schools.

The Forgies were also the trust's resident representatives for the whole island and quickly became deeply involved in island life.

During 12 years on the island, John became the chairman of the Isle of Arran Tourist Board and the island's Council of Social Service.

He served on many other island committees and was an elder at Brodick Church.

John was also a founding member of the successful Isle of Arran Heritage Museum.

Wilma was also involved with the community, serving as a Sunday school teacher, a committee member of the island's SWRI and chairperson of the parent teacher organisation.

John and Wilma were also keen members of the island's Gilbert and Sullivan society.

John made a particularly villainous and humorous Dick Deadeye in HMS Pinafore!

When the Forgies went to the island in 1973, the annual number of visitors to the castle was 28,000.

Just 12 seasons later, thanks to their imaginative publicity efforts and from setting the highest standards in terms of displaying the castle and the gardens, they raised the number of annual visitors to 66,000.

John and Wilma were responsible for the rebranding of the castle into Brodick Castle and Country Park, Scotland's first island country park.

One of the visitors hosted by John and Wilma was HRH The Queen Mother, who made a special visit to the castle in June 1979.

However, for John and Wilma, the most important people at the castle were the staff.

Together they created a family atmosphere, which extended to all the people who helped at the castle, from the garden team to the many local tradesmen who helped keep the castle looking pristine for the visiting public.

The end of season staff concerts, or parties, were testament to that as everyone who had any input at the castle was invited.

They were big events held in the drawing room that

required all of the furniture to be removed in advance, except for the piano.

Not surprisingly John was compere in an evening of music, singing and a lot of laughter.

Sadly, in 1983, Wilma died after a short illness. John carried on as sole administrator at the castle for a further year.

From 1984 to his retirement in 1994, John returned to Edinburgh as head of public relations for the National Trust for Scotland.

John was editor of all the NTS literature, including property guidebooks, promotional leaflets and other trust literature.

He was responsible for the organisation and management of hundreds of events throughout Scotland.

During his retirement, John organised and participated in more than 150 concerts around Scotland.

Some were purely commercial ventures, mainly with singer Mary Sandeman, the 'Scotland the What' pianist George Donald and Scottish opera singer Debra Stewart.

Most of the concerts he promoted and presented were fundraising events with professional musicians and singers for Music In Hospitals, Barnardo's, Alzheimer's and churches in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Arran.

The Corrie Church concerts in Arran, 'Summer Serenade', ran for 18 years. These were particularly popular and soon ran for two nights instead of one.

John was compere, monologist and sang a variety of, usually comic, songs.

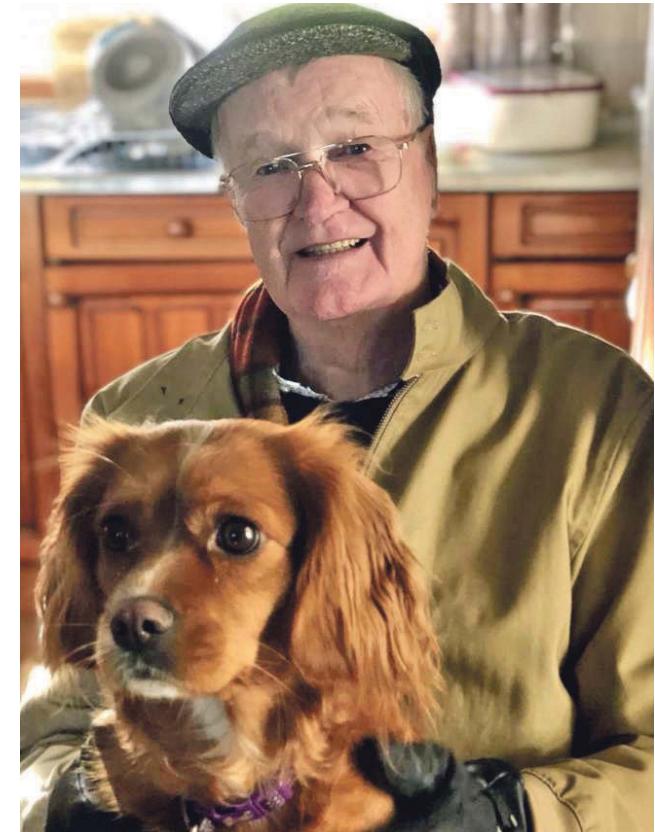
As compere, he led talented Arran soprano Jean Bowden and professional musicians George MacIlwhan, former flautist of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and David Ingles, principal bass player with the Scottish National Orchestra.

John had a wicked sense of humour.

Throughout his life he used humour and fun alongside his warm and enthusiastic personality to get people 'on-side' – be it work or a task needing done, a concert or charity venture or



John and Wilma Forgie meeting the Queen Mother.



John enjoying his retirement with his dog Joy.

simply fun for the sake of it. John was a pleasure to spend time with.

The last chapter in John's long life was a joyful time. In 2011 he uprooted house and home from Edinburgh to Pluscarden in Moray.

There he had 10 wonderful years living with his son Garry, daughter-in-law Amanda and his loving grandchildren Gemma and John.

**The Banner 20 years ago feature will be back in two weeks.**

## ARRAN BANNER GOLF



Overall winner of the Summer Cup at Lamlash Golf Club was Dylan Smith.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday September 29, Yellow Tees Stableford.

A total of 12 played in a gentle Stableford from the yellow tees on the last golfing day of the summer season.

Jamie Macpherson continued where he left off on Sunday and stormed home with a fine 40 points in a round containing 11 threes and only one 5. 1 Jamie Macpherson 3, 40pts; 2 Neil Lucas 14, 38 acb; 3 Tom Paterson 0, 38. Magic twos: Stan Rainey @2nd and Gus MacLeod @15th.

Sunday October 3, The Hamilton Salver. A total of 15 played and enjoyed a fine morning's golf with weather that never quite matched the forecasters' dire predictions. Scoring was reasonable but Neil 'Sonic' Lucas left the field in his wake with a net 58 to win by seven shots from his nearest rival.

It was a supersonic performance. 1 Neil Lucas 14, 58; 2 Tom Paterson 0; 64 and lowest gross; 3 Duncan Heenan 12, 65. Magic twos: Tom Paterson @13th.

Fixtures: Sunday October 10, Winter Cup round one. Draw for partners at 10am.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 28, medal. 1 Alex Morrison-Cowan 63; 2 Willie McNally 65; 3 Campbell Laing 66.

Saturday October 2, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Alex Morrison-Cowan 33pts; 2 Brian Sherwood 27pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday October 12, Winter Cup, tee off noon. Saturday October 16, Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy, Machrie Bay v Corrie, to be



played at Machrie. Shotgun start at 1pm.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 30, Summer Cup. 1 Derek Harrison 80-18=62; 2 Andy Smith 84-20=64; 3 Neil Young 69-4=65. Best scratch, Neil Young 69. Overall winner of the Summer Cup, Dylan Smith with a total of 239. Runner up was Jack McNally with a total of 247. Magic twos: Neil Young @5th; Iain Murchie @16th. Hole 12 drawn, rollover.

Thursday September 30, Summer Eclectic. Winner, Iain Murchie 46, runner up, Ian Bremner 48 BIH over Dougie Macfarlane and Paul Jameson.

## Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 2, 18 Hole Medal. 1 W Paton 65-8=57 and scratch; 2 A Napier 74-12=62, 3 Logan 78-11=67.

Monday October 4, Monday Cup: 1 A Smith 69-15=54 and scratch; 2 R McLean 72-12=62 BIH; 3 J McGovern 72-13=62.

Fixtures: Saturday October 9, 18 Hole Medal. Monday October 11, Monday Cup, 12.30pm shotgun start. Members are reminded that the Eddie Rankin Memorial Trophy will take place at Machrie Golf Club on Saturday October 16. Tee off 1pm.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday September 30, Ladies 12 Hole Medal. 1 Pat Adamson 58-15=43; 2 Jerry Arthur 65-21=44. Scratch, Ann May 53.

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### Saturday 9th 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  
Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

### Sunday 10th October

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

### Monday 11th October

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am Kenneth Gibson MSP surgeries:  
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 11.15am - 12.30pm  
Shiskine Village Hall, 1.30pm - 2.45pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 3.30pm – 4.45pm  
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 12th October

Healthy Outdoor Team, Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm  
Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, Blackwaterfoot, 11am  
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Rink Games (Social distancing observed), Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 yrs), Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm – 7pm  
Bible Meetings, Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm  
Pop Music Quiz, suits all ages, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

### Wednesday 13th October

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  
Bible Meetings, Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Lamlash, 7pm  
Rock and Pop Bingo, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

### Thursday 14th October

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 15th October

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters', Brodick, 10.30am  
Saltwater Gallery Autumn Show Opening Day, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 12 noon - 7pm  
Kildonan Seal and Shore Scramble, book at Arran Rangers Service, 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
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  
Fish Frydays, Lochranza Centre CIC, 6pm – 7.30pm (Order before 5pm for collection)  
Arran Ceilidh Band, Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm -10.30pm  
Live Music Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

### Saturday 16th October

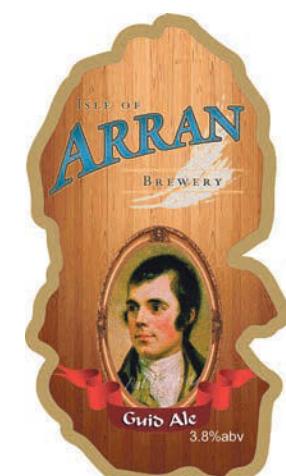
Saltwater Gallery Autumn Show, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm  
Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm  
Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Open Session, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, 3pm- 5pm  
Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

## Guid Ale

The Isle of Arran Brewery's Guid Ale is a staple amongst the locals on the island.

A delicately balanced beer with malt and hop flavours and a dry hop finish.

The beer is available on hand pull at selected pubs on the island throughout the island in bottles, including at the brewery shop at Cladach, Brodick.



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## Isle of Arran

## About the team

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**For further details contact:** HR at [hr@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:hr@forestryandland.gov.scot) or Recruitment team at [hr@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:hr@forestryandland.gov.scot)

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All enquiries to Colin Cameron

Blackwaterfoot Garage, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran, KA27 8ES

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

## Kenneth Gibson MSP



## Kenneth Gibson MSP will hold advice surgeries on Monday 11 October at:

Whiting Bay Village Hall 11.15 - 12.30

Shiskine Village Hall 13.30 - 14.45

Ormidale Pavilion 15.30 - 16.45

To contact Kenneth outside these times, please do so at: 01294 833 687

Email: [kenneth.gibson.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:kenneth.gibson.msp@parliament.scot)

Facebook: Kenneth Gibson MSP web: [www.kennethgibson.org](http://www.kennethgibson.org)  
Parliamentary Office, 15 Main Street, Dalry, KA24 5DL

No appointment necessary

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND  
CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined online at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)  
Comments should be made online at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 29.10.21.  
Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)  
21/00680/PP; Merkland Wood, Brodick, Ayrshire; Use of site for hutting.  
21/00924/PP; Arran Estate Office, Douglas Park, Brodick, Ayrshire; Siting of 4 pre-fabricated modular units with access ramp, to the rear of existing workshop to enable the processing of locally sourced meat.

Craig Hatton  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
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## Isle of Arran Music School

## Virtual AGM

7pm on the 21st October

Email [contact@arranmusicschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@arranmusicschool.org.uk)  
for invite and agenda.

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The advertisement features a smartphone displaying the Cask & Still Trails app interface. The screen shows a photo of people inside a distillery, with text overlay: "Details", "The Glenlivet Distillery", and "The Glenlivet Distillery sits in a wild and remote glen...". Below the phone, there's a silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. The main text reads: "CASK & Still TRAILS", "THE NEW APP FROM CASK & STILL MAGAZINE", "#ScottishWhiskyTrail", "START EXPLORING! DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP TODAY". At the bottom, there are download links for Google Play and the App Store.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine

Independent but  
working together

There is a booking system at  
Shiskine church -  
John Kerr 860 498

There will be a streamed  
service fortnightly, this can be  
found on the three  
Church websites.

#### Sunday 10th October Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-

Morning worship at  
Lochranza Church 10:15am  
Morning worship at Shiskine  
Church 12noon.

Morning worship at Brodick  
Church 10.30am

Morning worship at Corrie  
Church at 12noon.

The Food Bank continues  
from Brodick Church

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan

Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005  
**Sunday 10th October**

Worship will be conducted  
at 10.30am

As we are now able to socially  
distance at one metre,  
booking is not required.  
Contact details will, however,  
be requested.  
*All welcome.*

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Kilmory linked with Lamlash

*"A faith to proclaim ~  
a fellowship to share"*

Scottish Charity SC015072  
**Sunday 10th October**

Kilmory at 10 am  
Lamlash Church at 11.30 am  
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*

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide  
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

#### Sunday 10th October

#### 19th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 11 am.

Richard Trewby  
**ALL WELCOME**

Please join us for coffee  
after the service  
We follow strict SEC  
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### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings  
Tel: 01770 600222

[www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk)

#### Sunday 10th October

Services will be held in the  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion,  
Brodick at 11 am.

All welcome but current Covid  
restrictions are in place.

Sermons will be on our  
webpage following the Sunday.

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Saturday Vigil at 5pm  
Sunday Morning at 11am  
Booking for mass is essential.  
Please email [peterdwilko@gmail.com](mailto:peterdwilko@gmail.com) or telephone  
600595 to check availability  
and confirm  
your place.

Please be aware we are still  
maintaining social distancing  
and capacity remains  
restricted.

In accordance with Scottish  
Government requirements  
face coverings must be worn  
in church and NHS test and  
protect details will be kept.

**BLESS O LORD**  
**THIS ISLE OF ARRAN**  
**ST ROCH PATRON OF THE**  
**SICK PRAY FOR US**  
**OUR LADY OF THE ISLES**  
**PRAY FOR US**  
**ST COLUMBA PRAY FOR US**

### BIBLE MEETINGS

Tuesday 12th October  
Shiskine Village Hall, Shisline  
at 7.30pm - 8.30pm

### Wednesday 13th October

Ormidale Sports Pavilion,  
Brodick at 7pm - 8pm  
Conducted by  
W Craigs and R Hughes  
Contact 07756836670.

*All are welcome to attend.*

### IN MEMORIAM

ROBERTSON  
BUCHAN

Died 11th  
October 2019.

*Remembered with  
deepest gratitude  
and affection.*

## BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Runners in kilts set off at the start of the race on day one which involved a staggered start of small groups. 01\_B41ratrace01

# Rat racers hit by four seasons in disrupted weekend event

The weather badly disrupted  
the start of the twice post-  
poned Rat Race Ultra Tour of  
Arran last weekend.

Cancellation of the last ferry  
from Ardrossan on Friday,  
due to weather conditions,  
left a number of the estimated  
250 runners stranded on  
the mainland. As a result,  
organisers were forced to  
reschedule the Saturday run.

Gary Tompsett, one of the  
race organisers, explained:  
"The difficult weather meant  
many of our participants  
did not make it over but,  
thankfully, the remainder  
were on the 10.40am sailing  
on Saturday. This meant our  
start from Brodick shore  
was pushed back from 8am  
till midday. Also, it was on a  
shortened island south course  
that did not reach Kildonan

but turned at Glenashdale  
Burn."

Held over two days, the  
Ultra Tour of Arran involves  
runners setting off from  
Brodick beach in a southerly  
direction on day one, on  
a shortened 21 miles of  
quiet paths, forest trails, some  
boardwalk sections, some  
tarmacadam and a great deal  
of forest dirt road sections.

Day two, a distance of 30  
miles, was mainly off  
road, heading north towards  
Lochranza and taking in  
the mountainous terrain  
of the Cock of Arran and  
North Sannox. Due to Covid  
restrictions, there was no  
mass start this year but a  
staggered start and on the  
first day runners faced the  
added difficulties of torrential  
downpours and gusting winds

which added to the already  
challenging demands of the  
mountainous route.

The weather on the second  
day offered little respite  
although runners did enjoy  
slightly better conditions  
with intermittent sunshine  
between the heavy showers  
and even some sleet on the  
higher routes. Despite these  
challenges, the runners  
seemed unperturbed and  
spirits ran high on both days  
with many runners returning  
to the finish line soaking wet,  
and windswept, but with big  
smiles on their faces.

Over the weekend, the  
runners were based at a tented  
village at Ormidale Park  
which also had communal  
marquees for food and drink  
as well as entertainment.

Gary told competitors on

social media after the event: 'A  
huge congratulations to each  
and every single one of you for  
taking on the Ultra Tour of  
Arran this weekend.'

'You've been thrown all four  
seasons in one weekend on  
top of some tricky terrain,  
bogs, river crossings and some  
brutal mountain ascents. We  
hope those insanely beautiful  
views made every step worth  
the pain and that you have  
fallen in love with Arran just  
as much as we do every time  
we return here.'

The Rat Race Ultra Tour of  
Arran was first held in 2018  
and proved so successful that  
it became an annual event  
among the 52 other racing  
events hosted worldwide by  
Rat Race Adventure Sports. It  
will return to Arran in April  
2022.



An appropriately dressed group of runners set off in the rain with very wet conditions underfoot. 01\_B41ratrace02



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\*You must be 18 or over to attend the event.

# Whiting Bay hosts final forest trail race

The last in a series of three forest trail races was held last Sunday afternoon with a challenging five-mile circuit encompassing Glenashdale Falls, Hawthorne and Knockenkelly farms, the Fairy Glen and historic Lum Street.

In common with the last few races, this was an international event and 27 runners took part.

The race was won in a time of 40.35 by Gabrielle Bucciarello and the first lady home was Corrina Goeckeritz in a time of 40.58.

Full results will be available on [www.weebly.com/arranrunners](http://www.weebly.com/arranrunners).

Medals and trophies, where appropriate, will be posted to participants.

The race was run with permission of Forest

and Land Scotland and the certification of the Scottish Athletic Federation. Thanks are due to them and to Messrs Irving, Hamilton and Woods for permitting use of their ground and to Andrew Dickie for the use of his garden as the finishing line.

ABC Training again supplied first aid cover and organisers are indebted to Chris and to the merry band of professional stewards who assisted at the event.

Arran Runners will host the events again next year.

Also look out in the Banner and on SIE Events for the New Year's Day Handicap 9.5-mile race and the Ormidale 10k race.



Top: A cheer by the runners before the start of the race.  
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Above: The runners at the start of the race heading up to Glenashdale Falls. 01\_B41trail01

Left: Derek Shand gives a briefing to runners ahead of the race. 01\_B41trail



The Arran Banner: 85p



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