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Arran joins call for COP26 global day of climate action

by Colin Smeeton
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Campaigners on Arran calling for climate justice will join thousands of people from across the world taking part in a global day of action during the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).

The island event, organised by Machrie resident Hilary Patrick and Sally Ann Campbell, will take place on the Brodick seafront, opposite the Douglas Hotel, on Saturday November 6 between 1pm and 1.30pm.

In response to COP26, being held from Sunday October 31 to Friday November 12 in Glasgow, a number of decentralised mass mobilisations will take place across the UK at 1pm on Saturday November 6, including on Arran and in Glasgow where tens of thousands are anticipated to make their voices heard.

Hilary said: 'People from Arran will be going to Glasgow,

'On Saturday November 6... people all over the world will be standing up for climate justice.'

but not everyone feels able to take part at this time.

'So, we are going to mark the occasion here in Arran, standing in solidarity with the marchers in Glasgow and the people all over the world who need COP26 to succeed.'

'On Saturday November 6, as the COP26 summit takes place, people all over the world will be standing up for climate justice.'

'They want the COP26 summit to succeed and world leaders to agree meaningful steps to combat global heating. They want them to hear the voices of the people most affected by climate change.'

'Please join us and show your support, bring a seat if you cannot stand. You might want to make a placard, or wear something green. But the main thing is to come and

stand up for climate justice.' Hillary, who recently moved to Arran from Edinburgh, hopes that the actions will inspire politicians to show leadership and commitment and that it will serve all those whose lives are already threatened by changing weather patterns and rising sea levels.

She also hopes it will help to secure a safe future for everyone, particularly the younger generations here in the UK and around the world.

As a Quaker, Hillary has invited other Quakers to join the action and has extended an open invitation to members of the Episcopal and Catholic churches and the Church of Scotland.

However, the event on Arran will be non-denominational,

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Ready for Hallowe'en

Arran youngsters had their first taste of Hallowe'en celebrations last weekend at the Pumpkin Patch at the Park event hosted by Whiting Bay Primary School Parent Council. The event proved to be incredibly popular with families who enjoyed a great day out with a number of activities to keep adults and children entertained. For the full story, turn to page 11. A Hallowe'en feature can be found on pages 8-9. 01_B44front01

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non-political and open to anyone and everyone who supports the cause, regardless of any affiliations.

So far, she has received interest from many people, including ecologists and faith groups, and she hopes schools and younger people will also join in, making their voices heard.

COP26 Coalition, a UK-based civil society coalition of groups and individuals mobilising around climate justice during COP26, is expecting more than 100,000 protesters to arrive in Glasgow during the global day for climate justice on Saturday November 6.

Marchers will meet at Kelvingrove Park at noon before making their way to Glasgow Green for a 3pm show of numbers.



One of the Arran event organisers, Hilary Patrick, is calling on everyone - regardless of any affiliations - to join her on the global day for climate justice on Saturday November 6.

Speaking about the need for climate justice, a spokesperson for COP26 Coalition said, 'Global problems need global solutions.'

'The decisions made at

COP26 will shape how governments respond - or not - to the climate crisis.

'So far, governments have done too little too late: colluding with corporations and

hiding behind green washed 'solutions' that actually don't exist yet, that don't address the scale of the problem and, in many cases, rely on more exploitation of people and the planet.

'The transformative solutions we need to survive and build a more just and fair world can only be brought about through collective action, solidarity and co-ordination from our communities and international levels.

'We are bringing together movements from across the world to build power for system change - indigenous movements, frontline communities, trade unions, racial justice groups, youth strikers, landworkers, peasants, NGOs, grassroots community campaigns, feminist movements, faith groups - to name a few.

'Wherever you are in the

world, now is the time to join the fight for climate justice.

'We need all hands on deck: in workplaces, communities, schools, hospitals and across national borders.

'Join us in actions across the world so that we can be loud and clear to the world leaders discussing our future: we want climate justice now.'

Throughout the COP26 event, supporters and detractors are expected to make their voice heard with a number of actions and demonstrations.

Police Scotland has committed around 10,000 officers from across Scotland each day during the conference.

Their role will be to keep everyone safe during the most high profile and significant security and policing event ever held in the United Kingdom.

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Commuter awareness campaign for COP26

Commuters from Arran and across North Ayrshire are being urged to plan ahead when travelling to Glasgow in the run up to and during COP26.

Severe transport congestion is expected in and around the city from now.

A public awareness campaign called Get Ready Glasgow aims to provide detailed information on disruption and will be updated regularly at www.getreadyglasgow.com.

The website will provide details on alternative routes, road closure dates and where access will be maintained.

It will also include maps highlighting where and when impacts are most likely to help give the public, businesses, delegates and visitors a clearer idea of what to expect on certain days.

An estimated 5,532 commuters from across North Ayrshire make their way to Glasgow each day and along with 140 world leaders and 25,000 conference delegates expected to attend the conference at Glasgow's SEC, it is almost inevitable travel disruptions can be expected.

Planned and unplanned protests will also be inevitable.

Nicola Blaney, head of events resilience at Transport Scotland, said: 'The scale of COP26 is unprecedented in terms of the impact it will have on our transport networks.'

'We know that Hallowe'en weekend, Monday November 1, Tuesday November 2 and Saturday November 6, will all be particularly busy and commuters should expect severe delays.'

'This is due to a combination of road closures

around the SEC, including the Clydeside Expressway which closed from Saturday October 23 until Sunday November 14, and the additional demand on the network from those attending the conference.

'We'd urge everyone to stay informed and plan ahead to make the right journeys at the right times so we can keep Glasgow and the central belt moving as the region takes to the world stage for this once-in-a-lifetime event.'

Get Ready Glasgow is being managed by Glasgow City Council on behalf of COP26 event delivery partners.

A similar campaign was used successfully during the 2014 Commonwealth Games and 2018 European Championships.

Denise Hamilton, head of the council's COP26 team, said: 'Glasgow has a long track record of successfully hosting major, international events.'

'This success is based on extensive forward planning.'

'We've spent the last 18 months working to ensure that this hugely complex event goes safely and smoothly while we also keep Glasgow moving and open for business.'

'This is going to be the largest gathering of world leaders the UK has ever seen.'

'Making sure it is a safe and successful event for residents and visitors has meant working closely with the conference organisers and Police Scotland to agree security road closures and alternative routes.'

'But now we are ready. All the necessary plans are in place.'

Arran Active going for gold award

Arran Active, the popular outdoor retailer in Brodick, has once again been nominated for an award in the prestigious Great Outdoors readers' awards.

Having been nominated three times, and winning a second place silver award last year, the team is now hoping to win the independent retailer category and to take home the gold award.

Arran's largest fully independent outdoor retailer is facing stiff competition though, with nine other outdoor stores - with five or fewer stores - competing for the title of Independent Retailer of the Year.

Arran Active and Braemar Mountain Sports are the only two Scottish finalists with the remaining retailers all operating in England, including the Lake District where outdoor pursuits are a popular pastime.

The awards, now in their 10th year, are hosted by The Great Outdoors magazine, with all of the nominations from the various categories coming from readers.

Owner Andrew Walsh said: 'Once again we are humbled and excited in equal measure to be nominated for the TGO Independent Outdoor Retailer of the Year 2021.

'For all retailers and other

businesses it has been a tricky period but we are really grateful for the support of our customers during and since lockdown.

'And to have our name put forward again by anonymous supporters is fantastic. Last year we won silver.

'This year we are going for gold!

Recognition

'But actually we are just happy to have recognition for the hard work of our wonderful staff who go above and beyond.'

The complete shortlist of all of the nominees can be found at www.tgomagazine.co.uk/awards/reader-awards/ where



Owner Andrew Walsh, in blue, with the Arran Active team who have been nominated for a Great Outdoors award.

people can also vote for their favourite store. Voting closes on Monday November 22, when all of the votes will be counted and the winners will be announced shortly after.

Restaurants nominated for top food honours

by Colin Smeeton
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Two Brodick restaurants, Crofters Arran and The Wineport, have been selected as finalists in the Food Awards Scotland after being nominated by members of the public.

Making the carefully selected shortlist, Crofters Arran was nominated in the Café/Bistro of the Year category and The Wineport was selected in the Island's Food Business of the Year category.

The Food Awards Scotland, now in its seventh year, seeks to celebrate and highlight the best in the food industry, from excellent restaurants, chefs and servers, to specialists and suppliers.

Owner of the Wineport Gina Thorborn said: 'After a busy summer, we were absolutely over the moon to find out that we had been nominated in the island category for Food Awards Scotland.

'The vast majority of our menu is made in-house so we couldn't be happier to see it appreciated like this.

'We are a close team who always try to create a warm and friendly atmosphere so we are just delighted to see that effort rewarded and it has been a boost for the whole team.'

Ealána Boyle, managing director of Crofters, was unaware of the nomination but was equally delighted to hear the news.

She said: 'It was most definitely wonderful news to have been nominated and selected as finalists.

'I knew nothing about the awards and feel very humbled to have Crofters nominated.

'I have to thank the team who have all worked tirelessly to develop the business and restaurant offerings over the past six months and we are very excited about the future.'

A spokesperson for The Food Awards Scotland said: 'Scotland offers a wide range of places that serve world

cuisines. The finalists were voted for by the public for providing authentic recipes and unique dishes to their diners, creating memorable experiences for both residents and visitors.

'Undoubtedly, there are some amazing specialists around the country who know how to offer great service, delicious food and meet the expectations of their diners.

'These are the professionals that we aim to reward at The Food Awards Scotland 2021.

'We would like to wish all the finalists the best of luck and we can't wait to welcome all our guests and celebrate the winners with them.'

The winners of the various categories, which include Restaurant of the Year, Vegan Restaurant of the Year, Bakery of the Year, Best World Cuisine and many more, will be announced at a black-tie ceremony at The Marriott Hotel in Glasgow on Monday November 29.



Owner, Gina Thorborn, centre, with The Wineport team that were selected as finalists in the Island's Food Business of the Year category in the Food Awards Scotland. 01_B44award01

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HIE funding gets wheels moving on motorhome site

A £64,105 project to create a motorhome site in Machrie has secured up to £32,052 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), writes Colin Smeeton.

The motorhome site, as reported in the Banner at the start of the year, will offer motorhome users a check-in cabin, toilets and showers and waste disposal, water, free wifi and electric hook-ups.

The Kings Caves site is being developed by Arran Campers Ltd which anticipates the project will support one full-time and one part-time job and that it will contribute more than £50,000 in annual turnover to the Arran economy.

Angus Smith, managing director of Arran Campers Ltd, said: 'It was a tremendous boost to the project to receive this funding.'

'The much-needed new facilities for motorhomes on the island will cater well for the growing demand for overnight stops and help the community cope better with the increasing numbers of visiting vehicles.'

In the initial planning application lodged with North Ayrshire Council, a report highlighted the benefits of such a facility on Arran.

It said: 'The proposed site will provide subtle and discreet countryside accommodation for tourists visiting this area's attractions on short breaks and weekend stays.'

'The proposal will also aim to alleviate the ongoing and increasing issue on the island of motorhomes pitching overnight in unsuitable/unsafe public areas.'

'The site will provide a facility for these vehicles and relieve other areas from un-

Machrie project receives half the money it needs to set up



The new motorhome site will be situated adjacent to the popular Kings Cave forest walk, just off the A841 road near Machrie, just over half a mile south of the Machrie Moor Standing Stones.

suitable pitching which currently presents additional burdens on existing public services and utilities.'

Morag Goodfellow, HIE area manager for Argyll and the Islands, said: 'Tourism is hugely important to our area.'

'We have seen a significant increase in domestic tourism and a large element of that is campervan and motorhome holidays.'

'Arran is an attractive destination for visitors and this project will enhance the island's offering, providing facilities that will help accommodate more campervan and motorhome visitors and also benefit other local businesses in a collaborative and co-operative way.'

'I am delighted we have been able to provide support and look forward to seeing this new venture succeed.'



Friend of Montrose House John Lauder at the book stall at the Montrose House summer fete in 2019. 01_B44friends01

Friends of Montrose House to be dissolved

The Friends of Montrose House group is to be dissolved.

The decision was made at a committee meeting - their first face-to-face gathering since February last year.

The Friends of Montrose House hosts an annual summer fete to raise funds for the Brodick care home and has in years past made itself available to support the organisation in any way it is able to.

In addition to providing various forms of assistance to Montrose House residents and staff, the group also provided financial support for service-users and staff who fell outside the budget for the home and the Stronach Day Service.

John Lauder, who has been involved with the Friends for a number of years, said: 'After a great deal of heart searching, we have reluctantly come to the unanimous decision that the Friends no longer serves

the purpose for which it was set up in 2000.

'This decision has not come easily, and is taken with great reluctance, but the group has for some time agreed that changed circumstances and the advancing years of the members involved have seen this inevitably being the only way forward.'

Meeting

A special general meeting will be convened at St Bride's Church hall, Brodick, on Monday November 22, at 2pm at which the Friends will propose to seek approval to officially dissolve the group.

This meeting will be open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Draw winner

The winner of the Brodick Improvements Committee 200 Club for October is Mhairi MacMillan from Brodick.

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Views sought on Merkland Forest redevelopment plan

by Colin Smeeton
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Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is inviting Arran residents to have a say on re-development and management plans for Merkland Forest.

Falling under the proposed Merkland Land Management Plan, Merkland Forest covers an area of 681ha and lies just to the north of Brodick.

It features prominently in the iconic view of Goatfell as well as from the Brodick seafront.

The Merkland Land Management Plan sets out a 10-year plan for the site which mostly involves the removal of larch trees affected by or at risk from tree disease *Phytophthora ramorum*.

Andy Walker, FLS forester on Arran, said: 'Merkland is a mixed conifer plantation associated with the designed landscape of Brodick Castle and is important for biodiversity and for recreation. It's also important for timber production.'

'*Phytophthora ramorum* is now widespread, unfortunately, and we will need to carry out major felling of larch over the next five years. It will have a huge impact on the forest but will ultimately improve



Right: The view over Merkland towards Brodick from Goatfell.



Left: Map showing the Merkland area in the consultation outlined in red.

the health of the trees and the woodland overall.

'However, the substantial work we have to do also gives us an opportunity to redesign the forest to make it more resilient in years to come and to enhance its visual amenity in the landscape and for local people and visitors and allows us to continue with sustainable timber production.'

'We would like to hear the view of residents so would invite anyone interested to look over the plans online and give us feedback on them at their leisure.'

Anyone who is unable to take part in the online consultation can request printed copies of the plan summary from Andy.

Walker@forestryandland.gov.scot

The online consultation will remain open until Sunday December 5 2021.

A further consultation will take place next year once initial feedback is assessed and firm proposals for the site will be drawn up.

Visiting resumes at Ayr and Crosshouse hospitals

Friends and family can now visit patients at University Hospitals Ayr and Crosshouse, NHS Ayrshire and Arran has confirmed.

Last month the two acute hospitals suspended all – except in essential cases – visits to prevent the spread of Covid and to protect patients and staff.

The restrictions were extended at the start of this month to Wednesday October 20.

Each patient will now be able to have one designated visitor per day.

This applies to all areas of the hospitals, except Covid wards or any ward experiencing an outbreak of Covid. In these areas, essential visiting will continue.



University Hospital Crosshouse is again allowing pre-arranged visitors to the wards.

Visitors are requested to contact the ward to arrange a visit and any visitors who have not booked will not be accommodated.

This is to allow social distancing measures to be maintained.

Guidance on all visiting arrangements can be found on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran website at www.nhsaaa.net/hospitals/visiting-restrictions/.

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Write to us: editor@arranbanner.co.uk
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While many may view COP26 as yet another talking shop where world leaders signal their green credentials while flying to Glasgow in their private jets, winning-and-dining and achieving little, there are others that are placing a great deal of hope and optimism in the outcome of the meetings.

Supporters and detractors can both agree on one thing though, and that is governments around the world all need to find a combined solution to the problems being faced rather than individual efforts of varying degrees.

The overwhelming feeling being expressed by many environmental groups and organisations is that empty words and broken promises will no longer suffice.

And, whether you believe that the world is nearing a tipping point, verging on the precipice of an ecological and climatic disaster, or if you believe that this is climate alarmism, COP26 has been billed by many as the 'last chance' to make a difference.

There can also be no doubt the great expectations on world leaders this year will not be quelled by empty gestures and political machinations as in previous years.

People are expecting governments to show their mettle and make meaningful commitments to combat climate change.

Will COP 26 achieve this? Will COP26 be the progenitor of real change or just a cop out?

Thought for the week

'Love your enemies and do good, and lend expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great.' Luke 6: 35

Green fundamentalists

Sir,
When all political parties – and even the Royal family – agree on something, you can be pretty sure they are wrong. It is therefore particularly useful that some of the follies of green fundamentalism are being exposed just before the great Glasgow self-righteousness fest which is COP26.

Consider, the green decision to rein-in gas and oil exploration in the North Sea, and to oppose commissioning of the new fields which have (even so) been discovered. The result: a shortage of oil and gas, meaning that Britain's fuel security is now in the hands of Putin's Russia, and coal-fired electricity generation was restarted last month. A big win for 'green-ness'?

Even a formerly positive local authority in England has been bullied into opposing development of a coking-coal mine. This would produce coal as an essential ingredient in steel. The alternative would be to import the coal from Australia or the steel from China. Very green.

Meanwhile, the relentless drive for expensive, unreliable energy in Britain, whether wind or nuclear, makes British manufacturing less competitive, driving more of it to China, which continues to build coal-fired electricity generation capacity at pace.

More than half of Chinese energy production is from coal, and it is adding coal-fired capacity at three times the rest of the world combined. The green extremists are making matters worse, by their own measures.

The most beautiful example of green nonsense is the fact that the UK government currently subsidises attempts to reduce the production of carbon dioxide – and the production of carbon dioxide.

More than 25,000 people are expected for the great hypocrisy-gathering next month, and not all of them will have travelled here on foot. Of

course, it is billed as the 'last chance to save the planet' – just like COP15 in 2009, and plenty more gatherings of the great, the good, and the plain expensive, before and since.

It will, directly and indirectly, cost us all a great deal of money, in so many different ways.

But don't count on it to do the planet any good.

Yours,

**Richard S Henderson
Lochranza**

Sad indictment

Sir,

Last week, on Monday October 18, a Radio 2 listener told Ken Bruce on air that they were going to have a break on the beautiful Isle of Arran, usually great publicity for the island, but on this occasion not so much as Ken Bruce said: 'If the ferry sails and you get there.'

Word is getting out across the UK and further afield that Scotland's ferry services to the Western and Clyde islands are in chaos.

If there is not to be irreparable further damage to the economies of our islands the Scottish Government has to get rid of the present management of CalMac, remove CMAL altogether and appoint managers that have an understanding of running lifeline ferry services.

There also needs to be a complete clear out of the ineffective managers hired by the hapless Drummond and return to having the customer at the forefront of the running of the company,

Yours,

**Charles Currie,
Blackwaterfoot.**

Imputed rental of owner occupiers

Sir,

Last week your front page stated that 'the hospitality industry is the largest industry on the island'. Is this true?

A Scottish Parliamentary Information Centre Briefing paper on Gross Value Added may paint a different picture.

It says that: 'The largest industry in the Scottish economy (as is true elsewhere in the UK) is owner-occupiers unknowingly letting their own houses to themselves.'

This is due to what they dub the 'imputed rental of owner occupiers'.

So on Arran does the income from tourists exceed the rental income that the powers that be suppose is coming from home owners renting their homes to themselves? I'd love to know.

In any case it shows how bonkers the housing market is.

It's long forgotten now but David Cameron's government's housing adviser promised house price stability. That went well, didn't it.

I agree with Tom Tracey, its time to build council housing. Plenty of land is for sale on Arran – give North Ayrshire Council the cash to snap it up.

Yours,

**Alistair McIntosh,
Lamlash.**

Old Brodick pier

Sir,

Last week's Banner featured a public notice calling for observations (limited to safety and environmental issues) on the proposed demolition of the old pier.

There are several safety reasons why demolition should be resisted.

First, the old pier is no threat to berthing, and with modest investment it could be brought into standby use.

Second, should the new berths become inoperable for any reason (strikes, mechanical failures, construction faults, damage), the whole port would become inoperable, meaning that people could not get to hospital appointments and supplies could not be brought in.

Third, retaining the old pier would also allow alternative services to operate, for example, when the Caledonian Isles and ferry terminal are overwhelmed on the day of the Brodick Highland Games; already, the Waverley was unable to berth when two CalMac vessels occupied the new berths.

Lastly, the inflexibility of the new berths might make Brodick unusable as a safe port should vessels in the Clyde fall into distress; the old pier would provide extra flexibility.

Yours,

**Eamonn Butler,
Lamlash.**

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Government launches Impact of Fireworks campaign

As we all look forward to November 5 and fireworks night, the Scottish Government has launched a campaign to ensure people are aware of new regulations relating to the use of fireworks.

New laws mean it is illegal to set off fireworks before 6pm and after 11pm. The law allows for an extension until midnight on November 5 and 1am on Hogmanay, Chinese New Year and Diwali.

The new rules aim to lessen the negative impact of fireworks on people and animals.

Fiona Clarke, an autistic person living in Scotland, has supported the campaign.

She said: 'Visually fireworks can be a sensory delight and portray celebration, but for some of us, the noise, flashes of light, together with the unpredictable nature of how long they will go on for, can be overwhelming.'

'I think this campaign is very important in raising awareness of the negative impact that fireworks can have on others and encouraging people to be more mindful of that.'

If you plan on having your own private firework display this year it is important that you know the rules and how to keep you and your family safe.

Statistics show that during the bonfire season, 85 per cent of all firework injuries treated at emergency departments happen at informal private displays. More than half of those requiring treatment are children.

So make sure you keep a safe distance - not all fireworks are suitable for private use. It de-

pends on size of your garden/area.

Follow the fireworks code - stand well back, never return to a firework after it has been lit and read instructions before use.

Deputy assistant chief officer Alasdair Perry is the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's head of prevention and protection.

He said: 'We welcome the continuing support of our communities and by following all the available safety guidance from ourselves, and our partners, they can help reduce the risk of harm wherever possible.'

'Every year people are injured by bonfires and fireworks and admitted to hospital - and children are particularly affected.'

'Anyone thinking of hosting a private event involving fire, flame or fireworks is asked to consider the risks - follow the fireworks code and fire safety guidance.'

If you are planning a private fireworks display, let your neighbours know when you might be setting fireworks off.

For some of your neighbours, fireworks can be particularly distressing and frightening due to the loud and sudden noise. Many neighbourhood pets will also be distressed from the loud and sudden noise.

Scottish SPCA head of education, policy and research Gilly Mendes Ferreira said: 'Every year thousands of animals suffer stress and anxiety caused by the use of fireworks.'

'As animals have more acute hearing than humans, the loud and high pitched noises

made by fireworks can cause animals to become fearful and distressed. Animals can panic

and flee at the sound of the bang and this can lead them towards danger such as being

the cause of a road traffic accident, also putting human lives at risk. Our advice for those

with animals can be found at www.scottishspca.org/news/fireworks-advice.'

Column sponsored by Safer Scotland

Remember, remember... the impact of fireworks

New rules have been introduced to lessen the negative impact of fireworks, meaning it's illegal to set off fireworks before 6pm and after 11pm. This extends to midnight on 5th November and 1am on Hogmanay, Chinese New Year and Diwali.

While fireworks can be great fun, they can be dangerous if used incorrectly. During bonfire season, 85% of all firework injuries treated at emergency departments happen at private displays, and more than half of those requiring treatment are children.

Mortars and rockets are responsible for the majority of serious eye and hand injuries, however sparklers, fountains and firecrackers are also frequent sources of injury.

It's safest to celebrate at an organised event if there's one in your area, but if you're planning a private display at home, make sure you know how to keep you and your family safe:

- Keep a safe distance
- Follow the fireworks code and read instructions before use
- Not all fireworks are suitable for private use. It depends on the size of your garden
- Visit www.firescotland.gov.uk for more safety advice

It's important to think of others and be aware of the impact fireworks can have on those around you. The loud and sudden noises can be distressing for those with noise sensitivity, including autistic people and veterans, and pet owners know only too well the distress they can cause animals.

Enjoy fireworks safely. For more advice visit www.firescotland.gov.uk

To report the misuse of fireworks anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



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It Is Now Illegal To Set
Off Fireworks Before 6pm
And After 11pm*.

(*Midnight On The 5th November)

Remember, remember... the impact of fireworks

www.firescotland.gov.uk



HALLOWE'EN AND BONFIRE

With the onset of colder nights and the evenings drawing in, and the clocks going back this weekend, it can only mean one thing - it's time for Hallowe'en and bonfire night celebrations!

On Arran, we are particularly fortunate that a large number of villages are

hosting celebrations. And, these are not just confined to one evening, but they will be held over two week's, giving fans of Hallowe'en and bonfires numerous opportunities to attend one, or more, event.

Nearing the big day itself, Lamlash Primary will host their party, on Friday 29th. (today)

from 1pm to 2.45pm. Raucous fun and well-loved games can be enjoyed at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday October 30, when villagers celebrate their Hallowe'en in style between 4pm and 6pm. Also on Saturday, Shiskine village will go all out with their Hallowe'en party which takes place between 3pm until 4.30pm. There will be competitions for guising and the best lantern made by a child. A special prize will also be awarded for a traditional turnip lantern and for the best home-made costume. In addition, there will also be games, grub and ghouls to add to the fun. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and face coverings will be required, unless exempt.

Come October 31st itself, on Hallowe'en, **The Old Post Office Laundry** in Brodick, will be holding a Creepy Hallowe'en open house from 6pm to 8.15pm, an event definitely full of Hallowe'en scares and a bag of goodies for those who dare to attend.

Also on Hallowe'en, there will be a **Sinister Stroll at Brodick Castle**. Join them for an atmospheric stroll around the haunted

Brodick Castle and its ghoulish grounds. Go and see what scares and frights they have in store on an eerie Hallowe'en night. There will be screams aplenty in these creepy surroundings and you can even join in the fun by dressing up in your scariest outfit. Can you escape from the ghouls and ghosts? Join other brave souls for a night of frights from 7pm until 10pm. No booking is required.

And before the Hallowe'en costumes have been packed away for the year we move straight into bonfire nights. Kicking off in fine style **Whiting Bay** starts the



BRODICK BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
(sponsored by Brodick Improvements)
Friday 5th November from 7pm
Beach behind Wee Co-op
All Welcome
Donations going towards next year's fireworks
Soup and Sausage Rolls available from Brodick Golf Club

The Old Post Office Laundry Brodick
Creepy Halloween Open House
Time to be scared sheetless.
31st October | 6pm - 8.15pm
Come Guising if you dare..a bag of goodies awaits those who make it out...
Disclaimer: This event deals in real Halloween frights. Children 6 and under should be accompanied by an adult. (staff may be scarier than usual.....which is hard to believe)

THE NORTHEAD FESTIVAL OF FIRE
LOCHRANZA & CATACOL VILLAGE HALL
Brought to you by The Village Hall Committee & Lochranza Centre CIC
Saturday 6th November from 6.30pm
ARRAN PIPE BAND **BONFIRE**
BBQ **FIREWORKS**
FLOOD LIT CASTLE **LIVE MUSIC**
8.30pm-10.30pm
Family Dance in the Hall
with the fantastic Sound Cradle Band
£5 donation at the door (licenced Bar)

NIGHT FUN ON ARRAN

celebrations on Friday November 5, at 6pm, when their event includes a spectacular bonfire at the putting green and fireworks. The barbecue will start at 5.45pm and there will be free glow bangles for children. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for their children's safety and Covid regulations will need to be adhered to.

Also on Friday November 5, visitors can look forward to the **Brodick fireworks** sponsored by Brodick Improvements, with the bonfire and fireworks starting at 7pm. Families from around the island are welcome to join in the celebrations on the beach behind the small Co-op. Donations



going towards next year's fireworks, instead of an entrance fee, would be welcomed, so keep a look out for the yellow hats going round. Everyone is then invited back to Brodick Golf Club where soup and sausage rolls will be available.

Not just a bonfire night, **Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall and Lochranza Centre CIC** are combining resources to bring you the **Northend Festival of Fire**. This will be their

third year organising this event. The castle and the village green will be the focal points for most

of the events in what should be a fantastic evening for visitors. There will be a traditional bonfire, lit to the sound of the Isle of Arran Pipe Band. Fireworks will be set off on the road leading to Lochranza Castle and the Arran Mobile Disco will provide music on the village green during the

fireworks display. The evening will continue with a family dance in the village with a licensed bar from 8.30pm until 10.30pm. Attendees will be able to dance the night away to the sounds of the Sound Cradle Band.

Fantastic Firework Display and BBQ

Friday 5th November at the Putting Green.

BBQ starts at 5.45pm, Bonfire at 6pm followed by Firework Display (parents are responsible for their children's safety at all times)

Free Glow Bangles for children.

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Sinister Stroll at Brodick Castle

Looking for a halloween night fright?

Come and join us for a *Sinister Stroll* through the Castle and Gardens.
October 31st - 7pm til 10pm.

£5.00 per person
Entrance at the Woodland Cafe.
No Need to book.
May not be suitable for children.



Rare Scottish visitors spotted on Arran during migration season

Considered by some to be the most attractive of our wintering geese, the brent goose is small, not much bigger than the familiar mallard.

There are three recognised sub-species of this goose and all breed in the high Arctic and are circumpolar.

Brent geese nest on the boggy Arctic tundra, where the severe climate allows them only about two months of good weather in which to raise a family.

By September, they are leaving their breeding grounds and heading for their wintering areas where they spend the winter feeding on eelgrass in estuaries and on crops in adjoining fields.

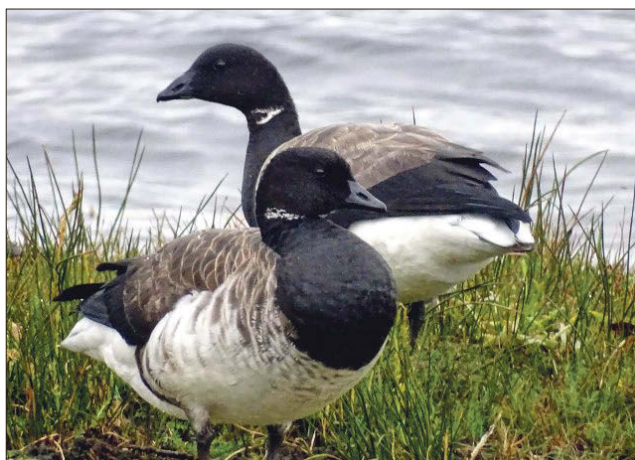
Two of these subspecies winter in considerable numbers on the British Isles. The dark-bellied

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

Dark-bellied brent geese breed in northern Russia and spend the winter in southern and eastern England while the pale-bellied brent geese breed mostly in Canada and Greenland and spend the winter mostly in Ireland.

It is estimated that around 90,000 dark-bellied brent geese travel to Britain each autumn from their nesting grounds in Siberia, wintering in the sheltered estuaries and coastal marshes on the east



and south coasts of England. It is also estimated that around 30,000 pale-bellied brent geese arrive in Strangford Lough in Northern Ireland in October before dispersing to other estuarine sites in Ireland.

In Scotland it is a scarce passage migrant and uncommon winter visitor.

The most likely subspecies to be seen on Arran is the pale-breasted. Looking at the data in the Arran Natural

Brent geese are an uncommon visitor to Arran, however, there have been three sightings reported this year. Photograph: Colin Cowley

History Society annual bird reports, in seven out of the last 10 years brent geese have been reported on Arran with the largest group being 31 in Machrie Bay in April 2017.

Looking at only the autumn records, brent geese have been reported on Arran in just three of the last 10 years with the largest group being four by Fisherman's Walk in 2016.

That is until this year. In September there have been three reports: two birds by the Fisherman's Walk on 24th and one on Torrylinn shore also on 24th and six on the shore at Thunderguy on 29th.

Our photograph, taken by Colin Cowley, captures the main features of this small goose, the black head and neck, the grey-brown back, the pale belly and the small white neck patch.

Look out for it round our coast this winter.

Enjoy your birding and keep safe.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran, purchase the Arran Bird Report 2020 and the Arran Bird Report, The First 40 Years. Plus visit the website <http://www.arranbirding.co.uk/index.html>

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Cod populations in the Clyde reach lowest levels ever

The Our Seas alliance has warned that west coast cod populations have collapsed and that Scottish Government protection measures offer little protection or chance of the population ever recovering.

The stark warning from the alliance representing marine businesses, community groups, Scottish fishing associations and environmental and recreational groups comes after the Scottish Government's review of protective measures for Clyde cod stocks.

It has come under fire from campaigners as offering no protection from the activities that are most likely to harm cod's spawning grounds.

Our Seas said the last year saw the lowest adult populations of west of Scotland cod ever recorded and scientists have advised that no cod are caught from the west coast stock in 2022.

The protection measures being criticised include an area of the Firth of Clyde which is temporarily closed every year so that theoretically cod can breed undisturbed.

However, exemptions mean certain methods of fishing can continue uninterrupted,

including bottom-trawling and scallop dredging.

Bottom-trawling and dredging rake across the seabed in areas that are supposed to be closed and which contain essential fish habitat for spawning cod, yet the Scottish Government currently allows for bottom-towed fishing gear to operate in the area they are trying to protect.

Ailsa McLellan, co-ordinator of the Our Seas coalition, said: 'These measures are clearly not working. This is one of many examples of the Scottish Government talking a good game with respect to marine and fisheries management, whilst failing to do anything effective to improve the situation.'

'Catch limits are continually set above scientific advice and there is no monitoring or enforcement of the ban on discards.'

'It is known that the Nephrops trawl fleet catches and discards a significant number of cod as bycatch.'

Closer to home, Jenny Crockett, outreach and communications manager for Community of Arran Seabed Trust Arran, which is also a

member of Our Seas coalition, said: 'Fisheries management measures tend to focus on controlling the amount of fish caught and technical fishing gear measures that support this. Although these measures are important, protecting habitats that are crucial to the life history of the target fish must be a more prominent part of the overall approach for fisheries management.'

'Research is showing the crucial role of seabed habitat in supporting early life stages of fish such as cod and that the biodiversity of the seabed affects the abundance and growth of juvenile demersal fish.'

'It is therefore time for the Scottish Government to address fisheries protection in the Clyde with an ecosystem-based approach to protect essential habitats, such as cod spawning grounds.'

Our Seas coalition is calling for the urgent reinstatement of an inshore limit on the use of bottom-towed fishing gear around Scotland's coasts to halt and reverse the damage done to habitats, carbon sinks and fisheries by prawn trawling and scallop dredging.

Kicking off Hallowe'en with Pumpkin Patch at the Park

Arran's first autumn event hosted by Whiting Bay Primary School Parent Council was a resounding success with hundreds of people attending its Pumpkin Patch at the Park event last Sunday.

Raising more than £2,500, the family event attracted a huge number of adults and children to Sandbraes park where organisers offered a number of Hallowe'en-themed activities for the attendees to enjoy.

On offer for children were a number of games including bobbing for apples, a witches' hat toss and a poke-the-pumpkin game, all offering sweet treats as prizes.

Children also enjoyed face painting and selecting their own pumpkins from the

Whiting Bay Primary School Parent Council hosts fun and games event

pumpkin patch, along with impromptu games that took place in the park with their friends.

Adults joined in the family fun by making scarecrows which were entered into a scarecrow competition and which were all on display in the park.

In addition to the baking and snack stalls, there were hearty soups and warming hot chocolate. A volunteer auction also took place with visitors bidding for the services of volunteers. A Whiting Bay

Primary Parent Council spokesperson said: 'We would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone, island-wide, for coming to see us at Sandbraes park. Such a happy buzz of people. A truly great afternoon and we raised more than £2,500.'

'Congratulations to all the raffle winners, the auction bidders and to the Furze family for their winning scarecrow. Thanks also to Liz at the Brodick Co-op for her incredible generosity and for supporting the event.'



Two youngsters pose for a photograph. 01_B44pumpkin08



A young girl dressed up as a vampire waves to the camera after bobbing for apples. 01_B44pumpkin09



Children enjoy a number of fun games in the hopes of winning a prize. 01_B44pumpkin03

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Children select a pumpkin to take home and carve while others admire the scarecrows and carved pumpkins. 01_B44pumpkin04

All of the entries in the scarecrow competition. 01_B44pumpkin05

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Right: Pupils at Corrie Primary School present Mrs Angie Fisher with flowers on her leaving the post of head teacher. Mrs Fisher has now taken up the post of head teacher at Brodick following the departure of Miss Muriel Argo. 01_B44ABTYA02



Left: The family of Russell and Jan Duncan of Brodick at the wedding of their elder daughter Julie to Peter Lalor of Wisconsin, USA, last Saturday. 01_B44ABTYA01



At a public advice and accident prevention training session at Lamlash Fire Station, coast-guard leader David Shaw teaches Brodick children how to rescue a drowning man from the water. 01_B44ABTYA03

Screen Machine Scotland's Mobile Cinema

Brodick, Ormidale Park
Thu 4 to Mon 8 Nov

PAW Patrol: The Movie (U) 86 mins
Fun animated family adventure. 04/11 at 5.30pm, 06/11 at 2pm

Living Proof (8+) 98 mins
Documentary about Scotland and the climate crisis. 04/11 at 8.30pm

The Last Bus (12A) 86 mins
Drama starring Timothy Spall as a widower who travels with his wife's ashes from John O'Groats to Land's End. 05/11 at 5.30pm

No Time to Die (12A) 163 mins
James Bond is back and must hunt down a renegade scientist. 05/11 at 8pm, 06/11 at 5pm, 07/11 at 8pm, 08/11 at 2pm captioned

Our Ladies (15) 106 mins
Scottish comedy drama about five Catholic schoolgirls having fun during a trip to Edinburgh. 06/11 at 8.30pm

Everything Flows: Photography on Screen (PG) 41 mins
Free but ticketed programme of short contemporary photography, featuring six different collections of work. 07/11 at 4pm

LAUNCH! On the Sea with Scotland's Lifeboats (U) 44 mins + 20 min Pre-recorded Q&A
Documentary about the RNLI using archive footage and an immersive soundtrack. A pre-recorded Q&A will follow the feature. 07/11 at 5.30pm
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Above: A group of volunteers who took part in a marine safety exercise onboard the Caledonian Isles. 01_B44ABTYA04



North Ayrshire Council environmental health officer Derek Murdoch and Hugh McGee inspect Hawthorn Quarry following noise complaints made by Knockinkelly residents.

01_B44ABTYA05



Above: A two-week inquiry has taken place as part of the search for a site for Arran Outdoor Education Resource Centre. Participants visited the saltmarsh site overlooking Holy Isle where the slipway may cross. 01_B44ABTYA06

What's on

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TOURS AND TASTINGS BY APPOINTMENT



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

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COAST Discovery Centre, Lamlash, Open Monday - Saturday, 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 30th October

Arran Community Land Initiative, Volunteers Day, Whiting Bay 10am - 4pm

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

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Hallowe'en Party, Shiskine Hall, 3pm – 4.30pm

Hallowe'en Party for under P7s, Whiting Bay Village Hall, 4pm - 6pm

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

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

Sunday 31st October

Remember Clocks change

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Brodick Church Hall, 5pm – 6.30pm

Creepy Hallowe'en Open House, Old Post Office Laundry, Brodick, 6pm – 8pm

Sinnister Stroll at Brodick Castle, Entrance at the Woodland Cafe, 7pm -10pm

Monday 1st November

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

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 2nd November

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 to14 yrs), Ormidale Pavillion, 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 3rd November

Hydrofit, Auchrannie Resort, 10.30am – 11.15am

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 Well-Being Cafe, Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine, 2pm - 4pm

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

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

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

Thursday 4th November

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

Screen Machine, Ormidale Park, Brodick from 5.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

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

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

Friday 5th November

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

Screen Machine, Ormidale Park, Brodick from 5.30pm

Fireworks Display and BBQ, Putting Green, Whiting Bay from 5.45pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Brodick Fireworks, 7pm

Live Music Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

Saturday 6th November

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

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Screen Machine, Ormidale Park, Brodick from 2pm

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

The Northend Festival of Fire, Castle and Village Green, Lochranza, from 6.30pm

Northend Festival of Fire Family Dance, Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, Lochranza, 8.30pm -10pm

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

RNLI Shop Open, Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Comments should be made online at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 19.11.21.

Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

21/00271/PP; Site To East Of Treeview, Brodick, Ayrshire, KA27 8BX; Siting of caravan including raised deck (retrospective).

21/01010/PP; Post Office Cottage, Shannochie, Brodick, Ayrshire; Erection of replacement dwellinghouse to include the demolition of existing dwelling house and outbuildings.

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You can find a full list of awards at www.arranbrewery.co.uk Blonde is a light, refreshing beer with a delicate, floral hop aroma, with a well balanced finish and good character.

The beer is available at a few select pubs on draft and throughout the island in bottles, including at the brewery shop at Cladach, Brodick





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If you'd like to know more about the work of the Care at Home service, visit nahscp.org/support-in-the-community-adults/care-home-service.

Or if you'd like to apply, or need further information, please contact Team Manager Julie Thomson on 01294 310222 or Ruth Betley 01770 600777.



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For more information about any of our current opportunities get in touch by calling 01770303329 or email HR@auchrannie.co.uk

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AGM

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18th November
2021

At the Village
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CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Parishes of North Arran, Brodict, 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 31st October
Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches-

Communion Service service at Lochranza Church 10.15am
Communion Service 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 31st 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 31st 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 Anglican Church)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 31st October

All Saint's Day

Holy Communion at 11 am.

Revd Adrian Fallows

ALL WELCOME

Please join us for coffee after the service

We follow strict SEC guidelines

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings

Tel: 01770 600222

www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday 31st October

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

All welcome but current Covid restrictions are in place.

Sermons will be on our webpage following the Sunday.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (CONTINUING)

Sunday 31st October

Morning Service at 11am
Free Church Building, Alma Road, Brodict
All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Saturday 30th

October - Vigil at 5pm

Sunday 31st October -

Morning at 11am

Monday 1st November -

Feast of All Saints - Mass 10am

Tuesday 2nd November - All

Souls - Mass 10am

Wednesday 3rd November -

Rosary 3pm. All welcome.

Booking for mass is essential.

Please email peterdwilko@

gmail.com or telephone

600595 to check availability

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BIBLE MEETINGS

Tuesday 2nd November

Shiskine Village Hall,

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Conducted by W Craigs and

R Hughes

Contact 07756836670.

All are welcome to attend.

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday 4th November -

Taize Praise and Meditation.

3pm, Holy Cross Church,

Brodict. All welcome.

DEATH

MCLELLAN - Ian. With great sadness we announce that Ian passed away peacefully on Saturday 16th October at Montrose House in Brodict aged 90. A beloved husband, father and grandfather. Ian was a lover of Arran where he met Irene, his wife for over 60 years. A family service will be held at 12 noon on 1st November at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium in Largs. Family flowers only please, any donations to Montrose House.

ARRAN BANNER GOLF

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday October 21, Shiskine Ladies Away Golfing Society at Tarbert. Singles: 1 Elizabeth Kelso 37 nett BIH, 2 and scratch 40 Ann May 37, 3 Winifred McCallum 39. Tri-Am. 1 Alice Anderson, Winifred McCallum and Jerry Arthur 69, 2 Fiona Henderson, Elizabeth Kelso and Clare Buchanan 71, 3 Ann May, Piet Johnston and Jessie Hutton 73. N/P in two, Liz Kerr, longest drive, Winifred McCallum, longest putt sunk, Ann May.

Sunday October 17, Gents 12-hole Medal. 1 B Sherwood 48-10=38, 2 A Widdowson 52-13=39, 3 A Kerr 49-9=40. Magic twos, Brian Sherwood.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 21, Back Nine Medal. 1 Martin Wallbank 35-6.5=28.5, 2 Norrie MacIntyre 33-4=29, 3 Derek Harrison 39-8.5=30.5. Best scratch, Norrie MacIntyre 33. Sunday October 24, Glenburn Cup. 1 Derek Harrison 83-17=66, 2 Hugh McLelland 88-21=67, 3 John O'Sullivan 100-30=70. Best scratch, Paul Cowan 73.

Fixtures: Sunday October 31, Winter Stableford, noon draw, counting round for handicap. Thursday November 4, Yellow Medal, 11am draw.

Brodict Golf Club

Friday October 22, Senior Club Championship final. Iain MacDonald beat Bruce Jenkins. Sunday October 24, Winter Cup Stableford, 21 played. Douglas Robertson 17, 44pts, Donald McKinnie 13, 43pts, Gordon Hendry 6, 40pts.

Fixtures: Saturday 30

October, Saturday Cup. Sunday 31 October, Winter Cup Stableford.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 24, Bogey Competition, 13 played. 1 David Blair 11, level ACB, 2 David Morrison 9, level, 3 Colin Nisbet 14, 1 down. Magic twos, Jamie Macpherson @2nd, David Blair @11th, David Morison @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday October 31, Par Three competition. Draw for partners at 10am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 19, Lochranza Hotel Cup. 1 Willie McNally 39pts, 2 Phil Betley 36pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 34pts BIH. Tuesday October 26, Winter Cup. 1 Brian Sherwood 65, 2 Jim Brown 69, 3 Alex Morrison-Cowan 70. Magic twos, Brian Sherwood.

Fixtures: Tuesday November 2, Winter Cup, tee-off at noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday October 30, 18 Hole Medal. Monday November 1, Monday Cup, draw at noon.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Saturday October 23, ALGU Championship final at Lamlash Golf Club. The finalists were defending champion Ann May and Susan Butchard.

A good crowd of spectators were privileged to see some excellent golf from both ladies especially in very windy conditions.



Angus Dunn is presented with the Clare Buchanan Junior Eclectic Trophy by Shiskine vice captain Jenni Turnbull and junior convener Clare Buchanan.



ALGU president Gay Mackay, centre, with ALGU championship winner Ann May, left, and runner-up Susan Butchard.

The game started off very evenly but Ann began to take control, being three up at the turn.

She continued strongly on the back nine but then the tide started to turn in Susan's favour.

Susan had some superb putts to take her from six down to two down by the 16th hole.

By this time the crowd were

wondering what could possibly happen next in this nail-biting final.

The 17th was halved giving Ann a two and one victory.

Well done to both ladies for reminding us how golf should be played - great shots, great sportsmanship and great fun.

Thanks to our new president Gay Mackay for our clubhouse celebrations.

Iain MacDonald, right, beat defending champion Bruce Jenkins in the final of the Brodict Senior Club Championship.

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Left: The all-comers team.
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Right: Arran Ladies Hockey Senior team.
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Hockey ladies succumb to island all-comers' efforts

The Senior Ladies of the Arran Hockey Club faced tough but friendly opposition in last Saturday's friendly match against all-comers.

The match took place after the Senior Ladies issued an open invite to any players wanting to play against them following the match cancellation by Strathclyde University who were unable to field a team.

Many of the opposition players took part in a sim-

ilar friendly match two weeks before and were keen for a victory after they were soundly defeated by the Senior Ladies 5-2.

This time, the tables were turned and the all-comers scored two goals while the Senior Ladies could only blast one goal past the goal keeper, despite numerous attempts.

The match was immensely physical with players from both sides making repeated attempts at goal

but by the time the final whistle was blown, the all-comers were in the lead and secured the victory.

A spokesperson for the Senior Ladies thanked Pauline Reid and Cat Galbraith for umpiring and all of the players who provided them with valuable practise and a challenging but enjoyable game.

The Senior Ladies will play an away game this weekend against GHK 4 who also field a team in the West District league.



Dame-of-the-game Lynda Fenton chases down the opposition to gain possession of the ball. 01_B44hockey05



Lynda Fenton was dame of the game. 01_B44hockey07



Arran Hockey Club's Kellen Craig attempts to score for the opposition team. 01_B44hockey06



Umpire Pauline Reid gives Arran High School chemistry teacher Martin McCartney a quick lesson in goalkeeping.

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