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# Brodick parents win fight for early years provision

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**EXCLUSIVE**

by Hugh Boag  
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The future of early years provision in Brodick has been secured after a two-year fight by parents.

There was real concern the village would be left without any provision due to the potential closure of Brodick Nursery from June 2022, with young children having to travel to other early years classes on the island.

However, after a long battle, North Ayrshire Council has announced it is to spend £300,000 to transform Brodick primary to include an early years and childcare centre.

Currently, Brodick Nursery is a voluntary early learning centre (ELC) run by a manager and team of early years practitioners in Brodick Hall.

The ELC in Brodick Hall is shared with other community groups and Arran public library which made it unsuita-

ble to continue to deliver 1,140 hours of ELC provision.

The nursery's parent committee has fought a long campaign to get the council to back its plans for alterations to the hall to allow the nursery to continue or find them alternative accommodation.

Committee members have held countless meetings with council representatives and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to find a solution.

Now they have persuaded the council to act and, under the new plans, the council is proposing to transform Brodick Primary School to create what they call a 'fit-for-purpose' ELC as part of the school.

The plan was due to be discussed at a parents' meeting attended by NAC officials last night (Thursday) but it is hoped there can be a seamless transition for young children to the new centre from August 2022.

It is expected the new nursery will be run by the council

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# Inquiry finds lack of forward planning led to ferry fiasco

Arran Ferry Committee (AFC) met with CalMac managing director Robbie Drummond and his operations management team remotely last week to review the incident on October 10 which closed Ardrossan to outgoing traffic, whilst continuing to operate traffic from Brodick. They were joined on the call by Transport Scotland's head of ferries. CalMac has now provided its incident report on the event, which was not available prior to the meeting, and the ferry committee will be following up all actions with some changes already implemented. The discussions also included the arrangements at Claonaig and the lack of forward planning to manage traffic and safety. Here is the ferry committee report of the November 2 meeting.

The chairman Iain Thomson welcomed everyone and asked the question: 'Why did Ardrossan require to be closed to outgoing traffic for a full day?'

AFC had requested sight of CalMac's risk analysis for the port and a copy of the incident reports which CalMac were expected to have prepared. Nothing was presented and AFC considered it indicated a lack of urgency or recognition of the severity of the impact the incident had for the island.

Mr Drummond gave an as-

urance that it was recognised it was severe, however, defended the decisions by reminding the meeting they were operating in a pandemic and they had to follow the guidelines as set out by government health and MCA regulators. CalMac could not quantify the numbers of customers or vehicles impacted by this incident.

It was explained staff at Ardrossan are divided by outside and inside operations and, on this occasion, it was a relative of one of the port staff initially identified on October

9. Then, on the morning of October 10, a member of the office staff tested positive and the close contacts were all recommended to isolate until they had shown a negative result. Due to the regulations, they were advised that close contacts going back several days - October 6 - were impacted, which meant all available staff left. That affected 23 of the 28 staff, with others unavailable for other reasons.

Berthing staff remained on site to allow the first sailing from Brodick to berth which



The ferry disembarked passengers at Ardrossan on the day of the fiasco but would not let anyone on.

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brought over pier staff who then operated the ropes and berthing for the remainder of the day to allow traffic to continue to travel from Brodick.

Outgoing traffic was unable to be loaded due to no admin staff to check numbers and bookings. This was challenged and several alternatives suggested to understand if they had been considered and why they weren't implemented. In the absence of any detailed analysis, it was reported that MCA rules all dictated they could not introduce any alternatives.

Comparison with road and rail transport operators was considered inappropriate as they had alternatives for drivers and staffing. Comparison was also made between how other businesses had adapted to changing Covid rules, yet CalMac were perceived to have been operating a much stricter regime. In the discussion, there was never a suggestion that safety be compromised.

AFC simply requested explanations for the decisions. Transport Scotland took an action to check if government guidelines were appropriate for ferries and what could be considered if future occasions arose.

It was repeatedly stated by AFC that traffic, both foot and vehicles, could have safely been accommodated with some forward planning and on the day management. MCA regulations were again presented as not negotiable. CalMac were actioned to speak to MCA and present a scenario outlining alternative procedures based on the incident which may be considered to maintain service in extreme cases. It was also acknowledged that the CalMac risk analysis had not considered such an obvious

eventuality and this will be reviewed.

CalMac had indicated in its initial response to AFC on October 11 that it would present an incident report and AFC again demanded this should be provided.

One key element of the incident was the lack of any senior management at the port to speak with customers. CalMac had staffing limitations on other Clyde ports and had no contingency for such an occasion due to general staffing pressures including an inability to hire. Staff were identified from Oban.

However, they were unfamiliar with Ardrossan procedures so travelled to Brodick to release staff there to attend Ardrossan on October 11. The decision to have the staff isolate also meant Gourock could not be considered as it is Ardrossan staff who relocate there if that destination is used.

It was asked why staff had not travelled over Sunday evening to allow the 7am service to operate and there was no explanation given. With staff levels so critical, it was asked if CalMac had retained all their summer numbers. It advised recruiting was very difficult, and it continues to advertise for staff.

AFC voiced its frustration and anger at the perceived lack of responsiveness or any demonstrable improvement plans being presented to the meeting. CalMac was reminded that the island community, economy and reputation were all adversely impacted by these events and even national radio was giving negative publicity to the failure of the services.

The discussion moved to why all the traffic for all sailings on Sunday was directed to

Claonaig which is provided by a vessel which has 30 per cent of the MV Caledonian Isles capacity and no services or representatives were available to manage the traffic. The potential safety implications for CalMac customers and the community of Skipness by the volumes of traffic potentially blocking emergency vehicle access to the area was highlighted and acknowledged for review.

Reports suggest up to 170 vehicles were waiting to travel mid-afternoon. Destruction of the roadside verges has also been highlighted and the lack of toilets again highlights that urgent consideration must be given to provide temporary services at the port. CalMac agreed to review procedures and the communications to recognise the limited capacity when redirecting vehicles.

Suggestions were provided to consider marshalling off site with boarding tickets issued in the same way supermarkets control queuing, but they were generally dismissed on the basis that CalMac couldn't stop customers travelling to the location. This was again challenged and demand for improved procedures repeated.

General customer care and handling of communications of high demand during incidents was mentioned with examples provided at Ardrossan where customers were 'discouraged' from using the standby lane. This will be reviewed and appropriate revisions to staff advising customers updated.

AFC thanked Transport Scotland and CalMac for their time and look forward to receiving the incident reports and other feedback on actions identified with timescales for change indicated.

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## Planning extension for McLaren Hotel development

Plans for a new hotel on the site of the McLaren Hotel are still on the cards, it emerged this week.

There had been concern that the three-year planning permission for a new £9 million aparthotel on the site was due to run out next month.

However, it has since emerged that as part of the emergency powers introduced by the Scottish Government during Covid, any planning permission due to expire during the period from April 7 2020 to March 31 2022 will not now lapse until September 30 2022, giving the developers nearly another year to get started.

It is also understood the abodeGroup, which owns the Brodick shorefront site, is in active discussion with North Ayrshire Council planners over details of its building warrant, which it will require to start work. And the Norfolk-based abodeGroup has confirmed that the winding up of Abode Assets Ltd, as highlighted by the Banner last week, was simply a 'housekeeping exercise' and in no way connected to the hotel development.

## Brodick parents win fight for early years provision

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which says the refurbishment will provide accommodation to deliver 1,140 hours of early learning education to around 18 young children from August 2022. An outdoor learning area will be provided and the children's toilets will be improved.

Councillor John Bell, Cabinet Member for Education, North Ayrshire Council, said: 'Our proposal to refurbish Brodick Primary School to include early learning and childcare provision is in line with our commitment to North Ayrshire's children and young people having the best start in life.'

He added: 'Brodick Nursery has been at the heart of the Brodick community for 40 years and is a highly-valued establishment. As Brodick is the main transport link to the mainland, it is important there is early learning provision in the village to support working parents who work in Brodick and on the mainland.'

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# Community campaign sees fish farm appeal dismissed

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A campaign with wide community support was celebrating this week after the Scottish Government threw out an appeal to allow a new fish farm on Arran.

An appeal by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC), which sought planning permission to establish the fish farm near Millstone Point, has been dismissed by the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division.

The eagerly-awaited decision, announced earlier this week, follows a lengthy campaign by SSC to install and operate a large Atlantic salmon fish farm comprising 12, 120-metre circumference fish pens in the north of the island four miles north of Sannox.

Permission for the development was unanimously refused in March this year by the planning committee of North Ayrshire Council after widespread opposition both on and off the island. Following an appeal by the company, a reporter was appointed by Scottish Ministers to make a determination on the proposals.

In a 16-page decision notice, reporter Allison Coard outlined her reasons for dismissing the appeal.

These took into account the development plan context, landscape and seascape character, visual impact, national scenic area and special landscape area considerations, tourism impacts, benefits of the proposal, benthic habitats and water quality, wild salmon welfare and implications, natural heritage and habitat, noise and light pollution and other marine impacts.

From an environmental impact perspective, the decision notice stated: '... the proposal is an unacceptable incursion into an isolated locally and nationally valued area of landscape and seascape.'

'Whilst I recognise the benefits of the proposal and that other significant effects would be avoided, I do not consider this to be an acceptable location.'

In a final summation, Ms Coard said: 'I therefore conclude, for the reasons set out above, that the proposed devel-



A protest at the proposed site in 2020. The fish farm application at Millstone Point, Lochranza, was strongly opposed by environmental groups, marine campaigners and concerned individuals.  
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opment does not accord overall with the relevant provisions of the development plan and that there are no material considerations which would still justify granting planning permission. I have considered all the other matters raised, but there are none which would lead me to alter my conclusions.'

The news has been particularly well received by a number of organisations on Arran and those that oppose all open cage fish farming.

Rob Cowieson, of Friends of Millstone Point, who led the two-year community wide opposition campaign, said: 'We are delighted to learn of the reporter's decision to refuse SSC's appeal to construct

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an open cage salmon farm off Millstone Point.

'This has been a long and protracted process during which a dedicated group of individuals have worked diligently through the hundreds of pages of submission to establish a clear, reasoned and objective analysis of the proposal.'

'While we are absolutely delighted with the outcome, it is

extremely gratifying the views of hundreds of objectors and the unanimous view of North Ayrshire Council's planning committee has been upheld.'

An SSC spokesman said: 'We are understandably disappointed by the decision but it's pleasing to note the reporter for the Scottish Government largely agreed with the environmental assessment that any environmental impacts would have been confined to the landscape and visual impact from the proposed fish farm site.'

'We will continue to work with the Scottish Government

to play a prominent role in the sustainable growth of the aquaculture industry, which is crucial to the country's economic recovery.'

'We have strong links with Arran stretching back over 30 years and our existing operation there continues to provide long-term employment for people on the island and is a key driver in the local economy.'

SSC still has recourse to appeal the decision made by the reporter. This must be made within six weeks of the date of the appeal decision, however, an appeal to the Court of

Session can only be made on a point of law. The appeal refusal concludes one of the most contentious planning applications on Arran in recent years. At the time of the application deadline, 436 objections and 19 supportive comments were received by the planning authority. These included objections from Friends of Millstone Point, Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) as well as Salmon and Trout Conservation Scotland, Scottish Salmon Watch, Ayrshire Rivers Trust and Fisheries Management Scotland.

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# Islanders reveal all in video series

A new series of videos featuring a number of Arran luminaries is to be launched next week by filmmakers Chris and Jan Attkins of Positive Pictures, writes Colin Smeeton.

Simply called Islanders Reveal All, the free-to-view series will feature hosts Charles Currie and Gloria Barker interviewing a number of Arran personalities, with regular episodes being published on YouTube.

Chris Attkins said: 'We all know that Arran is populated by some really interesting people, however, it's only when you sit down with them that you discover what really makes them tick. So that's what we're doing.'

'Charles and Gloria have been busy interviewing residents with a lifelong commitment to Arran, and researching the lives of island settlers with fascinating past experiences in other parts of the world.



'Together, these in-depth interviews will let you get to know members of our

community as you may never have imagined them. Over the months ahead you'll meet

successful business men and women, adventurers, inspirational leaders and pillars of

the community. The sort of people you would love to invite to dinner — without having

Show host Gloria Barker interviews co-host Charles Currie in the first episode of Islanders Reveal All.

to cook for them. Sit down with them and find out which public servant was previously a member of the Communist Party, which hoteliers performed Shakespeare in Saudi Arabia, and who has changed the lives of hundreds of young people all over the world.'

The first programme will feature both presenters as Gloria interviews Charles to find out about his life as a West Coast farmer, tourist officer, radio presenter, disc jockey and postie.

Further interviews will appear at intervals throughout the months ahead on the ArranEye channel on YouTube.

Subscribers will be notified when new videos are released.

## Community rallies behind Christmas shoebox appeal

Caring residents of Arran have contributed more than 120 care packages for underprivileged people as part of the Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Administered by Blythswood Care, a Christian charity, with a mission to transform lives through the impact of education, community action and gospel activities, the annual appeal collects shoeboxes containing essentials for vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe.

Thanks to the generosity of island supporters, last week 122 shoeboxes were contributed to the cause.

The shoeboxes contain warm hats, scarves and gloves, as well as toiletries, such as a bar of soap, a new toothbrush, a pair of socks or a bottle of shampoo. St Bride's Church, Brodick, has been acting as a collecting and checking point for the Shoebox Appeal for over 20 years, and although this has proved to be a challenging year, the response

from people all over the island has remained consistently high.

One of the organisers, Sheena McLean, said: 'A huge thank you to everyone who helped this year, from the ladies who knitted, to those who collected and wrapped boxes, checked full boxes or filled boxes with the many individual items donated by our supporters.'

'We are also enormously grateful to all those who managed to fill a box as well as those who donated

cash. Over £739 was collected which will help towards transport costs which in this year of record increases in fuel prices will be even more appreciated.'

'A big thank you to the ladies of the shoebox team and to Susan and Alastair Dobson who kindly transported all the boxes to the mainland.'

'Again we are appealing to any knitters out there to start knitting for next year's appeal.'

'We find that scarves in particular are always in short supply.'

Further information about the shoebox appeal, and how it benefits people living in Eastern Europe, can be found on the website at <https://blythswood.org/shooboxappeal/>

Last year Blythswood Care donated 75,218 shoeboxes and bags which were sent off to underprivileged people in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

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# Plans to demolish Shannochie old post office are resubmitted

by Colin Smeeton  
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Revised plans to demolish the old Shannochie Post Office and to construct a new four-bedroom house have been resubmitted to North Ayrshire Council planning department.

The new bid follows an earlier application submitted in March this year, which was subsequently withdrawn following objections - including one from the Arran Civic Trust - and an indication from the planning officer that the application would be recommended for refusal.

Applicant Mr M Sym, as named in planning documents, has now, through an agent, altered the plans, and while still seeking to demolish the old structure he wants to erect a new earth-sheltered house.

The proposal for a new, highly-insulated, earth-sheltered, single-storey house has been described as being primarily for the use of the applicant's family members but it would also be made available on short term lets at other times.

In a 13-page design and access statement providing the motivation for the new application, the architect addresses each concern raised in previous objections, including the historical relevance of the building.

The supporting statement



Shannochie Post Office in its heyday.

states: "There may be a historic aspect to the fact that there was once a post office on the site, however, as the history laid out above shows, there is very little historic fabric left to the building and the majority of what was once a row of thatched cottages were rebuilt in the 1980s.

"The building is not listed, is not mentioned in either The Buildings of Scotland, Ayrshire and Arran (Close & Riches, 2012) or Ayrshire and Arran; An illustrated architectural guide (Close, 1992) and gets just a passing mention in Buildings of Arran (Arran Civic Trust, 2010) which states: "Beside the road is a private house, converted from what was at one time the last thatched post office in Scotland".

"Given all of the above, we believe that the existing building is not one of such merit that it should be preserved.

"That said, it is proposed to retain the post box, which will continue the memory of the post office and the ability to send letters, subject to Post Office approval of course."

The subject of the post box is particularly relevant as it holds historic significance, bearing the Royal Cypher of King Edward VIII, who reigned for less than a year in 1936, and is most likely the only one remaining on Arran.

The application, and the previous one, described the building as being in a poor structural state with access issues and an internal layout that is not conducive to modern living.

Describing the limitations of the structure as not being suitable for further expansion either to the side or to the rear, the design statement adds; 'Due to the restrictions to head heights, the need to provide a safe stair, the need to adequately



A recent image of the old Post Office as pictured in the Design and Access Statement submitted as part of the application by architect Alastair Howe.

ly insulate and waterproof the existing structure, it would require complete replacement or almost total rebuilding to bring it to an appropriate

modern standard, something which is not a practical or economically viable proposition.'

The application is currently being considered by planners

and the application is open for scrutiny and public comments on the council Online Planning Information System (OPIS). See letters page six.

## Glamping site gets go-ahead

A new camping site at Shannochie has been given the go-ahead by planners.

The new camping/glamping site includes four glamping pods, an area for tents and a shower and toilet block at Auchareoch, Shannochie.

It lies just three miles from the southern coast of Arran and the nearest village is Kilmory. The C841 turns inland at the top of Butter Hill which is just a mile east of the village. The small farm, where it would be situated, is permanent grazing which has supported livestock rearing over the last 20 years or so.

This has struggled to produce a profit, and the plan is now to utilise part of the land as the campsite which will have a two-fold benefit.

It will generate alternative income and will provide additional accommodation for visitors to the island, who are essential to the local economy.

A supporting statement by applicant Peter Geddes to the North Ayrshire Council planning department states: "The applicants have approached all their neighbours, who have stated no objections and indeed have been very encouraging.

"It is their intention to offer a simple site with a small shower/toilet block and washing-up facility, and they would expect a maximum of 20 camping places.

"They would hope to build up a handful of glamping pods, starting with four and growing to maybe six over a

period of three or four years.

"The only permanent building on the proposed site would be a shower/toilet block which would have water from the existing plentiful supply.

"The hot water would be produced using solar panels and propane gas as necessary and lighting would be a combination of solar and a back-up whisper quiet diesel generator. They are a little over two miles from the C841 and along the forest track there are more than 20 passing places. The local head forester is enthusiastic regarding the plans and expects Forest and Land Scotland to be supportive of the venture."

A number of conditions have been attached to the planning permission.

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## LETTERS

Write to us: [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk)  
or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Arran KA27 8AJ**Council commits to new nursery in Brodick**

The news that Brodick has secured future early years provision will be a relief to parents with very young children and parents-to-be.

The fact there was a risk pre-school children from Brodick may have had to travel to nursery classes in other villages was a legitimate concern.

Now the council has come up with £300,000 to provide early learning and childcare provision at Brodick Primary School. That is good news.

While it is good news all round, the work of the parents and, in particular, the committee of Brodick Nursery should not go unmentioned.

They have fought for more than two years to save the nursery from closure, trying everything to get the council to help them transform Brodick Hall for their needs or find them alternative accommodation and their hard work should be recognised.

Would North Ayrshire Council have stepped up to the mark to retain early years provision in Brodick if it had not been for all their efforts?

We have our doubts, which could have seen a very different outcome.

But a solution has been found which we hope won the approval of parents at the meeting last night and has led to relief all round in Brodick.

**Thought for the week**

'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' **Luke 21: 33**

**Bid to save old pier**

Sir,  
I am looking for support to take forward a proposal for transfer of Brodick Pier to the community of Arran; formal objections to the demolition must be raised by November 19.

Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, we can apply for an Asset Transfer for the benefit of the community.

■ Do we really want to lose this iconic landmark, which has graced our shoreline for decades?

■ Could the old pier be an alternative berth for our ferries or other visiting vessels, such as the Waverley or the Hebridean Princess?

■ Could we create a marina or have moorings facilities with associated commercial benefits?

■ Could we become part of the Scottish Series?

CMAL is spending £3 million on demolition with further multi-millions to build a breakwater. It could save both these sums by leaving this piece of Arran heritage for the community.

According to CMAL the 'long term impact of the demolition to our ferries, harbours etc will be negligible'.

So, no missed Waverley passengers or sailings; no loss of revenue from visitors when two CalMac boats are already tied up to the new pier because of an easterly wind.

It also says removal will be 'more appealing to arriving tourists as well as improving the look for local residents in general'.

Has anyone from CalMac actually seen the atrocity we now have as a ferry terminal that dominates the landscape or the chaos at booking in as the vehicles extend into Brodick and up the Brodick hill?

Adding: 'Short term economic benefit will be the presence of a contractor and supervision team during the off season of tourism who will utilise local accommodation and services'.

Goodbye to the enormous potential development to a winter of a handful of B&B beds.

I cannot remember the last time I heard anyone refer to an 'off season' on Arran.

Sterling work by many businesses on Arran has been done over the years to create a 42-week destination.

How green is it to remove all that material, up the Clyde on a fleet of barges and where is it going? How much greener to refurbish and re-use.

I cannot do this alone but as a community we could.

Like-minded people are cordially invited to email me at [bob.haddow@brodickpier.co.uk](mailto:bob.haddow@brodickpier.co.uk)

Yours,  
**Bob Haddow,**  
Kingscross.

**Say HIE**

Sir,  
I was interested to read the article entitled Machrie motorhome site secures HIE funding.

Will this mean a widening of many stretches of the island's road network, which does not exactly seem to have been designed with this kind of traffic in mind?

And who will finance the costs that will arise in connection therewith?

Will two motorhomes passing on the southern stretches, (think Whiting Bay to Corriecravie) get close enough for the drivers to say 'HIE' to one another?

Yours,  
**Douglas Bruce,**  
Germany.

**Link cause to effect**

Sir,  
I make reference to Mr Climie's letter of last week and its misrepresentation of scientific work undertaken by NASA and reported by former president Barack Obama's chief scientific officer.

While it is absolutely correct to reference the role of water vapour and its presence in the atmosphere as a significant contributor to

planetary warming, the primary change to the atmosphere's composition which has induced a 'greenhouse' effect in recent times is CO2.

This in turn has led to additional water evaporation.

To quote NASA directly: 'the increase in humidity amplifies the warming from carbon dioxide'.

Not enough CO2 to impair brain function then, but more than enough to link cause to effect.

Yours,  
**Rob Cowieson,**  
Whiting Bay.

**Renovate and restore**

Sir,  
Here we go again – yet another application for demolition of Shannochie Post Office and house.

Have people never heard of renovation and restoration?

Please leave our heritage alone – we have little enough left!

Yours,  
**Sandra Macmillan,**  
Brodick, originally Shannochie.

**Climate clarification**

Sir,  
Jim Climie (Letter in The Arran Banner November 5) seems to have misunderstood the factors which affect the present global warming and climate change conditions.

The amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is the result of global temperature increase, it does not cause it.

It is the increase in CO2 which is heating the planet which then leads to an increase in evaporation of water which leads to its increase in the atmosphere.

This water is then recycled as rain or snow so does not remain long in the atmosphere but the amount of evaporation is determined by the global temperature which in turn is determined by the CO2 and other gases, including methane.

Water itself, as he rightly says, is the dominant greenhouse gas but please do not think that this is what is causing the global temperature to rise.

It is part of a positive feedback loop as determined by the global temperature which, in turn, is determined by anthropogenic changes to our atmosphere.

Our climate has changed many times in the past. To say that somehow this latest global temperature rise is only the latest in a succession

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# The three pals marched off to war and never came home



Top to bottom: John McAllister, Sergeant George Goldthorpe and William McIntyre.

Brodick bookshop owner Damian Beeson Bullen has been writing a new canto for his poem, *The Ballad of Black Watch Brodick*, every day in the run up to Remembrance Sunday.

The poem, serialised on his website at [mumblewords.net](http://mumblewords.net), will contain 27 cantos once complete and covers the subject of the Brodick men who joined the Black Watch on the same day during the First World War and who later all died on the same day during the Battle of Loos. While conducting research for the poem, Damian, better known as Damo, penned a short article on the subject for *The Arran Banner* readers.

It had all begun with the 'shot that echoed round the world', the assassination of the Arch Duke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand, and his wife, by Serbian agitants.

This was the spark that lit the tinderbox of tensions that had been rising since the German Kaiser, Wilhelm II, became determined to drive his country into the upper tier of First Class Empires. During the diplomatic scrambles in the assassination's aftermath, European peace fell like a house of cards, with a general war being declared in early August 1914.

The announcements were widely celebrated in the jingoistic fashion, with hundreds of thousands of British men answering Lord Kitchener's call of 'Your Country Needs You'. Of those gallant lads who were simply 'doing their duty', only a lucky few would come back alive and, of these, many would be harbouring life-changing wounds.

It was a ghastly affair and the trenches the sheerest of hells.

What made the early battles of the First World War so disastrous to communities is the idea of the 'Pals' regiments.

Entire workforces, sporting teams and whole streets worth of men would join up together.

It is shocking to think that as these great friends and brothers advanced across no-man's land in a line, they would be cut down by a single burst of machine gun fire, or blown up by a single shell.

Back at home, their mothers and wives would have to watch in fear and grief as the telegram boy delivered the government's announcements of each soldier's death, door by weeping door.

An Arran version of this terrible tale begins at Brodick Castle where three lads answered Kitchener's call to arms, joining the Black Watch together on the same day, September 7, 1914.

One of them was George Goldthorpe, a young fellow from Humberside who had just seen out 11 years of service in the Navy.

He had resettled on Arran in 1911, finding work as the porter and postman at the castle. He was also a fine athlete and began training the Brodick football team which went on to win the island championship two years in a row.

With George at the recruiting office in Ardrossan were two neighbours, John McAllister and William McIntyre, who lived

in a pair of houses at the opening of Douglas Row - Stronach cottage and Fir cottage. All three men went into the 9th Battalion, Black Watch, part of the 15th (Scottish) Division that took the flower of Caledonian youth to France

**It is shocking to think that as these great friends and brothers advanced across 'no man's land' they would be cut down by a single burst of machine gun fire or blown up by a single shell.**

in the summer of 1915. On September 25 of that year, the British Army attacked an area of the Western Front near the French town of Loos. Of the 12 volunteer battalions in the advance,

eight were Scottish, drawn from Angus, Tayside, Fife, Perthshire, Aberdeenshire, Stirlingshire, Lanarkshire and Ayrshire.

Once the Black Watch 9th Battalion began the bloody business of storming the German trenches, they would leave behind them a trail of tartan and khaki bodies wherever they pushed on. Eventually taking the town of Loos, they held it for a few hours before being relieved by reinforcements.

Traipsing back battle-torn through scenes of horror and carnage, the survivors of the 9th Black Watch discovered more than 500 of their men had been killed or wounded in battle. Elsewhere on the battlefield lay the bodies of 20,000 Scots, setting off a tidal wave of grief that would soon be flooding its way across Scotland.

There is no record of what happened to George Goldthorpe, William McIntyre and John McAllister in the killing fields about Loos, but we do know they all died on September 25. McIntyre and McAllister's fate's offer a special poignancy to the list of names on the fine Great War monument across from Ormidale sports field for they grew up together, played together, worked together, joined the army together, talked of 'Dear Old Arran' together in the trenches and died together on that heart-breaking day in September 1915.

## The island will stop to remember

Remembrance Sunday services will be held across the island on Sunday after being cancelled last year due to Covid restrictions.

Events begin at 10am at Brodick War Memorial where an inter-faith service will be held and wreaths laid to the fallen of the two world wars before morning worship at churches in the village.

The church service at Pirnmill Village Hall at 10.15am will be followed by an act of remembrance at the village war memorial at 11am.

In Shiskine and Corrie, a service will be held at each of the war memorials at noon before morn-

ing worship at 12.15pm. In Whiting Bay, there will be a remembrance service at 10.50am at the war memorial before the Church of Scotland service, which will also be attended by member of St Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Remembrance Sunday services will be held in Kilmory Church at 10am and Lamlash Church at 11.30am.

Also to commemorate Remembrance Sunday, pipers from Isle of Arran Pipe Band, as well as some pipers who are not in the band, will play *When the Battle's O'er* at the end of the observance of the silence.



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of changes and somehow, we have nothing to do with it and therefore we should continue as normal is misreading the science.

The reasons for historical global temperature changes as identified by tree rings, rocks, and other artefacts have, in the main, been identified by scientists.

Global temperature changes do not just happen; they are caused by a reason. Scientists have spent many years investigating these reasons.

They are mainly affected by the concentration of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

Variation in the Earth's orbit, massive volcanoes, temperature of the sun, and tectonic shifts have all been identified as contributing to historic global temperature changes. The latest, of course, is due to us.

Yours,  
**Colin Gunn,**  
Glasgow.

## Poem in bad taste

Sir,  
The poem concerning Greta Thunberg printed in the November 5 2021 edition of The Arran Banner was in incredibly bad taste at any time, but especially so now.

The apparent author, who holds official positions on Arran, should have known better.

This poem was a blatant derogatory attack upon this courageous young lady, who is clearly an inspirational visionary for many thousands of young people around the world.

They see their lives blighted by the historical actions of others and threatened further by vested interests of powerful lobbies everywhere. All they can do is protest and Greta is their champion. The message Greta tells and that of her supporters is being heard by world leaders.

I believe the author's energies would be better directed at some climate change initiatives, as he is in a position to implement these.

I suggest firstly aiming to minimise atmospheric air pollution by convincing CalMac to adopt cheaper and more fuel economical ferries e.g. catamarans. Secondly, I suggest he tackle the dreadful pollution of our Arran coastal waters being brought about by open-net fish farms, as there are more climate-friendly alternatives.

The rejection of the Millstone Point appeal by Bakkafost should give him a good starting position. My confidence in either of these global warming initiatives being pursued by the author is virtually nil; mocking humour is so much easier.

Yours,  
**John Ford,**  
Lochranza.

## Support for catamarans

Sir,  
I must agree with John Lamont's piece about catamarans, in last week's Banner; however, the dinosaurs from the union and CMAL appear to make any excuse to rubbish catamarans without any concrete evidence, as I see it, to back up the claims they make.

I just want to book and sail when I wish and not be frustrated in this by the many and varied excuses made to avoid honouring the agreement made with me when I booked.

I followed the attempts to hire the MV Pentalina which were continually put down by the union on the allegations that the ship was a danger to the travelling public, a claim which to my knowledge was never substantiated.

Am I to believe that the Ardrossan to Brodick route is a more hazardous crossing than the one Pentalina serves at the moment?

I and my wife have sailed in the Pentalina in question and found her and her crew a pleasure to sail with and did not see any concerning items on board. I am particularly sensitive to safety as my wife is disabled so any ship or aircraft we travel on comes in for extra scrutiny from me to make sure we stay safe in an emergency. I cannot see a change in CMAL or the union's stance any time soon. In the meantime I and other taxpayers and travellers will continue to have our expectations regularly dashed.

Oh and my interest? I was reared and schooled on Arran and regularly return on holiday with my family including grandchildren.

Yours,  
**Roderick C McKay,**  
Forres.

# High turnout shows cares about climate

Words and photos  
by Hugh Boag  
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A windswept Sally Campbell delivers her message to the large crowd. 01\_B46climate04

Arran staged its own climate protest last Saturday as 100,000 demonstrators took to the streets of Glasgow and held marches across the world in a day of action to coincide with the COP26 conference.

The weather could not have been worse for the demonstration on Brodick shorefront with driving wind and rain.

But dozens braved the inclement conditions to make their feelings known and their voices heard.

The demonstration, which was open to anyone regardless of any affiliation, political or religious, attracted groups and individuals from a wide variety of interests across the island who all have concerns about climate change.

It was organised by Hilary Patrick and Sally Campbell, who both spoke at the protest on the reasons climate change was such an important issue.

Afterwards Hilary said: 'The high turnout in such weather illustrated, I think, how concerned people in Arran are about the climate emergency.'

'It was also good to see so many groups there which are trying to do something about it here on Arran including: Eco savvy, the Arran Community Land initiative, COAST, those opposing farmed salmon, as well as faith groups and representatives of Greenpeace and individuals seeking their own solutions.'

'Among the messages of the day, a young person urged us to "turn off the lights" and we heard the advantages of bamboo toothbrushes.'

'We were encouraged to try washing nuts as an alternative to costly soap powders which disperse phosphates into the water supply.'

'It was a good day and certainly left me energised to try to do my bit to tackle the climate emergency. As Sally told us, or was it Tesco?: "Every little helps".'



Above: Dr Mark Hayden.

The Arran delegation on the ferry on their way to the march.

## Island protestors join climate strike in Glasgow

Arran activists joined thousands of people who took part in the school climate strike march in Glasgow last Friday ahead of Saturday's major rally in the city.

The Arran contingent were joined on their trip to Glasgow by Dr Mark Hayden, a doctor at Great Ormond St

Children's Hospital in London, who cycled to COP26 to draw attention to the effect of climate change on his patients - especially children.

He spent the night on Arran on his way home.

Thousands of pupils from across Scotland taking part in the school

strike marched from Kelvingrove Park to the city centre.

The event was organised by Fridays for Future Scotland, a group founded by young people inspired by the activism of Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, who also attended the march.

# News Arran Climate change



Organiser Hilary Patrick welcomes the demonstrators.  
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A group of protestors with their placards. 01\_B46climate07



The protestors braved the wet and windy weather to hear the speakers. 01\_B46climate02



Hoods and anoraks were needed by those attending.  
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A group photo of the demonstrators on Brodick shorefront. 01\_B46climate05

# Hundreds flock to firework displays



The huge bonfire on Brodick beach.

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Two young boys stare in awe at the fireworks.

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by Hugh Boag  
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Hundreds of people gathered at Brodick beach on Friday night for the return of the annual fireworks display.

After it was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, one of the biggest gatherings in recent years watched a huge bonfire lit by Brodick firefighters, who also set off the dazzling



One young lad with a sparkler.

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display of fireworks sponsored, as always, by Brodick Improvements Committee.

A great firework display and barbecue was also held in Whiting Bay on Friday night organised by the Village Improvements Association at the putting green.

A spokeswoman said: 'Many thanks to everyone who came along to the fireworks tonight and for your generous donations.'

'It was great to see the village coming together again after missing these types of events over the past year or so.'

However, the Northend Festival of Fire in Lochranza, planned for Saturday, had to be



A section of the big crowd watching the Brodick firework display.

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postponed due to the forecast for high winds and will now go ahead tonight (Friday),

starting at 6.30pm, and will be followed by an evening dance in the village hall.



The large crowd watching the spectacular display in Brodick.

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The *Green Book* of the title tells them which establishments will admit Afro-Americans in the racially-charged Deep South where they face adversity at every turn but in meeting racism and danger a unique and meaningful friendship develops as their initial differences are set aside.

See this hugely entertaining film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday November 14 at 7.30pm.

## Book launch at Arran High School

Former English teacher turned author James McEnaney will be returning to the school where he started his career to talk about his new book *Class Rules: The Truth About Scottish Schools*.

Arran High School in Lamlash will be the venue where tomorrow (Saturday) at 12.30pm, James will talk about his book, take questions from the audience and talk about the vital role that Arran played in writing it.

The book covers 20 years of education politics, the 2020-2021 SQA scandal and the complexities of the Curriculum for Excellence

Lecturer and journalist James McEnaney.



(CfE), as well as a number of solutions on how to remedy the problems being faced.

James is a leading commentator on issues affecting Scottish education and his book has been well received by education experts, peers, and those with an interest in the Scottish educational system.

Attendance at the event is free of charge and those wishing to reserve a space can do so by visiting // [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/class-rules-book-launch-tickets-196397890377](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/class-rules-book-launch-tickets-196397890377)

# Blue carbon – Arran's seas and climate change

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) is running a year-long media campaign to raise awareness of the many exciting habitats and species to be found in Arran's seas, many protected by the South Arran Marine Protected Area. Their latest article is all about blue carbon which they felt was very topical given the current COP26 conference. There is more information on COAST's social media or visit [www.arrancoast.com](http://www.arrancoast.com)

In May 2019, the Scottish Government declared a global climate emergency in response to climate change linked to elevated levels of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere.

With Glasgow currently hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), there has been a lot of attention on climate change and the personal and collective actions that we can take to ensure a habitable planet for the future.

Whilst we need to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases we produce, measures to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere - such as protecting and restoring natural areas - are being seen as an increasingly important part of an overall strategy to tackle climate change.

Some habitats on land, such as rainforests, woodland and peat bogs, are known as being very effective at removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere as plant tissues and soil can lock in carbon.

However, Scotland's marine habitats and species have received far less attention for their role in combating climate change.

Arran and Scotland's seas contribute to tackling climate change in many ways, although some of these have negative consequences.

Seawater absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> and heat from the atmosphere: up to a third of the CO<sub>2</sub> released into the atmosphere and around 93% of the heat produced as a result of greenhouse gases are being absorbed by



Burrowed mud where langoustine live is a blue carbon habitat. Photo Paul Kay

our oceans.

While this might seem to be a positive thing, warming seas are affecting marine life and our climate and consequently species on land too, and our seas are becoming more acidic as the absorbed carbon dioxide forms carbonic acid.

While we cannot just continue to see our oceans as a sponge that can suck up excess heat and greenhouse gases, supporting the ability of marine habitats and species to capture and store carbon as part of their natural function is something we need to encourage.

Results of ongoing research, both in Scotland and further afield, are increasing our understanding about the critical role our marine habitats and species play in capturing and storing carbon; as well as informing us about the management decisions required to ensure that the captured carbon in coastal and marine ecosystems - so called 'blue carbon' - actually stays locked up into the long term.

In blue carbon ecosystems, carbon is captured in the living tissue of marine animals and plants and also in their shells and skeletons, such as the shells of scallops and lobsters and coralline seaweed such as maerl.

A lot of carbon-based material also gets washed into the sea from the land and this, along with material from marine habitats and plants, can become stored within seabed sediments which then act as a carbon sink and lock the carbon away, potentially for thousands of years.

The process of capturing carbon in long-term carbon stores is known as carbon sequestration.

Many of Arran's marine habitats and species that have featured in articles in the Banner this year have an important role to play in capturing carbon.

Although the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ) and South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA) were initially established to recover and protect marine life, they are also providing important protection for blue carbon habitats such as kelp and other seaweeds, seagrass beds and mud.

A study of Scotland's MPAs estimated carbon capture and storage in the South Arran MPA at 8,046 tonnes per km<sup>2</sup> - a total of 2,245,047 tonnes of carbon for the MPA!

How much carbon is captured and stored by various different marine habitats and species is currently a very active area of research.

With marine carbon sequestration estimated at potentially more than double the amount of carbon removed by habitats on land, the marine environment clearly has a significant role to play in our efforts to address climate change.

But it can only do this if we look after it and provide more effective protection for marine areas.

If marine ecosystems are damaged or degraded by human activities, their ability to capture and store carbon is



Seagrass has a network of underground roots that help capture carbon. Photo Howard Wood

significantly reduced or lost. Stored carbon in seabed habitats can be released into

the atmosphere by physical disturbance, such as can occur with coastal and marine

developments, and through activities such as trawl and dredge fisheries.

Such activities can result in release of substantial amounts of carbon, with experts estimating as much as 1.02 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> is released annually from degraded coastal ecosystems.

Earlier this year, findings of a study reported that global trawling releases as much CO<sub>2</sub> as air traffic.

There are projects underway in Scotland exploring the potential for restoration of seagrass and native oyster beds.

The South Arran MPA and waters around Arran provide potential opportunities for similar initiatives. We will continue to work with the community on Arran to help drive our collective responsibility to tackle climate change.



Living reef, like flame shell beds, are vital blue carbon stores. Photo Howard Wood

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Saturday November 10, 2001



Wrapped up warmly, children in Brodick enjoy sparklers. 01\_B46TYAAB04



Saturday November 10, 2001  
Shining brightly themselves are the Arran firefighters who provided Brodick children with a Guy Fawkes bonfire treat. 01\_B46TYAAB01



Right: Ken Thorburn and Sue Tozer from the castle with artists Luke Furze, Lesley Sim, Tim Pomeroy and Marvin Elliott at the Winter Exhibition of Contemporary Arts held at Brodick Castle. 01\_B46TYAAB06

Left: Brodick firefighters provide a sparkler lighting service to the delight of young children. 01\_B46TYAAB05

Below left: Findlay Murchie went to see the fireworks at Blackwaterfoot but he was not so keen on the loud bangs. 01\_B46TYAAB03



One sad result of Guy Fawkes night was the razing to the ground of the Scout hut above Lamlash. Believed to be destroyed by wilful vandalism the hut had been used by Scout groups for over 30 years. 01\_B46TYAAB02



The Ardagh Glass Packaging fundraising team with the £8,180 cheque for Crosshouse Children's Fund.

## Ardagh fundraisers brave cold to raise £8,000 for Crosshouse children

by Colin Smeeton  
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Ardagh Glass Packaging in Irvine celebrated the company's centenary with an Arran-based challenge that raised £8,180 for the Crosshouse Children's Fund.

The visiting group of 25 hardy souls braved the cold and wet October weather, with some of them climbing Goatfell and others cycling round the island.

Participants completed their challenge in just over five hours, raising £4,090 which Ardagh matched, bringing the total raised to £8,180.

All of the funds raised will go towards making enhancements at Rainbow House – an assessment, diagnosis and treatment centre for children in Ayrshire and Arran with concerns regarding development.

John Hannah, maintenance engineer at Ardagh Glass Packaging, who led the Arran cycle ride said: 'I couldn't be prouder of our cyclists who took on the 56-mile perimeter of the island in the wet and windy weather, and of our climbers who scaled the 874 metres to the summit of Goatfell.'

'It was a real challenge for everyone, but it was worth it to raise this fantastic amount of funds for Rainbow House.'

'We've had some great support from the community, including

our t-shirts by Auld Lang Signs, food from The Shack in Arran, and a donation of lunch boxes from Sodexo, not forgetting the welcome and support from the people of Arran.'

Recipients of the generous donation, William McGowan, head of partnerships and events, Crosshouse Children's Fund, said: 'We would like to thank everyone at Ardagh Glass Packaging for their support and tremendous fundraising efforts which will go a long way in supporting Ayrshire's children in hospital and their families.'

'Our Rainbow House enhancements will help to transform experiences for young patients, making their hospital journeys less worrying and more enjoyable, so the Ardagh team should be really proud of helping to fund this important project.'

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pected to play a match against GHK in Glasgow this weekend.

With all league games still cancelled due to the pandemic, many teams, including Arran Hockey Club, have been working hard to schedule friendly matches with each other.

### Game on for Arran's ladies

After numerous match cancellations by opposition teams the senior ladies of the Arran Hockey Club are finally ex-

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Brodick Mini Golf, Open seven days, 10am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather

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

**NB** Due to weather Lochranza Festival of Fire will now be Friday 12th November from 6.30pm

### Saturday 13th November

Winter Show, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm

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

James McEnaney, Class Rules Book Talk, Arran High School, Lamlash, 12.30pm

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

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

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

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

### Sunday 14th November

Winter Show, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm

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

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

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

### Monday 15th November

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

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

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

Arran Rugby Training, Juniors and Seniors, Ormidale Park, 7pm - 8pm

### Tuesday 16th November

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.30pm

Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 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 17th 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 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 18th November

Christmas Shopping Event, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm

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

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 19th November

SHOP ARRAN, Various shops around the island, from 9am

Christmas Shopping Event, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am – 5pm

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

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

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Isle of Arran Pipe Band AGM, Brodick Hall, Brodick, 7.30pm

Live Music Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

### Saturday 20th November

SHOP ARRAN, Various shops around the island, from 9am

Christmas Shopping Event, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm

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

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

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

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

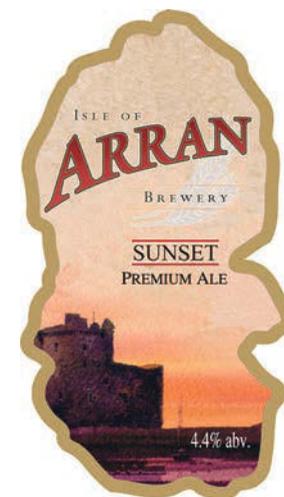
Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

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**The Isle of Arran u3a**  
**AGM**  
Thursday 25 November 2021  
Brodict Golf Club at 14:00

**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 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 03.12.21.  
Any representations received will be open to public view.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)**  
21/01061/PP; Plot 6A, Harbour View, Blackwaterfoot, Ayrshire; Amendment to planning approval 11/00776/PP to amend the design of detached dwelling house.

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**ARRAN BRIDGE CLUB**  
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"The Arran Bridge Club"  
to which we invite all registered members  
Tuesday 16th November  
At 2pm  
In Brodict Golf Clubhouse

## DEATH NOTICES

**INGHAM - BETTY**  
Peacefully at home after a long illness bravely fought on Friday 5th November. Funeral will be held at St Molios Church on Wednesday 17th November at 11.30 am followed by a drive round Shiskine Valley on route to Clachan Cemetery. Family flowers only please. There will be a collection for ArCaS at the church and Kinloch Hotel.

**MCMURRAY, DIANA**  
14/10/39- 31/10/21

Diana "Kate" McMurray MBE, passed away from cancer aged 82 on Sunday 31st October 2021 at Arran View Care Home, Saltcoats. Beloved wife of Harry (deceased), mother of Fiona and Jamie, grandmother of Harry, Daniel and Jake and sister of Jo. During her full life, she won a scholarship to study in the USA, met the Queen at Buckingham Palace to receive her MBE for services to the health board, was a nurse manager at Lamlash hospital, Isle of Arran, where she delivered many babies during her time as midwife. She was Rotary Club treasurer, Akela of Shiskine cub scouts, sewed costumes for Gilbert & Sullivan, played the "Duchess in the Bed" at Brodict Castle on Victorian day and even rode on the back of a Harley at the age of 65!

A short service to celebrate the life of our amazing mother will be held at 13.30 Monday, 22nd November 2021 at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4EF. A video link is available for those who can't attend (email [fionatmc83gmail.com](mailto:fionatmc83gmail.com)). Instead of flowers, donations can be made to <https://www.crosshousechildrensfund.org/> as she received wonderful care from the staff at Crosshouse hospital.

## SCOTT, IAN GEORGE

Formerly from Arran, passed away on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 on his 83rd birthday, at Cameron hospital, Windygates. He was beloved husband of the late Jeanette, a much loved and loving Dad to David and the late Allan. A cherished father in law of Rebecca. He was a loving Grampa to both his grandchildren, Thomas and Matthew. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. The funeral service will be held at Kirkcaldy crematorium on Thursday 18th November, at 2.15pm to which all family and friends are warmly invited.

## STEWART - MARY

Peacefully, at Montrose House, on 5th November 2021, in her 94th Year, Mamie Stewart, beloved wife of the late John Stewart, Craigend Farm, Kildonan and a dear sister, aunt & friend to many. A private cremation will take place at Mamie's request. Grateful thanks to Morven & her team at Montrose House for caring for Mamie so well.

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## 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 14th November Remembrance Sunday

Lochranza & Pirnmill Churches - Service at Pirnmill Village Hall at 10.15. Act of remembrance at Pirnmill War Memorial at 11am Shiskine at War Memorial 12 noon and Morning worship at 12.15 at Church Brodick 10am at War Memorial and Morning Worship 10.30am at Church. Corrie 12noon at War Memorial and Morning Worship 12.15 at Church. The Food Bank continues from Brodick Church

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland Charity Number: SC014005  
**Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday**  
Remembrance Service at 10.50am at the War Memorial Service in church after Track and Trace still required. Retiring Offering for Poppy Scotland. All Welcome.

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share" Scottish Charity SC015072  
**Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday**  
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 14th November Remembrance Sunday**  
We will join Whiting Bay Church of Scotland at 10.50am for a joint Remembrance Day service outside the church followed by morning service inside. ALL WELCOME

### ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings  
Tel: 01770 600222  
[www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
**Sunday 14th November**  
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.

### ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (CONTINUING)

**Sunday 14th November**  
Morning Service at 11am Free Church Building, Alma Road, Brodick All welcome

### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Saturday 13th November Vigil at 5pm  
**Sunday 14th November - 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 16th November**  
Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine at 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Conducted by W Craigs and R Hughes  
Contact 07756836670. All are welcome to attend.



Local dog handlers with their dogs at the Glenkiln Farm sheepdog trials.

## Dog trials resume with renewed interest

Established dog handlers on Arran, as well as some new faces, took part in the island's second dog trial after an extended break of more than a year as a result of Covid.

The trial took place at Glenkiln Farm by kind permission of Kenny Bone who

joined the other handlers to welcome Stuart McMaster and Clair Anderson to Arran trialling. Liz Robertson judged eight dogs with the results as follows: 1 Iain McConnell with Joe 94 points; 2 Wullie Stevenson with Arran McLeod,

85 points; 3 Wullie Stevenson with Arran Mac-kay 78 points, owned by Mrs Eli Bone; 4 Mathew McNeish with Pip 68 points. Another trial is due to be held in January next year. Everyone is welcome to join the group.

## Arran kayakers gain proficiency awards

Outdoor Partnership Ayrshire has helped two members of Arran Kayak Club gain their Sea Kayak Awards with Otter's Tail Adventures.

The charity, funded by the National Lottery, provides advice, guidance and grants for young people taking part in outdoor activities and subsidised courses and related benefits for members.

Mike Godwin and Rhodri Herapath were part funded on the two-day course, which will now help them gain coaching awards to allow more young people to take part in trips with Arran Kayak Club.

Those gaining the Sea Kayak Award must demonstrate a skillset for paddling and decision-making out on the sea in winds of up to force three and tides of up to one knot.

Paddling, as well as an understanding of the surroundings, are key elements of the course which is approved by British Canoeing, the national governing body for paddlesports in the UK.

All clubs in Ayrshire that work with young people outdoors are eligible to apply for Outdoor Partnership funding by joining the group for free. More information about the group can be found at [www.facebook.com/TOPAYrshire](http://www.facebook.com/TOPAYrshire).

Further information about courses, classes and adventures hosted by Otter's Tail can be found at [www.otterstail.co.uk](http://www.otterstail.co.uk).



Rhodri Herapath, right, has completed his Sea Kayak Award with Otter's Tail Adventures.

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# Lamlash Golf Club ladies celebrate trophy success

Lamlash Golf Club ladies held their annual prizegiving on Wednesday November 3.

The event, at Lamlash Golf Club, was preceded by the annual general meeting and followed by an enjoyable meal in the clubhouse.

Susan Butchard secured the Ladies Championship this year. The other main winners over the season were: Yvonne Brothers, Winter Stableford; Sheena Murchie, Kilbride Tray; Kate McAdam, Marella Cup; Kate McAdam, Ann Cook Tray; Alison Heron, Eclectic Trophy; Kate McAdam, Fleet Cup; Ann MacVicar, McGill Cup; Madeleine McLaren, Stroke Quaich; Gay Mackay, Captain's Prize; Sheena Murchie, Centenary Tray;



Alison Heron and Sherie Walker, Grace Cannon Trophy; Kate McAdam, New Year Game; Fiona Carswell, Away Day; and Alison Heron, Glenkiln Rosebowl.

Lamlash men's results. Thursday November 4, Yellow Medal. 1 Martin Wallbank, 65-12=53; 2 Graeme Andrew, 68-10=58; 3 Billy O'Connor 89-30=59. Magic twos G

Andrew @4th and 16th. Fixtures: Sunday November 14, Glenburn Cup. Draw at noon. Thursday November 18, Yellow Medal. Draw at 11am.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday November 4, Kilbrannan Cake Stand. A total of 19 ladies took part in the annual event, held at Machrie this year, with Machrie beating Shiskine. Afterwards the ladies enjoyed sandwiches, muffins and Prosecco. Thanks to the ladies who provided the spread and thanks to Elizabeth Ross for bringing the Prosecco.

## Arran Golfers Association

Sunday November 7, Winter league played at Machrie. First game, Machrie v Lamlash, Lamlash winning 3.5 to 0.5. Second game, Whiting Bay v Brodick, match drawn two each. Last game, Shiskine v Corrie, Corrie winning 3 to 1.

Fixture: Sunday December 5, Winter league, to be played at Shiskine. Shiskine v Brodick, Whiting Bay v Machrie, Lamlash v Corrie.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday November 7, AGA Winter League round one. The AGA Winter League campaign got off to a cold and blustery start at Machrie Bay Golf Club where Whiting Bay and Brodick shared the spoils in



a hard-fought draw. Fixture: Sunday November 14, Winter Cup, round two.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday November 9, Winter Cup: 1 Willie McNally 61; 2 John Pennycott 66; 3 Hamish Bannatyne 68.

Fixtures: Saturday November 13, Lochranza Hotel Cup. Tee off noon. Tuesday November 16, Lochranza Hotel Cup. Tee off noon.

## Corrie Golf Club

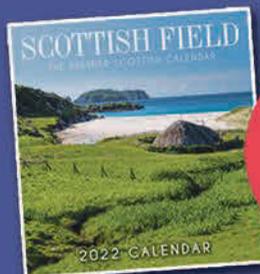
Fixtures: Saturday November 13, 18 hole medal. Monday November 15, Monday Cup. Ballot at noon.

Winners at the Lamlash ladies annual prizegiving.



Machrie with their trophy and the two teams who took part in the Cake Stand competition.

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