

eighteen69
It's all about sharing

Scottish tapas and locally inspired cocktails in a relaxed, fun environment.

open for dinner Thursday - Monday

for reservations
call 01770 302234 or book online at
www.eighteen69.co.uk

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran
ESTATE AGENTS

SOLD
BUILDING PLOT, CENTRAL BRODICK

01770 302310
arranestateagents.co.uk

No. 2073 Arran's Weekly Newspaper

SATURDAY 28 APRIL, 2018

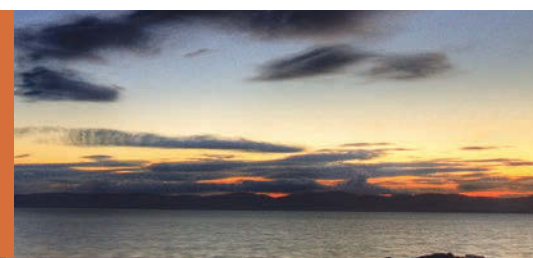
www.arranbanner.co.uk

Price 75p



Caledonian MacBrayne
Hebridean & Clyde Ferries

ARDROSSAN TO BRODICK



Arran is kept lookin' bloomin' marvellous

Hugh Boag

editor@arranbanner.co.uk

The floral tubs which brighten up the villages of Arran have been saved.

Each of the village associations around the island has agreed to take over responsibility for the flower pots after North Ayrshire Council said it could no longer maintain them.

As previously reported by the *Banner*, the council blamed budget cuts for the decision to stop planting the tubs, warning that if the villages did not take over responsibility for them, they would be taken away.

There are some 75 tubs around the villages which are presently in full bloom with spring flowers. However, when they die it will now be up to each of the village associations to re-plant them.

At the monthly meeting of Arran Community Council, chairman Bill Calderwood was given an assurance that

each of the village associations was willing to take over responsibility for its tubs.

In a one-off move, he said the council had secured £600 in funding from the Arran Trust, which would be match funded by the village associations, depending on how many tubs they have, allowing them to buy £1,200 worth of plants. These are being purchased and brought to the island at cost with the assistance of Eleanor McCue of Eleanor's Flowers, who, the meeting heard, had been a great help.

Brodick Improvements were the first to agree to take over the 16 tubs in Brodick. Lamash, Kildonan and Blackwaterfoot have 10 each to look after. The others are at Corrie (nine), Kilmory (eight), Whiting Bay (seven), Shiskine (three) and Machrie (two).

However, Mr Calderwood previously warned it was

Continued on page two

Memories are made of this



The Enactus group at Arran High School last week staged a My Childhood event with toys and artefacts from yesteryear. Here Natasha Murray, Chloe Brookes, Jessica Miller, Lauren Robertson, Rachel Janse Van Rensburg and Alexander Wilson are seen at the 1970s table. Full report and more pictures on pages six and seven. 01_B17enactus01

MOT TESTS £25.00
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LAMLASH GARAGE

MOT TESTING - 4 WHEEL LASER ALIGNMENT

For fast, efficient, friendly service -

contact our reception on: 01770 600328



All Makes Serviced & Repaired By Fully Qualified Personnel

**Motorbike MOT Tests
NOW AVAILABLE**



Drivers' ire at Lamlash roadworks

Major roadworks between Brodick and Lamlash have been causing drivers a good deal of grief this week and they have been voicing their frustration at the unnecessary delays and disruption to their daily commute.

The repairs, which began on Monday and are due to continue for another week, have been seeing motorists experiencing delays while the road repairs are undertaken.

Citing being unable to plan ahead and not being able to make punctual arrangements to avoid sitting in their vehicles for long periods, the bone of contention has been that

commuters have been kept in the dark and unable to make informed decisions.

Adding to the frustration, the roadworks were originally scheduled to commence a week prior to the actual start date on Monday April 23, but were delayed for a week due to 'operational reasons'.

Essential repairs

North Ayrshire Council, which is undertaking the essential repairs, says that the road is too narrow, in parts, to allow the works to be carried out using traffic lights.

At Arran Community Council this week, Whiting Bay representative Peter Randell said there had con-

siderable disquiet at the elderly forum about the situation and island officer Gus MacLeod said the local office had been inundated with complaints. 'Not just that the road was closed, but that it was open and that there appeared to be no works going on,' he said.

Much of the concern, the meeting heard, had been the suggestion that the road could be closed for up to one hour – however, the road is only being closed as and when required and often for shorter periods with the use of 'stop' and 'go' boards.

However, chairman Bill Calderwood said that following a meeting with



Drivers face delays on the Brodick to Lamlash road.

roads officials ahead of the works, this had been agreed as a better solution than the alternative, which would have been to close the road for four hours in the morning and the same in the afternoon, and was supported by businesses and visitor representatives.

North Ayrshire councillor Timothy Billings said

it was important that there was a daily update of the works to allow people to 'work around' any closures. He said some days would have more disruption than others.

Delighted

The meeting heard that the ability to use the road at ferry times 'should be OK'. Lamlash represent-

ative Jim Henderson said that, despite the disruption, 'the people of Lamlash are delighted the work is getting done'.

The stretch of road from Claulchlands Road to approximately 700 metres north of the entrance to Lamlash Golf Club is rescheduled to reopen on Friday May 4.



The Arran Lodge
Self Catering Sleeps 25-60



ALSO ROOM ONLY BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

THE PERFECT ISLAND GETAWAY



The Arran Lodge
Lamlash
Isle of Arran
KA27 8LQ
www.thearranlodge.com
info@thearranlodge.com
01770 600468

ALL ROOMS EN SUITE



ARRAN SLEEP HUTS
.com

Budget Accommodation for solo or group travellers

All rooms are ensuite with the use of our cookhouse

Arran Sleep Huts
Arran Lodge
Lamlash
Isle of Arran
KA27 8LQ
www.arransleephuts.com
info@arransleephuts.com
01770 600468



Prices from £35 per night room only or make use of our 3 night offer

Arran is kept lookin' bloomin' marvellous

Continued from page one not just the case of removing the spring bulbs and planting the summer bedding plants. 'There has to be fairly regular watering and there is a fair degree of ongoing maintenance,' he said.

The council blamed the need to abandon the tubs on the fact there are fewer grounds staff on the island and the planting out budget for the whole of North Ayrshire has been halved. It has played no part in mak-



The flower tubs, like these in Brodick, have been taken over by the village committees. 01_B17tubs01



The new toilet block at Sannox. 01_B17toilet01

ing the new arrangements for the flower pots.

It is not the first time that the community associations have stepped into to take over responsibility for public facilities following the public toilet and play park debacles.

The community council heard this week that the new toilet block at Sannox, which was delivered last month, had now been commissioned and the keys handed over the Corrie and Sannox village committee.

Six-year-old's plea to stop dog fouling

Six-year-old Rebecca Fergusson has brought her complaints about dog fouling straight to the offices of the *Arran Banner*.

Regular readers will know that week-in, week-out the *Banner* receives letters from our readers who like to share their opinions and address pertinent topics. But it is not every day that we receive a letter from a young girl who has only recently started learning to write.

The Fergusson family from Uplawmoor, who are regular visitors to Arran, were on the island earlier this month enjoying their first two-week break of the year in their caravan at Lamlash, taking long walks

in the sunshine on the green and public areas around the village. However, owing to the large amount of dog dirt on the pavements and grass, dad John continually warned the children to 'watch their feet' so that they did not tread in any of the mess.

Back home in the warmth and comfort of their caravan, where Rebecca, who is in primary one at Uplawmoor Primary School, was practising her writing skills, her parents were surprised to see what the topic of her writing was about.

Written on a piece of paper were the words: 'Some people's dogs poo on the grass and the pavements.' After chatting to her about

what she had written, she asked her father to 'tell the *Arran Banner* to see if they can stop it',

As a result, the *Banner* received two copies of the letter, the original letter and a second version which young Rebecca thought she could improve on by making a special effort to re-write her letter, just a little bit neater.

News editor Hugh Boag said: 'It is certainly one of our youngest readers letters we have received and it is topic which also concerns a lot of older readers as well.'

Six-year-old
Rebecca Fergusson
with her letter to
the *Arran Banner*.



RNLI fundraising coffee morning

The Arran branch of the RNLI is holding a fundraising coffee morning in the Ormisdale Pavilion in Brodick on Saturday May 5 from 10.30am till noon.

New activities

There will be some new fundraising activities along with the usual delicious homebaking stall and tombola, combined with tea and coffee served throughout the morning.

Last year's event was a roaring success and organisers invite everyone to come along and support the group and help them raise much-needed funds for the Arran lifeboat crew, who operate the Rachel Hedderwick inshore lifeboat from the Lamlash station.

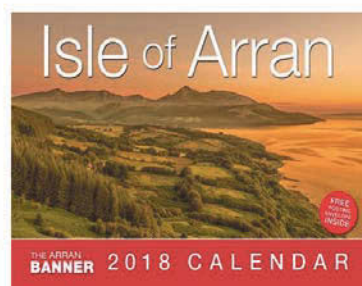
The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea and relies entirely on funding from local communities such as ours.

Krisp Cards

www.krispcards.co.uk



**Cards,
Calendars
& Gifts**



Arran Calendar 2018



**Arran
Tourist Map
Tea Towel**

Shop online at
www.krispcards.co.uk

Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown,
Argyll, PA28 6AE Tel: 01586 554646

 Add to Cart

Arran Active

Arran's outdoor clothing & footwear specialists


































Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ
☎ 01770 302113 ✉ info@arranactive.co.uk
www.arranactive.co.uk
SHOP OPENING TIMES
Winter Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm Sun: 10am-5pm
Summer Mon-Sat: 9am-5.30pm Sun: 10am-5pm

MSP 'hugely disap- disrupted summer

The MV Isle of Arran began work on the summer timetable sailings to Arran as scheduled on Thursday.

However, it only completed two return sailings between Brodick and Ardrossan before leaving for Port Ellen to help out on the Islay route and will not be back until Saturday.

As was first announced last week, Arran will have to share the vessel with Islay until later in May owing to the loss of the MV Clansman, which is out of service due to problems with the vessel's propulsion system, and which is having a knock-on affect throughout the network.

While repairs are being undertaken in Denmark,

the MV Hebrides – which was supposed to enter dry dock for its annual maintenance – is being pressed into service for a further three weeks.

However, Caledonian MacBrayne now hopes to have all services, including the Arran summer timetable, operating as normal by May 23 and all customers booked to travel up until that date should by now have had their travel arrangements confirmed.

'We originally thought this temporary timetable would be until the end of May but I'm pleased we will be aiming to bring this forward by a week, meaning normal service should be resumed before the Is-



The MV Isle of Arran arrived in Brodick this week to begin the disrupted summer timetable. 01_B17summer01

Troon move dismissed as 'scaremongering'

Claims this week that the Arran ferry service will operate from Troon during improvement works at Ardrossan have been dismissed as 'scaremongering'.

Certainty

While the possibility of the Brodick to Ardrossan using Troon for a short period during the works has not been ruled out, there is no certainty that the service will have to move out of Ardrossan, given there is also the Irish berth.

Operator Caledonian MacBrayne will also be looking at alternatives, including Gourock and Wemyss Bay, given it already has operations at these ports.

However, with the works, which will include a realigning of the present berth, still at an early stage the extent of the disruption or the timetable for works is still some way off giving rise to the concern about scaremongering.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'Any

major upgrade of Ardrossan harbour may involve services to Brodick requiring an alternative departure and arrival point during periods of the work.

Options

'Detailed feasibility studies are currently being undertaken into the suitability of the various options open to us in this event. Once these are concluded, these options will be presented to Transport Scotland for consideration.'

THE Aspa
AUCHRANNIE
ARRAN ADDICTIVE

open daily from 9am for a range of face and body treatments

treat yourself to a mini facial for just **£40**

relax at the ASPA

For those looking to unwind, our skilled therapists are on hand to provide relaxing treatments in luxurious surroundings.

Enjoy a wide range of face and body treatments using the finest products from ESPA and ISHGA.

for more information call **01770 303303** or visit **www.theaspa.co.uk**
auchrannie road, brodick

glenisle restaurant

PRE-THEATRE DINING 4-6PM

LAUNCHES 30/04/18

01770 600559
glenislehotel.com
Shore Road, Lamblash, KA27 8LY

like us on **facebook**
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

edenmore guest house

EDENMORE GUEST HOUSE
Ardrossan
Ground Floor Rooms Available.
Pet Friendly
T: 01294 462306

krisp print

For a hassle free service throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre call Krisp Print

Main Street/Longrow South, Campbeltown PA28 6JD
Tel: 01586 554975
email: staff@krispprint.co.uk
www.krispprint.co.uk

• Design
• Copy
• Print

pointed' as sailings start



pted summer timetable sailings.

However, Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson has expressed his disappointment with the CalMac fleet reshuffle, which has led to the reduced summer services on Arran. The start of the Ardrossan to Campbeltown summer service has also been postponed.

Mr Gibson said: 'This is hugely disappointing. There is a lack of flexibility in the system, with dry-docking in Birkenhead and no spare vessel capacity.

'Transport Scotland tried last year unsuccessfully to secure vessels from Denmark and Norway. However, the only long-term answer is to commission the building of more vessels and I'll press the Scottish Government on that issue. The last vessels to be built, MV Catriona and the Glen Sannox were for Arran. Nevertheless, a larger fleet is now required if we are to avoid this situation in future.'

In an earlier statement, Mr Drummond said: 'We are facing a highly regrettable situation that we need to manage as best we can with the vessels we have. Our priority is to continue to provide lifeline service to island communities.

'The overrun of our an-

nual vessel dry dock schedule into the summer season is regrettable and we realise that this set of circumstance is going to impact adversely on some communities, which we apologise for. However, under the circumstances, the timetable arrangements we have now put in place for the period of disruption are the best options we have available.

'With one major vessel down, it is always a difficult balancing exercise and we know there will be communities who believe they are taking more than their fair share of upheaval. However, this is the best short-term solution we have within our current operating limits.'

Passengers are being urged to check the CalMac website at calmac.co.uk to confirm the amended timetables before travelling.

☐ See also pages 20 and 21.

lay Whisky Festival,' said managing director Robbie Drummond.

'Staff are working overtime to reassign bookings on to the amended timetable and deal with new customer reservations. The most important thing for our customers is that they know with as much certainty as possible that the journey they are booked on will run. We are working pretty much round the clock to provide that certainty,' he added.

Board to fight for improved services

CalMac's new independent Community Board was unanimous in delivering a strong message on behalf of its communities to the firm's managing director, Robbie Drummond, and other members of the management team following its second meeting, held in Largs and Millport last week.

The meeting was attended by Arran's two representatives, community council chairman Bill Calderwood and Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran.

Overwhelmingly, the main concern was that measures being taken to deal with a recent vessel breakdown are failing to prevent major disruption bringing significant economic damage and having a detrimental impact on individual and families life. Cuts in timetabled sailings, deployment of vessels with inadequate capacities and inability to book even available space

in some cases are all adversely impacting communities and the sustainability of local businesses.

While the board recognised that CalMac has to operate with the resources available to it, there was huge frustration when at peak times and periods of full capacity the service is at serious risk if even one vessel is out of action as at present. The board has offered to positively work with CalMac in formulating a plan, including more robust contingency and prioritisation measures, which will help to protect the lifeline ferry services in the short, medium and longer term.

Areas such as fleet resilience, maintenance/dry docking, purchase/charter of additional tonnage and crew transferability will all be included in the mix. Mr Drummond has accepted the offer and a small group of board members has been identified to start working

with CalMac, CMAL and Transport Scotland as soon as possible.

The board feels it can contribute a legitimate community perspective to future planning decisions that will affect the service and communities in the network.




Communications have also been a serious issue and it is important that not only should these be consistent but they must be informative and comprehensive and take into account the likely effects in all relevant communities. Again, the board has offered assistance to CalMac in this area and this has been accepted. The board says it is focused on working with CalMac, Transport Scotland, CMAL and other stakeholders to help address weaknesses and to identify measures that can be taken to initiate improvements in line with community expectations and needs.

This is YOUR paper...

Send your photos and stories to editor@arranbanner.co.uk

ARRAN HAULAGE

Building Materials delivered or available to uplift from our Brodick depot

PLEASE PHONE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO ORDER

Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DD
Tel: 01770 302777 Email: info@arranhaulage.co.uk
Opening Times: Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm / Saturday - 8am to 12 noon

MAINLAND TAXIS

01294 463 556

Tel: 01294 463 556
Mob: 0792 199 8457



Glasgow City Centre..£45.00	Kilmarnock..£25.00
Ayr..£30.00	Crosshouse Hospital..£20.00
Ayr Hospital..£32.00	
Ayrshire Central Hospital..£14.00	
GLASGOW AIRPORT £35.00	
PRESTWICK AIRPORT £25.00	
EDINBURGH AIRPORT £100.00	
RETURN BOOKINGS WELCOME	
HOSPITAL TAXI SHARE & OTHER QUOTES AVAILBLE ON REQUEST	
Friendly Reliable Service GUARANTEED	

6 & 7 Seater Taxis Available on Request

Deaf residents urged to share experiences

People who are deaf or have hearing loss in Arran are being urged to help a campaigning charity's research project by sharing their experiences of accessing and using local health services.

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland is encouraging deaf people to get in touch regarding their experiences of accessing GPs, local health centres and hospitals – especially if the health service staff were not deaf-aware or if working hearing loops were not available at reception points and consultation rooms.

Interim director Teri Devine said: 'As part of our research project, we are keen to find out about

deaf Arran residents' experiences of arranging and attending appointments at GP surgeries, local health centres or hospitals.

Interested

'We are particularly interested in finding out about good and not so good examples of appointment booking processes, the levels of deaf awareness shown by health service staff as well as any communication barriers faced by people who are deaf or have hearing loss in getting the medical information that they need.'

Contact the charity by email to scotland@hearingloss.org.uk, telephone to 0141 341 5330 or text to 07388 227407.

Childhood memor



Pupils study the old school photographs which were on display. 01_B17memory01



The display of 1960s memorabilia. 01_B17memory04

Pupils of the Enactus group at Arran High School put a lot of work and effort into staging their My Childhood event, which was held in the community theatre last Friday.

It featured an exhibition displaying a variety of toys, games and clothing from different decades stretching back to the 1940s, as well tea and coffee and home baking, giving visitors the chance to socialise and reminisce.

The event was also visited by pupils from the high school and Lamlash Primary School to give them an insight into the toys of yesteryear.

Arran has the only school Enactus group in the UK. Enactus is an international organisation that pairs entrepreneurship and philanthropy to develop sustainable and beneficial projects in communities.

Enactus has predominantly been for university students and business leaders to date but last year Glasgow Caledonian University contacted Arran High School and invited them to become a branch of its Enactus group.

At Arran High the group comprises of Jessica Miller, Natasha Murray, Chloe Brookes, Lauren Robertson, Rachel Janse Van Rensburg and Alexander Wilson.

Idea

They are presently looking the issues of mental health and loneliness, which was the idea behind the sharing of memories and artefacts from days gone by. The group has previously held a Christmas lunch and a film afternoon.

Members are also regular visitors to the McKelvie Road sheltered housing complex



Lamlash Primary pupils take a keen interest in the displays.

neil young
Joinery and Building Contractor
Tel: 01770 600500
Mob: 07855 758978

New Builds from foundations to completion, Renovations, Garages, Conservatories, UPVC & Timber Windows, Kitchens, All roof work
www.neilyoungjoineryandbuilding.co.uk

24-hour Service. Free Quotations. Friendly Reliable Service
Email:- info@neilyoungjoineryandbuilding.co.uk - Lamlash, Isle of Arran

ARRAN MOBILE DISCO

For weddings & any special occasions.
Full lighting rig & sound system for any size of venue.
Your choice of music & format. Ceilidh can be included.
20 years experience.

E christraill01@gmail.com T 01770830 615 Arranmobiledisco

Campbell Fuel Oils

Is your current supplier letting you down?
Why not contact Campbell Fuels for a reliable service

The most frequent service on the Isle of Arran supplying heating oil, tractor diesel, derv and a wide range of lubricants

Call us on 01563 521925
Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS
www.campbellfuels.co.uk

COTTAGES & CASTLES
THE VERY BEST OF SCOTLAND

Come and join us today!
Whether you require a full letting service or advertising only, we are here to welcome all. We are the biggest and best agent in Scotland with a state of the art website and booking system that you can rely on to achieve the bookings your property deserves.

Call for more information 01463 226990
www.cottages-and-castles.co.uk

REMOVALS
REMOVALS : STORAGE : DISTRIBUTION
Local - Long Distance - Estimates Free
Contact Hugh McClelland 01770 840 272

HUGH McCLELLAND & SON Estd. 1886

UNIT 7, CADZOW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HAMILTON ML3 7QU
Tel: (01698) 283314 - 283555
info@mcclellandremovals.co.uk www.mcclellandremovals.co.uk

NATIONWIDE SCRAP METAL

WANTED ALL TYPES OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METAL, COPPER, BRASS, LEAD CAR BATTERIES - £7 UPWARDS

PRIVATE & COMMERCIAL WASTE REMOVAL
PLEASE CALL 07950444569

8-SEATER TAXIS AVAILABLE

DIRECT TAXIS
01294 60-2005

ARDROSSAN HARBOUR TO:

Glasgow Airport FROM £35.00
Prestwick Airport FROM £25.00

enquiries@directtaxis.net - Return bookings and other prices on request.

Sponsored by NFU Mutual Cambeltown. Call Chris Husthwaite on 01586 552 428 for your insurance needs.

NFU Mutual
INSURANCE | PENSIONS | INVESTMENTS

Agent of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

It pays to advertise in the Arran Banner

ies of yesteryear on show

where they offer residents companionship and practical help. They also have business adviser, Arran resident Jean McInnes, of international insurance and finance company AIG.

Jessica from the group said:

'We would just like to say thank you to Enactus GCU group for its help, support and encouragement, and to everyone who lent items for the exhibition and who came along and supported us on the day.'



The Enactus group who staged the My Childhood event. 01_B17memory02



High school pupils take an interest in a pinball game from the 1940s. 01_B17memory03



KitchenAid

FREE GIFT
When Purchasing a
KitchenAid Classic Stand Mixer



EXPERT KNOWLEDGE • SUPER SERVICE • COMPETITIVE PRICES • PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION

Black Stand Mixer 5K45SSBOB

- 275 Watts
- 10 Speed Levels
- Tilt Head Design
- Single Multi-Purpose Attachment Hub
- Direct Drive Motor
- 4.3 Litres Stainless Steel Bowl
- Black

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE
FREE SLICER SHREDDER ATTACHMENT
WORTH **£85**

2 YEAR GUARANTEE
ONLY £399.99

White Stand Mixer 5K45SSBWH

- 275 Watts
- 10 Speed Levels
- Tilt Head Design
- Single Multi-Purpose Attachment Hub
- Direct Drive Motor
- 4.3 Litres Stainless Steel Bowl
- White

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE
FREE SLICER SHREDDER ATTACHMENT
WORTH **£85**

2 YEAR GUARANTEE
ONLY £349.99

Let's Make Life Easy

EURONICS

ARRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE CENTRE

UNIT 4 THE DOUGLAS CENTRE ,BRODICK KA27 8AJ
Tel:01770 302909 Email: adsc26100@aol.com

*Terms and Conditions apply. Sold as an agent of Euronics Limited. All rights reserved. All offers are subject to availability while stocks last. Delivery & Installation charges may apply Exclusions and Radius Apply.

Prices correct at time of print but can be subject to change. See in store for full details. Images for illustration purposes only. Copyright Euronics 2018. E&OE March 2018. KitchenAid Free Slicer Shredder Attachment). Terms and Conditions apply. Claims via redemption- promotional dates: 19.03.18-16.04.18. Full T&Cs and Claims for the promotion must be registered and claimed at www.kitchenaidredemptions.co.uk by the 03.05.18. No late claims will be accepted. This offer is available to UK residents only (excluding Northern Ireland) Valid on purchases of selected KitchenAid stand Mixers K45SSBWH and K45SSBOB.

Editorial

Flower power

Great to see the spirit of community is alive and well on Arran.

For the village associations to rally to save the floral tubs is to be commended. Just look around your village – these tubs are a really nice colourful display and it would have been a shame to lose them.

We are a holiday island after all, but these displays brighten up the villages for everyone. However, it will be up to volunteers to put their time and effort to keep them that way, as well as dipping into community coffers to pay for them – although it is good to see the Arran Trust helping as well.

North Ayrshire Council, having halved its planting out budget, simply said fill them yourselves or they will be taken away, and we have no doubt it would do just that if they are not now maintained.

It is, of course, not the first time that communities have had to rally to the cause – first to save the public toilets and then the play parks. Even the elderly in our sheltered housing units are feeling the pinch.

The worrying question is where will it end?

Thought for the Week

'So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.' 2 Cor 4:17

Trail care

Sir,

I want to say thank you to all those from the high school and local mountain bike clubs who took part in the IMBA Europe take care of your trails volunteer day in the Fairy Glen near Brodick.

A lot of hard work was done and a very obvious difference made to the trail. Special mention must be made to the high school pupil who cycled from Lochranza and back just to join in the day, and another who baked really great biscuits to encourage us to do a bit more work.

Yours,

**Andy Walker
Arran Forester**

CalMac triathlon

Sir,

Have you tried the ultimate Arran fitness test yet?

To warm up, you wander along the blue tape until you get to a desk where you can buy an entry ticket. Then to the first leg – the mountain. At the top, while you catch your breath, your entry ticket will be taken so you are allowed into the second challenge – the departure lounge chicane – dodging legs, bags, cases, dogs, small children while you weave between the rows of seats to take position in another blue tape maze.

You are now on the starting line for the last leg, the long march. Once the tape is lifted, you are off on a hike halfway to Ardrossan, only to be stopped by a posse of high-vis clad stewards who point you in the direction of the ferry and a welcome rest and refreshment.

But beware, instead of automatically turning left for a cup of tea, do the same and you will end up in the bar – maybe not such a bad

idea after all that exercise.

Yours,
**Elizabeth Ross
Glenloig**

NAC responsibility

This is a copy of the letter sent to Councillor Ellen McMaster.

Dear Mrs McMaster, First, a quick word about the writer. I am 75 years old and suffering from a rare and disabling condition called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

I am Canadian – Scottish by nationality – and was head of art and design at Arran High School for many years. My employer therefore was North Ayrshire Council. In addition, I was the founder of the Arran Heritage Project at the high school.

As soon as work started, I discovered that the senior citizens had a lot to give to the younger generation, and not just about Arran's recent social history but about life too. They had had so much experience, regardless of what paths they had followed. It was touching to see how this normally difficult age responded to the older ones, whether it was about their own house or village area, or their occupations. The interest was mutual.

I am now highly dependent on social services and require assistance with many personal matters.

But now we hear that NAC intends to withdraw support for staff in sheltered housing. Specifically, here at Glen Estate, the services of Ann Reid are threatened. Ann looks after the personal plans and the general welfare of each tenant.

She is invaluable, since she reduces the need for expensive hospital stays

– hospitals are full – also for transfers to Montrose House. The only alternative is the private Cooriedoon nursing home, beyond the reach of all but the rich.

I thought, wrongly it appears, that Scotland was egalitarian. I now wonder what my Canadian friends would think of this situation? Besides, the national news reports that after years of cuts, 'austerity Britain' is over. If this is the case, NAC are putting themselves outside the loop.

Does NAC have a responsibility to their people? Are the SNP middle ground or very right wing? If the latter, as in UKIP, I will never vote for them again.

Yours,
**Maureen Farquharson
Brodick**

Road information

Sir,

I am astonished at the lack of communication regarding the possible road closures and disruption to traffic during the resurfacing of many of the island's roads.

As I require to commute daily from Corrie to Whiting Bay, I made enquiries at the pier, then the bus station offices for information. Neither knew any details of road closures and I was told that even the police had not been informed.

Making the assumption that the road will be open to allow the bus to connect with the ferries is all very well, but travelling out with these times makes it a bit of a lottery.

Some details please?

Yours,
**Fiona Reiss
Corrie**

Ultra thanks

Sir,

It is a pleasure writing this list. Because it has been a pleasure to bring an event

to the Isle of Arran, meet so many residents, and to receive your immediate kind words of praise for the event. From our point of view the event was very successful. Now I don't measure that based on the number of entries or the lack of injuries (though I am sure there are a few fatigue niggles – it was tough!) but based on the participant feedback. They loved it! We gave them more than two Ultras! We gave them almost four days of adventure tourism – enough time for them to sample 'many of the many' attributes of the island, and we look forward to coming back next year!

You may know that both the event and the participants made donations to the Arran Trust, and that the preferred charity for Rat Race Adventure Events is Children with Cancer UK, and for whom the participants raised a stunning £1M in 2017.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who helped in many different ways. I appreciate that I did not reach everyone as early as you might have liked, and that sometimes you gave critical opinion and comment. But that comment certainly gets my attention, and I am always, all ears. Thank you.

And lastly, someone that you might think would be less influential. I have probably been visiting Arran for 20 years. One man that I always seem to meet and have a chat with; Alastair Hendry in Glen Rosa. To me, he represents the assured friendliness that underlies Arran's land and people. This was emotionally influential.

Yours,
**Gary Thompsett
Architect of Adventure**

How to contact us

Arran Banner,
Brodick,
Isle of Arran,
KA27 8AJ
Phone: 01770 302142
News editor
Hugh Boag
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Reporter
Colin Smeeton
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Advertising
Cecilia Paul
adverts@arranbanner.co.uk

Head office
Wyvex Media,
Lochavullin Industrial
Estate, Oban,
PA34 4HB



Press policy

At The Arran Banner, we endeavour to ensure all our reports are fair and accurate and comply with the Editors' Code of Practice set by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO).

However, we realise that mistakes happen from time to time. If you think we have made a significant mistake and you wish to discuss this with us, please let us know as soon as possible by any of the three methods: emailing editor@arranbanner.co.uk; telephoning the chief reporter on 01770 302142 or write to the Group Editor at Wyvex Media, Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB. We will try to resolve your issue in a timely, reasonable and amicable manner. However, if you are unsatisfied with our response, you can contact IPSO, which will investigate the matter.

You can call IPSO on 0300 123 2220 or email inquiries@ipso.co.uk. IPSO is an independent body that deals with complaints from the public about the editorial content of newspapers. We will abide by the decision of IPSO.

THE EDITOR welcomes letters for publication on this page. The Editor reserves the right to shorten, amend or to refuse to print them. Names and addresses MUST be supplied to indicate good faith, although these details can be withheld from publication. Telephone numbers, if available, should also be included. Anonymous letters will not be considered. Please write to: Letters, The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ. Fax: (01770) 302021. Email editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Emailed letters can only be considered if they have a name, full address and phone number.

ARRAN DELIVERIES
We deliver the goods, not excuses

Daily collection throughout Ayrshire, Glasgow and surrounding areas

Check out our new website: www.arrandeliveries.co.uk

Glasgow Depot

c/o Hebrides Haulage
149 Balmoral Street
Glasgow, G14 0HB
Call us on 01475 676255
Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

We've been in our Glasgow depot for 25 years, our long time friends Hebrides Haulage operate it and provide a great service. We can accept all size of deliveries into Glasgow. Our trucks are available daily to collect all your goods from Arran.

Anything in before 1pm is guaranteed next morning delivery. Let us know what you need as our service, we offer 2 man delivery and Tailift Service throughout the island. Forklift at depot.

Parcelpoint Adrossan
Ayrshire, KA22 8BZ
Call us on 01475 676255
Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

We are open to accept all your deliveries large and small. A lot of companies won't deliver to Islands, why not use us as your mainland address and let us bring it to your home. We have all the national parcel companies and pallet networks calling in daily to our Parcelpoint. If you are ordering from a few different companies we can

hold it until all your goods have arrived and deliver it all together to your home. If you're needing special arrangements for your delivery we can help. Just let us know your requirements when you book in. Forklift on site for pallets and as well as our speedy parcel services, we offer a 2 man and tailift service throughout the Island.

Military vehicles are on show at heritage museum

The Arran Heritage Museum hosted a display of classic military vehicles at its Rosaburn home in Brodick last Sunday.

It was staged by the south-west branch of Scottish Military Vehicles Group, which brought five restored vehicles to Arran for the first time and spent the weekend on the island.

The group is a collection of enthusiasts who own, restore and run military vehicles. While many of the vehicles in Scot-

land are of Second World War vintage, there are also quite a number of post-war types.

Supporting

The group's membership is spread over the whole of Scotland with members supporting events such as Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Day, Poppy Day and regimental and veteran reunions, as well as various military and vintage vehicle events held throughout the UK and Europe.



Two ambulances on display.01_B17military03



Two restored Willys jeeps. 01_B17military02



Group organiser John Webster and members of the south-west branch of the restoration group. 01_B17military01

ADVERTORIAL

All the latest styles and finishes are available from the Renew Kitchen Door Company

A Beautiful made to measure kitchen or update your existing kitchen and save a fortune.

Renew Kitchen Door Company design and install new Kitchens in all the latest styles and finishes.

Quality

They are a family business who has been installing quality new kitchens and replacement doors for over 20 years

Company owner, Charles Herbert says 'We started our business supplying and installing completely new kitchens, however we realised that not all kitchens

require to be ripped out, as base unit are usually in good condition.

By replacing the doors, drawer fronts, hinges handles and worktops etc we can transform the kitchen to look brand new. We make everything to measure, so no problem refacing older units. This option is less than half the cost of a new kitchen.'

They also install new sinks and appliances and all the latest worktops, including quartz and granite. Renew Kitchens are now based on Arran and offer free advise and an no obligation survey. Call them now on 01770 820675.

**DON'T REPLACE YOUR KITCHEN...
RENEW YOUR DOORS AND WORKTOPS
AND MAKE GREAT SAVINGS**



**NOW ON ARRAN AND COVERING
CENTRAL SCOTLAND**

**KEEP YOUR EXISTING BASE UNITS AND REPLACE DOORS,
DRAWER FRONTS AND WORKTOPS**

- CHOOSE FROM A VAST RANGE OF STYLES & COLOURS
- MADE TO MEASURE
- LESS DISRUPTION – HUGE SAVINGS
- LEADING BRAND APPLIANCES, SINK & TAPS
- WE ALSO FIT NEW KITCHENS AND BEDROOMS
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
- WE ALSO DO FITTED BEDROOMS



FOR FREE ADVICE AND A NO OBLIGATION HOME SURVEY CALL US NOW
01770 820675 or mobile 07973 714022
www.renewkitchendoorcompany.co.uk

MBS

BUILDING AND
TIMBER SUPPLIES



FREE DELIVERY SERVICE www.mbsarran.co.uk

TUESDAYS

ISLAND WIDE

Orders over £25.

E-mail or telephone by 2pm Monday

Home Improvement
Garden Centre
Tool & Plant Hire
Building & Timber Supplies
Plumbing & Electrical Goods

T. 01770 700 202

RYOBI

GRADER
Tools

Richard
Burkhardt

ford

TIMBER
FENCE PANELS
STOBS
POST SUPPORTS
GATE FURNITURE
GARDEN PAINT
DECKING
WIRE NETTING
LOTS OF LOVELY
NEW PLANTS!



FENCEMATE
SUPERIOR FENCING ACCESSORIES

OPENING HOURS: MON - SAT 8AM - 5PM / CLOSED SUNDAYS

Whiting Bay Tel: 01770 700202

mbsbuild@yahoo.co.uk www.mbsarran.co.uk



Malcolm drops in for tea and tourism

Arran was the first port of call for VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead as part of his national tea and tourism tour.

Kickstarting the annual tour of destination tourism industry players, Mr Roughead met VisitArran board members at the Auchrannie Resort, where a number of tourism-related issues and strategies were discussed.

The main topic of discussion was a digital strategy for Arran, operational sustainability and the priorities for VisitArran over the next six months.

Mr Roughead praised VisitArran for its recent accomplishments which included winning the working together for tourism

award at the Scottish This-tle Awards national final in March, in which its 'strong working ethos' and 'creative partnership working' was commended by the judges.

The organisation's innovative collaboration in launching the ArranCard in 2017, which has already generated £11,000 in sales in the first year, was also highlighted by the judges as a fantastic example of partnership working

Mr Roughead said: 'Tourism is at the very heart of economic success in Scotland.

'It is integral to sustaining communities such as Arran by generating income, creating jobs and

stimulating social change across the region.

'I have enjoyed meeting and speaking directly to the hard working team at VisitArran who have demonstrated great success at putting the island on the map as a quality visitor destination.

'From its breathtaking scenery, unique culture and heritage, world-class golf and sailing, not to mention its fantastic food and drink, the Isle of Arran really does offer the visitor a diverse range of great experiences.

'Last week, we launched the first ever collaborative global campaign - Scotland is Now - and the Isle of Arran is a perfect example of a region rich in his-



VisitScotland chief executive Malcolm Roughead, centre, with the board of VisitArran at the Auchrannie.

tory and heritage but forging forward in a way that is progressive, pioneering and inclusive.'

VisitArran executive director Sheila Gilmore said: 'We are delighted to welcome Malcolm to Arran

and to our board meeting. This will give us all an opportunity to more greatly understand how we can work together in the future, and perhaps highlight some key issues that destination organisations address in

day-to-day delivery.' The tour will continue at a number of locations across Scotland and will allow tourism organisations and businesses the opportunity to speak directly to the VisitScotland chief executive.

Important new information on Government support for Central Heating Systems: UPDATE NOV 2017



FACT 1
If you have electric storage heaters, an oil, electric or LPG boiler the Government will pay you up to £11680* to change over to an air source heat pump system which is more efficient, can be less costly to run and is kinder to the environment.

FACT 2
The Scheme called The Renewable Heat Incentive is available for home owners, landlords and businesses.

FACT 3
The Scottish Government in their Climate Plan 2017 have identified air source heat pumps as one of their favoured ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Want to find out more and see how much you could reduce your energy costs by? Simply give us a ring today and speak to one of our friendly, fully qualified Domestic Energy Assessors. We are an award winning specialised installer of the Mitsubishi Ecodan range of air source heat pumps throughout Scotland. Talk to qualified heating engineers and Domestic Energy Assessors who are passionate about their craft and not pushy sales people.

*The amount of assistance you will get is calculated from the figures shown in an Energy Performance Certificate for your property and based on 10.13p per kilowatt of heat produced by the heat pump

SMART GROUP
ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME IMPROVEMENTS
www.smartgroup.uk.com
Tel: 01236 341662

TKM ELECTRICAL LTD PLUMBING HEATING

APPROVED INSTALLER MCS RECC hies NFEC We are rated energy natural Scotland Checkatrade.com Where reputation matters Which? Trusted Traders dgcos SOLAR TRADE

Barr Renewables
info@barr-renewables.co.uk
07554 377491 www.barr-renewables.co.uk

Interested in Solar PV?
FACT - Install before April 2019 to qualify for Feed in Tariff. We work with local tradesmen so you know who you are dealing with.
Is Air Source Right For You?
Get an unbiased opinion as not all properties are suitable.

Airsource Heat Pumps
Biomass Boilers

Solar PV
Wood and Multi Fuel Stoves

*Provide an unrivalled after-sales service!

WOOD BURNING STOVES AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS
SOLAR PV SOLAR THERMAL

f OA National Warranties Vailant SAMSUNG

hies REGISTERED IN SCOTLAND
VAT REGISTRATION No 127 5408 18
COMPANY REGISTRATION No. 397082

APPROVED INSTALLER MCS NAPIT

Arran's marathon charity champions



Two Arran women joined thousands of runners in London on Sunday to take part in the city's marathon.

It was a first time outing in the event for Barbara Crawford and Carol Brown but, as a result of their feat, in the blistering heat, they have raised more than £6,000 for the Maggie's cancer charity.

In the run up to the marathon, they ran a number of fundraising events at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot as well as putting in hours of training on the roads. Well done to them both.

Barbara and Carol are still smiling at the finish line.



Members of Ensemble, who will be performing in Brodick Hall in aid of Arran Trust.

Ensemble gather in Brodick

Prolific performers Ensemble, an operatic concert group from Fife, will be adding Brodick to their long list of venues at which they have performed over the past 35 years.

Wide repertoire

Named after their enjoyment of performing ensemble items, rather than a series of solos and duets, the group have a wide repertoire which is usually performed in costume and semi-staged.

Raising funds for the Arran Trust and performing for the enjoyment of it and at their own expense, the group have helped

charities raise tens of thousands of pounds during their hundreds of concerts over the years.

With a show they first performed last year at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, where they have appeared for more than 21 consecutive years, Ensemble will be performing Irving Berlin: 100 years of song at Brodick Hall on Saturday May 12, at 7.30pm.

Tickets priced £10 can be purchased from the Book and Card Centre or online at www.arranevents.com. Cheese and wine is included in the ticket price.

ADVERTORIAL

Argyll College - Think Again



You may think you have a good idea of what Argyll College is and what we have on offer, but did you know that in the past 5 years we've introduced over 45 new qualifications and as a student at Argyll College UHI you'll be able to study in a convenient location, get recognised qualifications and improve your chances of getting your career on the right track.

If you love life on Arran but think you're going to have to move away to get the qualifications you need – think again. Whether you want to get those Highers you missed out on at school, take your first steps into Higher Education, or retrain for a new career, we can help you achieve your goals.

In 2018, we'll be offering full time horticulture courses on the island for the first time.

Last year's Student of the Year, Wendy Chance, successfully completed an HNC Horticulture on Islay. Wendy had gardened all her life, but had never considered turning it into a profession until she realised she could study it on her doorstep.

"It's been unbelievable. I've loved every minute of it and wish I'd done something

like this 20 years ago," she said. "I've achieved better grades than I imagined I was capable of, which I believe is largely down to the tutors I've been lucky enough to have. They have been amazing – so supportive and encouraging.

Our brand new Access to Business, Administration and Computing is an ideal entry route to a number of HNC programmes and will allow you to get to grips with full time study, perfect for those contemplating a career change, or for students who've been away from education for a while. Successful students are guaranteed an interview for HNC programmes.

As a partner of the University of the Highlands and Islands we also give you access to over 50 degree and post-graduate programmes. The professional Graduate Diploma in Education is available for both Primary and Secondary routes, in English and Gaelic Medium. The PDGE consists of 18 weeks study in our Oban Learning Centre plus 19 weeks of work placements in schools close to your home.

So if you think you know what we do, you might want to think again.



Think again #thinkargyll

Apply online now for courses starting in September



University of the Highlands and Islands
Argyll College

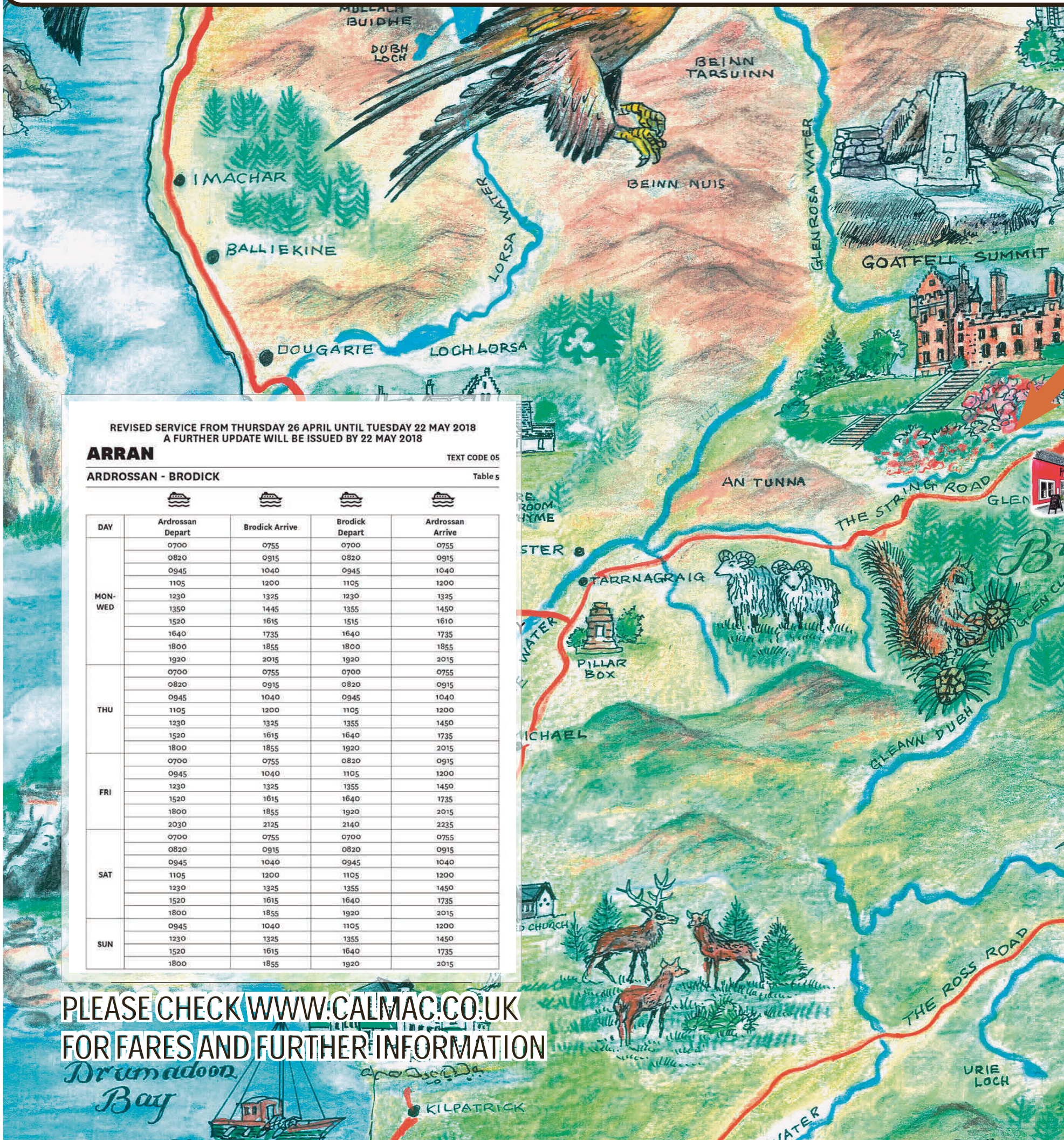
www.argyllcollege.ac.uk



Caledonian MacBrayne

Hebridean & Clyde Ferries

ARDROSSA



REVISED SERVICE FROM THURSDAY 26 APRIL UNTIL TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018
A FURTHER UPDATE WILL BE ISSUED BY 22 MAY 2018

ARRAN

TEXT CODE 05

ARDROSSAN - BRODICK

Table 5

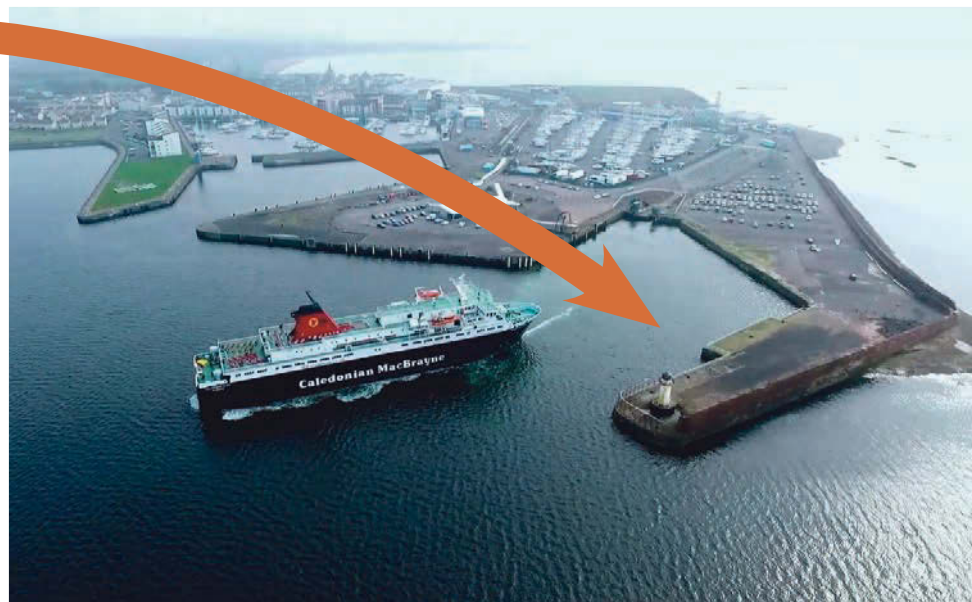
DAY	Ardrossan Depart	Brodick Arrive	Brodick Depart	Ardrossan Arrive
MON- WED	0700	0755	0700	0755
	0820	0915	0820	0915
	0945	1040	0945	1040
	1105	1200	1105	1200
	1230	1325	1230	1325
	1350	1445	1355	1450
	1520	1615	1515	1610
	1640	1735	1640	1735
THU	1800	1855	1800	1855
	1920	2015	1920	2015
	0700	0755	0700	0755
	0820	0915	0820	0915
	0945	1040	0945	1040
	1105	1200	1105	1200
	1230	1325	1355	1450
	1520	1615	1640	1735
FRI	1800	1855	1920	2015
	2030	2125	2140	2235
	0700	0755	0700	0755
	0820	0915	0820	0915
	0945	1040	0945	1040
	1105	1200	1105	1200
SAT	1230	1325	1355	1450
	1520	1615	1640	1735
	1800	1855	1920	2015
	0945	1040	1105	1200
SUN	1230	1325	1355	1450
	1520	1615	1640	1735
	1800	1855	1920	2015

PLEASE CHECK WWW.CALMAC.CO.UK
FOR FARES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Drumadoon Bay

AN TO BRODICK

WELCOME TO ARDROSSAN



ARDROSSAN

An industrial town and historic port now reinventing itself as a leisure and tourism destination.

Check out: The marina, with the port's old power house now transformed into a restaurant and two great beaches – the North Shore and South Beach, which is buzzing with eating places and great picnic spots.

The journey: M77 and A77 from Glasgow; A78 a glorious coastal drive, north and south; A71 through Ayrshire countryside from the east. The railway station is right on the harbour.

Hopscotch: also Ardrrossan sailings to Campbeltown for Kintyre; We-myss Bay for the Isle of Bute; Largs for the Isle of Cumbrae.



WELCOME TO BRODICK

BRODICK

Scotland in miniature, the Highlands and Lowlands on one island.

The bustling heart of Arran, an island with a strong sense of community which offers everything: from sandy beaches to mountains, and holidays from boutique hotels to hostelling. History, geology, wildlife and countryside that never disappoint, thanks to Arran sitting on the Highland boundary fault.

Check out: Brodick is the commercial centre of the island where most of the shops and services are found; there are a wide range of eateries, accommodation and always a warm welcome. Set against a backdrop of the famous Goatfell.

The journey: The A841 circles the island and is its only A-road, a circuit of 55 miles; the B880, the 'String Road', is tied across the island's waist. Both roads reward you with magnificent scenery. The stops for island bus services and tour coaches are all at the ferry terminus.

Hopscotch: Brodick for Campbeltown and Kintyre; Lochranza for Claonaig and onto Gigha, Islay and Tarbert, Loch Fyne.



**Arran's biggest
self catering holiday
letting agency**

- We are a local team based on the island, operating from the Brodick office
- Property management services available
- Arran specialists – We don't take properties anywhere else
- Listed on  cottages.com – The UK's no.1 holiday cottage website



Speak to the team at our Brodick office
or call **01770 303 113**.



Caledonian MacBrayne
Hebridean & Clyde Ferries

CAFE – BAR – BISTRO

FIDDLERS

SINCE MMXIV

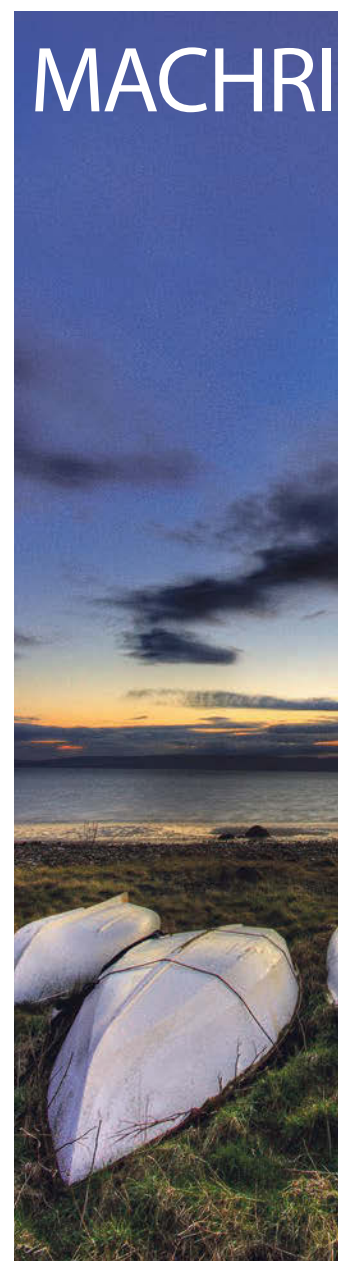
**QUALITY HOME COOKED
LUNCH & EVENING MEALS**

**GRILL, SEAFOOD, VEGAN,
VEGETARIAN &
GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS**

**LICENSED BAR
SCOTTISH CRAFT BEERS & SPIRITS**

**DOG FRIENDLY DAYTIME
REGULAR LIVE MUSIC**

T:01770 302579
W: FIDDLERSMUSICBAR.COM
E: BOOKINGS@FIDDLERSMUSICBAR.COM
SHORE ROAD, BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN



Brayne

ARRROSSAN TO BRODICK

E BOATS



VISIT THE AWARD WINNING VISITOR CENTRE AT THE ISLE OF ARRAN DISTILLERY

DISTILLERY TOURS • SHOP • CASKS CAFÉ BAR




OPEN DAILY: MAR - OCT 10.00 - 17.15
NOV - FEB 10.00 - 16.00

FOR TOUR TIMES AND INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE

THE ISLE OF ARRAN DISTILLERY AND VISITOR CENTRE, LOCHRANZA, KA27 8HJ
TEL: 01770 830 264
EMAIL: BOOKINGS@ARRANWHISKY.COM

www.arranwhisky.com




THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk
telephone : 01770 302 968

Just by Brodick Ferry Terminal

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

ALWAYS A GENUINE WARM WELCOME
SERVING TEA, COFFEE
Delicious Home Baking
'Arran Larder' **BAR MEALS**
ALL FRESHLY PREPARED
FOOD SERVED EACH DAY UNTIL 9.30PM
BEAUTIFUL BOUTIQUE ROOMS

THE BRODICK BUNK HOUSE

www.brodickbunkhouse.co.uk
sleep@brodickbunkhouse.co.uk

BOOK ONLINE £25 PER NIGHT

Kinloch Arran

return car & passenger ferry tickets
2 nights bed and breakfast accommodation in a sea facing room
Arran Aromatics welcome gift on arrival
dinner on the 1st night of your stay (£20 food allocation per person)

short break special £75 per person per night

best location, best service, best value

Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran www.bw-kinlochhotel.co.uk Tel: 01770 860444



Offer available 1st May until 30th September '18. Prices based on 2 adults sharing a car and a twin/double room. Rewards points are not available on this offer. Offer is subject to availability.

glenisle
hotel & restaurant









DISCOVER AND EXPERIENCE ARRAN

The Quintessential Arran Hotel

★ Beautiful Rooms	★ Luxury Features	★ Scenic Views
★ À La Carte Dining	★ Delicious Lunches	★ Afternoon Tea
★ Bar & Snug	★ Garden & Terrace	★ Libraray & Lounge



01770 600559
www.glenislehotel.com



Shore Road, Lamlash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8LY

SHOPPING ON BOARD?

Discover which outlets are available on board by visiting calmac.co.uk/on-board



Caledonian MacBrayne
Hebridean & Clyde Ferries

Come and see how the garden grows

Anyone with an interest in horticulture, food production, bee-keeping and green-fingered enthusiasts are invited to attend an open day at the Arran Community Land Initiative's site in Whiting Bay next weekend.

Showing the fruits of their labour, volunteers will be on hand to show visitors some of the many activities that take place on the land and the progress that has been made in establishing the expanse of land for community use.

On display on Saturday May 5, between 10am and 4pm, will be the community allotments which are coming alive as plot holders busy themselves pre-



ACLI demonstrates the various methods of composting from a wormery to a hot bin.

paring the beds for spring planting. There are 12 allotments and, for anyone interested, there is currently one full allotment (7.5m x 20m) available for £60 annually and two half plots (7.5m x 10) for £30. Each plot comes with an indoor polytunnel raised bed as well.

The orchard areas, which now boast 150 fruit trees, will be coming into flower imminently and the bees in the Arran Bee Group hives will be emerging to collect nectar and pollen for honey production.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to take a look at the rare Arran Whitebeam trees which are planted on the land along with the



Children enjoy one of the many educational activities that are on offer throughout the year.



Visitors are being encouraged to go and have a look at the community land during their open day early next month.

polytunnels bursting with vegetable seedlings which will be transplanted into the community garden beds.

If you are feeling inspired by the community land and fruit and vegetable growing, you can join a workshop making a herb box out of recycled pallets which are planted with six culinary herbs that you can take home.

There will be coffee and tea available and flatbreads freshly made in the bread oven.

Volunteers will be happy to show you around the orchard or take visitors for a walk around the pathways that are being planted with

Scottish wildflower seeds by volunteers and school groups.

The Arran Community Land Initiative, which is a registered charity and is run mainly by volunteers, welcomes anyone to lend a hand on site. There will be a programme of volunteer activities from May onwards to suit all ages.

The site is signposted from Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay but, owing to the limited parking on site, visitors are encouraged to walk to the site whenever possible.

Toilet facilities and seating areas are available in the hub and polytunnels.

THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk
telephone : 01770 302 968

THE DOUGLAS
Hotel • Bistro • Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk

ALWAYS A GENUINE WARM WELCOME
SERVING TEA, COFFEE
Delicious Home Baking
'Arran Larder' BAR MEALS
SHARING PLATTERS
ALL FRESHLY PREPARED

FOOD SERVED EACH DAY UNTIL 9.30PM

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Find us on Facebook
Twitter and Instagram

The Deli Pizzeria

NEW SEASON
OPENING HOURS
OPEN 4-9PM
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
SUNDAY
CLOSED MON & TUES

Late Night Opening 10pm
EACH FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Find us at the Douglas Centre
next to the Douglas Hotel

Find us on Facebook to place your order or call 01770 303230 to order and collect

THE BRODICK BUNK HOUSE

www.brodickbunkhouse.co.uk
sleep@brodickbunkhouse.co.uk
BOOK ONLINE £25 PER NIGHT

Passion for Fashion

Presented by
Old Byre Showroom
&
Chameleon LADIES' BOUTIQUE

Proceeds towards
Ile of Arran COAST
Community Of Arran Seabed Trust

Brodick Golf Club
Monday 14 May, 7 pm

Tickets £10
(inc. nibbles & glass of prosecco!)
Available at Chameleon & Old Byre

For further details call 600201 or 840227

ARRAN
Community Land Initiative

Arran Community Land Initiative
OPEN DAY
Saturday 5th May
10am - 4pm
off Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery
www.arranbrewery.com



Every day

Trout fly fishing
Brodict Castle
Cafe and Isle be Wild
Soap making and candle dipping
Arran Heritage Museum
Arran Brewery

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Garden only open 9am-dusk
Brodict Castle, 10am - 4pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodict, 10am - 4pm
Rosaburn, Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Mon-Saturday 10.30am - 5pm, Tours at 11am and 2pm
Sunday: 12.30pm - 5.00pm Tour at 2pm

Saturday 28th April

Flow yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Army Cadets
Brodict Bowling Club opening day
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music - Buchaneers
Live music - Arizona Live
Over-21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

Sunday 29th April

Live music - Fatman and the Angel
Family games
Charlie and Cori Gorman, guitar and fiddle from Kings of Birds
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 1pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm

Monday 30th April

Morning fitness
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Over-50s badminton
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Adult tennis
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Summer bridge, visitors welcome
Lamlash Aerobix
Badminton
Rink game
Badminton
Tae Kwon Do
Live music - Shenanigans

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am - 10.30am
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay 5.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, Adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm

Tuesday 1st May

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy Outdoors
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Beginners and general queries IT - Duan Bruce
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Flow yoga,
Lamlash Junior Drama Club
Youth club
Fiona's FitSteps
Scottish country dancing
Pop quiz

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Glen Estate Lounge, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, 6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Wednesday 2nd May

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Coffee morning

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 5pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon

Chair yoga exercise class
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Dog classes
Knittery and Natterry
Parkinson's Support Group
Zumba Gold
Just Jhoom (Bollywood dance fitness)
RUNclub, mixed ability, qualified coaches
Flow yoga
Rink game
Tae Kwon Do
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Burger and quiz night
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Live music - Shindig
Family friendly pub quiz
Rock and pop bingo

Thursday 3rd May

Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Morning fitness,
Chair yoga exercise class
LingoFlamingo, Spanish, Pablo Illera
Quilt Arran
Adult tennis
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Arran ladies' netball
Ladies' hockey
Arran Soul Choir
General knowledge quiz

St Molios Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Whiting Bay Hall, 12.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Invercloy Co-op car park 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Arran High School, Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm-8.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30pm - 9pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm
PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm

Friday 4th May

Arran Vets
Arran Vets
Yoga
Hydrofit
T'ai Chi and chair T'ai Chi - Sue Thurogood
Smart Recovery meeting, all welcome
Steak night - build your own steak from £9.99 for Rump!
Lochranza children's badminton
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Arran Youth Foundations
Tae Kwon Do
Lochranza adults' badminton
Friday night quiz
Live music - Arran Dawn
Live music - Jericho Hill, Johnny Cash Tribute Band.

9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Gym 9.30am - 10.30am
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodict, 11.30am
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6 - 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm - 8pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 7pm - 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Glen Estate Lounge, Brodict, 11.30am
Lamlash High School, Lamlash, 6.00pm
The PHT, Lamlash, from 5pm
Lochranza Hall, 6pm - 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm - 9pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, adults, 7pm - 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash 9pm

Saturday 5th May

Flow yoga
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
RNLI coffee morning
Army Cadets
Rink game
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Family games
Fun in the pool
Live music - Jamie Clark
Live music - The Skunnered, fond favourites at the PHT
Over-21s disco

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Ormidale Pavilion, 10.30am - 12noon
Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Fiddlers' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 8 - 10.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

NB: We will be updating the Arran Banner What's On next week. If you have not recently contacted the Arran Banner and would like an event included please email Cecilia at: adverts@arranbanner.co.uk or telephone: 01770 302142 with the details.



Music for all at the PHT

There is always a feast of music to suit all tastes at the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash – and the coming weekends are no exception.

Kicking off are talented duo Charlie and Cori Gorman, who play the popular 4pm slot on Sunday. The guitar and fiddle playing duo, from King of Birds, provide a sound which will take your breath away. Multi-talented singer songwriter Charlie has a distinctive voice which

can sound like Art Garfunkel one moment and David Bowie the next. Alongside his infinitely talented guitar playing and Cori's amazing fiddle work, this is a couple not to miss.

And there is an extra gig on Friday May 4 at 9pm by Glasgow band Jericho Hill which has been rescheduled after they were unable to make their last gig by being snowbound on the mainland.

Playing a full set of



There is a debut for Glasgow band Jericho Hill.

Johnny Cash greats, including songs from the Rick Rubin era, this will be the band's debut at the PHT.

Band members include Bill Wright, vocals and rhythm guitar; Joe Whyte, lead guitar; Rab Christie, bass; Al Pritchard, drums and Charlene Boyd on vocals.

It's all about the music of Johnny Cash, with Bill starting the band in January 2008 performing widely around Glasgow and now playing across the country, building a reputation for a quality and entertaining act. Festival appearanc-

es include Rebellion 10 and 11, Wickerman 11 and Beladrum 12.

And the music continues all weekend with The Skunnered playing on Saturday May 5 at 9pm and again on Sunday May 6 at 4pm.

This East Renfrewshire band are firm favourites at the PHT, founded by songwriter Chas Cunningham, who plays bass. They have given Arran several fabulous nights of dance along fun in their loveable, folkish rock style and they are sure to do so again next weekend.



The Skunnered are firm favourites at the PHT.



Charlie and Cori Gorman play on Sunday.

ARIZONA
Sat 28th
9pm

Sun 29th
4pm

Charlie Gorman
with Cori on Fiddle

?ub Quiz
Wednesday
8.30

The PIERHEAD TAVERN, LAMLASH
www.thepht.co.uk 01770 600418

ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM
Scottish Charity Number SC002089
Rosburn, Brodick, Open Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm

THE ISLAND'S FOUR STAR FAMILY DAY OUT

Learn about Arran's Unique Geology, Farming, Archaeology, Social History, Clearances, etc., and visit the 19th Century Cottage, the 1940's Schoolroom, and the Blacksmith's Forge.

Archive and Genealogy researchers welcomed

(on Wednesdays only from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm or by appointment).

Children's Quiz and Play Area.
Riverside Picnic Area. Gift Shop.
Lovely Snacks and Meals at Café Rosburn.

Arran Trust, VisitArran Offices, Tourist Information Centre, Brodick Pier, Isle of Arran KA27 8AU

arrantrust
tourism and conservation working in partnership

Arran Trust are delighted to welcome, fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe...

ENSEMBLE

"Irving Berlin: 100 years of song"
Brodick Hall. Sat 12th May 2018, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 may be purchased in advance from the Book & Card Centre or online from www.arranevents.com. Cheese and wine included in ticket price!

GREEN APPLE WINNER 2014: GREEN AWARD 2013
www.arrantrust.org info@arrantrust.org 01770 302043 Regd Charity No: SC042312

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday April 18, 1998

Squirrel trouble

Of particular pride on Arran is that we have red squirrels and not grey. The greys, bigger and so common in city parks, tend to push out the reds and there are few parts of the UK where they are not the most numerous or indeed the only squirrels.

This week we have heard of a cat which recently caught six red squirrels. Normally too nippy, even for cats, was there a reason for these poor squirrels being caught? It turns out the squirrel was partly bald and had lesions on its head. Was it ill?

Dr Peter Nettleton, at the Moredun Research Institute in Edinburgh, is researching the disappearance of red squirrels. One aspect of this is a disease which is a bit like myxomatosis but it affects only squirrels. The disease is currently attacking squirrel populations in England, both red and grey, and there are fears that it may be on Arran.

Church music

Written and compiled by John Dick, a new book called Music in Lamlash Church, has been well compiled by the author, who is

also the present organist. Unsurprisingly, it starts with the organ, which was installed in 1934, and was gifted in memory of the Rev Peter Robinson, who had been the first minister of the church.

John's story continues with details of the organists and pays tribute to the many people involved in music at the church. The book also tells of the various musical visitors to the church, The Glasgow Orpheus Choir, BBC Radio, Evening Praise on television and the more recent Arran Chorus.

John does not neglect the bells or the bellringers. The bell tower design is said to be based on St Mark's in Venice and the carillon of bells is unusual in Scotland and certainly the only set on Arran.

Controlled burnings

Mountain and forest walkers are being advised by the Forest Enterprise answerphone that controlled burnings by the Forestry Commission are taking place across Arran.

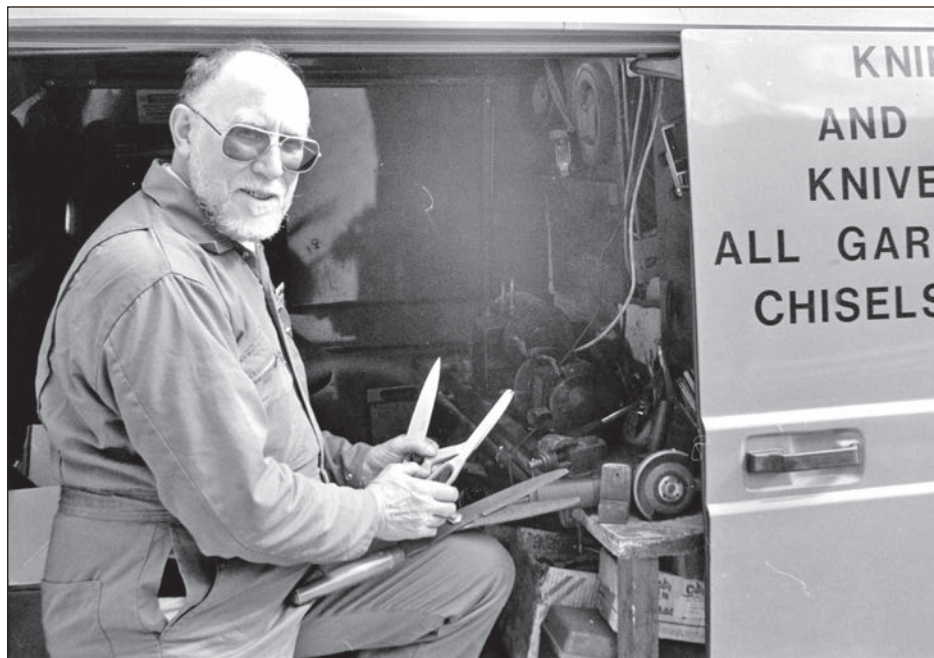
Currently there is controlled burning near Kilmory and additional burning near Brodick Castle.



Causing a stir in Whiting Bay last week was Cumbernauld visitor Joanne Shirra and her pet rabbit, Toffee, who has been trained to walk around, albeit slowly, with a collar and lead. 01_B17twe01



Arran players did well at the rugby sevens last Saturday. Putting up a brave fight, they were eventually defeated in the semi-finals at the new Ormidale sports park. 01_B17twe05



Travelling craftsman Mike the Knife and his little green van have become a familiar sight on Arran over the past four years. Real name Michael Dimmer, he travels all over Argyll plying his trade, which is sharpening knives, shears and any other tools. 01_B17twe02

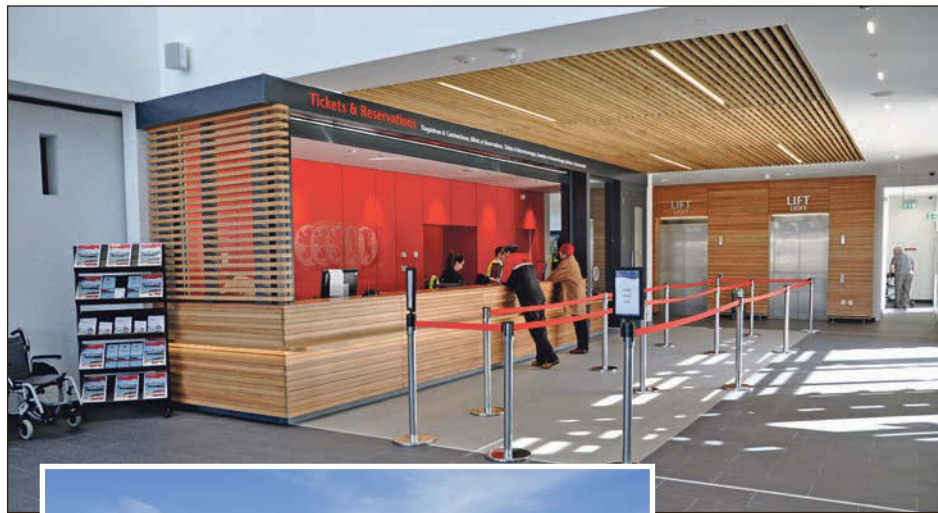


Adults also have a chance to show off their creations at the Brodick Castle Easter bonnet parade. 01_B17twe04



Children show off their creatively decorated headgear at the Brodick Castle Easter bonnet parade held last weekend. 01_B17twe03

Unintended consequence



There has, naturally, been a lot of talk about the new Brodick ferry terminal but, love it or loathe it, it is here to stay. The Arran Civic Trust, in its role concerning amenity on the island, here takes a look at the unintended consequences of the design of the £30 million facility. These observations are intended to be constructive in the hope of aiding beneficial change.

There is dissatisfaction with the new terminal and how it is operated at present. Some are directly ferry-related, some transport hub-related. Others are parking-related and one or two convenience-related. It is important that these matters are looked at in the interest of travellers.

The issue is, what is a lifeline ferry now? Departing and arriving on Arran has always been a community experience – meeting and greeting, saying farewell, watching the boat dock, seeing friends on the boat as it docked and waving. Part of the amenity of Arran. We are not an airport, but an island community.

Terminal-related

- No seats in booking hall for anyone, including those who may be waiting for a wheelchair, or for another family member trying to park a car somewhere. This needs to be changed as the design of the terminal does not cater for this.

- Difficulty meeting someone off the ferry upstairs to assist with bags, children etc.

- The fire alarm went off on Thursday at the 'tea party' after the opening...what would have happened if there were wheelchairs or disabled individuals upstairs when use of the lifts is not advised?

- There must be a plan to assist if the ferry cannot latch onto the walkway. Descending the steep emergency stairs is unsatisfactory, especially for those less mobile or carrying larger wheelie bags. Recently passengers had to climb up the two flights onto the ferry via the car deck, after descending the emergency stairs.

- The stairs up to the waiting room are steep, so that descent is precarious, as was shown on Thursday after a fire alarm. The stair edges need coloured strips.

- An additional bannister running down the centre position on stairs would give passengers added confidence and something to cling onto.

- Are the toilets on the ground floor (two in the ladies, one so close to the sink it will surely not last long) out of bounds to bus passengers if the booking hall is out of bounds to them?

- The passenger connecting 'tube' is not a comfortable experience and having only one person off the ferry at a time is surely a design error. It is a long way to walk, with bags. Does CalMac intend to have a minibus to carry those who need it onto the upper car deck? What about heavy bags? In an airport, bags are sent separately to the plane.

- Suggestion: a passenger survey be done soon, which should discover the flaws in the whole process for passengers, especially those without a car. This can be taken to CMAL to obviate similar mistakes at Ardrosan with the intended new terminal.

Ferry-related

- Do ferry times need to be changed to cope with the new reality? That will involve SPT.

- Are the stats being collected correctly about disruption and are weather-related cancellations ever used as a cover up for other docking problems? Why does the AIS not show Caledonian Isles sometimes, as happened recently?

- Would it be sensible to suggest that CMAL



The passenger connecting 'tube' is just one of the areas of concern. 01_B17civic01



There is concern that there is no seating in the ticket office downstairs.

01_B17civic05

It is clear the angle for berthing at the new terminal is posing problems, according to the report. 01_B17civic02

THE
DRIIFT
INN



Join us by the seaside for the freshest, most local seafood, steaks and salads, impressive wines from Corney & Barrow of Ayr and Scottish craft beers and ciders.

FOOD SERVED
WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY FROM 12 UNTIL 9
Dine-in or Take-away

wifi – free parking – beer garden & sand pit
T: 01770600608

* follow us on Facebook to catch all of our offers and events *



Issues of new ferry terminal

now repair the old harbour jetty so an alternative berthing can be retained? A new link-span costs money but nowhere near £30m, and at the same time maintain/repair the actual docking area, which has been sadly neglected for years.

● It is clear the angle for berthing at the new terminal is posing problems.

Transport hub-related

● The previous terminal acted as a transport hub for those waiting for the ferry, whether going or collecting new arrivals. Often departing passengers get a car lift from their home to the ferry long before the ferry is due. Are they expected to stand outside in the rain and wind when, previously, they could sit quietly in the terminal building for up to two hours, especially if the ferry was delayed or cancelled? That opportunity has gone, yet that was so much part of the charm of Arran.

● Perhaps the old ferry terminal could be opened as a transport hub. Islanders met friends while waiting or departing; it was a community hub.

● It also acted as a hub for bus passengers. The fact that people waiting for buses are now told they cannot wait in the new ferry building must be changed and seats provided. If they arrive having bought a coffee at Copperwheats, they should be allowed to drink it in the entrance hall. The name needs to be changed to 'Hub Hall'.

Collecting passengers

● Why can they not wait upstairs to meet friends and family? The collection of tickets must change to enable this. Seeing friends off from the island is also part of the collective way of caring on Arran, the last goodbye, the hug. Preventing the intimacy of departure shows a lack of the emotional intelligence of the design.

● We are now into lighter evenings but Cal-Mac must think ahead to dark, wet nights and the management of visitors and locals alike.

Parking

● One of the problem areas is parking. Now that many islanders cannot get their cars easily on and off the ferry, especially at weekends, increasing numbers are leaving their cars between the Douglas and the Co-op. Second home owners also now leave their second cars there when they are off island, often for weeks at a time. This needs to be managed. Where is additional parking coming from? Is parking outside the terminal to be ticketed and, if so, how? Do we need a bye-law along the front in Brodick too?

● Car booking needs to be more efficient. Apparently, doctors will be able to get a car onto the ferry at short notice but advice is that booking should be made weeks in advance.

● As soon as RET made booking difficult for cars particularly, the wealthy were able to afford to book multiple tickets knowing some will be redundant but retain a guaranteed place. This should be prevented.

● Posting a letter at the post box at the old ferry terminal recently, a postman remarked that the box used to be half full, now just a few letters. Does that mean removal of the amenity? It surely must be moved and placed near the new terminal, the obvious place.

Does RET have flaws? What is the philosophy of a lifeline ferry? Has it now changed and placed the needs of islanders below that of tourism?

These observations have been sent to Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), Caledonian MacBrayne and the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.

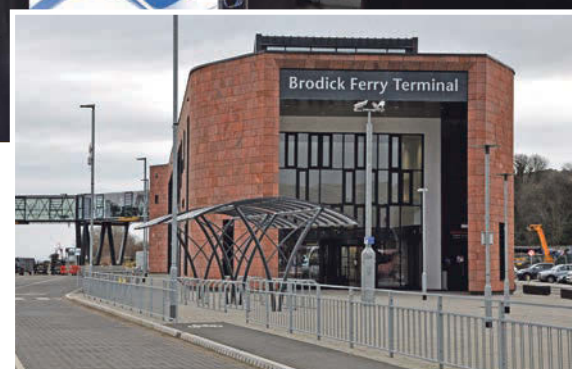
Sally Campbell

☐ Next week the Arran Civic Trust consider the environmental issues facing the island.



Scottish finance minister Derek Mackay officially opened the new terminal earlier this month.

01_B17civic06



The new Brodick ferry terminal. 01_B17civic03



Passengers have to carry luggage up and down the stairs.

01_B17civic04



Arran's biggest self catering holiday letting agency

- We are a local team based on the island, operating from the Brodick office
- Property management services available
- Arran specialists - We don't take properties anywhere else
- Listed on  cottages.com - The UK's no.1 holiday cottage website



Speak to the team at our Brodick office or call **01770 303 113.**

Alarming decline of shore birds on Arran

**Bird
notes**
by Jim Cassels

In 2017, a person who had meticulously counted the shore birds on Arran for almost 30 years decided to step down. He is one of thousands of counters who once a month on a designated date count the number of the birds on UK shores. The count is organised by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and is called the Wetland Bird Survey or WeBS for short.

On Arran, there are cur-

rently eight stretches of shore monitored each month. His stretch of shore was Whiting Bay. When he indicated to me his intention to step down, he expressed the view that he felt the number of birds that he was counting each month was considerably less than when he started. I felt this was a valid observation from a reliable, methodical counter.

As the local organiser of

the count, I felt that I would like to investigate this further so I approached the BTO and asked if it would provide me with the shore bird count data for Whiting Bay for 1993 and 1994 when the present WeBS arrangements started and the data for the past two years. This was provided.

From this, I extracted all the counts of oystercatcher, ringed plover, curlew, redshank and turnstone. These



Young ringed plover nesting on the shore.

are our most familiar shore birds. While some breed on our shores, others feed on the shore on their way to and from breeding grounds further north. A comparison between the sum of the totals of these five species between 1993/94 and the sum of the totals of the last two years showed an 86 per cent decline in number.

In 20-plus years, that is a huge decline and, from my point of view, alarming. While there could be many inter-related factors at work, including aspects associated with climate change, the general marine health of the Firth of Clyde or changes in distant breeding grounds, one factor that does contribute to this decline is human disturbance associated with dogs. While some of the large global factors may be difficult to manage, the local factor of human disturbance is one that could be managed, and I would argue should be managed, for the benefit of our wildlife.

That is why I am delighted to see this local initiative led by the Arran Access Trust, and supported by the Arran Natural History Society, asking dog owners to keep their dogs under control, particularly in the bird breeding season. Notices encouraging this are on display in areas where there are likely to be ground breeding birds. This is in

line with the legislation in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

These notices are a genuine attempt to protect our wildlife while giving appropriate access for humans. Hopefully, those who love Arran will support this initiative and help ensure that the shores on Arran retain their wildlife because, without, it will be a poorer place.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2017 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.



SCOTTISH FIELD
MAY 2018 (6.25)

Dumfries & Galloway
The art, walks and books of this unique region

Profile: Ewan McGregor

20 Pages of fashion & interiors

ROSAMUNDE PILCHER'S CREDO
THE GODMOTHER OF SCOTTISH FILM
OTTER MADNESS

FEMMES FATALES
The girls with guns

CAUGHT ON CAMERA
Unbeatable panoramic images from the Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year awards

Country news | Interiors | Antiques | Motoring | Gardens | Wildlife | Interviews | Whisky

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW-LOOK SCOTTISH FIELD

SCOTTISH FIELD HAS A FRESH NEW LOOK - MAY ISSUE ON SALE NOW

Ewan McGregor's life less ordinary...
Discover the magic of Dumfries & Galloway... Rosamunde Pilcher... Otter madness... Scotland's best photography...
20 pages of fashion & interiors



DOG OWNERS



The shores of Arran are important for ground nesting birds

Please help them to successfully rear young by keeping your dog under close control and preferably on a lead during the breeding season between April and July.

Thank you

Arran Access Trust

The notices to dog owners which have been put up on Arran.

RECRUITMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIJOBS

Visit hijobs.net FIND A JOB SIGN UP FOR JOB ALERTS GET CAREER ADVICE ADVERTISE A JOB



PATERSON ARRAN LIMITED
KITCHEN SHOP

VACANCY - Part-time Shop Assistant

Does working weekends suit you?

We are looking for a friendly, out-going person to join our team in the shop.

This job requires working Saturday and Sunday and occasionally, covering for holidays and absence, where possible.

Some shop working experience would be of great benefit but the main qualifications for this position are honesty, reliability and a genuine desire to work with the public.

If you are interested, please give Lesley Jameson a call on 600 606 during normal working hours or email: ljameson@paterson-arran.com



Recruiting Kitchen Staff all levels of experience, accommodation can be provided for the right candidates.

Modern Apprentice in Cookery. Suitable for a school leaver (or under 25yr old) with a passion for cooking looking for a career as a chef.

Bar and restaurant staff

Please call 600844 or email cv to receptionbayhotel@aol.co.uk



HOUSEKEEPERS REQUIRED

The Arran Team is looking for reliable and conscientious housekeepers for various locations across the island.

Competitive rates of pay and incentives.

If you are interested, please contact us on 303113 or call into our office at The Douglas Centre, Brodick.

LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF?



Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk

Public Notices

**Kilmory Public Hall
AGM**
Thursday 24th of May at
7pm.
All Welcome

**Sannox Christian Centre
Annual General Meeting**
Saturday 9th June 2018
Sannox Christian Centre at 3pm
All Welcome

**Lamlash Moorings Association
AGM**
Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash
Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm
All members Welcome

PUBLIC PLANNING CONSULTATION EVENTS
North Ayrshire Council propose to construct the new ASN Campus and Respite and Residential accommodation on land to the east of Auchendarvie Academy. The new Campus will replace the existing James Reid, James McFarlane, Haysholm and Stanecastle Schools and will provide Early Years provision. Two Public Consultation Drop-In Events are to be held on:
Wednesday 2 May 2018 between 9.30am and 12.30pm at Saltcoats Library, Springvale Place, Glebe St, Saltcoats KA21 5LS
Thursday 3 May 2018 between 3.30pm and 6.30pm at Stevenston Library, 1 Main St, Stevenston KA20 3AB
Details of the proposals will be available for viewing and there will be an opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide feedback.
Comments can be made on forms provided at the events, by email to asnconsultation@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or by post to ASN Project Office, Cunninghame House Irvine KA12 8EE.
All comments should be submitted by 21 May 2018.

**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 Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, between 09.00-16.45 weekdays (16.30 Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk *and at The Council Offices, Lamlash
Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 18 May 2018. Any representations received will be open to public view.
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)
18/00269/PP; Mountain Rescue Centre, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, Erection of extension to form vehicle and equipment store.
Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE

North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siarachd Air a Tuath

Property
Miller Stewart
ESTATE AGENCY NETWORK

**Sell Your House
for a Fixed Fee Estate Agency Service
Any house from £595***
Including Photography and Advertising on  and 
• Professional Local Agent • Viewing Service Available
Contact Caroline Hester M: 07521 498036 • T: 01770 499401
property@millerstewart.com *Terms and Conditions Apply

EVENT TO PUBLICISE?
THE ARRAN BANNER
Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



**BANNER BANNER
PROPERTY PROPERTY
BANNER BANNER
PROPERTY PROPERTY
BANNER BANNER
PROPERTY PROPERTY**

COLOUR  **krisp print**
your life with
litho and digital printing
Main Street/Longrow South, Campbeltown
email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk
01586 554975



Trade Classifieds

PAINTER AND DECORATOR



FULTON
decorators

LAMLASH

TEL/FAX 01770 600705


Est. 1985

- All paintwork undertaken
- Any job, large or small
- Paper hanging
- Floor sanding & sealing
- Phone Gavin Fulton for a free estimate

SERVICE TO PROMOTE?

THE ARRAN BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



Drive Times

Cars sell **QUICKER** and for a **BETTER PRICE** when accompanied by a photograph. Our staff can take these for you for **FREE**. Just drive to our nearest office to place your ad.

THE ARRAN BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



Classifieds

<p>UNDER £50 SALES</p> <p>Boys, aged 10-12years new. Offers welcome. Tel: 07792 452814</p>	<p>WANTED</p> <p>A large Anvil, any condition accepted. Tel: 07792 452814</p>
---	--

UNWANTED ITEM TO SELL?

THE ARRAN BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk

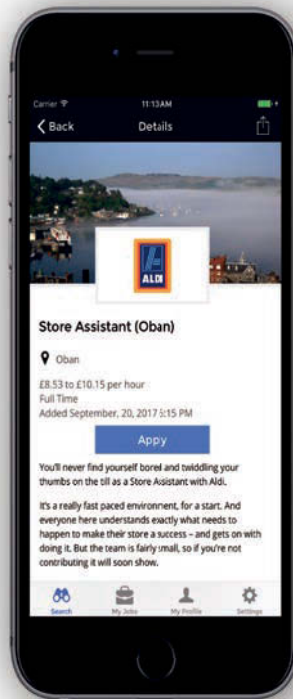


CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited. Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or provides for the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

- 1 Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.
- 2 The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.
- 3 The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.
- 4 An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertisers' order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.
- 5 Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.
- 6 The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.
- 7 The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.
- 8 Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.
- 9 The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.
- 10 Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.
- 11 Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice.
- 12 A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

We've made it even easier to find your next job



in the perfect location.

Download our app for free at hijobs.co.uk/app



HIJOBS

ARRAN BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

TURN YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS INTO CASH!



Simply complete the form and return to the **Arran Banner office**

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE TUESDAY 4.00pm
NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS PLEASE

ITEM.....

DESCRIPTION.....

PRICE.....TELEPHONE.....

ONLY ONE ITEM PER COUPON

The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ
Tel: 01770 302142 Fax: 01770 302021
Email adverts@arranbanner.co.uk www.arranbanner.co.uk

HENDRY
FUNERAL SERVICES LTD

15 Glen Avenue, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DQ
Tel: 01770 302233 Fax: 01770 302883

Independent Funeral Directors • All Funeral arrangements
Agents for Golden charter Funeral Plans,
Robertson and MacIntyre Memorials
A member of S.A.I.F

Telephone David or Clair Tel: 01770 302233

CHURCH NOTICES**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together

Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 29th April

Lochranza Church, 9.30am. Morning Service.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am. Morning Service
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am. Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 29th April
Holy Communion, 11am
Mr John Roberts
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 2nd May
Holy Communion, 12.15pm
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 29th April
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday Worship at 11am
Brodick Library
Telephone 700346
Everyone Warmly Invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm
Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 29th April
Sunday Mass 11am

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on

Thursday 3rd May

at 5.30 pm, in Holy Cross Church, Brodick.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE. ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 29th April

Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory - 10am
Lamlash - 11.30am
In Lamlash: Praise Service
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Charity Number: SC014005

Sunday 29th April

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev. Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy more fellowship afterwards.

At 7pm, there will be an evening of Sacred Music led by the Arran Singers, in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church. There will be music from Bach, Stainer, Brahms, Elgar and others.

Everyone will be most welcome to what will be a very enjoyable evening. Tea and coffee will be served after music.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 29th April

Service 11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and coffee after the service
Wednesday at 7.30pm Home fellowship group for bible study and prayer.
Telephone 600222
Everyone warmly invited

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS
BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross takes win by 15 seconds

Arran driver Ross Auld had to dig deep for victory in the Star Stage Rally last weekend.

East Ayrshire Car Club



Winner Ross Auld in action at Kames at the weekend.

DEATH

McCONNELL: Peacefully, at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Monday, 23rd April 2018, William Wilson McConnell beloved husband of Elizabeth; much loved father of Jack, Iain, Anne and Calum; devoted Grandpa to Hannah, Mark, Alan, Glenn, Dayni and Lizanne and proud Great-Grandpa to Freddie, Clara, Benji and May. Funeral service in Lamlash Church, Isle of Arran, on Tuesday, 1st May at 11.30am. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations welcome to The Isle of Arran Hospital Supporters League and the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ALLSOP: The Allsop family and David, would like to thank everyone for their help, support, cards and kind words following Audrey's recent death. Thanks also to Reverend Angus Adamson and Clair and David Hendry for the funeral arrangements, and staff at the Corrie Hotel for the catering.

We are also very grateful for the medical care which Audrey received over the last four years from doctors, nurses and staff at Crosshouse and Arran War Memorial hospitals, District Nurses and Arran Medical Group. We must also thank the Arran Homecare Support team and Stronach Day Centre for their excellent care and attention. Special thanks also, go to Dr Hamadi and all the staff at Montrose House, who cared for Audrey over the past few months.

The sum of £462 was raised at the two services, which will be divided between the Dementia Support Service and the SSPCA. Thanks to all who kindly donated.

BAILLIE: Ena would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy received on the loss of her husband, Kerr. Also Elizabeth Clark for spiritual comfort, AW Blair & Sons for funeral arrangements and all who attended at Lamlash Church and at Kilbride Cemetery.

Cubbin from Muirkirk was sixth in a Ford Focus.

The junior rally was even closer, with Peter Beaton from Ardisier working hard in his Peugeot 107 to hold on to a three second lead over Lewis Windler from New Galloway in a Nissan Micro. He too was under pressure as Andrew Blackwood from Stewarton closed his Citroen C1 to just nine seconds.

The juniors, who included three girls, were in cars limited to 1,000cc engine size but they all gave good accounts of themselves. Amy McCubbin from Muirkirk finished 11th as a result of two maximum scores which lost her several places.

attracted a near-full entry list for their first rally of the season at the Kames Motorsport Complex in Muirkirk on Sunday. A large public gallery was treated to some spirited driving in both the main event and in the junior rally for under 17-year-olds.

The main rally saw a three-way struggle for honours between the Escorts

of Ross from Whiting Bay, Allan McDowall of Tarbolton and Cumnock's Willie Pollock. Going into the final of the 16 special stages the trio were covered by only 38 seconds and after some nail-biting runs, the Arran man held on to win by 15 seconds from McDowall who in turn had only 16 seconds in hand over Pollock. Marc Mc-

First bowl at Blackwaterfoot

Bowlers got the season off on the right foot as 12 members of the Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club gathered last Saturday to take part in the first tournament of the season.

The ends were fiercely contested and the eventual winner was John Robinson. In second place was Keith Kelsall, followed by Jenny Douglas in third place.

Light refreshments were enjoyed after the game and members are looking forward to a season of good bowling in fine weather.

The Blackwaterfoot rink is situated behind the Shiskine Golf Club tea-room and is the only outdoor carpet rink on Arran.

Brodick Bowling Club

Brodick Bowling Club open their season today (Saturday) at 2pm, and extend an invitation to all island bowlers to join them on that day.

The club is keen to encourage anyone who wants to try out the game to come along any weekday between the hours of

10.30am and 4.30pm, when the bowling green and tennis courts are open to the public.

Members will be on duty each day and are very willing to explain the game to novices who want to have a go. Age is no barrier, as the club has sets of bowls for youngsters as well.

The club's rink games are held at 6.45pm each Monday and Wednesday, and on Saturdays at 2pm, and an open invitation to join in, or try it out for the first time, is extended to all.



Members of the Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club enjoyed a game in the sunshine at their first tournament of the season.

Three in a row as Brodick ladies lift Kiscadale Salver

Brodick Golf Club ladies were the proud winners of the Kiscadale inter-club matchplay competition last week which saw the club lifting the Kiscadale Salver for the third consecutive year.

Taking place over five days starting on Tuesday April 17, at Whiting Bay, the matches started off very wet underfoot but as the tournament progressed the course dried out and by Saturday, the final day, the sun was shining and conditions were perfect for golf.

Women golfers from Brodick, Lamlash, Machrie Bay and Shiskine clubs – who are part of the Arran

Ladies Golf Union (ALGU) – fielded teams to compete for the coveted trophy.

Starting the tournament on Tuesday, Lamlash won one game and lost another against Brodick while Shiskine won both their games against Machrie.

On Thursday evening Lamlash won one game and lost one against Machrie while Brodick won two very tight matches against Shiskine, one of which went to the last putt on the 18th green. At this stage the scores were: Brodick 6pts, Lamlash and Shiskine 4pts each, and Machrie 2pts

On the final day Brodick won both their match-



All of the players who took part in the Kiscadale competition.

es against Machrie giving them a final score of 10 points to win the Kiscadale Salver for the third consecutive year. Shiskine won both their matches against Lamlash giving them a score of eight to become the runners up.

A spokeswoman for the ALGU said: 'Congratulations to the Brodick team for their win, Captain Isobel MacDonald, Ann May,

Susan Butchard, Margaret Roxburgh and Heather Raeside.

Good condition

'Thanks to Whiting Bay for the courtesy of the course and to the greenskeeper for all his efforts in getting the course in good condition despite the recent wet weather.

'Thank you to John for the delicious suppers, Nancy for all her work in

the bar, and to the Captain Wolfi Kroner and Lesley Wood for coming out to support the competition and for making us feel so welcome. It was a competition of good golf played in great spirit and thank you to all the spectators who came to support their teams.'

Following the matches the annual prize-giving took place with the follow-

ing winners receiving trophies: Flockhart Trophy, Kate McAdam, Cir Mhor, Isobel MacDonald. Drumadon Tray, scratch and nett, Kema Genda. Island Championship, Ann May, runner-up, Susan Butchard.

The next fixture for the Arran Ladies Golf Union will be the Flockhart Trophy to be played at Brodick Golf Club on Saturday May 12, at 12.30pm.



The Brodick winners of the Kiscadale Salver.



Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday April 19, Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 Andy Smith 81-14=67 BIH, 2 Scott Campbell 82-15=67, 3 Neil Young 72-4=68. Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 68. Magic twos Andy Smith, Graeme Andrew, Scott Campbell, Lee Dutton, all @16th.

Sunday April 22, Drift Inn Quaich, Stableford, CSS 67, RO. Winner Ian Bremner 30pts. Runner up Lee Dutton 26pts. Scratch Ian Bremner 23pts.

Fixtures: Sunday April 29, Hastings Cup first round, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday May 3, Summer Cup, make up own games, see starter for times.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday April 18, Summer Trophy. A total of 18 played in the latest round of the Summer Trophy. CSS stayed at 63 and Stan Rainey carded a magnificent nett 59 to win by three from Ryan Armstrong. Jamie Macpherson had the lowest gross score of 70. 1 Stan Rainey 11, 59, 2 Ryan Armstrong 9, 62, 3 Paul Robson 17, 63, 4 Gus MacLeod 12, 64. Magic twos Stephen Judge and Nicol Auld, both @2nd.

Sunday April 22, Captains drive-in and prize. This fell victim to the weather and will now be played on Sunday May 13.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday April 18, Summer Cup, 26 played, CSS 66. 1 Matthew Keir 67-4=63, 2 Gordon Hendry 70-6=64, 3 Bob McCrae 73-8=65. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 66.

Sunday April 22, Belhaven Medal, 10 played, CSS 65. 1 John May 85-21=64, 2 Donald McKinnie 77-11=66, 3 Bob McCrae 75-8=67. Scratch Bob McCrae 75.

Congratulations to the ladies team on retaining the Kiscadale Salver!

Fixture: Sunday April 29, Brandon qualifier, 8.30am and noon.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday April 21, Medal. Only eight played on what was a lovely day, something to do with football maybe? 1 E McKinnon 60+1=61, scratch, 2 R Logan 73-6=67. Magic twos E McKinnon. Another great score by Euan.

Fixtures: Saturday May 5, 18 hole Medal. Ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday May 9, Medal and magic twos ballot at 5pm.

Tuesday April 24, Peter Sutton, CSS 64. 1 Ron



ALGU trophy winners at the annual prize-giving.

Woods 64pts, 2 Phil Betley 67pts, 3 Cambell Laing 70pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 1, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, tee off at 12.30pm and

5.30pm. Saturday May 5, Hugh Steel Cup, tee off at 12.30pm.

Scott wins in his first Ormidale 10k

Continued from page 28
 take the first local women's prize finishing 31st in a time of 49.17. Three runners from North Ayrshire AC took the team prize.

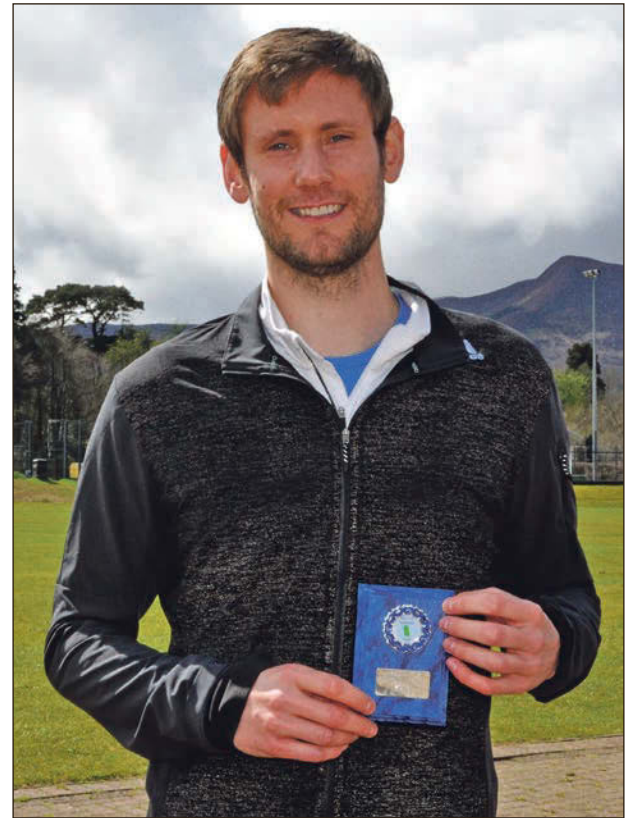
Ahead of the prize-giving, race director Paul Emsley thanked the volunteer mar-

shals for keeping the runners safe, the timekeepers and the others who helped on the day.

The other local runners and their finishing times were: Darren Townsend 47.06, Myles Johnston 47.19, Garry Tulloch 48.08, Stuart Brodie 50.23, Ken Hogge 50.28, Shane Henderson 50.39, Trevor Goronwy 52.17, Brian Donlin 54.00, Abbie McKelvie 55.06, Sue Francis 55.31, Sarah Blair 56.51, Patrick Scott 57.50, Carole Johnston 58.00, Liam McNeaney 59.57, Karen Ferguson 01.00.02, Beth Rees 01.00.04, Hugh Boag 01.00.06, Amanda Hogge 01.07.56, Ingrid Demazeux 01.10.06.



Runners head out of Knowe Road. 01_B17ormidale03 (Photographs: Kathleen Boag)



Scott Pilkington of Corstorphine AC with his winner's medal. 01_B17ormidale10



Patrick Scott from Whiting Bay makes a determined bid for the finish line followed by Carole Johnston. 01_B17ormidale08



Winner Scott Pilkington, in white vest, gets to the front from the start. 01_B17ormidale02



First local man David Allsop heads to the finish line. 01_B17ormidale04



Miles Johnston from Arran finished in a very respectable 47.19. 01_B17ormidale06



Overall fastest female Elaine Eadie approaches the finishing line. 01_B17ormidale07



Over-50s winner Fiona Clarke is still smiling at the finish. 01_B17ormidale05

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Three in a row as Brodick ladies lift Kiscadale Salver



All 81 runners at the start of the Ormidale 10k. 01_B17ormidale01

Strong local field take part in Ormidale 10k

A strong field of local runners were among the 81 entrants who took part in the Isle of Arran Ormidale 10k last Sunday.

The event, which was celebrating its 30th anniversary, also had a record online entry this year, including 23 local runners.

Despite initial rain, the run, which takes participants from the start in Ormidale Park to Merkland Point and back, was held in

mainly dry conditions, with the sun even making an appearance, but with some strong wind on the return leg.

Winner in his first Ormidale 10k was Scott Pilkington of Corstorphine AC in a very respectable time of 34min 49sec, with Calum Oates runner-up with a time of 36.04. First woman home was Elaine Eadie of Kilbarchan AAC with a time of 40.48.

There were some good times too from locals, with David Allsop of Arran Runners the first home, finishing eighth in a time of 39.45. Mike Mellor, also of Arran Runners, was second in 17th place in a time of 42.30.

Arran resident Fiona Clarke took the overall women's over-50 prize finishing in 22nd place in a time of 46.22, leaving Clare Marriott of Whiting Bay to

Continued on page 27




Some of the prize-winners pictured at the end of the race.

01_B17ormidale09

NEW HOMES ON ARRAN


WE HAVE NUMEROUS PROPERTIES NEARING COMPLETION IN KEY LOCATIONS / LAND ALSO AVAILABLE FOR BESPOKE DEVELOPMENT




NHBC Registered house builder **JTC**

JOHN THOMSON CONSTRUCTION LTD, LAMLASH, ISLE OF ARRAN
WWW.THOMSONCONSTRUCTION.CO.UK // TEL : 01770600242 // FAX : 01770600714


NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING



Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004



Published by Wyvex Media, Brodick, Isle of Arran. Tel: 01770 302142, Fax: 01770 302021, Email: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran Banner's circulation is independently audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC Ltd), www.abc.org.uk. The total average weekly net circulation for the 52 issues between 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 for combined print and digital editions was 3,053.