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Opposition mounts to new turbine plans for Holy Isle

REPORT

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Retreat chiefs on the Holy Isle are trying to use a planning application from nearly 20 years ago to push through revised wind turbine plans.

The Rokpa Trust, which owns the Buddhist retreat, has resubmitted controversial plans to build 20m wind turbines on the island, although they have cut the number from six to five.

As previously reported in *The Banner*, earlier plans were withdrawn in April after dozens of objections, but revised plans have now been submitted to North Ayrshire Council planning officials.

But in a new development the trust is trying to use planning permission which was granted in 1998 for wind turbines which were then part of a planned monastic retreat complex. This complex, which was partly underground, did not proceed because of high construction costs, but the trust hopes to use precedence to help push through its latest plans.

The latest application is for planning permission for the erection of five 20.2m high (to blade tip) turbines, two at the south end and three at the north end, with

associated sub-surface cabling. The location of the two at the south end has been altered slightly.

As well as objections to the visual impact and tourism and wildlife objections there was also an objection from Glasgow Prestwick Airport over concern about radar disruption.

As a result the Rokpa Trust hired consultants to carry out a radar impact assessment and now the airport has dropped its objections.

The environmental report which is included in the latest application has revisited the 1998 planning application which was approved.

It states: 'The proposal to install wind turbines on Holy Isle is not new. In 1994 a design for a monastic retreat complex at the south of the island, with accommodation for 108 monks and nuns, won the *Architects' Journal/Bovis Royal Academy* summer show award, gaining international attention. The proposed development, at that time included three 25 kW wind turbines. While this element of the permission was not taken forward to an installation, it does demonstrate an 'in principle' acceptance of the siting and scale of small wind turbines on the island.

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Crowning glory on Arran

Queens of Arran: Handing over the reins at two crowning ceremonies last week were, left, Millie Young, who passed on the mantle and crown to this year's Heather Queen, Jessica Reid, and on the right, Erin Macpherson, who passed the title to the new Bay Queen, Grace Crichton. For full reports on the ceremonies, see pages 10 to 13.



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New wind turbines plan for the Holy Isle opposed

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'The present proposal is for five 15 kW wind turbines. These would allow the Centre for World Peace and Health and the Inner Light Retreat Centre to be close to self-sufficient in energy, as was the intention within the 1998 development.

'The current proposal represents a small but impor-

tant element of the 1998 development, which was financially supported by the Department for the Environment and received planning permission.'

Previous objectors had been told they would receive notice if a second application was made and, some say belatedly, these letters should have been received over the past few

days. The period of objection has also been extended to August 12 as it was initially the end of this month.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'Following registration of the application on July 14, we are sending out notifications – either in writing or by email – to any party who made a representation on the previous application, advising

them that a new application has been submitted.

'This application is being advertised in the local press and the notice period expires on August 12.

'Anyone wishing to comment on the new application would require to make a further representation and we would encourage parties to make their representations known at the earliest possible opportunity. However, it is council practice to accept representations up to the point of determination of the application.'

The spokesman added: 'The application granted in February 1998 by the council's planning committee included the approval of the erection of three wind turbines.

'The planning history of a development site is deemed to be a material consideration of a planning application.'

Anyone wishing to make representations send them to Executive Director (Economy and Communities) at eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Here are some of the latest objections made:

'This development will destroy the natural beauty of this iconic bay and be very harmful to wildlife as well as damaging our growing tourist industry.'

'Holy Isle is a very prominent natural feature on the land and seascapes and the erection of five turbines anywhere on the island will be a huge blight on the landscape.'

'Tourism is the main income for the whole of Arran and many parts of North Ayrshire, with the destruction of the landscape by the installation of turbines the council, should it approve this application, would be damaging the livelihood of many of its residents.'

'Holy Isle is supposed to be a community with aesthetic principles, yet it is trying to generate more power than it needs to enable it to accommodate more tourists - where are its values. Business or conservation? Nature or destruction of it?'

'The application is against the designations set by NAC in terms of land use, environmental protection, tourism, siting of wind farms and development.'

'The Buddhist community objected to an installation of turbines on the mainland on the grounds of the vibrations and interruption of clear skies which would affect their meditation. How can they change their views and plan to erect turbines on their own land?'

'Small turbines can present a very annoying feature as the high speed of rotation distracts the eye and therefore seriously invades the senses. A major degrading feature in the perceived tranquility of the Holy Isle.'

'This implications for everyone who lives on Arran and indeed everyone who loves Arran.'

Donations flood in for beach

Donations have this week flooded in to the appeal to save Brodick beach.

In just seven days since Brodick Improvements Committee launched its crowdfunding campaign

to raise £5,000 for major beach improvements more than half the total has been raised.

A message on its new Just-Giving page states: 'Heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed. Be assured that every penny we get will go to improving this popular amenity.'

At the time of going to press £2,555 had been received in donations, making 51 per cent of the target. Donations have included messages of sup-

port and encouragement with some donations coming from donors in memory of loved ones.

The committee is also raising funds at its weekly Wednesday summer ceilidhs in Brodick Hall and has its annual beach barbecue on Sunday, August 7.

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Duck egg derby fun at Brodick Church fete

The annual Brodick Church fete took place last week along with the well publicised raffle draw for the duck egg derby.

The church hall, as usual, hosted the popular tea room and an array of home baking while the church itself hosted the books and children's toy stalls. Under a marquee outside was the tombola and bric-a-brac stalls as well as a very well stocked plant stall which proved to be very popular, while in the garden children's games took place.

Towards the end of the day the hard work of the costumed helpers, who had spent the previous week selling raffle tickets, paid off when the draw for the duck egg derby was held. The raffle was for a cash prize and the eggs were fished out of a rubber raft by the Rev Angus Adamson with his two assistants, Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. A crowd of children watched in anticipation of their number being drawn.

The winner of the first prize of £100 was Joey Duncan, second prize went to Gordon Sillars and the third prize of a 'nutty' went to Cat Galbraith. Organisers thanked everyone for attending the successful event and for all of the support received, including those who bought raffle tickets.



Alison Bilsland holds the winning duck egg aloft as Elaine Duncan reveals the winner's name. A blindfolded Rev Angus Adamson drew the winning egg. 01_B30church01

Coach for Ayr flower show

The Arran Horticultural Society has arranged transport for anyone wishing to attend the Ayr flower show, which is being held at Rozelle Park in Ayr next month.

A coach will take those interested on the 8.20am ferry and will return on the 6pm ferry on Friday August 5. Coach tickets are available at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

Community council meets

The next meeting of Arran Community Council will take place on Tuesday July 26 at the revised start time of 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda includes reports from the ferry committee and other work groups.



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Memories are made of this on in Whiting Bay

A huge reunion event held last weekend in Whiting Bay saw memories being recalled and acquaintances being renewed, some after many years.

More than 350 people attended a series of events in the village hall last Saturday which was the culmination of a Facebook project to build a history of the village.

The events not only attracted villagers, but people from all over the island, as well as those who have moved away to others parts

of the country and from abroad, including from Switzerland and Canada.

The event started with Whiting Bay primary school open to former pupils and finished with dinner and ceilidh for more than 120 people on Saturday night.

The idea for the reunion came from the popular Facebook page which has gathered more than 1,000 photographs of the village, the earliest reckoned to be from around 1900, and many of which

recount stories of life in the village. The Facebook page has been on the go for nearly three years and has in excess of 800 followers from all over the world who have been reunited with many old friends.

More than 500 photographs were showing the different aspects of the village, including the pier and school. The earliest school photograph was from 1920. One of the oldest village residents, Peter Mackenzie, donated his primary school photograph from

1935 and was able to give the names of all the pupils.

A dinner at night was attended by more than 120 with guest speakers Liz Kennedy and Janice Thompson recounting stories of the village and 'Mr Whiting Bay' Johnnie Kelso recounting his love of the village. Event organiser Barbara I'anson said: 'What an incredible day bringing people and memories together again after so many years!'

*See letters page 8.

Photographs by Hugh Boag



Those gathered on the jetty for the commemorative picture.



David and Aileen Aitcheson study old photographs of a troupe Aileen belonged to. 01_B30mem03



The Big Blether Cafe was packed with visitors all day. 01_B30mem02



Above: Isobel Mulholland selling raffle tickets. 01_B30mem17

Right: Willie Currie and Allan Nicol are deep in conversation. 01_B30mem8

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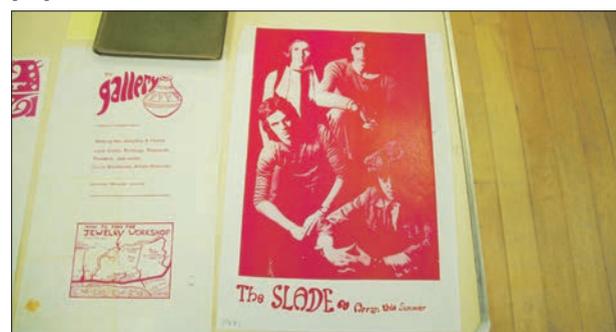
A family study old photographs of Whiting Bay. 01_B30mem01



The schools memory boards were among the most popular. 01_B30mem16



George McKechnie and piper Willie Robertson lead a procession to the jetty for the commemorative village photograph. 01_B30mem19



A poster from Slade's visit to Whiting Bay in 1971. 01_B30mem18



The school memories were popular with all ages. 01_B30mem13



Visitors enjoy a good blether about the past. 01_B30mem05



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Organisers are very fortunate this year in having a group of tutors each of whom is well known throughout the traditional music world and who will treat the audience to a fantastic evening of dancing and entertainment at the ceilidh in Whiting Bay Hall on Wednesday July 27 from 7.30pm till 10.30pm. They include TV and recording star Mairi MacInnes, who helped found Fèis Arainn 18 years ago and Gillian Frame, an Arran girl who won the first young traditional musician of the year award at Celtic Connections, plus her husband Findlay Napier, who headlined at the Arran Folk Festival last year, on fiddle and guitar.

Also on the bill is Gary Innes, a well known accordionist, star on the shiny field, and a regular tutor at Fèis Arainn in our early years, plus Lorne Mac-

Dougall an award-winning piper from Kintyre, with Allan MacDonald an accomplished percussionist from Edinburgh on drums. It is an event not to be

missed and at £7 for an adult ticket it must be the bargain of the season!

Visitors as well as locals of all age groups are welcome, whether you have youngsters participating in the Fèis or not. This is the Fèis' main fundraising event of the year.

It is a BYOB event with a juice bar and, of course, a raffle. Tickets at the door.

Organisers are grateful to Creative Scotland through Fèisean nan Gàidheal and North Ayrshire Council for their invaluable financial support.

The Fèis finishes on Friday July 29 with a concert given by the youngsters themselves. This will be held in the community theatre in Arran High School at 2pm, and is open to all.

Tha sinn dochas chi sinnan sibh! (We hope to see you there!)



Children performing at last year's ceilidh.

Busiest month so far for Arran rescue services



The HM Coastguard helicopter evacuates a casualty from Blackwaterfoot to Crosshouse Hospital.

The Arran rescue services are having a busy summer, with the Arran Mountain Rescue Team attending a high number of call outs already this year, while HM Coastguard reported June as being their busiest month of the year so far. Its operation centre, based in Belfast, recorded 16 call outs during the month.

The Arran RNLI has also attended a large number of incidents already this season, the most recent being last Sunday when, along with the coastguard, they attended an incident on the path between Kings Cave and Blackwaterfoot.

The female casualty was quickly located and having established that she was unable to continue on foot, the

coastguard rescue helicopter was called to transfer her to Crosshouse Hospital.

On Wednesday of last week, the Arran Mountain Rescue Team had their third call out in as many days to assist a female walker who had sustained an ankle injury while walking in the Gleann Easan Biorach area.

The Argocat was deployed from the top of the Boguillie while other team members made their way up the path from Lochranza.

The female was located a short distance up the Loch na Davie path but due to the tricky ground a split rope had to be used to carry her safely to the team stretcher. She was then evacuated off the hill to an awaiting ambulance.

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The Inspiration of Wood exhibition in the Corrie Hall and garden last weekend attracted a large number of contributors.

In the oak-scented hall, wood workers, craftsmen,

artists, musicians and photographers mounted exhibitions of various crafts involving wood, ranging from musical instrument making to model making and tool collecting.

Inside and outside in the garden area, well-known island artist Marvin Elliot had a display of some of his wood carvings, including his latest works called *Creation* and *Losing my Mind*.

Outside, a demonstration of wood carving with a chainsaw was demonstrated by Mark Bunyan, who rapidly produced a variety of carved decorative mushrooms that joined the exquisitely-carved range of Alice in Wonderland characters which, along with a giant pointed hand, beckoned inquisitive visitors to investigate.

The Forestry Commission and National Trust for Scotland were also present at the event with a display on woodlands, their preservation and landscape restoration.

Organiser Marvin Elliot praised the quality of work on show and said: 'The exhibition attracted a great deal of interest and I could not have hoped for a better turnout which exceeded all expectations.'



Two life-sized carvings on display at the Inspiration of Wood exhibition. 01_B30wood01



Marvin Elliot shows his latest work called *Creation*. 01_B30wood02

Summer comedy returns

The traditional summer play, which was popular in Whiting Bay for many years, has been revived and extended.

Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music is hosting a Summer's Evening of Entertainment on Tuesday July 26 and Tuesday August 9 in the Village Hall.

The club's Val Waite said: 'We put together a similar cabaret-style evening of entertainment last November. We are pleased to be joined by members of Arran Fiddle Club and Taiko Drummers.'

The drama club will be performing a one act comedy play called *A Nice Cup of Tea* by Jos Biggs. They will be joined by The Busking Sharks on August 9

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Holy Isle back in the spotlight

So the wind turbine proposal for the Holy Isle is back on the table and frankly it comes as no surprise. When the Buddhist retreat dropped its plans in April the *Banner* warned it was only for the time being.

And, sure enough, the Rokpa Trust has been away doing its homework and is back in less than three months with a revised plan, dropping one of the six turbines and slightly altering the location of the two in the south.

Not much has changed but it has already proved significant. The results of a radar impact assessment report by consultants has seen Glasgow Prestwick Airport drop its opposition to the plans.

Previous objectors had been told that if a new application was made within three months, they would be notified, but some of them didn't wait for the letters and emails to arrive and have already made their views known on the latest application.

Anyone can make representations for or against the proposals and it is important that if people have a view, they make it known.

The deadline for commenting has been extended to August 12 and North Ayrshire Council says it is its practice to accept recommendations up to the point of determination of the application. But we say that if you plan to act – do it now.

The arguments have already been well aired during the previous planning process. But in a shrewd move the Buddhist retreat has thrown a historical planning application into the mix.

That may date back 18 years but it shows precedence – an important element in planning decisions – that wind turbines were approved for the Holy Isle back then with the argument: if they were approved then, why can't they be approved now?

The coming weeks will put the Holy Isle back in the spotlight where it doesn't often like to be.

Let's hope for a clean fight.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Letters to the Editor



A new home for Arran's polar bear

Sir,
When we left Arran last weekend at the end of a great family holiday, we seemed to have gained an extra member of the party. Winter, a large polar bear, could not produce a ticket for the ferry when CalMac employee Tamsin Rawlings asked to see it as we lined up in the queue of cars waiting to board.

When we explained how we had acquired this extra passenger, and she saw how cuddly he was, she let him on free of charge.

We had been to Corrie and Sannox Fete on Tuesday July 12. The polar bear was on a 'guess my birthday' stall, and the closest guess was made by Rev Angus Adamson. But he must have recognised the longing look on our granddaughter Beth's face, and he passed on his prize.

Beth (bottom right in the group picture) named the bear Winter and she is delighted with him.

We are regular visitors to Arran. The family has a get-together at Auchrannie most years. We were pleased to see Rev Ian Macleod (also pictured) at the Corrie fete too. He officiated at the wedding of daughter Kate at

Corrie Church in 2000.

It was good to be reminded what a friendly place Arran is and how much we have enjoyed our visits over the years, introducing new members of the family to the island.

We called in briefly at Brodick Church Fete on July 16 on our way back to the ferry, but we were relieved that we didn't win the duck – no space left in the car. Looking forward to this time next year.

James and Liz Willetts,
Seamill.

Thanks for memories

Sir,
I hope someone more qualified than me will, through *The Banner*, thank all those people involved in the Whiting Bay Memories day held last Saturday (July 16).

I don't know who thought of having this wonderful day or how many were involved but they made a first-class job of it.

I would like to say a big thank you to all connected with the Whiting Bay Hall. I was there for the afternoon only but reports I heard about the buffet and the 'speeches' were all excellent.

What a joy meeting people again who I had not seen for

over 20 years. My sincerest thanks again, you made an old lady very happy.

Murdina Currie,
Blackwaterfoot.

Far travelled

Sir,
We would like to say thank you to everyone who came along and helped make Whiting Bay Memories day such a wonderful day.

More than 40 visited the primary school. Visitors who travelled the furthest for the reunion were Alison Watt from Canada, who brought her granddaughter Megan, and Nikki Zund from Switzerland. The most unexpected contributions came from Bob Haddow – three toilet doors saved from Whiting Bay Pier! We used them as sign boards.

Hundreds of people contributed photographs and stories for our exhibition – more than 800 printed items and about eight hours of filming from Postive Pictures for our DVD, which will be available later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in any way, both on Arran and online from all around the world. To all the local businesses for your generous contributions – a huge thank you for amazing raffle

prizes. To our dinner speakers – you were brilliant. The Sandwich Station provided an excellent dinner, followed by music by Arranach and The Vests – what a great way to end a perfect day.

There are just too many people to thank individually from the team of David, Eleanor, George, Fiona, Izzy and Barbara.

Barbara I'Anson,
Whiting Bay.

Catstone co-operation

Sir,
Gosh, is it really 20 years since I wrote to the *Banner* to thank those who removed the shrubs and saplings at the Corrie Catstone accident black spot, as featured in last week's Twenty Years Ago?

It was an exercise in cooperation between land owner, local authority (NAC) and local resident.

With permission from Charles Fforde, Teddy Kerr cut away the trees and shrubs, and the lads at the roads department cleared the vegetation to ground level, a task they have repeated every year since. Let us not take for granted our view of oncoming traffic. Thanks again.

Elma Stevenson,
Sannox.



Beth Willetts, bottom right, adopted Winter the polar bear from Rev Angus Adamson after he won it at a church fete and passed in on to her.



Tamsin Rawlings of CalMac noticed an additional passenger in the Willetts' vehicle. B30letters02No

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Outgoing queen Millie Young places the crown on Jessica Reid, the new Heather Queen. 01_B30Lam13



Decorated prams joined the procession with the best one chosen in a competition later in the day. 01_B30Lam08



A large crowd follows the procession along the Lamlash seafont. 01_B30Lam11



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Lamlash celebrates street parade Heather Queen Jessica

Words and pictures by COLIN SMEETON

The entire village of Lamlash came alive last Saturday as a celebratory procession made its way along the shorefront in an extravaganza that culminated in the crowning of Jessica Reid as this year's Heather Queen.

Joining the procession was outgoing queen Millie Young who, along with her best friend Jessica, sat atop a float being led by Isle of Arran Pipe Band and various other floats, fans and followers who marched along the street clapping and cheering as the queen

went by. The procession, which started at the Lamlash clock tower, culminated at Arran High School where the crowning ceremony took place and where a carnival atmosphere was evident, with rides and amusements and food being available to the large crowd of excitable children and adults that attended the many stalls at the event.

Conducted

Officiating the ceremony was Jake Young, the Herald, who conducted the proceedings and who introduced the Highland dancers and the Isle of Arran Pipe Band to the large



Mum Ann, dad Stuart, sister Isabella and brother James pose with Heather Queen Jessica Reid. 01_B30Lam01



The young attendants of the Heather Queen. 01_B30Lam07



The 2015 and current Heather Queen pose with their attendants at the clock tower before setting off on the procession. 01_B30Lam02



The Heather Queens made their way under the guidance of the Mini. 01_B30Lam09



Leading the procession were the... 01_B30Lam10

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Corates with a as Heather is crowned

audience, as well as the winners of the fancy dress and pram-decorating competitions.

Among the audience was proud mum and dad, Ann and Stuart Reid of Claulchlands Farm, who came to see their daughter Jessica being crowned queen.

'We are proud and delighted to see Jessica being crowned as Lamlash Heather Queen. It is especially poignant since she was so unwell a while ago but look at her now, looking absolutely radiant,' said a beaming Ann.

At only four-years-old Jessica was diagnosed with leukaemia and spent a great deal

of time at the former Yorkhill Sick Kids Hospital in Glasgow where she battled with infection and at one stage was in a critical condition.

Now five years on, the family is able to put all of that behind them and look forward to a year of Heather Queen commitments including attendances and events.

Jessica added: 'It's an honour to be nominated as this year's Heather Queen and its very special because my best friend and last year's queen Millie passed on the crown to me.'



Jessica Reid accepts the honour bestowed upon her with an acceptance speech. 01_B30Lam14



Herald Jake Young announced the proceedings, introduced the acts and conducted the ceremony. 01_B30Lam15



Heather Queen on the float.



Adding to the festival feel was the face painting and carnival rides. 01_B30Lam16



Above: Outgoing Queen Millie Young and her attendants wave to their subjects as they pass by on the float. 01_B30Lam06



Parade float moving along the waterfront. 01_B30Lam09



First place in the fancy dress competition was one of Little Bo Peep's sheep and runner up was the Cat in the Hat. 01_B30Lam04



Left: Hayley Glister took part in the parade and pram decorating competition with her horse pram. 01_B30Lam03



The Minions escorted the float down the main road and ensured the parade went smoothly. 01_B30Lam05



The Arran Pipe Band followed by the Heather Queens.

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Grace hands the trophy to her brother Gregor as the rest of the winning raft race team look on. 01_B30raft16



A wave from new Bay Queen Grace Crichton who was crowned by Peter Towndrow, alongside handmaiden Erin Macpherson. 01_B30raft11



Septic Tank fire their water cannon in a bid to halt the progress of the winners. 01_B30raft03

Boaty McBoatface battle of the wa crowned Bay Q

There was one of the biggest entries in recent years for the annual raft race which kicked off the Sunday events at the Whiting Bay Fun Week.

A large crowd gathered on the beach to watch the nine entries battle it out for the coveted trophy. The sea was calm and the weather dry as the teams dashed into the water to let battle commence.

Some of the homemade crafts fared better than others and first round the two orange bouys and back to the beach

were the team of HMS Boaty McBoatface who won by a good margin.

They were followed home by The Relics from Arran Heritage Museum, with Splish Splash, Splish Splosh coming in third. Other entrants were: Cool Running, Crafty Fox, SS Sinking, Septic Tank (Armitage Groundworks), HMS Proud Log and Kontiki.

After the excitement of the raft race the crowd enjoyed burgers, the tombola and children's games before it was

time for the crowning of the Bay Queen, who this year is 11-year-old Grace Crichton. She made her way from the village hall to the putting green led by piper Willie Robertson, three flower girls and her handmaiden, last year's Bay Queen Erin Macpherson.

Grace was crowned in a short ceremony by Peter Towndrow, watched by her family and friends and a host of locals and visitors.

The new Bay Queen then handed out the raft race priz-

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The burger stall did a roaring trade. 01_B30raft09



The busy tombola stall. 01_B30raft10



A large crowd watched the raft race from the jetty and beach. 01_B30raft17

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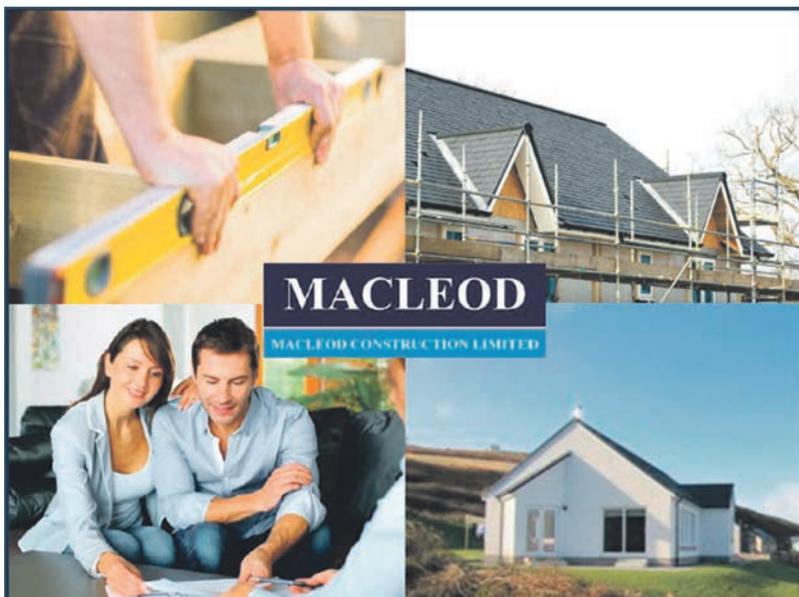
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A beginner's guide to self build

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Why self build? Besides the chance to get a truly unique custom design, self build gives you the chance to add accessibility features and the latest technology, such as underfloor heating, central vacuum and automated home technology, incorporated for a fraction of the

cost you might think. You can design your self build to be green, which adds up to energy savings for you in the long run. Bespoke homes are also more profitable- you can often save up to 20-40% on the market value and get more for it when you decide to sell.

Most importantly, anyone can do it. You don't have to possess mad carpentry skills yourself, you can hire people to project manage and do the work, or choose to carry out some of the work yourself to save money. Less than 5% of



self builders carry out all the work themselves, with about 20% being involved with any of the building at all. So don't get put off by the term 'self build'!

Once you decide you want to build, make a point to tour some other self build sites and talk to the owners. They might be able to give you references, advice and tips, helping you avoid any pitfalls they have encountered. Read magazines, do research on the internet and attend trade shows to learn as much as you can before you start. Forewarned is forearmed!

All the details can seem overwhelming, but our guide can help you get organised, starting with the first steps you will need to take to make your self build dream home a reality.

Set a realistic budget

Take a sensible approach to your budget and your project won't turn into a money pit like those seen on shows such as Grand Designs. Set a firm, realistic figure before the design stage begins, but including a contingency- at least 10% of your overall budget is wise.

Use this money only for unexpected cost or unavoidable delays. If you don't spend the contingency by the end, consider using it to upgrade interior finishes or landscaping.

Raise financing

Whether through a bank or a dedicated self-build mortgage company, your next step should be to secure funding. That way you will know exactly what your budget is from the start, and when you find a plot you love, you will be able to seal the deal before it gets sold out from under you. Self build mortgages often work on a stage payment basis, in which funds are released at key points throughout the project, either in advance or in arrears, depending on the product you choose.

Find a site

The next step is to find a plot of land. If you are lucky enough to already have a place, that's great, otherwise, there are several ways to find that perfect place. Our guide has some tips on where to look.

Choose a building route

You can go with a kit home, which has several advantages, or hire an architect to design a house. You can also design it yourself, but don't underestimate how tricky this is. Unless you have design experience and can draw up usable building plans for the contractors, best to leave this part to the experts. Our guide can help you decide which route is best for you.

Apply for planning permission

Once you get a design and location nailed down, it's time to apply for planning permission. It can take eight to 12 weeks or more for approval, so don't leave this to the last minute, in case you are required to make changes in the design.

Appoint a professional team

If you choose to project manage the build, you'll need to screen and hire everything from the architect and the surveyor to the carpenters and electricians. Or, hire a project manager and let them do this. Don't rely on the phone book or internet-asking around for references is a better idea. For sub contractors, get three or four estimates before you settle on one- and remember that the cheapest estimate isn't always the best deal! Our guide will help you choose the best professionals for each job so your build goes as smoothly as possible. Just make sure you have water tight contracts in place before work starts.

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Finding land



Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources. There are several websites which allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you need to pay a fee for membership. A range of sites are available, but here are some examples of plot

search sites:

- Buildstore Plotsearch at buildstore.co.uk
- UK Land Directory Ltd at uklanddirectory.org.uk/
- plotfinder.net

You can also look around for other potential sites in the area you are interested in by:

- searching the Government Property website at gov.uk/find-government-property for suitable public sector land for

sale;

- checking your local Solicitors Property Centre or estate agents;
- looking out for 'For Sale' signs;
- approaching local private developers with undeveloped or partly developed land to see if they would consider selling you a plot;
- seeing if there are any community trusts in the area which may have land available

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for self builders, especially if you want to build in a rural area

- also considering sites with a derelict property which could be demolished or substantially renovated. See estate agents or the Buildings at Risk Register at buildingsatrisk.org.uk/index.php to find possible properties.

Other land buying opportunities:

- auctions - land auctions are a good way to find suitable plots

but transactions are conducted on a 'sold as seen' basis and therefore require a quick sale, leaving little time for research.

- local authorities - cash-strapped councils often have parcels of land they are willing to sell.
- Utility companies - some utility organisations such as water, gas and electricity companies have surplus land available to buy.
- private enquiries - many private residential homes have large gardens with building potential.

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Be aware

Don't get conned into buying land by a property scam company. These organisations often advertise plots of land that will never realistically get planning permission (for example, in areas that are protected by the Green Belt etc). If someone is selling a wonderful plot of land at an unbelievable price there's got to be something wrong. And if you buy a site like this – usually still costing tens of thousands of pounds – you're very unlikely to ever recover your money. Be warned.



If all else fails...

Still can't find a plot of land to suit? You can search an area for an untended garden or neglected building and then approach the owners. If you have a defined search area buy yourself a high resolution Ordnance Survey map as this can sometimes help you identify quirky potential infill sites that are not visible from the main roads. Google Earth can sometimes be useful for this too.

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with a 'Highly Commended' award by the readers of What Mortgage magazine in the Best Guarantor Mortgage provider category. They are the only independent building society based in Scotland, and is believed to be the world's oldest mutual. It has assets of some £397 million, a mortgage book of £275 million and a network of six branch offices and 60 agencies throughout Scotland.

To find out more about a Self-Build Mortgage, talk to one of the Scottish Building Society qualified mortgage advisers on 0345 600



Raising finance

The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust recently announced the launch of the Highland Self Build Loan Fund, a new Scottish Government fund.

It was recognised that there was a gap in the lending market, to provide funding for self builders, prior to mortgage facilities being available. This is where the Highland Self Build Loan Fund aims to help. The fund allows HSCHT acting as agent to the Scottish Government to provide a revolving fund to self builders throughout the Highlands.

This fund applies to plots of land within the Highland Council area only.

The Highlands were chosen by the Scottish Government for this two year pilot scheme, after it was noted that the area has a history of self and custom builds. Keeping the allocation of the fund specifically to the Highland region will assist with monitoring and evaluation of the Highland Self Build Loan Fund, and give an indication to the Scottish Government of how successful the pilot is.

HSCHT believes the main reason for the huge reduction in self build projects throughout the region is the difficulty now being encountered by applicants in securing mortgage finance to cover the period up and until a property is complete. As a result, mainstream 'high street' mortgage can be difficult to secure.

The Highland Self Build Loan Fund aims to generate growth in this 'self build' sector again, and provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have in recent years been unable to progress with their self build projects. HSCHT are keeping a database of all the people expressing interest in the fund, in hope that this will prove to lenders that there is a high demand, and that it is indeed possible to finance these type of projects.

Margaret Burgess, MSP, Minister for Housing & Welfare, who announced the Highland Self Build Loan Fund said: 'Self and custom build offers an important means of increasing housing supply while allowing customers input into the design of their new home. We understand the lending difficulties experienced by households looking to build, and that's why we are piloting this £4 million self-build loan fund, which we will monitor and review following the pilot's two year lifespan. We are committed to helping home buyers into affordable home ownership, and are determined to accelerate housing supply across all tenures, including self-build, to support families across Scotland get on the housing ladder.'

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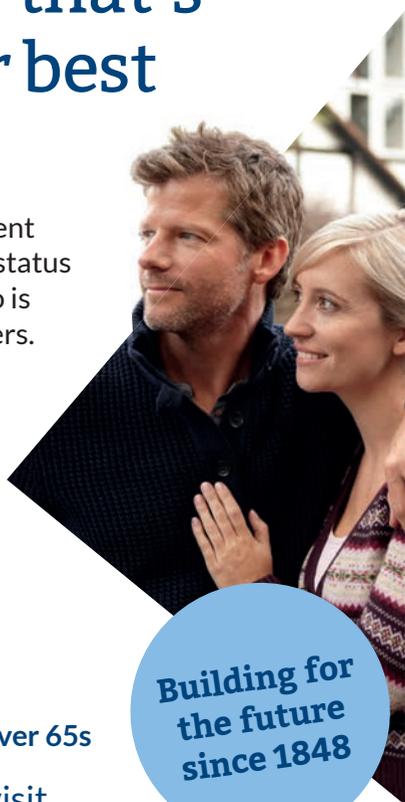
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Planning Permission

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for the plot of land you are buying, you will need to secure this before you can start building as the planning authority (your local council or national park authority) will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the Council's Development Plan(s) and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape. Don't pay for land before it has planning permission- don't sign a contract or include a clause that it will be void if the property fails to get permission.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible, as the process can take some time and you should aim to secure planning permission before you enter into a contract with any building firms in case your planning application is rejected. Try to speak to a planning officer at the relevant

Highlands over the next couple of years. This is a revolving fund, so as some projects are completed and the loan provided to them is paid back, HSCHT will then be able to use this finance to assist another applicant. The funding is available from the start of the new financial year (April 2016) and they will be able to confirm loan agreements over the 24 months that follow. The analysis of the pilot will be used to inform future policy for self build support in Scotland, and to provide evidence of demand to 'high street' lenders. The new fund will allow applicants to borrow up to £150,000, to help them reach build completion. The loan is then repaid when the applicant is able to access a traditional mortgage. The HSBLF can help a wide range of people who are considering a self build project for their primary residence. Those who own or part-own a home can apply although they need to sell their interest in that property.

In addition, the HSBLF applicants will be prioritised in the following order:

- 1) Applicants with all necessary titles, permissions, warrants and other documentation requested during the application process.
- 2) Applicants with shorter build programmes. This is to allow us to provide more funding for a greater number of projects – allocating funding to a larger number of applicants between April 2016 and April 2018.
- 3) Applicants with greater housing need. The agent (HSCHT) will assess the project costs and compare this with the applicant's contribution. If there is a shortfall in cash flow to reach completion stage (where mortgage



funds become available), this will be the basis of how the HSBLF amount is calculated. The duration of the fund being available to each applicant will depend on their build schedule. This will be decided before a formal offer is made. The loan offered to the applicant can be drawn down over the course of the project build – at stages previously agreed during the application stage. If you are interested in hearing more about the Highland Self Build Loan contact HSCHT on 01463 233548, or at selfbuild@hscht.co.uk.

council before submitting your application as they should be able to let you know if there are any issues you should be aware of or any restrictions they might impose (for example they might restrict the size or height of the home, its distance from a road or the plot boundary, etc.). The council should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application. There will be a fee for submitting an application. The planning authority will notify any neighbours, but if your plot has no immediate neighbours, there is also currently an additional charge to advertise your planning application in the local newspaper(s) so that any other residents who may wish to comment have an opportunity to do so. If you are unable to gather information from a planning officer, your architect should be able to offer advice on any likely issues which the Planning Department may

raise and how to ensure that your application has the best possible chance of being successful. You may also choose to employ a specialist planning consultant. A list of planning consultants operating in Scotland is available on the Royal Town Planning Institute website at rtpi.org.uk. In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home. You need to pay a fee to the Council to cover their costs in dealing with your warrant application; the fee is calculated as a proportion of the estimated final value of the proposed work. While planning permission largely focuses on how the external structure of your home will look, to get a building warrant you will need to show that the design of your home will meet all the requirements of the latest domestic building regulations.

You can contact your council's Building Standards Department for more information on how to apply. The Scottish Government's Building Standards website at gov.scot/bsd provides links to the building regulations. If you are not familiar with the building regulations, you can get your architect or other design professional to help you with preparing your warrant application as well as providing drawings of your plans; an architect or an architectural technologist can act as your agent and make the application on your behalf. Once your home is completed, you will need to send a completion certificate to the Council and an inspector from the Council will visit and check your property. Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

They say it pays to shop around – but loyalty pays too

Switching mortgage products didn't mean changing lenders for Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett

When they decided to take the plunge and build their own home, Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett turned to Scottish Building Society for help. A self-build mortgage from the society allowed them to draw down funds as required for each phase of the project. Now happily settled in to their new 5 bedroom detached home on the outskirts of Perth, they have switched to a standard mortgage, and are delighted that the Society had a competitive product to offer. Catherine takes up the story: "We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground ten months later in October 2014. Originally we went through a mortgage broker to finance the build project, and he put us in touch with Scottish Building Society. As the build progressed I was glad to be able to deal directly with the

Society's Fiona Dyer who kept me right through every stage of the process." "It was great to be able to pick up the phone to someone who took the time to explain things to me clearly, and who had local knowledge. I really welcomed her expertise and it was for that reason that we turned to Scottish Building Society when the time came to switch to a standard mortgage once the build completed. I had shopped around a bit on the internet so I knew what rates were available and when Fiona responded quickly with a competitive quote we snapped it up. We were already inclined to remain loyal to Scottish Building Society because of the support and personal contact I had throughout the build, and we are both delighted to remain a member of the Society with our new mortgage."

Catherine and Joe's new home

Build cost - £240,000 including land
Current value - £350,000.

Project highlights

"We worked well with our architect and our builder to create a unique space for the family," says Catherine. "The kitchen is at the heart of the home and it is where we spend most of our time so it was important that it was big enough to accommodate us all. Joe is a pipefitter and, with the help of his brother, he carried out most of that work which saved us money and ensured we have a high quality product. We are glad that we used local trades-people, building suppliers and professionals as we built some good relationships along the way. I love the kitchen and our upstairs lounge with its fabulous views and cosy wood burning stove. It's a great family home and affords us good space for socialising."



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Building in the west highlands and islands



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Think Before You Act

The number-one rule in rugged design is to plan ahead. With rugged sites, special factors come into play. In addition to normal home-design decisions, you'll need to think about your site's accessibility, energy options, terrain and weather patterns. Sometimes these issues can raise your costs dramatically.

How Do You Get There?

Is your site accessible

by paved roads, or will materials need to be delivered by ship or plane? If roads are available, are they wide enough—and strong enough—for trucks filled with heavy loads of building materials? Evaluate your site's accessibility ahead of time, and work with your production team to come up with solutions- local haulage and construction companies know how to get materials to challenging locations.

Choose a Good Spot

Don't underestimate the importance of siting your

home on your lot.

Where you choose to situate your house will impact daily living. Sure, it's nice to capture great views, but you also want to make sure that you maximize energy efficiency and avoid terrain troubles.

Materials Matter

In a rugged setting, materials may dictate a home's long-term durability. Windows and also play a role in a home's longevity. Choose energy-efficient windows with a good R-value. Cladding on exterior windows also is a good idea. Remember, a little extra research now goes a long way toward creating a home that will last a lifetime.

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Kit Homes

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Affordability

Kit homes are more affordable than conventional homes. Their costs will vary depending on the type of home you choose, what is and isn't included in the package, how much of the work you'll take on yourself, and if you're hiring a contractor to build the home. Generally, a kit home package will cost about one third of the total cost of the completed home. Most kits only come with the materials

for the home's exterior shell. The cost of labour, land, utilities and completing the interior are generally not included in the kit price. But overall, kit homes are still cheaper, costing 40% less to build. Applying what you've learnt from your research and an owner-builder course can also save time and money. You can save more money by doing more of the work yourself. However, if you have no training in construction, hire a building contractor. This means the home can be assembled onsite much faster.

Ease and eco-friendly features

Building a kit home is easier and less wasteful, as the manufacturer has already worked out the basic plans and technical details, as well as cut and pre-assembled the materials. Green materials used include sea containers, timber, glass and steel. Thermal efficiency is also assured through energy-efficient heating systems, solar panels and insulation. You can also install water recycling features such as low-water shower, dual-flush toilets, grey water recycling and rainwater harvesting.

Reduce build time

It can take from several hours

to a few days to erect the exterior shell and install the roof, windows and doors with the aid of a small group of experienced carpenters. A contractor will then finish the interior, which could take 2-3 months. It will take longer (around 5-9 months) for owner-builders, particularly if you're living in the home while it's being built.

Customisable

Kit homes can be customised by the homeowner, at little to no cost. You can design rooms in any style and size you want.

Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

Log homes

Log homes are made of handcrafted logs or factory-milled logs that can expand and contract due to changes in humidity and temperature, so it's important to seal the logs properly together. Log homes can also shrink after being built, so keep this in mind and plan ahead. Log kits include interior fixtures.

Timber-frame homes

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when designing the interior layout. They also provide large wall space for windows, which allows for passive solar design. Timber-frame homes facing south with insulated roof and wall panels are energy-efficient.

Dome homes

They're flexible, spacious, energy-efficient and made of triangular fibreglass panels that can withstand severe weather conditions. Dome homes are easier to build as

cutting the pieces in the same shape, size and angle is done repeatedly. They can also be built quickly, as you can erect the shell and install the windows and doors in one day.

Panelised homes

Panelised homes can have an open panel (e.g. a frame with exterior sheathing and a non-insulated/unfinished interior) or a closed panel (e.g. a frame with a finished interior or a structural insulated panel

(SIP)). Using SIPs for the floors, walls and roof help create an energy-efficient home. Panelised kits can come with roof trusses and wall sections and have flexible floor plans.

Create a checklist

Creating a checklist will help you to stay organised from the start and ensure that you obtain the right knowledge, skills, budget and people you need prior to building your kit home.

Norscot

Norscot Kit Homes Offer Gold Standard



Norscot is a leading manufacturer of timber frame kit homes in the Highlands & Islands. Since its inception in 1984 over 1,000 kits have been supplied, primarily to self-builders.

Norscot is a member of the Structural Timber Association, the trade association representing 85% of UK timber frame manufacturers. One of the STA's roles is to promote higher standards through their Q-Mark quality scheme and training services. Norscot kit homes are accredited with Q-Mark Plus, representing the 'gold standard' for the industry. The structural panel construction employed by Norscot is simple in design and that used by most house builders in Scotland, where over

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Kit Homes

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Here's what to put on your checklist:

- Do your research – If you have no experience in building homes, then do some research on the process of building a kit home and on local building codes. Know how long it might take to build your kit home, e.g. large kit homes take around 8-12 months to complete. Choose a kit home company with a good reputation and good customer reviews.
- Take a course – If you're thinking of building your kit home yourself, then take an owner-builder course. It's short, cheap and will prepare you for building your own kit home.
- Create a budget – Include the main costs and additional costs, including upgrades during the building process. Make a budget for what it is you want and stick to it.
- Speak with a lender – If you'll be borrowing money for your kit home, get a loan from a small bank, as they're more open to lending for non-conventional homes. Expect to pay a bigger deposit than for a conventional home. The lender may also choose who gets to build the home (e.g. you or a contractor), so that they get a good-quality product from the deal.
- Find the right builder – If you want to hire a builder, read people's reviews of home builders and look at their finished work before choosing one. Also look for a builder who can gather a team of good tradespeople that they can manage in order to complete the project on time and within budget. You can also ask the kit home company or their local dealer if they know of a good contractor who can build your home.
- Get the building site ready – You'll need to source and buy land, then complete the foundation before the kit home arrives. Ensure there's space to accommodate the truck and have your work crew ready to go when the materials arrive.
- Be organised – Stack the materials neatly together and somewhere safe from the weather. Read the manual, follow the steps in order and have someone be in charge of the manual throughout the building process.



Common mistakes to avoid

Owner-builders often make mistakes when building their kit home, which can be a huge drain on time, money and resources. To prevent the same thing happening to you, here's what to avoid:

- Don't just place your kit home anywhere on the site. Consider views, privacy, and cardinal directions for hot and cold temperatures.
- Don't pour all the cement at once in order to save money, as it will harden before you can even finish the job.
- Don't schedule tradespeople out of order, e.g. plumbing, insulation and electric work should be done before you call in the drywall.
- Don't settle on the design and budget before knowing what the site requirements are, e.g. earthworks and access to essential services.
- Don't do everything yourself. Have an experienced professional help you out.
- Don't create a large kit home with no design features or it will just look like one big box.
- Don't go for cheap wall frames when installing the roof or the walls will not stay straight.
- Don't create a unique design that will be unappealing to others and make it hard to sell the home.
- Don't hesitate to seek professional advice where necessary. Spending a few bucks on expert advice can save you considerable money later on.
- Don't set impossible deadlines that could ruin your health and family life.
- Don't make any guesses. Figure out how many hours is required for each task from the bids given by subcontractors.
- Don't just look at prices when comparing kit homes. Also consider the number of standard inclusions.
- Don't just choose contractors with the lowest bid price. Find out why it's cheaper than others.
- Don't forget to set aside some money for landscaping.
- If you don't apply glue to the floor sheeting, it will squeak.
- If you don't re-plumb door jambs, the doors will not hang correctly.
- If you don't seek help to fix a mistake you made, you could create even bigger, more expensive problems later on.
- Learn the rules before you break them, e.g. conventional flashing will still be needed for alternative triangular windows.
- Pick a design based on the lifestyle you want, e.g. privacy, entertaining, or space for a growing family.



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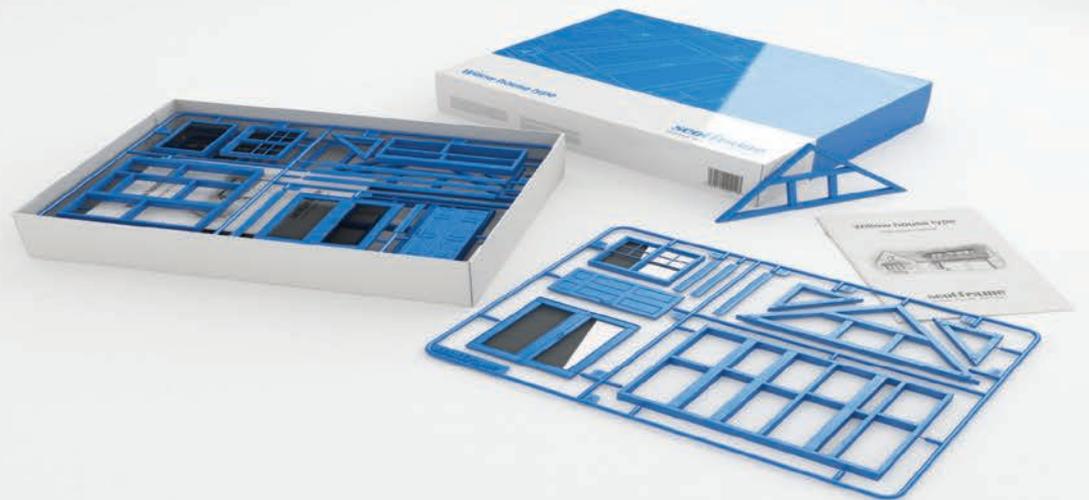
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Homebuilders have indicated a strong preference for functionality, accessibility and sustainability over the last ten years and architects expect that to accelerate, with increasing demand for healthy building materials and furnishings, along with designs that provide measures of resistance to weather related calamities.

What's hot in architectural designs

for the next decade? Top 10 residential design trends for the next 10 years include:

- Technological integration becoming more prevalent, with both dedicated support for personal devices, along with automated controls for temperature, security and lighting
- Increased consumer awareness about environmental health issues leading to more widespread use of low or no

volatile organic compounds for paint and composite wood, natural fibre upholstery, carpets without polyvinyl chloride backing and air purification systems

- Growing demand for design strategies that strengthen homes against natural disasters including elevating residences, windows with impact glazing, dedicated safe rooms and backup power generation

- Increasing use of energy-efficient and other sustainable design elements and products such as solar panels, water reclamation systems and tankless water heaters
- Aging-in-place and universal design elements to accommodate an aging population including wider hallways, added handrails and one-level living spaces
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Top Ten Dos and Don'ts

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1. Do make a list of everything that you want to do, not just in one room, but around the rest of your home too.
2. Do write down a priority order of what needs doing. For example, do you renovate room by room, or get the home painted throughout first?
3. Do work out how much you have to spend - keeping up to 30% of the budget as a contingency.
4. Do write down a list of materials that are required and start to work out and then find out the difference in value versus quality
5. Do make sure you shop around for materials - or if professionally fitted ask them to list and break out cost of materials and labour
6. Don't employ a tradesperson or professional company, unless you are sure you have read and both parties have signed a contract.
7. Don't pay for work upfront, agree stage payments for work and make sure you keep 10% of the final cost back until the work is finished to your satisfaction.
8. Don't skimp on items that need to last such as taps or showers
9. Don't keep changing your spec throughout the project - you will go over budget and annoy the trades people!
10. Don't try to do too much in one go, do things in the right order and take one step at a time.



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Despite these fears, 70% never bother to check for professional credentials, and three quarters don't even know the last name of the person they are hiring. Less than one in four said they took up references from previous customers. Our guide can help you find honest, hardworking professionals, and here we share tips on how to make sure you find the perfect tradesmen for your self build, from the joiners to the plumbers, from the glazers to the electricians. Get a written estimate. Write down your specifications, desired time frames and budget before calling. Never approve a job from a verbal contract. Beware the VAT-free 'deal'. A VAT-free deal means one of two things. Either the builder does not do more than £81,000 worth of business per annum, or alternatively he is avoiding his legal tax liabilities. You need to ask yourself - Is this builder large enough to be able to complete my work, Will he be around if any of the work requires repair? How can I have a valid contract if there is no proof of payment? Always get more than one quote. Price should not always be the deciding factor, quality of materials, proven accreditations, experience and reputation should play a large part in your decision. Do they offer a skill as one of many or do they specialise? Remember, cheapest is not always best. Be cautious of employing trades who have no trading address in their advert and no landline number. Get a warranty. Some traders have deposit

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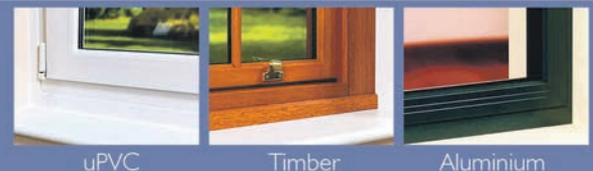
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The Top Interior Design Trends for 2016:

From Geometric Patterns and Natural Minerals to Black Steel Industrial Doors



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2016 will be the year of bold colours and patterns, bright metals, and a strengthening of design's connection to nature. Homeowners are throwing the rule book out the window to create spaces that reflect their individual personality, while mixing old and new items to live in a beautifully unique home. Homeowners are also interested in sustainable homes to respect energy conservation and natural resources. The Oban Times has handpicked some of the top trends in home and interior design in the coming year.

- Natural Minerals: Accessories and accent furniture pieces created from earth's treasures add an unusual and interesting element of nature in a space. Chandeliers, lamps and small furniture composed from colourful minerals, crystals, chunks of quartz and unpolished semi-precious stones communicate rock-solid style.

- Geometric Patterns: The classic appeal of geometric shapes is making a bold return in 2016. While the trend finds traditional expression in fabrics and tile, geometric patterns created from atypical materials such as wood and cement are also popular.

- Mixed Metals: The adventurous trend toward mixing and matching patterns, colours and textures dazzles in the treatment of mixed metals this year. Spaces throughout the home are incorporating artful blends of silver, brass, gold and copper.

- Unfinished Walls: Once again drawing from the calming and appealing elements of earth, unfinished walls evoke the natural environment in stylish, rustic renditions from wood to concrete.

- Industrial Black Steel and Glass: Black steel and glass doors and windows with an industrial influence are increasingly popular in a variety of home designs with a clean, modern look that perfectly frames a view.

- Floor to Ceiling Tile: Seamless floor to ceiling tile treatments in bathrooms and kitchens bring a clean elegance to pops of colour and pattern in a space.

- Unexpected Colour: Neutral colour palettes will take a back seat in 2016 to brighter and more interesting hues. Pastels and jewel tones are particularly in evidence both as wall colours and accent colours.

- Sustainability: In 2016, the commitment to creating and maintaining a better environment is strengthened as sustainable design continues to gain interest. Expressions of this trend start with building homes to meet BREEAM certifications and also include repurposing existing objects and acquiring pieces from vintage or antique stores.



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Heating Options

The advancement of renewable heating options over the last few years have been significant. Well-insulated homes are best suited to an air or ground source heat pump. To reduce the cost of high hot water usage, consider a solar thermal system or hot water heat pump. Under-floor heating that is integrated with an air source heat pump will make a long-term difference to your heating system efficiency.

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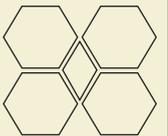
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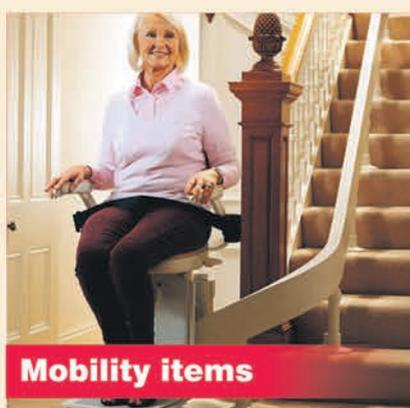
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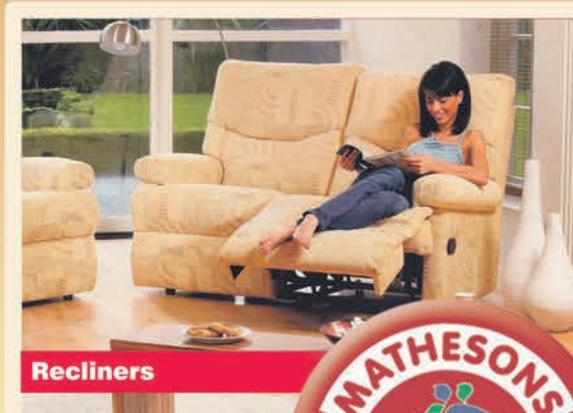
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Erin, Grace and the three flower girls. 01_B30raft12

ace wins the aves as Grace is queen

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es, including the trophy, which she gave to her brother Gregor who was part of the winning team.

The fun continued all week and today (Friday) sees the grand putting competition from noon, with a family fun run at Sandbraes Park at 6pm.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the week comes to a close with the emergency services display day at Sandbraes which starts at 11am.



A pair of queens. Bay Queen Grace and Heather Queen Jessica Reid, who turned up to offer her support. 01_B30raft14



The Relics finished in second place. 01_B30raft06



The crews make a dash to their rafts at the start of the race. 01_B30raft01



HMS Proud Log makes it home just in front of Septic Tank. 01_B30raft08

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Great excitement at seal and shore scramble on Kildonan beach

As part of Kildonan Fun Week a seal and shore scramble took place.

With experts on hand to explain what was being found, the event was both educational and fun for children and adults.

Seasonal National Trust for Scotland ranger Jack Ibbotson set up a spotting scope and the assembled group

was treated to sightings of grey seals and common seals as Jack answered all of the questions that the inquisitive adults and children asked.

Identifying the fauna and flora on the beach were Andrew Binnie and Jenny Stark of COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) as well as student James Spilsbury of York Universi-

ty. Specimen bottles, magnifying glasses and white specimen buckets were put to good use as various crabs, cockles and sea life were temporarily captured, including the unusual looking pipe fish which occupy the nearby sea grass beds.

Completing the group of people providing helpful information was Kildonan local and botanist Sarah Cowan, who provided an interesting running commentary of all of the interesting plant species that were to be found along the road and on the coast. Her sharp eyes and local knowledge thrilled the audience as she plucked specimen samples and gave the children little handfuls of delightful scented and some pungent specimens to investigate.

See coverage of the round Kildonan fun run on the back page.



Hollie McLelland of Lanark and Elizabeth Mabe of Kilmacolm inspect their finds. 01_B30kildonan04



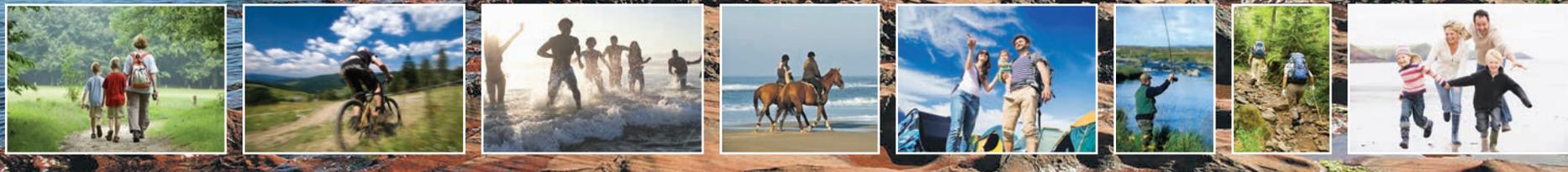
Exciting finds are unearthed among the Kildonan rocks. 01_B30kildonan03



Ranger Jack Ibbotson set up a spotting scope to view the seals. 01_B30kildonan02

Days out on Arran

There's always something going on around the island. And for the next 10 weeks our days out on Arran feature will help guide you through just some of them. There really is something for everyone and whether your looking to be active, chilling out or are just in need of somewhere to eat, you can be sure that what suits your taste can be found somewhere on the island.



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Arran sends birthday wishes to namesake

Arran has sent a special happy birthday message to a community of the same name in Canada.

The Saskatchewan hamlet of Arran, about 186 miles north-east of Regina, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and the community has been surprised with greetings from its namesake halfway around the world.

Sheila Gilmore of VisitArran said: 'One of our directors noticed it was their birthday and said, 'We should do something with this'. I thought, let's send an email and say hi to your beautiful part of the world from our beautiful part of the world.'

Canadian Arran major Rick Nahnybida said the greetings were appreciated. He said: 'We were very pleased. Considering how small a village we are, to receive a write up and congratulations from Arran, Scotland, was just totally awesome.'

Arran, Saskatchewan, was named after the island in 1916. Arran, Ontario, is also named after the island.

Canadian monument unveiled in honour of Arran's migrants



Local dignitaries and politicians attended the monument unveiling on Campbellton waterfront.



The Scottish Settler's Monument in Restigouche is unveiled.



James and Maria Thompson of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche, who were instrumental in creating the monument.

The Caledonian Society of Restigouche has unveiled a Scottish Settler's Monument in the city of Campbellton, New Brunswick, in honour of the Arran emigrants who settled in Canada to escape the Highland clearances.

The monument of a mahogany Scotsman on the banks of the Restigouche River was completed after almost five years of fundraising by the society, which felt it needed to honour the original settlers to the region who arrived by the boatload between 1829 and 1840, with 400 arriving in Restigouche Bay Chaleur District and 300 settling in the neighbouring province of Quebec.

Society president James Thompson was doing research into his family tree and discovered the Arran connection and set about raising funds for the venture. Having tried endlessly to secure funding from the heritage branch of the federal government, and other sources, the project almost did not materialise when the required funding could not be raised.

The planned monument featured in *The Banner* in February 2015 when the society made a plea for the people of Arran to help. And undaunted the committee persevered and decided to downscale the monument and, in spring of last year, sculptor and woodcarver Darren Byers was tasked with creating the monument which is made out of mahogany.

At an unveiling ceremony earlier this month, which featured Highland dancers and the Fredericton Society

of Saint Andrew Pipe Band, the long-awaited monument was finally unveiled to an audience of more than 100 people, including local dignitaries and politicians, after a parade was held from the city hall to the monument site. At the ceremony, the society was congratulated for completing the monument and for its contribution to the memory and rich Scottish history that contributed to the Restigouche area.

Secretary Maria Thompson said: 'The larger-than-life, painted mahogany sculpture sits on a large red stone and looks out over the river thinking of his Scottish homeland so far away and yet so much like the landscape on the Restigouche. In his hand he holds a stone which was actually brought over from the beach at Lamlash thanks to George and Fiona Hazel of the Sannox Christian Centre. The sculptor, Darren Byers, chose a nondescript tartan so as to represent all Scottish clans who call Canada their home. On the plaid he wove images that speak of a difficult journey and leaving family behind.'

'Committee members have designed a crushed red stone walking path around the monument in the shape of a Celtic cross. Of course, more work is to be done, including erecting plaques that will explain the Scottish history of the area and thank the donors and sponsors of the monument. But he's still worth a walk up Salmon Boulevard. Be sure to stop by if you are ever in the area and have your picture taken with our Scot on the rock,' she added.



James Thompson prepares to unveil the mahogany Scotsman from layers of tartan.

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 Raffle
 Children's games/
 races
 Dog Show
 Duck Derby
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Cyclists urged to saddle up for charity ride

Scottish limb-loss charity Finding Your Feet is calling on cyclists to join a group of inspirational amputees and sign up for its annual Ride Arran 90km challenge.

The group of amputees will take on the gruelling route next month, circumnavigating the island in a bid to raise money for the charity who helped them get back on their feet, and cyclists from across Scotland are being urged to sign up to the challenge and support them.

This year's charity challenge is taking place on Saturday August 13.

Finding Your Feet provides emotional and practical support to those affected by amputations or limb deficiency, helping individu-

als achieve independence in hospital, home, education, employment and sport.

It was set up in 2014 by quadruple amputee Corinne Hutton who had both her hands and feet amputated after suffering pneumonia and septicaemia in June 2013.

Corinne lives in Lochwinnoch in Renfrewshire with her seven-year-old son Rory who will also take on the challenge.

Finding Your Feet funds classes in climbing, skiing, swimming, football and cycling for amputees and many of those who attend these clubs will attempt the challenge round Arran.

Prior to her illness Corinne, who has family connections on Arran, had completed countless mar-

athons and physical challenges for charity. She now walks on prosthetic legs and is fitted with a bionic hand, earning herself the nickname 'the bionic mum' after gaining three world records, including being the first female quadruple amputee to conquer Ben Nevis in July 2015.

Corinne will be the first person in the UK to receive a double hand transplant, an operation likely to take place imminently once a suitable donor is found.

For those not ready to tackle the full distance, the organisers have introduced a three phase relay.

All those taking part are being encouraged to fundraise for the charity, the proceeds of which will go directly to supporting initi-

atives for amputees in Scotland, including amputee swimming, climbing, skiing, tennis and Scotland's only amputee football team.

Corinne said: 'Finding Your Feet is about encouraging amputees to realise their full potential and as an amputee myself, I love to take on new challenges and push myself to the limits. Cycling round Arran is a huge challenge for experienced and able-bodied cyclists, so for those who have lost limbs to take on this cycle is phenomenal.'

'This year we're putting on a barbecue afterwards and some much needed beverages to refresh our hardy cyclists. There should be a great party atmosphere.'

'All the sponsorship raised will go towards sup-



Bionic mum Corinne Hutton will take part in the Ride Arran Challenge next month.

porting other amputees with emotional help and sports and recreational projects which make an enormous difference to those we work with.'

Those interested in taking part in the cycle, which

will leave from the Ormidale Sports Pavilion in Brodick, can enter at www.entrycentral.com/findingyourfeetridearran or contact Ashley Reid at ashley@findingyourfeet.net or call 07885 262341.

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Lagaville pathway

The abandoned village of Lagaville has been hidden from sight since the area was planted with trees in the early 1960s but now, after two years in the making, Forest Enterprise has completed a path leading to the old village.

The path links up with those to the Urie Loch and to Meallach's grave which branch off the forestry road from the Dyemill. Created mostly by volunteers, with no funding, the cadets, scouts and Lochranza Outdoor Centre and Historic Scotland have all helped to create the path. One reason given for the village being abandoned in 1890, and the population moving down to Lamlash, is that a pregnancy turned sour for lack of a doctor due to the inaccessibility of the village.

The Steamie

The story of the Steamie will be told over three days in a production at the Brodick Hall next week.

In Glasgow, in the late 1800s, in the buildings that housed the baths and wash-houses there were only about 40 'stalls' for washing. By 1914, there were 20 cor-

poration baths and washhouses in the city. Attendance at the remaining wash-houses in 1955 was still high with 3.5 million people having baths.

The author of *The Steamie*, Tony Roper, said: 'Whether for good or ill, depending on your point of view, the steamies are no longer with us. Thankfully, however, the type of women who sweated it out every week in them are there still. This play is a salute to them.'

Petrol probe

Following the petrol price survey, MP Brian Wilson has contacted the Office of Fair Trading to ask it why prices on Arran should be so high.

This week the OFT has replied, saying it has no powers to deal with price differentials as distinct from trading prices. The OFT says that there could be a number of bona fide reasons for the higher Arran prices and that it will contact BP and look into it.

Arran prices are up to 64.5p per litre compared to 50.9p on the mainland. Two weeks ago the only petrol pump on Jura was closed, leaving islanders requiring a ferry journey to fill up their tanks.



Ex-Curtis Cup players Suzanne Cadden, Jane Conachan, Wilma Aitken, Belle Robertson and their caddies, Joe Faulkner, Willie Kelso, Alastair Kerr and James Kelso after an exhibition game at Shiskine. B30twe01



Above: Jerry Kinghorn has been shearing sheep on Arran since 1962. He and three family members will shear over 6,000 sheep while visiting Arran this year. They are pictured working for Neil and Charlie Cook at Ivy Cottage, Corrie cravie. B30twe02



Left: An excellent performance of *The Jolly Beggars* took place last Sunday and Monday at Brodick Hall. Directed by Heather Gough, the cantata marked the bicentenary of Robert Burns's death. B30twe06



Niall MacDonald and Henry Murdo pipe in King Neptune, Brian Miller, to survey the battle scene at Lochranza Gala. B30twe04



Left: Tap dancers performing at Lochranza Gala last Saturday. B30twe03

What's on

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Brodick Castle, Garden Open
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour
Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
Arran Heritage Museum
Soap making & Candle Dipping

Saturday 23rd July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
RNLI Shop
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Flow Yoga
Tea in The Garden(or under cover)
Emergency Display day
Race Night
Fishing Fun Day

Sunday 24th July

Family Games
Fun in the pool
RNLI Shop
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'
AA Meeting
LamArt Chalk and Talk

Monday 25th July

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Morning Fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit Training
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Citizens advice
Lamlash Aerobic
RunArran
Tae Kwondo
Summer Bridge
Coffee Morning
Wbay fun week - Mini Olympics
Live music
Good 'as new' clothes sale

Tuesday 26th July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Rotary club
Healthy Outdoors
Blackwaterfoot Bowls
RunArran Run Coaching
RUNFIT
Open Cricket Session
Lamlash Drama Club
Flow Yoga
Garden Walk
Children's Secret Tour
Live music
Evening of fiddle, drums & Drama - Wbay dram & Music

Wednesday 27th July

Rock & Pop Bingo
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Arran Vets - Surgery

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
9am-Dusk
Mon - Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday - 12.30-5pm
2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
Open all day
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am-4.30pm
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am-4pm

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Lamlash, 2-4pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30-11am
9.30am-noon
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-noon
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 9am
The Hirsell, Shore Road Lamlash 2-5.30pm
Sandbraes Park Whiting Bay, 11am-3pm
Kinloch Hotel, 8.30pm-late
Lamlash Pier from 11am

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
Lamlash, 2-4pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30-5pm
Brodick church Hall, 5-6.30pm
Lamlash church, 2pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am-1.30pm
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm
Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7-8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm
WBay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
The Jetty, 2.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30-10pm
Wbay Church of Scotland, 10.30am-noon

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
9am-2pm and 4-6pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am-1pm
Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash, 5.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6.45am
Brodick Astro Turf 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30-9pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30-10pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm

Arran Vets - Reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum Archive & Genealogy
RunArran
Yoga-Arran
WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
Live music
Unplugged music night
Drift Inn Quiz
Roundhouse Open day
Vile Victorian children's tour
Mixed Hockey
Dog classes
Summer Ceilidh
Knitting & Crochet drop in group
Brodick Bowling Club rink game
Flow Yoga
Lamlash Coffee Morning
Lochranza Extravaganza
Eco Marine Competition and Crafts

Thursday 28th July

Morning Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
Live music
Ladies Hockey
RUNFIT
Cardiac Rehab
Burger & Quiz
Winter Bowls
Tennis senior club night
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit
Quilt Arran
Flow Yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine cub Scouts & Beavers
Castle paintings tour
Whiting Bay Market
RUNFIT

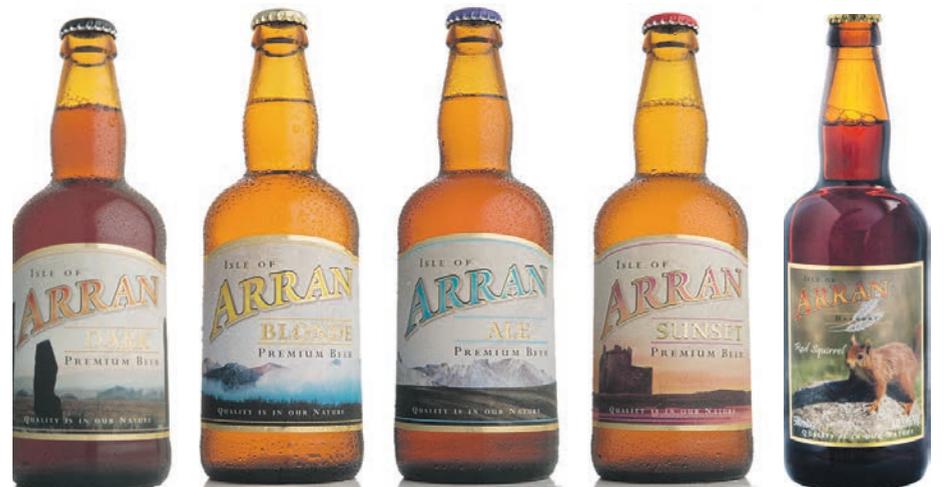
Friday 29th July

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Quiz
Arran Vets - Surgery
Arran Vets - Reception
AA Meeting
Open Mic & Karaoke
Live music
Tae Kwondo
Factory Tours
Wild flower wander
Open Mic and Karaoke
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre
Live Music - Coast
Feis Arainn Ceilidh
Feis Arainn closing concert
Brodick Shore Scramble

9-2pm and 4-6pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45-10.45am
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, Brodick, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30-10pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Castle, 11am-3pm
Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Brodick Hall, 8-11pm
Brodick Library, 4-6pm
Brodick bowling club, 6.45pm
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am-noon
Lochranza & Catacol hall, noon-3.30pm
Lamlash front green from 2pm

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
9am-2pm and 4-6pm
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30-10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am
Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
nightFelicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm
Balmichael Centre, 7pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm
Shiskine Hall, 6-7.30pm
Brodick castle, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 11am-2pm
Lamlash Green, 6.45am

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45-10.45am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
9-10.30am and 4-6pm
9am-2pm and 4-6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7-8.30pm
Arran Aromatics, 11am-3pm
Brodick Rangers Centre, 2-4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lochranza field centre, 5.30-8pm
Coast, Whiting Bay, 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Arran High School, 2pm
Brodick Castle Car Park, 2pm - 4pm



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Tennis tournament win at the double

The annual holiday-makers Reynier-McDavid doubles tennis tournament was held recently at Shiskine and attracted 15 pairs. The finalists were, left to right, Euan Darroch, Struan Thompson, eight, Ken Macfarlane, tournament organiser, and winners Angus McCorkindale, 12, and Joanna Thompson.

Fun run in the sun at Kildonan

The Round Kildonan Fun Run attracted a healthy entry this year. Held as part of the Kildonan fun week, the course is an arduous 4km circular route round the village - with the first half almost all uphill.

Presentation

First home was David

Black. The first female was Hazel Tod, the junior winner was Patrick Frazer and the first veteran was Doug Frazer, who all received their prizes at a presentation held afterwards in the village hall.

* See more Kildonan fun week news on page 14.



And they're off: eventual winner David Black (number two) races towards the front of the field.



Hazel Tod received her first female prize.



David crosses the finishing line in first place.



Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday July 16, club championship final. Todd Jameson versus Stuart Campbell. Todd or Stuart had never made the final stage before. Todd convincingly beat the top qualifier, Neil Stewart, while Stuart beat Iain Murchie with a birdie at the third extra hole, all played in rather uncomfortable conditions.

The first 18 saw a nervy start for both players with Todd having a penalty drop from the hazard and a missed putt for Stuart halving the first in bogeys. The next eight holes saw entertaining matchplay with average scoring resulting in Todd being one up at the turn. A small error by Todd gave Stuart the 11th, squaring the match, which Todd followed with a positive par at the 12th to go one up for a second time. Failure to par the next two found Stuart one behind again. The 15th was halved, the fourth of the day, and Stuart holed a fine birdie at 16 to square the game. The next two were lost to par golf making Todd two up at the half way stage.

The second 18 commenced at 5pm in moderate rain. Both began with excellent pars but at two Stuart found the bunker resulting in Todd going three up after Stuart's sand save ended up out of bounds. He rallied with a solid par to halve the third and won four with a par after Todd's approach took a flyer.

At the fifth, Stuart found the rough on the right of the green. On playing his shot two balls came out – hole to



Players at the visitors versus locals friendly match which took place in Shiskine last Tuesday. The game ended in a draw.

Todd, now three up. At six, following quality drives, Stuart's wedge found the water in hazard beyond the green putting Todd four up, which he followed with a birdie at seven to go five ahead.

At eight, Stuart played what seemed like a wonderful approach, which ran so slowly, ending up on the fringe of the green, sat there for many minutes, then decided to roll, ending a further five yards away, Todd now six up. The next four exchanged hands with Todd being four up through 12. The 13th was halved, then Todd won 14 following a drive to the centre of the green recording a five-and-four victory.

So the Lamlash club champion for 2016 went to Todd Jameson, who now qualifies for the Island Champion of Champions at Whiting Bay. He will play the Lochranza champion in the first round scheduled for Friday August 12.

Thursday July 14, Summer Cup, CSS 65, par 64. 1 Stuart Campbell 67-5=62, 2 Blair McGunnigle 67-3=64 BIH, 3 Todd Jameson 69-5=64, 4th Scott Campbell 82-15=67.

Best scratch, Stuart Campbell 67 BIH over Blair McGunnigle. Magic twos Stuart Campbell @16th, Blair McGunnigle @13th, Scott

Campbell @13th and Alan Smith @16th. Twos roll-over, 13th hole won by captain Scott Campbell and Blair McGunnigle.

Sunday July 17, Frank Crum Trophy. 1 Drew Wales and Allan Winship 75-10.5 = 64.5, 2 Mark Wren and Rik Waero 79-13=66. No magic twos.

Fixtures: Friday July 22, Eddie Cannon Memorial Trophy Am-Am – see starter for times. Also Junior Open Trophy (17 years and under), ballot at noon.

Sunday July 24, Medal Shield, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday July 28, Summer stableford, make up own groups.

Ladies section: Monday July 11, ladies championship final. The finalists in this year's competition were Ellie Jones and Yvonne Brothers.

Yvonne started well and was said by a spectator to be 'playing like a professional' after fours at the first and second to go two up and a five at the third, which was halved. Ellie soon recovered lost ground, winning four and five to go all square.

The game remained in the balance until Ellie drew ahead by two holes after 16, which has been a bogey hole for Yvonne since she started playing at Lamlash. A mishit by Ellie at the 17th let Yvonne back in and she was able to capitalise on the chance by winning the 18th to go all square once more.

Both ladies are septuagenarians and so the prospect of a second trudge up the first was not at all welcome to either players or the gallery. However, at the 19th hole, Yvonne triumphed to secure the championship 25 years after her previous win.

Congratulations to both ladies for an exciting and very hard-fought final.

Wednesday July 13, medal

five, CSS 65, 10 played. 1 Kate McAdam 86(20)66, 2 Morag Gardner 86(19)67, 3 Yvonne Brothers 87(18)69. Scratch, Kate and Morag 86

Fixture: Monday July 25, Lamlash open mixed fours, spaces available.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Machrie Bay ladies open tri-am took place on Thursday July 7. They were very lucky to have one of the few lovely days so far this month. A big thank you to the 42 ladies who took part. Many found the new first hole a challenge, but the same team from Kilmacollm, of Lynda Howie, Fiona Millar, and Shona Weir, won again this year. Everyone enjoyed the day. Many thanks to David Jeffery for a beautiful course, and to Jill, Claire and the tearoom team for wonderful food and all their hard work on the day.

Tuesday July 12, Peter Sutton, seven played, CSS 65, R/O. 1 M Hesp 90-19=71, 2 K McKinlay 84-10=74, BIH, 3 I Buchanan 90-16=74.

Tuesday July, 12, Lady Mary, three played, CSS 68, R/O. 1 E Kelso 93-19=74, 2 E Ross 98-23=75.

Fixture: Tuesday July 26, Peter Sutton and Lady Mary, 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Would all contestants

for the Lawson Cameron knock-out please stick to dates by which rounds should be played.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 6, Summer Cup, 24 played, CSS 66. Iain Keen 81-17=64, Matthew Keir 69-5=64, Matthew Dobson 72-7=65. Scratch, Ross Duncan 67.

Sunday July 10, AGA foursomes qualifier, eight played, CSS 65. Alastair Dobson 74-9=65, Douglas Robertson 82-15=67, Bob McCrae 74-7=67. Scratch, Alastair 74. Wednesday July 13, Summer Cup, 38 played, CSS 64. Gordon Hendry 66-6=60, Iain MacDonald 69-8=61, Ross Duncan 65-2=63. Scratch, Ross 65.

Sunday July 17, Graham Putter greensome, 12 played. Jimmy Armit and John McKean 75-11=64, Bruce Jenkins and Lindsay Keir 76-11=65, Billy Armit and Douglas Robertson 76-11=65.

Fixture: Sunday July 24, Navy Shield. Thursday July 28 at 1pm, junior open. All juniors welcome, free entry.

Ladies: Tuesday July 12, Stronach Foursomes, 14 played. 1 Fiona Henderson and Isobel MacDonald, 90, (15.5), 74.5, 2 Susan Butchard and Heather Raeside,

94, (18.5), 75.5, 3 Pat Adanson and Brenda Livingstone 92, (16), 76.

Tuesday July 12, nine-hole Stableford, 2 played, 1 Janette McVicar 14pts, (16).

Fixture: Tuesday July 26, fun game.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies: Thursday July 14, vice-captain's prize, 25 played, CSS 44. Silver: 1 Frances Hay 46-3=43, 2 Fiona Miller 53-8=45. Scratch, Frances Hay 46. Bronze: 1 Mary Tod 62-20=42, 2 Jane McDonald 60-13=47. Congratulations Mary, very well done.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday July 13, Wednesday Cup and magic twos pot, 27 turned out to chase the mega money sitting in the magic twos pot. At long last the machine produced two winners in match secretary Steven Beardsley and the club's latest septuagenarian, Raymond Burke. Well done.

The other members look forward to the clubhouse fridge stock being handsomely replenished.

1 D Currie 78-16=62, 2 A Napier 69-6=63, 3 J McConnachie 73-9=64. Scratch, A Napier 69.

Saturday July 16, Summer Cup. A hard-fought battle between Smithy and Alistair with the latter edging it on BIH. 1 A MacDonald 71-12=59, 2 A Smith 71-12=59.

Scratch, A Napier 66.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 13, Summer Trophy round 12, 26 competed in round 12 of the Summer Trophy and despite a clutch of good scores at the top of the leaderboard CSS went out to 65. 1 Jamie Macpherson 6, 62, 2 Frazer Barr 11, 63, 3 Nicol Auld 4, 64 and low-



Lamlash captain Jennifer McArthur presents the ladies championship trophy to winner Yvonne Brothers and runner-up Ellie Jones.



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est gross, 4 John Dick 14, 64. Adam Kelso and Frazier Barr bagged the only Magic twos of the day at the fourth and 17th respectively.

Sunday July 17, The Raymond Curtis Salver. With the start of the Glasgow holiday fortnight, a fair-sized field of 37 competed in the third of our charity opens. Some of these of these were first time visitors and it was nice to see them and some old familiar faces come along and

support our efforts for the Glasgow Hospitals Renal Units. Thanks are due to all for the £72 that was raised and it is to be hoped that our new visitors enjoyed themselves so much that they will all come to Whiting Bay again; they will certainly be welcome.

As for the golf, CSS went up to 64 and the Foggos made it a family day with Alan beating the CSS by two to come home in first place and young Murray coming in fourth.

1 Alan Foggo 5, 62, 2 Malcolm Pennycott, +1, 63 acb and lowest gross, 3 Gavin Bell 28, 63, 4 Murray Foggo 10, 64.

There were Magic twos from Alan Aiken and Gavin Bell at the fourth, Corey Allan at the 14th and Malcolm Pennycott



Lamlash Club Championship winner Todd Jameson, right, and runner-up Stuart Campbell.

at the 17th. Fixture: Saturday July 23 and Sunday July 24, The Armitage Groundworks – Whiting Bay Gents Open. Only



Winners at the Machrie Bay Ladies Open pictured with their prizes.

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Monday July 25 at 10am – The Whiting Bay Junior Open. Free entry to

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Wednesday July 27, The Jim Pirie Quaich.

Sannox lose in late first outing at home

Sannox Cricket Club have drastically reduced their fixtures due to player shortages so it was a later than usual start to the season when they faced Torrance Cricket Club at home.

Skipper Chris Marriott won the toss and chose to field.

A gentleman's agreement was made between the captains that both teams would let all players, barring the wicket keeper, have a bowl.

The opening partnership was broken by Sannox debutant Scott Hodgson – recruited via The Brodick Bar – who caught out

Graeme DeBrincat at mid off for 13. The batsman's disappointment was evident – he threw his bat around 40 metres in a fit of pique.

The hosts stuck to the bowling agreement with mixed results – a fairly high number of extras were conceded.

Martin McCartney could only bowl two deliveries when a staff-versus-pupils football injury prevented him from completing his over.

Ben, one of the Torrance juniors kindly fielding for Sannox, took over and much to his delight had the Tor-

rance skipper plumb LBW for 16.

The number three batsman, named in the scorebook only as Matt, top scored with 76 and the more experienced Sannox bowlers reduced the visitors from 132 for two to 154 all out. They even sportingly gave one of the visiting youngsters a 'second life' in what they understood to be the spirit of the day.

Top wicket taker was veteran Eric Dunn with four for 23 from his seven overs.

It became obvious after a few overs that Torrance had no intention in letting everyone bowl and they even swapped wicket keepers twice to enable their more experienced players to hog the action.

An encouraging opening partnership between Tanna, another debutant, and Pomeroy put on 37 before Pomeroy perished for 30. Scott Weir played nicely for his 28 before he was unluckily bowled by a low delivery. The next top scorer was Dunn with 14 as a valiant effort from a mixed experience team were bowled out for 107. A victory for Torrance in result terms but a moral victory for Sannox.



The unique bowling style of DeBrincat to Pomeroy.

Get set for fun cricket day

It is that time of the year again when cricket enthusiasts delve into their dressing-up boxes, go on-



Action from last year's fun cricket day. 01_N30fun02

line or pack out ArCaS in an effort to be the most ridiculously dressed-up team for the annual cricket fun day hosted by Sannox Cricket Club.

The event is a six-a-side tournament with the rules and format being made up as the day progresses.

The usual nonsense takes place this year at Ormidale Park in Brodick from noon on Saturday July 30.

There will be a bar, burgers, music and dodgy commentary from Rich E Beno.

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Murray Picken narrowly misses scoring a hat-trick. 01_B30footy02

Picken's double helps Southend secure second spot

Southend 5 Northend 0
On Monday bottom of the table Northend travelled south to take on Southend at Sandbraes park.

The first half was dominated by the home team but Northend managed to ride out the storm and only go in at half-time with a 1-0 deficit.

The goal was scored by Donny Park after a counter attack down the right wing resulting in Donny slipping the ball beyond Michael McGuire in the Northend goal.

In the second half Southend scored an early goal to steady the nerves when Fraser Gilbert cut in off the left wing and rifled the ball into the back of the net. Donny also added to the score line with a shot that McGuire got to but couldn't keep out.

Lyle Robertson was blatantly pushed in the box and referee Iain McDonald had no hesitation in pointing to the spot. However, Ryan Armstrong's penalty was excellently saved by McGuire.

Substitute Murray Picken came on for injured Gilbert and made an immediate impact scoring with his first touches.

Ten minutes later he bagged another and had a few chances to grab his hat-trick but couldn't convert. The referee gave the man of the match to Donny after a brilliant performance created lots of attacks for Southend.

The next fixtures are on Monday July 25 when Lamlash play Southend at 6.30pm and Northend face Brodick at 7pm.

Race for the Golden Boot: Archie McNicol (Brodick) 13, James Todd (Lamlash) 9, Toby Wingham (Brodick) 9, John Murchie (Shiskine) 8, Grant Adamson (Lamlash) 7, Ryan Armstrong (Southend) 6, Donny Park (Southend) 5.

Arran Football League Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brodick	5	5	0	0	37	3	15
Southend	5	4	0	1	23	10	12
Lamlash	5	3	0	2	29	9	9
Shiskine	6	2	0	4	15	22	6
Northend	7	0	0	7	5	57	0



Raft race winners paddle to success

The winning Boaty McBoatface team at the Whiting Bay raft race are Dave Hackett, left, Sandy Pringle, Jamie Macpherson, Fraser Gilbert, Gregor Crichton and James Reid. Full story, pages 12 and 13.

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Northend's Andy McNamara gives away a penalty after bringing down Danny Head. 01_B30footy04



Flanked on all sides, Southend players curtail the oppositions progress. 01_B30footy03

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