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# End of an era for island institutions

Two of Arran's longest-running hospitality establishments have closed their doors for the last time. The owners of both the Trafalgar Restaurant and Kilmichael Country House Hotel and Restaurant retire.

Stalwarts of the restaurant industry, the owners

**REPORT**  
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share between them more than half a century's worth of experience on Arran, with the Trafalgar Restaurant established more than 30 years ago and the Kilmichael starting shortly after that 26 years ago.

Pioneering the way for all that followed, the two Arran institutions have gathered a reputation that extends way beyond Arran. It goes, across the country and internationally.

Both have provided constantly good food and service for generations of visitors.

The origins of how each started could not have been more different. Whereas Gege and Wolfie Kroner of the Trafalgar moved to Arran with the intention of bringing up a young family and starting a restaurant, Anthony Butterworth and Geoffrey Botterill of the Kilmichael Country House fell into the restaurant industry almost by accident.

After moving from Edinburgh, both in the field of linguistics, they bought Kilmichael House with the intention of living in it. At the time, the property was run as a bed and breakfast and, while they undertook the renovations on the building, they continued taking booked occupants, something that somehow continued for the next 26 years.

The grand old B-listed house in Brodick has played host to many dignitaries and even has royal connections. However, its proudest accolade has to be its recent award of the Hotel of the Year in Scotland. Earning themselves a worthy mention from the Scottish Food Awards the Kilmichael received the ultimate accolade from the group with the following statement: 'Our team has for long and appreciative years known the mouthwatering theatre of Anthony's imaginative and heritage-rich cooking. There was no

where else quite like Kilmichael in all Scotland. Its class and country grace drew on so many influences, as did the food prepared in the immaculate kitchen. 'Award-winning and yet not enough recognised, the hotel went out on a high as the 2016 Good Hotel Guide's Hotel of the Year for Scotland. 'As with the others in the know, we shall very much miss what you prepared; the attention to detail, the



Anthony Butterworth and Geoffrey Botterill of the Kilmichael Country House look forward to pursuing other passions after their retirement. 01\_A41closing01



Wolfie and Gege Kroner have had many happy years running the Trafalgar Restaurant but feel that the time has come finally to retire. 01\_A41closing02

bright facets, the art, the humour, the dining elegance, the fruits of nature you nurtured around the house – the oldest on Arran. The wider team at the Scottish Food Awards, together with colleagues in other organisations, extend our warmest wishes to Anthony and Geoffrey as they enjoy their freedom. The end of an era: certainly. We got it. We loved it.'

Equally as complimentary  
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# Arran businesses call it a day

Continued from page 1 for the Trafalgar have been the appreciative comments on TripAdvisor which has an overwhelmingly 'excellent' rating for the restaurant as well as a Certificate of Excellence for its many positive reviews, including those wishing Gege and Wolfie well, describing the restaurant as 'the best on Arran'. The most recent reviews, posted only a week ago praised the Trafalgar for its 'unique blend of ban-

ter and truly excellent food and service in the homely surroundings of the house conversion restaurant' and 'an Arran tradition that has never disappointed in over 28 years'.

When asked the recipe for their success and the secret to their longevity, Anthony and Geoffrey agreed that it was something that they as teachers taught others: 'Constantly improve on what you have, keep expanding and innovating and

you will find satisfaction in that.'

Gege and Wolfie's answer was similar in its simplicity but equally as revealing: 'Give the people what they want, make it good and keep it consistent.'

Wolfie said. 'We have never had any staff, we have done everything ourselves. Gege has cooked and I have been out front. This way we know the product, we know the standards and we know what can and cannot be done. This has been a winning formula that has been appreciated by the generations of customers that have continued to visit us over the years.'

Another similarity shared between the two establishments is that they both look forward to a well-deserved break after many tireless years in a demanding industry that continues seven days a week and does not follow the usual nine to five pattern. But they all admit, while acknowledging that they would miss it to some degree, that some time off would be appreciated. Gege looks forward to more family time and writing a recipe book. Wolfie, who



**Wolfie and Gege Kroner in the dining room.**  
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**Geoffrey and Anthony on the stairs of the hotel.**  
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has taken on the captaincy at Whiting Bay Golf Club, looks forward to improving his game while also spending time playing the guitar. 'It would be nice to take part in community events for a change, we have always been making sure that others enjoy themselves so it would be nice to enjoy some of the many excellent and varied restaurants on the island which have impressed us, but which we have never had the time to visit,' said Gege.

A final and unsurprising thing that both establish-

ments share is that they will be converting their houses back into residential properties, a process that they all relish and have already started doing by reclaiming their front doors and reverting the public dining rooms back into private ones.

Geoffrey and Anthony will continue running the five-star self-catering properties on the estate and, after some travelling and relaxing, they will finally reach their dream of moving into the large house as originally planned more than 26 years ago.

## Island chases more awards

The Glenisle Hotel has been shortlisted as a regional finalist in the Scottish Thistle Awards in the most hospitable hotel category.

It joins VisitArran, which is one of three finalists in the Working Together for Tourism category.

Timothy Billings of the Glenisle said: 'We are delighted and it is a recognition of all the staff who do a great job here. We have had a really busy summer, despite the weather, and it is still really busy for October.'

Two years ago the Lamash hotel received a special commendation in the same award category but is hoping to go one better this year. The hotel is facing opposition from Glenapp Castle and Knockinaam Lodge. VisitArran is up against Caledonian MacBrayne and Love Loch Lomond.

The winners will be announced at the west regional final to be held in the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow on November 24, with the winners going on to the national final.

VisitArran was also a tourism award finalist in the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards gala dinner at Seamill Hydro Hotel on Thursday night. The Auchrannie was also nominated for customer service excellence. Find out how they got on in next week's *Banner*.

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# Path to falls to be shut for six months for tree felling

**REPORT**

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The main path to the popular Glenashdale Falls in Whiting Bay will be shut for the whole of next summer, the *Banner* can reveal.

The Forestry Commission is to close the path to allow the felling of trees. The forestry road, to the south of the falls, will also have to be blocked off for a shorter period because of the heavy machinery which will be required for the work.

Arran forestry manager Andy Walker told last week's meeting of Arran Community Council that over the past few winters there had been a lot of landslips and washouts in the area surrounding the Glenashdale Burn. He also said trees, which were

planted in the 1960s, were starting to blow down.

The plan is to fell the trees from the zigzag path up to the Giant's Graves to the falls viewpoint, but he explained the steep slope presents problems for the Skyline equipment. He said the job would take six months and had to be done in the summer as it 'was not a winter job'.

The work means the path to the south of the Glenashdale Burn will be closed from Easter to October next year. In addition, when the Skyline, or cableway, extraction equipment is sitting on the forestry road, above where the trees are being cleared, it will also be closed for a period of around two months, but there will be access at weekends.

There will also still be access to the falls from the

road and path starting at the Coffee Pot, but it will not be a circular route. Similarly, there will be access to the Giant's Graves, but with one way up and down, although this path will have to be closed for several days while the trees near it are felled.

The felled trees, amounting to around 6,000 tonnes, will be taken along the forestry road and out at the Dyemill in Lamlash, before being shipped to Troon.

While the work is being done, consideration will be given to see if there is a better route for the path to the popular falls as the present one has been badly eroded in parts by the landslips and washouts.

A drop-in meeting will be held in early November in Whiting Bay village hall to give the public more detailed information.



The Glenashdale Falls path will be closed for tree felling. 01\_A41path01

**In brief**

The active schools co-ordinator in Lamlash, Archie McNicol, has been selected as a finalist for the North Ayrshire Achievers Awards for the second year running.

In the category of customer excellence, Archie has been nominated by community members as providing a service beyond what is expected. The awards are in recognition of the dedicated work of employees.

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# Aspire to Arran is the message for students

Senior pupils at Arran High School were given an insight into the various employment opportunities on Arran at an event held at the school last week. The Aspire to Arran event was held in conjunction



Students and business owners listen intently to the talks. 01\_B41AEG02

with the Arran Economic Group, Argyll College, Business Gateway and the Arran Chamber of Commerce, along with local business owners and entrepreneurs who spoke to the students about the various prospects available to them. The aim is to establish closer links between employers and students, providing them with information on where to find useful resources regarding their post school plans.

Speakers representing the more than 20 local businesses who attended were joined by present and past pupils who described their

experiences of available opportunities while living and working on Arran.

Providing employers and employees with a one-stop solution through its Arran-Skills Facebook page, Sheena Borthwick-Toomey, of the Arran Economic Group, said: 'Pupils are being made aware of the fact they don't have to leave Arran for employment. There are numerous opportunities available on Arran and this event will provide them with the tools required to utilise one point of contact in finding that information that it currently out there, albeit fragmented.'



Judi Worthington of Argyll College UHI delivers a talk about further education. 01\_B41AEG01

## Porpoise 'soup' found as Arran waters recover

One of the largest gatherings of porpoises in many years has been recorded in the waters off Arran.

The Clyde Marine Mammal Project, which collates and receives sightings of megafauna in the Clyde and surrounding waters, has reported a dense gathering of porpoises off the coast of Arran in what it describes as 'porpoise soup'. Detected by passive acoustic monitoring, the pod – estimated to be between 25 and 30 individuals – was heard at dusk between Kings Cross and Pladda where they filled the observation screens with a dense grouping of red dots, indicating a large concentration of the mammals. The recording was made last month.

Harbour porpoises and common dolphin, as well as bottlenose dolphin, are frequently seen off the Arran coast, as reported by various observers on the island, but a grouping this large is unusual. The porpoises were detected in the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA), which was designated in July 2014 and forbids the removal of any marine life.

Andrew Binnie, of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), said: 'We are delighted to learn that David Nairn and the Clyde Marine Mammal Project are recording porpoise numbers in Arran waters. Over time, we expect the South Arran MPA to increase marine life diversity around Arran and to attract more porpoises and other cetaceans to the area as it recovers from decades of over-fishing and poor management. The natural environment is Arran's most precious resource.'

The CMMP is a not-for-profit organisation which promotes marine ecology awareness and community-led marine mammal research, as well as environmental education, participation and research. It also organises and manages visual and acoustic marine mammal surveys.

## Binoculars found

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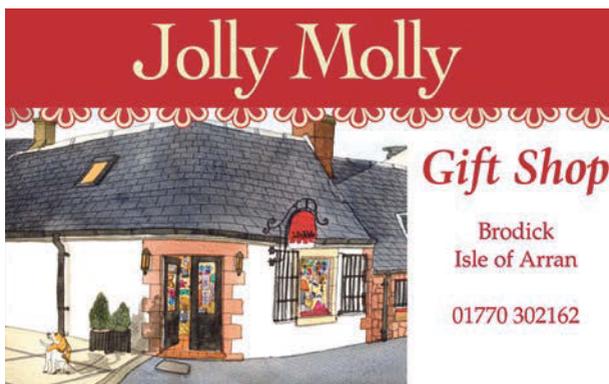
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## Ballads and blethers at Saltire Society

The Arran branch of the Saltire Society is holding the second meeting of its 2016/17 syllabus at Al-tachorvie on Wednesday October 12. The speaker will be the esteemed social historian, former singer and musician, Mary Fleming

Her chosen theme, 'Ballads and Blethers' promises to delight, inform, entertain and enthral those attending with her extensive knowledge of poetry and song.

Mary's membership of the Saltire Society stems back to the 1960s, indeed it was the society that introduced her to the clarsach which she was playing at the Edinburgh Fringe when she met her husband. Mary said: 'We have such an incredible heritage of Scottish poems.' She found 'Scots poetry enough to write several books', though in the end, just one was written, 'Clarsach, Cramasie and Crowdie'. Mary will read extracts, weaving a rich tapestry of knowledge and reminiscence throughout her narrative.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event which starts at 7.30pm.

# New facility will see Arran beer brewed and bottled on island

The Arran Brewery has had a brand new bottling plant installed at its brewery in Brodick. It means that the vast majority of popular beer will not only be brewed but also bottled on Arran.

The new bottling equipment is capable of bottling 1,000 bottles an hour, compared to 300 bottles a day which were being produced by hand, and will be online later this month.

As part of a £250,000 first phase of investment at the Cladach brew house, new silos are also being brought in and others refurbished and new mill and malt handling equipment is being installed. Further phases of work are scheduled for the new year.

The suspension of production while the work goes on has hit supply of the famous Arran Blonde and most oth-



The new bottling machinery at the Arran Brewery. 01\_A41beer01

er brands from the Arran range.

Managing director Gerald Michaluk said: 'I can only apologise to our customers, wholesale and retail partners and reassure them that we are working hard to resolve the situation as speedily as possible.'

'With projects of this scale it is inevitable timetables slip and with the additional logistic issues caused by unseasonable weather, ferry disruption and the simple fact that when a specialist part is needed it can take a five-hour round trip to collect from Glasgow.'

'This was going to be a tricky balance between brewing and upgrade to pull off and we have had a lot of unforeseen issues such as language issues with suppliers' engineers, parts not being specified properly, or not compatible with standard UK fittings, manuals not being provided, all of which further impacted what was always going to be a tricky project.'

'The increased capability will very quickly make up for the current shortages and most importantly bring our production costs down so we can expand and not have to pass on the increased duty cost to our customers as the company's production increases and

we have to pay higher excise duty on our beer.'

'The Arran Brewery is growing up and we will be proud to add to our 'Brewed on Arran' a new line saying 'Brewed and bottled on Arran' and through this create more employment on the island. The upgrade will help to maintain our very high quality standards and of course we will use Scottish malt, pure waters, and the finest whole hops from around the world and continue to produce a super premium craft beer.'

A second round of crowd-funding is also planned for the future for its Loch Earn brewery development to increase its presence on the mainland.

## SWI to make distillery visit

Corrie and Sannox SWI started off the winter season with a social afternoon with lots of chat and the hilarity of a beetle drive. Thanks were expressed to all the members who had contributed to the 'trays' and entered successfully as individuals.

The next meeting on Thursday October 13 will be a visit to Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. Members should meet at the distillery at 1.50pm for a 2pm start or they can phone Anne or Elma for a lift.

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**The Maltese Falcon (USA 1941 PG)**

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Who murdered Miles Archer? No one knows but what Archer's partner, private eye Sam Spade, does know is that Archer was killed while investigating the disappearance of a priceless statue and now he has three mysterious clients who want him to find it – at any cost.

Co-starring Mary Astor and Peter Lorre, and nominated for three academy awards, *The Maltese Falcon* remains one of the most enthralling mystery thrillers ever made.

See this fabulous film tomorrow night (Sunday) in Corrie and Sannox village hall at 8pm. Entry is free but small donation to hall funds appreciated. Bring a bottle to share if you wish.

# Funding deadline has been extended

Community groups have been given more time to apply for funding. The Arran Participatory Budgeting application deadline has been extended to Monday October 16 at noon after a disappointing response.

Under the scheme individuals and groups have a chance to win up to £850 from a 'community chest' of £13,000 when participatory budgeting comes to Brodick Hall on Saturday October 22.

Anyone wishing to take part in the

event must complete an application form outlining why they should receive a share of the funding pot. The PB steering group will then review all applications and those shortlisted will be invited to present their idea (maximum three minutes) to everyone in the hall, which will include other applicants and members of the wider Arran community.

To take part and be in with a chance of securing funding, your presenter will need to be able to stay for the

whole event – ie, noon through to 4pm. Anyone from Arran aged eight and over is invited to attend and will have a ballot paper for voting on all the projects bidding on the day.

For more information and an application form, please email [participatorybudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:participatorybudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk), call 01294 475900 or look on the PB website at <http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/resident/your-community/participatory-budgeting.aspx>.



Brodick primary one pupils enjoy their visit to the Arran Heritage Museum.

## Primary pupils enjoy a slice of history

Primary one pupils at Brodick school enjoyed a visit to the Arran Heritage Museum before the schools broke up on holiday last week as part of a lesson on houses.

Comparing old and new

needs and living conditions have changed, the children found evidence of how people lived in times gone by.

Enjoying the displays at the museum, the children were surprised by some of the things that they saw, like a bed in the living room

and the complete absence of modern conveniences such as televisions, washing machines and computers.

The pupils thanked the museum, and in particular John Sillars, for allowing them to enhance their learning with the visit.

## Clean bill of health for hospital

Arran War Memorial Hospital has been given a clean bill of health in an inspection report.

The Healthcare Environment Inspectorate (HEI) this week published its report relating to an unannounced inspection visit to the Lamlash hospital over two days in July.

The HEI inspection team examined NHS Ayrshire and Arran's self-assessment information and then visited the hospital to meet patients and staff, and to inspect wards and departments to assess cleanliness and to check that the hospital meets national standards.

Speaking of the report, Claire Sweeney, interim director of quality assurance for Healthcare Improvement Scotland, said: 'This was a positive inspection. The standard of cleanliness of both the environment and patient equipment was good, and the hospital was well maintained. We also saw good communication between the various staff groups.'

'We have made a requirement that a risk assessment is carried out for the placement of alcohol-based hand rub as near to the point of patient care as possible. We will follow up on this at future inspections.'



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# Students graduate from Argyll College

More than 100 graduating students and their guests, including nine from Arran, assembled in the spectacular setting of the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban, last Friday for Argyll College UHI's annual graduation ceremony.

This is the college's largest ceremony to date with more than 56 different qualifications being conferred, including the Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) being awarded for the first time in the institution's history.

College principal Fraser Durie said: 'Rarely do so many of our students get the opportunity to come together in one place, given that so many study at a distance from both their tutors and their peers, so it's extremely gratifying that

so many are attending today's event. It is satisfying to see that our student numbers continue to rise year on year, but most importantly, we are also seeing an increase in levels of student satisfaction as measured in our annual student surveys. I am also gratified that Argyll College UHI can count itself among the top two colleges in Scotland for number of further education students entering the workforce.'

Among the Arran students graduating this year were Barney Crockett, who achieved an HND in computing science, and Sinead McKinnie, who achieved an HNC in childhood practice and has now progressed to the second year of a degree in child and youth Studies at the University of



Arran students Barney Crockett and Sinead McKinnie graduated.

the Highlands and Islands. If you would like to find out more about the wide range of opportunities available through Argyll College UHI, please visit [www.argyllcollege.ac.uk](http://www.argyllcollege.ac.uk) for more details.

# Petition to stop closure of public toilets gains support

A petition to stop the closure of the 11 public toilets on Arran has rapidly gathered the support of more than 846 signatures in one week.

The petition on change.org, which was started by Hilary Paton of Brodick, has received widespread support from Arran residents and visitors alike. When it is complete, it will be delivered to chief executive Elma Murray of North Ayrshire Council.

Concerns raised by the signatories include incidents of public urination increasing and tourism numbers decreasing. Particularly of concern was the needs of the elderly and young children. One supporter described the public toilets as an essential part of the island's tourism infrastructure and many sug-

gested a nominal charge to offset running costs which would allow for the amenities to be saved and to ensure their continued financial viability. Hilary said: 'The closures would affect visitor numbers and that the economy on Arran would suffer as a result.'

The council announced in March the closure of all public toilets in North Ayrshire as part of cost-cutting measures in a £13.6 million budget trim. The toilets on Arran were given a 12-month stay of execution to see if alternative arrangements could be made to keep them open.

Arran Community Council is still in talks with the council and various community groups around the island in a bid to keep them open.

\*See letters page.

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## End of an era indeed

The closure of two of Arran's longest-running establishments and stalwarts of the restaurant industry brings with it some sadness but also happiness in the fact that, after more than half a century between them, the owners can finally take some much-needed respite after long and successful careers.

Possibly the longest-running single-owner restaurant, the Trafalgar in Whiting Bay, which has been a magnet for the area for years, has closed its doors after 30 years in the business.

Over in Brodick, synonymous with style and elegance from a bygone era, the Kilmichael Country House Hotel has also closed its doors after a long and illustrious career spanning more than 26 years for the owners. It's truly the end of an era for the Arran restaurant industry.

The landscape of the restaurant industry, and certainly customers' expectations, has come a long way since they originally brought with them to Arran their ideas for their hospitality offerings, and their formulae undoubtedly have paved the way for other local entrepreneurs. The recipe for their success has been uncomplicated and complimentary to other similar businesses on Arran, working together in providing an industry and service that has ensured their continued popularity in a sector that can often be affected by financial vagaries.

The owners of the Trafalgar and the Kilmichael establishments can rightly be proud of businesses that have displayed a synergy and co-operation which can exist on Arran without having to consume or overpower the other to succeed. Catering to differing markets, but still fulfilling a similar need, the two restaurants have peacefully co-existed among their peers, serving visitors and the local communities and being very much a part of community life. It's a sentiment and method of doing business that is to be encouraged and congratulated.

In the competitive business world, the *Arran Banner* congratulates the business owners on their sense of fair play which shows that co-operation can ensure success and wish them a long and enjoyable retirement.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.'  
(Matthew 7:7)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Windmills? Where is accountability?

Sir,  
No – not the new theme song of the North Ayrshire Council (NAC) planning committee, but perhaps an indication of the attitude of our elected representatives towards the proposed developments on Holy Isle.

Followers of the NAC website will have noted, with surprise, that the issue has never been discussed by the planning committee and wondered how our councillors have managed to avoid their responsibilities in this matter.

The answer lies in the 'scheme of delegation – planning' which was approved by the full council on April 1, 2015 (an appropriate date, you may think). The effect of this is to delegate virtually all planning decisions to officers of NAC, who are not directly answerable to the electorate for their decisions.

However, in theory at least, this delegation may only take place where '... all appropriate consultations have been carried out, and no material planning objections have been received – from members of the public – from community councils which cannot be resolved by conditions or amended proposals'.

I find it hard to believe that none of the 80 plus responses lodged by the public, the community council and other interested bodies constitute material objections.

Furthermore, the conditions imposed in the draft planning permission do not overcome the basic opposition to the placing of five 65ft wind turbines – one or more of which will be visible at many points between Clachlands and Dippen Head.

Of course, if councillors are sufficiently interested, a planning application can be called in to the committee. For example, last July a proposed retail development in Main Street, Largs, was called in on the grounds that 'local knowledge of members would enable the best determination of the application'.

With the greatest respect to the noble and historic burgh of Largs, are we seriously to believe that this was an issue of greater magnitude than wind turbines on the Holy Isle?

So why was it not called in? There are two obvious possibilities:

1. Councillors were more than happy to be able to divorce themselves from an application which, if approved, would lead to widespread unpopularity.

2. The Rokpa Trust. There had been a feeling that any opposition to trust proposals would immediately be seized upon by the PC brigade as evidence of religious/racial discrimination. Anyway, a registered Scottish charity would not do anything to the detriment of its neighbours, would it? Better to stay out of it.

We know that opposition to the development is led by VisitArran, the community council, our MP, our MSP and many others. Perhaps a public statement from our local councillor/s would not go amiss?

Yours,  
**Iain Auld,  
Lamlash.**

### Back to the future

Sir,  
Just this last week a member of staff of North Ayrshire Council's planning department announced that the owners of the Holy Isle have North Ayrshire Council's approval to go ahead with a wind turbine project

over the heads of the objectors who included: the Arran Civic Trust, the Arran Community Council and at least 50 individuals from the community who had made written representations.

This decision, taken 'in house' without recourse to any elected committee of councillors, is the consequence of the so called 'scheme of delegation' reminiscent of the undemocratic world of the feudal landlords and an abuse of planning power vested in local authorities where, in this case, the council department concerned chose to ignore its own guidelines.

It is an appalling example of the continuing concentration of power that has continued under SNP government in Holyrood with councils being ever more beholden to central funding rather than local communities under a regime of frozen council tax earnings from year to year. This is only the latest and perhaps worst example here on Arran where the community and their representatives at the most local level have been ignored and where the applicant has taken advantage of a compromised democratic system.

The local councillor seemed powerless to act and demand the application be considered by the planning committee of elected members and even the local MSP reported his objection to the scheme. From the start the applicants saw no need to consult with the community although they claim to be an integral part of that community, sharing its values. The council itself had to its credit in the past sponsored a study of the relative landscape value of the entire area of its mandate and the report had made it clear that the Holy

Isle was entirely unsuitable for installation of wind turbines. To compound the issue, there is no right of appeal which is, in itself, a gross violation of democratic rights.

The reasoning behind giving local authorities power to bypass elected representative decision-making in the planning process has its roots in cost-cutting and was designed to simplify the route to approval of low impact schemes that adhered to previously agreed development planning and council guidelines.

In this particular case, North Ayrshire Council seems to have ridden roughshod over even this safeguard. It is a sad day when communities see their worst prejudices about local government reinforced.

Yours,  
**John Campbell,  
Lamlash.**

### Keep toilets open

Sir,  
I totally agree with Hilary Paton's letter imploring the council not to close Arran's public toilets.

The council in Lytham St Anne's planned to do the same thing but thankfully a private company took over responsibility, refurbished the toilets and put a charge of 20p for usage, which seemed a lot at the time but now seems to be accepted as being reasonable by the majority of locals and visitors.

This may not work on Arran, but how about establishing the cost of maintaining the toilets and then ask the major businesses benefiting from the island's tourism to work in partnership with the council to share the cost?

Yours,  
**Colin Bowes,  
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Olive Lindsay, Ayrshire Hospice senior fundraising officer, said: 'We are so grateful for the ongoing support of the legal community throughout North Ayrshire in providing this vital service free of charge.

'Together we have raised

more than £80,000 over the past five years during Make a Will fortnight and we continue to be humbled by the support of the local community. All of our solicitors and I would urge as many people as possible to participate.'

Gifts in wills are a vital source of income to the hospice. Over two thirds of hospice funding comes from voluntary donations, including gifts in wills, and every penny counts. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference to the patients cared for, their families and loved ones, and those being cared for in the future.

People interested in making their will should simply choose a solicitor from the list of participating solicitors

and make an appointment between Monday October 17 and Monday October 31.

At present more than 60 per cent of the adult Scottish population do not have a will. Perhaps the reason is that people don't want to think about dying. Many people are also under the misconception that their estate will be inherited by their spouse and close family so there is no need to go to the expense of having a will drawn up.

Protect the people you leave behind. Remember that making a will is a way of ensuring your wishes are followed when you die and making sure that your home, money and possessions go to the people you



Olive Lindsay, senior fundraising officer at Ayrshire Hospice, centre, with some of the solicitors taking part.

want them to go to. It is always worth making a Will, even if you think you have nothing worth leaving to an-

one. For further information on the Ayrshire Hospice Make a Will fortnight, please visit the website

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# Harbour redevelopment Brodick the envy

Work is still ahead of schedule on the £122 million redevelopment of Brodick harbour.

As the terminal building takes shape *the Banner* has an exclusive photograph inside the new building which shows the size of the new passenger lounge.

Outside the roof and roof-light glazing are substantially complete, the external protective boards and insulation are finished over the majority of the outside of the building. In addition installation of the support framework has commenced to allow the external sandstone

rainscreen cladding to commence, which has already been delivered to the site.

The new terminal will resemble an airport check-in, passenger lounge and associated facilities and has been described by transport and islands minister Humza Yousaf MSP as being the best ferry terminal in the country.

#### Delivered

Principal contractor George Leslie Ltd started work at the harbour in January and the works are being delivered in five distinct traffic management phases.

Phase three has now been

completed and the switch-over to phase four took place last Thursday.

Piling operations on the new pier have progressed well and there are now only 16 piles to be installed, 13 at the roundhead and three at the fixed pier bulkhead. Pile cross beams and main pier beams are installed on six pile grids.

The outer and inner lifting dolphin concreting operation is complete and will allow linkspan installation early in November.

Phase four will last for approximately six weeks, and has seen the temporary mar-

## Passenger information update . . .

- Pedestrian access to the new bus and the existing ferry terminal building will remain to allow access to both areas.
- Access from the temporary marshalling area to the existing terminal building and pier will remain to the north side of the new bus terminal to allow car passengers to board the ferry on foot and allow safe access to and from the terminal building.
- The temporary pedestrian walkway in-

stalled along the north side of Market Road will remain in use. Vehicular ferry traffic will continue to use the temporary marshalling area until completion of phase four. The temporary ticket office and mobility impaired toilet facilities will remain in place throughout phase four.

- The existing ticket office and facilities in the terminal building will continue to be operational.



Passenger lounge. 01\_A41terminal04



The huge glass front entrance of the new terminal building. 01\_A41terminal08



The previous temporary ramp on to the linkspan is already being dug up. 01\_A41terminal06



Piling work is nearing completion on the new pier. 01\_A41terminal05



Work continues apace on what will eventually be the main entrance to the permanent marshalling area, on the site of the former bus station. 01\_A41terminal11

# Development will make of the country

marshalling area direction of ferry traffic flow changing with traffic now entering and exiting the existing causeway to the east of the new terminal building. The new bus terminus remains operational and unchanged.

The main entrance to the new permanent marshalling area along with a small car park to the west of the existing terminal building will be completed in phase four. When completed this will allow entry to the ferry from the west end and exit will continue to be via the east end of the new terminal building onto Market Road.

As well as sandstone cladding of the new terminal building, the roof and external glazing will also be completed during phase four to ensure the building is wind and watertight to allow internal construction to be completed in a dry environment.

### Installed

The new pier construction will continue and additional precast concrete crossbeams will be installed on top of the new pier piles. Pre-stressed concrete beams will continue to be installed between the crossbeams to allow the main pier deck construction to proceed. The final 16 pier

and bulkhead piles will be delivered and driven into position.

The work is being carried out for port owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) and a spokeswoman said: 'We are very grateful for the continued understanding and patience of the public throughout the project. In the interests of safety, passengers and vehicle owners using the facilities should adhere to guidance provided by the ferry and bus operators.'

The redevelopment project is scheduled for completion in August 2017.



Cars now queue the other way in the temporary marshalling area. 01\_A41terminal02

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# Young photographers urged to get their cameras out



The winning under 12 entry by Finn MacArthur which featured in this year's bird report.

It's time for young photographers to dig out their cameras and phones and get out snapping.

Young photographers are being invited to submit their best photographs for the Arran Natural History Society's second annual photography competition to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize and a mounted print of the image.

The competition is open to entrants in two categories, under 18 and under 12, and

entries can include up to three images taken on Arran between Tuesday December 1, 2015 and Wednesday November 30, 2016.

The competition is held in memory of the late Audrey Walters, who was for many years the Arran bird recorder for the Arran Natural History Society. The photographs can be of any fauna or flora and one image of a bird will be chosen to appear in the annual Arran bird report. The winners

of the first prize in both age groups will receive a £50 cash prize while the second places will receive a £25 cash prize and all winners will receive a mounted copy of their image.

The competition closes on Wednesday November 30 and the winners will be published before the end of January 2017. Full rules, submission requirements and further details can be found at [www.arranwildlife.co.uk](http://www.arranwildlife.co.uk).



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## MSP tackles 'unacceptable' Ardrossan train delays

An MSP has called for action after official figures revealed that only one in 10 trains terminating at Ardrossan Harbour arrived on time.

West Scotland Labour MSP Neil Bibby has raised concerns about rail services with the Scottish Parliament and the damage being caused to the island economy on Arran.

Annual on-time-arrival-at-destination statistics published by ScotRail show that while more than 60 per cent of trains terminating at Ardrossan South Beach arrive at the designated time,

the rail operators performance plummets to just 10.8 per cent at Ardrossan Harbour. More than two-thirds of services terminating at Ardrossan Town are also delayed.

### Appreciate

Mr Bibby said: 'Most passengers appreciate that there are times when disruption just can't be avoided but the people of Ardrossan and Arran should not have to tolerate services that arrive late so much more than they ever arrive on time.'

'The number of delays at both Ardrossan Harbour

and Ardrossan Town is unacceptable, with trains terminating at Ardrossan Harbour ranking among the most delayed in Scotland.

'I have called on the SNP Government to explain exactly what will be done to improve services to these stations.'

'Given the importance of the town to the ferry network and the island economy on Arran, I believe the minister for transport and the islands should be bringing forward a specific plan to tackle delays and improve reliability on the railways into Ardrossan.'

# New branding for CalMac as west coast contract starts

'After the years of uncertainty over our future I know everyone is looking forward to playing a part in this an exciting new chapter in the story of CalMac'

Customers travelling on the two Arran ferry routes will begin to see a new 'operator mark' which has been produced to show that Caledonian MacBrayne is operated by CalMac Ferries Ltd. It will not replace the familiar iconic lion rampant heraldic device on ships but will be rolled out across the network in a variety of places including on uniforms, on ships, in ports and in printed material, as part of a tender requirement set by Transport Scotland. It comes as the £900 million contract to operate ferry services on the west coast of Scotland, awarded to CalMac Ferries Ltd by Trans-

port Scotland in May this year, came into force on October 1. CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester, who is stepping down next March said: 'The new operator mark may seem a small change but it is symbolic of the positive changes we are bringing to the new contract, and will be worn and displayed with pride by everyone at CalMac.' He said: 'The start of this contract marks the culmination of almost two years of hard work to develop and submit our bid for the new contract, and everyone at CalMac, and the communities who rely on our ferry

services, who provided input and support, can be very proud of their achievement. 'Since the announcement in May and the formal signing of the new contract at the end of August we have been doing the ground work to convert our winning proposals into improvements which will transform the on-board travel experience for our customers over the life of the contract. 'After the years of uncertainty over our future I know everyone is looking forward to playing a part in this an exciting new chapter in the story of CalMac and these vitally important ferry services.'



CalMac managing director Martin Dorchester, right, and bid director Robbie Drummond with a ferry-shaped cake and the new operator mark.

## Deadline looms for rural awards

The deadline for nominations for the 2017 Scottish Rural Awards is approaching fast with businesses on Arran being encouraged to put themselves forward before next Friday. Now in their third year, the Scottish Rural Awards are the only awards to truly champion the Scottish countryside, celebrating the enterprise and innovation of those who live and work in rural Scotland.

Scottish Field, said: 'More than ever before, Scotland's rural communities are displaying a quite remarkable amount of energy, innovation and imagination as they diversify existing businesses and create new and exciting opportunities from scratch. As a magazine we are constantly writing about the rural entrepreneurs who are bringing wealth and jobs to the countryside, so

it's exciting for us to be able to honour the men and women who are doing so much to make the economy of rural Scotland a true success story.' Businesses have until Friday October 14 to put their nomination forward, with nomination forms and criteria available to download from the Scottish Rural Awards website - [www.scottishruralawards.org](http://www.scottishruralawards.org)

Founded by our sister publication Scottish Field and the Scottish Countryside Alliance, the Scottish Rural Awards are backed by a number of category sponsors for 2017, including the Bank of Scotland, Aldi and the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. With a total of 12 award categories, businesses can choose to self-nominate, or may be nominated by a friend, family member or customer, before Friday October 14. Shortlists will be announced at the end of November, with awards presented at the annual gala dinner, set to take place at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh in March next year. Richard Bath, editor of

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# A family history, Waterloo to the Great War

Their own Angela Cassels was the speaker at the September meeting of the Arran Antiquarians, writes *Norma Davidson*.

More than 40 members heard her account of research she has done into the war records of members of her family and Jim's. They then made the pilgrimage to Belgium to see the locations which had previously just been names on a map.

Angela's research made use of family hearsay, local graveyards, local historical sources and service records, not to forget the ever-useful census records.

Jim's family came from south west Scotland and Angela's north east England, which gave added interest.

The first relative re-

searched was James Chrichton, who was born in Dalmellington in 1784 and was one of five children.

Documents showed on his discharge that he had been Late Sergeant of the Artillery and a Chelsea pensioner. After 17 years of service he was discharged and was credited with excellent conduct throughout his service.

He was a carpenter by trade and details of his pension and the financial allowances for his journey from Woolwich to Leith, which were miniscule, raised a smile.

Further research by Angela showed that his brother, David, fought and was wounded at the Battle of Waterloo and because of this received a much-enhanced pension.

Stanley Edward Porter, Angela's great uncle, was her second subject. He was the ninth of 11 children and originally from Pollokshaws. He moved and attended the Gray School in Sunderland.

He left school at 14 and by 1911 was a billiard marker at a Sunderland hotel. He joined the Durham Light Infantry as a Territorial and probably went to France in 1916. His Battalion became a pioneer battalion operating supply lines and repairing and digging trenches. Somewhere between October 20 and 27 1917 he was wounded and sent to a casualty clearing station where he died.

He is buried in Dottinger cemetery where most headstones bear a name because



Angela Cassels delivered an interesting genealogical talk on her ancestry.

these men died in medical units and not on the battle field. He died unmarried. His mother was his sole legatee and she subsequently received the Victory and Empire medals he was given.

Elizabeth Ann Storey, Angela's grandmother, together with her two husbands came next. Born in 1887 and one of 10 children, of whom only five survived, she lived near Newcastle. In 1911 she began working at Bow's Temperance Bar with other family members.

In June 1916 she became a munitions girl at the huge Gretna munitions township.

It employed 12,000 women at any one time. Although paid up to £12 per week the work was unhealthy and dangerous. By 1918 she was back in Sunderland and in July married William Orwin Hall, a 24-year-old steward in the Royal Navy.

He was seconded to the New Zealand navy in 1914 and served on convoys in the Western Pacific on

HMS Philomel. By 1918 he was serving on HMS Penn and in October he took the Spanish Flu and died on board a hospital ship in Scapa Flow. He was buried on October 10 after only a few weeks of marriage.

#### Married

Happily two years later Elizabeth married John (Jacky) Thompson, who was Angela's grandfather.

He was a groom before the war so joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and served in Europe and Salonika. A Queen Mary Christmas tin of his survived containing regimental badges, medals, a piece of shrapnel and a plait of horse hair from the tail of one of the poor horses who perished. After the war he became a chauffeur and a van driver.

Finally John Cassels, Jim's grandfather. He was born in 1829, an Irvine man who died in 1915. One of four children, he joined the 1st Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

He was killed after action at Hooze and Sanctuary

Wood, north of Loos.

On that day, September 25, more than 300 men died, were wounded or posted as missing. He was identified in 1920 as a soldier who was wearing his inscribed watch but in 1921 one bearing his dog tag and pass book was discovered and this was deemed to be proof so the second was duly buried in Bedford House Cemetery near Ypres and the first one's gravestone is dedicated to an unknown soldier.

Being a railwayman before the war, his name was engraved on a memorial in the old St Enoch's station in Glasgow. On demolition this was moved to Ayr Station where it remains today.

In Irvine 219 men died and 10 were posted missing during the war. On that fateful September 25 10 Irvine men died. One man was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross and his father, a minister, conducted the town memorial service.

Angela closed with a short video of family photographs and shots of battle accompanied by a beautiful rendition of 'The Green Fields of France'.

The next meeting is on Monday October 17 in Brodick Hall at 2pm and will be on 'The History of Ardrossan Castle' by George MacGrattan of the Castle Heritage Trust.

The recent field trip to Tormore, led by Liz Dale, was a great success.

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# Pupils tackle hard-hitting issues as joint cabinet meets on Arran

Young people from Arran High School tackled a host of hard-hitting issues as they played host to a youth cabinet meeting before the schools broke up on holiday last week.

The morning session was the latest in a series of joint meetings involving North Ayrshire Council's cabinet, senior officers, members of the Scottish youth parliament (MSYP) and the youth council executive.

Councillors and officials have been touring North Ayrshire schools in an effort to give young people a say in how the local authority operates.

The sessions provide a unique opportunity for youngsters to take local policy makers to task and have lively discussions on the issues that matter the most to them.

Arran High pupils were given the chance to take part in round-the-table conversations with their guests, covering topics such as transport, mental health, equalities and bullying.

That was followed by question and answer sessions which covered issues such as outdoor education, modern apprenticeships, free swimming and politics.

North Ayrshire youth champion Councillor Peter McNamara was impressed by the quality of topics raised by the Arran High pupils.

Councillor McNamara added: 'Events like these are invaluable because not only do they give young people a chance to have their say on the issues which matter to them, but it gives us the opportunity to listen to those views and



Youth champion Peter McNamara discusses proposals and suggestions from pupils.

take them forward if possible.

'I know from travelling around North Ayrshire how knowledgeable our young people are and the pupils from Arran High certainly proved that. The pupils covered a wide range of issues and it certainly gives us food for thought.'

Pupil Emily Divine said: 'We discussed issues such as transport, which is important to me as I travel away most weekends and also travel to school every day, and we also discussed politics in schools which is relevant because it not only affects school but what we do later on in life.'

'We also discussed our school and the ways in which we could improve it and our different subjects.'

Fellow pupil Finlay Aherne said: 'Today I was interested in discussions about the offers for the

young people on Arran, like discounts for travelling and local businesses. It was definitely worthwhile.'



The youth cabinet session allowed pupils to have their say on issues affecting them.



Councillor Jim Montgomerie and Arran Youth Foundations' Graeme Johnston with pupils.



The top table at the youth cabinet meeting.



Council leader Joe Cullinane, second right, head of schools Steven Quinn, third right, with pupils.

## Twenty years ago

If you are looking for the 20 years ago feature please be assured it will be back in two weeks' time. Back then *The Banner* took a two-week break in October, so we do not have any material for the page this week. Apologies, but it will return.

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Trout fly fishing  
Brodict Castle, garden open  
Arran Brewery  
Arran Brewery tour  
Lamlash tennis courts/putting green  
Arran Heritage Museum  
Soap making and candle dipping

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

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass rehearsal  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service  
RunArran  
Yoga-Arran  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game  
Live music  
Unplugged music night  
Drift Inn quiz  
Mixed hockey  
Dog classes  
Brodict Bowling Club rink game  
Flow Yoga

Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 5.30pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Lamlash, 9pm  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
Brodict bowling club, 6.45pm  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm

## Saturday 8th October

Army Cadets  
Over 21s disco  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Arran Physiotherapy and Acupuncture Clinic  
Lamlash Bowling Club rink game  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game  
Blackwaterfoot Bowls  
Brodict Bowling Club rink game  
Flow Yoga  
Live Music - George Lindsay blues band  
Live Music - Michael Clarke: Acoustic Butterfly

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm  
9.30am - 11am  
9.30am - 12 noon  
Fiddlers, Brodict from 7.30pm  
arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon  
Lamlash Bowling club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm  
Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 9am  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
The Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

## Thursday 13th October

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Ladies hockey  
RUNFIT  
Burger and quiz night  
Winter bowls  
Tennis senior club night  
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit  
Quilt Arran  
Flow Yoga  
Chair Yoga  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
Bridge  
RUNFIT  
Brodict Embroidery group  
Corrie and Sannox SWI

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Front Green, 6.45am  
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5.30pm  
Balmichael Centre, 7pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Brodict Golf Club 7pm  
Lamlash Green, 6.45am  
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Distillery Visit, 2pm

## Sunday 9th October

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers'  
AA meeting  
Taiji and Qigong  
Live music - Amiee Peman

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 2.30pm - 5pm  
Brodict church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

## Monday 10th October

Over-50s badminton  
Badminton  
Morning fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit training  
WBay Bowling Club rink game  
Brodict Bowling Club rink game  
Lamlash Aerobix  
RunArran  
Tae Kwondo  
Bridge  
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau  
Live music  
Scottish country dancing - beginners and improvers

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Brodict bowling club, 6.45pm  
Arran High School Dance Studio, 6.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Golf Club at 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm

## Friday 14th October

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza kids badminton  
Lochranza adults badminton  
Quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
AA meeting  
Live music  
Tae Kwondo  
Factory tours  
Frydays @ Lochranza Field Centre

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
9am - 10.30am & 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm  
Arran high School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Arran Aromatics, 11am - 3pm  
Lochranza field centre, 5.30pm - 8pm

## Tuesday 11th October

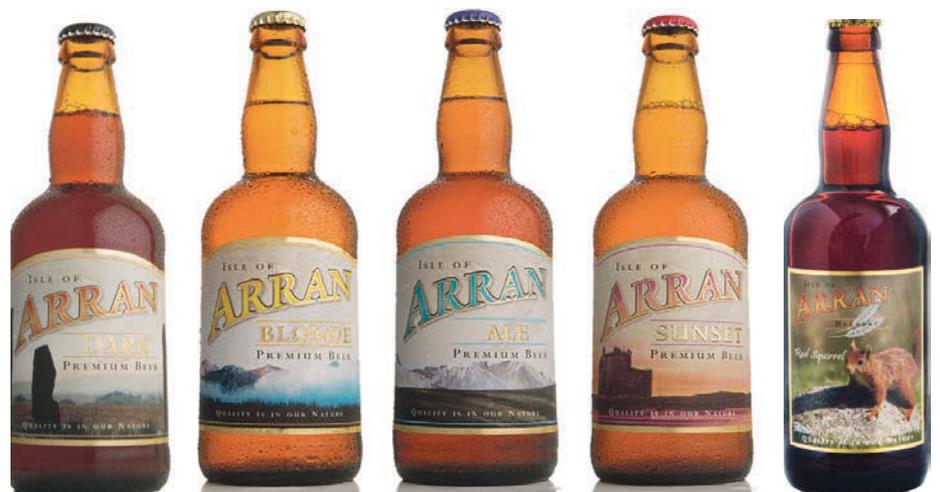
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Open cricket session  
Lamlash Drama Club  
Flow Yoga  
Live music  
Garden walk  
Beginners bridge  
Metafit  
Scottish country dancing  
Whiting Bay Drama Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
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Glenclay Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash, 5.30pm  
Ormidale Park, 6.45am  
Brodict Astro Turf 7pm-9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodict 7.30pm - 10pm  
Brodict Castle, 2pm - 3pm  
Brodict Golf Club 3pm-5pm  
Arran High School, 6pm  
Brodict, Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Village Hall 7.30pm

## Wednesday 12th October

Rock and pop bingo  
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Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
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## Kenneth Gibson MSP



**Kenneth Gibson MSP will hold advice surgeries on the following date:**

Monday 10th October	Monday 14th November
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
**Sunday 9th October**  
Harvest Service,  
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.  
The Rev. Canon Simon Mackenzie, Priest-in-Charge.  
Coffee after service.

**Wednesday 12th October**  
'Pop-up' service, Lagg Hotel,  
12.00 noon.  
ALL WELCOME

**ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER**

There will be Taizé worship on  
Thursday 13th October at  
7.30 pm  
in St Molios' Church,  
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ALL WELCOME

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the above churches at the  
following times to which all  
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**Sunday 9th October**

Lochransa Church, 9.30am  
Morning Worship.  
Pirnmill Church 10.45am  
Morning Worship.  
Shiskine Church, 12noon  
Morning Worship.  
Brodick Church, 10.30am  
Morning Worship.  
Corrie Church, 11.30am  
Prayer Meeting,  
12noon Morning Worship.  
There will also be a Service of  
Worship in Montrose House  
at 1.30pm.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
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fellowship to share"  
**Sunday 9th October**  
Rev Lily McKinnon  
Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am  
All welcome, including  
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**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday 9th October  
Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Morning Mass 11am

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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Worship will be conducted  
by the minister, Rev Elizabeth  
Watson, at 10.30am.  
Tea and coffee will be  
served in the transept  
after the service.  
All most welcome.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

(continuing)

**Sunday 9th October**

Morning Service 11am  
Trust Housing Lounge,  
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Evening Service 6.30 pm  
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**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

**Sunday 9th October**

Service 11am at  
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Tea and Coffee after  
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Wednesday at 7.30pm Home

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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND****Sunday 9th October**

Shiskine 11am (Church on  
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**DEATH****WALKER - Veronica (née Sillars)**

Suddenly at home in Lamlash on Tuesday September 27, 2016. Veronica, wife of Robert, daughter of Pat and the late Alastair, sister of Sue, aunt of Catriona and Mairi. Funeral service in Lamlash Church on Tuesday, October 11 at 11:30am, and thereafter to Lamlash cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Black optional.

# Charity swimmers hope to enter the record books

A group of charity swimmers are waiting to hear if a relay across the Firth of Clyde will enter the record books. The Arran TrooNautics completed the first official 16-mile open water swim from Arran to Troon last Saturday.

The two teams of mainland swimmers set off before sunrise at 5.18am and arrived at Barassie beach after sunset, 15 hours, 19 minutes later at 8.37pm. The air temperature was quite brisk and the water temperature was a chilly 13 degrees, rising to 14 degrees during the day.

After the swim is ratified by the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA), it will be logged as the first ever official open water swim from Arran to Troon.

The team has raised a phenomenal sum of more than £15,000, to be split equally between the RNLI and local charity, the Jo Walters Trust. Some of the money raised will go to send a group of young carers from Ayrshire on an outward bound project. The donation page is still open if anyone would like to donate



A group photo after the swim.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/arrantotroonswim>

Coach Chris Siffleet, of Swim4Miles, said: 'The two teams did an amazing job completing the challenge. Swimmers coming out of the water were often very shivery but they were generally back up on deck encouraging their teammates within an hour of their swim. No one flagged or complained. Everyone just got on with the job.'

'There were a few jellyfish stings along the way and we also spotted many eels and swam alongside seals and porpoises,' said Katherine Self, one of the swimmers. 'It was great support to see the Coastguard search and rescue helicopter hovering above me during one of my hour swims.'

The swimmers were delighted to be met by a large group of family and friends as they crossed the fin-

ish line under torchlight at Barassie beach. Many of the swimmers' children were excited to stay up late to welcome their parents home.

'We had a wonderful day and the support we had along the way with lots of encouraging Facebook messages and donations really spurred us along. It was lovely to know so many people were rooting for us,' said Lucy Johnston.

## Brodick Bowling Club season over for another year

All of the domestic bowling competitions were completed by the end of August with congratulations going to the winners, commiserations to the beaten finalists and better luck next time to all the others knocked out in earlier rounds.

The last Saturday of August saw the delayed George Watson Memorial Trophy being played for, and a keenly fought set of random pairs was played out on a beautifully prepared set of rinks. This year's winners by just one shot were John McConnachie and Andy McCrindle.

The final competition of the Brodick season, the President's Bowl, was played on the first Saturday of September. This was a progressive pairs game with each participant playing for themselves, and this year's winner by three clear points was Iain Hendry.

The Stewart Trophy, presented on

the last day of the season, for the season's highest overall number of winning games played, went, inevitably, to Charlie Weir, with Andy McCrindle and Jim Gourlay close runners-up.

Throughout the season there has been good attendance, although wet weather reduced the number of rink games in August and September. The final results were as follows:

August 1, Charlie Weir, John Lauder and Iain Hendry (+12); August 6, Charlie Weir, Charles Hendry and Vera Ransome (+10); August 8, Lavinia Hendry and Lynne McVicar (+10); August 13, Teddy Kerr, Geoff Rhodes and Andy McCrindle (+21); August 15, Charlie Weir and Aileen Latona (+7); August 17, Charlie Weir, Aileen Latona and Andy McCrindle (+25); August 22, Charlie Weir and Jim Gourlay (+5); August 24, Colin Haggarty and Jim Gour-

lay (+24); August 29, Charlie Weir and Teddy Kerr (+20); August 31, John McConnachie, Kenny Mabon and Ernie Stanger (+12); September 5, Colin Haggarty and Andy McCrindle (+25); September 7, Charlie Weir and Andy McCrindle (+17); September 10, John Robinson and Lavinia Hendry (+11); September 13, Jim Gourlay, Charlie Weir and Robert Crawford (+2); September 14, Draw between four pairs, but Charles Hendry and Jim Gourlay, and Charlie Weir and Ernie Stanger each won more ends; September 17, John Robinson and Marday (+12); September 19, Jim Gourlay and Charles Hendry (+10); September 23, Robert Crawford, Ernie Stanger and Charlie Weir (+1); September 26, Charlie Weir and Ernie Stanger (+21); September 28, Robert Crawford and Charles Hendry (+10); October 1, Colin Haggarty and Geoff Rhodes (+15).

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# Hole-in-one for Alan at Shiskine

## Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday October 2, Glenburn Cup. 1 Colin Richardson 79-16=63, 2 Michael MacFarlane 83-18=65, 3 Allan Winship 82-14=68. Scratch Colin Richardson with 79.

There was one magic two from M MacFarlane @16th. Hole 12 was chosen and the rollover is now £28. For the month of October, the Thursday magic twos will be paid out on the day, rollover for Sundays only.

Ladies section: Wednesday September 28, Glenkiln Rosebowl, bronze championship. 1 Rachel Wren 85-21=64, 2 Jackie Winship 102-29=73.

Wednesday September 28, Fleet 5, CSS 63, 10 played. 1 Kate McAdam 83-20=63, 2 Liz Sinclair 83-18=65. Scratch, Kate and Liz 83.

Fixtures: Sunday October 9, second Glenburn Cup, ballots at 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday October 13, second front nine competition, arrange own start times.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 2, Winter Cup round one. The first round of this season's Winter Cup saw 15 players take to the course on a beautiful autumn morning.

The early chill was soon followed by blue skies and sunshine with the temperature reminiscent of the summer we barely had. Underfoot conditions were equally pleasant with the course drying well after the heavy rains of midweek and the greens holding but running fast and true.

Scoring was tight with the first three all sharing a score of net 63 and placings determined on a countback. 1 Stan Rainey 10, 63, ACB and lowest gross, 2 Kevin McAleney 12, 63, ACB, 3 David Brookens 12, 63, 4 Peter Smith 18, 64. Magic

twos went to John Dick and David Brookens @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday October 9, Taylor Trophy greensome, draw for partners at 10am.

Wednesday and Friday morning sweeps throughout the winter season.

## Corrie Golf Club

Saturday October 1, Captain's Prize. A party of 11 brave souls took to the sea to compete in the Corrie Captain's Prize at Tarbet Golf Club.

Despite wet conditions underfoot, thanks to some heavy overnight rain, the course was in very good condition.

Many thanks to the lady members of the Tarbet club for some wonderful catering. Thanks also to captain Robert Logan for a generous prize. 1 A Pattison 35pts, 2 G Andrew 33pts, 3 L Hartley 32pts. Magic twos by G Andrew and R Logan.

Fixtures: Saturday October 22, The E Rankin Memorial trophy at Machrie Golf Club. 1pm shotgun start. Saturday October 29, Corrie Golf Club Open.

Make up your own games and play any time between 9am and 1pm. First prize is free membership at Corrie for season 2017/18. Plus sponsored holes. Entry £10 plus optional sweep of £3.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 27, September sweep, CSS 65R/O. 1 P Betley 81-



**Shiskine Golf Club member Alan Ker aced the 12th hole at Shiskine on Sunday using his 50-degree wedge.**



**It was wonderful to see so many of the past captains playing on Saturday at Shiskine and Robert Waine won on the day. A big thanks to Alan up in the clubhouse for providing a lovely meal after the golf.**

## Police come out on top

Isle of Arran RFC suffered another defeat at the hands of Police Scotland-Glasgow RFC at Lochinch last weekend. Arran put up a good fight but were beaten 42-13 by a good police side who earned a bonus point.

Arran are due to play Moffat RFC at home today (Saturday) at Ormidale Park. See the club's Facebook page for kick-off time.

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